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Blood Ban Repealed

Once the focus of campus controversy, FDA reverses 'discriminatory' ban

By David Lee
 Statesman Staff Writer

A year after Stony Brook protests shut down several campus blood drives, the federal government approved a new blood test last month reversing the policies that prevented some groups from giving blood.

Under guidelines reversed by the decision last month, people of Haitian and sub-Saharan African descent were prohibited from giving blood because of the groups' high-risk for the AIDS virus.

Sub-Saharan Africans Included

The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reversed its ban on Haitian donations last year, but held its ban on sub-Saharan African donations pending approval of new blood screening tests.

"The FDA regulated who donated blood," said Polly Burks, spokeswoman for the Long Island Blood Services. "There are two HIV strains . . . this antigen [the one found in sub-Saharan Africans] was found in only rare cases," said Burks.

Confrontations between protestors and campus Public Safety officers during the demonstrations resulted in criminal charges and the suspension of two student protestors. The suspensions — one year for Emmanuel Severe and one semester for Philippe Valbrune — were later reduced, but criminal charges are still pending.

The protestors faced opposition among many students, who argued that banning blood drives endangered ill people on Long Island.

Groups Were 'Discriminated Against'



Statesman File Photo

Students blast arrest of two blood drive protestors during a rally last year

"Before, the Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans were discriminated against," said Valbrune, a member of the Haitian Student Organization (HSO), which led the protests last year. "I'm not against donating blood. I think it [the FDA's policy] was discriminating. It wasn't a fair policy."

According to Henry O'Brien, defense attorney for Valbrune and Severe, who has not returned to Stony Brook, the students were charged with second-degree riot for their involvement in the protest last December. "In every bulletin, [the university] said they don't discriminate and not allowing Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans from donating blood was racist," Valbrune said. "It was a slap in the face to have it [the blood drive] on campus."

USB Students Protested

Last year Stony Brook had two blood drives, one in October and another in December. During both drives, students protested against the FDA's policy on preventing Haitian and sub-Saharan Africans from donating blood and persuaded donors not to give blood.

Gov'ts Condemned FDA

Both the undergraduate and graduate student governments condemned the FDA's policies and called for a ban on campus blood drives, but University President John Marburger refused to cancel the drives, citing a need for blood donations.

Originally, Severe was suspended for a year and Valbrune for six months, but after further talks, Severe was suspended for six months and the suspension against Valbrune were dropped. The criminal charges, however,

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"It was a slap in the face to have the blood drive on campus."

— Philippe Valbrune, Haitian student

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, MARCH 16

"Humour with Colours," Long Island Women artists participate in this art exhibit at the Union Art Gallery.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Noon-time Concert, Featuring brief recitals by various ensembles. The concert will be held at the Staller Center for the Arts at 12 pm.

"The Artist Was a Woman," As part of Women's History Month, the Staller Center for the Arts presents this one hour film at 12 pm.

"Kaleidoscope Lady," Erika Spiewak performs her award-winning one-woman play at the Staller Center for the Arts, stage III at 5 pm.

"History of Gender Politics and the Right to Choose," discussion hosted by the Center for Women's Concerns at Langmuir College D120, 8:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Polity Senate, Undergraduate student government representatives meet to discuss student issues. 7 pm, Student Union room 237.

Noon-time Concert Series, Featuring brief recitals by various ensembles, the concert will be held at the Staller Center for the Arts at 12 pm.

"Lesbians and Lesbian Relationships," Robert Hawkins of the allied health professions hosts this forum at the Health Sciences Center 155 from 3:30 pm to 6 pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

University Orchestra Pops Concert, Conducted by Jack Kreiselman and featuring student and community musicians, this concert features music by Sullivan, Mascagni and Mozart. Concert begins at 8 pm at the Staller Center for the Arts. Call 632-7330.

"Statesman On the Air," WUSB, 90.1 FM presents a half-hour discussion produced and hosted by *Statesman* staff members on imminent student issues at 5 pm. Topic to be announced.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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Grad leaders blast consolidation proposal

By Jason Didner
Statesman Assistant News Editor

Several graduate students last week challenged a proposed reorganization of the Humanities Department, calling the plan a "blatant abuse of power" and an "outrage."

In preparing to absorb state budget cuts of as much as \$12 million to Stony Brook, university officials have been working on plans to consolidate academic departments, according to university officials.

The 50-page academic reorganization plan currently being discussed within the administration calls for a reduction "by \$1 million the amount of state funds budgeted in support of graduate students while still continuing to meet enrollment targets."

The Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) at Stony Brook condemned the plan, which would reduce the status of the English and foreign studies departments to institutes under a common "Department of Literatures."

The GSEU responded to the reorganization plan that Patrick Heelan, dean of Humanities and Fine Arts, had distributed to the heads of departments. His draft is one of many reorganization plans being discussed, he said.

Under this plan, Heelan said the university could cut the nine department chairs and two program director positions down to six chairs and one director. This reorganization "would save \$25,000 of faculty administrative

"This blatant abuse of power is an outrage to graduate students."

— GSEU Coordinating Committee, in a letter to dean of Humanities department

costs." The plan would also cut secretarial positions, "thus centralizing administrative functions."

The GSEU coordinating committee had sent a letter to Heelan on February 27 condemning his proposal, calling it a "blatant abuse of power [that] is an outrage to graduate students."

Norah Martin, a member of the union coordinating committee, said she feared that the university is preparing to retrench academic departments by first reducing departments to the status of "institute[s]." She said the university could cut an institute more easily than a department.

Although the drafted plan stated that graduate and

undergraduate programs would be affected, Heelan said the plan would not affect academic programs.

"Everything would go on as before [for undergraduate students]," he said.

Marianthi Lianos, who signed the GSEU letter, said she fears that a Humanities division that consists of institutes would carry less prestige outside the university than one that is made up of departments. "When you say 'institute,' it's less prestigious," she said.

Two members of the Graduate English Society protested against the "harsh" tone of the letter, said Patricia

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State senators: Release campus crime statistics

By Jason Didner
Statesman Assistant News Editor

SELDEN, L.I. — Three New York state senators last week invited debate on a bill that would require college campuses to release campus crime and safety statistics to the public.

The hearing at Suffolk County Community College was one of several throughout the state organized by the Senate Task Force on Campus security. The task force heard testimony from several witnesses who have dealt with campus violence.

"We are seeking information about what is occurring on our local colleges and universities," said Senator Steve Saland, chairman of the Task Force, whose constituency includes Dutchess County. All eight witnesses testified in favor of a bill the Task Force has introduced to the state senate. If approved by the state, the bill would require colleges and universities in New York State to make information on crime and campus security available to the general public.

Saland said the goal of the bill is to make prospective students and their parents more selective in choosing the safer campuses. This change, said Saland, would "make the schools look inward and maximize their effort with regard to security."

"When a college has to report these statistics, inherent in this reporting is the inference that a college with a poor crime record will improve its security," said Gennare Fischetti, commissioner for the New York State Crime Victims Board. "The college, we hope, will hire competently trained security guards . . . and not minimum wage watchmen."


"College campuses are no longer the safe haven they used to be," said Cheryl Emmerech, a Queens College alumnus. "Incoming students have the right to know what kind of crime to expect."

Richard Young, director of Public Safety at Stony Brook, said the campus security force needs more recognition in order to improve itself. "Campus police, campus security, campus safety — we don't know what the hell we are," he said. Young said Public Safety officers are better trained than many police officers. "But there's also a contradiction," he said. "We're also the lowest paid." Low pay and benefits cause many Public Safety officers to leave and seek higher paying positions elsewhere, he said.

Young said that because of inadequate retirement benefits the average age among Public Safety officers is rising. "The average age of an officer is 39 and a half years old. Ten years from now, it's going to be 49," he predicted.

"You can work up to 40 years before retiring," said

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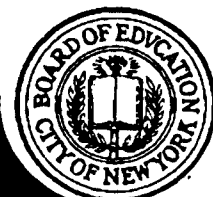
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FDA reverses ban on blood donations

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year to dismiss the charges in the interest of justice.

HSO 'Not Against Blood Drives'

"If you talk to a lot of members of HSO, we're not against blood drives," Valbrune said, "but against the policies and... Marburger. The president... didn't do anything. SUNY Binghamton and Albany stopped their blood drives because of racist policies. Why couldn't Stony Brook and Marburger do the same?"

The FDA's change in policy will allow blood drives to accept donors regardless of nationality, said Burks. "We will not have to defer donors based on countries of origin," she said. "The people we had to defer felt they were being discriminated against. Now the only basis of deferral is if a donor has traveled in malarial zones in the last three years."

The only other reasons that would prevent donors from giving blood would be "if they have hepatitis or weight under 110 pounds," said Birlie Lau, a student organizer for a blood drive scheduled on April 8 in the Indoor Sports Complex.

Ban Lifting 'Good for All'

Marburger would not say if the protests had an effect on the FDA's policies. "The restrictions have been lifted and this is good for all of us," he said.

The HSO and other student groups will discontinue their campus protests,

"We will not have to defer donors based on countries of origin."

— Polly Burks,
 Long Island Blood Services

Valbrune said. "There should be no further reasons for protest," he said. "I still have mixed feelings. Why did we have to fight for our right to give blood? The whole policy was probably more political."

Blood Drive Planned

The University Hospital is sponsoring the blood drive in April, Lau said. "There has been a decrease in blood donations throughout Long Island... because of the protests. In the past three years the blood drives at Stony Brook haven't supplied the projected 600-800 pints. We need to get the supply up."

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Grad students oppose department cuts

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Comitini, a member of the Graduate English Society. The committee's "hostile approach is undermining our attempts to have a more open relationship with the Dean," said Tom Pepper, another English student.

Comitini and Pepper said they opposed having GSEU represent the English department to Heelan. "It's not a union issue," Pepper said.

But Martin said the reorganization is a union issue. "The union is not concerned only with employment," she said. "We're concerned with academic excellence . . . If there is no longer a strong Humanities division, the university we came to [won't] exist anymore."

"One of the reasons why the Humanities are particularly vulnerable is that they don't bring in money," said Martin.

Jeff Lacher, a member of the committee, read Heelan's response to the letter, in which Heelan stated the plan "was not intended for public distribution," and that University officials are drafting and considering other plans.

"You might have seen the letter as hostile," Lacher told Pepper and Comitini, "but I don't think Heelan did."

"It wasn't a friendly letter," Heelan told *Statesman*. "I think [the committee] misunderstood what was going on."

"The chart they had was doctored," he said, referring to an English doctoral program that was crossed out on the restructuring plan. He said the letter was "purloined from

a meeting and taken out of context." He called his own plan an "outdated . . . scenario" in a series of possible plans.

"We didn't accomplish what we wanted to do," Lacher said of the meeting. He said the debate took up most of the meeting and the union was unable to achieve its goal of developing a general graduate student response to the restructuring of the Humanities department.

Graduate Student Organization (GSO) President Monica McTigue said the student reaction to Heelan's plan was healthy. "People ask questions," she said. "That's good that they're concerned. It's important to them."

Senators say publicize crimes


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Ronald Gendron, senior Public Safety officer at the SUNY College at Old Westbury. "We're 60-year-olds running after 20 year olds. It's just not fair."

Young said the budget cuts to Suffolk County's police force also make it difficult to protect the Stony Brook campus. "We're not very well served by Suffolk County [though] they give us all they can," he said. But he agreed

that the senators' bill to mandate safety reports is a step in the right direction. "I think your bill brings the problem to the floor," he told the senators.

Saland said the hearings will continue throughout New York State until May. He said there is a general support for the bill in testimony from the hearings and he anticipates no problems with senate support. Though the State Assembly rejected the bill last year, Saland said he is confident it will pass this year.



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Editorial

Campaign Coverage Lacks Substance

There has been a long-standing void in the national presidential races during our lifetimes, the void being in substance. Politicians have always been good at avoiding the real issues by substituting rhetoric.

In 1980, Jimmy Carter avoided the compounded problems of rising taxes, even faster rising prices, and the hostage fiasco in Iran with rhetoric about how he cared. Ronald Reagan defeated him with equally unsubstantial banter to the effect of, "Are you better or worse off than you were four years ago?" Why didn't Reagan share a little insight with the people regarding how he intended to make everyone better off in the next four years? The only economic plan Reagan outlined was the one his own running mate, George Bush, had previously dubbed "voodoo economics." When Bush had to defend that plan eight years later when he ran for the presidency, he managed to escape it by shifting the focus of attention from economic policy to a weekend furlough given to Willie Horton.

After years of screaming for an end to this nonsense, voters have had their prayers answered. If you watch TV you probably have not noticed it; they're still perfecting how short and trivial they can get a sound-bite. The newspapers won't give you a fair indication of what is going on either. They're too concerned about who is having an affair with whom.

"Where is the evidence that these candidates have something substantive to say?" you ask. The evidence lies in the economic plans of the candidates. In general, they are well-developed, clearly thought-out proposals. Some may be debated, but few can be discounted as silly. But please don't take our word for it.

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, a presidential candidate, promises to purge the government infrastructure in response to Americans who think the government is riddled with corruption. He has also proposed a flat tax rate of 13 percent. Although the issues of anti-corruption reform and a flat tax rate have long been heatedly discussed, Brown has received little or no media attention for all his effort to give the people what they have been whining for. The lack of media support has translated into a lack of support at the polls for Brown.

Former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas has released a detailed booklet outlining his proposed economic policy, which substantiates Tsongas' self-proclaimed "pro-business" stance. Much to the surprise of many Democrats, Tsongas is a proponent of nuclear power and supports "trimming" social security.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton has also dubbed himself pro-business, proposing a corporate tax policy that promotes re-investment in small and mid-sized companies. If elected president, Clinton hopes to cut military spending by \$100 billion, which would include the elimination of the B-2 bomber and the Strategic Defense Initiative anti-missile project. Clinton has also proposed personal income tax reform and education reform. Most Americans don't know about these plans because the media have deemed it a top priority to determine whether Clinton has slept with anyone other than his wife.

Things are no different on the GOP side. Former Republican speech writer and news commentator Patrick Buchanan is opposed to affirmative action,

equating it to racist discrimination. Normally a prominent aspiring politician would get grilled for this, or at least challenged. The problem is that the media are again focusing on the wrong things. Instead of questioning Buchanan on his proposed "America first" economic policy, the media try to calculate to what percentage Buchanan's popularity is a direct result of George Bush's unpopularity.

"What about George Bush?" you ask. "He is a candidate too. What has Bush proposed that can be considered substantive?" Remember how Jimmy Carter wanted us to know he cared about the plight of the average citizen in 1980?

The media seem unconcerned about whether a candidate is running on a good platform, a bad one or none at all. What they are concerned about is poll data, which is collected with religious zeal. It seems like a contest over who projects the outcome of the election first.

We are graced with a campaign full of candidates who are not afraid to wear their proposals on their sleeves. Some candidates' proposals might even stand up to intense scrutiny, provided the media finds time to scrutinize, between chasing the candidates for photo opportunities and digging up dirt on them. Considering how much potential influence the media have on election results, wouldn't anything less than an objective assessment of the candidates platform be irresponsible?

For many college students, this will be the first presidential election in a long future of elections. It's a shame that their first taste of democracy will be tainted by the bitterness of sound bites with little substance.

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Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, March 16, 1992

Spinning Stony Brook's salsa sounds

By Jana S. Katz
Statesman Staff Writer

THE BEAT GOES ON, they say, and it will probably live forever in the soul of disc jockey Felix Palacios of WUSB FM, Stony Brook's campus radio station. The Saturday afternoon deejay spins the Spanish sounds for two hours every week. But the Latino program is only an extension of Palacios' roots in music.

"I've been playing congas since I was 10," he says from under a thick dark mustache. "There's something that goes on when you're drumming. Without the drums there is no salsa music."

For Palacios, who has hosted the Latino show for almost 14 years, the music all started on the streets of Brooklyn in parks and in his brother's band. "Drumming is a social activity," he says. "It's a central activity while other activities are going on around it."

But drums themselves are central to salsa. "It's the foundation of salsa music," Palacios, 37, says with certainty of his music. Salsa itself is a type of Hispanic music and, according to Palacios, it's an age-old form. "It's come down through the years and now it's a big thing," he says. "It's not just something that pops up. The first song ever played was



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Deejay Felix Palacios prepares record for WUSB program

in 1879. Those of us who do this, twirling them tables [records] are somewhat responsible for the growth of this music." And through the years Palacios has been playing the Latino music for the Stony Brook community.

Palacios came to Stony Brook as an undergraduate.

spanish words. "This is sacred ground, this radio station," he says, and the freedom of WUSB is what he honors most.

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"I came here in '76 to begin my studies," he says. "I had a couple of years just to roam." But while here, Palacios was a liberal arts major. "A little bit of everything," he says, including a journalism minor. He now mixes the music with his writing.

Palacios is working with a new Spanish magazine reviewing a concert. But his ethnic involvement doesn't end with hobbies.

During the week, he teaches fourth grade bilingual education in Brooklyn. And once a week becomes "Felipito," his nickname on the radio.

The nickname was given to him at age 19, by a friend from Puerto Rico whose phrases, he says, "stay with me and people all over Brooklyn." They do, because the name stuck. After his weekly trek on the subway to the Long Island Rail Road, "Felipito" comes to WUSB.

"This is my therapy to spin some salsa," he says. "I let my mind flow into it." Palacios' whole being is into it, though, as his speech slips between a fast English rolling his r's and throwing in

U2: Out with the old, in with the Zoo



U2's Larry Mullen, Adam Clayton and Bono

By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

THE POLITICAL SENTIMENT that once defined U2 has been replaced by a careless attitude, leaving behind a tradition that has brought the band unyielding success. Once enveloped in the revolutions in Ireland and El Salvador, U2 now obsesses in nothing more than brainless images of a television

REVIEW

"Welcome to Zoo TV. It's a soap opera on Long Island," said Bono, welcoming the sold-out crowd at last Monday's Nassau Coliseum concert. The energy pulsated, the band was in perfect form, and the music was flawless as the seats in the arena were in constant motion from the incessant vibration.

The band opened with "Zoo Station," and kicked into a set of eight straight songs off the new, seven-times-over-platinum *Achtung, Baby* — including the newly released, soon to be destroyed by radio overplay (as predicted) "One, Until the End of the World" and "The Fly." An extended, slowed version of "Mysterious

Ways" levitated the crowd from unyielding appreciation to a sheer roaring. But the older fans were left yearning for the music that created the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame-bound band. Masterpieces like "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" and "Electric Co." were left behind with the old U2. In fact, the only pre-1987 songs played were the hauntingly overplayed "Bad" and "Pride."

Dressed in a flashy black jacket, feeding off the stage lights' reflection, Bono told the crowd he had

heard a fan paid \$500 for a ticket to the show. "We're not worth it," he admitted. "But thanks for waiting almost five years."

The stage was unique, to say the least, as five cars were suspended from the ceiling near the stage. Three large screens were complimented by 15 television monitors that surrounded the stage as part of the TV motif. Fed from a satellite dish outside the coliseum, the images were mystifying.

During "Even Better than the Real Thing," subliminal-like messages raced across the screens with lives no longer

See U2 on page 10

CAMPUS VOICES

By John O'Keefe

Question of the Week:

Besides a tuition hike, how else do you think Gov. Mario Cuomo could raise money for SUNY?



"If all the cans were collected in New York City he would have a billion dollars."

Traci Collier, 25
Class: Senior
Major: Psychology

"Increase taxes to big business. We're the future and without us, who is going to run these companies?"

Alberto Rivas, 24
Senior
Philosophy



"President Bush promised to be the president of education and the money should come from the federal government."

Daisy Ferrufinoi, 21
Sophomore
Linguistics



"He could sell his body on the streets if he really wanted to support us."

Jean-Paul Bisson, 20
Junior
Studio Art



If you have a question you would like to see in *Campus Voices*, send it to room 075, Student Union, Zip #3200.

ADVICE

DEAR MICHELE:

I am writing to you now about a problem which I have had to deal with for the past few semesters here at Stony Brook. Since I transferred here I have been very involved in many student groups and have been quite outspoken. It has been my experience that due to my being so outspoken many females who would otherwise be interested in me socially, want nothing to do with me. Several people have told me that if it were not for my outspoken ways more females would be interested in me.

Since I am a commuter student the only means for me to meet people is in class or the extra-curricular activities that I am involved in. I would greatly appreciate any advice you could give on how I might meet people without compromising myself politically or otherwise.

Lonely

DEAR LONELY:

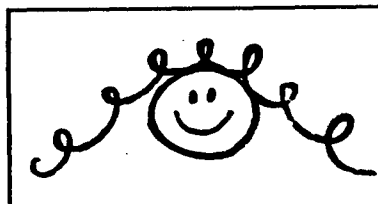
If this problem has occurred only at Stony Brook since your transfer, is it because of a change in behavior, or have you always been outspoken? There is nothing wrong with being outspoken, but if it is not your natural self and if you are trying to be someone you're not, then there is your problem. However, if you have always been outspoken, and simply hit a dry spell at Stony Brook, here's what to do: GO OUT! If you are concerned with the social part of your day, you don't need an increase in extra-curricular activities. And you certainly don't need an increase in class time. I think you need some quality Bridge time, or maybe Carrington's. Making new friends can be fun and should not be regarded as a chore. Relax. I don't think you'll have any trouble meeting people if you simply remember to be yourself and have a good time.

DEAR MICHELE:

About a year ago I had a crush on a girl. As my crush for her developed, her roommate helped me out, and as time went on I became good friends with her (the roommate). Well, as it goes, my crush for the girl soon faded, yet I remained good friends with her roommate. As time progressed, the roommate and I became best friends. We hang out together over breaks and at school. We know everything about each other. Here's where it gets hairy... she has a boyfriend. You could say her first

Michele, a student at the State University at Stony Brook, is not a licensed counselor. All letters on sensitive subjects are reviewed by professional counselors at the Student Health Center in the infirmary. The opinions expressed are her own.

true love. Now, he's jealous of our friendship and definitely wants me OUT of the picture. I think they have a crummy relationship. He's a jerk and she deserves better. My friends tell me that she and I hang out too much and that I'm avoiding them. The fact is that I love to hang out



TELL MICHELE

with her. I believe I am falling, or have already fallen in love with her. I think that she definitely likes me, but we have yet to discuss it. Now, keep this in mind. I can't risk losing her as a friend and I cannot keep my feelings bottled up any longer. I feel like a shaken-up soda can. Also, this is her first boyfriend and I don't think I have to explain how first boyfriend/girlfriend relationships can be. What should I do? Although she knows I sometimes see other women and am not dependent on her, I think this whole bizarre love triangle is getting me sickk.

DEAR SICK:

I think you should allow the carbonation in your soda can to settle for a bit. If you do that you won't make such a mess. After that, realize that it is her decision about whom she wants to have as a boyfriend, not yours. You cannot force someone to love you. The only thing you can do is discuss your feelings with her and hopefully she will want to be with you as you do with her. Until your discussion, realize that her boyfriend does have a right to be jealous. He may be a jerk, but that is for her to assess, not you. Keep a friendly distance. If she wants to pursue a relationship with you after your discussion, I'm sure she'll let you know.

DEAR MICHELE:

There is this guy that I've been best friends with for seven years. We love each other and we've talked about it. But, we cannot be together because he has a girlfriend who won't go away. Although he told me he was in love with me, he doesn't want to hurt her feelings. I agree to that since, I too, am a girl. What can I do?

Deeply In Love

DEAR DEEPLY:

What you can do is not worry so much about his girlfriend. Since he chose to continue his relationship with her, maybe he truly wants to be with her. Yes, you too are a girl, but you are being played for a fool. By babying her, you're letting her get the guy you want. I don't see what's in it for you. I think you should speak with him again, and if the two of you are truly in love, you should be together. It will be better for her if she is told about the situation in an honest and brief fashion. Let your friend handle the matter, but make sure he handles it promptly.

Lackluster *Life* is better served on cable

By Glenn P. Warmuth
Statesman Staff Writer

THIS IS MY LIFE IS A LENGTHY, lethargic and lackluster drama about a comedienne's rise to stardom and the family problems that result. Julie Kavner, who is best known as the voice of Marge Simpson on *The Simpsons*, plays Dottie Ingles who late in life decides to try her hand at comedy and finds herself a quick success. Her sudden prosperity forces her to leave her two daughters in New York as she goes to work in Los Angeles.

The movie then chronicles the trials and tribulations of the family as the daughters try to cope with their new

situation. Life's events start to take place; lost virginity, a search for their lost father, and a struggle to get their mother back round out the plot. If this sounds a lot like *Mermaids* you have the general idea. We are even treated to a Winona Ryder like voice-over by the eldest daughter, played by Samantha Mathis.

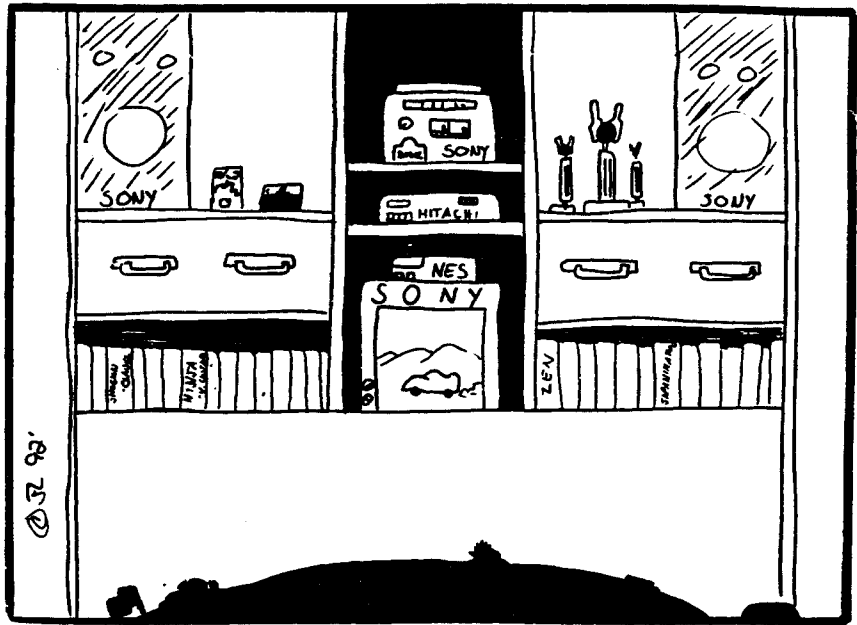
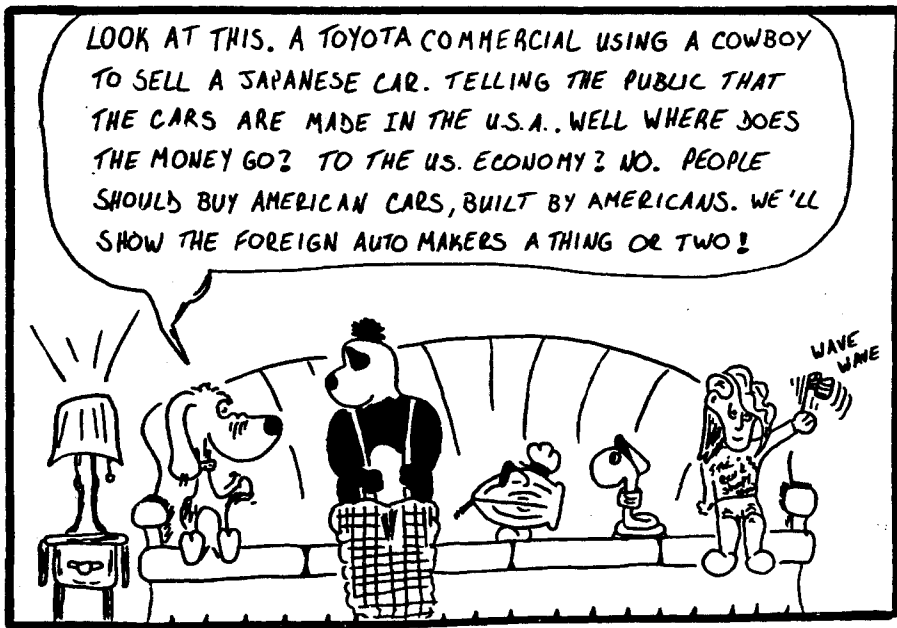
Co-written and directed by Nora Ephron, *This Is My Life* lacks the humor expected from a film about a comedienne. A few real life stand up comedians, Bob Nelson for one, are thrown in for good measure, playing the parts of babysitters. Their parts however are limited and they are never on screen long enough to get warmed up.

Julie Kavner does a nice job with her character but

she is also up against the obstacle of screen time. When her character leaves her daughters behind in New York she also leaves the picture. We are led to believe that the picture is actually about the older daughter, but this doesn't work. The action is not focused on either character, which leaves the audience with nothing to focus on.

Carrie Fisher turns up in the cast just a bit too cool. We are also treated to Dan Aykroyd's empty portrayal of a big time agent who eats paper napkins and tissues whenever he gets nervous.

Through all its problems this film is well made with a nice sound track the vocals sung by Carly Simon. Since there is no specific reason to see this on the big screen save it for cable where it will be cheaper.



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Salsa beat goes on for WUSB deejay

PALACIOS from page 7

"At a commercial radio station, you have to play Michael Jackson five times an hour," he says. "If that don't make you puke nothing will."

But spinning Michael Jackson may be one of the only things he hasn't done here. Palacios has spun some troubled webs too. As a student Palacios began his disc jockeying. "One time I sat in for somebody at the midnight shift and I was at a party before it." He did the show but, "I got up halfway through the show and left. I was zooted," he said. Nothing happened. But, he said, he did apologize to the station manager. He also

muttered thanks that the manager had a good intuition about him.

Since then, Palacios has gone through several more sticky situations at the station. "Once I turned off the whole station," he says. "I didn't know I'd done it. I was trying to raise the power and I raised to the limits and — boom — I turned it off." Besides spinning sticky situations and records, Palacios gets very involved with the WUSB yearly fundraiser, Radiothon, where each DJ does his own program.

"Felipito" first gets some bands together. "Nobody will know their names but they're some major super

great cats," he says. "The bands come here and we say 'let's get wild fellas.' It's purely impromptu." Palacios himself gets pretty wild with it. First, food for the bands is a must, then he gives out t-shirts. "Last year's t-shirts have gone through Holland to Japan," he says, because last year's bands were wearing them. The next fundraiser is March 21 and everyone is welcome. Palacios is busy on the phone for weeks before hustling for t-shirts and paraphernalia for the event.

But through the hustling he enjoys his niche at WUSB. It's difficult to have a place to play salsa music. Even now, he says, "I still don't know what I wanna do. I'm not sure what my major in life is gonna be."

U2 sells out to sold-out Coliseum crowd

U2 from page 7

than one millisecond. Statements including, "Everyone is a racist . . . Conscience is a pest . . . Watch more TV . . . It's your world, you can change it," cannot be taken seriously in light of the less mean-

ingful, at times profane words, which did little more than distract the fan from the band's presence.

Following an awe-inspiring version of "Running to Stand Still," Bono led the four-member band onto a runway that extended 40 feet into the crowd, giving

way to a mini-stage near the 20th row. A semi-acoustical version of "Angel of Harlem" featured drummer Larry Mullen Jr. on the congas, Edge and Bono on guitars and Adam Clayton with his repetitive, unoriginal basslines. The crowd seemed to appreciate the originality, but its effectiveness could have been achieved by a rendition of a classic U2 song, instead of the sell-out "Rattle and Hum" material.

But most disappointing was Bono's behavior during "Desire," the first of four encores. Dressed in a flashy, silver suit that can only be described as gaudy, he re-entered the stage holding a dressing room mirror, as Mullen kicked in to his infamous tom-beat. "You're ——— beau-

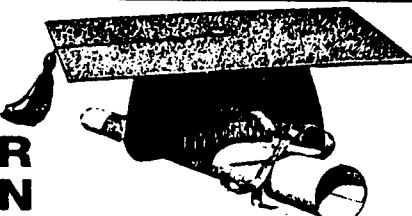
tiful," he exclaimed. It was a far cry from the band that created "Boy" and "War."

Breaking all laws of nature by not closing with "40," the band left the stage with a hauntingly-religious version of "Love is Blindness." The band played with renewed energy, as Bono fulfilled the dream of a woman in the audience, taking her onto the stage for a dance in front of 18,000 or so screaming fans.

Any band as successful as U2 is burdened with the expectation that with each new day, its achievements are surpassed. But U2 is desperately in need of choosing one identity. As a band that has undeniably been at the forefront of rock and roll for nearly two decades, its fans can expect no less.

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Arming Forum a Sham

To the Editor:

To arm or not to arm, that is the question. Unfortunately, the answer seems firmly etched in the minds of the arming "committee," and no force will move them. That's the impression I received after attending the sham of a town meeting on March 9.

Did I say "sham"? Are you asking why? Okay, would you call an "information session" a meeting in which one side of the story is deliberately not invited out of concern that inviting representatives from that side will result in an unwanted debate? Yes, I am talking about the well-calculated and intentional absence of Public Safety officers at that propaganda session. What about those parties actively involved in sealing the case of arming, namely John Marburger, president of this circus, and Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, a known proponent of arming, and one of Marburger's aides? Why weren't they present to be "educated" as well?

My guess is that they have already had too much "schooling" and couldn't concern themselves with such a "petty" issue, but that would be cynical. Methinks it's because of another premeditated attempt by Polity to save its face and snow the students under. What they want the students to know is what is advertised, while the opposing (normally the right-wing, or conservative) side is deliberately excluded. I thought that system went out with the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, but is still alive and well here at the "Brook," for nobody could care less about what is going on here. Maybe if everybody contributed to the betterment of this God Forsaken wasteland instead of bitching and moaning that the campus is going under in every respect, maybe something could get accomplished here.

Until that time comes, and now I couldn't care when it does anymore, we shall stick with the one-party, one opinion issues, and like it. For that is all we'll get. After all, why give suckers an even break?

Adam Kaminsky

Try Again, Polity

To the Editor:

I strongly believe that Polity should hold another town meeting to discuss the arming issue, since they deliberately opted not to invite a single representative of Public Safety, since the whole purpose of the town meetings are to inform and to receive information from the student body about particular issues, and not to just give a one-sided opinion on the subject.

The town meeting held last week without a Public Safety representative was so under-handed that it made the Watergate incident look ethical. What I'm trying to say here is that the panelists who attended the meeting were all against arming, so the students only received negative information about the arming issue. There was no positive information given to the students to draw a conclusion as to whether the university Police should be armed or not.

This is just another attempt by Polity to push it's own one-sided, biased, slanted and close-minded views onto the minds of the student community. Every time I hear, "Polity is open minded and open to suggestions," it just makes me want to puke!! The only time polity is open minded is when they are stuck and need a way to push the blame off onto other people (which is easy with the amount of apathy on campus), so they don't look bad to a lot of the students on campus. Just last semester a student stated in your *Campus Voices*, "What's Polity?"

Well, I'll tell you. Polity is your duly "elected?" student government. They take your student activity fees off campus to be spent on who knows what. This is a known fact according to our illustrious President (Dan Slepian) who was so kind to bring this point to light at a Polity Senate meeting two weeks ago.

There is more productivity in inmate governments, than in this entire student government, especially within the executive branch. If the Executive council would stop butting heads with the senate and vice-versa, the student government could get so much more accomplished on this campus. If the two would quit trying to cancel each other out with their underhandedness, deceit, mud-slinging and

mutual contempt for each other things might just start to happen on this campus.

Then again, all of the blame cannot fall on Polity. Just as we cannot put all the blame on George Bush for the problems in the United States. We let them [Polity] do it, because of our apathetic attitudes of not wanting to get involved. Hey! it's time to wake up and start getting involved. That's why the town meeting last night was in shambles, because no one bothered to get involved and make sure they got both sides of the issue at hand.

SO, PEOPLE, LET'S ALL START CARING AND GETTING INVOLVED IN WHAT HAPPENS IN "OUR" COMMUNITY!!!

Clyde Cook
Polity Senator

(Editor's Note: The writer is a member of Statesman photography staff)

Dragging Israel By Its Ear

To the Editor:

I attended the lecture given on March 3 by Israeli Ambassador Uriel Savir on peace in the Middle East. I was happy that so meone representing the Israeli government came to inform us about the issues and give the Israeli point of view, but the inflexibility of his government really disturbed me. He kept accusing the Arab nations for not wanting a real peace. I am sure that by the same token an Arab representative would accuse the Israeli government for not wanting real peace.

I agree with his point that at least Arabs and Israelis are sitting at the same table and heading in the right direction — closer to coming to an agreement than ever before. In my opinion, if it would not have been for Secretary of State James Baker's efforts and the United States' initiative to start the peace process they would

never have been headed in the right direction. For Savir to keep accusing the United States of dictating to Israel and not letting them settle their conflict between themselves is ludicrous. If they have not resolved their conflicts between themselves yet, maybe they need our help.

A great democracy like ours where we fought the Persian Gulf War to free Kuwait and given the influence we have in the Middle East, maybe we could help the Israelis and the Arabs settle their differences.

I perfectly understand and agree with the ambassador's position of wanting security for Israel, but his government does not believe in compromising land for peace with its Arab neighbors. Savir kept accusing Syria for wanting the Golan Heights back; well, maybe they should give it back if they want security and peace with their Arab neighbors. In my opinion the only way to reach an agreement or peace is by giving a little and not being so inflexible. Savir's view concerning the Palestinians is that they could vote and become citizens while living under the occupation of the Israeli army. He and his government do not believe in Palestinian self-determination or a Palestinian state. Palestinians are treated like second-class citizens in Israel, and although they could become citizens, they could never be nationals. They do not have the same rights as an Israeli national in areas ranging from civil liberties to property ownership. This is the similar to the case in South Africa where blacks are treated like second-class citizens in their own homeland.

So where is the real peace, security, and compromise that the ambassador is talking about????

I think it is a shame that in this day and age people still live under occupation and do not have dignity, freedom and respect as we so cherish in our society. Long live the United States for starting a peace initiative and pulling Israel by its ears to come to Madrid and Washington D.C. to give 30 percent of its population dignity, freedom and respect they deserve.

Nahid Vakili

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Patriots fall just short of tourney win

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Staff Writer

The women's soccer team fell just one victory short of winning its first home tournament in history.

Loren Atlantic, a club team from Massachusetts, defeated Stony Brook I by a score of 2-0 in the finals this past Saturday at the Pritchard Gym.

Women's Soccer

In Head Coach Sue Ryan's seven years at Stony Brook, the Patriots have never won an indoor or outdoor tournament. "Our goal is to win a home tournament," Ryan said.

In last Saturday's tournament Stony Brook won a bracket and advanced to the finals for the first time as a host.

Stony Brook I defeated St. John's 2-0, the USB Alumni Team — which Ryan called the strongest of all college teams in the bracket — by a score of 1-0, Suffolk Community College 2-0 and tied Columbia 0-0.

In these four in-bracket games, four different Patriots scored goals. Tri-captain back Debbie Egger scored one goal, as she took a team-high 16 shots. Freshman back Chris Amarin scored twice. Junior tri-captain Heather "Speedy" Lavery tallied one goal and an assist. Rebecca Aig, a freshman midfielder, netted a goal as well.

Lana Peterson had an outstanding day in goal. The junior goalkeeper recorded four shutouts and 26 saves on her way to the finals.

The championship game versus Loren Atlantic showed the Patriots just how far they have to go. "It was a humbling experience to play Loren Atlantic," said Ryan. "We can play with them, but we have to beat them."

Tri-captain and midfielder Denise Laviola felt the Patriots improved since their game against Loren Atlantic last weekend at the UConn tournament. "They took us too lightly and did not expect such marked improvement in just a week," Laviola said.

Despite the loss in the championship the players are

hoping to build a new spirit of winning according to the trio of captains. "We haven't ripened yet," Laviola, Egger and Lavery said. "We played better this week. There's a new winning reputation at Stony Brook." Ryan was pleased with her team's performance. She said the players are starting to see their hard work of running, weight training and daily practice pay off. "You could tell the amount of work my kids had done had paid off," Ryan said. "They reaped the rewards of the indoor tournament." She added that the success will build self-confidence.

The Stony Brook II team did not have as much luck as the first team. They ran into the Loren Atlantic steamroller in the qualifying bracket. After defeating Monmouth and Southampton 1-0, Stony Brook II lost to Loren Atlantic 4-0. Both of the goals for the bracket II team were scored by freshman forward Kara Lynn Wrieth.

"This is a tournament that we can win," Ryan said. "If we play as well as we did this weekend we can be in the finals."

Tennis team tunes up for season opener

By Laney Biffer
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's tennis team season opens in less than one week with an opening match against Manhattanville on Saturday.

Tennis

This year's team is comprised of 11 young but enthusiastic players — Alex Kaltsas, Joe Gonzalez, Dejan Novakovic, Pallav Shah, Ariel Malabanan, Naveen Balasubramanyam and Saral Komar. Tony Lu, Ed Bradley, Sean Mahar and Larry Michel are the four returning veterans on the team.

This season should be more pleasant for the team with the appointment of new Head Coach Chuck Carron. Last year, the players virtually ran their own practices, having little support from the old coach. "There was no formal practice last year," said Bradley.

Carron brings devotion and experience with him to Stony Brook and has instilled the notion of hard work into the players necessary for them to win and live up to last year's 8-1 record. The players collectively thank the administration for "a dedicated coach."

Carron's brother, Patrick, will be as-

sisting the team by serving "as an extra set of eyes," said Carron.

"The practices in the next couple of days are very important as the game against Manhattanville draws closer," Carron said.

In terms of the shape of the players, the coach said they can use some work. "They have never been conditioned before and are not used to running," said Carron.

"We have been training hard to get into shape," said Gonzalez. Teammate Kaltsas added, "Carron conditioned us and weeded out the lazy players."

"We are more conditioned this year," Michel said.

"The practices in the next couple of days are very important as the game against Manhattanville draws closer."

— USB Coach Chuck Carron

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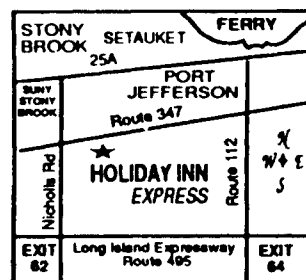
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Pats soar to playoffs on five-game win streak

By George M. Lasher
Special to Statesman

March 11 — The Patriot ice hockey team rides into the first round of the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference playoffs with a five game winning streak. The current streak was capped with a regular season finale that was one of the most dramatic games in Stony Brook history.

After falling to 4-6-3 with a lackluster effort against Wagner College at the Syosset Skating Academy, the Patriots reeled off five consecutive victories beginning with a 5-4 squeaker over first place SUNY Farmingdale. That victory was the Patriots' first over the Rams since they rejoined the conference last year.

The Farmingdale win was followed by back-to-back victories over SUNY Maritime. The second Maritime win was costly though as the Patriots' senior goaltender Tom Ruffano injured his right knee in goal that night. The injury made senior Bill Dickhut — the only other active goaltender — the key man down the stretch. And Dickhut,

as he has throughout his career, rose splendidly to the occasion.

The Patriots required a sweep of the weekend series with New York University and Fordham to claim the sole remaining playoff spot in the Long Island division of the Met Conference. They started off the weekend by defeating NYU, 6-4.

Although NYU broke out on top in the first period, three straight goals by the Patriots soon set the tone for the game. Sophomore Mike Crockett, the Patriots' leading goal scorer, notched his first of four goals on the night to even the score at one. Less than three minutes later, senior Todd Caissie put Stony Brook up for the first time with an unassisted effort. Crockett then added his second of the night assisted by co-captain Bill Mauer.

By the midway point of the game, NYU had battled back to tie the score at three. Enter Crockett. Back-to-back goals late in the second and early in the third put Stony Brook ahead to stay. Geoff Hulse assisted on both Crockett tallies and then added an insurance goal himself late in the

game to close out the scoring.

With the NYU win under their belts the season came down to the finale against the Fordham Rams. Earlier in the year, the Patriots had defeated Fordham 5-3. The winner of this latest match-up would advance to the playoffs.

The Patriots came through in style with Dickhut recording the first Patriot shutout in almost a decade: the final was Stony Brook 1-0.

The last Patriot shutout was back in 1983 when the Pats blanked New Jersey Institute of Technology, 2-0 at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena. According to injured goalie Tom Ruffano, who dressed and sat on the bench, Dickhut was absolutely spectacular in net for the Patriots. "Billy picked the right night to have the game of his life," said Ruffano. "He was just awesome."

The lone tally was set up by a hustling Eric Ober who stripped the Fordham goalie of the puck behind the net and fed linemate Adrian Jackson at 12:46 of the second. That lead stood up through five consecutive Fordham power plays thanks to a strong team effort and an effective Dickhut.

The Patriots now face second place Hofstra University in the single elimination playoffs. If victorious, they play Farmingdale, who has a first round bye. This is the first year that the first two rounds of the playoffs feature all Long Island teams and as a consequence, they will be played on the island at Long Beach and Syosset.

A couple of other noteworthy accomplishments occurred this year. The first is Adrian Jackson passing current Head Coach Andy Kinnier on the all-time scoring lists. The latest stats from the league, which are incomplete to date, show Jackson with nine goals and nine assists, giving him career totals of 46 goals and 30 assists for 76 points. That places him in 13th position overall. Joining Jackson in the Top 20 lifetime is Geoff Hulse. His 13 goals and eight assists for 21 points gives him career totals of 34-31-65. That currently puts him in 18th position.

This is the first time since Kinnier's senior year that the Patriots have had two top-20 scorers on the same squad. Final league statistics should be available next week.

And finally Kinnier's record of 9-6-3 this season gives him 34 total coaching victories moving him past the late Bob Lamoureux and into second place on the career win list. Kinnier and the Patriots will be striving to improve on all of these milestones when they meet the Hofstra Dutchmen in the first round of the playoffs.

The Patriots defeated Hofstra 8-7 and Farmingdale 5-3 over the weekend to win their division. More on this in the Thursday edition of Statesman.

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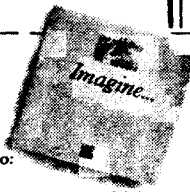
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'Character Players' Chat About the Sport

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT A POSSIBLE players strike in the NHL compels me to write hockey. Not pro hockey though, amateur hockey — Patriots style.

Saturday night, the ice hockey Patriots became Long Island champions as they defeated Farmingdale in the playoffs, 5-3.

Now I know that I've gone on ad infinitum about why hockey should be a varsity team at Stony Brook. I've heard from different people the many reasons why it's not feasible at this time, or maybe ever, to attain varsity status where hockey is concerned. And this is a shame.

Those who know hockey will tell you it's a great sport enhanced by the great people who take part in it. Athletes who partake of what some have termed a "Neanderthal game" are really players with character. You'd

have to be a player with character if you don't mind getting your head bashed against the boards or taking a slap shot on your chest or getting pucked up in the face. Or at the very least, you'd have to be someone with a big sense of humor to keep the pains and stitches, intensity and emotion from getting to your brain.

Last Thursday evening, I met up with three Patriots icemen — Todd Caissie, Adrian Jackson and Eric Ober — "character players" with "character." They have performed their roles well this season: wielding their sticks as weapons at times and manipulating their weapons like scoring magicians at others.

"Hockey is the greatest sport ever," Ober proclaims.

"The intensity is great. You get to beat up a lot of

people and not get arrested," Jackson adds. "This ain't no tennis match," Caissie says.

Hockey is, as Caissie points out, far from the forehand and backhand volleys accentuated by the service aces and baseline blasts.

Hockey is a game of bump and grind where booming body checks are at a premium and scuffles and skirmishes serve as vehicles for camaraderie.

"We have a very tight team," Ober says. "We're doing something we love."

Hockey is definitely a purely-for-love sport, especially for the Patriots. Because the team is classified as a "club," all the stigmas associated with the word "club" follow the players.

"Everyone thinks because we're a club we're not good," Ober says. "Obviously those who think that are too naive to realize how hard we work."

And the team does indeed work and train hard. For them sacrifice means driving half an hour away for a one-hour practice; bussing around to different locations for games; and putting in their own money for most of the expensive equipment. But through some of the setbacks, they don't forget to win . . . win . . . win, albeit in virtual anonymity to most students.

"There's no support here for hockey," Jackson complains. "We could draw a lot of attention for Long Island because for high school students, there's nowhere else to play college hockey locally."



SANDRA SAYS

Sandra B. Carreon



Statesman/John O'Keefe

Todd Caissie, Eric Ober, Adrian Jackson

Jackson's logic makes sense. He and others like him can argue for varsity hockey, but it does not seem likely for Stony Brook. The sad thing about this whole equation is that potential fans will never get to experience what hockey really is. And in not experiencing the game, potential fans will be missing out on a lot; Stony Brook will be missing out, too.

Hockey is a tough, grueling game with intricate breakout patterns mapped out on a board of Xs and Os. It's about shooting and scoring; losing and learning; winning and celebrating. It's also about devoted players, like the Jackson-Ober-Caissie line, who play hard because they love the game.

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Over and Out

Loss to 2nd seed knocks Pats out of ECAC tourney

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

A run here. A run there. A run everywhere. So it was for No. 2 seed Glassboro State last Wednesday as they dominated and eliminated the men's basketball Patriots, 93-81.

Men's Basketball

Glassboro: 93

Patriots: 81

"In the first half we just dug a hole for ourselves and we couldn't get out of it," said captain Emeka Smith, who had a bitter-sweet night as he broke the all-time Stony Brook points career record in the losing effort. Smith's game-high 26 points — 17 of which came consecutively to close the game — gave him a 1,815 career points total, surpassing Earl Keith's mark of 1,793. "We dug an even bigger hole in the second half," Smith continued, "and we tried different defenses but they were just hitting the big shots... That took a lot out of us."

Glassboro sustained four significant runs in the night that indeed put the game out of reach for the Patriots, the most damaging of which was the 8-0 one midway through the second half propelling Glassboro to a 29-point advantage, 64-35.

The Patriots fell behind before they realized they were even in the game. A 10-2 welcome-to-our-court run by Glassboro, spanning the first five minutes paralleled

the 7-0 Glassboro attack to close the first half at 38-23.

And just to remind Stony Brook where they were at again, Glassboro opened up the second half on a 12-2 rampage, with respective slam dunks courtesy of Duane Reed and Reggie Riggs signifying the start and end of the two-minute surge.

"It hasn't been characteristic of our team to [manufacture] runs," said Glassboro Head Coach John Giannini. "Against really good teams, it's been difficult to get runs and dominate but Stony Brook had a tough time against Ramapo and then they had to travel all the way here [to New Jersey]... We were just fortunate to shoot the ball well."

The second half also featured a plethora of foul shots taken by Glassboro. The Patriots awarded their opponents a total of 40 free throws, 31 of which were converted for tallies.

"We purposely took the fouls to try and get back in it," Smith said. But as Francis put it, "the team was just flat, and we stayed that way in the second half."

Conversely, Giannini was pleased with his team, which was well-prepared for the contest. "I attribute our good performance to the strength of our league," Giannini said. "Five of our seven losses were against teams in the NCAA tournament. We played a strong schedule and this allows us some success [against teams] outside of our league."



Emeka Smith (11) gets some air time earlier this season

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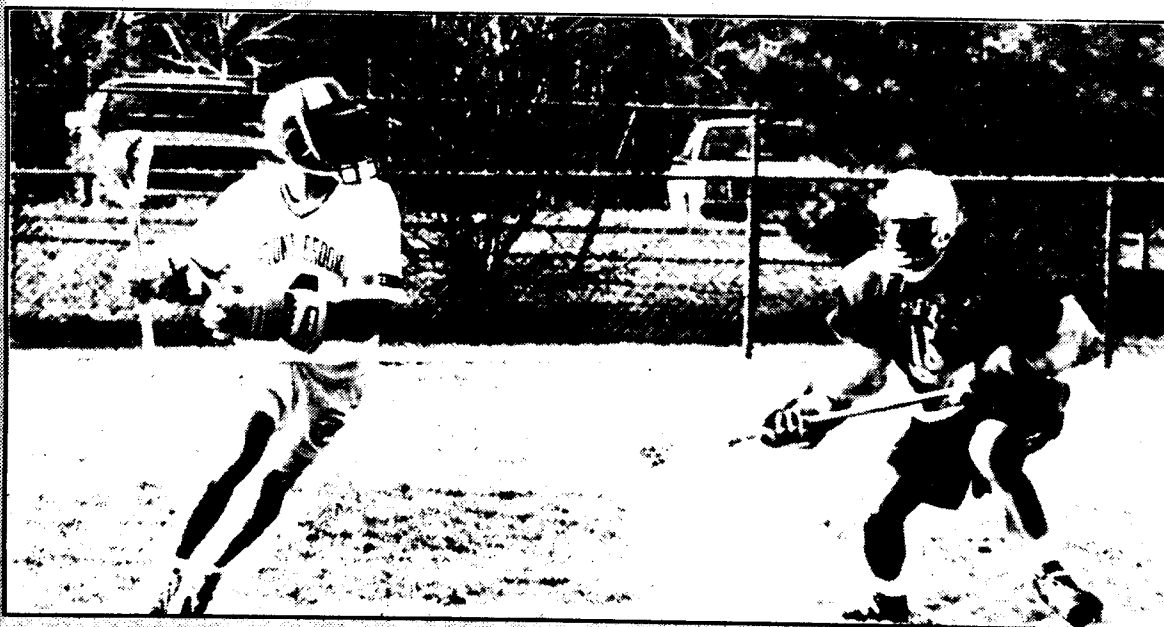
Riggs led Glassboro with 22 points, followed by Reed's 16, and Rick Myers' and James Battersby's 13. "If you look at our team," Giannini said, "we don't have an outstanding player like Emeka Smith who dominates the team offensively. We have to have good balance."

Smith's performance for Stony Brook was seconded by freshman center Michel Lamine's solid 16 points, six rebounds and three blocks. Francis and forward Luc

Baptiste each contributed eight points.

"Coach [Bernard Tomlin] rationalized the loss," Francis said. "He said we had a successful season but it wasn't the type of success we wish we could have had. He said we have to take this as a learning experience for next season."

The loss gives Stony Brook a 17-10 record. But more importantly perhaps, the loss should help players understand which aspects of their game need work.



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BONA FIDE CONTENDERS?

The Patriots lacemen seem only several games away from becoming top-20 contenders as they recorded a respectable defeat yesterday in the hands of top-10 Princeton, 12-5.

Joel Insinga led the way with two goals while Tim Kolm, Tom Mullooly and James Sommese each tallied one.

The loss came after a big victory at Lehigh, 11-6. The Patriots dominated the Engineers, whom they have beaten for a third year in a row. Sommese notched three goals and one assist while Mike Feinstein added two goals and three assists to lead Stony Brook. Rob Serratore had 19 saves.

More on this in the Thursday edition of Statesman.

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