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# The Senate's 'Bad Seed'

## Polity moves to oust senator following corruption charges



Senator Vincent Bruzzese after senate's vote

Statesman/Michael Lyons

**By Scott Joachim**  
Statesman News Editor

**T**he Polity Senate last night voted overwhelmingly to impeach a senator following charges that he urged the illegal use of Polity funds.

Citing "abuse of power" and "blatant disrespect" for Polity officials, the senate voted 27-0 to recommend to the Polity Judiciary a stripping of commuter Senator Vincent Bruzzese's powers in the student government.

Bruzzese — also the chairman of the Programs and Services Council, which funds several student groups — denied the allegations, but admitted to encouraging several Polity-funded clubs to "compromise" rules to provide funding for groups.

The charges were initiated by *Statesman* Editor-in-Chief David Joachim, who called for the senator's resignation, claiming that Bruzzese had suggested illegal behavior to provide funding for a student group.

Bruzzese suggested that the Stony Brook chapter, Society of Professional Journalists "submit a forged copy of its constitution . . . [to] satisfy Polity's guidelines," Joachim said. SPJ is not yet eligible for Polity funding because it requires national membership fees.

Joachim's allegation, as treasurer of SPJ,

was only part of the senate's inquiry into Bruzzese's actions. Following Joachim's allegations, several senators charged Bruzzese with misconduct and called for his impeachment.

"If I knew it was going to be a political gang-bang, I would not have gotten involved," said Joachim.

The senator was also accused of placing a black rose in Polity President Dan Slepian's mailbox yesterday, and attaching a note stating, "Nice to have known you," Slepian told *Statesman*. Slepian said he interpreted this as a threat and filed a complaint with Public Safety. Several senators identified Bruzzese as the one responsible for the note.

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# Computers stolen; cars vandalized

Four computers and a printer were stolen from the Social Behavioral Science building, room S420 last Thursday at 9:30 pm. The MCI XT, IBM PS2, Tatum T2, De Austin and a H-P laser printer totaled approximately \$4000.

**POLICE BLOTTER**  
A 1988 Honda Accord was vandalized in the Langmuir College parking lot last

Friday at midnight. The scratches on the hood, trunk, and roof of the car are extensive enough to merit repainting the car. The work will cost about \$1000. The operator said the vandal could be a person she had argued with that day.

A \$500 Trek mountain bike was stolen from a bike rack in front of the Student Union last Friday at about 4:10 pm. No one has been arrested in connection with the crime.

Another bike was stolen from in front of the Student Union last Saturday at about 11 pm. The \$200 Huffy 3-speed hasn't been recovered.

The Kelly Quad office in Kelly Cafeteria was burglarized last Saturday at about 5 pm, resulting in the theft of a computer and printer. The IBM PC and Panasonic printer were worth about \$1500.

A 1986 Chevrolet had its side window smashed and its electrical door locks damaged last Monday at about 9 pm in the North commuter parking lot. The damage is estimated at \$400.

Also in the North commuter parking lot, a 1985 Buick suffered \$400 worth of damages to its driver side and passenger side door locks and ignition lock Sunday at 3 pm.

A digital scale was stolen from room the Social Behavioral Science building, room S510 last Wednesday at 12 pm. The Okaus scale was worth \$300. No one has been arrested.

A 1978 Firebird had its windshield broken last Thursday at 5 pm. The damage was worth \$350.

A state vehicle was vandalized in the Earth Space and Science loading dock last Friday at about 9 am. The maintenance car's passenger side mirror and window

received \$400 worth of damage.

A 1984 Chevrolet was burglarized last Thursday in the North parking lot at about 4 pm. The two stolen bags containing a pair of glasses, two bowling balls, and a calculator totalled about \$460.

An attempt to steal the radio out of a 1987 last Wednesday Chevrolet at 2 pm in the North P-lot caused \$225 worth of damage.

A pager was stolen last Friday at 5 pm from the basement of Irving College. The pager, which belonged to the Physical Plant, was stolen from a locker room and was worth \$100.

A 1970 Chevrolet suffered \$50 worth of damage to its passenger door lock in an attempted theft Sunday at 3 am in the Langmuir College parking lot.

A wallet was stolen Sunday from the Indoor Sports Complex at 5:30 pm. The wallet contained a credit card, a meal card and a student identification card.

A 1980 Oldsmobile Cutlass had its license plates stolen Monday at 2 pm in the North Loop staff parking lot.

# Polity Senate moves to impeach commuter senator

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Bruzzese was also reprimanded for giving the media information from an executive session — which closes senate meetings from media observation — after last week's meeting.

But Bruzzese denied allegations made by Fred Baptiste, senator for Ammann College, who motioned that Bruzzese be impeached for "blatant disrespect, . . . failing to cooperate with people as PSC chair, . . . and abuse of power."

"Everything I've done was in the students' best interests," Bruzzese told *Statesman*. He said he suggested that SPJ amend its bylaws to satisfy Polity's bylaws. "If that meant cutting through bureaucratic [red tape], that's what I did."

Joachim said changes that would satisfy Polity's guidelines would violate SPJ's.

Bruzzese told the senate that his intentions were genuine. "I have attempted to compromise before," he said. "It was in the best interests to get those clubs off the

ground."

He also said the senate was motivated by a political agenda. "People say I have political motives, but look around and tell me where your interests lie," he said. Bruzzese then accused several senators of racism and prejudice, but his allegations were not addressed by the senate.

"I think it would be in this body's best interests to impeach [Bruzzese]," said Jerry Canada, senator for Irving College. "There have always been problems."

"This is not a one time thing or a two time thing," said Baptiste. "This is something that's been going on for two years." He called Bruzzese Polity's "bad seed."

Commuter Senator Richard Cole, who made the motion to impeach Bruzzese, said he regretted the "harshness" of the senate. "It was too negative of an environment in there."

The senate allowed Bruzzese to resign, in an attempt to prevent "dragging this through the mud," said Slepian. Upon Bruzzese's refusal to resign, the senate voted to impeach him. Six senators, including Bruzzese, abstained

from the vote.

Although the senate is not authorized to impeach Bruzzese, it voted to refer the case to the Polity Judiciary, which will determine the senator's future in Polity after a hearing, according to Polity Vice President Tom Pye.

"I have never in the history of Polity seen anything go this far," said Slepian, referring to the senate's overwhelming condemnation of Bruzzese. Although Slepian has consistently advocated Bruzzese's removal from student politics, he said, "It really, really saddens me."

The motion to impeach Bruzzese also stated that an internal investigation into senators Clyde Cook and Keith McLaren, and junior Ary Rosenbaum, who were named for their alleged involvement in harassing Slepian. Cook and McLaren denied the allegations. Rosenbaum declined comment.

Bruzzese admitted the black rose given to Slepian was his, but said he was not responsible for placing it in Slepian's mailbox.

Polity officials could not say when judicial proceedings would begin against Bruzzese.

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# USB students argue education to Congress

By David Lee  
Statesman Staff Writer

Six Stony Brook students lobbied Congress in the nation's capital last Monday, attempting to gain more federal funding for education by restructuring congressional policies.

The opportunity to meet with members of Congress was available as part of United States Student Association's (USSA) National Student Lobby Day, said Glenn Magpantay, USSA representative at Stony Brook. "USSA tries to engage people in the public process . . . during Lobby Day and throughout the year," he said. Lobby Day is important because it "told [the members of Congress] how their constituents feel," said Desiree Petersen, Student Association of the State University (SASU) representative at Stony Brook.



Magpantay



Petersen

Petersen said the main issues discussed included the Coyers Bill, reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965, President George Bush's 1992 education budget, the Violence Against Women Act, ROTC discrimination, and minority scholarships. Although all of these topics were lobbied, she said the central theme was education.

Congress is responsible for budgets in areas such as education and defense, said Petersen. Money cannot be taken out of one area, such as defense, to supplement another. But if the Coyers Bill passes, it will "allow Congress to shift money . . . meaning more money to state institutions." Magpantay said, "Hopefully this will give us the ability to get more financial aid . . . an easier process in receiving financial aid." Petersen said, "money from anywhere could mean less money coming out of our pockets."

"Student votes do count," said Petersen. "When a senator gets a letter, they think a couple of hundred feel the same way . . . All these efforts add up."

"Basically the main point in going was just to show that students were concerned," said Todd Stephens, USSA delegate for Stony Brook. "They were concerned enough to send a representative to talk on a personal basis."

"The students who went have a better idea of how senators are doing and what they have to change," said Magpantay. Stephens said meeting Congress gave them first-hand experiences of the true attitudes of Congress members. "The way they received us showed how they really are," said Stephens. And lobbying at Washington "made them realize . . . that students are taking time to read information," he said.

"Where the congressmen will stand on higher education is important for the university," said Stephens of Capitol Hill's role in defining Stony Brook district's policies. "Student votes do count," said Petersen.

# Hopes high in WUSB fund drive

By Jason Didner  
Statesman Assistant News Editor

WUSB FM, Stony Brook's campus radio station, is holding its fourth annual Radiothon this week, which will generate up to 25 percent of its annual budget.

The non-commercial station, which says money collected this week are "extremely important" to the operation of the station, is funded primarily by Polity, the undergraduate student government.

The drive, which began March 15, and will continue through March 29, will feature live on-the-air performances from a variety of music groups. Several blues groups, a bluegrass band, and a salsa group are scheduled to perform, said Norm Prusslin, the station's general manager.

Prusslin said the goal for this year's Radiothon, set at \$36,000, is based on "an immediate short-term need." He said last year's fundraiser covered a quarter of the station's budget.

"This is a very optimistic goal," said James Lantier, station disc jockey. The drive, which raised \$20,000 last year, has shown a steady increase every year. "I think more people are aware that their funding is critical [to the station]," he said of the drive's growing success.

Prusslin said this year's drive is especially important to WUSB because the station is trying to relocate its transmitter to a higher tower, which would upgrade the quality of the broadcast signal.

This upgrade effort is complicated by competition from other stations who want the same location for a transmitter, he said. Lawyers' fees for the court battle could cost as much as \$20,000, he said.



Statesman/Marcos Boronat

WUSB deejay Lister Hewan-Lowe dances to reggae in studio

"The radio station services a lot of different kinds of people," said Prusslin. "The goal is to get as many different sources of income from the many different kinds of people who listen."

But Lantier told *Statesman* the recession will make it difficult for the station to reach this goal. He said people do not have as much money to donate to the station as they used to. "[When people donate], it makes us feel that much better because we know we're in tough economic times."

Lantier attributed much of the Radiothon's past success to local businesses, who donated merchandise and gift certificates as incentives for listeners to donate funds. "We [are] very lucky that we get a lot of good support from

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# Food drive targets homeless

By Raymond Iryami  
Statesman Editorial Page Editor

Several Stony Brook students and faculty are working this week with a food drive sponsored by a local agriculture school to collect cash and canned foods for the homeless.

The fund drive features a hunger fast in which Crow Miller, education director at the Spring Meadow School of Organic Farming and Gardening in St. James, is consuming only liquids for two weeks. This year marks Miller's second hunger fast, which he says is meant to "raise consciousness" about homelessness.

But he said his hunger fasts only raise consciousness temporarily, although the drive has been successful. "As the year goes on, [people] forget about it," Miller said of last year's campaign, which gathered eight tons of food and nearly \$1,000.

Mary Bellia, secretary of Stony Brook's Student Action Coalition for Animals, said the recession has heightened the need for food donations. "With the rise in unemployment, hunger has become a big problem on Long Island," she said.

"All of the food goes directly to the people, said Miller. "All of us are volunteers. There are no salaries."

Miller said those who need the food can drop by the farming school, and pick up as much as two grocery bags of food. "It's very dignified, like a supermarket," he said. "We work under the honor system. They go down there and take what they need."

Maryann Bell, assistant dean of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, who works as the coordinator of the Employee Relations Council Hunger Task Force with Miller on various projects, commends Miller on his actions. "He has his heart in the right place, but it's very difficult," said Bell. "People remember on Christmas and when you hit them on the head. But it's difficult to open your heart when you're afraid for your own future."

Miller said he believes such fears are justified. But, he

*"I'm going hungry for two weeks, but a lot of people go hungry all year long."*

— Crow Miller, who is fasting to raise consciousness about the homeless

said, in this recession, it is important that everybody contributes. "No one's immune to homelessness and hunger," he said. "Just because you have a job now and things are okay doesn't mean that you won't be out on the streets next year."

Miller's hunger fast will continue until March 28. "I'm going hungry for two weeks, but a lot of people go hungry all year long," he said.

There are now 16 donation boxes throughout the campus set up by the task force, which contributes to several organizations other than the School of Organic Farming. Bellia said the Student Action Coalition for Animals plans to set up a box exclusively for the hunger fast. "The difficulty is that we are going on Spring Break next week, but we will be collecting all year long," she said.

# Congrats: It's a Bouncing Baby Check

**T**HE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES has finally initiated a plan to help the stagnant economy. They've bought stock in Good Year Rubber Company to keep their checks bouncing.

The check-bouncing scandal that is rocking the House, nicknamed Rubbergate, is drawing outrage from the worst offenders' constituents and from the general public. And why not?

Is Joe Public supposed to acknowledge that the now defunct House bank was a shoddily run operation? And since there were no penalties for overdrafts, the big-wigs in Washington were free to spend as they liked?

It is an insult to the depressed and financially troubled working class that there is a different set of rules for a congressman than there is for your neighborhood butcher or fireman. It is also disturbing because some of the politicians are chalking their rubber checks up to accounting errors. These are supposed to be the people that are running our federal

budget and they can't balance a checkbook!



## TONES OF SEDITION

Dwayne Andrews

Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-Brooklyn) summed up the attitude of the politicians when he told the Daily News, "As perks go this was very small potatoes." So, more than 20,000 Good Year checks worth more than \$10 million over a 39 month period is small potatoes? What's a big potato? A headboard that costs more than \$10,000 like the one Mayor Dinkins owns?

Rubbergate probably is small potatoes to these politicians, but to Joe Public, it hurts.

There are hundreds of thousands of people out there that have bounced a check at one time, but they've had to pay interest on their overdrafts and, if their bank is like Citicorp, Chemical, Chase Manhattan and Manufacturers Hanover, a \$12 penalty charge. If the members of the House were charged this fee, they would owe the taxpayers more than \$240,000. Almost enough cash to pay President Bush's salary for the year.

Joe Public is outraged at Rubbergate because he has bounced a check or two in his time and he knows

how rough his bank can be on him. He knows that after he bounced his first 100 or so, he would have his checkbook confiscated, unlike Rep. Solarz, who has reportedly bounced 743 checks worth \$594,646, or Rep. Bob Mrazek (D-Long Island) who reportedly wrote 972 bad checks in 23 months. Rep. Mrazek is trying to win the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate race against Al D'Amato, another man of questionable ethics. His chance of gaining the nomination were already slim. Now they seem nonexistent.

The big question Joe Public must be asking himself is, "Where and when does all of this end?" Congress has shown time and time again that it needs a full-time baby-sitter and parole officer to keep itself in check.

Joe Public, his family, friends and neighbors will not continue to be abused by a perk system that makes it an advantage to be a public servant.

Maybe the halls of the House of Representatives need a sign like the one hanging over the FSA Check Cashing booths in the Student Union: *On advise of counsel it is illegal and in some instances criminal to bounce a check.*

# Campus radio station has high hopes for drive

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local businesses," he said.

Disc jockey Nick Capozzi said listeners' donations are "vitaly important" not only to the station, but to a musical and cultural alternative in Suffolk County. "College radio is truly the last gasp of what

radio used to be and should be about, rather than just the conduit for advertising," he said. In commercial radio, the disc jockeys adhere to a strict format, but "nothing is force-fed here," he said.

In its 15th year of broadcasting, WUSB has a volunteer staff of more than 160 students, faculty, staff, and alumni, said Prusslin.

"This place is a learning tool," said Lantier. "It brings in a lot of diversity... We've got everything here."

WUSB staff members are promoting the Radiothon through radio programming, mailings throughout the campus and announcements in campus publications, said Lantier.

WUSB is funded by the Student Polity Association, the Graduate Student Organization, the annual Radiothon and local business underwriting. Its annual budget is near \$80,000 and is maintained primarily through Polity and the Radiothon.

*"College radio is truly the last gasp of what radio used to be."*

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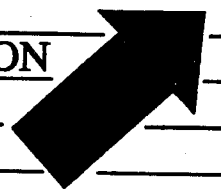
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# Computers match students with jobs

By Tara Maria  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Career Development Organization this month initiated SUNYsearch, a computerized job matching system designed to link New York companies exclusively with SUNY students.

All costs of the program are covered by employers with job openings who pay \$50 per use of SUNYsearch to search its databases for desirable candidates and obtain their resumes, said James Keene, director of Career and Development Services. Each search provides an employer with at least 15 candidates who are best qualified for the position open, according to conditions specified by the employer.

"The goal primarily is to help Stony Brook students get a job," said Peter Burke, career counselor at Stony Brook.

He said the university has been working to institute the computerized job placement program with SUNY for the past two years.

"Using databases and agencies of this type save the time and expense of writing and sending resumes to the wrong people, to those that either have no jobs or aren't looking for my qualifications," said Charles Jordan, a graduate student of linguistics geography. "It lets me use my time more productively."

Students, staff and faculty can register at the Career Development Center, where their resumes will be filed for prospective employers. These registrations are mailed twice monthly to kiNexus, a central computerized job placement system, where they are entered into a national data base and forwarded to SUNYsearch and included in the SUNY database. The employers can then contact the students for interviews.

Presently, kiNexus is being used by over 1500 colleges and universities. But SUNYsearch is a unique system belonging only to the SUNY schools.

Although several companies offer similar services, Career Services chose kiNexus because "they were most willing to modify to our needs," said Keene.

KiNexus' advantage in this arrangement is that SUNYsearch provides the company with advertising among potential employers, said Keene. KiNexus also has more students to put in its national database. With an increased selection of candidates, kiNexus becomes an attractive service to paying companies that seek employees, he said.

The new program allows companies to gain access to qualified applicants that specifically suit their needs at little expense, said Keene. "Expense doesn't just mean dollars. It also means time and people," he said.

SUNYsearch also benefits students because it allows

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— Peter Burke, career counselor

them to access companies that would otherwise be difficult to reach. "It's an additional resource," said Thomas Tyson, associate director of Career Development. "And with the job market as hard as it is now, SUNYsearch provides our students with an opportunity to look into jobs they wouldn't have been able to before."

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## Editorial

# Step in the Right Direction for Senate

All's fair in war and Polity.

Last night's Polity Senate decision to request impeachment of a senator represents the apex of a political battle between the legislative body's two competing groups. A consistent conflict between two rivals within the senate has been looked upon with ambivalence. Although the senate is often accused of wasting time in political disputes instead of confronting student issues, this conflict was said to promote the outpouring of diverse opinion and political skepticism.

The senate's impeachment request against Commuter Senator Vincent Bruzzese marks the beginning of a more productive, group effort in the struggle for a more efficient senate. In the end, all would agree that the most important interests served in the senate are those of and for the students. If there exists an obstacle in the efficient production of quality student representation, it is the senate's duty to remove that obstacle.

Bruzzese's alleged corrupt political behavior is just the tip of the iceberg. He is often seen as maintaining good intentions, but fails to utilize the most effective and fair means in achieving his political

agenda. On many occasions he was accused of misrepresenting Polity, serving personal interests or suggesting misuse of Polity funds. And the list goes on. Whether Bruzzese's fate was decided by a specific immature act or the ignorance of suggesting corrupt activity to a Statesman editor is not at issue.

His efforts should not go unacknowledged, and it should be noted that he has sometimes contributed positively to Polity, often inciting insightful debate in the senate.

Although the senate was criticized for spending nearly two hours in executive session last week, deluged in confronting personal conflicts, this is a necessary allocation of time every now and then. It is these sessions that vent the frustrations that come about when dealing with a wide range of political ideologies in the senate. And it is these sessions that enable a body to successfully identify and negate the problems that are the cause of this ruthless and unnecessary political separatism.

The last few weeks have seen a dramatic improvement in intra-senate relations. We have witnessed the merging of senators Ron Nehring

and Glenn Magpantay — political opposites — in aiming to reform Polity elections. As elections have been a major cause and effect of political division, this is a serious, constructive step that is praiseworthy. And now that the two faction within the senate have overwhelmingly worked together in exterminating the distractions of Bruzzese's politicking, the senate can concentrate on the real student issues.

Tuition hikes, dorm fee increases, meal plan increases, Vinny Bruzzese. Which one of these issues is not like the others?

Unfortunately, Bruzzese had to go through the humiliation of condemnation and rejection by the senate. But the senate was not acting on a personal vendetta. Most of the senate voted to impeach Bruzzese, but many admitted they resented the way it had to be done.

But it had to be done. Bruzzese was told week after week that his methods were counterproductive, but he failed to heed the warning. If peaceful means do not accomplish the ends of maintaining an efficient senate, as the voice of the undergraduate student population, they must be accomplished by any means necessary. All is fair in war and Polity.

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# Education Funding Not Black and White

By Sheldon Weinbaum

**T**HIS IS A PLEA TO STONY BROOK students and faculty to help end the racially discriminatory and parsimonious policies of Albany lawmakers in funding public higher education in the state. As emphatically stated in *New York Newsday* on March 2, "This is New York, not Alabama." New York is a pathetic 47th in the nation in the portion of its tax dollars spent on public higher education. For the state or the press to pit SUNY against CUNY is disgraceful. It would be a national embarrassment to take from SUNY to provide equity for CUNY under these conditions.

After a decade of futile pleas to legislators, CUNY faculty and students have in desperation filed a law suit in the State Supreme Court against Governor Cuomo and state officials charging racial bias in funding and demanding that state support per student to the senior colleges of CUNY be increased to that of SUNY (*New York Times*, Feb. 27). The law suit has raised fundamental issues in public higher education that state legislatures have closed their eyes to for years.

### De Facto Segregation

CUNY students are extraordinarily disadvantaged. 40 percent come from families with net taxable incomes of less than \$8,000 a year. It is estimated that less than 5 percent of CUNY's African-American, Latino and Asian student body could afford the room and board of a SUNY

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residential campus. The result is one university that is two-thirds minority and another that is five-sixths white, with only 12 percent black and Latino students. For City College and Stony Brook, the two campuses with the greatest concentration of costly science and engineering programs, this comparison is even more dramatic. City college is 86

because "SUNY runs several medical, dental and technical programs for which there is no equivalent at CUNY" (*New York Times* February 27). The *Times* in this same article tried to turn an abrogation of state responsibility into a feud between SUNY and CUNY using an incorrectly labeled graph from a state Education Department report which included many millions of dollars in non-instructional federal aid to economically disadvantaged students from Pell grants. It is ludicrous to blame SUNY for CUNY's budget.

First, the state itself has for many years provided calculations of state aid per full time student, excluding medical and dental schools, for every campus in both CUNY and SUNY in the governor's executive budget. In the 1989 budget, the last year in which this was done, the difference in funding per student for the entire senior systems had already grown to \$695 for the previous 1987-88 budget year. We estimate that over the past decade the entire senior college system of CUNY

has been underfunded by nearly a half a billion dollars.

Second, the state refuses to recognize its responsibility to equal funding of graduate and costly technical programs. The same 1989 budget showed that the difference in funding between the five CUNY campuses with the largest doctoral programs was \$1,371 when averaged for all students on these campuses. The proportion of graduate students on these two groups of campuses is nearly identical. This difference is nearly seven times the current \$200 difference in tuition or roughly \$70 million for the 50,000 full-time students on these CUNY campuses. In the sciences, engineering and architecture, City College (with over 50 percent of its majors in these areas) received state support of \$7,485 per full-time student compared to \$9,653 per full-time student at Stony Brook, a 29 percent difference. City College was the largest source of black and Hispanic engineering baccalaureates in the nation last year and enrolled 46 percent of all minority engineering undergraduates from New York. This discrepancy would be equivalent to cutting \$48 million from Stony Brook's budget excluding its Health Science Center.

Third, the lack of financial support for graduate students has had a devastating effect on the ability of minority students to pursue a doctorate. Only 18.5 percent of CUNY doctoral students received any financial aid in 1991. CUNY is by far the largest source of minority Master of Arts degrees in the United States (1011 in 1989-90). In 1990-91 CUNY received only 4.1 million in graduate student financial aid compared to 24.3 million for SUNY. The master's enrollment at CUNY is roughly five-sixth that of SUNY.

Fourth, all the four year college campuses of SUNY with associate's degree programs are funded entirely by the state without local sponsorship. In 1990 and 1991 the programs are funded entirely by the state without local sponsorship. In 1990 and 1991 the state reneged on this responsibility and 8,500 students at New York City Tech and John Jay were threatened. New York City Tech is 75 percent black and Latino, and John Jay 67 percent. All the other four year colleges in New York State with associate's degree programs are predominantly white.

Stony Brook State Senator, Kenneth LaValle, chairperson of the Higher Education Committee, could end this racial discrimination. It is an insult to the students and faculty at Stony Brook to have these disparities continue. There is no room for parochialism in higher education when people's dreams and important national interests are at stake. Ask him if he is proud that New York is 47th in the nation in the support of public higher education. We are no Alabama.

The lack of financial support for graduate students has had a devastating effect on the ability of minority students to pursue a doctorate.

percent minority. SUNY is not responsible for this harsh reality, but these statistics are shocking. The three historically white university campuses in Mississippi are also only 12 percent black and the percentage of blacks in Mississippi, 32 percent, is just marginally greater than the combined percentage of blacks and Latinos in New York.

### Funding of Senior Colleges

There are four basic funding issues that have been raised in the law suit. The state has tried to cover up these issues by arguing that higher SUNY spending arises

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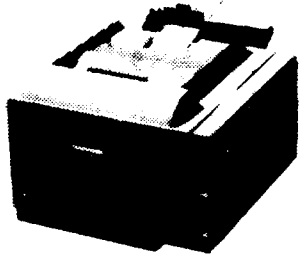
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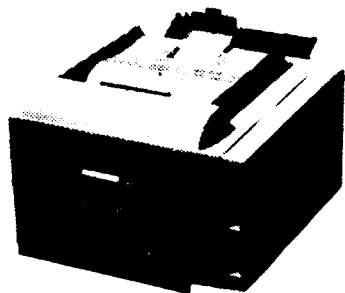
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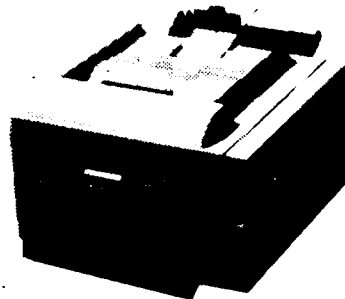


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# Smith's mystique: He's most prolific

By Tony McMullen  
Special to Statesman

With a lay-up early in the first half of an ECAC semifinal contest against Glassboro State, junior guard Emeka Smith became the all-time leading scorer in the history of Stony Brook men's basketball.

Smith, also named the Stony Brook VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Week for the week of March 10, scored a game-high 26 points in the 93-81 loss at Glassboro State and brought his career point total to 1,815. Smith eclipsed the previous mark of 1,793 points set by Earl Keith during his four-year career, which spanned 1974-'79. Keith, an all-American forward, led the Patriots to two NCAA post-season appearances, including the Final Four in 1978.

"Halfway through the season, people started telling me I was 300 points away from the record," recalls Smith. "But I never kept track of my points."

Keeping track of Smith's points is no easy task. Smith has led the Patriots basketball team in every offensive category except field goal percentage and rebounds over the last three years. Averaging 22.3 points a game in his career, with a season-high

average of 23.9 this year, Smith's offensive skills resemble those of his modern-day idol — all-star Tim Hardaway of the Golden State Warriors.

Smith's offensive abilities have helped earn him individual recognition. As a freshman, Smith was honored Rookie of the Year by both the Skyline Conference and the ECAC, as well as being named to the All-Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Association All-Star team. Smith, avoiding the infamous "sophomore jinx," continued his success as he became a first team All-star selection by New York State Basketball Coaches Association, Skyline Conference and the Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Association, in addition to being named Skyline Conference MVP. This year has been no different. Smith has already been named to the conference and ECAC all-star teams with several honors still unannounced at this time.

"Emeka is a special player," says Head Coach Bernard Tomlin. "Having a player who can quarterback the team and score like he does is unique."

Smith has quarterbacked Stony Brook to post-season play in each of his three

seasons as the Patriots' point guard. Two bids to the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan ECAC tournament have resulted in a championship in 1990 and, most recently, a semifinal loss at the hands of Glassboro State. In between ECAC tournament appearances, the Patriots' national ranking of 12th during the 1991 regular season helped earn them the first seed in the NCAA Tournament's East Region. However, a second-round loss to Rochester spoiled dreams of that team becoming the second in university history to advance to the Final Four.

The Patriots have accumulated a 64-19 (.770) record with Smith in the lineup. To think of the Patriots without Emeka Smith? It almost happened. Smith and teammate Ricky Wardally, having both played high school basketball at South Shore, passed up opportunities to play Division I. "I almost went to Colgate," says Smith. "Ricky and I were both recruited by the Colgate coach, but when they changed coaches, we didn't feel comfortable with the situation."

Fortunately for the fans of Patriots basketball, Smith and Wardally have called Stony Brook home. And bringing home a



Emeka Smith

championship next year is already on Smith's mind. "I am already looking forward to next season," says Smith. "Our young guys will have gained a year of experience and Coach Tomlin is recruiting hard."

As for Smith, he will continue to improve his game to help make the team better. When asked how he would like to be remembered when his playing days are over, Smith says, "I would want people to say, 'He was a guy that worked hard every day in practice and deserved everything he got.'"

## Pats derail Engineers; learn from Princeton

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the Patriots managed to add three more goals for the decisive 12-5 margin — a respectable loss, in light of the competition.

Espey was very impressed with his tight-checking defense consisting of Greg Freeland, Mike Bocchino and Paul Schultes. Freeland, Bocchino and Schultes contained two of the best attackmen in the country — Kevin Lowe and Justin Tortollani — to only three combined assists. "Freeland shut out their star attackman — Kevin Lowe," Espey said. "[Lowe] has to be one of the top five attackmen in the country."

Perhaps the most impressive performance was by goaltender Rob Serratore. Serratore, a senior who set the NCAA record for most saves in a game last season with 35 versus then top-ranked North Carolina, only allowed 12 goals off of 58

Princeton shots. Serratore had a better percentage for the day than Princeton's goalie, Scott Bacigalupo — a second team All-American. "He's unbelievable. He's a great team leader," Espey said of his own outstanding goalie.

Insinga led the scoring for the day with two goals. James Sommese had a goal and an assist.

Against the Lehigh Engineers, the Pats dominated, 11-6. Serratore again led the day with 19 saves. The super combination at the attack of Sommese, who notched three goals and one assist, and Mike Feinstein, who had two goals and three assists, led the offense.

Though the Patriots performed well and seemed to stifle the Engineers, the game was by no means easy, according to Espey. "The game was never out of the reach for Lehigh," said the coach. "We

were happy when we came out with a win."

The Patriots will be hosting Providence this Saturday at 2 pm and will travel

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# Patriots quest for hockey's Holy Grail 11

By George Lasher  
Special to Statesman

## One Goal.

All year long the Patriots ice hockey team has had one goal — to prove that it was the top team on Long Island. This vision began to crystallize itself over the past two weeks.

Faced with a do or die situation against Fordham, the Patriots came up big. Behind the superb goaltending of senior Bill Dickhut, they blanked the Farmingdale Rams 1-0, clinching the last play-off spot.

## One Goal.

That however was just the beginning. A determined Hofstra team met the Patriots in the first round of the Metropolitan Conference playoffs. Although tied with the Pats in points during the regular season, Hofstra was awarded second place on the basis of more wins. The Patriots proved they indeed were the better team on March 13, coming from three goals down to eliminate the Dutchmen by a score of 8-7. The game, played in front of a packed house at Long Beach Arena, was one of the most thrilling in Stony Brook history.

## One Goal.

The only opponent that now stood between the Patriots and the Long Island Division championship was Farmingdale.

The game against Farmingdale was played in front of a standing room only crowd at the Syosset Skating Academy Saturday night. And like the previous play-off game with Hofstra, the Stony Brook contingent did not go home disappointed.

The Patriots extended their unbeaten streak to seven with a 5-3 victory and have advanced to the semifinals of the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference with a match-up against Marist tonight. The last time the Patriots got as far as the semifinals was during the 1985 season, so long ago that right wing Todd Caissie joked, the game was played with "carved dinosaur bones." Head Coach Andy Kinnier and assistant Rich Guagliardo were players on that squad.

The victory over Farmingdale was a complete team effort, from goaltender Dickhut on out. Everyone hustled and seemed to check their hearts out. The constant hitting by the Patriots was a primary reason for the victory. It is an old hockey axiom that every hit results in a turnover. And this was never more evident than Saturday night against the Rams.

Players like rookie defenseman Mike Stillwagon don't always see their contributions in the scoresheet. But Stillwagon time after time, took Farmingdale players coming down his side out of the play — breaking up their rushes and turning the puck back to the offense.

The contributions of centers Mike Crockett and Eric Ober, winger Adrian Jackson and the Caissie brothers, Todd and Travis, did appear in the scoring, but their points were results of their hits.

Crockett netted two goals in the game to up his season total to 24. That equals Jackson's mark of last season and is the most scored by a Patriot since Marty Schmitt's 25 in 1983.

Travis Caissie picked up the puck and fed it right back to Crockett for his first tally. Breaking sharply to his right as he

crossed the blue line, Crockett ripped a low wrist shot into the far corner of the net for the Patriots' second goal of the game.

After the Rams fought back to tie the score at two, the Patriot line of Jackson, Ober and Caissie showed why it is becoming one of the most feared trios in the league. Jackson weaved his way into the Farmingdale zone, ducking the checks of two players. When he finally got trapped along the side boards he fought his way loose and got the puck behind the net. Ober then took over, banging a Ram defenseman to loosen the puck. At this point, the Ram defense became very unsettled and the Pats got two excellent shots on goal which were turned aside. But more pressure by Ober and Jackson freed the puck up once again and they found Caissie all alone in the high slot. Caissie regained the lead for the Pats by rifling a shot to the top corner.

Farmingdale again tied the score at three and the game came down to the final 20 minutes of the contest. Once again, it was tenacious play and a good check that made the difference. Ober, who finished the night with a goal and three assists, forechecked the puck away from a Ram defenseman. He then circled behind the Farmingdale goal and centered the puck just out of the reach of Todd Caissie. The puck drifted to the blue line. Travis Caissie, who had been falling back to play defense until the turnover occurred, quickly reversed direction and beat several Farmingdale players to the puck. His quick snap shot from 60 feet out caught the Ram goalie by surprise and gave the Pats the lead for good.

Crockett scored an empty net goal to close out the scoring. Sans this last tally, the Patriots have won each of their last three games by one goal; each was a "must win" situation.

The Patriots have achieved their "One Goal." They indeed proved who's number one on Long Island.

Now the Patriots have a new goal: to win their semifinal game tonight against Marist. No Patriot team has ever won a semifinal game in the Met Conference. The two previous times they were in the semis, the team that beat them eventually became league champions.

On a personal note, both Jackson and right wing Geoff Hulse have passed Kinnier on the all-time Patriots scoring list. They are currently ranked 13th and 14th respectively. Jackson needs only three goals to hit the 50-goal mark and become only the seventh player to accomplish this feat.

By recording his 16th career win against Farmingdale, goaltender Bill Dickhut became the third leading goalie in team history in that department.



Members of the Patriots hockey team talk about chances at semis

Statesman/Marcos Boronat

## For Pats, sun is semis

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Karp-Mike Crockett-Geoff Hulse and Adrian Jackson-Eric Ober-Todd Caissie lines. The checking triumvirate of Lou Megna-Josh Gazes-Ray Buckman also contribute significantly to the offense; this line recorded four points in the first round game against Hofstra.

On defense, the tandems of Mauer-Jason Aigen, captain Eric Wuss-Travis Caissie and Mike Stillwagon-Craig DeMaio continue to thrive amid the "stay home" credo. They play aggressively in their own zone, albeit a style prone to penalties.

"We were the most penalized team in the league five or six games into the season," Kinnier said. "It hurt our reputation with the referees. But we've calmed down a bit."

One player who cannot afford to calm down though, is goaltender Bill Dickhut, whose attitude Kinnier said characterizes the team. Dickhut needs to maintain his aggressiveness on net if the team is to survive tonight. "Billy personifies the toughness of the team right now," the coach said. "It's that attitude of winning."

Dickhut, after losing three straight to Farmingdale — whom the Patriots faced in the second round — managed to come up with a spectacular performance, according to Kinnier. "As he put it, he had a gorilla on

his back," Kinnier said. "When we played Farmingdale [last week], not only was it a big game but he had to deal with those extra frustrations [of having lost three consecutively to them]. He let two goals in early and rose from it to win the game [5-3]. I admire his strength to pull the game out."

"And against Hofstra, he came up with a shutout performance [after Hofstra scored six straight in the second period]. This allowed us to score [five unanswered goals] and win [8-7]."

Dickhut, however, attributes the team's recent hot streak to fellow netminder Tom Rufrano.

"He started us on our winning streak," Dickhut said, in reference to Rufrano's and the team's victory over Maritime two weeks ago that began the five-game win streak to close the season and inspired the current two-game perfection ride in the post-season.

The team will attempt to build on its streak tonight, en route to the title, as they face-off at 8 pm in the Mennen Arena. A victory over Marist will propel them to the finals Sunday against the winner of the Rutgers-Wagner match-up on Saturday.

And Kinnier believes his team will, in fact, win the championship. "The story is basically the players," Kinnier said. "I can't say enough about the character of the team ... It's a team that's going to pull together and win."

*The Patriots extend their unbeaten streak to seven and advance to the semis tonight.*

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1992

## PATRIOT PLAYS

Lacrosse hosts Providence:  
Saturday, March 21, 2 pm.

Lacrosse at Naval Academy:  
Saturday, March 28, 1:30 pm.

Baseball hosts Western Conn.:  
Saturday, March 31, 3:30 pm.



Patriot Greg Freeland battles with Fairfield laxman

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## Patriots have shot at top-20

By Dave Fallace  
Statesman Staff Writer

Becoming top-20 contenders is within reach for the lacrosse team as the Patriots improve their record to 2-1 with a sound victory over Lehigh Saturday and a respectable performance against top-10 Princeton the next day.

Though Princeton Head Coach Bill Tierney's team is composed of five all-Americans, the progress Stony Brook has made in the Division I ranks prevented a blowout.

### Lacrosse

Because of the jitters of playing one of the top teams in the nation, the Patriots started out a little tentatively. Stony Brook trailed 6-1 early in the contest but was able to solidify itself as the game went on. "We may have had too much respect for them," Patriots Head Coach John Espey said. "We didn't have the necessary composure in the first quarter."

As the second half rolled around, however, the flow of the game began to change. "The second half was a war," Espey said. "We didn't quit. We came back and played a great half."

Late in the third quarter, attackman Joel Insinga scored his second goal on a feed from midfielder Rob Walker to make it a 9-2 game. And in the fourth quarter,

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## Pats disqualified

By Justin Scheef  
Statesman Staff Writer

For the second week in a row, the men's indoor track team was denied a win due to a disqualification after the race was completed. At the NCAA Championships at the University of Wisconsin last Friday night, the 4x400 relay team of Jerry Canada, Roger Gill, Anderson Vilien and Chris Wilson, was disqualified in the trial heat for impeding another runner in the second leg. The team protested the call by the officials for four hours after the race until after 1 am.

### Indoor Track

On March 7, the team lost the ECAC meet title to Williams College due to a similar infraction by Pat Reigger in the 5,000-meter run.

In Stony Brook's trial heat of four teams, three were disqualified, allowing the team that finished last to go on to the finals with the two teams from the other heat. "We won the race by 10 meters," said

Head Coach Steve Borbet. "Realistically, we would have been in the top three spots overall... It was disappointing." They had set a new university record of 3:20.27 in defeating the second seeded team in the nation.

"We were robbed," said relay team member Jerry Canada. "In a meet like that you want to let the teams run. I feel like an uncrowned champion."

According to teammate Anderson Vilien, the referee never saw the infraction. He said that it was brought to the official's attention after another coach complained. "It was unfortunate," said Vilien. "We were definitely all-Americans." The top six 4x400 relay teams at the meet were named all-Americans.

"Hopefully we have better luck in the outdoor season," said Gill. "Things can only get better."

Vilien also competed on an individual level. He finished 12th in the long jump, leaping 22 feet, four-and-one-quarter inches, out of all-American range.

## Sun shines on icemen

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

After the sun of spring thaws out the ice of winter, the hockey team will serve as a reminder of just how sunny the winter really was.

Sunshine manifests itself tonight in the form of a cold, rough game where concentration is key and collaboration is vital.

What has been an impressive season for the Patriots icemen — though tempered by the perpetuating "club" status stigma — culminates with a showdown against Marist College for a right to win the elusive Metropolitan Conference Championship title.

"If we win the whole thing," captain Bill Mauer said, "our team will get a lot more respect [from the university]. This school needs a big win. Even if we're a club team, we're as serious as the other teams. We don't work any

less and games aren't less exciting. With a win, we'll make people more aware."

When "people" indeed become more "aware," they will see that the Patriots have a solid, potent team that eliminated Hofstra and Farmingdale in successive grueling preliminary rounds. They will see that the Patriots are of the never-say-die mentality, who have merited the accolades normally reserved for college varsity teams.

"From what I've seen," Head Coach Andy Kinnier said, "this [win] will have a positive effect for a team that struggles just to be in existence."

The Patriots may not struggle similarly against their opponents in the semifinals. Stony Brook will present a powerful arsenal, enhanced by the strong offensive output of the Brian

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