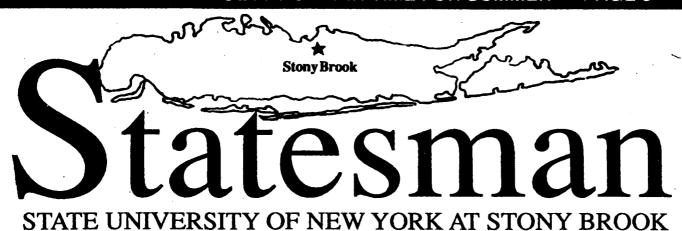
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Edelstein Promises Grad Stipends Will Be Restored — Next Year

By Jason Didner

Statesman Associate News Editor

rovost Tilden Edelstein last Thursday promised graduate students that some of the \$1 million cut from graduate support will be restored by next year.

The cut, which will result in the loss of 125 stipends for graduate assistants and teaching assistants, is part of Edelstein's tentative plan to cut university spending in response to a \$7.2 million budget cut imposed by the state. The \$1 million cut to TA and GA lines would save the university \$700,000, according to the plan. The other \$300,000 would supply the office of Undergraduate Studies with funds to hire adjunct professors, according to Graduate Student Organization President Monica McTigue.

At an open town meeting sponsored by the GSO, Edelstein told graduate students that the cuts to graduate stipends would only be a temporary measure to preserve the academic departments and programs.

"What we do now is not a three-year pain," he said. "It's a one-year fix."

But students displayed skepticism.

"There is a perception of a pattern that graduate education is in crisis," said Jane Ely, former president of the GSO.

"How can you guarantee that the \$1 million cut is only for one year?" Dominic Chan, president of the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) asked Edelstein.

"We can't afford to do that [cut GA/TA support] again, no matter what the economy is like," Edelstein responded. "Otherwise, we've diminished two years of graduate input." He said the university's reputation as

a major research school depends on graduate students and that to continue cutting graduate support would hurt the university in the long run.

Glenn Watts, vice president for finance and management, told *Statesman* that whether the university can restore graduate support "will hinge on what happens in the state."

GSO Senator Barry Feldman said the university is not doing enough to influence the state. "I don't think [Edelstein] demonstrated that administration is effectively trying to represent the needs of the university community in the state budgetary process," he said. Feldman asked Edelstein what the university was doing to increase state funding. The university stresses lobbying as a solution, Edelstein replied. "We need to lobby the hell out of people who have clout," he said.

Associate Provost Ben Walcott expressed certainty that graduate students will see more support regardless of changes in state funding. "I am very optimistic that there will be significant restorations in the next academic year," he said.

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, APRIL 20

Lecture: "Science and Society: The Changing Relationship," Walter Massey. Recital Hall, 4 pm, free admission.

Debate: Provost Debates with Committees on Budget Plan, sponsored by the University Senate. Harriman, rm. 137, 7 pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Men's Tennis hosts Staten Island, 4 pm.

Harriman Business Society, Open to all those interested in current business topics, Harriman Hall, Room 111, 9 pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Cultural Festival-Food Fest, (Rain location) Union Ballroom, 10 am - 5 pm.

Lecture: "The Persian Gulf War: Was it Worth It?" Presented by professors Michael Barnhart and Michael Zweig. Student Union, rm. 226, 1 pm - 2:30 pm.

Men's Baseball hosts USMMA at Patriot field, 3:30 pm.

Women's Softball hosts Lehman at Patriot field, 4 pm.

Lecture: "Ancient Painting, Modern Vision: The Construction of Antiquity in the

Enlightenment," with Bernadette Fort, Humanities Institute Library, Room E4341. 4:30 pm.

Vigil against Racism and Bigotry, Fine Arts Plaza, 6 pm.

A Black History Extravaganza, Keynote speaker: Dr. Kallhid Abdul Muhammad. Also features UNITI Cultural Center Dancers and Drummers. Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts, 7 pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Men's Tennis, at Mercy, 4 pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Pain and Suffering: An interdisciplinary conversation, a conference presented by the Pain Center and The Institute for Medicine in Contemporary Society. Health Sciences Center, Lecture Hall 2, 7:45 am to 5 pm.

Men's Lacrosse hosts U.S. Air Force Academy at Patriot Field, 3:30 pm.

Men's Baseball at Adelphi, 3:30 pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

University Orchestra and Stony Brook Chorale, Orchestra performs Saint Saens' Carniva of the Animals; Chorale performs Orff's Carmina Burana. Main Stage, 8 pm.





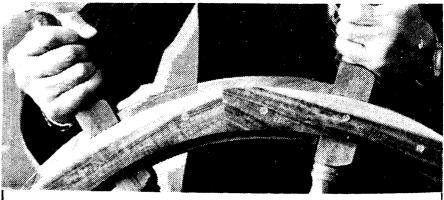
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Women march through campus despite rain last Thuirsday to promote rape awareness

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'Take Back the Night'

Women's group marches for rape awareness

By Jana S. Katz

Nearly 20 women rallied in an annual "Take Back the Night" march last Thursday night, beginning in front of the Student Union accompanied by a light drizzle and continuing throughout campus as the rain hardened.

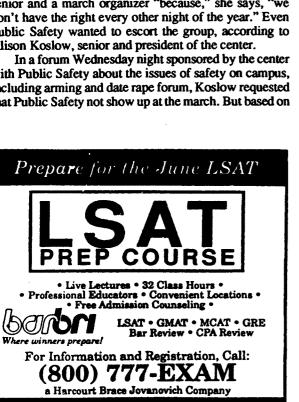
Organized by The Center for Women's Concerns, the march was intended to signify the danger women face at night, and the threat of rape on this campus. "At different institutions, its a popular way of raising awareness," said Gina Vanacore, residence hall director for Schick College.

The loud chants of the participants included, "Women unite, take back the night,"and "No means no." They were heard through G and H quads, and after a moment of silence in Roth Quad at the site of a previous rape, the group marched through Tabler, Roosevelt, and on to Kelly quads.

The march proceeded through a hall in Dewey College in response to males' taunting and purposely turning up music from within the building in response to the march. The march passed the Indoor Sports Complex and ended in back of the Union where there was a candlelight service for about 15 minutes, with women sharing thoughts and comments.

The unification of the group signifies that, in numbers, women can walk safely, according to Talin Shahinian, senior and a march organizer "because," she says, "we don't have the right every other night of the year." Even Public Safety wanted to escort the group, according to Alison Koslow, senior and president of the center.

with Public Safety about the issues of safety on campus, including arming and date rape forum, Koslow requested that Public Safety not show up at the march. But based on



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last year's march, Koslow says, "It's strange how you may see them lurking around." According to Jennifer Christoff, senior and vice president of the center, Public Safety was not seen this year.

In the past three years there have been six reported rapes on campus, according to university records. But Shahinian disagrees. "Public Safety and the administration are telling us that we have two rapes a year and for a campus this size that's unrealistic," she says. In the center's rape survivor group there are women who come that never report to Public Safety, according to Shahinian.

The whole campus is unsafe, says sophomore Marlyn McMillan, who marched with the group for the first time. She attributes this to a campus feeling of apathy as well as immunity to crime. "All organizations should take more of a militant stand. I'm not talking about bombing or killing people," but, she said, there should be more of a "banding together of, not only women, but everybody

The march gives support to all women, especially victims of rape Vanacore said. It helps, says Vanacore, "to know that there are people who support them and who will go out on a night like this."



Corrections

In a page 6 article in last Thursday's issue, it was inaccurately reported that Polity Senator Vincent Bruzzese had lost his priveleges on the Programs and Services Council. Bruzzese is still the chairman of the committee.

On page 4 of the April 2 issue, a story misidentified the name of a magazine that ran a story revealing problems with Simplex locks. The name of the magazine is the Hacker Quarterly.



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Watch Out for Polity Election's Familiar Faces

News Views

David Joachim

that the April 29 Polity election is more successful than last year's, which reeked of filthy corruption and name-calling. But while several of the same players are splashed all over the paper again this year, hoping may not be enough.

For those of you who don't re-

ror those of you who member, the student government election last year resembled an amateur circus. Five candidates running with the campus' first political party were disqualified for campaigning early at the prompting of then-Polity Senator David Greene (now treasurer

and presidential candidate). The disqualifications left several races, including the presidency, unopposed.

And many accused Polity President Dan Slepian, who as incumbent president appointed the election board chairwoman, of rigging his unopposed race.

The Common Sense party candidates, who were also plagued by fake posters with its name on them around campus before the election and allegations that the party was a front for the College Republicans, were reinstated a week later after the election board couldn't figure out what the candidates did wrong. The elections were postponed a week to allow the reinstated candidates to campaign, but all Common Sense candidates, who accused Polity incumbents of ballot-stuffing and cheating, lost by large margins.

We survived the name calling, but student politics haven't been the same since. The Common Sense ticket, with some new colorful additions, materialized in the Polity Senate, causing disruptions and creating a faction that is constantly challenging the same people who beat the party last April. They are responsible for a lot of the healthy debate in the senate, but they're also the ones who have given Polity a bad name for the past year. Many students now see Polity as an organization that spends more time fighting about internal problems than dealing with the issues. And they're right.

A continuation of the conflict should be most visible in the presidential race. Greene, who faced a weak Common Sense-era candidate in Ary Rosenbaum last fall for treasurer, now faces Senator Richard Cole, a co-conspirator of the senate's right faction. You can say a lot about Cole's senate antics, but his gutsy personality poses a serious threat to Polity's status quo. Too bad more experienced candidates did not enter

the race, but the predictable loud fighting between Greene and Cole could draw the electorate's eyes toward newcomer Michael Lyons.

Curious is former Common Sense presidential candidate Keith McLaren's

name in our pages again. He's running for senior representative after being virtually invisible since his embarrassing defeat

to Slepian last year. Well, almost invisible — he managed to become a senator last month after gathering less than 30 votes in Commuter College. His renewed interest in student politics was conveniently born during election time, so watch out.

There's already dirt on both sides of the ideological wall. On the right, there's "Dump the Clique" literature floating around, asking students to reject Polity incumbents like Greene and sophomore representative Nadia Chanza, who is running for vice president. Granted, Polity is a clique, but so is just about every organization on campus. This doesn't make it right, but coming from a group of senators—including Cole—who were all elected by fewer than 30 people, the charge loses credibility.

On the left, there's something less tangible brewing. We may never know if Slepian's brief re-re-election talk last week was serious, but it could be perceived as playing games with would-be candidates.

It's predictable that the April 29 elections will be full of the politicking and mud-slinging reminiscent of last year's fiasco, especially since several of the same names are playing the Polity game, many apparently from behind the scenes. Let the candidates make those stupid and costly mistakes, but don't be pulled into the same trap. Look beyond the mud and see the substance — if it's there to find.

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Campus groups to protest 'racist' speaker

By Jason Didner

Students have shown a growing concern over the scheduled appearance this Wednesday of a black Moslem speaker on campus and many have threatened to protest during his speech.

Khalid Abdul Muhammad—a speaker hailed by Blackworld campus newspaper last week as a man who "speaks for the human rights of black people and all oppressed peope," but is condemned by a Jewish organization as a racist and antisemite—is slated to speak at Staller Cen-

ter for the Arts this Wednesday as the

featured part of a black history program.

But nine student organizations, including the B'nai B'rith Hillel student club, have organized a protest against racism that will take place just outside of the Staller Center an hour prior to the evening's events. The rally is not intended to protest Muhammad speaking, but is a vigil against racism and bigotry in general, said Keith Babich, president of Hillel.

Oral Muir, president of the UNITI Cultural Center, an organization that is cosponsoring Muhammad with Blackworld and other student oranizations, told Statesman he respects Hillel's decision to protest. "They have a right to protest and there is nothing to be said about it," he said. "Hopefully, it's a peaceful rally."

In an effort to protest racism as it perceives on Muhammad's part, Hillel had attempted in the last two Polity Senate meetings to prevent several Polity-funded groups from allocating funds for the controversial speaker. But the group had no legal recourse "I would prompt people to come and hear him speak and hear for themselves."

— Oral Muir, president of the UNITI Cultural Center, on the appearance of Khalid Abdul Muhammad on campus this week

to block Polity funding for the event, said Polity Presidnet Dan Slepian.

According to Slepian, the only way to regulate the spending of a Polity-funded organization against its will is to prove financial mismanagement.

Though a motion was raised in two consecutive meetings to call mismanagement of funds on the various organizations that funded Muhammad, it was rejected both times. Passing of the motion would have prompted an investigation into the organizations' financial management and accounting, not an automatic removal of Polity funds, according to Treasurer David Greene.

Babich said he fears that the controversy surrounding Muhammadcan unjustly damage black-Jewish relations. "One of the problems is it's being divided into a Jewish versus African-American issue, but it's clearly not," he said. "There are students across all racial lines that feel

strongly.

Among the groups that announced in a full-page Statesman advertisement that they will join Hillel in the vigil against racism are: The Muslim Student Association, the Pre-Med Society, and several member groups of the Interfaith Center.

Muhammad is the national assistant to controversial minister Louis Farakkhan of the Nation of Islam, a black Moslem organization. He is lauded by the black community for advocating black empowerment, yet he is accused in various media sources of making racially hostile statements.

The New York Times quoted Muhammad as having called Columbia University "Columbia Jew-niversity in Jew York." He reportedly referred to Jews as "dirty hook-nosed Jews," according to Victor Green of the Progressive Student Union at Queens College. Green also alleged that Muhammad said, "African-Americans should slit the throats of Koreans and Jews."

Muir said Muhammad should not be judged by quotes from newspapers. "Many of the people that now have formulated opinions about who he is have not even heard his name prior to this," he said. "I would prompt people to come and hear him speak... hear for themselves. We all have to listen to him speak."

The black and Jewish communities experienced similar controversy when Leonard Jeffries, former head of the Africana Studies department at the City College of New York whose racial comments also were the subject of controversy, spoke at Stony Brook last October. Hillel held an open forum in response to Jeffries' speech, in which members of the Jewish and black communities debated over Jeffries' teachings.

Muir said a new discussion forum for blacks and Jews "is in the works," but it will not be designated as a response session to any one incident.



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By Shane Rosenberg an Staff Writer

Stony Brook computer modern users can now access a campuswide information system by modem from computers throughout campus.

SB News provides a vehicle for all campus departments and offices that would like to distribute information to students, staff and faculty, said university spokesman Dan Forbush. Anyone who dials into a computer that is linked to main campus computers by modern or special campus account can obtain information through this service. Students can even access SB News through their personal computers, Forbush said.

After launching the program, users can receive information such as campus calenders of events, a daily news and events program called Electric Currents, a daily weather report, and a phone directory. The directory currently lists only faculty, but will soon be updated to include students, said Forbush.

A steering committee chaired by Forbush has been set up to formalize the content and style of SB News. The committee approves items for publication in SB News. "We plan to have it in full function in the fall," Forbush said. "It should take several months to get everyone trained and get many more bulletin boards." Forbush congratulated Computing Services for bringing software on this campus to make this possible. The software is Princeton University's "PINS," which is available to Stony Brook at no cost to the university. Another representative of the steering committee, Charlie Bowman said, "I think it is an exciting means to provide information to people. The more we have participating in this the more valuable it becomes".

The computer service is available not only on campus, but can also be accessed from all over the world through a special connection called INTERNET, an international computer network, said Forbush.

Some users are not impressed. "It isn't all that great,"

said Tamika Stephens, a freshman who has tried SB News in the library. "I can get all of the information in the school newspapers and as for the directory, I have my own book right in my room.'

Joe Fazio, vice president of undergraduate studies and a member of the steering committee said, "We are discussing at the moment with [the Faculty Student Association] to have classified ads in SB News, such as students' ads for rides home, things for sale and any other special notices by the students." Other proposed future additions include undergraduate schedules and a question and answer forum to address student issues.

Provost: Grad stipends to be restored

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But he added that the money will not necessarily be available without sacrifices elsewhere. "This will mean. .. cuts to other academic sectors," he said. "You've got to realize that there are faculty wondering if they're going to get tenured."

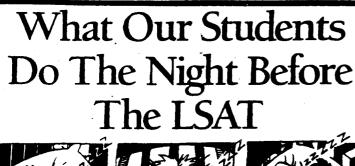
McTigue told Statesman the cut was a shift in emphasis from graduate to undergraduate academics and called it "shortsighted." She said such a cut would hurt the university's research capacity and cut off its most costeffective resource: graduate students.

But Edelstein said the graduate program could withstand a temporary shift in emphasis. "The quality of the graduate program is far greater than the quality of [the] undergraduate programs," he said. "The issue of making Stony Brook a place that is a research university is not something I intend to scuttle . . . I realize that [the graduate students] care about the reputation of the gradu-

The University Senate will hold a debate tonight at 7 pm between Edelstein and several academic committees on campus, including the GSO, in Harriman Hall, room 137, said McTigue.

"The quality of the graduate program is far greater than the quality of the undergraduate programs."

— Provost Tilden Edelstein









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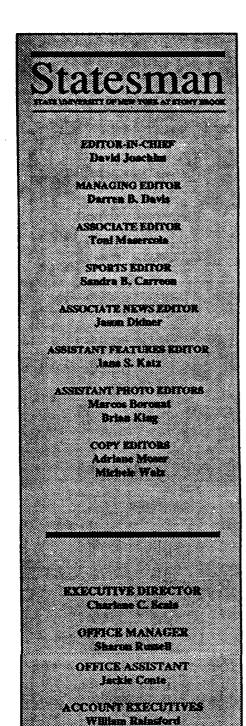
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Editorial

Peacefully Protest Muhammad's Evil Words

Polity's approval of Khallid arguments. Abdul Muhammad's appearance at Stony Brook has incited campus debate and raised the question: does Polity indeed have the right to decide how clubs should spend the money students allocate to them from student activity fees?

Statesman believes clubs should spend their money any way they choose, so long as they do not mismanage the funds. And while Muhammad may reeked of racism, his coming here to speak cannot and should not be construed as mismanagement.

The Polity Senate showed good sense last Wednesday by not setting horrible precedent by micromanaging the minority clubs funding Muhammad's appearance.

And senators who voted in favor of funding the speaker showed courage by not crumbling under the pressure of the opposing groups, who had lustfully convincing

An example of mismanagement would be utilizing Polity funds to cover personal expenses not directly related to the goals of Polity or Polity-sponsored organizations. The decision of the various clubs to have Muhammad speak here is not mismanagement. Part of these clubs' goals is to foster awareness of the diversity on campus and incite debate. And some of them believe that having Muhammad speak would expose students to a different point of view.

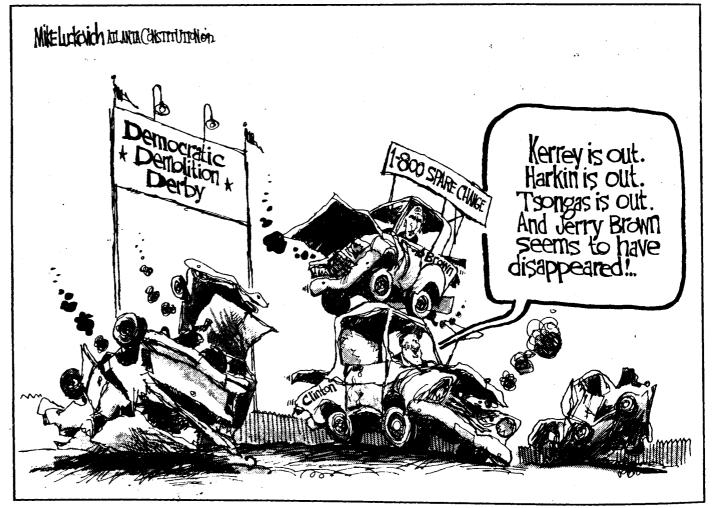
Statesman believes in Dr. Muhammad's right to speak, albeit stereotypical cynicisms that in the end, will accomplish nothing, except breed prejudice and hate. However, we are in full support of the protest against Muhammad's beliefs. His comments in the past have been deplorable and are a throwback to the old days when black slaves called the white man "Master." Instead of

promoting the step forward, Muhammad goes backward.

In a campus as diverse as ours. a premium is placed on openmindedness and racial tolerance. Students have a right to hear different views, but should not be swayed by views that clearly undermine other races.

In protesting, students must utilize their reason and intelligence. Students must not subscribe to violence in order to make their point. violent protest is as counterproductive as Muhammad's comments; both relay very negative and dangerous messages.

The one positive that will result in Muhammad's appearance at Stony Brook is that it will encourage debate. Students are debating now and he has vet to step foot on campus. It is our hope that the debate that will ensue after Muhammad provides helpful alternatives to combat racism.



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Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, April 20, 1992

Getting in shape for the summer

By Jana S. Katz Statesman Assistant Features Edito

UMMER'S coming and so are the skimpy clothes. But, what do you do when the season is ready and you're not? Don'trun out for a liposuction appointment just yet. There's still enough time to slim down for summer and stay that way.

"Diets are the most important thing," says Daniel T. Hayes, Irving College residence hall director, who has organized fitness routines as a personal trainer since 1982. But, don't panic, starving yourself is not a recommended method of dieting. In fact, it may help you to gain those ghastly extra pounds.

"The body goes through an involuntary process of self preservtaion," says Hayes, who has owned several gyms. "If you eat once a day, your body stores much more fat as a result of that, as opposed to training your body to make it a lot healthier." He adds, "The 'I'm not going to eat today' kind of thing tells your body to store all of it." Instead, teaching your body to

digest everything will keep your metabolism going at faster rate and keep it digesting everything. Eating small meals constantly throughout the day is the way to slenderize.

But watching what you eat is essential. According to Natalie DiPietro, Benedict College Fitness Center aerobics instructor and junior, more carbohydrates and proteins are needed. Hayes suggests more vegetables, especially for the last meal of the day — which should be eaten more than two hours before sleeping because they cleanse the system. Also cleansing the system, fruit acts as a diuretic, according to Hayes, and their natural sugars keep the metabolism rate steady.

Turkey and chicken are the best meats for protein without excess fat, says DiPietro. White meat, according to Hayes, has less fat than dark meat And, for carbohydrates, both pasta and baked potatoes are healthy. Though to lose some inches, food is not the only thing to watch.

"Water initiates a weight loss because it cleanses the

Statesman/Marcos Borona

Students shape up in a morning aerobics class in the Indoor Sports Complex

whole system," says Sherry Kaplan, 21, aerobics instructor and Stony Brook graduate. DiPietro agreed: "[Water] fills you up, it keeps you from being bloated because it keeps everything going through you." But on Long Island, water may not be very healthy.

"Water's great," says Hayes, but on Long Island it's very chlorinated. He suggests sodium free seltzer instead. But even better for dieters is grapefruit juice. "Grapefruit has an enzyme in it that cuts fat, grapefruit juice is the best. The other [juices] have a lot of sugar," he said. Cranberry juice, a diuretic, helps too.

But beware — stay clear of all sodas, even diet sodas. They have a lot of sodium and chemicals. Sodium defeats the dieter with bloating. After sweating over what to eat and drink, you're ready for some real sweating.

"If you can get into a gym, do aerobics and toning," says Kaplan, but "do different things, don't get into a rut." Hayes suggests, "Walking and stretching.

Whatever's uncomfortable. If onefourth of a mile is difficult for you then do one-fourth of a mile and try to add on." For beginners, "Walking would be the best thing," DiPietro instructs. Keep your pelvis held up, stomach in and walk with your hips not only the legs.

According to Hayes, walking and jogging both burn the same amount of fat and number of calories. But, that's a walk, not a serene stroll. Hayes suggests a fast walk, at a pace of about 12 to 13 minutes per mile using your arms as much as possible. Any aerobic activity is essential for weight loss. "All you absolutely need is to train the heart and lungs for 20 minutes a day, three days a week." says Hayes. Training is a very individual thing, though Kaplan suggests walking, bicycling or toning for at least a half-hour, four times a week. But don't walk onto the scale.

Don't be hung up on weight, says Kaplan. You might gain a few pounds, but lose a few inches. "Muscle weighs three times more than fat," she says. Hayes agrees: "Scales are the biggest mistake in the world." Inches are more important than pounds.

According to the April issue of Self magazine, to measure upper arms, put the tape measure in the middle, between your elbow and armpit, keeping your arm straight and relaxed. To measure chest and back, do it around the chest, above the breasts. The waist is measured around the narrowest point, "but if you can't pinch more than half and inch, there's nothing you can do to make it smaller — apart from removing a rib." The abdomen is measured over the hip bones, not the waist. The hips and buttocks are measured at the fullest part. Thighs are also measured at the fullest part, separately, below the crotch. Measurements are a big part of goal setting.

"You have to state your goals, write your goals and make them reasonable," says Hayes. "Change your mindset, start making time for working out. When you do that, you know you've crossed over into understanding it's very important to develop not just the body but the mind."

King's X: An outstanding progressive band

By Steven A. Ventura

two great bands in 1991; Queen, whose career spanned 20 years, and Jane's Addiction, who created a stir and disbanded at their peak, few bands remained with equally strong, lyrical concepts. King's X is such a band.

King's X is a Texas based power trio whose latest self-titled release, King's X,

stays true to the music crafted with their previous albums, Out of the Silent Planet, Gretchen goes to Nebraska, and Faith, Hope, Love. The songs are powerful yet melodic, with "Abbey Road" style Beatles' harmonies tempering the hard rock playing of bassist and lead singer Doug Pinnick, guitarist Ty Tabor, and drummer Jerry Gaskill. Tabor's thick guitar sound and Pinnick's R and B tinged vocals continue to be the focal points. But, this time, their "start and stop" band punctuation has been reduced.

The extended jams that let Tabor cut loose are missing. The band has streamlined its approach to song crafting, but has not suffered as a result, and it's probable that the jams will be heard during their live shows.

Instead, of the instrumentals, the emphasis is on the songs. While the acoustic/electric guitar strut of "Prisoner," the whimsical, bouncing feel of "Lost in Germany," the thumpingly grand "Chariot Song," and the other sitar embellished "Not Just for the Dead," are

outstanding, the slower numbers such as "The Big Picture" and "Dreaming in My Life" are equally powerful and mesmirizing.

The bands' strong religious conviction is sprinkled throughout this album, and because this is the first King's X release without a lyric sheet, the listener is made to unravel the messages within.

It feels good to be truly impressed by a band again, and this album comes highly recommended to fans of thoughtful hard rock music.

CAMPUS VOICES

By Brian King

Question of the Week:

If you could build one new structure on campus, what would it be?



"A miniature park with swings, a pend and benches so people have a place to get away."

> Deborah Conway, 21 Class: Junior Major: History

"Underground tunnels, so people from tropical countries won't be cold."

> Cynthia Suarez, 22 Sophomore Psychology





"A monument to tuition hikes that rises from underneath the president's office, so he'll have it coming up his butt too."

> Liam McGrath, 21 Senior Political Science

"A huge condom to protect the above monument."

Elizabeth Connolly, 19 Freshman Environmental Science



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



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NICE CATCH!

Elizabeth Connolly, a freshman, plays frisbee outside Gray College recently.

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PRESIDENT

Richard Cole

Richard Cole

He served as a senator in the undergraduate student government at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. before transfering to Stony Brook during the second semester of his freshman year. Presidential candidate Richard Cole, 20, now a junior, is a commuter student senator and assistant vice president for the Commuter Student Association.

"Politics is my life," says Cole, who last semester became the first student to chair a university senate committee. He said he resigned as head of the student life committee last semester because he was discouraged by lack of faculty involvement with student issues. Other committees he has been involved with include the internal affairs committee and non-discriminatory committee. Cole also served as vice president of Phi Alpha Delta, a pre-law fraternity.

The worst thing about Polity is the lack of services it provides for the students, he says. One of the things he will implement if he is elected, he adds, is a Polity hotline. "When I think of student government, I think of services

to the students," Cole says. "Student activity fees should be used by the students, for the students."

Concerned with keeping students' money on campus, Colecites NYPIRG, USSA, and SASU's use of over \$80,000 as an example of too much money spent off-campus.

Cole says Polity lacks the "true leadership" he can provide. "A leader needs to risk a little bit of themselves and stand up for the students," says Cole. "I'm not afraid to stand up for what I think and for what the people I represent think. I get up and I say what's on my mind."

Cole believes he has brought ideas to the Polity Senate that have inspired dialogue and says he has proven his leadership qualities in the senate.

"In the past we've had people who were too concerned with making friends," says Cole, who fears the election will be more of a popularity contest than an election about the issues. "I'm not a big socialite."

-- Patricia Huang

David Greene

David Greene, who served as Polity senator for Toscanini College and acting treasurer before he was elected treasurer last November, successfully petitioned last week to become a presidential candidate.

"Students need to know they have an ally on campus when they need to get things done," says Greene. "Students need to feel the presence of Polity. We need to come together and be effective."

Greene, a senior who was also a member of the Programs and Services Council, a committee that allocates program funding to student clubs, was chairman of the Polity bylaws revision committee and chaired the budget committee for programs before becoming treasurer of the \$1.7 million organization.

"Polity needs to be more effective and accessible by educating students on issues and giving more information to the student body," he says.

Greene was recently appointed by Polity President

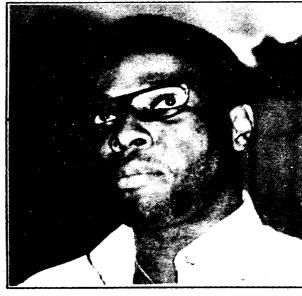
Dan Slepian as liaison between the Division of Campus Residences and Polity. Last Thursday, he and Slepian met with Schick College residents to address the division's threats to relocate residents for high common area damage bills. The division is trying to "manipulate the residents of this campus and remove their tenants rights," he said at the meeting.

Several of the more than 70 residents accused Greene of calling the meeting for political purposes. He could not be reached to respond.

Greene was blasted by several Polity candidates in last year's Common Sense party after they were disqualified by the election board. Greene, who was then a senator, charged the party with campaigning early.

(Greene could not be reached before press time. This profile was compiled by a Statesman reporter from previous interviews.)

- David Joachim



David Greene

Michael Lyons

He says he likes to organize events. These events range from a multiple sclerosis fund-raiser he organized as the treasurer of the Sigma Chi Beta fraternity to an arm wrestling tournament he organized as resident assistant of A-O in Benedict College.

Presidential candidate Michael Lyons, 21, first served as an alternate senator for O'Neil College when he transfered from New York Tech two years ago and has been the H Quad representative of the room rate committee. Lyons also has served on the executive board of the Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council and recently resigned as assistant photography editor of Statesman to run for the presidency.

He says that Polity and the senate need to work more efficiently. "There are so many issues that they waste time on," Lyons says. "They're more caught up in inter-personal squabbles."

Lyons says he is concerned with the visibility of Polity and its accessibilty to students. "Polity doesn't

make an effort to let students know what they pay for," says Lyons, who also criticizes Polity for not sufficiently informing students on issues.

Lyons plans to propose what he calls the "the Polity half page idea." The plan involves publishing a summary of all motions made at senate meetings with a list of all senators, the college they represent, and their vote on each issue. "You would know if your senator was absent, first of all," he says. "And you would know how he voted for you."

Campus safety is another issue Lyons says he is concerned with. "Public Safety screams that they don't get enough respect," says Lyons, who believes that Public Safety should be less concerned with how much respect it gets and give more respect to students. "The cost of education is enough to worry about... Public Safety is getting paid to be here for us. I know they're trying, but the bottom line is they're not doing enough."

— Patricia Huang



Michael Lyons

VICE PR



Keith Babich

Keith Babich brings to his run for the vice presidency a history of leadership as a resident assistant and as student president of the B'nai B'rith Hillel student club.

"There aren't enough students that are actively involved with student government," says Babich, a junior who also serves as student ambassador. "There are issues that students need to know about and decisions they need to be involved with. There's a large percentage of students that aren't being reached."

Babich says the key to reaching students is an educational program that reaches out to students and explains what Polity is and how it can be used by students. "They need to know more about Polity... because it's there to benefit the students. I think a small number of students are reaping the benefits of Polity," he says

As students must be educated, Babich says, they must also educate Polity. "We need to have a better handle on what it is the students actually want," he says. "Polity should effectively listen to and represent what it is the students want."

Babich says his experience in Hillel uniquely qualifies him for the office of vice president. "The Hillel student club has 500 members," he says. "I've had to represent a large number of students. I've done a very effective job with Hillel."

Babich says his student ambassadorship can also serve Polity well. "Within Polity you have to be able to work with administration. For over two years, I have worked with the administration through my student ambassadorship."

Babich's experience as an RA has put him in touch with resident students, he notes. "I've consistently dealt with the needs of my residents," he says. But he adds that he does not plan to exclude the concerns of commuter students. "The issues that commuters face on campus are quite different from what residents face," he says, "and Polity should effectively represent commuters as they do resident students."

- Jason Didner



Jerry Canada

As a first-year Polity senator for Irving College, sophomore Jerry Canada says he understands the importance of communication. It is the belief in a strong channel of communication that Canada takes to his vice presidential campaign.

"My campaign will be an outreach program to the student body," Canada says. "I want to bring government back to them."

In bringing the government back to the students, Canada hopes he will help upgrade student awareness, thereby bolstering students' school spirit. "You have to inform students directly," Canada says. "You have to talk to the building legisla-

ture. They're a very productive group that wants to get involved. Polity has to reach those students."

As part of his senator position, Canada is a member of the Internal Affairs Committee that "deals with Polity's internal problems," he says. Canada also serves the Polity Athletic Department Budget Sub-Committee that helps oversee allocation to government-funded athletic programs.

Canada is a proponent of the university's Division I initiative. "It's a positive move for the university," says Canada, who is also cocaptain of the men's indoor and outdoor track teams. "It will bring money into the school and increase student spirit."

Canada subscribes to the credo that hard work pays off. He promises to work hard if elected vice president. He wants to be a spokesman for students' needs and says he has made an effort to bridge the gap between Polity and the students. "I've given time and effort in the past and I'm willing to do more," Canada says.

"Campaigning for vice-president is like a job interview," he says. "I'm asking stul dents to vote for me because I want a job, a position. And I feel I'm qualified to handle this position."

- Sandra B. Carreon

Candidates for senior and sohomore repl delegate and Stony Brook Cour

SECRETARY

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Oral Muir

If Oral Muir is elected secretary, it will be his first office within Polity, although he has executive experience in leading a Polity-funded organization. Muir, a junior, is currently president of the UNITI Cultural Center, a group that he has been actively involved in minority programming.

"There's been discussion of Polity being inaccessible," says Muir. "Polity is everywhere," but the majority of students do not know it, he says. He said students who go to building legislature meetings and belong to clubs do not even know what Polity is. Informing them is part of this candidate's mission, he notes.

Muir wants not only to fill the secretarial position, but also expand it. "Student Polity is both a student government and a \$1.5 million corporation," he says. "It's not enough for a secretary just to take minutes. A secretary has to have financial, business and administrative experience."

Muir says he acquired much of his experience even before taking up executive duties in the cultural center. He cites his experience at a vocational high school and in past employment as keys to a successful term as secretary. "Wherever I've worked in the past I've been able to elevate myself to fully engaged the position I've been placed in and make it serve better," he says.

Muir says he refuses to link his campaign with any particular issues. "To address specific issues like arming [Public Safety] would be pulling away from the position," he says. "I'm not going to make an issue that's current my campaign. I'm going to be flexible in serving the needs of the students from year to year."

"Running the culture center has been an administrative experience for me," Muir says. He says the council could benefit from his experience in having sat on board meetings, where he developed skills of "negotiating, being able to come up with solutions . . . based in fact and some kind of research."

— Jason Didner



Rachel Richards

Rachel Richards has seen Polity's strong and weak points through her past year as Polity receptionist. What she has seen has inspired her to run for secretary. "There's a lot to be done up at Polity," she says

She cites the arming of Public Safety as a chief issue in her candidacy, but says she is not biased for or against arming. "It's not what I want," she says, "it's what the students want." If elected, she says she will commit herself to getting the students' views on the arming issue.

Richards' cites this kind of commit-

ment to student views as the cornerstone of her campaign effort. She stresses the importance of deferring her own judgements and opinions so she can fairly represent the student body in council. "I want to do what the students want me to do," she says.

Richards, a junior majoring in liberal studies, says she intends to work for the students and address their concerns on tuition hikes, campus safety and "the meal plan increase that is being forced upon the students."

Lack of student awareness is another issue Richards says she intends to confront. "There's a lot that Polity does to run the school and students aren't aware of that," she says. "Polity funds most organizations at Stony Brook. Activity fees fund all these clubs. Students aren't aware of where the money goes."

Richards says she is fully able to back up her intentions. "I feel that I will be a great representative for students," she says. "I'm strong and I can get done what the students want."

Richards can raise student awareness of Polity, she says, by trying to be available for students and listening to what they want.

— Jason Didner

ESIDENT



Nadia Chanza

Nadia Chanza, currently Polity's sophomore representative, seeks a second term on the executive council with a run for vice president. Chanza, a former senator from Gray College who currently sits on the University Senate, campaigns on the issues of tuition and fee increase, meal plan hikes, and campus security.

Chanza cites a history of political involvement for students' rights on campus, in the Albany and in the nation's capital.

resentative, judiciary, SASU and USSA ncil will appear on Thursday.

Chanza says she lobbied in Albany for students' rights and marched in Washington, D.C. two weeks ago for women's lives.

In addressing campus issues, Chanza says she must have the support of knowledgeable students. "I think an informed student is the most important thing," she said. In organizing several town meetings, including one last month that addressed the issue of arming Public Safety officers, she says she has had the responsibility of informing students on issues.

Chanza opposes arming Public Safety with guns, but feels the campus security force must more actively protect the campus. "It's important for not only students to be secure, but also students' property," she says. "I think Public Safety is not doing its job well . . . I think they should patrol the parking lots and not do something like community relations."

Chanza says she plans to take steps against the divisiveness among the various Polity-funded clubs and organizations. She proposes to form a league of presidents, in which a representative of Polity's executive council meets with all the organizations' presidents once a month.

Chanza says she is the most qualified candidate because of her experience. "I have a good grasp of what Polity needs to forge ahead. Polity has done some good things this year, but it needs to move forward."

- Jason Didner



Scott Joachim

Scott Joachim, a junior, says Polity should be more accessible to the students and says he has the experience to serve as vice president.

Joachim, who has served on Polity's judicial board, was a Polity senator; and served less than a month as *Statesman*'s news editor, says Polity is not accessible enough to the students who fund it.

"Polity needs to be more accessible in order to represent Stony Brook's diverse body," said Joachim. "Accessibility yields diversity and new ideas."

Joachim says that \$12,000 has been alotted to a lawyer available to activity fee

paying students, but few students are aware of his services. "It's a serious injustice when students aren't informed of services like this," Joachim said.

He said he is in favor of more advertising of all Polity services, including club and organization meetings. "I think we've learned that the students aren't going to come to Polity, Polity needs to come to the students," Joachim said. "Through Statesman I was dealing with student issues from all angles and I think in Polity we're dealing with people who are limited to what they see."

Joachim's concerns range from campus safety to campus activities. He said he would like to see progress in both of these areas. "I think Polity should be proactive in lobbying for more lighting on campus and overall just better safety conditions," he said. "Polity is supposed to serve."

Joachim added he is interested in getting more student activities and entertainment. "I think students deserve to see more concerts, more organized activities and a greater return for their money," Joachim said. "As a board member of SAB (student activities board), this would be one of my priorities."

The quality of academics also needs to improve, he said, and Polity should represent students who have problems with the curriculum. "I think Polity needs to play a greater role in utilizing the senators academic affairs," Joachim said.

— Krista DeMaria

JUNIOR REP

Michele Malone

Michele Malone says she wants to work with the commuter and resident

constituencies if she can land the position of junior representative. Malone—a senator from Hand College—brings to Polity the experience of four years in high school government, culminated



in a term as president of the student body.

Malone criticizes the current lineup of Polity for not persuing actively enough the involvement of students. "I will be

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more accessible to the students than the present representatives," she says.

"I think that the whole student body should be involved, and not just the senators and not just the ones [in] student Polity," Malone says. She plans to reestablish a Polity hotline — which had existed a few years ago — in which students can speak with their representatives or leave them a message.

The resident senator says Polity must work harder to involve commuter students. "For commuters — being that they're paying an activity fee — activities [should be] more publicized where commuter students can see them in the academic buildings." She says the advertising in commuter lounge in the Student Union is not enough to catch commuters' attention. "Commuters that signed my petition said they had no idea that there was a commuter legislation."

Malone says Polity must a stand concerning state budget cuts. "As a senator, I haven't really seen the senate effectively work on the budget cuts, as well as the tuition increases," she says.

- Jason Didner

Joanne Morabito

Commuter senator Joanne Morabito bases her campaign for junior representa-

tive on "getting the whole student community, commuters and residents alike, to work together," she says.

If elected, Morabito will "make it a point to go to . . . [building] legislation meetings at least

once a week [and] let [residents] know what's going on," she says. "I think I have a pretty good rapport within a lot of the people who are residents."

Morabito is no stranger to advocating the needs of students. She has lobbied in Albany to condemn tuition hikes that students will face next year.

Morabito plans to represent students' needs for a less expensive meal plan. She considers this a special area of expertise,

as her sister works for Marriott Corporation's food service at Fordham University. She says she can use her sister's knowledge and experience to "maybe get a better deal with ARA."

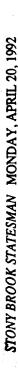
Morabito also places special emphasis on the issue of campus security. Because she is a transfer student from University of Florida — a school where several students were recently murdered — she considers security important.

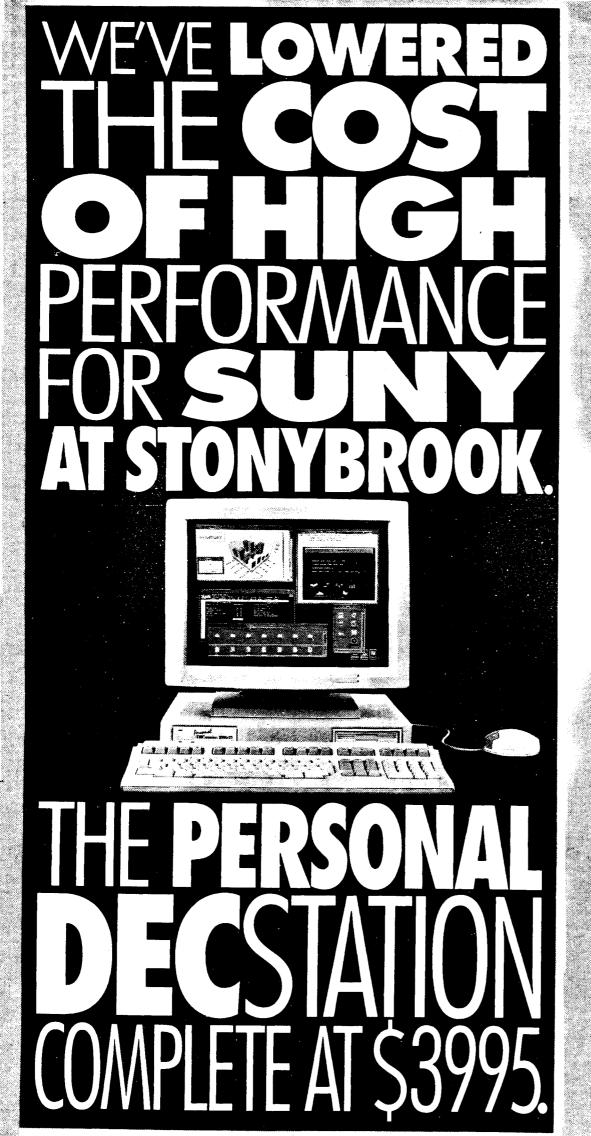
"Unfortunately, we live in a world where it's not always the right thing to do to walk alone at night," Morabito says. "I know we have an escort service with Public Safety, but no one knows about it." She calls for an advertising campaign, in which Polity can extend the escort service to more of the students who need it.

— Jason Didner

CANDIDATES'
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Lorretta Schaeffer, Tricia Stuart and Joe Villanueva also petitioned successfully as candidates for junior representative. They could not be reached before press time, but will be included in Thursday's issue.





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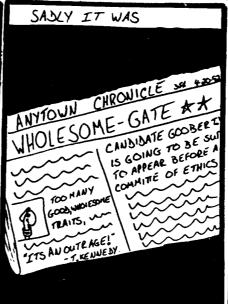
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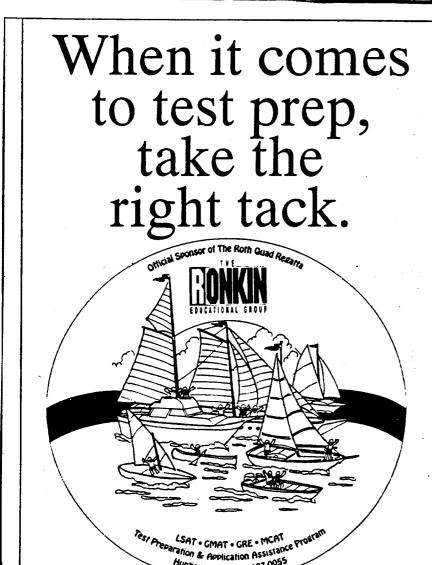












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An open letter to the Stony Brook community STAND UP AGAINST RACISM & BIGOTRY

We, the undersigned organizations stand firmly opposed to all forms of racism, bigotry, hatred,

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Dr. Khallid Abdul Muhammad, National Assisant to Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan, has been invited to speak on campus April 22. His appearance is cause for concern among all those who oppose bigotry, racism, and hatred. We recognize that Dr. Muhammad and the Nation of Islam organization deliver a powerful and important message about African-American empowerment. However, we cannot overlook his repeated racist and anti-Semetic speeches and statements, made on a number of University campuses.

* "At Columbia University...in his opening statement, [Dr.] Muhammad made a gleeful point of emphasizing that he was at 'Columbia Jewniversity in Jew York.'

Nat Hentoff, New York Times

* "When he [Dr. Muhammad] spoke in Ithaca [he] made the comment that all African-Americans should take the nearest Jewish individual and kill him/her. On the night of February 21, 1992... he made such comments as "dirty, hook-nosed Jews." [and] that 'African-Americans should slit the throats of Koreans and Jews.' He commented on the fact that Hitler used the skins of Jewish people for lamp shades and wallets (at which point many people in the audience laughed), [and] then said that Hitler probably had good reason for exterminating six million people."

Victor Green, Progressive Student Union, Queens College

* "He [Dr. Muhammad] remarked that the Central park jogger's attackers [are] in jail all because of a 'no-good, low-down, nasty white woman.' Khallid Muhammad first and foremost...hates Jews. in the past he's expressed admiration for Henry Ford's willingness, in the early decades of the century, to stand up to 'international Jewry.' This henry Ford fan...is no leftist: he's a Jew-hater."

New York Post, January 26, 1991

* "There was AIDS, 'which didn't come from a green monkey. It came from a white monkey-with a suit and a white coat. **Don't you put it past white folks,'** he [Muhammad] cautioned...[an audience at Virginia Tech University]"

Roanoke Times & World News, April 21, 1990

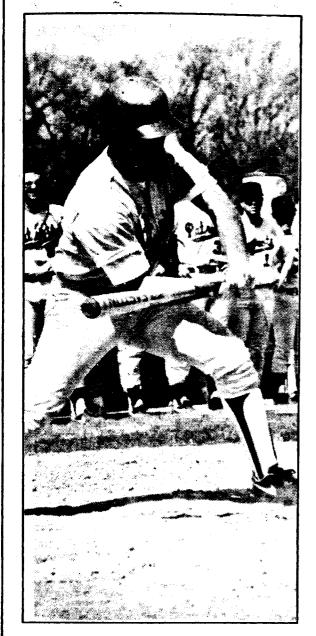
We are strongly opposed to and condemn this dangerous and hateful racist and anti-Jewish message given in past speeches by Dr. Khallid Abdul Muhammad and propagated by the Nation of Islam organization. We invite all concerned members of the Stony Brook community to join us in speaking out against all forms of racism, bigotry, and hatred.

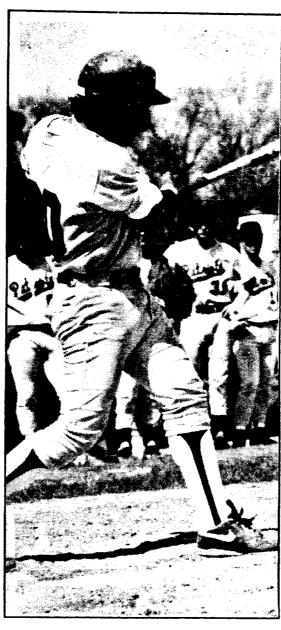
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BASEBALL FEVER

The Patriots, having been rained out Friday afternoon against New Paltz, will resume its baseball schedule Wednesday as they host Kings Point. They will look to maintain spring baseball fever with game time scheduled for 3:30 pm.

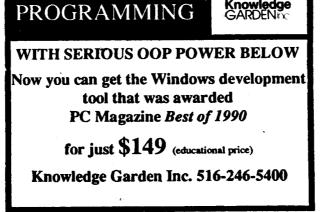
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Pats maintain effort despite back-to-back Ls

By Laney Biffer

"There is no failure except in no longer trying." Those words written by Elbert Hubbard in his book entitled *The Note Book*, apply to the men's tennis team's continuous efforts to try despite recent defeats against Dowling College and Hofstra University, dropping their record to 3-4.

The team has not given up. In fact they are being drilled even harder than ever during practices for their upcoming games. They

Men's Tennis

realize their mistakes and are taking measures to remedy

The team lost to Hofstra, 4-5 last Wednesday. It was a very close match, especially in light of the fact that they played against Division I players.

Despite the loss, the day had many highlights. Tony Lu won at first singles 6-0 and 6-1. Lu and Ariel Malabanan also reigned in their doubles match winning 6-1, 6-1. "My teammates are my inspiration," Lu said. "I wouldn't have gotten this far without them."

Pallav Shah was also in the spotlight, winning at sixth singles 7-6 and 6-3. Dejan Novakovic won at number two singes 6-3 and 6-4. "The match was pretty easy," said Novakovic.

Novakovic commented on the performance of the team as a whole: "We have a lot to learn and have not been

"We have a lot to learn. We are much better than we are showing." —Patriot Dejan Novakovic

playing up to par," he said. "We are much better than we are showing."

Alex Kaltsas who lost to a tie breaker 6-4, 6-2, and 6-2 said "We are mentally stressed. I had a chance at winning, either of us could have won the match. Sean Mahar agreed that the team should have beaten Hofstra. "We are better than them from top to bottom," said Mahar.

When asked if the Divisional ranking matters in terms of whether a match is challenging or not, Naveen Balasubramanyam felt that it is not the Divisional ranking they play that makes the game challenging, but the individual team.

"The loss to Hofstra was demoralizing," said Mahar. Kings Point.

Mahar hopes the team will recover form their losses quickly. The team plans to work hard for the rest of the season by having a lot of drills.

Head Coach Chuck Carron was disappointed over the team not wining either match. "We played against two teams who are evenly matched to us," Carron said. "We lost close matches in singles and doubles." The Patriot team lost to Dowling, a Division II team last Monday, 3-6. Lu lost at first singles 6-0, 6-0. However, Novakovic won 7-5 and 6-0.

The Patriots tennis team hosts Staten Island tomorrow at 4 pm before finishing off the season schedule with three consecutive road games against Mercy, Old Westbury and Kings Point.

Racioppi and Verunac shine in Pats win

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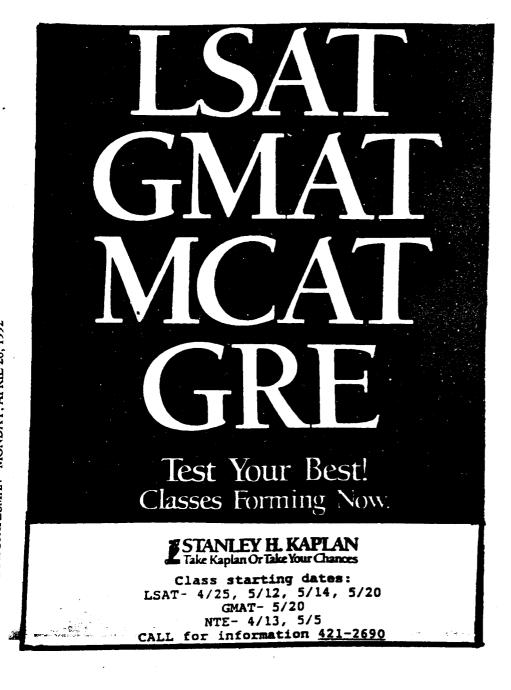
gap in right center with the bases loaded. Racioppi also added that because she didn't get much action in rightfield, she was excited at the plate.

Racioppi has been playing softball since the age of 13. She loves to pitch and played high school ball at South Shore in Brooklyn. In her senior year, she made all-city.

Racioppi, who is taking 25 credits this semester said, "It's very frustrating having to miss games because of physical therapy classes, so when I'm here I try to do my best."

Verunac and Racioppi are only two of many talented athletes on the Patriots softball team. While the team is winning, they are playing together as a team and having fun. The Patriots' Thursday game against William Paterson was rained out and will be re-played on the 29th. The next home game is scheduled for this Wednesday against Lehman College at 3:30 pm. This weekend, the Patriots will host SUNY rival Binghamton in a double-header match-up set to begin at 12 pm Saturday.

Next Tuesday, the team hosts Old Westbury.





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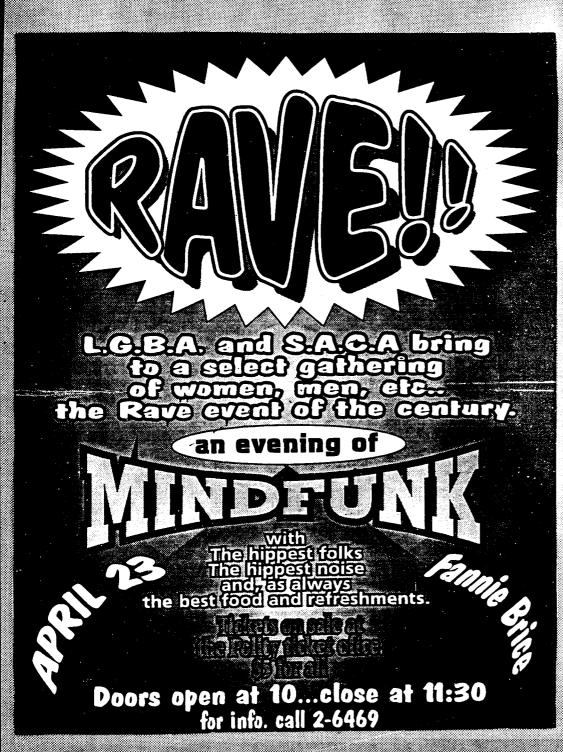
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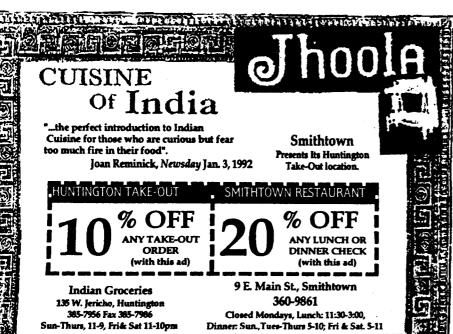
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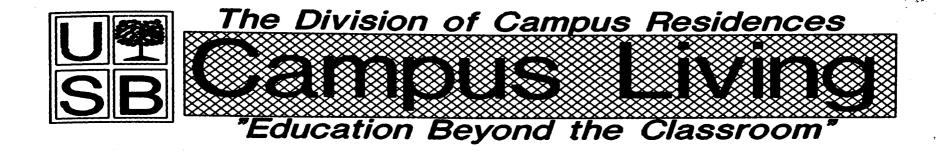
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Patriots laxmen suffer collapse to Georgetown

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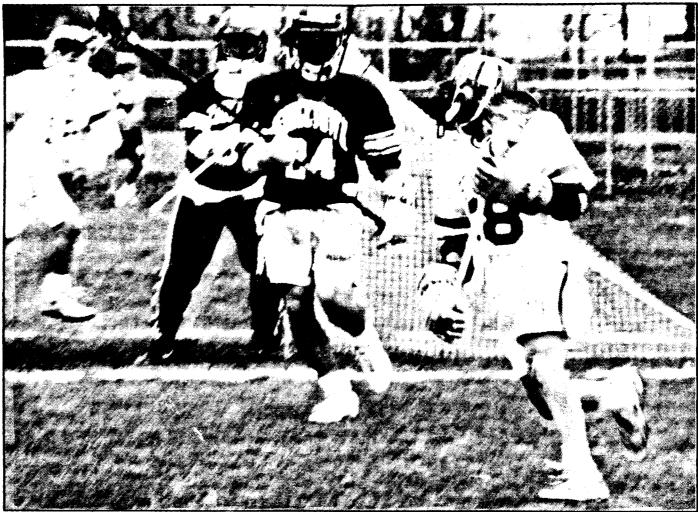
Sommese's tally after a confusion in the Hoyas crease, was Stony Brook's final goal of the game. Sommese, who is the team leader in points this year, scooped the ball up in a loose-ball situation and beat the Georgetown goalkeeper with a shot that brought the Pats lead up to three.

"The defense was good," Chamberlain said after the disappointing loss, "but we got away from our gameplan and we beat ourselves."

In beating themselves, the Patriots lost composure during the second quarter. And even though the Patriots recorded more shots, they were unable to surmount the five-goal cushion Georgetown created.

"Georgetown has great sticks," Greg Cannella, assistant coach, said. "We wanted to slow down and play our pace. But in the second half, we got away from our gameplan."

The Patriots will look to rebound this Friday as they host U.S. Air Force Academy at 3:30 pm. They travel to Boston College on the 26th before playing their final game of the season on May 2, as they host Ohio State.



James Sommese (38) attempts to set up play Saturday against Georgetown

Statesman/Ed Polania

Racioppi, Verunac lead Pats past Hawks

By Joe Coluccio Statesman Staff Writer

The Patriots softball team improved its record to 6-1 on Wednesday as they romped the visiting Hunter College Hawks, also 6-1, by a score of 18-2.

The whole team was solid but seniors Kim Verunac and Traci Racioppi had excep-

Softball

tional games.

Verunac was an impressive 3-for-5, with three RBIs and two

stolen bases. Verunac also scored three times. Hitting the ball hard every time up, Verunac got rid of early jitters. "My first at-bat I was nervous facing their pitcher because she killed us last year," said Verunac, adding "but once I

got a hit, I was more comfortable." Verunac's third at-bat was a single to rightfield that drove in two runs.

Verunac's heads-up base running allowed her to score three times. Although she does not possess blazing speed, she always seems to know when to run and when to stay.

"Today's game was awesome," Verunac said after having helped the Patriots defeat the Hunter Hawks. "I had so much fun." said Verunac.

Verunac has been playing softball since she was nine years old. Her favorite position is second base, but her versatility allows her to play shortstop as well. Verunac attended high school at Smithtown West and played varsity softball for three years. She made all-league during her

sophomore year and was team captain her senior year. Verunac gives credit to her teammates and coach, Judy Christ. She said she hopes the team goes all the way this year, compared to last season's fourth place finish in the State Championships.

Racioppi had an outstanding game against the Hawks as well. She was a very solid 3-for-3 with two doubles and four RBIs. Racioppi continues to deliver clutch hits for the Patriots at clutch times. Racioppi, who also pitches said, "because I wasn't pitching, I was able to focus more on my hitting."

And focus she did, once hitting a two-out double in the

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ATESMAN MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1992

Writers and Players Not on Same Team

AM ONE YEAR INTO THE PROCESS OF postschool education. One April day 12 and a half months ago, I became sports editor of Statesman. And believe me, it's been 12 months of learning and understanding, growing and affirming.

I say "process" because this type of education is something that's never fully quenched; one can never know everything there is to know and one should never be satisfied that he or she knows it all.

I say "post-school education" because Statesman has provided me with a firsthand look at what I will be doing once I leave the friendly confines of college. Working here has affirmed my aspiration with regards to sports journal-SANDRA SAYS ism and I only hope that the professional sports world and the paid me-Sandra B. Carreon dia world will be as welcoming of me as Stony Brook has been.

After one year, I don't know everything. The most significant thing I learned here thus far, though, is that it is pivotal for sportswriters to understand the dynamics of the player-media relationship.

What is the ideal player-media relationship?

Some fans believe that sportswriters are extensions of the teams they cover — that the conversations exchanged between regular beatwriters and players fosters some type of camaraderie, even fraternity or sorority.

Some sportswriters believe they are honorary members of the team: sportswriters who are fans themselves feel this title is owed to them after all of the time and heart they've invested in the athletes; all fans need and want reciprocation and an honorary team member title reciprocates quite nicely.

For players, at least in observing the professional athletes, they allow sportswriters to believe they are indeed part of the team — when it is to their best interest. They allow sportswriters to become their megaphones when contracts beg for renegotiation or the MVP award is up for grabs.

Alternatively, players stay mum and hush-hush

when situations do not favor them: the press is an enemy to a player batting a futile .189 or a team losers of the last ten. Some athletes feel the media try to exploit them at their most vulnerable hours and the lighthearted banter exchanged amid a winning streak

becomes "no comment" amid less auspicious

The danger in this is that the definition of the relationship becomes obscure. The players' hot-cold attitude confuses the media, or so the media would contend. The point is, the media should not be confused because the media has to define the relationship and stick with that definition. The media cannot deviate

> from the line of professionalism, regardless of how friendly or unfriendly his or her subject is.

I was afraid that I couldn't find a balance with the Patriots. Being a mem-

ber of the campus, I thought maybe I'd allow friendships to hinder my objectivity. And knowing many of the players off the field as classmates and peers, I thought to myself, how can I separate them in my mind as athletes whom I must glorify at times and criticize at others for the sake of a job.

I particularly find myself straddling and challenging the line of balance with the basketball players. The men's basketball team was the first team I covered at Stony Brook. I feel a certain security and ease with them that I don't think I can replicate with another team

When the team got off to a shaky start this year, I questioned the players' heart. Having covered them extensively, I felt the players did not seem as focused as I was certain they could have been. Part of me felt that in questioning them, I was betraying them. Still, duty called and my duty was to claim the players were not putting out 100 percent effort.

This was by far the toughest thing to learn. Mastering the computers, becoming versed in the editing and persevering through a lot of the administrative aspects inherent to the position were nothing compared with

ship-influenced feelings aside.

Sportswriters and sports players are not on the same team, though some may argue otherwise. Sure, many writers want to tell themselves they're really buddy-buddy with Michael Jordan or Jordan may tell himself he's really buddy-buddy with Ira Berkow. There's nothing wrong with developing this type of friendship, as it is inevitable given the respective parties' tasks. But sportswriters have to set the boundaries and know when to exercise the limits.

If a player is not doing the job, it is the sportswriter's duty to report that to the public. Likewise, if a sportswriter is maliciously reporting above and beyond the game and game-related news, the player has every right to cite the lack of professionalism.

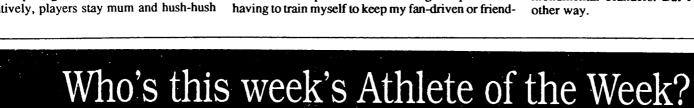
The sportswriter credo should be "Readers come first," not the player, not the coach and certainly not himself or herself. Congruently, the players have to understand that their responsibility is to the fans.

The Mets handled their situation poorly in spring training when they decided to boycott the sportswriters, who had nothing to do with the gossipy, tabloidy innuendos spread about them. In this case, the players failed to see that they were shafting fans who could care less about who of them slept with whom and only cared that Bobby Bonilla would pay dividends and Howard Johnson would play a decent centerfield.

The players and the media are not batting for the same team. Each committed to one of these two fields must learn and understand this. I admit, it was hard for me to grasp the distinction. I remember being accused of homerism early on in my tenure. But I'm happy to say that the accusations have dwindled as I have come further and further along in this educational process.

This past year has been one of trial and error. I've received comments ranging from "Nice article" to "You don't know a thing about sports." I've had days when a story seemed to flow and days when I stared nine hours blankly into the glaring computer with nothing but a paragraph to show for my troubles. I've had my share of applause and I've made my share of monumental blunders. But I wouldn't have it any





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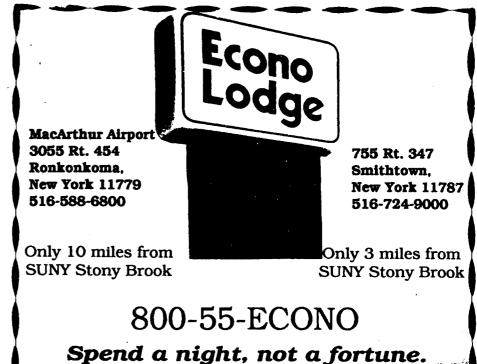


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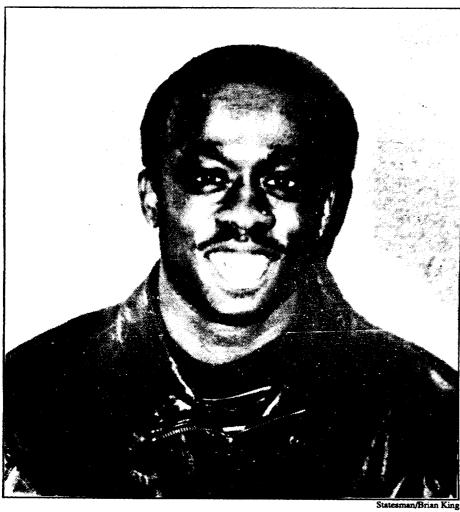
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Emeka Smith

By Sandra B. Carreon

Statesman Sports Editor

Glassboro State a month ago, Patriots point guard Emeka Smith re-wrote Stony Brook history. And in a telephone conversation yesterday, Smith found out he almost became the second player in Stony Brook history to be selected All-American.

In a 93-81 ECAC semifinals loss to

The all-time leading points scorer for the men's basketball Patriots was named

All-American Honorable Mention by the All-

Men's Basketball

American Committee last week, behind Rochester senior Chris Fite and Hamilton senior Mike Smith -- respective first- and second-team All-Americans.

"I think I worked hard this year," said Smith, who led his team in points, assists, free throws, steals and minutes during the 1991-'92 campaign with averages of 23.9, 4.0, 86 percent, 2.0 and 37.9 respectively. "I've been working to get better."

Hard work has been a hallmark of Smith's life thus far. A devout believer of Islam, Smith's father Elijah said he raised his son to be disciplined. "He behaves and is well disciplined," the elder Smith said.

For the younger Smith, discipline has translated into success. He channelled his energy into sports at a young age, refusing to succumb to negative peer pressure in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. "I played basketball to stay out of trouble," Smith said. "If I didn't have basketball, I would've hung out in the streets."

Instead, the Stony Brook court has become Smith's street of sorts and he has dominated. As a rookie, Smith was named Skyline Conference Rookie of the Year and ECAC Rookie of the Year, en route to being selected team MVP.

During his next season, unfazed by the proverbial sophomore jinx, Smith managed to record his 1,000th career point only 19 games into the schedule. He led the Patriots to a first-seed Eastern bid in the 1991 NCAA tournament prior to being named team MVP, Skyline Conference Player of the Year, first-team point guard in the New York State Coaches Poll, firstteam point guard in the Metro Sportswriters Poll and second-team point guard in the ECAC Poll.

This past season, he accrued a total of 1,815 points after the team's last game at Glassboro State, outdistancing the previous record of 1,793 which took former

Patriot Earl Keith four years to set. He was selected to the first-team in the Metro Sportswriters Poll as well as the Skyline Conference and the ECAC Polls.

And this summer, Smith will again represent Long Island as the starting point guard in the Empire State Games. "I think my greatest accomplishment was making the Empire State Games last summer," Smith said. "It was great. The coach wrote me a letter and asked me to come back for this summer."

"He deserves everything he's gotten," teammate Lewis Howard said. "He's a hard-working person. He's been the hardest working person on the team and that's why he's risen to the top."

Smith has handled the pressures of his role with grace. He remains a quiet, do-as-I-do leader/captain who thrives amid competition. "Sometimes I get too demanding," Smith said. "I really want to score and win and I put everything on my shoulders." This trait, Smith admits, has alienated some of his teammates who complain that the allstar guard monopolizes the ball and the action. "It's not that they get mad," Smith said. "They just remind me others are on the court."

Howard, who backs Smith up at the point, believes it is exactly Smith's "giveme-the-ball" attitude that has allowed him to shine. "He wants the ball at all crucial times," Howard said. "That's part of his character. That's going to carry over into all aspects of Emeka's life. If a pressure situation comes up, Emeka will want to be an integral part of the situation."

Staying consistent with Howard's description, Smith said he wants to become a police officer. "I want to be a cop," he said. "I like to be in the mix of things." And Smith is; Stony Brook is 64-19 with him at

'He's some character," Elijah Smith said. "He is the most spectacular son a father could ever have."

The spectacular son will enter his final season with a mission in mind. "I want to make the NCAA [tournament] and be All-American," Smith said.

If past performance is any indication of just how big Smith's senior season will be, then his promise will undoubtedly come to fruition: Emeka Smith will lead the Patriots to the 1993 NCAA basketball tournament and he will indeed become the second All-American in Stony Brook men's basketball history.

Laxmen collapse

Pats lose to G'town; suffer 3rd straight loss

By Dave Fallace

It was a total collapse for the Patriots lacrosse team as it lost to the

Georgetown Hoyas, 10-5 Saturday afternoon, despite

Lacrosse

an early 5-2 G'town:

After a Patriots: goal by junior attackman

James Sommese in the second quarter, the Hoyas would notch eight unanswered tallies against the Patriots, who drop their season record to 6-5 and extend their losing streak to three.

The first quarter was the ione bright spot for Head Coach John Espey's play- See LAX on page 22

ers as they stopped the Hoyas' transition game and controlled possession.

Sophomore midfielder Kevin Dalland scored the first goal of the game and was quickly answered by Georgetown's Kevin Noonan, who finished the game with two goals.

Then on a man-up play, midfielder Lou Ventura scored off a feed from Sommese. Two minutes later, Ventura then fed attackman Chris Chamberlain to bring the score to 3-1.

The Hoyas found the net again against Patriots goalkeeper Rob Serratore before attackman Dave Fritz closed the scoring for the quarter, giving the Pats a 4-1 advantage.

At 2:43 into the second,