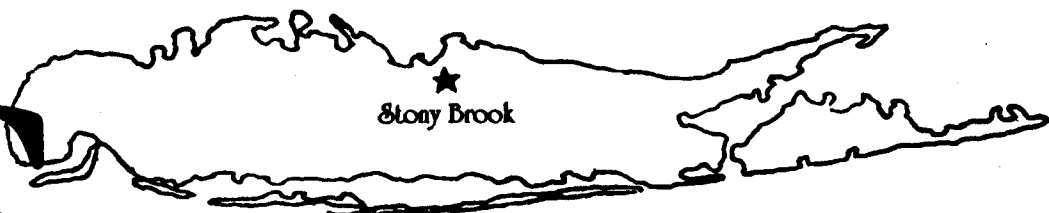


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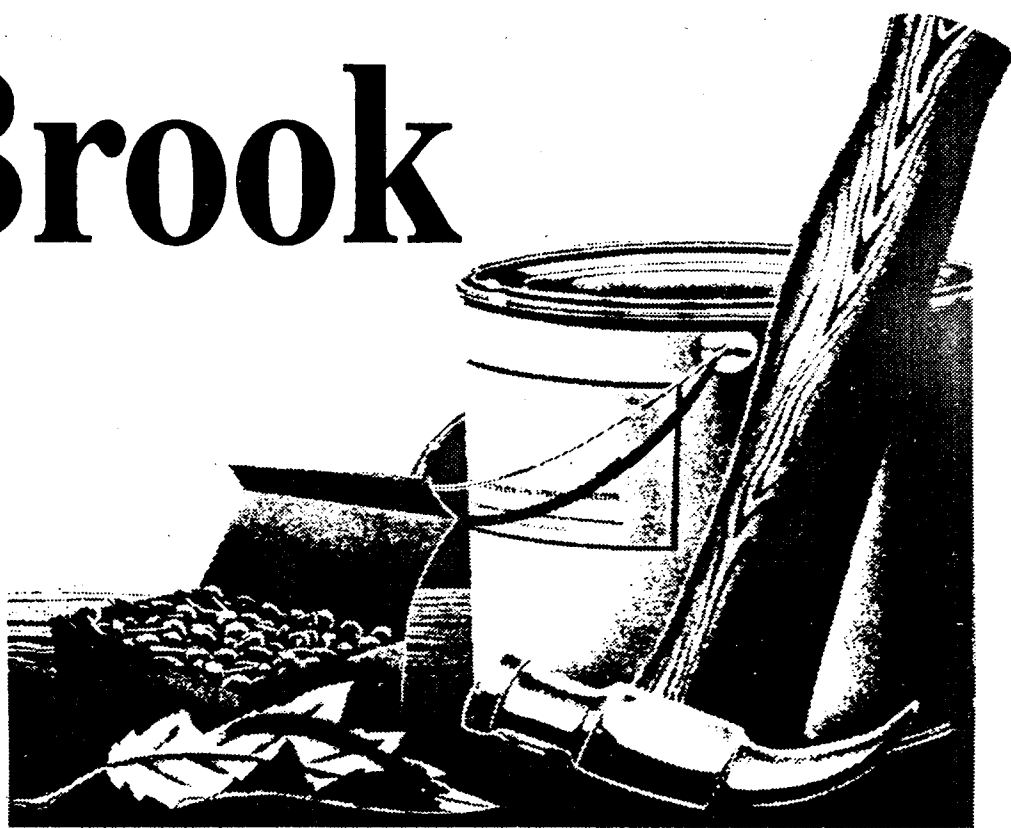
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# Stony Brook Sends Help



*Student volunteers organize aid to hurricane victims*

**By Vincent Grasso**  
Statesman Staff Writer

**I**n the destructive wake of Hurricane Andrew in southern Florida last month, helping hands from Stony Brook will be traveling down in October to rebuild and renovate the affected areas.

Two Stony Brook students and several local residents have joined the project that will involve about 48 people traveling to Florida to help rebuild a region devastated by the hurricane. The disaster area will cost hundreds of millions of dollars to repair and thousands remain homeless.

Meredith Jeffers, a pastor at the Middle Island United Church of Christ, a branch of the nationwide United Church of Christ, has organized a relief project for Dade County in Florida. This project is a result of her one-man relief effort this past summer, she said.

During the summer, she called a local radio station and told anyone if they wanted to donate any goods for the people in Florida, she would take it down. As a result, she had a van load of donated goods. "When I returned, people from *Newsday*, *Suffolk Life* and *Pennysaver* were doing follow-up

stories to my trip," said Jeffers. "This resulted into more publicity and this current effort."

The project will last from Oct. 3-11 said Jeffers. The crew is going to accomplish as much as it can in the one week, Jeffers said. "We will spend time in Leisure City, Homestead and Florida City."

As of now, Jeffers said four vans with 48 volunteers are scheduled to go down, but the target number is about 60.

"In addition to four vans," said Jeffers. "We will be sending down a truck load of construction equipment. These materials were either donated out right or will be bought with fund raised money, she said.

"We will be taking down building materials such as shingles, roofing paper," said Diane Samuels,

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Photo Courtesy Middle Island United Church of Christ

This home was destroyed by Andrew.

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

*First Meeting of the Stony Brook student chapter, Society of Professional Journalists, Union 229, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.*

*Lecture: "International Labor Relations and the Impact of the Free Trade Agreement," by William Doherty, Executive Director, American Institute for Free Labor Development, AFL-CIO, Harriman Hall, Rm. 137, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

*College Republican Meeting-Guest Speaker: Congressional Candidate Edward Romaine, Union 216, 8 p.m.*

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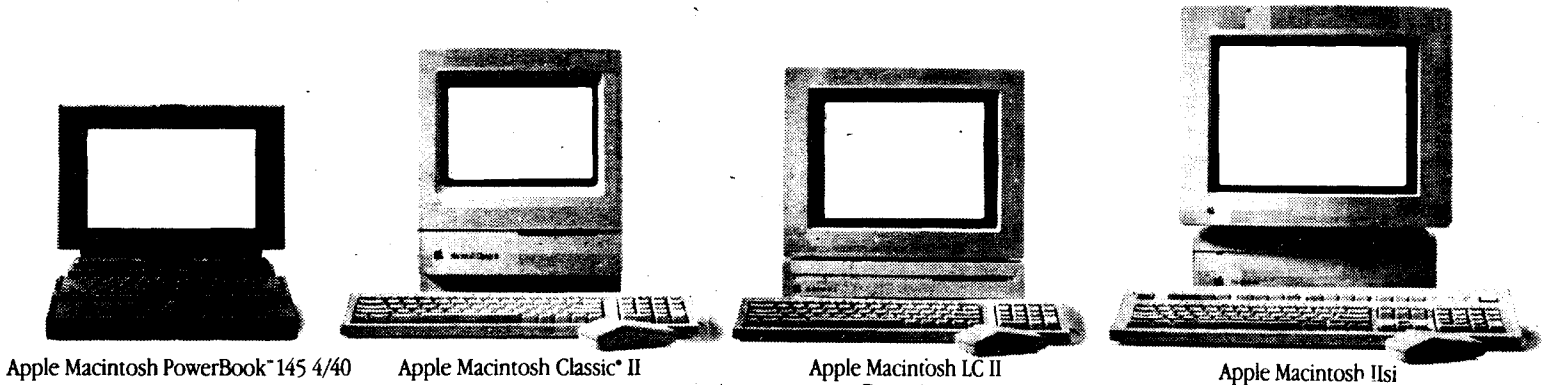
*Lecture: "RU-486: Where Are We?" by Professor Etienne-Emile Baulieu, French Biochemist, Recital Hall of the Staller Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.*

*Lecture: "Clothes, Mourning, and the Life of Things," by Peter Stallybrass, University of Pennsylvania, Rm E4340, Library, 4:30 p.m.*

*Library's Annual Book Sale, Gift Book Room, 1st Floor, Frank Melville, 10 p.m.-3:00 p.m., thru Thursday.*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

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# University eyes private funds

By Shelley Pryce  
Statesman Staff Writer

The latest round of cuts to the graduate and undergraduate classes and the state of SUNY Stony Brook's budget has made the university more dependent on private funds, University President John Marburger said at his Annual Convocation last Wednesday.

Although Stony Brook receives \$162 million in state aid, the 8 percent cut this year reduced the original aid by about \$14 million. With the \$500 tuition hike passed in April nearly \$7 million was restored, but that still means a \$7 million budget cut to the campus, translating into lost programs and jobs.

Marburger explained the Stony Brook budget process, a procedure based on a two-phase cycle, which is handled by the Campus Priority Committee. There were, according to Marburger, three important issues in determining the cuts: graduate student research, freshmen admission, and the financing of the health care program. Marburger noted that the health care program provides hundreds of state jobs for individuals including undergraduates.

"The university is a many faceted place with both graduate, undergraduate and also health care programs," said Provost Tilden Edelstein.

"Undergraduate classes were cut, everything was cut," said Edelstein. "We're trying to manage as much as we can," he said, "even though it's not as much as we need or deserve."

Graduate and undergraduate programs were hit hard by the cuts said Marburger. But Stony Brook is trying to weather it out, he said.

On Long Island, Stony Brook is not unique in its economically beneficial scale down, said Marburger. 27,000 jobs were lost through out Long Island from 1989 to 1991, 12,000 of which were from Grumman, the largest defense contractor on Long Island said Marburger.

"Taxes are high, energy is expensive, and retail sales are off," said Marburger.

With all these problems, Marburger was still optimistic. "Certainly we are doing better than most of our sister universities," he said. "[But] the large state cuts in the budget [are] forcing us to rely on more help from the outside."

Paul Chase, acting dean of students, was surprised to learn the extent of the budget cuts from the state and also that about 51 percent of the University's revenue comes from the hospital. "I thought [it was] interesting to find out the other sources of funding besides the state," he said.

Marburger said that although Stony Brook was the only State University to have a state budget and non-state support, funds were still needed "... to keep us functioning in a productive manner. SUNY has lost \$200 million in funding this year alone."

Marburger also spoke about the University's record of success in recruiting students to the university, which has been dwindling. Undergraduate enrollment fell by 250 freshmen this semester, he said. Stony Brook was not the first choice of the majority of matriculating freshmen, but most transfer students decided that they preferred Stony Brook to the colleges they had attended, noted Marburger.

"[The speech] was an effort to make clear [issues] about health care and undergraduate education," said Edelstein. "I thought it was good trying to present [them] in a realistic point of view."



*"Certainly we are doing better than most of our sister universities."*

— University President  
John Marburger

With the budget cuts however, choices have to be made. "We're trying to manage as much as we can, even though it's not as much as we need or deserve. Undergraduate classes were cut. Everything was cut," he said.

Chase thought that Marburger was very frank in his speech and added, "I thought the applause at the end was really heart-felt; it wasn't perfunctorily."

"[The speech] was an effort to make clear our situation," said Edelstein. "[Marburger] tried to be realistic about the good news and the bad."

## Correction

New Commuter Student Association officers were incorrectly identified under their photos on page 3 of last Thursday's edition. Aimee Forman's name appeared under Kelly Force's picture, and Force's name appeared under Forman's picture.



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# Students, locals lend hands in repairs

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a minister of the Middle Island United Church of Christ and graduate student at Stony Brook.

"The community has been very generous," said Jeffers. "About \$5,600 has been raised so far, but our target amount is between 20-30 thousand dollars."

But there is more to this project than construction and clean-up. [The group is] also going to be conducting a workshop for people with small children, said Jeffers.

These workshops are designed to help parents with their traumatized children. For this purpose, licensed therapists will accompany the group down, said Jeffers. The project will also hold parties for the small in an attempt to raise their spirits, said Jeffers.

Jeffers said she contacted Samuels to recruit volunteers from the Stony Brook campus. Samuels, who will not be able to go to Florida, said she put up flyers to help publicize the event. "Even though I can't go, I thought at least I could help out by handing out flyers," said Samuels. "I wanted people to discover what a devastation [the hurricane has been for [the victims]]," she said.

The only prerequisite to help is that you are physical capable and that you are flexible, said Jeffers. By flexible Jeffers means that the volunteers must be able to do things other than what they volunteered

**"The community has been very generous. About \$5,600 has been raised so far, but our target amount is between 20-30 thousand dollars."**

**— Meredith Jeffers, an organizer of the relief effort**

for. She noted people will not be turned away if they can't be flexible.

Also, Jeffers said religion has nothing to do with volunteering for this project. "Not everyone [helping out] is Christian," she said. "Some are Jews, some are atheists and others are Christians, it doesn't matter."

Although Jeffers congregation is predominantly white, she said this wasn't reflected in the people going down to Dade

County. "Not everyone is white," said Jeffers

People from all over the state are going: Long Island, Manhattan, and Upstate New York, said Jeffers. The age of the volunteers range from 16-70 Jeffers said.

Volunteers started pouring in after Jeffers original trip and her subsequent news coverage. Of the present volunteers, two are from the Stony Brook campus, Anthony Dispirito and Steve Augeri.

Volunteer Steve Augeri said that all he is bringing is a willingness to learn and \$50 to cover the cost of food.

"Total reconstruction time [of Dade County] will take from 18 months two years," said Jeffers. The bulk of the time will be spent rebuilding and cleaning up.

The volunteers will be staying at an associate church for the week said Augeri. Anyone interested in joining can contact Diane Samuels at 2-7500.

David Joachim's NEWS VIEWS will return next week.

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# Editorial

## Greene Puts Students' Two Cents In

David Greene doesn't like negative press. The student government president probably would prefer being president at another university, where he might control the mainstream newspaper's purse strings and content. Well, fortunately not here.

But we have to give him credit for trying. While Polity does not fund Statesman, Stony Brook's newspaper of record, Greene made a great attempt to buy support through the newspaper by taking out a full page advertisement today to deflect criticism of his recent pay raise.

He spent \$200 of student government money — money undergraduates pay through their student activities fees. In Greene's judgement, it was worth depriving promotions for Polity-funded clubs and their events for guaranteed positive press. And it was worth authorizing each student to pay two cents to protect his reputation.

Of course, he could have submitted the same words to Statesman for free. But why should

he? He's the president and he has \$1.5 million to play with.

The move suggests he is afraid that Statesman would alter his words if they appeared on the opinions page. Sure, like anyone, our all-student staff occasionally makes editing mistakes, but to suggest that we would deliberately alter someone's views is an insult to our staff and our readers. Our credibility for fairness is well-documented and well-earned.

Greene's advertising stunt also suggests that Statesman was wrong to cover the topic in detail in its news pages and to scrutinize the Polity Council's decision to raise its own pay an average of 25 percent on its editorial page.

But this is the role of a free press. Statesman is fortunate not to have financial ties to the student government it covers, which allows it to determine coverage much in the way that a professional paper does when reporting on real government. A pay raise in government is always extensively covered and scrutinized by the press

because taxpayers foot the bill. Well, so do Stony Brook students when student government officials raise their pay. If Greene can't accept fair scrutiny, he has the wrong job.

Statesman's only motive here is truth. It's not our responsibility to damage Greene's credibility and force a repeal of his pay raise. Our job is done when his constituents know all the facts — and it's only up to them whether Greene deserves more money.

Greene's media-bashing suggests Statesman has a motive in its coverage. But look at the facts: The newspaper would in no practical way benefit from the Polity Senate taking away the pay raise. In fact, if history is an indicator, this editorial may lead to Polity's pulling its advertising from the newspaper, which would cause a serious financial strain on the struggling organization. But our responsibility to our readers is simply more important than ad revenue.

Greene and his colleagues have the most to gain.



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# SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, September 21, 1992



Statesman File Photo

Students are finding that it is time to buckle down to the books.

## Time to crack those books

By Andrea Rubin  
Special to Statesman

**I**t seems like yesterday that we were moving in, carrying our stereo equipment up the stairs and buying our books. But it has been almost a month, and while our stereos have been on, most of our books have been closed.

"Instead of studying I just hang out and watch t.v.," said Ray Pawloski, a 22 year old senior. Many students have

been sitting in their dorm rooms, complaining about their lack of motivation to study. I do just about anything to avoid studying," said Fred Peloso, a 19 year old junior. "I drink, play volleyball or video games." And Jennifer O'Brien, a 20 year old senior, said that she would rather "sleep, hang out with friends, go to the mall or the beach," than study. "But she says, "This will change if I want to pass."

But, when O'Brien gets herself in

the studying mode, she goes to the library because the dorms have too many distractions. Jodi Isler, the 21 year old president of Psi Chi, the Psychology honor society also goes to the library. "There are tables to study at there," said Isler. "I can't study at a cubicle or I would fall asleep."

"There are always people in there but it's never mobbed," said Jennifer Hinch, 20, who works in the library reference room re-shelving books. "I recog-

nize some of the people," she said, "it seems like the same people are always studying while I'm working." Lately though, she has noticed an increase in the number of students coming to the library to try to pull themselves out of their slumps.

"Make sure you have good notes, and stay in the night before," is Pawloski's opinion on how to do well on

See **STUDY** on page 13

## SB students see post-communist Russia

By Jana S. Katz  
Statesman Features Editor

**W**hen the wall of communism crumbled, a bridge was built between Russian and American society. The bridge has come to Stony Brook and this year two students crossed it.

"Mine was a program designed to give American students the opportunity to live and study in a Russian University environment," said Doug Straebler, 23, a recent Stony Brook Economics grad now taking graduate courses. In his four-week-summer stay at Moscow State University he took courses of "Russian Political Culture" four hours a day, five days a week. He was not the only American student.

The program he travelled in also bridged across the

United States. "American students were recruited from a nice diversity of the United States, like Michigan, Alabama and Wisconsin." The program was run by an organization in Wisconsin and according to Straebler, gave him a peek at parts of his own society as well as the new Russian society.

"I was fascinated by the incredible difference in that society," he said. Without the constant stream of capitalism, billboards and ads weren't littering the scenery. "A car goes by and there's no nice logo that says BMW or AUDI," he said. "At the Russian stores, there was no gimmick to get you to buy. This is the price, you buy it." Another traveller sees it differently. The ads may not have flooded travellers, but the merchandise may have.

"Everyone wants to sell you something because now they can," said Andrea Rubin, 19, a Stony Brook junior who visited Russia in the end of January. But it

wasn't what she expected. "There weren't skyscrapers everywhere. In St. Petersburg [formerly Leningrad], most of the buildings were like old palaces and every street had a canal, it was beautiful," she said. Rubin travelled with a New York Times tour for a week, right after the Revolution, she said. Straebler travelled as a student staying at the college dorms. Both travellers were fascinated by the people.

"Students in the dorms were friendly and eager to invite us into their dorm rooms for vodka," Straebler said. "They'd always make a toast for each drink and many times the toasts were hopes for world peace." However, the other conditions shocked him.

"We had chairs with broken legs, wallpaper coming off, no window shades," and he laughed, "we didn't even

See **TRAVELLERS** on page 13

# CAMPUS VOICES

By Rebecca Phelan

## Question of the Week:

*What is the weirdest thing you've encountered since you've been here at Stony Brook?*



"Playing tackle football and then building a bonfire on Roth Pond when it froze over."

**Amitai Itzhakof, 22**  
Class: Senior  
Major: Biology

"When someone threw my rug out the window."

**Jerry Wey, 21**  
Sophomore  
Psychology



"Larry Gallo's lamp!"

**Julie Knowles, 18**  
Freshman  
Undecided



"Bill climbing up the side of the building."

**Ken Texler, 19**  
Sophomore  
Engineering



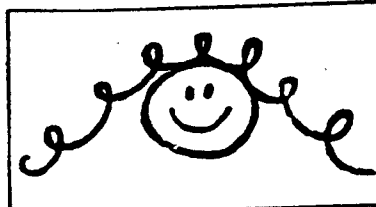
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## ADVICE

**DEAR MICHELE:**

I live in a house off-campus, and I like to party. Usually the two words "house" and "party" together turn into a good time, but I'm hesitant about turning my house into a party zone. Believe me, I'm normally the first one tapping the keg, but my landlord has given us strict instructions to house no parties. I'd hate to lose my house, but is the

Party Over?



**DEAR MESS:**

Don't do it! Just imagine yourself having an illicit affair with your best friend's boyfriend, and then being placed in the most undesirable position of being forced to lie to her, or even worse losing your friendship. I personally don't advocate the be-

havior you're pondering. Picture the worst scenario here: you losing your best friend and him deciding later on to get back together with her. Is it worth it?

**DEAR PARTY:**

Let's exercise some responsibility here. It is your house

— your home. That means you choose who enters and leaves, you decide what goes on, and your behavior will dictate the amount of respect you'll receive from your guests. Talk to your landlord again. Maybe you can arrange something between him/her and the neighbors so you can host an occasional bash. Don't be foolish. There are enough homeless people these days who would probably give an arm and a leg for the roof that you're lucky enough to live under.

**DEAR MICHELE:**

My best friend has transferred to another school, but her boyfriend still goes here and we are good friends. Lately, he's been telling me that he's very attracted to me and would like us to be more than friends. The big problem is, I'm very attracted to him, and I always have been, but it was easy to deny it as long as she was around. I'd feel terrible to betray her, but it's hard to ignore our feelings, especially when it seems that their relationship is over. Please help me!

Love Mess

*Michele, a student at the State University at Stony Brook, is not a licensed counselor. The opinions expressed are her own.*

## TELL MICHELE

**DEAR MICHELE:**

I'm a junior and have been living with

the same roommate for three years now. The problem isn't with me, it's with him. He has no social life. My friends and I always try to get him to come out with us but he always makes up some inane excuse about why he can't. He watches so much T.V. he can recite the entire prime-time schedule verbatim. He expresses some interest in girls, but is content just to sit at home on Thursday nights thinking about them. Should I just let him be a loser for the rest of the semester, and his life? Or, should I convert him from being Stony Brook's biggest weenie?

The Weenie's Roomate

**DEAR ROOMMATE:**

Now, if this guy is in fact Stony Brook's biggest "weenie", you should leave him be. There are plenty of them already out on Thursday nights. However, let's be fair here. If you're a junior, I'll assume that he might be one as well, in which case his being 21 isn't too likely. If this is the case, does the poor guy have ID? You can't really expect that one will go against the long arm of the law for a beer, can you? If he is of age and just doesn't want to go out, then that's his prerogative. Peer pressure can be very dangerous, and I wouldn't suggest it in any form. Who knows, maybe he'll convert on his own and the "weenie" population on campus can be kept to a minimum.

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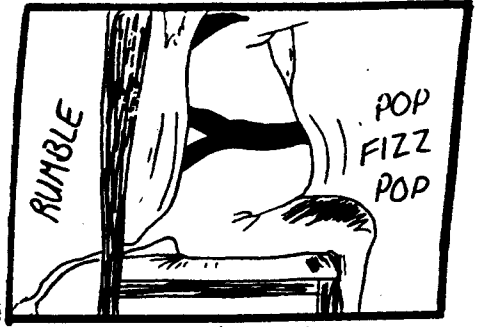
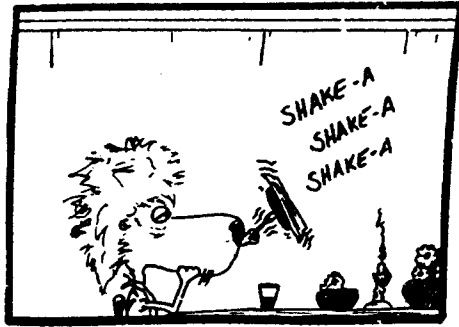
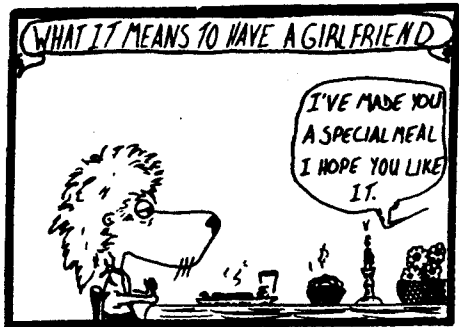
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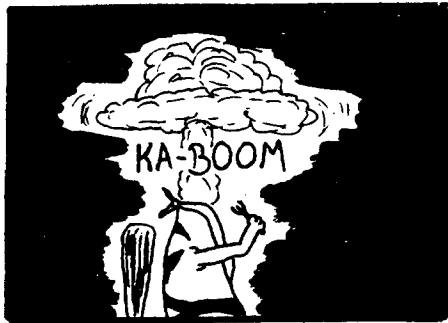


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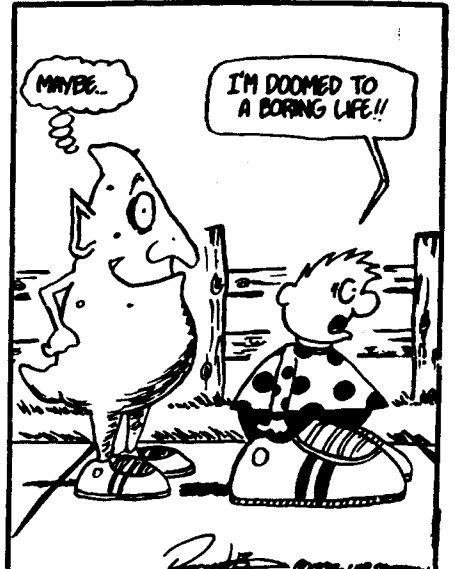
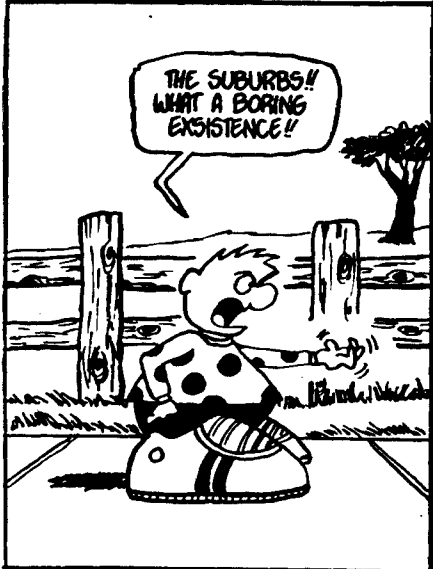
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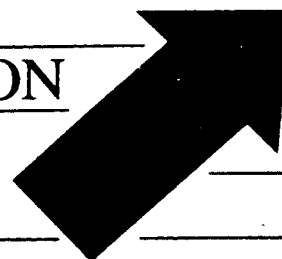
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# STUDENT POLITY ASSOCIATION

**TO:** Student Population  
**FROM:** David D. Greene III, Student Polity President  
**RE:** THE QUESTION OF STATESMAN'S INTEGRITY  
**DATE:** September 17, 1992

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the fact that most letters to the editor have a great number of grammatical and spelling errors after being typed by members of Statesman's staff and/or are screwed up some where between being dropped off to Statesman and being printed we decided to put this letter on The Polity Page.

Also understand that Statesman charged Polity \$200 to run this letter. This means that Polity is paying \$200 to give each of you the truth about the stipend issue because Statesman doesn't seem capable.

The Officers of Polity are required to put in 15 to 20 office hours per week.

There is a fifteen hour minimum that each officer must meet before being able to collect the complete stipend for the week. The five hour leeway is for those times when an officer has an academic and/or personal matter to tend to and can not complete 20 hours. More often than not Polity officers are in the office far beyond 20 hours a week.

If an officer does not meet the fifteen hour minimum a deduction is made in proportion to the number of hours unperformed. Each officer must sign in daily. The Executive Director keeps track of the time each officer spends in the office by checking login sheets kept in the reception area.

Further, to ensure that time spent in the office was to work on a project or something job-related we require weekly updates that are noted in the minutes of each Council meeting. These minutes are available in the reception area of the Polity suite.

Any meetings that officers have to attend, that are not scheduled during their office hours, do not count toward the office hours requirement, i.e., Senate meetings do not count.

It is further understood that an officer is expected to put in whatever time is necessary to ensure the success of a project.

The following is information that I researched during the summer regarding stipends for student government Presidents for the university centers:

Univ. Centers	Budget	Office Hours	Stipend
Albany	\$1.2 Million	10 per week	\$2000
Binghamton	\$970,000	None required	\$3000
Buffalo	\$1.8 Million	10 per week	\$3600
Stony Brook	\$1.5 Million	15-20 per week	\$4300

**NOTE:**

- 1) The numbers above in the budget column are not exact numbers. These numbers are approximations because they are projections for the 92-93 school year.
- 2) Binghamton University officers are not required to put in office hours to collect their stipend. However, it is understood that these officers will write transition documents for their successors.
- 3) The stipend amounts above are for a one year term not including intercession.
- 4) Polity is the only student government of those shown above that requires 15 to 20 hours a week for its officers.

### PROBLEMS WITH STATESMAN'S FINDINGS

Firstly, it is true that the President of Polity CAN make up to \$5200 a year. However, that person would have to be here 52 WEEKS OF THE YEAR. None of the officers at any of the universities, including Stony Brook, are required to be in the office 52 weeks of the year. There are several different periods of the year when the President of Polity is not required to put in office hours. Those times when the President of Polity is out of the office total at least nine weeks: (6 weeks) intercession, (1 week) spring break, and (2) finals weeks of both semesters (2).

Secondly, in the editorial 'Watch Out For Greene's Double-Talk' Statesman's Editorial Board insists that the information that they have provided is accurate. As you may have noted there is a discrepancy between what they have reported and what I have provided you with.

Thirdly, in the article 'Senate Debates Pay Raises' David Lee reports that the officers of Albany, Binghamton, and Buffalo receive \$2000 and \$3600, respectively, and this includes summer service. This is also false. The officers of Binghamton's student government receive an additional \$1000 during the summer. Again, there are no requirements for this stipend but that they are available all summer. Once again there is a discrepancy in what a Statesman editor has reported and what I have provided you with.

Fourthly, seeing how this story was IMPORTANT enough to make the front page, it seems strange that so many IMPORTANT FACTS were left out of the story. One of the most essential factors in regard to stipending was left out. It follows: It is more expensive to live on Long Island than in Albany, Binghamton, or Buffalo. Long Island has the highest cost of living in the state of New York. So the dollar will buy a lot more in Albany, Binghamton, and Buffalo than it will in Stony Brook.

Fifthly, the revenue generated from events sponsored by COCA and SAB are student funds. That no one can deny. The point that Statesman conveniently misrepresented was that the revenue collected from the activity fee was not used to cover the cost of stipending the officers of Polity. As agencies of Polity, COCA and SAB generate enough revenue to provide for additional programming and cover more than 3/4 of the services that are provided from the Executive Area of Polity.

Finally, my findings suggest that the officers of Polity compared to the officers of the other student governments mentioned: 1) have 5 to 10 more hours a week to put in to get their stipends. 2) Live in a place where the cost of living is higher than in any of the places. 3) Attend a university center that is famous because of its research-oriented curriculum. This means that it takes more studying to do well at Stony Brook than at any of the other university centers. So, officers of Polity have less time to cater to personal needs. The other centers cannot claim any of the preceding points.

• **Suggestions**

Seeing how there are many discrepancies and inconsistencies in what members of Statesman have reported and what I have provided, take it upon yourselves to research this issue. It is as simple as one phone call to Albany, Binghamton, and Buffalo. When calling ask the following questions:

- 1) How much does the President of the student government get as a stipend?
- 2) Does this include summer service?
- 3) What are the requirements for collecting this incentive?

I am sure your findings will be identical to what I have provided above. Oh, you will need the numbers for the student government offices. They are as follows:

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**If anyone requires any additional information. Please stop by the Polity suite and I will gladly answer any questions you have regarding this matter.**



# Travellers come home to Stony Brook

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have a toilet seat." But these conditions weren't special for Americans, the dormitory of Russian and American students suffered the same fate. "I plugged a battery charger for a video camera, it had the proper converter adapter. I can only guess that it overloaded the circuits and part of the building's power went out for a couple of days," he said. "We had lights but we couldn't plug anything in because there was no juice running through it." But he said, "They didn't identify me as the culprit and I didn't come forward." But, this wasn't Straebler's only surprise.

"A couple of women a floor down from me asked me if I would mind being introduced to their friend," he said. So he did, but the introduction was silent — except for the translator. The date was quiet too — except for the French movie they saw, dubbed into Russian, neither of which Straebler understood. "It was a comedy so she kept poking me in the ribs thinking I understood what was funny," he said. "But I didn't have any idea what the movie was about." The rest of the nightlife wasn't so exciting, he said.

Vodka, which in American dollars was about \$1 a bottle, was drunk excessively, said Straebler. In Russian rubles prices were much higher. A "Big Mac" at the only McDonald's in Moscow was 89 rubles, about a day's pay for Russians, but only about a dollar in American currency, said both Rubin and Straebler who each found the McDonald's. It was a big spot in

*"I really got a look at the people — how they live and how they were suffering."*

— Andrea Rubin

Moscow — literally. "It was the biggest McDonald's I ever saw," Straebler said. There were 27 registers and seating for 724. The lines were long, said Straebler, but they moved quick. However, the lines for food weren't only at McDonalds.

"I really saw the effects, [of the Revolution] I saw lines for food," said Rubin. "I went right when everything was going on. I went just expecting to see buildings and monuments, but I really got a look at the people — how they live and how they were suffering." Though the bridges to new freedoms are up, there are still cracks. Rubin said, people were having a hard time paying for what the government used to take care of.

"It's illegal for certain stores to accept dollars," said Rubin. "Like for example, I bought a sweater from a street vendor and I wanted to pay in American dollars, but he was really nervous," she explained. "He kept saying to me, 'KGB is still around. It's safe for you, but not for me.'" She

exchanged the American dollars, but only after walking around the corner with another vendor keeping watch.

Straebler encountered a different part of the economy. Many stores were opened by foreigners, for foreigners, and only accept hard currencies, Straebler said.

McDonald's has their own system.

"They are taking Russian rubles and they can't convert it," said Straebler. According to pamphlets and journals he read there, Straebler said Russian currency can't be traded on world markets — there's no conversion. Instead, he said, McDonald's has developed an "elaborate barter system." They buy Russian commodities with the rubles, sell them in the Western World for Western currency, and they get their profits. Looking outside the finances of Russia, there is much more.

Rubin enjoyed the experience. "It's something I wanted to do my whole life, I'd definitely do it again." And Straebler said, "If you take away the prejudices that you grow up with, an outsider would probably say that Moscow is much prettier and safer than New York by far." But, people, not necessarily nations, are the most important bridges to cross.

## Students start studying

STUDY from page 7

tests. He also doesn't believe in over-studying. "A week for every test is my motto," he said. Pawloski's first test is next week so he is trying to dig himself out of his hole and crack the books. Reading is replacing partying for O'Brien also.

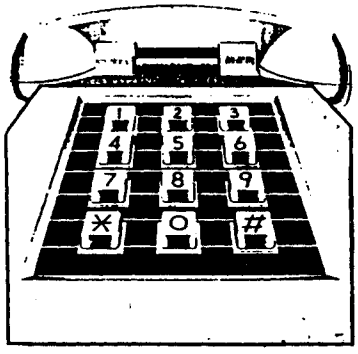
"I'm starting to get into a study routine," said O'Brien, "The first two weeks I went out every night," she said. "Now I

just go out on Thursdays to Saturdays." But not everyone is ready to clean up their study habits just yet.

"I barely pass by the skin of my teeth," Peloso said. And his lack of interest lasts the whole semester, he said. "I'm behind in everything. I don't even have the syllabus for one of my classes yet."

So if you think it's about time to buckle down, use some common studying sense and take Isler's advice, "study now, party later."

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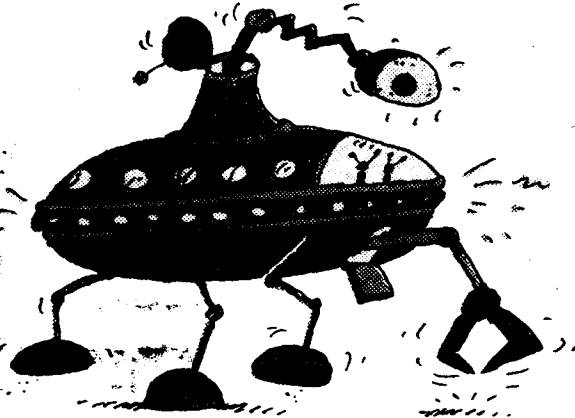


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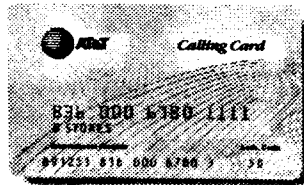
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Greene-Bashing a Disgrace

To the Editor:

It is shameful and disgraceful for a campus newspaper to feign objectivity while its contents parade a barrage of biases and a clear predisposition toward slander and negativity.

The Sept. 17 edition of the *Statesman* tried to make it appear as if the editors took issue with the \$20 per week stipend increase passed by the Polity Council this summer. It was very apparent for all to see that the pay raise issue was just an excuse to take shots at (and effectively declare war against) Polity President David Greene.

That issue is already a non-issue for the senators and others who were at the senate meeting. All that remains is for the Polity executives to circulate the truth about what happened, so that the issue can be made clear to all.

What is actually unclear on campus and skillfully masked by the *Statesman's* editors and reporters is their childlike idol worship of disgruntled commuter senator Richard Cole. Many students on campus, and certainly all of the senators and Polity executives that I've spoken to, view the Sept. 17 issue of the *Statesman* as an anti-David Greene newspaper, and that it was. But the issue was also the most icon worshipping dogmatic, propaganda tool that I have ever witnessed (and I have witnessed quite a few).

From the very beginning and all throughout the paper, the editors and writers continually venerate commuter senator Richard Cole for no apparent reason.

For those who are unfamiliar with the name Richard Cole, I suggest you become very familiar and watchful of his name, his actions and his supporters (the *Statesman* included). Richard Cole is the senator who last year said that "The minorities are spending all of the majorities' money." He then made proposals to all but defund "minority" clubs and organizations on campus. (Let's all be clear that lesbian gay and bisexual clubs and disabled organizations, veterans and international student clubs and a whole host of other clubs on campus are all "minority" clubs).

If you have a copy of the *Statesman* from Sept. 17, look at the blue strip at the very top. It refers to page three. If you turn to page three, the only article on the page is about Richard Cole and how "well" he did in the commuter elections. His name is in large print at the top of the page along with his picture and the picture of two misrepresented women below him.

Throughout the newspaper's articles attacking President David Greene, Richard Cole is portrayed as the voice of reason, asking tough meat and potatoes questions. Anyone who was at the senate meeting knows that senator Cole was very rhetorical and dogmatic in his viewpoint. Only a few hand picked commuter senators agreed with his position, yet they effectively managed to forestall the

senate meeting for almost an hour.

Nonetheless, Richard Cole has the clear and unequivocal support of the *Statesman*.

With all that behind us . . . The most disturbing thing that I've seen in the paper is the innuendo that the Nation of Islam is an anti-semitic religion and that David Greene, by advocating for Dr. Khalid Muhammad of the Nation to speak on campus, is a bad person and Richard Cole, by opposing Dr. Muhammad's speech, is a good person.

If we are going to characterize religions as semitic and anti-semitic — which was never done overtly by the clever editors at the *Statesman*, but that message was carried across in the undertone of the articles — we must first clearly define and understand what it means to be a semite or of semitic heritage.

The efforts of the editors and writers of the *Statesman* to slander President David Greene and venerate, self-appointed Senate Minority Leader Richard Cole is laughable to those not in student government. The hint of characterizing anyone as possibly being anti-semitic is deplorable and offensive to all.

Tamara Blain

Statesman Worse Than Ever

To the Editor:

It is ironic that the article entitled "Despite New Faces, Polity Looks the Same" should occur in an issue of *Statesman* that is grossly negligent of both the facts of characters in the new Polity Senate.

I am appalled by the number and frequency of the misrepresentations and misquotations that appear in all of the Polity articles. My own misquote occurs on the front page of *Statesman* in David Lee's "Council Under Fire," where I am said to have stated my position on the Council's stipend increase as, "The timing was bad, the decision should have been done during the school year." This is not only not what I said, but it is not what I meant, so it goes beyond the often acceptable realm of paraphrasing. In this vastly one-sided article, my misquotation and other errors evoke the image of a senate versus council debate. This was not the case. Many of the senators expressed support, at least fundamentally, for the council's decision.

"Council Under Fire" would have read much differently if the quotations presented were accurate. The opinion that I actually expressed during the discussion was, "I agree 100 percent that the council deserves and increase in their stipends. I'm not on the council but I see every day how much you guys do. But I think that the council might have been better served if the decision had been made during the school year, then all of this stuff could have been avoided." I am sure of the accuracy of this quote because I write down everything

that I say in the senate. It seems that this might be a good habit for everyone to pick up.

Another big goof-up made by *Statesman* was its report that I made the motion to limit the speaking time on a single issue to 45 minutes. Not only did I not make this motion, but I voted against it on the basis that the power to limit discussion is already built into the chair's position. Debbie Eudene, a new senator for CSA, made and supported this motion.

As long as *Statesman* continues its prejudicial representations and careless errors such as the magical switching of Kelly Force's and Aimee Forman's identities on page three of Thursday's issue, the editors should not feel at liberty to make such a sweeping and potentially damaging commentaries such as "Despite New Faces, Polity Looks the Same." Perhaps I should have been as precocious and given this editorial a title. I think I would have called it, "Despite New Names, *Statesman* Looks Worse Than Ever."

Rebecca Warman  
Ammann College Senator



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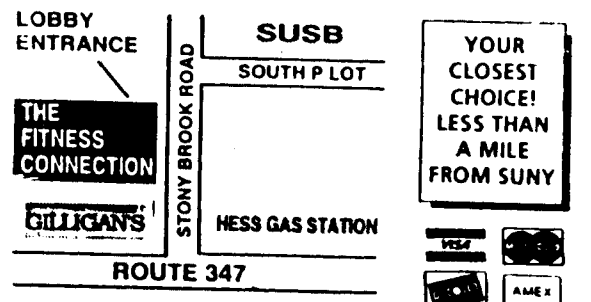


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# Patriots meet Bentley challenge

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backer Michael Benedetto intercepted a pass with an 11-yard return. Timm Schroeder, who started the second half, completed a 25-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Leroy Saunders on the ensuing series.

Schroeder, recorded some impressive numbers in one half of play. He completed 7 out of 12 passes for 180 yards with three touchdowns. One of which was an 80 yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Mike Bahr.

Bentley refused to lay down and die, scoring two touchdowns of their own in the second half. One, a return

of an intercepted pass and the other a 41-yard reception, when the receiver fought off two Stony Brook receivers for the score.

The Patriots stepped up to the challenge and fought back again. The desire ingredient was shown particularly in one play late in the fourth quarter. On fourth down with 13 yards to go, they decided to go for it. Flushed out of the pocket, Schroeder scrambled left and right in the backfield, then completed a 16-yard pass to Billy Justensen for a touchdown.

Like the Pats' first game, the defense complimented the offense with outstanding play. Bentley was held to 6

yards net rushing as well as producing five interceptions and three sacks.

Defensive standouts were defensive back Scott Schuster and Rene Florville who recorded five and four unassisted tackles. Schuster also had an interception and aided in four additional tackles to lead the team. Defensive end Dan Fuentes also contributed in four aided tackles, one solo, three of which led to 31 lost Bentley yards, and one and a half sacks.

The Patriots will take to the road to play Coast Guard on Saturday. They will return home Oct. 3 to play Sacred Heart.

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# Baseball Pats start swinging

By Jason Corrado  
Special to Statesman

Although the leaves may be changing color and the talk of football dominates the sports scene, it might as well be spring training to the players on the Stony Brook Patriots baseball team. The team held its first practice at the beginning of the month. Presently consisting of forty players, they are set to play nine games in September and October. The fall season acts as a sort of spring training, which allows coach Matthew Senk time to evaluate his contenders and to make the difficult final decision of who will become part of the elite, twenty-four man roster in the spring. Coach Senk believes that the team has been on a rebuilding process since he took over the starting job three years ago and is ready to make itself a prominent contender in the league.

Most of the starting team is returning from last year. Sophomore Jon Prendamano will occupy the first base position. Senior Vincent Autera will be at second base. Senior Gerard Desmond is out with a broken thumb and will probably be backed up by Senior Evan Karabelas at third. Senior Artie Della Rocca will fill the gap at shortstop. The outfield will be filled with Jason Greco, senior Scott Shermansky, junior Adam Karol, sophomore David Marcus, senior Robert Panella, and sophomore Rafael Soberal. David Marcus will be filling the duties behind the plate. Kenneth Kortright will fill the DH role as well as the infield.

There are also some new faces which look promising for the spring. In the field, Freshman players Joe Nathan, Jason Cifuentes and Erik Haag, who was the Catholic league Most Valuable Player at Kellenberg Memorial High School last year. Pat Hart, Tim Lynch, Rob Zulich



Patriots in action last season

Statesman File Photo

and Stan Dybuss will be fighting for a spot in the rotation.

On Saturday the Patriot baseball team played Suffolk Community to a 6 to 4 loss. The Patriot team consisted of a mixture of different players throughout the game in order to give everyone a chance to prove their talents while looking for a place on the starting team.

The mound duties were divided among three pitchers, each going three innings. Sophomore Michael Robertson started off, followed by senior Barry Liebowitz, both putting in solid performances. Freshman Pat Hart, making his debut, pitched the final three innings. Hart was impressive — allowing four hits and striking out as many. He also displayed a strong pick-off move to first. Hart ran into trouble in the eighth inning. After two base hits and an error by the shortstop he found himself with men at second and third base with two outs. Hart ended the threat by forcing a fly ball to shallow center for the final out.

The Patriots biggest offensive burst came in the ninth. After two consecutive Patriot walks, senior Robert Panella lined a shot to deep left for a run-scoring double. Senior Scott Shermansky followed with a deep fly ball to center,

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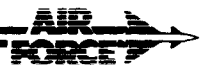
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# Sports

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## Patriots Pass Bentley with Flying Colors

**Craig Blennan**  
Statesman Staff Writer

Your hands are beginning to sweat. You studied hard all week and prepared yourself well, but your confidence begins to waver with the growing difficulty of each new question. Quickly, you scan your multiple selection of answers and the re-read the question. You lean back in your chair and take a deep breath. Now, more relaxed but consistently focused, you glance at the exam again and the answer becomes obvious.

<b>Football</b>	
Patriots:	27
Bentley:	12

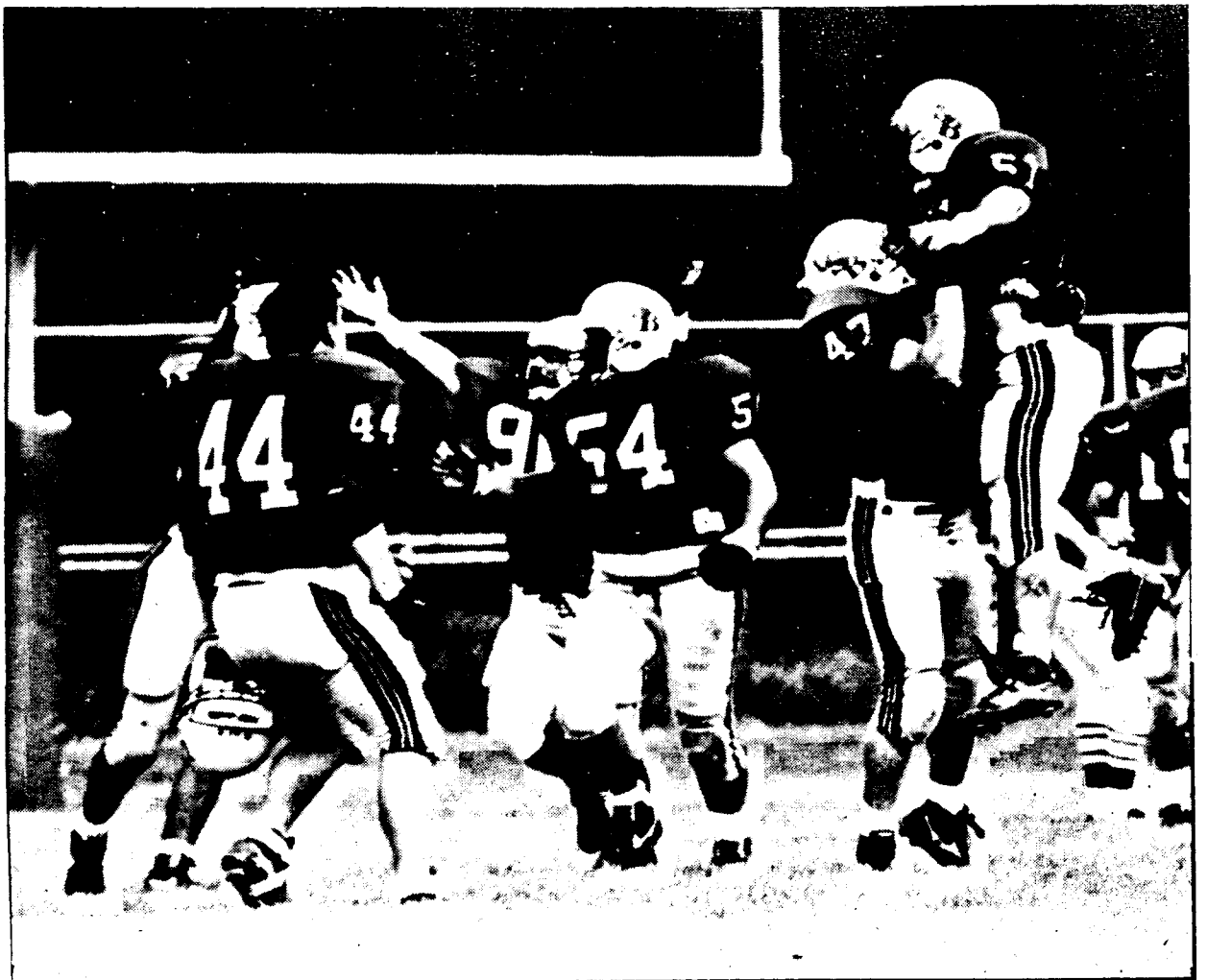
If preparation, concentration and desire are three essential ingredients in passing a test, the Stony Brook Patriots football team scored an A Saturday, despite a couple of early mental blocks. They won their second game in a row, beating Bentley College 27-12.

According to Head Coach Sam Kornhauser, the team had to once again overcome some first half "jitters." Although neither team scored by halftime, the Bentley Falcons were given many opportunities due in large part to the Patriots' mental errors. Penalties, missed tackles and forgotten assignments marred the first half of play.

Billy Justensen led the team in rushing with 101 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns. He attributed offense's slow start to an unproductive attack. Neither the rushing nor the passing game was "clicking," he said. "You need one to be able to open up the other."

Bentley put together a long drive to the end of the first half, starting at their own 17 yard line and ending on the Stony Brook 7. The defense came up big, however, and stuffed a running play on 4th down and one.

A fired-up Patriots football team returned to open up the second half. On Bentley's first offensive series, line-



Statesman/Chris Vacirca

Patriots celebrate their second straight win this year during Saturday's game.

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## V-ballers foretell tourney domination

**By Marco Aventajado**  
Statesman Staff Writer

Some teams just trash talk and don't get the job done, not in the case of the Volleyball team.

Though not quite like Broadway Joe before Super Bowl III, Senior Stasia Nikas and Juniors Denise Rehor and Jill Pessoni predicted their win (domination) in the Eastern Connecticut Tournament without

### Volleyball

losing a game.

Facing Hunter College in their first game, the Patriots dismantled Hunter in straight sets 15-4, 15-1, 15-6. Nikas led the team with 13 kills and seven digs while Rehor had 21 assists.

The team played host Eastern Connecticut and with similar success. They again won in straight sets, 15-7, 15-7, 15-3, and again Nikas led the team with eleven kills and Rehor had 23 assists while Junior

Sara Helmer contributed nine kills.

In the championship game, Stony Brook faced Wesleyan College. The game was no different than the previous two as the Patriots beat Wesleyan, 15-6, 15-5, 15-7. Nikas again led the team with ten kills, nine digs and five aces. Rehor had 21 assists while Helmer delivered ten kills of her own.

Aside from the championship, Stony Brook's Nikas and Rehor were named All-Tournament. Nikas ended the tournament

with 34 kills in the three games while Rehor had 65 assists.

Next up for the Patriots are the USB Student Life Invitational on Friday Sept. 25 and Saturday Sept. 26. Teams scheduled to play in the Invitational include Hunter and Eastern Connecticut and Albany.

For the season, Stony Brook is 8-1 with a first and third place in the tournaments they have played.

### PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

Home games in Caps

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21 Women's Tennis at Queens, 3:30 p.m.	22 Women's Soccer at West Point, 6:30 p.m.	23 MEN'S SOCCER vs. S'HAMPTON, 3:30 P.M.	24	25 WOMEN'S V'BALL USB STUDENT LIFE INVITATIONAL, 5 P.M.	26 WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. NEW PALTZ, 1 P.M.  WOMEN'S V'BALL INVITATIONAL, 10 A.M.	27 Women's Soccer at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.