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## Public Safety's Notice

# WANTED: For Sexual Abuse



Police sketch of assailant

*Langmuir resident fought off her attacker in parking lot*

**By Jana S. Katz**  
Editor-in-Chief

**A** Stony Brook student was attacked in the Langmuir parking lot on Infirmity Road last Wednesday night while trying to get into her car, said Public Safety.

"He grabbed her and fondled her," said Doug Little, public safety spokesman. "He did fondle her, it was sexual abuse." But she fought off her attacker and ran away, according to Winston Kerr, campus public safety crime investigator.

But before she did, she was dragged into the woods by her attacker, said Kerr. Public Safety, who could not speculate on the attacker's intent. The attacker is wanted

for questioning and alleged sexual abuse.

The area of the attack which occurred at 11:45 p.m. was not thought to be a dangerous area, according to Little. Both Little and Law said that no crimes have recently been reported occurring at that area.

"There are several lights so it's a fairly well lit and traversed area," said Scott Law, assistant to the direc-

tor for safety and security in the residence halls. Public Safety has now picked up patrol in the area, he said.

A description of the alleged attacker has also been drawn up with the help of the victim and Suffolk County Police and have been put up around G and H quad. The description, however, is a general one.

"He fits in the category of maybe a slightly older student," said Kerr. "You can probably look at maybe 100 guys on campus and say it looks like him." He is described as a caucasian in his early 20s, about six feet and muscular with dirty blond hair and a thin mustache. Last seen he was wearing dark clothing with a silver ank on his neck and a possible scratch on his face.

The case is still pending and any leads will be followed up, said Little.

# STONY BROOK THIS WEEK

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events Monday, November 23, 1992

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Ethnicity in the New America Public Lecture**, Coco Fusco, New York-based writer, curator, and media artist. 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Humanities Institute. Room E4340, Melville Library. Free. For more information, call 632-7765.

**Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Dinner**, The Interfaith Center, 6 p.m., Roth Cafeteria. Meal plan or \$6. For reservations, call 632-6562.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**"Illness and Inspiration: The Effects of Disease on the Creative Mind."** The Guild Trio, Trios by Beethoven and Faure. Sponsored by the Institute for Medicine in Contemporary Society. 5 p.m., Lecture Hall 2, Health Sciences Center. For more information, call 444-2765.

**"Codependency in the Workplace,"** Human Resources Stress Management Series. Learn conceptual tools to bring about change. Noon-1 p.m. Health Sciences Center, room TBA. Free. For more information, call 632-6136.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**"Nuclear Medicine and Pediatrics."** Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Dr. Harold Atkins, professor of radiology. 8 p.m., Level 3, Lecture Hall 6, Health Sciences Center. For more information, call 444-2710.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**"Alzheimer's Disease - Caregivers Practical Help Course."** Third session. 10 a.m. - noon. Conference Room, Level 10, Health Sciences Center. Free. To Register, call 444-1365.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Student Exhibition**, Noon-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, Union Art Gallery, 2nd Floor, Stony Brook Union. Through Dec. 11

**The Postman Always Rings Twice**, The Alternative Cinema, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Stony Brook Union Auditorium. \$2. For more information, call 632-6136.

**Winter Festival of Chamber Music**, Department of Music. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center for the Arts. Free. For more information, call 632-7220. Through Wed.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

**University Wind Ensemble**, Department of Music Series, 8 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts. Free. For more information, call 632-7330.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

**A New 'Peace'**, an original full-length dance drama by Bill Bruehl and Amy Sullivan, professors of theatre arts. 8 p.m. Theatre 1, Staller Center for the Arts. \$8, \$6 students and seniors. For more information, call 632-7230. Runs through Sun.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

**White Men Can't Jump**, COCA Film, 7 and 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Room 100 Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50; \$1 with Stony Brook ID. Through Sun. (No midnight show Sun.)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

**Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra**, Department of Music Series. Featuring Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus". Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts. \$9, student and senior discounts available. For more information, call 632-7230.

**"Individual Federal Income Tax Returns,"** School of Continuing Education CPA/Enrolled Agents Tax Program. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.. For fee, location, and registration, call 632-7071.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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# Construction accident releases silica dust

By Krista DeMaria and Jana S. Katz

Dust seeped into the ventilation systems in the Computer Science Building last Thursday triggering fire alarms and resulting in the temporary closing of the building.

Silica, a type of dust from the sand got pulled into the ventilation systems because of an inadequate seal around the system when a sandblasting project was going on using silica, according to Dan Forbush, university spokesman.

"It would cause silicosis, [a lung disease], if exposed to it for a couple of years," said Director of Environmental Health and Safety, Leo Debobes. "We are not worried about people getting sick unless they are unusually sensitive with asthma, emphysema, or bronchitis."

According to Debobes, the quartz based crystalline silica is not an acute health danger, unless exposure is long term. The damage to the computers, however cannot be determined until the system is run.

The Undergraduate Computer Laboratories and Computer Library was closed on Thursday afternoon for at least 24 hours until the area was clean. "Right now the people who are cleaning up are our general mechanics in Environmental Health and Safety," said Debobes.

Custodians were asked to clean up the lobby and

hallway where contractors, hired by the State University Construction Fund, which is responsible for all the construction at the University, left tracks of silica.

"I don't think I should be asked to do this," said Juliana Feka, a custodial employee. "They made a supervisor clean up after the fire in Javitz Lecture Center and he's dead today."

"They treat us like we're animals and use us for experiments," said the custodian who has been working at the University for over ten years. "Very few people who work here live more than ten years after retiring."

Debobes, however, said there is no reason for the custodians to be worried about getting sick.

Professor Charles Wurster, an associate professor of Environmental Studies, agreed.

"Silica is hazardous if someone is breathing it in for a long time," said Wurster. "I'm inherently suspicious of all dusts, but after you clean it up, don't worry about it."

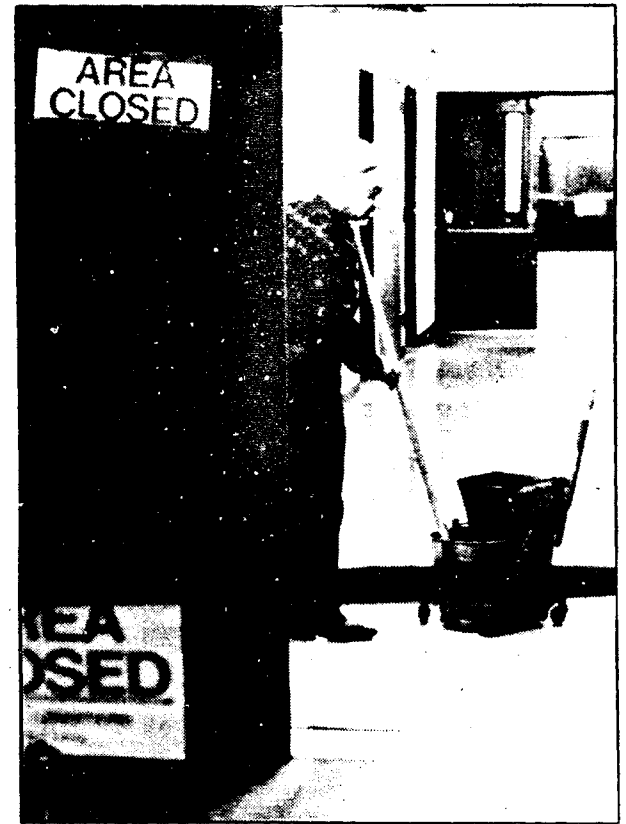
There will be a special crew to clean up the dust, said Forbush later. "The asbestos crew has the best equipment for dealing with this," said Forbush. The high powered vacuum cleaners used by the crew are needed to clean the dust.

Debobes, who is meeting with the contractor to ensure

that this doesn't happen again, would prefer that the sandblaster, who is sandblasting floors and walls for renovations, not use silica.

"You can't use silica to sandblast anywhere else in the

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Statesman/Chris Vacirca

A maintenance worker mops up the silica dust in the Computer Science building.

*"We are not worried about people getting sick unless they are unusually sensitive with asthma, emphysema, or bronchitis."*

— Director of Environmental Health and Safety  
Leo Debobes, on the risks of exposure to the silica

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## Extent of damage from silica is still unknown

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world, but the U.S.," said Debobes. "I don't know why they used it."

Silica is an accepted abrasive, said Forbush, but it is not frequently used.

The computer room is upstairs from the affected area and according to Forbush these computers will be monitored on Monday and Tuesday, but any damages cannot be discovered until the system is run.

Debobes said there has been no unusual expense because of the acci-

dent. "I think there might be expenses to computer equipment," said Debobes. "There are hidden costs we don't know of yet."

Until the area has been cleaned by Environmental Health and Safety, it will remain closed, said Debobes. No animals were around at the time of the accident and the construction is still going on, according to Forbush, but the rest of the building will be open. While the area is supposed to be off-limits, *Statesman* discovered the doors to be unlocked on Friday.

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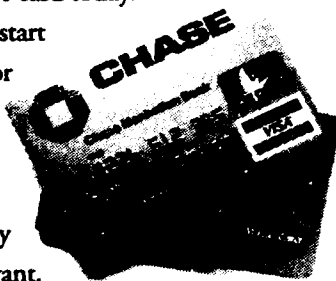
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# Trustees approve football stadium money

Vincent Grasso  
Statesman Staff Writer

Stony Brook came a step closer to getting a four thousand seat football stadium last week when the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a \$1 billion for its construction along with other projects in the SUNY system.

Four million dollars has been set aside for the stadium as part of the five year capitol spending program. Now that the money has been approved by the Board of

Trustees, the state legislature will vote on it, said Dan Forbush, university spokesman. But, before the money can be approved, the legislative must borrow the money by increasing the cap on SUNY's authority to incur debt for capital projects.

The money will come from the state selling bonds, so this will in no way affect the cost of tuition, said Forbush.

John Ramsey, acting director of physical education, said that the stadium project is something that he has looked forward

for a long time. "This is good for the university, good for Long Island, good for New York, and good for the whole region," said Ramsey. He also said that most of the area sports have been played at Hofstra University, which is quite a trip if you live in eastern Long Island.

Stony Brook with last year's upgrade to division three, this may be a step in the direction of Stony Brook becoming division one. "Many factors move you in that direction [to division one]," said Ramsey.

There are no definite sites for the proposed stadium, but there are several suggestions. Forbush said one possibility would be Patriot Field.

And though two sites have been mentioned, according to Ramsey, nothing is definite. One possibility is in South Campus, another is the undeveloped area between the present football field and the baseball fields.

In addition to the field, the stadium will also include a press box, a concession stand and bathroom facilities, said Forbush. He also said that not only football will be played in the stadium. Lacrosse and soccer may also be played there. Ramsey agreed, but also said that if the stadium is going to be used for soccer, the designers must take into consideration the size of field needed for soccer.

As to whether or not the state legislature will approve the money, Ramsey said that anything is possible.

While the proposed stadium will only have the capacity for 4000 spectators, it can be expanded to accommodate 15,000, said Forbush. This is similar to the stadium at SUNY Buffalo, said Ramsey.

In addition to the stadium, the money allocated by the Board will also pay for other projects, said Forbush. One of these is a new Life Sciences Building.

*"This is good for the university, good for Long Island, good for New York, and good for the whole region."*

—Acting Director of Physical Education  
**John Ramsey, on the stadium project**



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# Commuters — Choose Your Leaders

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There have been three different presidents heading the Commuter Student Association (CSA) this semester. They were Richard Cole, Vincent Bruzzese, and Imran Syed. Each one had to rebuild the organization to its desires, coordinate social and administrative duties, and set an agenda. The effects of this constant restructuring and redefining have been numerous and detrimental to CSA and its constituency.

First, many social programs planned by these administrators and voted for by the legislature, at best, must be put on the back burner. Also, authorized signatures and other legal necessities need to be redefined, and cooperation in preparing these events must be reaffirmed. At worst, events are cut due to one or more of these factors not being present; or a lack of timeliness makes executing these plans not feasible.

One example of this is Syed's idea of a complimentary refreshment stand at South P-Lot which had to be constantly ignored due to the ever-changing leadership within CSA. He maintains that if leadership was

constant, this idea would've been implemented sooner to the benefit of all.

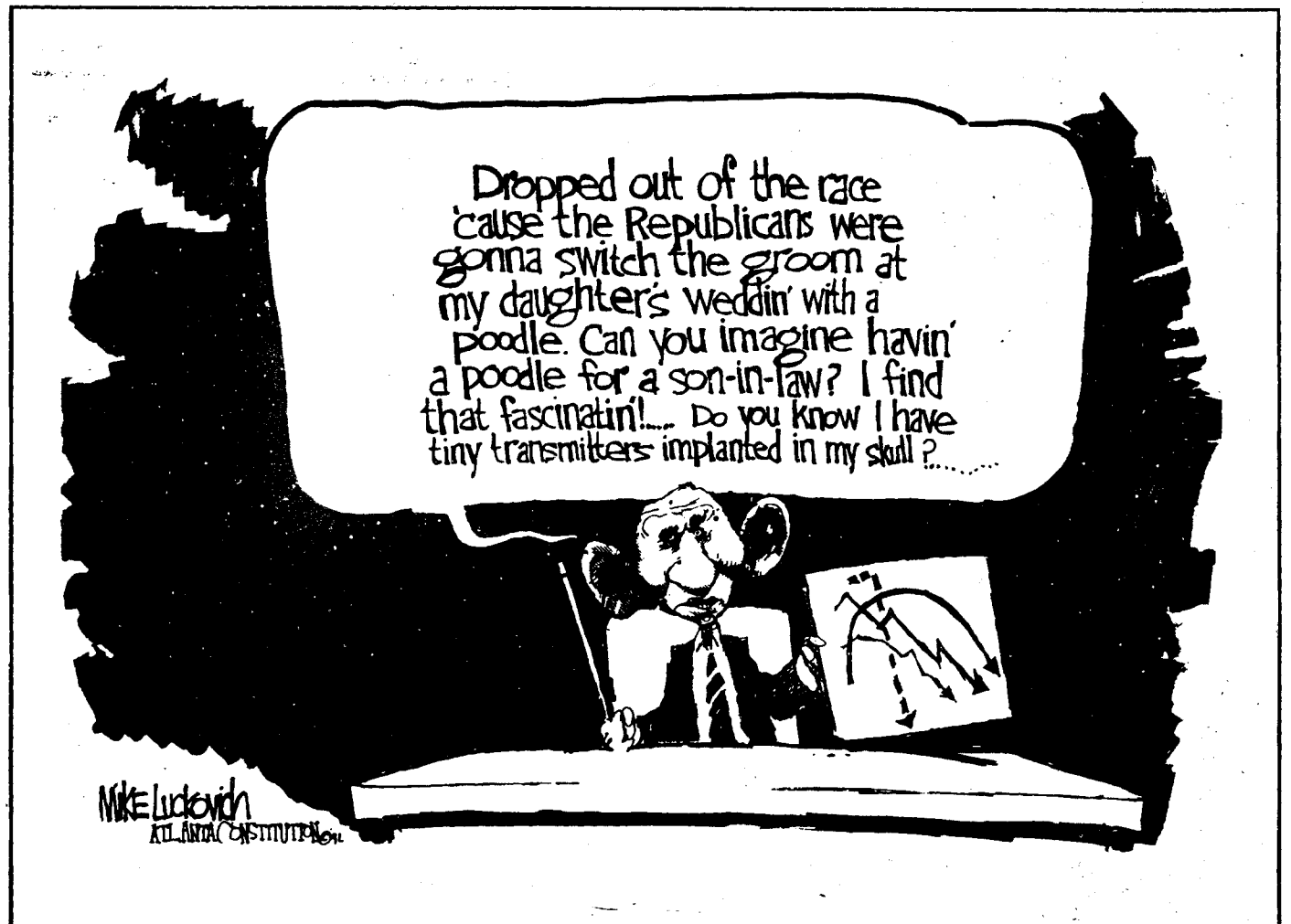
Secondly, the CSA represents a fair portion of student voice and carries a great deal of weight in the Polity Senate because it is entitled to nearly half the senate seats. Losing this voice for even a day can mean stranding nearly half the undergraduate student population without an outlet to voice its concerns. What's worse, the slant of one administration as compared to another may be different, and therefore the organization's platform might constantly change. Bruzzese makes a claim that such modifications affect the average commuter in that decisions made in one administration may not hold true for another. This further discourages the average commuter from becoming active in CSA programs.

Thirdly, many commuters who take only a casual interest in club politics can easily become confused as to who to turn to when they have a concern to voice. When the president of an organization is changed three times within less than three months, that can confuse even the most informed members

of the organization. Bruzzese claims that the present situation has hurt many of the freshman senators and other officers serving with the various administrations. If the officers feel this way, imagine what the typical, semi-interested commuter must feel when he sees that the organization entrusted with his voice cannot hold a constant administration for more than a few weeks.

This is a problem new to CSA. Administrations in years past have been constant for the entire academic year, September through May. There have been fewer conflicts, more programs, and greater feeling than at present. And it showed.

Commuters...choose your leaders. It doesn't matter who they are just so long as they can be held accountable. Make them promise to endure at least an entire semester's worth of the trials and tribulations of leadership. It is not unreasonable to demand continuity and stability in an organization of such importance. It is imperative for all to get involved to ensure that this stability is everlasting.



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# S&B Magazine

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Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, November 23, 1992

## Fresh *Phish* wow students in old gym

By Dan Brooks

Special to Statesman

**O**n Saturday night, Phish flew into Stony Brook on their last tour before releasing a new album this January. The band transformed the old gym into an electric barn yard jubilee.

The quartet, with Trey Anastasio playing guitar, Mike Gordon on bass, Page McConnell on piano/organ, and Jon Fishman playing drums, wore beautiful white Sunday dress and entertained a crowd of nearly 3000 high school and college Phish fans. The fans were a coarse mixture of Dead Heads, Moshers, and inquisitive alternative seekers.

During the first set the band members shared the vocals and played their usual mixture of songs and instrumentals, including "Glide," "The Land Lady," "Poor Heart," and "Bouncing Around the Room." Phish ended the set with a very energetic Possum.

In addition to their usual classics, the first hour of the concert contained many of Phish's merry antics. This ranged from Mike and Trey's synchronized dance steps to a silent plague that dropped the foursome dead on the floor. Phish also entertained with their patented trampoline act and a surreal dry ice/strobe light effect that turned the crowd into a Picasso painting.

The fans had some antics of their own, releasing an inflatable Annie atop the crowd. Floating and bouncing across the gym, Annie had a heck of a time.

Musical delights included Mike Gordon's acrobatic bass playing and Jon Fishman's impressive playing of a 1967 Electrolux vacuum.

Trey displayed his musical talent by leading the band on numerous "space" sessions, giving each member a chance to ad-lib individually before they jammed together at end the song.

After the 30 minute break, Phish opened with a

conservative version of "Carolina," sung a cappella. Others songs from the second set included "Mound," "Mike's Song," "Uncle Pen" (with Trey playing an unbelievable fiddle-sounding guitar solo), "Gealuh Papyrus," "The Squirming Coil," and "Llama." Page McConnell dominated the second set with key board mastery and emotional vocals on many songs, including "Silent in the Morning," a McConnell original that should be out on

their new album.

The grand finale included the new Big Ball Jam, in which four monstrous beach balls were thrown out into the crowd. Each ball represented a band member who would play when his ball was hit. And the higher the balls went, the harder the band would play.

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Statesman/Chris Vacirca

Phish on stage at thier sell-out concert in the old gym Saturday night..

## Stale jokes can't carry *Home Alone 2*

By Linda Marie Schramm

Special to Statesman

**H**ome Alone 2: Lost in New York, opened Friday, November 20, at theaters everywhere. This sequel to the ever successful "Home Alone" is virtually the same story as the first, with most of the same jokes and situations.

Once again, Kevin, played by Macaulay Culkin believes that he would be better off without his family. The difference is that this time Kevin is lost in New York City. While the scenery within the city is absolutely stunning, it is not enough to make the movie stand on its own.

Time and time again this movie mirrors similar situations from the first. Kevin is again the smart-mouthed kid who takes on the bad guys while befriending a lonely older person. This time, however, lonely older person is not the neighbor; it's a homeless woman who only speaks to pigeons. And it is the "pigeon lady," played by Brenda Fricker, who comes to Kevin's aid in the end, as did his neighbor in the original.

In addition to its reshaped plot, John Hugh's screenplay lacks realism. The audience cannot help but question the possibility that Kevin's mom, played by Catherine



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Macaulay Culkin's famous, patented scream.

O'Hara, manages to lose her son once again. After last year, you'd think this woman would've chained the kid to her hip. Or at the very least, she would have made sure that this time he was on the plane.

And how is it that this ten year old managed to walk around Central Park at night without being stolen, killed, or even approached by anyone besides Harry and Marv?

In the first movie, it was unrealistic, but because of the fast pace it was overlooked. Unfortunately, the sequel is too slow for the audience to overlook this again.

After an hour and fifteen minutes into the film, not much has happened: Kevin has gotten lost and the Wet Bandits, Harry and Marv, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, have escaped prison and are on the loose in the Big Apple. Up to this point, there are nothing but the occasional one-liners to entertain the audience while they wait for the inevitable chase scene between Kevin and the Bandits.

The long awaited chase scene is delivered within the last 45 minutes and this ran like a non-animated cartoon. Kevin employs much of the same strategy as the first time, except now it is much more lethal. In the first movie, the things he does to Harry and Marv would have maybe just paralyzed them. This time, he seems to be

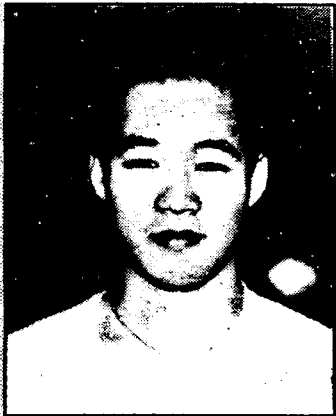
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# CAMPUS VOICES

By Chris Vacirca

## Question of the Week:

*What are you looking forward to most about the long Thanksgiving break?*

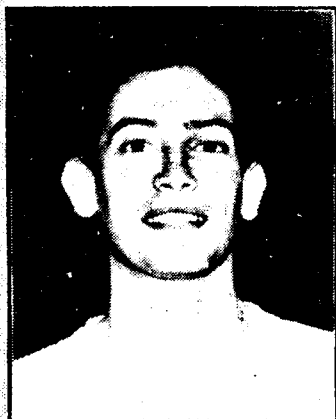


"Going to Georgia to hunt turkeys that are wild."

**Jonathan Lim, 21**  
**Class: Junior**  
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"The food. I've been starving here!"

**Tricia Stewart, 20**  
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"This year I become a man. My dad's going to let me carve the Thanksgiving turkey."

**Kevin Leopold, 21**  
**Senior**  
**History**

"Sleeping, eating, some more sleeping, then eating, ignore my parents for a while then go back to bed."

**Darren Rosenthal, 21**  
**Junior**  
**Biology**



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## Lost in New York is too far-fetched, cartoonish

From LOST page 7

going for the jugular.

Realistically, Kevin would have killed the Wet Bandits a few times over. He throws bricks off a building and hits Marv several times in the head. As in the first movie, Kevin burns Harry's head again, but this time he made the extra effort and also blows him up. He also electrocutes Marv and causes them both to fall several stories off a building. While

this violence kept most of the adult audience covering their eyes, the kids roared with laughter. This made sense, however, considering the movie had the same types of stunts that children love to watch on Saturday mornings.

All in all, this sequel left movie-goers asking, why make the same movie twice?

Save your seven dollars and rent the first one because most of the funny jokes were repeats and any good new jokes can be seen in the commercials.

## Innovative music is the hallmark of Phish

From PHISH on page 7

The encore, with Jon on a washboard with mammary glands, payed odes to Buffalo Bill, Satan, and a little Big Black Furry Creature from Mars.

Many students felt that Stony Brook security attempted to stifle some of the fun by attempting to control a crowd that did not have trouble on its mind. Before the concert, a mountain of a man known only as Dave, greeted the concert-goers at the front gate with loud bellows and intimidating looks while during the

show, security flash lights flicked on every time a fan made a remotely suspicious move.

Despite security's controlling behavior, Phish dominated the entire evening with its musical talent, emotional lyrics,

and honest fun. Few bands unite with each other and the audience the way that Phish did this past weekend. If rock fans have not yet heard Phish's innovative music, they should go out and buy their CDs. After Saturday's performance, Phish

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# University Art Gallery houses campus culture <sup>9</sup>

By Nancy Romes  
Special to Statesman

In a single place on campus a student can see a werewolf, a Greek Dancer, and Don Quixote. The George Koras exhibit in the University Art Gallery has made this possible.

This is one of the many cultural exhibits this 7-year-old gallery, housed in the Fine Arts Building, has offered to students.

"I'm always looking for different things to attract students," said Rhonda Cooper, director of the University Art Gallery.

"The Exhibitions Committee, made up of faculty and staff from the art department, tries to choose exhibits that will appeal to a diverse group," said Cooper, who is the chairperson of the committee.

"We look at ever proposal that is

brought to us," Cooper said. "From all these pieces the committee votes and majority wins."

The committee has almost the next five years planned.

For next semester, a psychedelic neon show is anticipated. "This exhibit will include light sculptures," Cooper said. "They won't be as thought provoking as they will be fun."

Cooper is also very excited about a show planned for 1994 which will exhibit works made out of paper. "It should be a very unique show," Cooper said.

In the far-off future, the gallery anticipates an "Art and Technology" show for 1995. "I'm hoping to attract students and faculty interested in the sciences," Cooper said.

To further attract students, the gallery

plans a "senior show" each year as one of its six annual exhibits. In May, graduates majoring in art display their works in the gallery. The gallery also hosts an annual show with artwork done by students graduating from the university's Master of Fine Arts Program.

In addition, every three years the gallery holds a faculty show. The next one is planned for 1994. "This is the one guaranteed to bring the students in," Cooper said, "They are very curious about their professors' work."

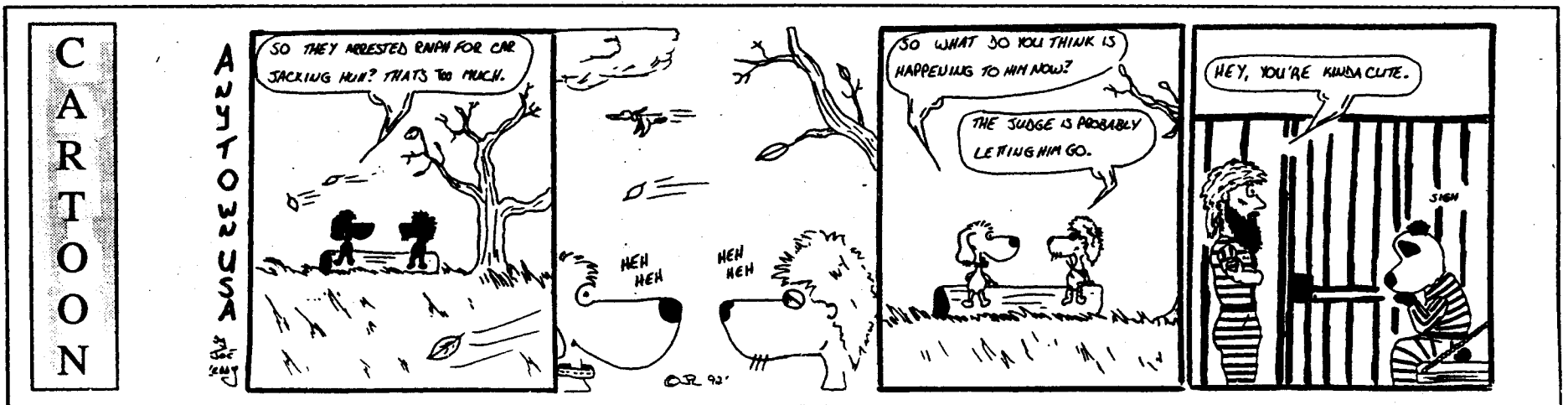
Retired faculty can also have shows. The sculptures of George Koras, a former professor from Stony Brook, are currently on exhibit. The show includes many dramatic bronze sculptures and sculptural paintings. This show will continue through December 16th.

The efforts by the exhibitions committee to encourage students to take advantage of this "cultural gem" have not been completely successful.

"Approximately 2,000 people come to each exhibit," Cooper said. "However, less than half of the visitors are students. That is a fairly small number when one considers that 17,000 students attend classes here."

However, Cooper is skeptical about future increases in attendance. "I don't think this trend will change much," she said. "I think the problem is the enormous size of the University."

Nonetheless, Cooper said, "We make sure we get really good work and have it as varied as possible. We realize we must serve a dual constituency, the public and the students."



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## Disabled Get Transportation

To the Editor:

I am pleased to say that on Nov. 11, six days after the Nancy Lawrence accident, campus officials made transportation for mobility-impaired students after 6:00 P.M. This satisfies the disabled students at Stony Brook as well as the 1990 People With Disabilities Act. On behalf of STAC [Students Toward an Accessible Campus] and the Disabled Student Services at Stony Brook, I thank the people who made transportation available for people with disabilities on campus.

However, there are other problems on campus that the officials should look at. There were other incidents, other than the November 5th accident, that prove that some action must be done to satisfy the disabled students' needs.

1. Earlier this semester, Vincent, a mobility-impaired student had his wheelchair tip over while crossing the bridge to the Union. He was left stranded for a half hour before someone even noticed him. Since then the bridge was closed down. However, no one knows when the bridge will be reconstructed, thus leaving the mobility-impaired using longer routes past Center Drive.

2. Lorelei, a visually impaired (legally blind) student continuously trips on unpainted stairs. Lorelei and other students with poor vision can only see objects extremely close up and brightly colored in order to walk safely on campus. There were other incidents that happened, the bottom line is we do not want any more to happen.

I know this school is in a severe budget crisis, but how much does it cost for concrete for the bridge and paint for the stairs? These are solutions and the campus officials should at least meet us halfway.

I am writing this letter because the people involved in these accidents and incidents are my friends. I have a learning disability and although my disability is not a physical disability, I am also protected by the Disabilities Act, the same act that protects my friend Nancy Lawrence. There are other people who have no disabilities whatsoever and totally agree with demands of the students with disabilities for better accessibility on campus. I owe everything to STAC and Disabled Student Services for helping me be somebody. All that I am asking of the officials is, "Please let something be done." Thank you.

Brenda C. Ahern  
President of STAC  
(Students Toward an Accessible Campus)

## Blacks Are Oppressed, Too

To the Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to commend Craig Blenman on his response to Richard Cole's racist editorial in last week's *Statesman*. His writing is clear and concise, his facts are straight, and his examples do an excellent job of illustrating the point he so very accurately poses. Craig is correct to say that in this country, Jews have not experienced a fraction of the injustice inflicted upon blacks.

However, as a group oppressed throughout history, Jews have endured injustice in unspeakable proportions.

I also agree with Craig when he boldly states that Richard Cole "is speaking out of ignorance" when he compares the Rodney King and Yankel Rosenbaum verdicts. Mr. King was, as Craig put it, "beaten like a dog" in a horribly degrading fashion. Mr. Cole surely realizes that it's not the fact that someone is beaten or killed that sparks anger, but rather the way someone is beaten or killed that determines the amount of injustice inflicted. Jews were not just killed at the hands of the Nazis - they were de-humanized, stripped of their dignity, and systematically tortured. The Nazis were out to rid the earth of the Jewish "disease".

Mr. King was beaten in a fashion that no person (or animal for that matter) should ever be treated. Anyone with a television set knows this.

Although I feel Dr. Khallid Muhammed is just as racist as Mr. Cole, I think Richard should seriously reconsider his stance on social politics.

Once again, bravo to Mr. Blenman for a point very well illustrated.

Dean Markadakis  
Associate Editor, *The Stony Brook PRESS*

## Commuters Deserve Better

To the Editor:

This is my last year at Stony Brook, and I have yet to write one single letter to any newspaper on campus. So I figure before I leave I will explain to you the incredible hardships this school imposes on the commuter student.

Last month there was an election held for deciding if the mandatory student activity fee would be implemented. I would think that for an issue of this importance we would at least get a letter in the mail to inform us of the vote. Commuter students make up half

of the population here at Stony Brook and we can't even get a letter sent to our houses. The \$100+ that we pay for our activity fee can't even get us a letter sent home. This is an outrage. I think that because most of the members of Polity are campus residents, they deliberately try to keep commuters out of politics.

In closing I would like to express my extreme dissatisfaction with the mandatory student activity fee because I think it discriminates against the less affluent students on campus. It really bothers me that because I don't have the time to take advantage of all the clubs and newspapers on campus that I should still have to pay for people of more wealth and more time to do so. I work hard for my education as do many other commuters and don't think we should have to pay for other people's leisure-time activities. I feel as if you want to be in a club or part of a newspaper, then the money should come out of your own pocket because some people focus more on their academic education rather than social activities. And in these times of economic hardship, every dollar I can save means so much. I hope the contents of this letter do not offend anyone but I hope it makes more people aware.

Angus Repper  
Senior

## Hillel Cultural, not Religious

To the Editor:

The intent of this letter is to correct and clarify a point written in last Thursday's issue of the *Statesman's* editorial. The editorial incorrectly reported that the Hillel student club is a cultural as well as a religious organization. This mistake is unfortunately a reflection of a widely-held misconception on campus.

The Hillel student club is a social and cultural club whose programming includes Jewish education and Jewish nationalism. The Hillel student club is not in any way a religious club. The Hillel student club is the only Polity-funded Jewish student club on campus and no Polity-funded organization may be religious.

There are Jewish religious services and programming on campus, but these are conducted by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation is one of seven religious denominations represented on campus which together comprise the Interfaith Center.

Such misconceptions about the Hillel student club serve only to polarize and cause confusion between communities within the campus.

Kevin Leopold  
President, Hillel Student Club

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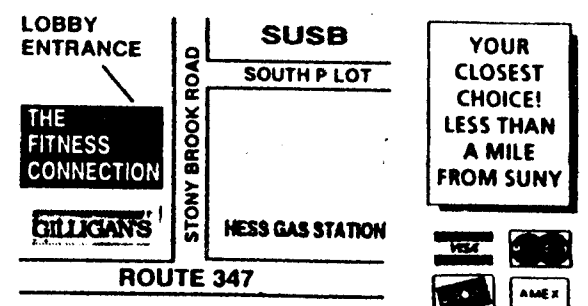
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# Swimmers fall short

# V-ball Pats place third

By Gayle Zuckerman  
Statesman Staff Writer

On Saturday the Stony Brook Patriots traveled to Trenton for the second meet of the season. The Patriots struggled to keep up with Trenton and were defeated 141-111. Trenton proved to be a tough competitor for the Pats.

## Men's Swimming

Trenton St: 141

Patriots: 111

The Patriots opened up with first place in the 400 medley relay. Marc Danin, Joe Morawski, Mike Rodriguez, and Joe Whalen took the Trenton team by one second. The Pats also took first in the 400 freestyle relay. The team of Whalen, Danin, Justin Kulchinsky, and Larry Sullivan won the relay by a time of 3:24.24. Trenton's second place team was behind

with a close 3:24.64.

The only independent win the Pats picked up was Danin's win in the 200 backstroke event.

The team knew that the meet would be tough but they swam their hardest anyway. "We knew this was going to be a tough meet so we just went there to try our best," said Kulchinsky.

Although the swimmers found difficulty in taking on Trenton, the divers had a better meet. Dan Tesone, Larry Sawyer, and Jason Weed placed first, second, and third, respectively, in both the one meter and three meter diving events. "As the season is progressing, I think we are getting better and our dives are gaining consistency," said Sawyer.

The Stony Brook Patriots continue their season on Tuesday at St. Francis at 5 p.m.

## THIRD from back page

Junior Denise Rehor assisted on 44 of the Patriots 58 kills, along with her 14 digs. Junior Sara Helmer had ten kills and ten blocks. Juniors Jill Pessoni and Kelly Grodotzke each had 11 digs.

The season didn't end there for the Patriots as they played Calvin College for third place of the tournament. It was the battle of kill percentages.

Stony Brook came out sluggish in the first set as the team only had a .148 kill percentage in losing the first stanza 15-11. The Patriots had the advantage in the second set as the Knights committed eight errors have a .085 kill percentage as Stony Brook won the second set 15-11.

Both teams won another set and were tied 2-2 going to the fifth set. Stony Brook players made the difference in the last set, contributing what was needed for the points.

The turning point of the set was when Kuhner blocked Christie Veltman from Calvin. "That was a big block," said Tiso. "It gave us the point instead of the point going to them." In the end it was the Patriots winning 15-8.

For the game Nikas had 20 kills along with 18 digs and three blocks to close out her college career. Kuhner had 13 kills and six blocks. Rehor had 44 assists and 12 digs for the team. Pessoni had six kills with her 15 digs. Helmer had 12 kills and four blocks for the team.

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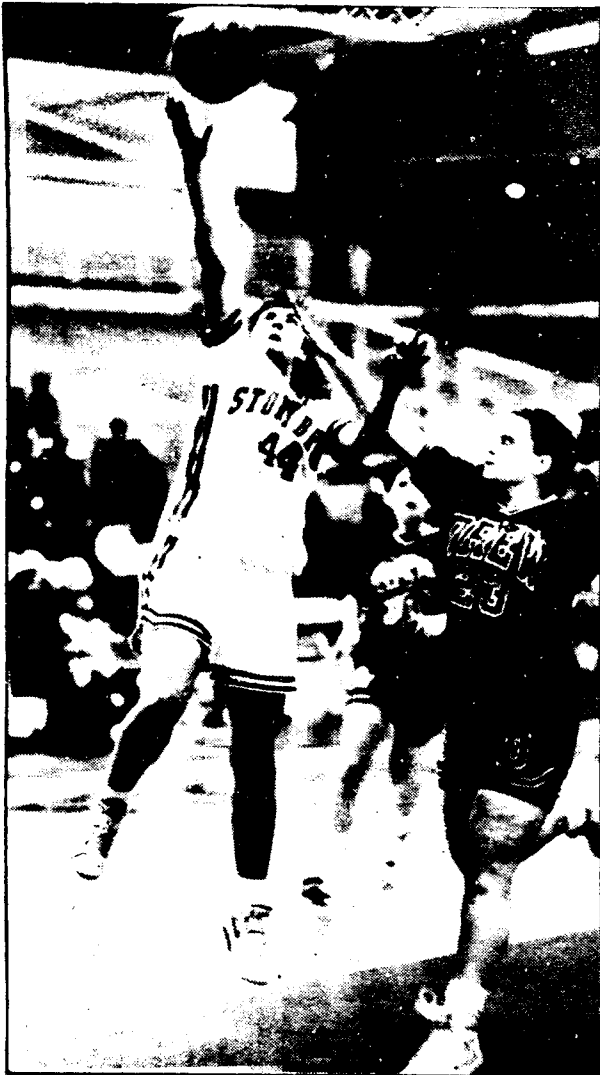
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# Women's basketball sinks Coast Guard



Joan Gandolf goes up for a basket.

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By Aimee Brunelle  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Patriots women's basketball team opened their season with two convincing wins over visiting Coast Guard and Drew University. In this three team tournament, Stony Brook defeated Coast Guard 74-53 Friday night, and exploded offensively Sunday versus Drew, drowning them 97-67.

The Pats started off quickly versus Coast Guard, leading 13-4 five minutes into the game. Sophomores Erika Bascom and Kim Douglas led this spurt with 4 points apiece. Coast Guard then woke up, and brought the score to 14-12, before Stony Brook went on another run. With 11:04 remaining in the half, sophomore Christine Fyrberg grabbed a loose ball and put it for two, followed less than a minute later by freshman Richshawna Sims easy two from under the basket, off a pass from sophomore Renee Raleigh. Junior Joan Gandolf then added four points, one off a feed from Bascom and the second after grabbing a rebound. Douglas then hit a jumper from the baseline, and Bascom capped off the spurt with another two, giving the Pats a 26-14 lead. Stony Brook and Coast Guard traded baskets the remainder of the half, with Stony Brook heading into the locker room with a 34-26 advantage.

In the second half, Stony Brook overpowered the Academy, both offensively and defensively. Coast Guard was unable to stop Gandolf, who had 15 points in the second half. Coast Guard was easily confused by the Patriot defense, which kept switching throughout the half.

Leading the way for the Pats was Gandolf, who had game highs 21 points and 8 rebounds. Chipping in with 17 points was Douglas, and Bascom added 14 points and 7 boards.

Head Coach Dec McMullen felt his team could have

played better, but is pleased with the victory. "It wasn't a pretty game, but we won." McMullen said, "You have to be happy with your first win."

Drew was the second victim for the Patriots, who exploded with 97 points. Raleigh scored the first two Stony Brook baskets, but Drew quickly tied it up. However, Drew wouldn't come within 8 points after the Pats went on a 10-1 run. They never looked back as they extended their lead to 31-18 midway through the first half. With 8:09 remaining, Stony Brook went on a 10-4 run, led by Gandolf's five points, and finished off the half with a 48-34 cushion.

The Patriots extended its halftime lead with a 9-0 run to start the second half, not allowing Drew to score until the 15:58 mark. The Stony Brook defense continued to confuse Drew, causing 14 turnovers in the second half alone. With 8:58 remaining in the half, senior Diane Barry was fouled going up to the basket. The ball fell in, and she hit the foul shot to complete the three point play and start a 13-4 run. Douglas nailed a three pointer and a hit a baseline jumper during this time and sophomore Donna Murphy added three of her own. The remainder of the half, the teams traded baskets, with Stony Brook closing the scoring with 9 seconds remaining when Raleigh hit a short jumper. Final score: Stony Brook 97, Drew 67.

Gandolf once again led the attack with a game high 19 points and 7 rebounds, as four Patriots hit double figures. Raleigh added 16 points, and Douglas had 15 points with 7 assists. Bascom chipped in with 13 points and a game high 13 boards, while Sims pulled down 12 rebounds.

Gandolf feels that the newcomers have adjusted well and fit in the team game. "They're doing great." Gandolf said, "They're a great help off the bench, especially on defense." McMullen felt the defensive intensity has increased from Friday's game, and the team played well together. "It was a balanced attack," McMullen said. "The guard play is so much improved, helping us get the ball down the court to set up and score."

Stony Brook, now 2-0, squares up next against the College of Staten Island on November 30 at 6:00 in the Indoor Sports Complex.

## Women's Hoops

Patriots: 74

Coast Guard: 53

Patriots: 97

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# Poor shooting hurts Pats in Maryland <sup>15</sup>

By Jason Yellin  
Statesman Sports Editor

Defensively the Patriots were on the mark, offensively the Patriots were off the mark. "Across the board we did a good job defensively both nights," said men's basketball Head Coach Bernard Tomlin. "But our shooting was off."

## Men's Hoops

Patriots:	91
Wesley:	61
Frostburg:	70
Patriots:	48

The men's basketball team opened up the season with a road tournament at Frostburg, Maryland. The Patriots split their two games and captured second place at the Elks Invitational. In the opener Stony Brook trounced Wesley College (DE) 91-61 to advance to the championship game. The Patriots lost the title to host Frostburg 70-48 in a very disheartening loss. "I think we were a little over-confident a little cocky," said Tomlin, who is entering his second year at Stony Brook.

The Patriots and Bobcats of Frostburg both seemed to holding back in the first half as the score at halftime stood at 24-23 in Stony Brook's favor. Both teams were shooting for low percentages from the field. Stony Brook at 36% and Frostburg 24%.

At halftime both teams went to the locker room with higher hopes for the second half, but only the Bobcats came out

with fire. The went on a 23-7 run to open up the half and never looked back as they went on to register an easy victory. The Patriots shooting was horrendous from everywhere. They shot 25% from field goals, 20% at the charity stripe and 10% from three point territory. "The early season start hurt us," said Tomlin. "We were not sharp, our shooting was off."

Typifying the Patriots poor shooting night was guard Emeka Smith. The normally reliable senior was horrific from the field making just four of 18 field goal attempts and 1-7 from beyond the arc. He totalled just 11 points in the game and only 21 for the weekend. "Emeka is our leader," said Tomlin. "His scoring is not as important as it was last year. If he can combine his ability to score and run the club that will help a lot."

The Patriots showed tough defensive prowess in the opener with Wesley. Stony Brook limited the Wolverines to just 21 points in the half. "Opening on the road allowing only 21 points, you have to feel good about at least one aspect (defense)," Tomlin said.

The Patriots opened the Wesley game up early and took leads of 13-1 and 31-13 on their way to cruising to the 30 point victory.

For the weekend Curtis Bunche, led the Patriots scoring attack totalling 31 points. Bunche, who is returning after a year off was named to the all-tournament team. Bunche was tenacious on defense, officially recording seven steals in the two

games, although it seemed like many more after viewing the video tape. "He did a good job," said Tomlin. "The one thing you have to keep in mind is that he and Vincent (Farmer) were out of competitive basketball for a whole year."

Farmer had an impressive, well-rounded return. Although he scored a total of eight points. He cleaned the boards 12 times and had seven steals in the two games.

Senior Ricky Wardally scored 15 points in the opening game and ten in the second, as the second leading scorer for the

Patriots in the tournament.

Michel Lamine, the Patriots man in the middle put up double-figures in the rebounding category for both nights. He had 10 the first and 12 the following game.

The Patriots record stands at 1-1 as they go into a full week of practice. Their next home game is set for Monday, Nov. 30. The Patriots will battle rival Lehman College.

"We have to take it game by game and be a little more aware of our shot selection," said Tomlin.



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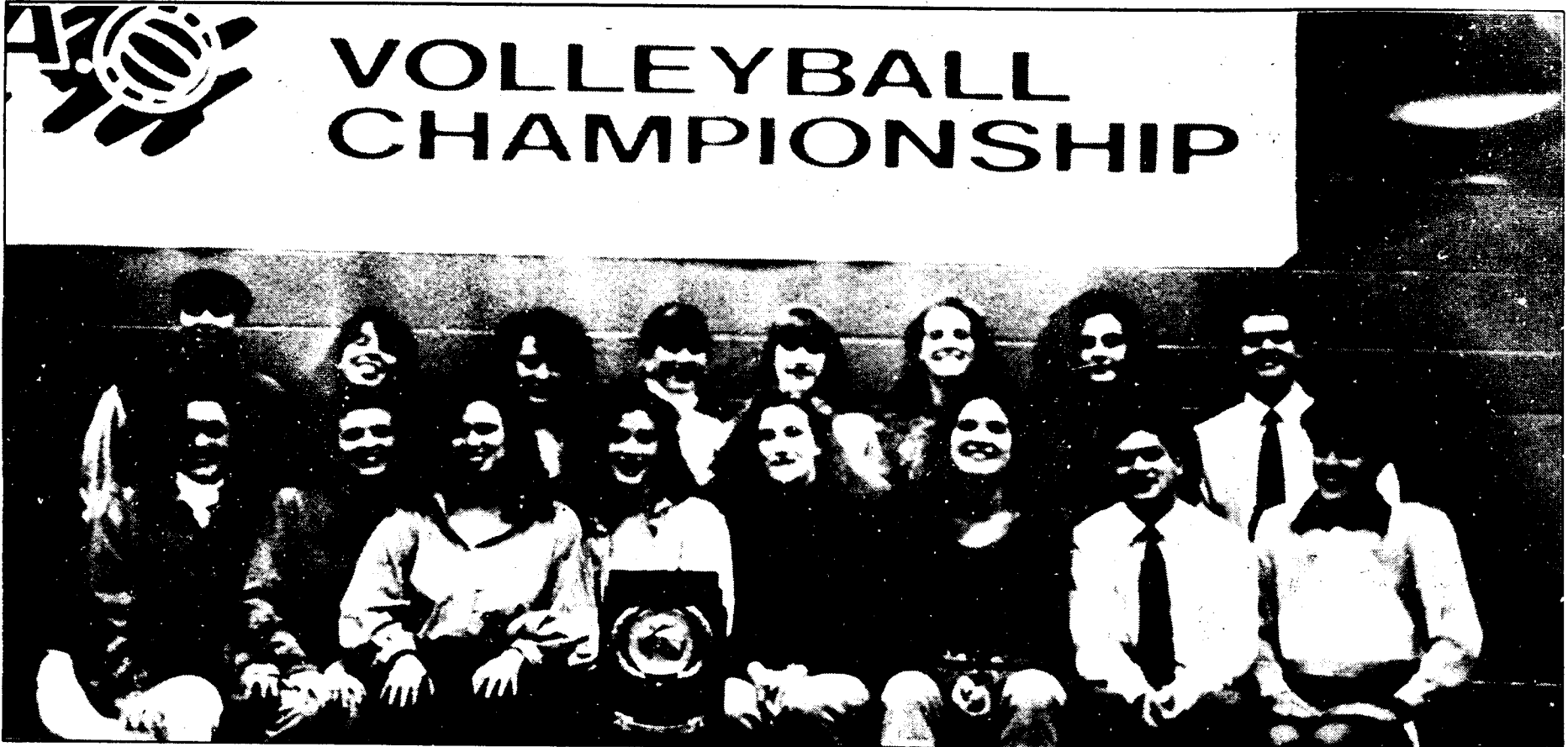
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Patriots celebrate their third place finish at the NCAA Finals in St. Louis.

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# Third Place A Charm

*Volleyball team brings home the bronze trophy from St. Louis*

**By Marco Aventajado**  
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The Patriot volleyball team made history last weekend when they advanced to the semi-finals of the NCAA volleyball tournament. Stony Brook was the first northeast school to make the "Final Four". They came out of the tournament as the third ranked team in the nation defeating Calvin College (MI) in the third-place game.

Two Patriot players were honored in the banquet last Thursday. Senior Stasia Nikas was given the 1992 AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Co-Player of the Year award for Division III volleyball along with Lisa Becker from Washington University. Nikas was also named to the AVCA all-American first-team along with junior Janna Kuhner. For Nikas these awards are exclamations to a great career while for Kuhner its a fitting ending

to a great season

In their semi-final game, the Patriots lost to the Tritons of UC-San Diego in a tough five set game. Stony Brook reeled off six straight points to open the first set up but it was San Diego which came back and won the first set 15-13. "We had a tentative start to the match .... Our serve kept us in the first game," said Head Coach Teri Tiso.

San Diego won the second set easily 15-3 but the Patriots didn't quit going into the third set. "I knew that we wouldn't quit down 2-0 because ethis group hasn't quit all year," said Tiso. Stony Brook won the third set and the fourth set 15-6 and 15-9, respectively to tie up San Diego at 2-2 as both teams played the fifth set. "In games 3 and 4 our adjustments on defense made a big difference. Sheri Montegari did a great job for us on the right side," said

Tiso.

In the last set of the game, the Patriots were down 8-4 and in rally-point scoring, that was a huge lead for the Tritons. Stony Brook didn't let up as they closed the gap to a 13-12 lead for San Diego. But in the end it was the Tritons finishing up the grueling five set game 15-12. "They came up with really big plays in the fifth game when they needed them. They had more poise and their previous semifinal experience really showed," said Tiso about San Diego. "Stony Brook deserves a lot of credit for the way they played .... They are a powerful team and never quit," said UC-San Diego Head Coach Doug Dannevik about Stony Brook. For the game Kuhner had 19 kills, 11 digs and a block. Nikas had 18 kills, 21 digs and three blocks.

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