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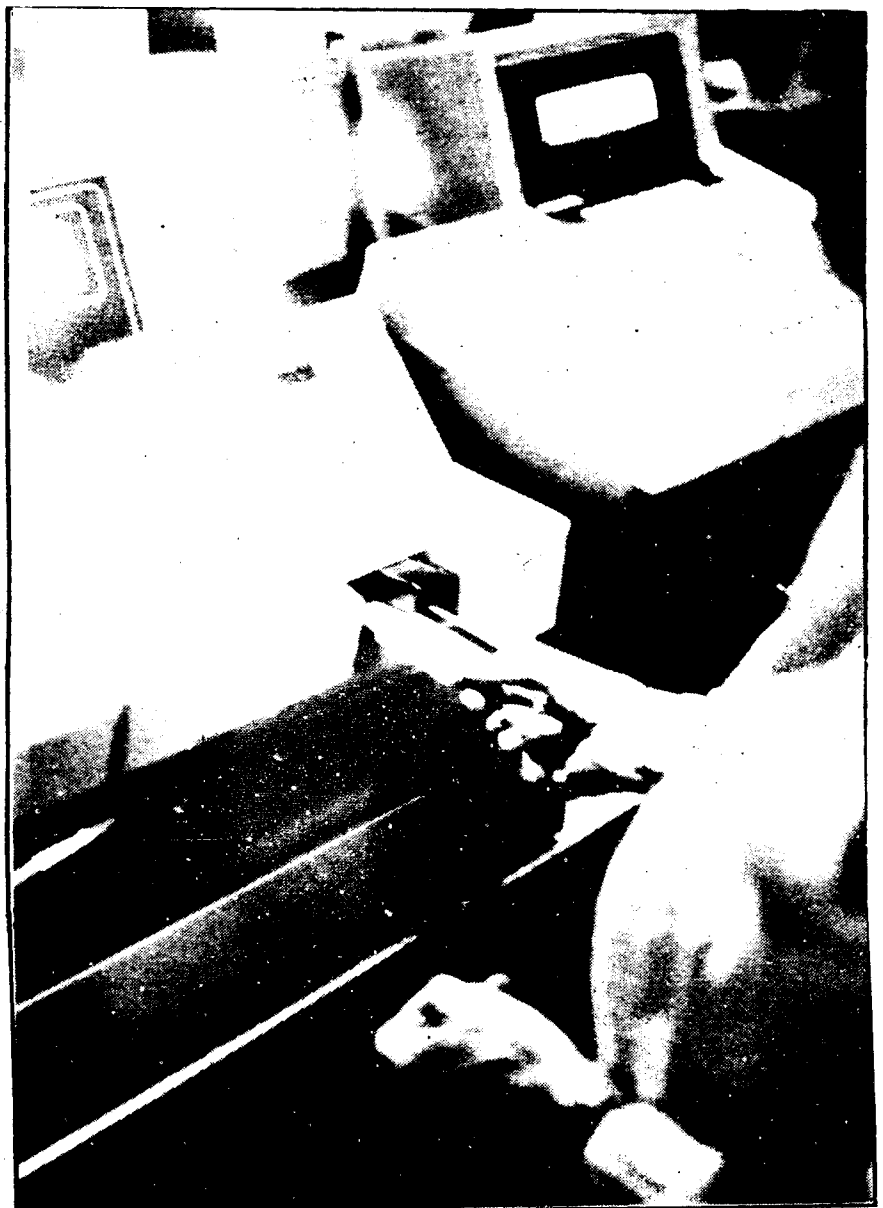
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All You Can Eat . . . For More



Statesman/Vincent Grasso

Students with declining balance have been using their meal cards unaware of the increase in the quad cafeterias.

Dining hall rates rise for declining balance users

By Krista A. DeMaria
 Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Students paying the all you can eat price with cash or declining balance in the H, Kelly and Roth quad cafeteria have been charged an increase this semester, unknown to them, due to the decrease in enrollments, rising expenses and a commitment to maintaining current levels of meal plan service.

"It was very difficult but no one expected several hundred fewer students on meal plan," said Director for Dining Services John Rainey. "Students can respond by

changing to the meal plan."

Over 400 students have dropped the use of a meal card in the last year, according to Warren Wartell, marketing manager for Faculty Student Association. On a meal card with declining balance the charge per meal is a unit, as of Feb. 1 this unit has increased for every meal, said Wartell. The new casual meal plan rates rose the price of breakfast from \$3.30 to \$3.50, lunch from \$4.95 to \$5.25, and dinner from \$6.95 to \$7.25, he said.

"I think it's still very fairly priced for what's being offered," said Rainey.

"And we don't want to decrease service or quality."

The price changes will not affect students in the traditional 19, 15, 10, or 8 meal plans. "If you're a big eater it pays to be on meal plan, said Wartell.

The last raise for those using declining balance was in 1991 when breakfast was raised 20¢, lunch was raised 40¢ and dinner was raised 50¢. "Figure with inflation, there will be a raise of 4 percent every 2 years," said Wartell. "But the

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Campus pilfering during January

• A 1990 Dodge Omni had its drivers side tail light broken while parked in the Hospital Emergency Room parking lot. It occurred on Jan. 4 after 1:25 p.m. with the damage estimated to be \$25.

• A buffing machine was stolen on Jan. 4 from the Wagner College custodial office after being left there on Dec. 22. The cost was \$700.

• The engine of a 1989 Ford went on fire on Jan. 4 at 6:23 while on North Loop Road. The driver was not injured as the Setauket Fire Department responded in time.

• One denim shirt worth \$30 was taken from a room in Sanger College. The incident occurred between December 30 and January 5.

• In the Student Union the glass on a bi-level bridge door was smashed costing \$75 to replace. The incident occurred on January 6 and there were no witnesses.

• A window was cracked and the exterior wall covered with graffiti in the Graduate Physics building between Jan. 6 at 10:11 and Jan. 7. The damage was \$100.

• Two fire extinguishers were taken from the Hamilton College basement on Jan. 7. The extinguishers were worth \$80.

• A black Fujitsu Stylus portable phone worth \$500 was taken from a 1986 gray Mazda. The incident occurred on January 7 while parked in the top level of the administration garage.

• A 1984 GMC state truck had two tires punctured while parked in the West Campus service area. The incident occurred after 4 p.m. on Jan. 11 and cost \$25 to fix.

• A \$50 parking light on the passenger side of a 1989 Toyota was broken on Jan. 11. It was parked in the Central Stores parking lot.

• Outside the Javits Lecture Center there was damage to two garbage cans and graffiti sprayed on

exterior doors. The vandalism cost \$100 and occurred between January 15 at 4 p.m. and January 18.

• In the Social and Behavioral Sciences building on the first floor, there was a fire extinguisher ripped off the wall, a newsstand overturned, and glass broken on Jan. 18. The damage is estimated to be \$300.

• Two boxes out of ten delivered by UPS, were stolen from the Social and Behavioral Sciences building worth \$350 in total. They were delivered on January 14 to the third floor. On Jan. 19, the two boxes of books and paint were discovered missing.

• A directional arm worth \$50 was taken from a steering column on a 1985 Chevrolet state pickup truck. It was parked in the Graduate Chemistry parking lot on Jan. 21 at 2:30 p.m. There is no sign of forced entry.

• In Sanger College, a male student punched out his third floor window on Jan. 23 at 1:17 a.m. after a fight with his girlfriend. He was transported to the University Hospital Emergency Room for injuries to his hand. He was referred to Student Affairs and has agreed to pay for the \$200 window.

• On the seventh floor of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building on Jan. 22 the \$50 glass pane on the door to a room was broken. The room was entered and left with food and beer cans around.

• The rear window was broken on a 1989 Ford Taurus while parked in the Health Science Center parking lot. It occurred between January 23 and Jan. 24. The window was estimated to be \$120 and nothing else was taken.

• A Hewlett Packard laser scanner valued at \$675 was stolen from a second floor room in Central Hall. It was last seen on Jan. 25 and was found with the door kicked in costing \$25 in damage.

• There was a small fire in the Graduate Chemistry building on Jan. 27 in the air conduit on the penthouse level. It was extinguished by the custodial staff before the officers arrival.

• A portable belt sander and a tile cutter were taken

from the Physical Plant carpentry shop on January 26. The tools were worth \$175 and there was no sign of forced entry.

• A 1985 Honda had its parking sticker taken while parked on Lake Drive on Jan. 27. There was no sign of a break-in and nothing else was taken.

• A \$200 Aiwa AM/FM cassette radio was stolen from a 1985 Plymouth on Jan. 27. The car was parked in the North P lot and had its passenger side window broken worth \$50.

• The drivers side vent window worth \$75 was broken on a 1989 Jeep when it was parked in Irving College parking lot. A Clarion AM/FM removable stereo was stolen worth \$300. The incident occurred on Jan. 27.

• A \$350 Blaupunkt stereo, ski boots worth \$200, a \$100 Whistler radar detector, ski goggles valued at \$50, and a pair of \$300 Dynamic skis were stolen from a 1984 Nissan on Jan. 27. The passenger side window was broken worth \$75 while parked in the Langmuir College parking lot.

• A Panasonic VCR worth \$400 was stolen from a room in O'Neill College while the resident was on break since Dec. 15. There was no sign of forced entry and there are no suspects.

• In Hand College, on the second floor, a Fisher AM/FM stereo and two speakers were stolen. It was discovered missing on Jan. 31.

• A 1984 red Honda CRX had its drivers side window broken on Feb. 1. It was parked in the South P lot and the damage was estimated to be \$150.

• In James College, on the first floor, a VCR worth \$150, a printer valued at \$200, a CD player worth \$150, and a \$500 laptop computer were stolen while the resident was on break. There are no suspects.

• In the adjacent room in James College, a mini tape recorder worth \$75 was stolen during the break.

• A Panasonic VCR valued at \$400 was stolen from a second story room in Sanger College. It was reported missing on Feb. 1.

Corrections

In the 2/1 issue of Statesman, the name of one of the three men accused of stealing electronics equipment should have been spelled Curtis Bunche.

Also, we misidentified the organization that was unionized and represented the TA's and GA's in the article on page 6. It should have been identified as the GSEU.

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Polity funded groups raise concerns at first budget meeting

By Vincent Kolb
Special to Statesman

Student officers of funded groups expressed varied opinions at the polity budget meeting, held last night, where the main concerns were about the budget application process.

Approximately 30 people attended this meeting as Polity Treasurer Corey Williams explained the process of filling out budget forms for fiscal year 1993-94. Officers were asked to project the next fiscal year's events and expenses and create a budget, which must be submitted no later than Feb. 5.

Commuter College Treasurer Erika Abel said that an obstacle for creating a budget would be the change in leadership within her group. "It would be difficult to project expenses for a group that may have different officers the following year," she said.

Williams said that there is research involved in preparing the budget. "Officers should predict a budget based on the previous year's budget," said Williams. "Groups may have to appeal budget decisions and therefore should have arguments prepared."

Also at the meeting was Jill Rappaport, president of the Science Fiction Forum. "My group does not plan events ahead of time. (This budget process) is not applicable to every club."

Present and prepared with their budget was the Equestrian Team. President Kimberly Barry said, "We know exactly what events we are going to have, our

budget is based on the fees for those events." Vice President of the team, Sharon Stauch added that they only received 3,750 dollars this year, but are asking for 12,000 dollars for next year, because they will spend that much money out of their own pocket whether they receive it or not.

Williams concluded the meeting asking officers



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Polity Treasurer Corey Williams speaks to groups at budget meeting applying for funding from Polity.

to please make an effort to meet deadlines so that the entire budget process could be facilitated. Last year weak attendance cancelled the remaining three Polity Senate meetings and forced the 1992-93 government budget through without consultation from the organization's largest and most powerful body. The budget was passed as it was proposed by the council.

How to beat the deadline for funding

Student clubs funded by Polity have one more day to submit budget applications for next year or else they cannot apply for the money that keeps their group functioning. Here's a brief checklist for clubs that already are recognized by Polity. (Note: This list does not include new clubs, which must follow a separate process as shown below)

- **Fill out application.**
Form includes questions about your group's function, goals, and accomplishments.
- **Be brief and concise.**
List all planned events and estimated costs.
- **Tally expenses.**
Make sure all calculations are correct.
- **Attach additional literature.**
Include articles written about your group and its' activities.

New groups must apply to the Program Services Committee:

- **Prepare a proposal.**
Include purpose and goals of the group.
- **Describe membership requirements.**
Is your group open to all students?
- **Explain projected budget.**
How much money do you want and what is it going to be used for?
- **Use clear language.**
Include pertinent information wherever possible.

— Vincent Kolb

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ultimate decision is made by FSA."

According to FSA, the average price meals for students on meal plans or paying by declining balance are:

19 MEAL PLAN	\$2.59
15 MEAL PLAN	\$2.93
10 MEAL PLAN	\$4.03
8 MEAL PLAN	\$4.16
FULL DECLINING BALANCE	\$5.34

The decision was made by the Dining Service Committee on Jan. 29, and it was too difficult to notify students before the semester began, said Rainey.

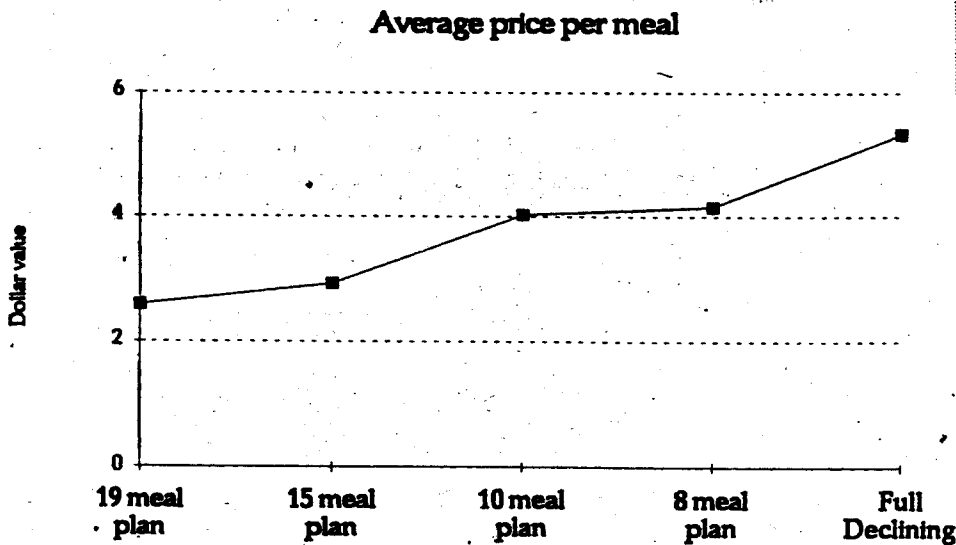
Junior Robert Ieraci said that although meal plan is a better deal he does not want to eat in the dining hall, even if declining balance is more expensive. "It was a rip off before, and it's a rip off now," he said.

Rainey said that students can change their dining option if they want to join a traditional meal plan. "It's the student choice," he said. "It was very difficult to make the

decision but no one expected the enrollment decrease."

Ieraci said he would have liked to have known about the increase before he used his meal card this semester. "The increase is sneaky, he said. "And I think it's unfair to students."

Wartell said he would have preferred giving the students sufficient time to digest the information, but they couldn't inform the students because the decision was made so late. "This is not the best way to approach this," said Wartell. "I do think it's unfair."



Statesman/Jonathan Russell

The average price per meal is lower when the student uses the traditional meal plan. As this graph shows, the student on declining balance pays over double that of the student using the 19 meal plan when in a quad cafeteria.

"This is not the best way to approach this. I do think it's unfair."

— Warren Wartell
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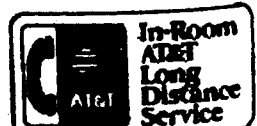
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SB student dies in drowning accident

Friends plan service to honor his memory

By Krista A. DeMaria
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Sophomore Victor Correa Ortiz drowned, at the age of 18, in Toabaja, Puerto Rico on Dec. 23 while visiting his family for the holidays.

Correa, who was a member of Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity, will be given a memorial service on Feb. 10 where sophomore Juan Mestres, who was with him at the time of the accident, will speak.

"I want to tell everybody that he was such a good friend," said Mestres. "He is going to be my guardian angel."

Mestres recounted the accident and said that Correa panicked when his feet couldn't feel the floor

of the ocean. "I held him so he wouldn't go down," he said. "But he was so big he brought me down and then somehow somebody got me out of the water."

Mestres has been getting support from his friends and Sister Margaret Ann Landry, of the Catholic campus ministry. "I think they are all doing quite well," she said. "The important thing is his fraternity brothers and friends mourn his death."

Junior Bo Ramirez went to Puerto Rico when he heard the news of his friend's death. "He kept me going," he said. "I want him to be remembered by his friends."

As for Mestres he will never forget the death of his friend. "When you see your best friend die in your hands it's an experience you'll never forget."



Victor Correa Ortiz at Stony Brook

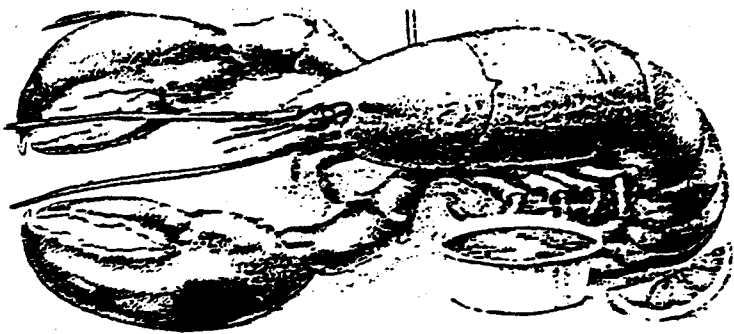
"He kept me going. I want him to be remembered by his friends."

—Junior Bo Ramirez

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OA's to give up their bed Hourly wages to replace bed waivers

By Andrea Rubin
Statesman Staff Writer

Office Assistants who have been working for free room and board for the past five years will be getting paid an hourly wage, instead of receiving the bed waiver, beginning this summer.

"It's a decision which will save residents money," said Jerry Stein, Director of Residential Programs. The change, which will take effect July 1, will include all office assistants, including those who are currently working for the bed waiver.

Daryl Lynn Bachman, associate director of administrative services said the change will benefit office assistants, giving them "more luxury in scheduling." Currently, office assistants must work 15 1/2 hours a week to earn the bed waiver, but after the change they will have more flexibility in choosing the hours that they work, she said.

But many office assistants are not happy about the change.

"I'll be an O.A. next year," said Karen Ditolla an office assistant in Benedict College, "but I'd rather have the bed waiver."

Lakisha Sharpe, who works in Hand College agrees. "The bed waiver helps me tremendously," she said. "I probably won't be an O.A. next semester."

Stein feels that although this could effect recruitments, students will still want to hold the position. He believes that with the tough economy workers

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— Lakisha Sharpe
Hand College O.A.

would like to receive a paycheck. "They will be paid for what they do," he said, "it's more reinforcing."


Office Assistants will be paid five dollars an hour and will receive checks every two weeks. Resident Assistants will still get a bed waiver.

"I'm contemplating an R.A. position to get the bed waiver," said Marivic Rances, an office assistant in Hamilton College. She feels that five dollars an hour is not enough for the amount of work that her job entails, "It's not worth it."

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Well, down to business. Those who have been around and know what I am capable of writing will be helped to more of the same in this hallowed box. Those who have seen my name in print for the first time are in for a treat. I will make you angry, gleeful, enraged, informed and frustrated. Sometimes all at once. You'll see what I mean as time goes by. As for the name of the column, an eagle is a remarkable creature. From ridiculously high altitudes this bird can spot the smallest prey scurrying along the ground or beneath the surface of the water, swoop down, and capture it with

pinpoint accuracy. Such is my ability to observe the various social, political and academic occurrences on this campus, and report them in a way you either overlooked or are not willing to accept.

The format will loosely follow a four step sequence, from presenting an issue, negating my opposition, presenting my views, and devising a solution that would or should be a fair compromise.

In years' past, I have been pummeled by my opposition for being everything from unfair to fascist (you can insert your favorite cliché here). But nothing can be further from the truth. Although my views can get caustic, they do have a great deal of personal experience behind them. You may, and oftentimes will, disagree with what I say, but do it without being disagreeable. Attack my views at your leisure by either writing to *Statesman* or discussing them with me during my office hours, which will be established within the next week or so. That's what my views are there for and there is nothing I would like more than to be able to debate on a friendly level with anybody

who disagrees with what I say.

We will be dealing with some very weighty issues and some frivolous issues, too. In upcoming columns we will discuss acquaintance rape, the effects of the newly-found American hypersensitivity, the bell-shaped grading curve, and much, much more. So fasten your seat belts, lock



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Adam J. Kaminsky

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pressed here are entirely mine unless otherwise noted. This column is independent of any other part of the paper. I say this because there has to be some cuckoo out there who must be saying, "Uh oh. Kaminsky is writing a column, that must mean *Statesman* has been possessed by the conservative devil." But even if it were so, why should that cuckoo care?

We don the boxing gloves next week. See you then.

The opinions expressed in Adam's column are his own and in no way are meant to reflect the view of the Statesman or its editorial board.

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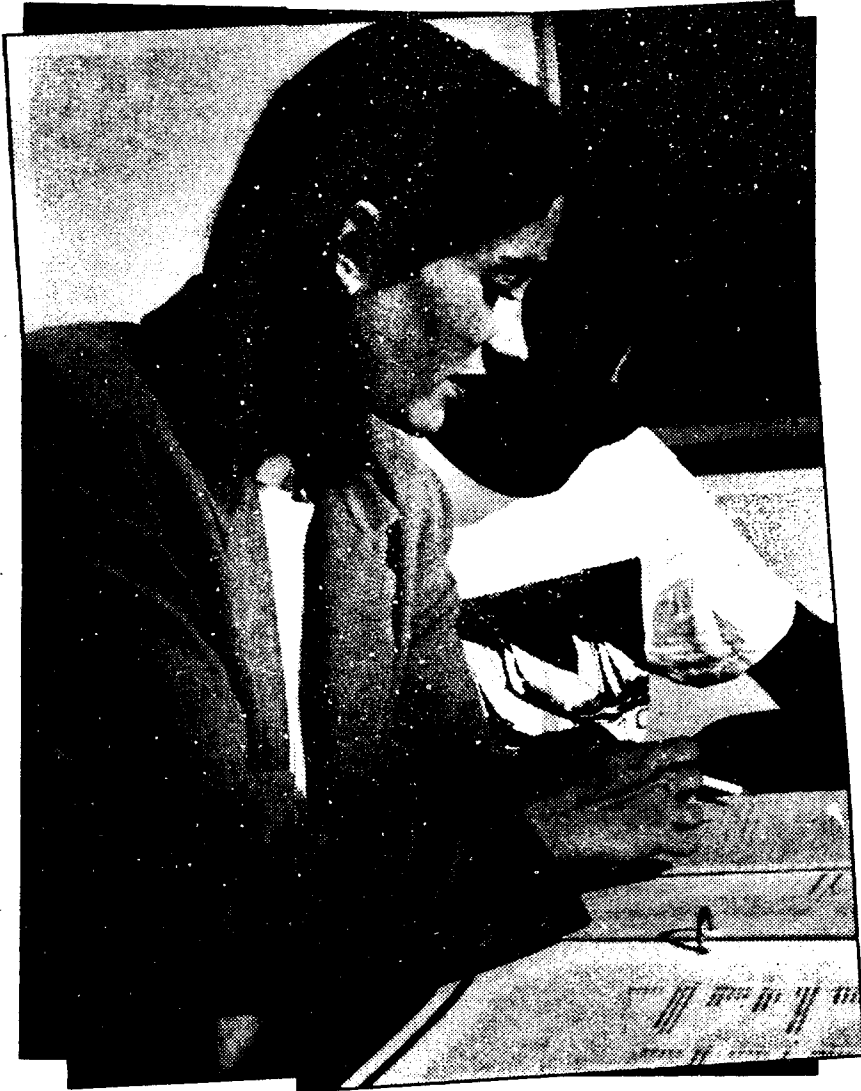
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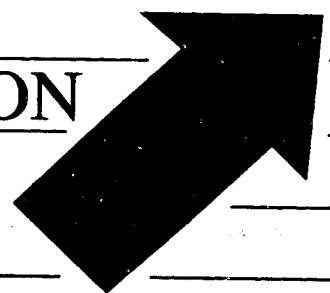
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Editorial

Admit the Gays, Not the Controversy

The people of America elected Bill Clinton to the presidency because they wanted change. Although the exact type of change was never specified, the general idea was to bring the economy back on track and to heal many wounds in the social sector.

One of these wounds is the alleged discrimination against homosexuals in many aspects of their public lives, including their open exclusion from the armed forces. To rectify this ill, President Clinton proposed reversing the fifty year old exclusionary clause as the symbol of his value premise of change.

As is quite evident, old habits die hard. Many a debate has been held in every forum imaginable, from the dining room table to talk radio and television, with everybody kicking in their two cents' worth on the matter. Predictably, we are in a stalemate, with good arguments being presented by both sides.

On the one hand, the staunch conservative camp says that the

military is not the place to test the latest unproven social fads, and that morale within the ranks will drop dramatically should the proposed inclusion become policy. There are those who say that the argument of lower morale is false, but let's face it. We cannot control how others think, nor can we change their opinions on certain subjects. It will be too idealistic to think there will be no short term (or even long term) lapses in morale.

On the other hand, the more progressive side says that there were gays in the military during its entire two hundred year history, and there are no apparent dips in morale as a result of this. What these people neglect to realize is that since one's sexual orientation is assumed to be "straight" upon induction, homosexuality is kept in a closet under lock and key, out of public sight. What is apparent and what is hidden are two different things. Furthermore, it is their belief that it is every able-bodied American citizen's right to enter the military if

they so desire. Well, what about those who are invalids? Should they have the right to enter the military as well? Equality should not be limitless.

Much of the paranoia is fueled by this unrelenting pursuit of universal equality, which seems to rattle many people. The results of many equality causes have included *unequal* rules and regulations as retribution for past injustice. Would gays be able to carry on relationships within the barracks? Will they be allowed to dress or act differently? Although these scenarios are very remote, we cannot rule out anything.

It is our feeling that gays should be allowed to enter the military provided they do not use this privilege as a front for their political or social ideology. The military is not a soap box, nor should it extend any special privileges to these new recruits-to-be as restitution for past oppression. The only criterion should be how well any prospective recruit conforms to the military's codes, and not how well the military can adapt to changing times.



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No "Right" or "Wrong" Sexuality

To the Editor:

I would like first of all to thank you, Mr. Suarez [*Sick of Gay Propaganda*, Letter, Dec. 14], for expressing your opinion publicly and openly. At times this is not easy to do. Your opinion is not a popular one, and therefore should be expressed. Active debate is a sign of a healthy intellectual atmosphere on a college campus. I am sure there are others at Stony Brook who share your opinion and are glad to see it in print in the pages of *Statesman*. However, active debate requires clear presentation of facts, and your criticisms of the gay community are not based on entirely accurate information. I hope in this letter to clarify some of the points you made.

You seem to be under the assumption that there is a "right" and "wrong" way to be, sexually. In other words, you criticize gays for supposedly thinking that everyone should be straight (or else "keep it in the closet..."). This accusation is not new to us. But consider the logic here: the gay community is continually fighting for its right simply to exist. Gays lesbians and bisexuals do not want a foreign sexual identity to be forced upon them. For us then to assert that our sexuality is the only viable and "normal" one is equally abhorrent; more so, in fact, considering that almost 90% of the human race is heterosexual!

Your simple statement that the gay community is "responsible for the AIDS crisis is more dangerous than you may think. Gay men were hit hard by this epidemic, but they learned from it, and now the entire gay community has taken on the task of educating the rest of the public about the disease. Fostering the idea that AIDS is a gay disease promotes a false sense of security among young sexually active heterosexuals, which is why today AIDS is spreading faster in this group than in any other.

You stated in your letter that gays have a right to live their lives the way they want to, yet in the same sentence you admonish them to "keep their sexual preference in the closet where it belongs." I don't want to live my life that way, and neither, I'm sure, do you. Imagine never kissing, holding hands with, or otherwise showing affection to another human being in public because you are afraid to

offend or provoke someone. This is what it means to be in the closet.

In order for a publication like *Statesman* to be "a positive tool for the function of the school," it must provide a voice for the entire university community in all its diversity. To deny gays, or African Americans, or Jews, or any other group their public voice on campus would defeat the purpose of a campus newspaper.

Ed DeFelippis

Sick of All the Gay Bashing

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to that of Bernard Suarez which appeared in the December 14th issue of *Statesman* under the title "Sick of Gay Propaganda."

In his letter, Mr. Suarez refers to the behavior of gays as "obnoxious, rude, and unnatural." Mr. Suarez neglects to cite any incidences that would have made him feel this way. Should the reader then assume that being gay in and of itself is obnoxious, rude and unnatural? Have you, Mr. Suarez, asked yourself why you feel so offended by someone with a sexual orientation different from your own?

Mr. Suarez refers to an article which appeared in *Statesman* written about the existence of homophobia on our campus. Mr. Suarez confirms the basic premise of this article by labeling it "homosexual trash" and "left-wing" propaganda. I fail to see the connection between political orientation and sexual orientation. Is Mr. Suarez implying that to have respect for the rights of homosexuals, one is left-wing, or liberal? I myself am a registered Republican.

Mr. Suarez goes on to conclude that a school newspaper article that did not portray gays in a negative light has left the "normal" readers thinking that there is something wrong with themselves, adding that articles which show respect for this minority group will "bring this school down."

This University is comprised of many different types of people. I am happy to see the articles in *Statesman* reflecting (somewhat) the diversity that exists here at Stony Brook. Diversity brings us into contact with people different from ourselves, and ideas different from our own. This forces us

to reexamine who we are and what we feel. Sometimes this is uncomfortable, but this process of reexamination leaves us with a better understanding of ourselves. Isn't that a primary purpose of education?

In his letter Mr. Suarez charges the gay community with being "chiefly responsible for the AIDS tragedy." Where as Mr. Suarez's other comments were disrespectful, this comment is dangerously ignorant. How does Mr. Suarez know that gays are responsible for this epidemic? Who first had AIDS, and what was that person's sexual orientation? How did this person become HIV positive? If we knew the answers to these questions, researchers would be well on the way to finding a cure, but these things are not known, and that is scary.

It is true that when AIDS first received public attention in the U.S., during the 1980s, it was the gay community that was the most outspoken in calling for government help in finding a cure, and in informing people about the facts of this virus. In retrospect, doesn't it seem sad that more heterosexuals weren't as outspoken in this regard?

Today, the majority of those with HIV in the United States are heterosexual. Blacks and Latinos suffer disproportionately, comprising 46% of those infected. In Southeast Asia and Africa, the AIDS epidemic has spread like wildfire through the heterosexual population. It will invariably do the same here, unless people recognize the realities of this virus and change their habits accordingly.

To paint AIDS as chiefly a gay concern is dangerous. AIDS is humanity's problem. Everyone has a part to play in controlling the spread of this epidemic and in helping people who are already infected.

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Nat's a Person And a Friend

To the Editor:

Once again, Richard Cole has revealed himself as the intolerant person that he is by attacking Nat Hendricks [Nat—'A Stony Brook Tradition,' Feb. 1].

Cole, who must idolize Pat Buchanan and the ultra-right wing of the Republican Party, complains that Nat "makes students feel uncomfortable," and that he "spreads his stuff all over the place in the Commuter College. What a travesty!

I have known Nat for more than seven years. I guess I am one of those "bleeding-heart liberals" that Cole refers to, for I have fed Nat, sheltered him at times, even given him clothing. I and many other people have done this not because Nat has asked for help, for that is not his way, but simply because *we like him*. In all my years at Stony Brook, I have never seen or heard of Nat making students "feel uncomfortable." Nat is a friendly, caring person who, for whatever reasons, does not fit into our notions of what a productive life should be.

Let me also state that Nat has given me many things, including friendship, consolation at times of distress, and a sense of worth. I have learned tolerance and compassion from him.

Surely compassion and charity are not qualities unique to liberals and progressives. It's too bad that Cole's father, a university professor, has not been able to instill these qualities in his son. Cole should remember that not all members of our society get to lead privileged, comfortable lives. Cole may not be racist; perhaps he's just a misanthrope. I'm sure many people are wondering, as I am, where Richard's parents went wrong.

George Bidermann

A 'Tradition' Worth Breaking

To the Editor:

I am writing at this time in response to the *Statesman* article entitled "Nat—A Stony Brook tradition." Ms. Schramm

conveniently left out of her article that I, as the President of the Commuter Student Association, was acting upon complaints registered by commuter students. If Ms. Schramm had taken the time to go down to the Commuter College Lounge, she could have found more than a handful of people who have differing views from those portrayed by the students interviewed in her story. Furthermore, if Ms. Schramm had taken the time to interview Mr. Stressoer Alternis, executive director of Polity, she would have found out that I had, on at least two different occasions, spoken to him about the problems that we had been having with Nat and that it was Stress's suggestion that I find out if Nat was a student or not. It was also suggested that if he was not a student, that we [CSA] should have him and his stuff removed from the premises by Public Safety.

The fact of the matter is that Nat often makes himself at home in the TV area of the lounge, spreading his belongings out all over the place, deterring students from using the area. I will admit that the students being apprehensive of using the area because of Nat's presence may be unwarranted. However, they are activity fee paying students and Nat is not; therefore they have more of a right to utilize the space.

As for the rest of the article, Nat claims that there was some kind of conspiracy against him within the Sociology department because of his race. To any one that knows anything about the Sociology department this claim is absolutely ridiculous, as the Sociology department is and has been one of the most liberal departments on campus. If one wants a lecture on Marxism, how great communism is, on how bad capitalism is, or how oppressive this nation has been, one need look no further than the Sociology department.

If this conspiracy did/does exist, how is it that Nat has been around for over a decade now? If there were a conspiracy he would have been, or could have been, removed from this campus years ago; which I feel might not be such a bad idea. Nat should be charged with loitering and vagrancy. There is one positive aspect for the university community having someone like Nat around; it shows the students a reason to take their studies seriously.

From my interactions with Nat it has been more than apparent that he suffers from some sort of deep-rooted paranoid delusions (keep in mind that I am not a psychologist). He claims that he has invented all sorts of things and that all of his ideas have been stolen from him and now other people are making millions of dollars from his ideas. In fact Nat has made numerous complaints to Public Safety that papers have been stolen from his locker and now other people are using them as their own. These complaints have never been substantiated.

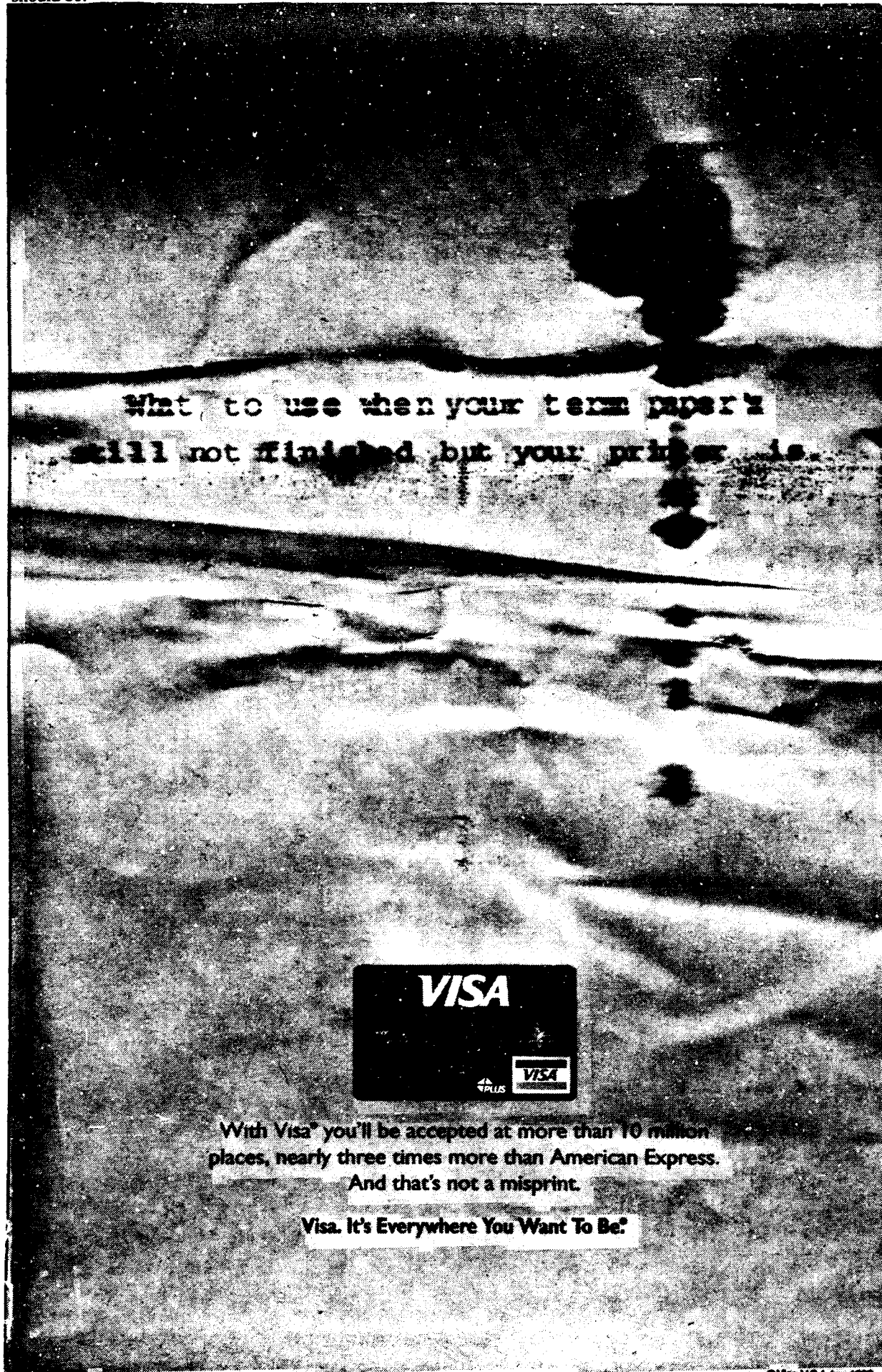
Nat continuously says that people are conspiring against him because he is a black male. Well why is he the only one? Almost ten percent of the student body here at Stony Brook is black; and of all the blacks, "those people" have chosen Nat to pick on. . . . Yeah, right. Who would want to waste their time?

For the record, Nat's race had nothing to do with the problems that were encountered with CSA. There was another gentleman that had a problem with CSA disposing of his rotten food, and he was white. Nat, in trying to make this a racial issue, further exemplifies how out of touch that he is with what is actually going on around him. It is easier for him to blame his life's failures on "race problems" than to take the onus of blame on himself.

When I was President of CSA I did not care what race anyone was. If there was a problem it was my duty to deal with it to the best of my ability.

Lastly, what does it say about Stony Brook when our campus paper refers to a person such as Nat as a school tradition. Stony Brook should have some other point of pride that we could refer to as a tradition. This school has had a plethora of famous graduates, fantastic teachers, annual events, etc. I would think *Statesman* would be able to come up with something else to write about; especially considering that Nat has been the subject of *Statesman* articles several times over the past few years.

Richard Cole
Former President, CSA



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Men's team takes positive turn

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

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Swimming

Marc Danin was also a double winner in the 200 individual medley and the 200 backstroke. Dan Tesone also won both diving competitions. In the time of 5:31.66 Larry Sullivan won the 500 free style. Men's swimming record

is now 6-2.

Tesone had been diving with a broken wrist which was undetected until later that evening, and has not competed since then, but he will have the cast off by the big Mets meet at Penn State which takes place February 18-20, 1993. Tesone has great confidence in the team, as he says, "The team is really improving. The swimming times have become lower and the diving is also improving. Larry Sawyer, since I broke my wrist, has been coming in strong. He stepped right in to 1st place."

More depth for the female team

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

Over the break Stony Brook defeated Montclair state 120-117. Terri Lukemire won the 200 yard free style in 2:16.27 seconds, the 200 backstroke in 2:29.53 and teamed to win the 400 medley relay to lead her team to victory. Sarah Anderson also finished first in the 50 freestyle in 28.6 seconds.

The record of the Lady Pats is now 2-5. Junior Lukemire is sure that Mets will be the best meet of the year for the Lady Pats. "This team is better than teams in the past. We have a lot more depth because we have a lot of good players instead of a few great ones. We keep getting better. We are a new team," said Lukemire. The team is made up of mostly of freshman and sophomore and in "years to come" this team should be great.

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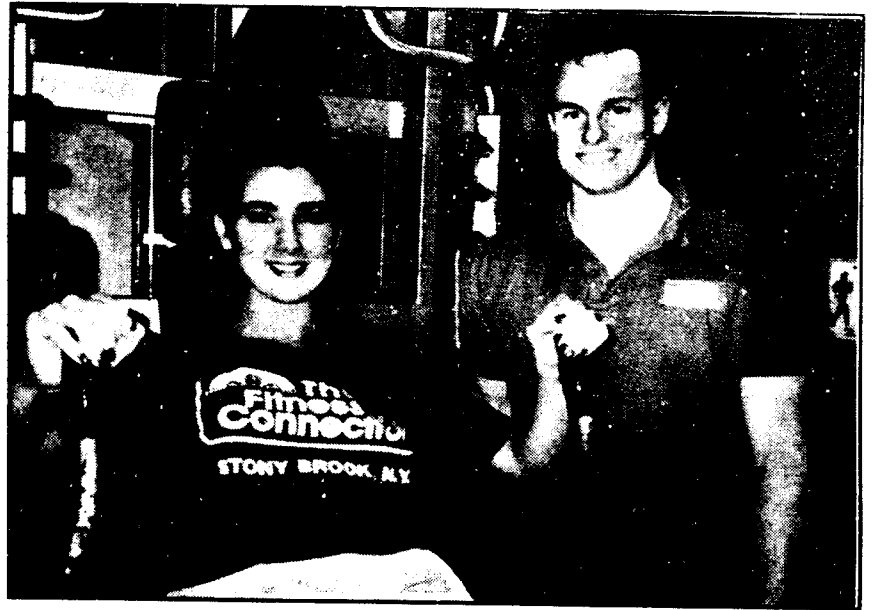
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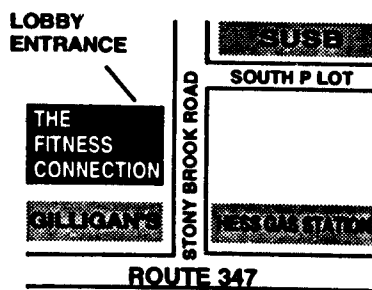
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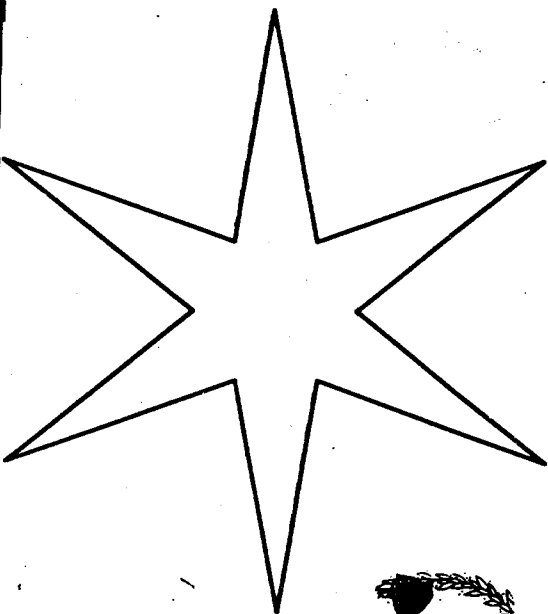
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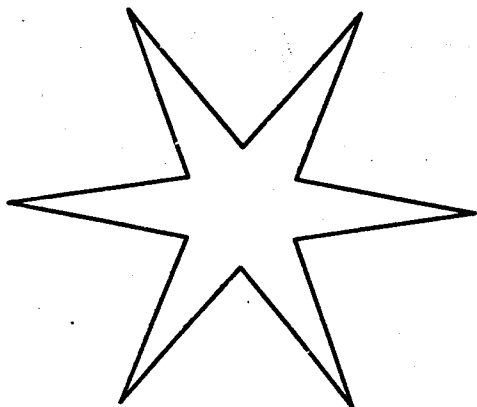
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Skaters surge over Post to fourth straight win

By Lou Megna
Special to Statesman

On Saturday, the resurgent Stony Brook Ice Hockey team defeated C.W. Post, 5-2 for their fourth win straight. The victory was the Pat's first over division rival Post since the '90-'91 season, and was arguably the teams finest performance of this season. Using a stifling defense and grinding physical play, the Pats continued to rebound from a dreadful loss to Fordham back on December 12th by one point.

Hockey	
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Since the Fordham game, however, the Pats have shown a renewed commitment to playing solid team defense, a strategy that helped them to a division championship last year. In their last three games, opponents have totaled only four goals because the Pats have dictated the physical play and kept the front of the net clear of opposing forwards. When the opposition has had scoring chances, most of them have been stifled by goalie Chris Livingston, whose outstanding play has been another key element in Stony Brook's streak.

Both the Pats and C.W. Post played a hard hitting, defensive style throughout the first period Saturday. Post's goalkeeper stifled several scoring chances until winger Ray Buckman scored on a low wrist shot from the top of the circle to open the scoring at 7:32 of the first.

Buckman picked up a pass from first

year forward Zack Marowitz and beat the goalie low on the glove side. Less than four minutes later, the Pats upped their lead to 2-0 when Brian Karp banged home a loose puck in the slot. Chris Garafalo assisted on Karp's goal.

Stony Brook's strong defensive play was key in helping kill off three C.W. Post power plays in the first period. Forwards Brian Johnson and Eric Ober were key players for the penalty killing unit, breaking up several Post passes, and generally slowing things down. After their third power play expired with eleven seconds to go in the first, Post made a crucial mistake. Both goalie and a defenseman failed to handle the puck, and an alert Mike Stillwagon swept the puck into an empty net for what proved to be the game winning goal. Stillwagon, a sophomore defenseman, had just finished serving a penalty, and made a heads up move to pursue the play. To make matters worse for Post, the goal came with just two ticks of the clock remaining.

C.W. Post's power play finally clicked at 18:09 of the second to draw within two. The two teams clamped each other down after that, with big hits being dished out all over the ice. Several skirmishes broke out, with rugged defenseman Vic Dezelic usually in the middle. Johnson fought through Post defenders to score at 6:12, assisted by Geoff Hulse. The goal restored Stony Brook's three goal lead, setting up a tough third period against a desperate Post club.

Post carried the play for the opening seven minutes of the third. Livingston made acrobatic saves as Post started to break through Stony Brook's wall. Post finally connected at 13:02 to draw within two.

With six minutes left in the game, Stillwagon and Dezelic took roughing minors to put the Pats two men down. The Patriot's responded by halting the Post power play, allowing only few good scoring chances. Hulse, Scott Kendrick and captain Billy Mauer were all key players, showing poise and patience in this crucial part of the game. Karp connected with his second of the game at 1:22, and victory was sealed for the Pats, who are now 7-4-1

overall and 7-1 in divisional play.

When asked Saturday about the win many players chose to look ahead to February 13, a rematch with Post. "Now that we have a solid win over Post," said hard hitting Craig Demaio, a second year defenseman, "We're confident we can do it again in two weeks." The Patriots next challenge is a Metro-Conference matchup against Stevens, Saturday, February 6th at 10pm at The Rinx in Hauppauge.



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Iceman Craig DeMaio, #24, takes a shot on the goalie during practice.

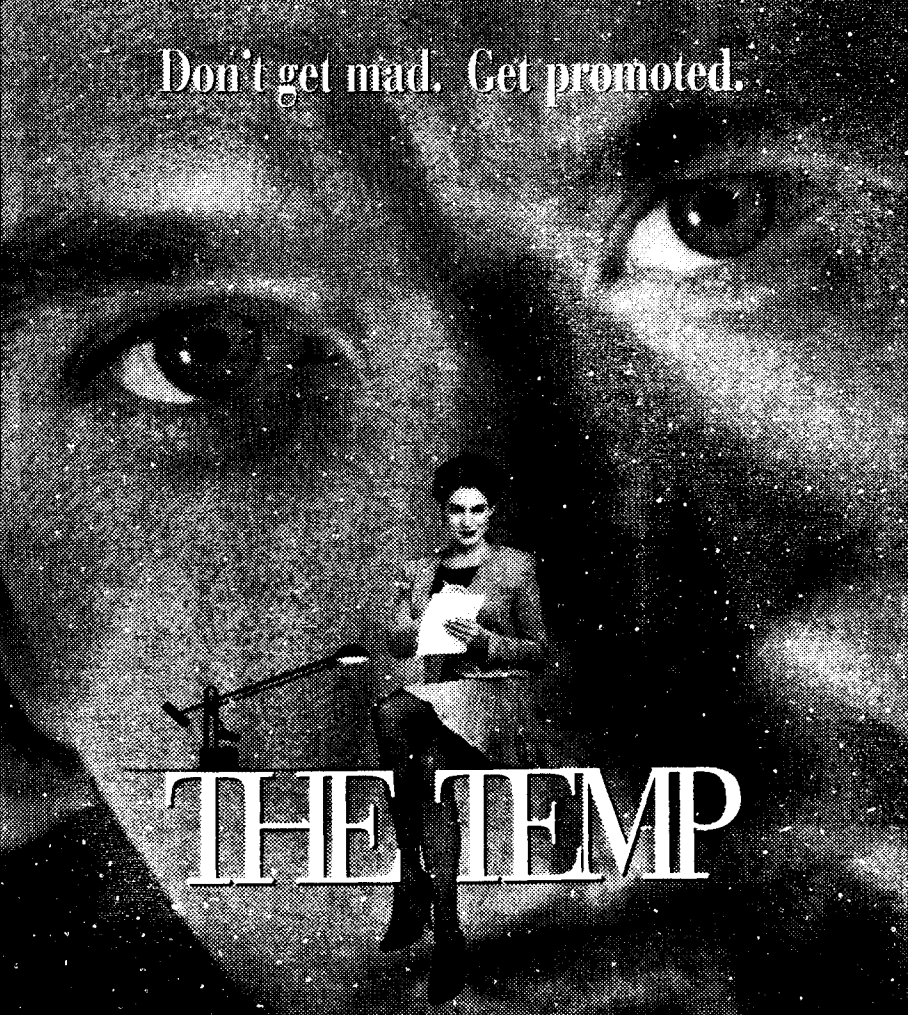


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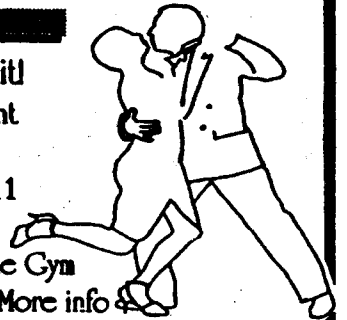
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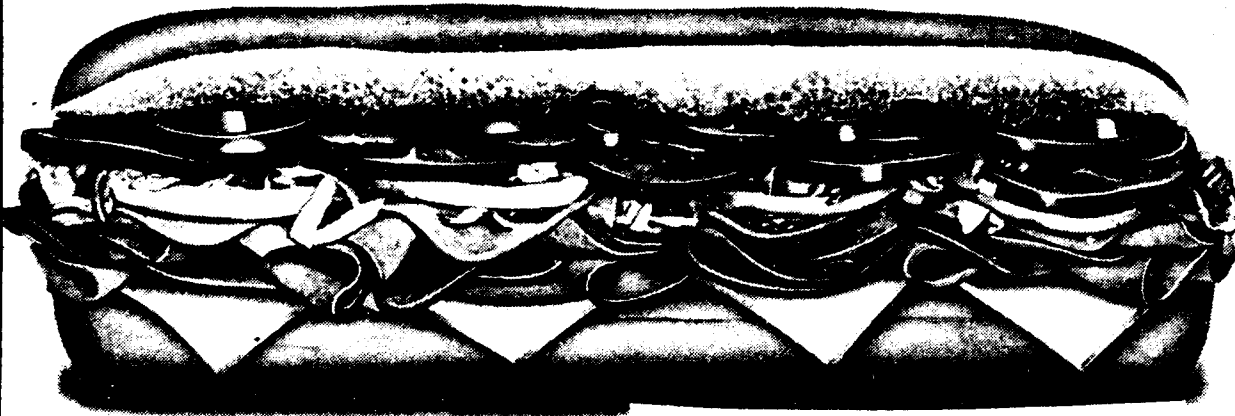


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Women win invitational

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

Eight events in end of year meets, Eastern College Athletic Conference and New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association, will involve a Lady Pat. Julie Bonura led USB at the TAC meet in Princeton, New Jersey as she qualified herself for events in both the ECAC and the NYSWCAA. She grasped first place in the 55 meter dash in 7.49 seconds and the long jump with a distance of 16' 11/4". Her 7.49 second time not only tied a Stony Brook record but made her a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Track

Finishing second in both the 55 meter dash in 7.79 seconds and the 200 meter dash in 27.9 seconds also qualified Dara Stewart for 2 events. Loretta Varbero was also a 2 time qualifier for her first place 34' 1" jump in the triple jump and second in the long jump with a distance of 16' 3/4". Two other qualifiers for the ECAC's and NYSWCAA's were Cheyenne Andrews for her jump of 15' 11 3/4" and Marissa Forsing with her time of 9.81 seconds in the 55 meter high hurdles.

Within the next week of break freshman Bonura, at Yale Invitationals, beat her University record in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.33. Bonura is now automatically qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championship in Brunswick, Maine on March 12th and 13th. Also while in Connecticut Forsing qualified for the ECAC meet in the 55 meter hurdles which she did in 9.5 seconds.

With 106 points the Lady Patriots became champions of the USB Invitational. No one could reach the Lady Patriots as they soared far ahead leaving the second place team, Trenton State, lagging 19 points behind. Bonura, once again, lead Stony Brook to their title by winning the 200 meter dash (26.51 seconds), 55 meter dash (7 seconds) and the long jump. Her jump of 18' 33" qualified her for the NCAA Division III Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship in March. With a throw of 34' 4" Claudia Puswald won the women's weight throw Forsing finished second in the 55 meter hurdles as did Loretta Varbero in the 400 meters in 63.01 seconds.

The Lady Pats will be at the Garden this Friday night at 6pm competing in the Milrose Games. The next competing will be when the Lady Patriots host the PAC Championships Saturday at 11 AM

Men break personal best

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's track team competed at the TAC meet in Princeton, New Jersey. Jerry Canada finished first in the long jump with a distance of 21' 8" and second, with a time of 1:06.5, in the 500 meters. Canada moves on to the Eastern College Athletic Conference with these wins. Joining Canada will be Pierre Uy-Barreta due to the 55 meter hurdles finish in 8.9 which gave him first place and Tom Gilbride, placing 4th in the high jump at 6' 4".

The Pats also competed at the Yale Invitational in New Haven, Connecticut this break. The team of Scott Schaeffer, John Pikramenos, Victor Rugg, and Ken Graham won first in the 4x800 meter relay with a time of 8:18.85. First place was also taken by teammates Rugg, Graham, Roger Gill and Dan Tupaj with a time of 10:44.4.

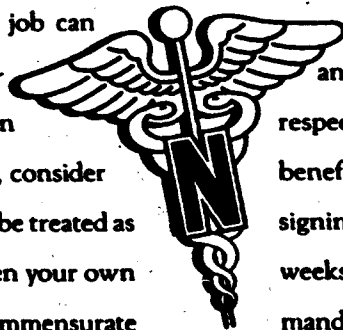
At the USB invitational the Pats came in second 3 points behind Monmouth. Not only did Gill finish first with a time of 23 seconds in the 200 meter dash but his first place time of 50.38 seconds in the 400 meter dash qualified him for the NCAA Indoor track and field championships. Mike Peterson finished first in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet. Also with first place standings were Rugg for the 1500 meter in 4:07.24 and Pikramenos for his 9:06.65 time in the 3,000 meter with his time of 9:10.22.

The Pats then moved onto the Terrier Classic in Boston. Many members of the team set personal records. Tri-captain Riegger ran a personal best of 15:34 in the 5000 meters. "It was a tough race, but sticking with the guy in front of me helped run my best," said Riegger. Pikramenos ran a personal best of 8:57, breaking 9:00 for the first time. Jason Clark ran a 2:05 in the 800 meter which was also his personal best. In the 1000 Dan Tupaj ran a personal best of 2:33, which was a great improvement from last year. In the 400 tri-captain Canada ran a personal best of 49.8.

USB will host the PAC championships this Saturday, starting at 11 AM. "Although this race is a stepping stone towards the CTC's and ECAC's, it's still a important one," said Riegger. "This meet will keep us in shape for the final championship."

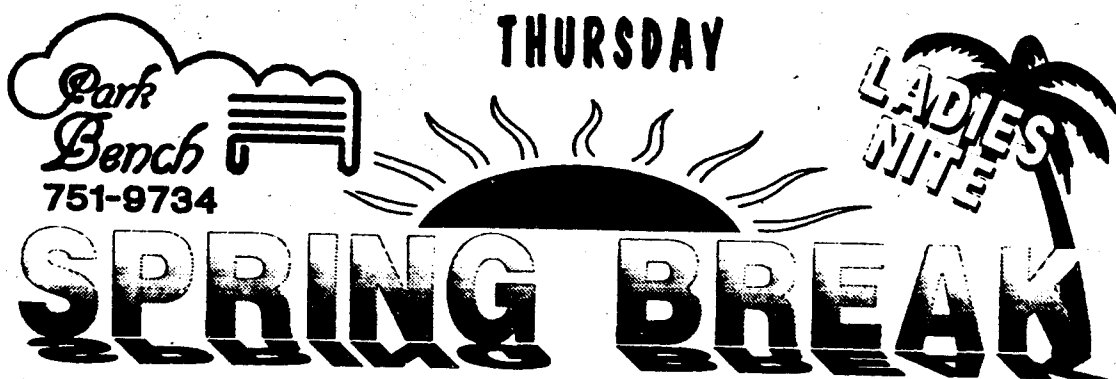
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Pat's best in their league, despite loss



Coach Bernard Tomlin gives words of wisdom to the Men's Basketball team.

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By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

The Men's basketball team, who is now first place in their league, took on the third division team C.W. Post at home Monday night. After a very tight game USB lost to Post by a score of 65-60 to bring the Pats record to 10-6. At the half the score was 27-24 C. W. Post. The team was lead by freshman guard Ron Duckett with 21 points. Vernard Williams also scored 16 points for the Patriots. "We should have won," said freshman Gary Comer, "We just didn't play ball."

Men's B-ball

Patriots: 60
CW Post: 65

"We played real hard," said Duckett, "we just don't have a complete team right now. We will be back together soon." Stony Brook has experienced a temporary loss of a valuable center, junior, Michel Lamine, due to a hurt knee which is a serious area for a basketball player due to the pressure constantly being put on the area because of the jumping involved. Lamine is expected to return next week, depending on how safe he feels that would be. A confident Comer, who plays guard said, "We've managed to play through injury and loss before."

The Pats will take on Manhattanville tonight at 7:30 at home and Comer feels all they have to do is "play ball." Manhattanville is now place third in the league, and so far their record falls a few games short of Stony Brook's. "We've had a couple of losses," as Duckett spoke of the team's next encounter, "We're now hungry for a win."

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Tough challenge ahead for Division I Pats

By Dave Fallace
Statesman Staff Writer

Every year head coach John Espey takes great leaps in trying to improve the Division I lacrosse program, here at Stony Brook.

This year's competition will be the toughest the Patriots have ever faced. They will be playing the last two national champions, Princeton and North Carolina, early in the season. Some say that Espey has bit off a little more than he can chew.

Espey said, "We are playing the big boys right away - If we beat one of them, that's great; we could get killed, regardless it will better prepare us for the other top teams. That's the method behind the madness. Playing the big teams early will help us in the long run."

This season as they did in the past seasons, they will be playing some of the other juggernauts of the lacrosse world.

The Patriots will be facing off against the likes of the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, Michigan State, Dartmouth, Adelphi, New Hampshire, and Duke.

Senior attackman Lou Ventura said "The only way you are going to become recognized in Division I is to play the top teams; win or lose, we win with experience and recognition."

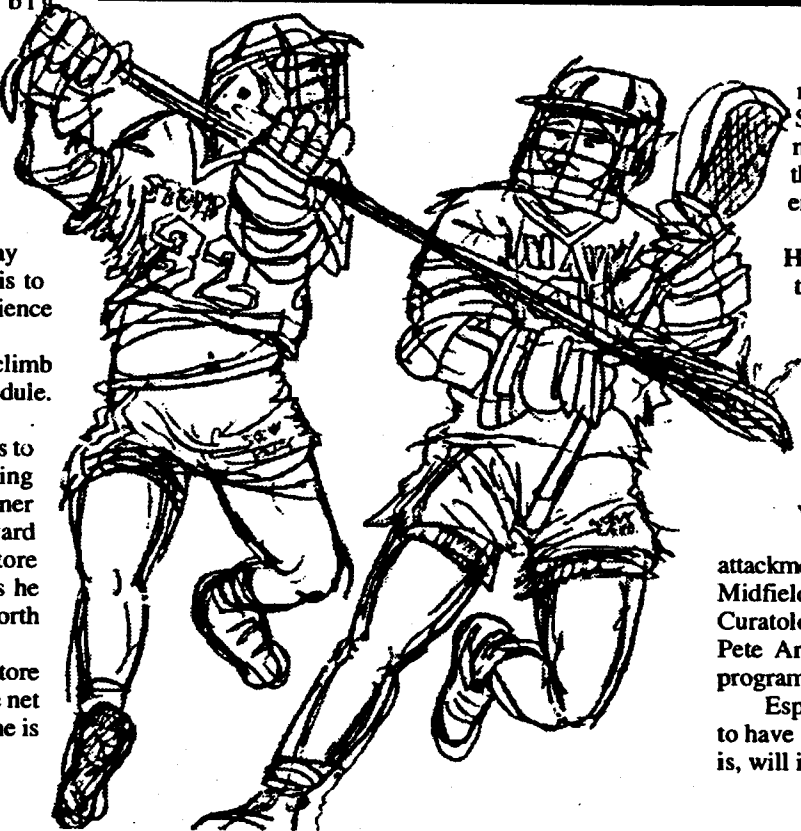
Senior midfielder Vinnie Cartafalsa added "To climb the ranks of Division I you need a competitive schedule. We have come a long way in four years."

The returning Patriots have some very big shoes to fill this year. Perhaps the biggest spot is the goaltending position, Rob Serratore graduated. He was the winner of the 1991 Statesman/VIP Athlete of the Year award and North Carolina's Best opponent Award. Serratore set a 1991 record for most saves two years ago as he recorded 35 saves against National Champion, North Carolina.

Junior defenseman Paul Schultes said "Rob Serratore will certainly be missed, but with Joe Spallone in the net it will make for a easy transition. Joe is tough and he is a very dedicated person."

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— Senior Attackman Lou Ventura



Espey said, "Spallone will do a good job replacing Serratore. I don't think he will be in Serratore's shadow. He [Serratore] lead by toughness, he did some spectacular things. Spallone isn't the same, he is more composed. His style is different, but it may be more effective."

Spallone was a incoming transfer last year from Herkimer Junior college, Joe also played for one of the top lacrosse high schools in the nation: Yorktown.

Midfielders Rob Walker, Tony Cabrera, and Dave Fritz have also graduated, leaving a hole which now must be filled. The Patriots will look to the likes of midfielder Paul Leva, whom some refer to as "the cannon" because of his tremendously hard shot; but he will need to maintain his versatility at a demanding position as well.

Other players coach Espey noted highly, were attackmen Lou Ventura, James Sommese, and John Schafer. Midfielders Tim Kolm, Chris Chamberlain and Mike Curatolo, and defensemen Ed Havel, Mike Bocchino and Pete Arendt. All of whom are returners to the Patriot program.

Espey now entering into his sixth season has seemed to have raised his team up a notch again but the question is, will it be enough to become a Top 20 team.

Lady Pats slaughter Hunter, look toward next victim

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

The Lady Patriots traveled to Hunter this past Monday and won with an outstanding score of 70-41. USB took an early lead and kept it. At the half the score was 26-8 Stony Brook.

Junior Joan Gandolf was the teams lead scorer with 21 points. She also added 11 rebounds. The Lady Pats, obviously, are playing really well and are recuperating

from every player being sick with temperatures at and above 102 degrees. "We played a lot better," said Gandolf referring to the losses to Scranton and New York University.

Nationally ranked Scranton Defeated USB on Saturday with a score of 79-65. NYU also beat Stony Brook 69-39.

Women's B-ball

Patriots:	70
Hunter:	41

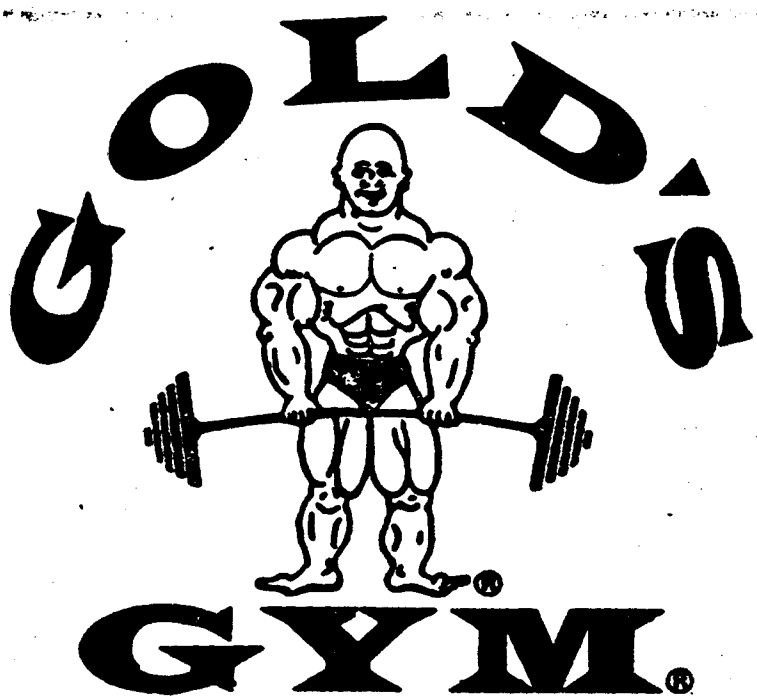
Gandolf scored 19 and 13 points against Scranton and NYU, respectively. Richshawna Sims also added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

This Thursday, the 5th, the Lady Pats will host Albany at 6 PM and then Vassar at 2 PM. USB must now win 5 out of the upcoming 6 games and the Albany game will prove to be an important one. "It's going to be a tough match up," said Gandolf, "The two days of rest [without games] will help."

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