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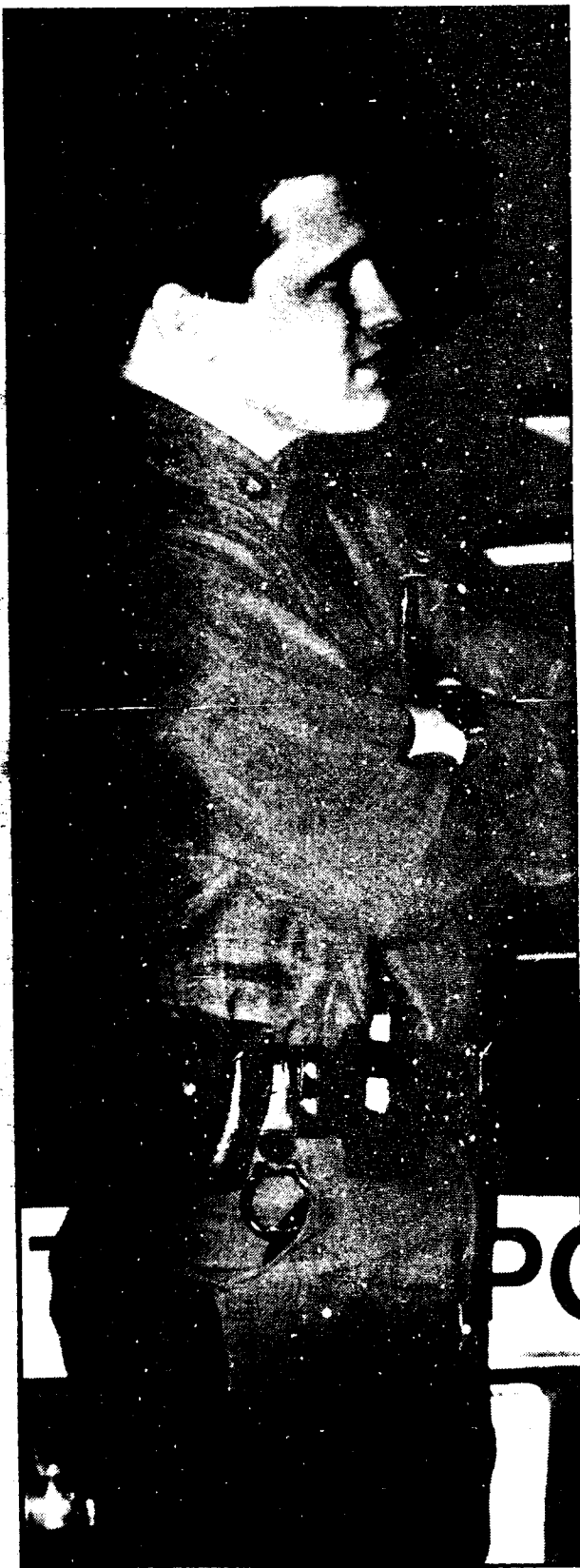
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## D-DAY

Today is the deadline to give University President John Marburger input about whether to give campus police access to guns. Marburger said he will make the long-awaited decision by March 22. Above, Public Safety officer Aran Mull on his beat.

# 4 Hurt in Knife Fight

*Two students, three non-students  
arrested after ballroom brawl*

By Andrea Rubin  
 Statesman Assistant News Editor

**T**wo students and three non-students were arrested early Saturday morning after a fight during a student union dance ended with four knifing injuries.

The four victims, at least two of whom were students arrested and charged for their involvement in the fight, were treated for minor injuries and

released from University Hospital shortly after the knife fight in the union ballroom.

According to Doug Little, Public Safety spokesman, there was an argument involving 15 to 20 people when the Stony Brook Union closed and a party, sponsored by Student Activities Board, ended at about 2 a.m. Saturday. "There were other people who were onlookers," said Little.

A Public Safety officer who was on duty called Suffolk County police but could not break up the fight himself because campus officers, who are not armed, are prevented by law to respond to incidents involving weapons.

"Four people were slashed and cut," said Little. The victims were taken to University Hospital, treated and released. Public Safety Lt. Steven Streicher was injured when he got hit in the face and suffered a broken tooth. Little said he believes there were other people injured but they fled.

Five people, two students and three visitors, were arrested and charged with resisting arrest and riot in the second degree. The students, Oscar Woods, 20, and Todd Goulbourne, 19, received an executive sus-

*"I want to make sure things like this won't happen again."*

— Ernesto Velascio,  
 SAB activities chairman

pension from the university. "They still have a hearing," said Vicky Katz, spokeswoman for the university.

She said that both students were immediately banned from campus by Provost Tilden Edelstein, the highest-ranking official on campus. University President John Marburger was out of town during the

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# SB THIS WEEK

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events Monday, March 8, 1993

## MONDAY, MARCH 8

**Tap Roots Women Read.** The Poetry Center, room 238 Humanities. Call 632-7400.

**"Black Women: A Tribute."** 8 p.m. Cosponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho. U.N.I.T.I. Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria. Call 632-5828.

**The Village Cinema Film.** "Guerrillas in Our Midst." A documentary about sexism in the art world. Sponsored by the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council and the Humanities Institute. 8 p.m. Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. \$4; \$3.50/students, seniors and members of the Arts Council. Call 632-7765 or 473-0136.

## TUESDAY MARCH 9

**University Police Community Relations Unit.** Safety Awareness Program. 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Topics: self-defense tactics; personal safety & awareness; sexual assault; and driver safety tips. Room 171, level 3, Health Sciences Center. Call 632-7786 or 632-9317.

**University Counseling Center Support Group.** "For Women Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse." For women students only. 1 - 2:30 p.m.; every Tuesday through May 11. To register, call 632-6715.

**The Alternative Cinema.** "8 1/2" Director Federico Fellini, 7 & 9:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. \$2; tickets available at the door. Call 632-6136.

**Institute For Labor/Management Studies Visiting Professor Lecture Series.** Kenneth Crowe, Newsday labor reporter and 1970 Newsday Pulitzer Prize Investigative Team member. 7:30 p.m. room 137, Harriman. Free and open to all. Call 632-7770.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

**WUSB 90.1 FM.** Interviews and performances of women musicians at Stony Brook. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 632-6500.

**Campus NOW Meeting.** "Women in Public Office." Nora Bredes, Suffolk County

Legislator. Noon to 1 p.m. Room S-216, Ward Melville Social & Behavioral Sciences.

## THURSDAY MARCH 11

**Reception For Suffolk Westinghouse Science Winners.** 7 - 9 p.m. Hosted by the Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Education, and Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney. University Club. Call 632-7696 or 632-7075.

**Department of Theatre Arts.** "Burn This," by Lanford Wilson. 8 pm Theatre 1 Staller Center for the Arts. \$8; \$6 students and seniors. Call 632-7283 or 632-7230.

**Statesman On the Air.** Hosted by David Joachim, Statesman Editor Emeritus. Topic to be announced. 5 p.m. Thursdays. WUSB 90.1.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12

**C.O.C.A. FILM.** "The Bodyguard." 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight/Friday & Saturday; 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m./Sunday. Room 100, Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50; \$1/SBID.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 13

**Staller Center Presentation.** "Peter Serkin, Piano, and Pamela Frank, Violin." 8 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts. \$20. Call 632-7230.

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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# Grad defends abortion pill in high court

By Krista A. DeMaria  
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

In the first abortion case to reach the Supreme Court since *Roe v. Wade*, a SUNY Stony Brook graduate set a precedent by winning the case against the Guam government.

Simon Heller, 32, graduated from Stony Brook in 1983 and Yale Law School in 1986. He has devoted his law career to pro-choice cases and is defending Leona Benten, the woman who brought the RU486 pill, or abortion pill, into the U.S. from England.

"I challenged the law in Guam and I'll challenge the law against the pill," said Heller. "The rule is completely invalid."

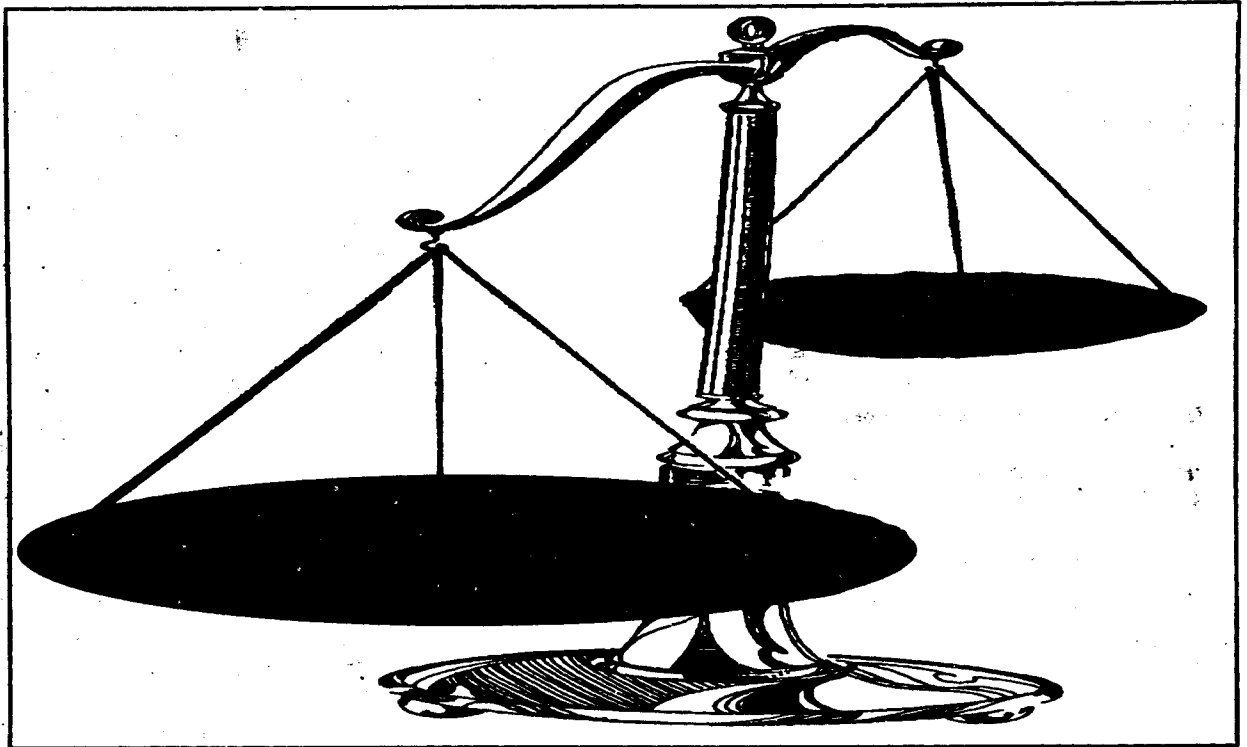
Heller has travelled to Germany, England, Guam and other countries to defend women and their freedom of choice. "This is a reproductive freedom project," he said. "I want to confirm that no one can prohibit abortion."

Kathy Albisa, who works with Heller at the American Civil Liberties Union, said he has tremendous commitment to the cause. "When he heard about this case three years ago he decided right away that he would persuade the governor to change the law," she said. "He knew it was unconstitutional and he had to fight the ban."

Currently Heller is working on getting the abortion pill legal in the states, and he said he is confident that the

**"I challenged the law in Guam and I'll challenge the law against the pill."**

**— Simon Heller,  
Stony Brook  
alumnus**



Stony Brook alum Simon Heller has fought landmark cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

law will be overturned. "It's a procedure that women would prefer," he said. "The law will be lifted, it may take months or a year, but it will be changed."

Prof. Hugh Cleland, assistant professor emeritus, said he has known Heller since high school and saw him change when he attended the university. "He was a good student," he said. "Stony Brook put him in the right direction."

Stony Brook definitely had an impact on what he is

doing right now, said Heller. "I think that atmosphere contributed to my decision to go into law, and to go into this kind of law," he said. "I'm moving in the right direction, but there's more to do."

The alumni said he will continue to fight anything that, in his opinion, is unconstitutional. "I want women to be able to know what they can do and where they can turn," he said. "I've developed a real commitment to this project."

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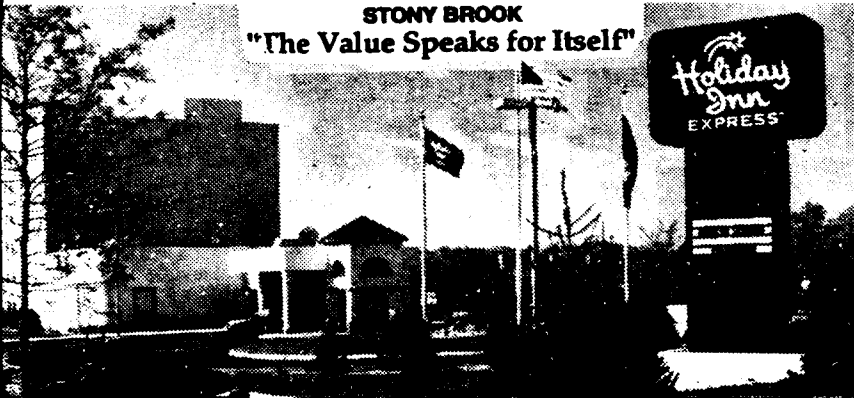
# HEY BUDDY!

University President John Marburger takes time out to give directions in front of the administration building last week.

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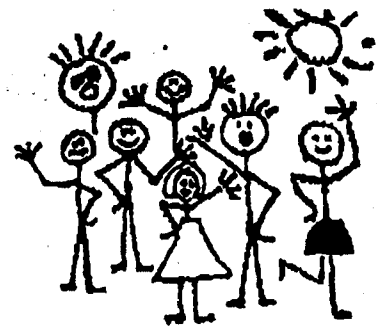
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# Ballroom brawl injures four

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clash.

Neither suspect could be reached for comment.

The three non-students arrested were Michael Curtin, 20, and Jamal Jackson, 20, both of Wyandanch, and Hasson Spemf Wilson, 17, of Brooklyn.

All five suspects were released pending an appearance in criminal court.

The incident comes two weeks before Marburger's self-imposed deadline on whether to arm Public Safety officers with guns. The department has cited similar incidents as evidence that guns are necessary. Marburger said last week that today is the last day he will accept feedback on the subject.

"It was really unfortunate," said Ernesto Velascio, chairman of activities for the Students Activities Board, who sponsored the event. Velascio said he is not sure how the fight started though he believes it was caused by people from other schools. "The people I saw fighting weren't from on campus," he said.

"The whole scuffle only lasted about five minutes," Katz said.

"I thought SPA [student] security did a great job keeping the crowd under con-

*"The whole scuffle only lasted about five minutes."*

— University spokeswoman  
**Vicky Katz**

trol," said Velascio. He said he saw someone from security remove a knife from someone's hand.

Before entering the event, everyone had to be frisked and go through a metal detector. Velascio said he would like to see a better metal detector used. He said, "I want to make sure things like this won't happen again."



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## HERE COMES THE SUN

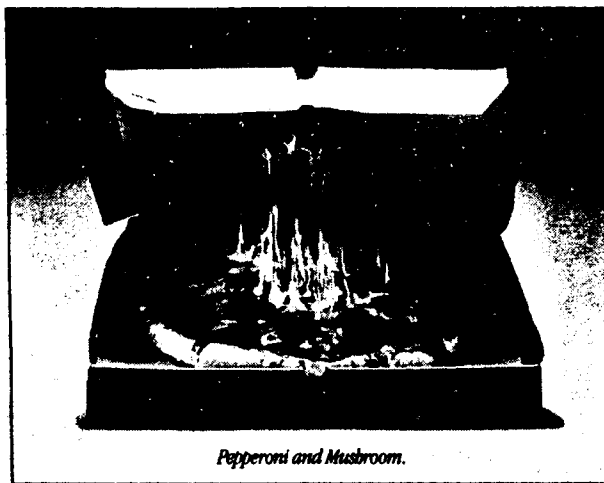
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# Editorial

## I-CON Convention Is Too Important to Lose

Everyone loves a convention. It is a time for high-spiritedness, togetherness, fun, and education. It is also a source of revenue both to the sponsor and the host.

I-CON, is Stony Brook's convention of science fiction, fact and fantasy. For the past twelve years, it has presented the Stony Brook community, and much of the country for that matter, with the best the disciplines have to offer. These conventions have a history of being crowd pleasers, scoring high with visitors and merchants, hosts and sponsors.

However, two years ago there were problems. I-CON lost approximately \$50,000, much to the dismay of Polity and other sponsors. As a result, Polity is wary of sponsoring this convention, thereby putting it in jeopardy.

Outside of the money matter, let's see what this convention is and how it benefits the school and our community:

- Many of the attenders are high school students, who may be concerned with choosing a college. I-CON gives the university a chance for perspective students to see the campus and its students. It gives a positive look at the university.

- It generates exposure. People from all over the country, especially the Northeast, congregate here, giving our students a chance to mingle with a different set of faces, including the occasional famous one. This is the stuff friendships are made of.

- It attracts a "safe" crowd. There has been little need for tightened security and crowd control in the past, outside of protecting the various exhibits from thieves. A good percentage of the crowd consists of families and small children, giving the convention an overall "G" rating without the usual mayhem associated with other campus events.

In short, it is a great marketing

tool for the university, and its members receive a welcome change of pace, and an opportunity to interact with those outside the community. This school is very much isolated from the rest of the region. The I-CON convention helps infuse new perspectives, personalities, and life into a stagnant community.

We are very much concerned with the fact that I-CON was a financial bust two years ago, and a marginal moneymaker last year. But some things are about more than money. If methods to cut costs can be devised and profitability increased, there should be no need for Polity or other sponsors to be so concerned. This is just one more of our few popular traditions wantonly questioned and raked over the coals. Polity should find it in its heart to re-consider their withdrawal of sponsorship, and think about the school before thinking of itself.



## Something to Say?

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Send letters and opinions to Student Union room 075, Campus Zip #3200.

# S&B Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, March 8, 1993

## Over the Hill? *Older undergraduates feel isolated by the younger crowd*

By Annette L. Deinzer  
Special to Statesman

**L**aughter echoes off the brick walls of the Kelly Quad courtyard. It is Thursday night and a group of students can be heard singing the *Animal House*'s anthem, "Oh, you know you make me want to shout!"

But for some students who are not the traditional age of being an undergraduate, their experiences here can be quite different.

According to the office of institutional studies, as of the fall semester of 1992, out of the 5,000 full-time undergraduate students living on campus (excluding the graduate apartments), only 2.3 percent are 26 years of age or older.

Tom Dougherty, a 34-year-old undergraduate English major, is apprehensive about telling anyone his age. "I should have told you to mind your own business," he said, jokingly. "Being older scared the hell out of me when I first came back to school. I thought for sure I would be the oldest person on campus."

Being an older undergraduate wasn't a problem for Dougherty until he tried to enter social circles. Then he started to feel uncomfortable. "I asked myself, 'What am I doing here?' It just wasn't my scene at all."

Dougherty recalls his first day of class when he was eating lunch in the Bleacher Club, the cafeteria in the student union. "I was sitting with a couple of young ladies and the topic turned to brushes with greatness. So I went on to tell this story that when I was a little boy and Jack Kennedy was running for president, my mother took me and my brother into New York City to see him give a speech. When Jack Kennedy was through speaking, he came down and shook hands with people while the cameras were clicking away and Jack Kennedy picked me up and gave me a kiss."

*"Well, I could see that one of the young ladies I was sitting with, that her computer went off in her head and she said, 'How old are you?'"*

— Tom Dougherty,  
34-year-old undergraduate

"Well, I could see that one of the young ladies I was sitting with, that her computer went off in her head and she said, 'How old are you?' And I said, 'I'm 31-years-old.' And she said, 'Huh! You're so old.'"

"I wanted to strangle this person but then I realized I wasn't really in my own element," he said. Dougherty believes that people don't expect people who are in their thirties to be in school. "I guess they figure that most

people in their thirties have the marriage, the house, the children and the job." Although Dougherty said that he spends a lot of time saying that age doesn't make a difference, "it almost invariably does make a difference to the other person. And there is a difference - I'm not going to deny it."

For a 26-year-old junior majoring in psychology who asked to remain anonymous, being an older female student is difficult when living in a single room. "When I first got here, I found out that the majority of students came here directly from high school and they had that 'party up' attitude, whereas when I got here, I was a lot more serious with a goal in mind" she said.

She feels because she is old, she doesn't have any time to waste. "When I first got here, I really didn't think about age so age didn't matter. I was lucky because I met students who were older. But now I feel that the longer I'm here, the harder it gets."

And being older can lead to some forms of isolation. "The things those students are doing now I did back in high school and I just don't enjoy doing them now," she says. "I have been invited to parties inside the suites in the past, but a part of me feels uncomfortable about going because I don't have the same head as them. Being older and in a single room does exclude me from a lot of fun that occurs here on a Thursday night."

She also feels being older can get in the way of making friends. "Age can dictate who one socializes with. Younger students do make an attempt to become my friend, but as soon as they hear my age, they step back. Especially the males."

In reference to younger men living on campus, she said, "I believe they are intimidated by an older woman. It scares them because they are not the ones in control. There was a guy I had met and he was 20 and we hit it off."

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## The Boot Loot *Where the fines go*

By Andrew J. Avril  
Statesman Features Editor

**L**ast year, senior Stacey Turman paid the Department of Parking and Transportation about \$120 in fines. But junior Jennifer Albertie took the cake. She shelled out more than \$400 for her infractions.

"That's nearly half my tuition!" exclaims Albertie.

But their collective \$520 doesn't even come close to what Parking and Transportation pulled in last year. According to Hugh Mulligan, director of Parking and Transportation, through ticketing, booting and towing, the department grossed \$620,000 for the 1992 calendar year. No, it's not hidden away in some Swiss bank account. According to Mulligan, it's everywhere you look on campus.

"We have better lit and newly paved parking lots, better drainage and better transportation for

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## Sparks fly in *Burn This*

By Aaron Swartz  
Statesman Staff Writer

**T**he weather on opening night was not pleasant. But neither the heavy wind and rain nor the flood in the Staller Center had the power to extinguish the fire of *Burn This*.

The Lansford Wilson play, directed by Tom Neumiller, opened Thursday night with overflowing potential and the possibility of being something truly great.

Wilson has written a play where sparks fly when the lines of four individuals intervene. *Burn This* is about real life. As we sit and watch, we don't have to enter into another arena because the arena is our own backyard, our own lives. We can relate to these people. They're straight, they're gay. They hurt, they love. This play brings the

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Larry (Frank Monteleone) quotes his favorite movie and begs Burton (Adam Nordquist) to "ravage me as I've never been ravaged before!"

Staller Photo



# CAMPUS VOICES

By Andrew J. Avriil

## Question of the Week:

*Do you think Brenda and Dylan will ever get back together?*



"No, because she's a bitch"

**Kama Kitterman, 20**  
Class: Sophomore  
Major: Undecided

"Yes, definitely. Brenda was his first love. Besides, if Kelly can go out with her best friend's boyfriend, she is definitely a clown."

**Michelle Segretto, 19**  
Sophomore  
Bio-chemistry



"Both Brenda and Kelly seem like corny bitches."

**Diana Buono, 19**  
Sophomore  
English



"Brenda — she's the one with the dark hair, right?"

**Ken Daube, 18**  
Freshman  
Undecided



*"As soon as she hears my age, right away she steps back."*

— Allen Nelson,  
32-year-old freshman

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

# Older students find adjusting difficult

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But when I told him my age, he was like a scared rabbit, totally different from when I had met a man who is older and interested in me."

According to Dr. Joanne Rosen, assistant director of the University Counseling Center, "There are real differences between older students and younger students. It is a challenge that requires much flexibility and understanding. Just as in any other sub-culture, there may be feelings of isolation and not fitting into the dominant campus culture. Older students need to find support and resources appropriate to their needs at this stage of their life."

Finding the right kind of support is not always easy. Allen Nelson, a 32-year-old freshman, would like it to be. "There are times when you get some rejection from younger guys because I'll have a view very different from theirs and being older seems to automatically imply that you have something over them," he said.

There are times when Nelson is asked his age and he receives a response of amazement and at other times a compliment. "There are other times when I

might be interested in a younger woman here on campus and as soon as she hears my age, right away she steps back. I am isolated a lot," he said. "I can't go to a lot of social functions like the Park Bench or The End of the Bridge because I did that years ago."

"I am sure that being an older student does lead to some forms of isolation here on campus," said Jacque Clouser, the residence hall director of Wagner College. "Because when you think about it, they move into these little rooms all alone. So from the start, they are cut off." Clouser doesn't experience any problems with discipline from older students. "They suffer more from problems mentally, having to cope with their environment and not being able to survive with so many

younger students," she said. "I think the primary difference between younger students and older undergraduates is a matter of attitude," said Maxine Freeman, a 26-year-old freshman majoring in Social Welfare. "Older students understand and appreciate the fact that it is a privilege to attend a university. I think we take it much more seriously because for the most part, we had to go through a lot more to get here."

# Heated emotions capture audience in *Burn This*

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stage down to the audience and as one, we all take a ride through *Burn This*.

However, the evening got off to a shaky start. Problems included Burton, played by Adam Nordquist, tripping onto the stage, although with a certain grace, and an annoying door with a habit of sticking. Also, some early dialogue and blocking seemed rehearsed to the point of losing spontaneity. At times, Anna, played by Lana Rae Peterson, delivered her lines more through practice than through emotion.

But by the end of Act One, the fire started burning under *Burn This* and the actors began relating to their purpose and getting into their characters.

Peterson made so many costume changes, the audience couldn't wait to see what she'd have on next. Even though her performance was stiff at points, there were still moments she would give a line with such pure deliverance, the audience was forced not to lose interest, waiting for her next pure moments. And they came.

Nordquist, whose lanky frame and blond hair evokes images of surfing and the California sun, at times seemed to have "opening night" uneasiness, creating some gesturing that looked very

planned. Yet, he gave an honest performance and the audience believed him as the rich kid turned successful and charismatic writer.

However, the night belonged to Russ Tsygen and Frank Monteleone. These two actors were perfect for their roles. Tsygen, who plays Pale, gave the audience all that he had. He swung from a fast-talking, New Jersey hot-head to moments of tenderness and vulnerability. He never lost the sense that he was anyone other than Pale and anywhere other than the Manhattan left, where the play takes place. He was on fire and the audience smelled the smoke.

Monteleone, who plays Larry, had many moments with the audience in the palm of his hand. He had just the right blend of sarcasm, playful wit and humor. Yet, Monteleone was not all comic relief. He also had well-played moments. It was wonderful to see a gay character written with more than tragic-drama and punch lines. Monteleone showed that Larry is real and can feel pain.

*Burn This* is a "must see." It's a play on the roller coaster incline - it's only up from here.

*Burn This* can be seen in the Staller Center's Theater I March 12-14 at 8 p.m. and March 15 at 2 p.m.



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The new handicap-equipped buses were funded with fines.

## Ticket dollars pay salaries and improvements

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the handicapped," he says.

As a matter of fact, better service for the handicapped accounted for \$109,000 in 1992. And what did they receive?

"In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, we were required to pay for extensive curb cuts for access and to repaint more handicapped parking spaces," says Mulligan. "That took a lot of man-hours and personnel."

The commuter students have seen another \$157,000 of the boot-loot. They're riding around in it. Over the past two-and-a-half years, an entirely new fleet of commuter buses has replaced the old one. According to Mulligan, his department again had no choice.

"The Federal Government says get rid of a transit bus when it hits age 12," he says. "Ours were from 17 to 27 years old. So now they're all brand new."

The rest, \$354,000 Mulligan says, went towards operating costs. "That means running the department. Paying the salaries, telephones, the computers, the lights, everything that goes into running operations."

1992 was the year the department brought in \$620,000 dollars in fines. Not surprisingly, it was also the year they implemented the boot, the infamous "impounding device." But while it was the highest grossing year monetarily, the department started a downward trend in something else: parking violations.

"Last year we gave out 16,000 fewer tickets than we did the year before," says Mulligan. "Last year was also the first time we implemented the boot."

As for the incoming money, Mulligan expects that to decline as well. "We peaked out last year. This year, it'll probably be around \$500,000. People are becoming aware that if they park illegally, they're gonna get ticketed and/or booted."

So with fewer tickets going out, and less money coming in, how will the department survive? Mulligan says two ways. Firstly, "there are always going to be customers out there." But more importantly, Mulligan finds his collection rate has nearly doubled.

"With the default program, after 54 days we can put on a boot," he says. "With the boot and the threat of the boot, we're collecting on 70 percent of our outstanding accounts. Before it was only 40 percent."

**"What we had was rampant illegal parking. Now we have random illegal parking."**

**— Hugh Mulligan,  
director of parking**

But if the campus community complains that that they are seeing more impoundments than before, they're right. "In 1991, before we put the boot in," says Mulligan, "we did an estimate of a thousand tows. Last year we probably did about 240. But we probably did about 1,500 boots."

1,500 boots that went to students, faculty, and even administrators. "It really seems they boot the students a lot more than the faculty," said one senior, who asked not to be named. Another senior, Stacey Turman, who was booted for parking in spots reserved for the daycare center, agrees. "I bet I wouldn't have gotten booted if I had been faculty."

But according to Mulligan, she'd have lost that bet. "We are totally unbiased as far as who we boot and ticket," he says. "I can guarantee you that we don't do any form of selective ticketing. "We have booted people with a 'VP' and 'P' in front of their names, even VIPs and VVIPs."

Kim, a junior, found her car booted twice. Both times at the end of the month. "It seems like they have quotas," she says.

Again, Mulligan says no. "We do not say to ourselves, 'Okay, let's go out and double the tickets today.' The operations do not run in that fashion."

Mulligan is pleased with the results the boot has gotten. "People reluctantly are observing the regulations," he says. "What we had in the past was rampant illegal parking and everybody on campus is better for it."

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### Extravaganza Faux Pas

To the Editor:

The Second Annual Black History Extravaganza was held in the Union auditorium on Friday, Fe. 26, 1993. Dhoruba Bin Wahad was featured as the guest speaker for this event. Although the event was a success, there were a number of difficulties which emerged as the event progressed:

- The auditorium was at room temperature during setup when members of the African-American Students Organization (AASO) arrived at 6 pm, but as the event progressed through the night, the temperature became freezing cold. It felt as if an air conditioner was turned on. By 7:45 pm, there was a considerable difference in temperature. The Wednesday before the event, on 2/24/93, the building manager on duty had been consulted about having heat for the event scheduled on Friday.

- For the event, we requested two (2) podiums which had been confirmed at least a week in advance. However, we only received one (1) podium which was of very poor quality—it was the worst podium available and given to us, while a podium of much better quality was given to a different group for the night.

Since we had gone through the proper channels in preparing for this event, we feel that the quality in service should have been much better than it was. As such, we request that you comply with the following demands so as to rectify the situation:

- Compensation. The occurrences on the night of the event were too many to be considered a coincidence. Therefore, the occurrences of that night are being perceived to be acts of sabotage so as to disrupt and hinder the Extravaganza. We request that we be fully compensated for the cost of the auditorium (\$175) because of the inconvenience and disrespect shown toward us on the night of the event.

- A written apology to AASO expressing your concern over the matter and an assurance that such occur-

rences will not be repeated in the future.

- An investigation into the actions and motives of the interruptions on the night of the event. Should foul play be discovered, then we expect that the person(s) responsible be held accountable for their misconduct and be publicly reprimanded.

I thank you for your time.

Maurice Douglas  
Vice President,

African-American Students Organization

### Language Is More than Words

To the Editor:

We often affect and influence others more strikingly with our non-verbal behaviors, expressions, and attitudes than with our idle vocalizations and languid lines. We all too often disregard the vital role our body language plays in our interpersonal communication efforts. It's not so much our speech that is important but rather the manner in which it is delivered.

Like begets like. A listless speaker/lecturer begets a listless audience. Many Stony Brook instructors/professors take heed!

John W. Cahill

### Welcome to Prima Donna U.

To the Editor:

In response to Adam Kaminsky's column, "The Eagle's Eye," [Statesman, March 4, 1993, 'Students, Change Your Attitudes Now'] I would just like to say, Thank you. Whether people believe it or not, Adam is telling it like it is.

For about four years now I too have had too much crap from the people here and I'm not going to take it any longer. Adam and I have known one another for about

three years now, and we often didn't see eye-to-eye on a lot of things. But he's really hit the mark this time.

With some exceptions this place is nothing more than a collection of stuck-up, self-important, disrespectful children. This includes some people in the administrative staff and faculty too (my opinion only)!

Never in my life have I seen people go so out of their way to isolate, put down, or make fun of people whom they see as less perfect than themselves, than I have seen here at Prima Donna University.

How many times have people here pre-judged somebody solely on how they look? Far too many times. Guys and girls alike often think themselves too good looking or too smart, and, if you can believe this, too spiritual to interact or even associate with some people.


One girl who used to be a really good friend of mine now goes out of her way to ignore me especially when she's hanging out with her clique. I'm sorry I'm not the type she wants to associate with anymore.

A friend and I were having dinner at one of the campus eateries when the group at the next table began to mock or make fun of my friend because of how he looked. It was pretty blatant too. I could hear and see them so I am sure he could have, too. What a classless bunch. Had they known him like I do, they would know he's a really good guy, but instead they pre-judged him.

I often feel that I am back in high school and not at one of the better learning facilities in the nation. But this is acceptable behavior here at Stony Brook. So is vandalizing bathrooms, throwing garbage wherever one pleases, alcoholism, drug abuse, and cheating.

The attitude simply has to change. Students should stop acting as if they were nobility and come back down to earth for a reality check. You're not so wonderful, just lucky. You should realize that right now you are nobody in the grand scheme of things, and if your attitudes persist you are bound to stay that way.

Joseph Piraneo




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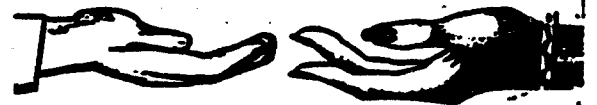
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# Pats advance to semis

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then 34-30. The Pats got back into it real quick and the lead continued to change hands. With 15:29 to go in the game Duckett tied the score with a lay-up after receiving a full court pass from fellow freshman guard Joseph Kirch. Kirch throughout the game kept the ball out of Stony Brook's end of the court. Stony Brook pulled ahead for keeps when senior forward Patrick Cunningham hit a pair of free throws making the score 42-38 with 12:25 to go. "They were a real tough, fast club," said Cunningham. "They wanted to run up and down on us all night but once we took control of the game we were alright."

The Patriots tacked on point after point until they were up by ten at 54-44 with only 6:19 remaining. Senior forward Ricky Wardally was hitting key shots all night long. Stony Brook outscored, out-rebounded and generally outplayed the Cougars. "You never know what to expect this late in the year," said assistant coach David Shouler. "Any team we face is bound to be

excellent."

"The guys played very hard and very well and any time we can get a good win like tonight we have to be happy with ourselves," Head coach Bernard Tomlin said about the game. "It was a tremendous win and for a lot of people who have not seen this team play they missed a treat. We got a lot of contributions from some of the guys who did not get the chance to play much this season, they really stepped up to the game." One such player was sophomore forward Greg Alexandre who added to the Patriots lead late in the game with a beautiful lay-up.

Coach Tomlin also added his thoughts about the Wednesday game against Trenton State, "All season we try to control the tempo of the game and if we can do it next week I feel we will come out okay." If the Patriots win this next game they will advance to the ECAC championship game on Saturday, March 13.

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# Livingston saves tie with Wagner

By Lou Megna  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook hockey Patriots earned a point by playing Wagner College to a tie, last Wednesday.

The Patriots behind tight defense and timely goaltending, extended their current streak to 7-1-1 heading into next week's playoffs.

## Hockey

Although the Pats never led in this one, the Pats outskated and pressured Wagner

Patriots: 2  
Wagner: 2

in the late stages of the game, causing many players to feel as if they could have come out of Staten Island with a win. The Pats are now 10-5-2 and in second place in their division, with only a tough match with division-leading Hofstra remaining before playoffs.

Wagner College opened the scoring at 17:13 of the first to take an early lead. The Pats kept playing their trademark tight checking defensive game despite the early deficit. Patience and hard work paid off as Eric Ober snapped a loose puck into the lower corner of the net to tie the game at 1-1, assisted by Mike Stillwagon, who helped create the opportunity against Wagner's tight defense. Wagner took advantage of a loose puck in front of Patriot goalie Chris Livingston to take a 2-1 lead at 9:44 of the first. Both the Pats and Wagner failed to score through the rest of the second, though both teams came close. Ober had a chance to tie the game, but hit the post to the left of the goalie. Wagner was frustrated as any attempt to extend their



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The Patriots stayed neck-and-neck with Wagner all night Wednesday.

lead was stifled by Livingston. At the end of the second, the Pats trailed 2-1, and it seemed that neither team would surrender a goal again that night.

The Pats came out fired up for the third, as they used to keep Wagner on the bodychecks and feisty fore-checking to keep Wagner on the ropes. Although they dominated the third, they couldn't seem to get the tying goal. Adrian Jackson's deflection beat the goalie but went wide about

six minutes into the third. Long shots from Stony Brook's defensemen were blocked by either the goalie or the defense. The Patriots finally got the equalizer at 7:39 of the third, as winger Lou Megna finished off a two-on-one with center Doug Kadel, banging the rebound of Kadel's shot under the goalie's pads. Wagner finally got a few good chances to win it late in the third, but Livingston made several sparkling saves to preserve the tie.

Now, the Pats attention must turn to the regular season finale, a battle with Hofstra whom the Pats ousted from the playoffs a year ago with a come from behind 8-7 win. "The game against Wagner will help prepare us for what is ahead," said junior Ray Buckman when speaking about Wagner who is the top team in their division. "It's good to play a top team even and get back to the bump-and-grind style we have to play to be successful."

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# Season a test for rookies

By Robyn Sauer  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook baseball team is gearing up to take on this season, which it plans to be the best yet.

Last year the Patriots were the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference champions. The team is made up of half old and half new players. With 11 players returning, nine of which are seniors the team is moving towards a victory for a grand slam finale. The starters are all seniors except for the pitcher and the catcher positions.

Over the past three years the Patriots have been held back from being the first place finishers in the Skyline Conference by the College of Staten Island, a nationally ranked team. All three years Stony Brook has placed second as CSI ran away with the title. According to senior, Artie Della Rocca the defeats from CSI were damaging ones and are driving the team to beat CSI once and for all this season. Last year, the Patriots lost to CSI twice in a doubleheader. These losses both came in the seventh inning and by a one run margin. Later, CSI went on to become the regional champions and only one game away from the College World Series. One of the pitchers, Barry Liebowitz, explained the urge to win this game by saying, "If the team wants to beat any one team," he said, "it's Staten Island."

The Patriots are starting the season with a top offense, rated tenth in the country, with their hitting abilities. Hitting seems to be the Patriots strong point and will be the Pats backbone. Della Rocca believes with this hitting abilities that it is very possible that the team could beat them.

Head coach Matthew Senk has been said to have been recruiting players from the surrounding area to add to the depth of the team. One of Senk's recruits is Eric Haag, a freshman out of Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale. Senk was the head coach there before coming to Stony Brook, and Haag spoke to Senk and decided to come to Stony Brook for the baseball program. Haag insists that the competition is much harder than he is used

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— Coach Matt Senk

to but believes, "The team has what it takes to be a great team." He is now playing first base though it is undecided whether he will be starting or if Santo Cirillo will be.

A junior pitcher, Drew McDowell, is confident that the first eight to ten games will give insight to how the rest of the season will go. The coach has worked up a tough, strong schedule for the Patriots, including playing Dowling College and Adelphi University, who are Division II teams. The exposure in these games should be helpful for the team and if the Pats can beat them it will only make the team look better. McDowell looks at the large amount of new, young players as a plus for the team. "We have a lot of young talent," said McDowell. "They all come from winning programs and therefore are bringing in a want-to-win attitude."

The team is presently working hard at achieving a lot of the goals they have set for themselves this year. They practice three to four hours a day, six days a week. "I'm looking forward to this season to get back into it like last year," said Senk. "Maybe we'll take it one step further this year into the NCAAs."

The first ball of the season will be thrown at 3 p.m. on March 19 against Dowling.



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The Patriots are ranked in the top 10 in batting.

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## Tough defense puts Pats in semis

By Jeremy Reines  
Special to Statesman

The men's basketball team advanced to the Eastern College Athletic Conference semifinals after a win in the quarter finals against the Medgar Evers Cougars Saturday night.

The Pats defeated the Cougars by a score of 66-59 after a nerve racking game. Stony Brook was 14-11 and ranked fourth in the ECAC tournament going in to Saturday's game while Medgar Evers was ranked one behind at number five with a 15-12 record.

**Men's B-ball**

Patriots: 66  
Evers: 59

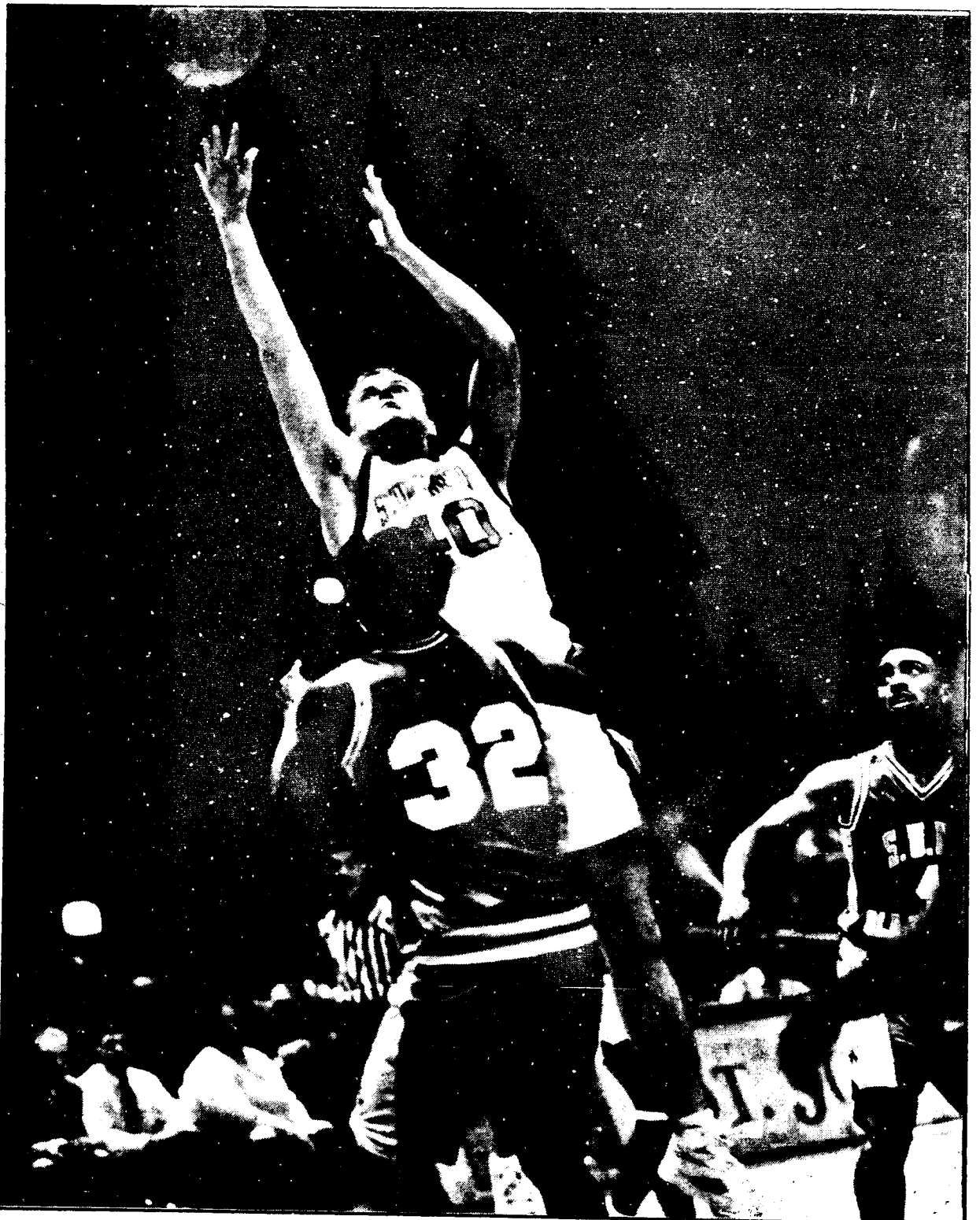
The two teams went at it like they were playing for the championship. The lead changed hands constantly throughout most of the first half of play. Both teams played well in the first half but Stony Brook struck first and always kept a step ahead. Freshman guard Ron Duckett delivered a quick three pointer and then followed it up with a field goal to put the Pats up 5-0 after the first few minutes of play. "We were hungry for a win and we did not want the season to end so we put it together and did it as a team," said Duckett who finished the night with a team high of 24 points.

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— Guard  
Ron Duckett

The game proved to be an excellent matchup from the start with a score of only 9-6 in favor of the Patriots after about six minutes of play. Both clubs made it hard for the other to score and every point that Stony Brook piled up was a tough one. The Patriots lost the lead for the first time with 8:26 remaining in the first half but regained it and from then on in it was passed back and forth like hot coal. Near the end of the half, junior forward Vernard Williams hit the floor hard after a dunk that just missed. Williams was out for the game but not before he had hit four of eight shots for a total of nine points and picked up four rebounds in his 16 minutes of play. After a barrage of shots from both teams the first half came to an end when Duckett made one of his two free throws with two seconds left to put the Pats up 30-28.

At the start of the second half the Patriots soon trailed



Forward Patrick Cunningham and the Patriots had to reach to beat Medgar Evers Saturday.

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Home games in **SMALLCAPS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8	9	10 LACROSSE vs. LEGGH, 3 P.M.  Men's B-ball at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.	11	12 Track at NCAAs, 5 p.m.	13 HOCKEY vs. C.W. POST, 7:15 P.M.  Track at NCAAs, 11 a.m.	14 LACROSSE vs. PRINCETON, 1:30 P.M.