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They'll Be Back

Incumbents take top 3 Polity seats; athletic fee passes

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor Emeritus

Three members of the Polity Council will return to the student government next semester in the top three seats, preliminary election results show.

Vice President Jerry Canada won last Wednesday's presidential race in a landslide, taking 76 percent of the 1901 votes cast with 1399. Political newcomer Joseph Abutel got 456 votes and there were 46 write-ins.

Sophomore Representative Crystal Plati received 974 votes to claim the vice presidency. Senator John Christiansen had 501 votes and Senator Vincent Bruzzese lost his third race for the council with 282. There were 41 write-ins. Among Plati's new roles will be heading the Polity Senate.

And Junior Representative Tricia Stuart collected 1146 votes to win the race for secretary. Jen Van Essendelft, commuter secretary, got 494 votes and 45 were write-ins.

All three positions are officers of the \$1.5 million corporation and members of the powerful executive council.

2 Runoffs in Class Rep Races

The only official winner in the class representative races is new to the council. Natacha Vincent, the Stony Brook delegate for the Student Association for the State University, a student lobbying group, will be Polity's new senior representative next year after taking 474 votes from the junior class. There were 46 write-ins.

The race for junior representative will be decided in a runoff election Wednesday. Sandi Hui got the largest number of votes with 250, but while she collected more than the 50 percent required to bypass a runoff election, new election rules passed recently require the winner to beat the next-highest vote-getter by more than 10 percent. Sheila Rios' 212 weren't enough. There were 27 write-ins.

The sophomore representative race also will be on the runoff ballot, but two of the four candidates won't return. Joseph Fraioli and Raj Jadav received 50 and 114 votes respectively and did not qualify for the runoff. Nelson Tajong, who got 143 votes, and Ryan Mitola, 138 votes, won runoff bids and will face off Wednesday. There were 20 write-ins.

Winners in SASU, USSA, Judiciary

In other races, Adrienne D'Achilli won her unopposed race for SASU delegate with 1,122 votes; Charles

Sturek won his unopposed race for a seat on the student government's judicial board with 852 votes and sophomore rep candidate Fraioli's 55 write-in votes were enough to give him a seat. Write-ins for these races were not announced and officials said the winner of the delegate seat for the United States Student Association, a national student lobbying group, was not yet determined.

All winners take office with the completion of the spring semester.

3 Budget Pleas Fail

Three clubs asking for student funding failed to get the two-thirds necessary to qualify for Polity funding on the referendum ballot.

The Rugby Club asked for 50 cents per year from every student and fell short with 53 percent of the vote — 979 students said yes, 866 said no. The *Patriot SportSignal*, a new all-sports campus newspaper asking for \$2 per year, got less than 46 percent approval with 868 votes saying yes, 1075 saying no. And *Shelanu*, a Jewish student newspaper that asked for \$1.50, lost with 26 percent of the vote. Just 470 said yes, 1316 said no.

4 Budgets Approved

Four pleas for Polity budgets, including an item that asked for a separate athletic fee and a hike for NCAA sports, were approved.

The \$24 per student athletic portion of the student activity fee will be removed to create its own, university-run fee and will rise \$6 per year after winning less than 68 percent approval with 1217 votes. Athletic department officials have called the election the first step in its move to Division I competition. The sports department will control the price of the new fee and it will not appear again on the student referendum.

Other items passed included *Statesman's* renewal



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President-elect Jerry Canada sports his campaign T-shirt featuring the mouse from the cartoon *Tom & Jerry*. Canada took 76 percent of the vote.

of a \$2 per student budget, which passed with 68 percent approval, or 1207 votes. SASU got 81 percent approval with 1445 votes; USSA got 87 percent, or 1335 votes to win. These budgets must be renewed every three years.

Jonathan Hanke, who heads the election committee, said 40 absentee ballots have not been counted. Only one item, the *Statesman* budget, could be affected by the absentees.

Also, an item that asked students to create Polity Senate seats for the SASU and USSA delegates was passed with 90 percent approval, or 1628 votes.

Dispute Remains on Referendums

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, APRIL 26

"A Taste Of Culture" Potluck Supper. 6 p.m. Bring your own international dish. Gray Fireside Lounge.

Chapin Week Live Comedy. 9 p.m. Chapin Community Center. For ticket information, call Britt Marie Hawthorne at 632-7200.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

The Alternative Cinema, "Down By Law" (U.S.A., 1986). Director Jim Jarmusch. 7 & 9:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. \$2; tickets available at the door. Call 632-6136.

Contemporary Chamber Players. 8 p.m. New works by Stony Brook composers. Studio A, Room 143, ECC. Free. Call 632-7330.

Chapin Week One-Woman Show, Alyson Steel. 9 p.m. Chapin Community Center. For ticket information, Call Britt Marie Hawthorne at 632-6755.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Faculty/Staff Blood Drive. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Indoor Sports Complex. Call Cynthia Pedersen at 632-6136.

University Counseling Center Group Shop Workshop, "Communication 101." Improve interpersonal communication skills. Noon-3 p.m. To register, call 632-6715.

Correction

A photo of Polity sophomore representative candidate Joseph Fraioli was incorrectly placed in a profile of Ryan Mitola in last Monday's edition.

Middle Eastern Dialogue. Food and music from the Middle East 7 p.m. Keller International College Main Lobby.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Flea Market 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-level.

Department Of Music Lecture-Demonstration, Electro-Acoustic music, Jonathan Berger, Yale University, 7 p.m. For location, call 632-7345.

Department OF Theatre Arts, "The Rivals" by Richard B. Sheridan (through May 2). 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, & Saturday; 2 p.m., seniors. Call 632-7283 or 632-7230.

Keller "Middle East Dialogue Forum" Planning Meeting. 9 p.m. Keller Classroom, Keller International College. For information, call Ruthie Ginsburg at 632-6796.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Campus Cleanup Day. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For details, call 632-6320.

C.O.C.A. Film, "A Few Good Men." 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Room 100, Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50; \$1/SBID.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Staller Center Presentation. "Turtle Island String Quartet" 8 p.m. Main Stage \$22; \$20; children 12 and under half-price

C.O.C.A Film. "A Few Good Men" 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Room 100, Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50; \$1 with SBID.

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Haitian students: Release refugees

By Jordan S. Shein
Special to Statesman

The Haitian Student Organization discussed the Haitian political crisis at Guantanamo Bay at its annual conference, after more than 50 students protested last week against the holding of the refugees.

The conference, which took place Thursday night at the Uniti Cultural Center in Roth Quad, told the audience of more than 40 people about the Haitian refugees detained in Guantanamo Bay. Feature speaker Jocelyne Mayas called the detention an outrage. "I say it is wrong," she said. Mayas, founder and chairperson of the Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees organization, said she is fighting for the release of the the refugees and the restoration of President Aristide and a democratic government to power in Haiti. "It's not a question of Haitians, blacks, or whites, it's a question of humans," she said.

As a result of a coup, which took place in September of 1991 in Haiti, the democratic government was overthrown. Since then, many Haitians began fleeing the country, but were intercepted by the US Coast Guard. The coast guard brought the refugees to the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The immigration department is not letting them in to the country since many of these people are said to be HIV positive, and there is question as to whether some of them are economic refugees. The United States admits only political refugees, not economic ones.

Mayas said that when she visited Guantanamo Bay, she heard about rough treatment of the refugees, though she was not allowed to visit them. In addition she said that although some of the refugees are HIV positive, there is an exaggeration of the number of people there with the disease. Mayas said that the United States does not want the refugees, and is therefore lying about the incidence of HIV.

Leslie Owens, associate professor of Africana Studies, quoted famous African American politicians such as



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More than 50 Haitian students in front of the student union protest the detainment of refugees in Guantanamo Bay.

Jesse Jackson, who speaks out about the refugee situation. The conference was given three days after a rally protesting the detention of the refugees was held. The rally was also sponsored by HSO.

The HSO gained notoriety on campus two years ago

when it led a boycott of university blood drives. The boycotts protested a federal ban on donations from Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans, which cited a high-risk for AIDS in those groups. The ban was lifted last year, but blood donations are down an average of 60 percent.

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POLITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

The budget prospectus is for the fiscal year September 1, 1993 thru August 31, 1994. The projected revenue is based on the Activity fee at \$115.50. The proposed budget does not include the referendums passed in last Wednesday's elections or referendums that will be decided in this Wednesday's runoff election. Budget allocations denoted TBA will be presented in an amended budget.

1993-1994

9,200 x 115.50=	1,062,600
Interest	5,000
Less 80 waivers	9,240
Total revenue from activity fee	1,058,400

1992-1993

9,200 x 152.50=	1,403,000
Interest	5,000
Less 60 waivers	-8,970
Total revenue from activity fee	1,371,430

Administrative Budget

	93-94	92-93	Adjustment
Advertising	TBA	13,000	TBA
Accountant	7,500	7,500	0
Telephone	14,000	10,000	+4,000
Travel	2,500	2,000	+500
Temp help	8,000	4,000	+4,000
Office Expense	14,000	10,500	+3,500
Stipends	46,600	20,500	+26,100
Elections	8,000	11,000	-3,000
Unemployment	2,500	2,500	0
Liability	32,000	32,000	0
Disability	1,300	1,150	+150
Group Health	34,324	20,000	+14,324
FICA	16,500	16,500	0
Computer	4,000	4,000	0
Salaries	193,000	193,000	0
Pensions	10,000	10,000	0
Attorney	TBA	14,000	TBA
Training	5,000	5,000	0
Council Projects	30,000	34,830	-4,830
Xerox	3,500	0	+3,500
Capital Invest.	4,000	4,000	0
Totals	435,724	411,480	+24,244

Note: The administrative portion of the operational budget represents 41 percent of the total projected revenue.

Referenda

Academic	9,200 x 2.00	18,400
Campus Newspapers**	9,200 x 4.00	36,800
College Legislature	9,200 x 4.00	36,800
CSI Groups	9,200 x 2.50	23,000
Ice Hockey	9,200 x 2.00	TBA
Intramurals	9,200 x 5.00	46,000
NYPIRG	9,200 x 6.00	55,200
Specula	9,200 x 2.00	18,400
Statesman	9,200 x 2.00	TBA
Ambulance Corps	9,200 x 2.00	18,400
SAB	9,200 x 5.00	46,000
SASU	9,200 x 4.00	TBA
USSA	9,200 x .50	TBA
Totals		\$308,200

Note: Referenda funding makes up 29% of the total operating budget.

**These referenda were approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Student Polity membership. Statesman, Ice Hockey, SASU, and USSA referendums are not included in the proposed budgets since they expired and were up for renewal in the Polity elections.

Colleges

Commuter College	7,900
HSC Student Association	7,000
Resident Colleges	26,500
Totals:	41,300

About the budget process

The following is a breakdown of the student government's proposed budget that was submitted by Polity Treasurer Corey Williams and released on Wednesday.

In the next step, the Polity Senate must ratify the budget before it becomes the student government's policy. However, the current budget was not approved by the senate last year since the attendance at senate meetings fell below the number of senators required to discuss and approve the budget. This year's budget is scheduled to be approved at this Wednesday's senate meeting and *Statesman* is publishing its breakdown for students' review.

— Ary Rosenbaum

** College Legislatures were not included in the proposed budget. The above figures are from the '92 - '93 budget.

Academics

	93-94	92-93
Pre-Physical Therapy	750	750
Pre-Med Society	1,000	500
Stony Brook at Law	1,250	1,000
Minorities in Engineering and Applied Sciences	1,500	1,250
Minorities in Medicine (MIM)	1,500	1,000
Society of Automotive Engineers	1,500	1,500
Educators of the Future	2,500	2,000
Bio-Chemistry Society	800	800
Totals:	10,800	7,750

Athletics

	93-94	92-93
Stony Brook Riding Club	4,250	3,750
Parachute Club	0	1,500
Cycling Club	4,000	3,000
Fencing Club	2,000	0
Rugby Club	2,000	0
Gymnastics Club	0	750
PATS Spirit	2,500	0
Totals	14,750	9,000

Cultural and Special Interests

	93-94	92-93
AASO	4,000	2,500
African Students Union	1,500	750
Asian Students Alliance	3,500	2,750
Caribbean Students Organization	6,500	6,000

Center for Women's Concerns	3,000	2,000
Club India	2,000	1,200
Gospel Choir	2,200	1,000
Haitian Students Organization	4,000	3,000
Hillel Student Club	3,000	2,000
LASO	5,800	4,750
LGBA	6,000	5,000
SACA	1,300	760
UNITI Cultural Center	8,000	7,500
Totals	53,800	39,210

Media

	93-94	92-93
BlackWorld	2,000	1,300
Specula	2,000	1,300
Stony Brook Press	2,000	1,300
WUSB	48,000	45,000
Totals	54,000	48,900

Programs

	93-94	92-93
COCA	12,000	12,000
Homecoming/Fallfest	TBA	8,000
I-CON	2,500	2,500
Opening Week Activities	1,775	1,000
PSC	30,000	25,000
Returning Student Organization	750	750
Student Activities Board		
Activities	2,680	15,000
Concerts	65,000	68,000
Minority Planning Board	8,800	18,000
Science Fiction Forum	2,200	1,500
Senior Week	TBA	2,500
Totals	126,785	154,250

Services

	93-94	92-93
EROS	3,200	2,000
STAC	2,000	1,500
Dorm Business	2,800	2,800
Polity Print Shop	5,000	2,500
Audio Visual	6,000	5,000
SAINTS	3,800	2,800
Legal Clinic	14,000	0
Tutorial Service	1,600	0
Ambulance Corps	0	17,000
Totals	37,300	33,600

Total Colleges Funding	TBA
Total Academics Funding	10,800
Total Athletics Funding	14,750
Total Cultural and Special Interests Funding	53,800
Total Media Funding	54,000
Total Programs Funding	126,785
Total Services Funding	38,400
Total Administrative Budget	437,805
Total Referendums Funding	308,200
Total 1993-1994 Proposed Budget	1,054,290

Two races force runoffs

ELECTION from page 1

Hanke said there were several complaints that the wording of the budget items was inconsistent. While the SASU, USSA and athletic fee items listed the price of the budgets in terms of cost per semester, the others were calculated per year.

Polity President David Greene said the outgoing council would consider placing the failed items on the runoff referendum, but said the final decision was the election board's.

Hanke, however, would not commit to re-running the

referendums. "If it was very close, I could see how we might do it," he said, "but for most of them, no."

5 Items on Ballot This Week

Five of the 13 referendum items approved for last Wednesday's election were taken off the ballot and will appear this week. These include requests to subsidize the bus fee, student security, a campus television studio, the Ice Hockey Club and an item that would allow the Program and Services Council to allocate money to fraternities and sororities, who are currently prohibited by Polity's bylaws from receiving student activity fee funding.

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Editorial

Make Polity Campaigns Less Stressful

Running for office is a stressful activity. One must coordinate a campaign, constantly answer questions, maintain integrity, and carry on normal day-to-day activities like sleeping, eating, and working. Needless to say, being able to juggle all these activities, which at times are contradictory to each other, is a remarkable feat. It can be likened to being an air traffic controller, who must be aware of and act on many different variable situations at once. Both must be able to handle the stress of their position, but the politician gets a double dose: once before entering office, and permanently while in office.

Last year, a Polity presidential candidate went to University Hospital after the election because of a stress-related illness. Certainly other candidates who have campaigned and come up short have felt the ravages of despair. It may be considered part of the system to feel the agony of defeat, but for people whose first occupation is student and not

politician, there must be something that can be done to take the edge off of campaigning, and subsequently, suffering the consequences.

A good place to start is the Polity rule book when it comes to running campaigns. One statute limits campaigns to one week before the elections, and after petitions with platforms have been surrendered to Polity. In New York City, the mayoral race has unofficially begun as early as last November, without any candidate officially stating his intent to run. We have one intense strip of seven days for campaign committees to build confidence, post advertisements, shake hands, and debate candidates' worthiness to the electorate. This comes at a time of examinations and other academic liabilities competing for precious free time.

Of course, the student voters would also know more about the candidates and their issues. Not such a bad side-effect, considering how little the campus electorate knows about the people who are

spending their money.

Having a cap on campaign spending may be fair to those who are economically disadvantaged. But in what other election is it stated that Ross Perot must spend only as much as you or me, just because we don't have as much money? Let us raise money in other ways weeks before the election to cover campaign costs. There is nothing dishonest about that. In fact, it fosters entrepreneurship. All the present system does is create an unnecessary obstacle and makes the process that much more difficult to manage.

School campaigns should be an educational experience leaving candidates with good feelings, win or lose. The fewer obstacles in candidates' ways, the easier this goal can be accomplished. Make it easier to be ambitious and excited about campaigning by considering the impact the rules as are have on the emotional part of the election, then change them to reflect the special needs of our student politicians.



Express Yourself!

Statesman welcomes responses from its readers. Letters should not exceed 500 words, opinion pieces 1,000 words, and both must include the writer's name and phone number for verification. Anonymous submissions will not be printed.

SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, April 26, 1993

Galatea I win 2nd Regatta title

By Ary Rosenbaum

Statesman Assistant Editorial Page Editor

On a lightly drizzled day, the crew members were out to commandeer their yachts to victory to win the trophy. The yacht's crew members had to combat sailing winds, a difficult race course, and a homemade boat that might fall apart at any minute. The racing event wasn't the America's Cup, but the annual Roth Quad Regatta.

Drawing a crowd of around 750 students, faculty, alumni and parents, the Roth Quad Yacht Club, conducting its fifth race, held its annual cardboard contest last Friday.

Nearly 25 boats were entered in this year's boat race, according to Nathanael Wright, executive secretary of the Roth Quad Yacht Club, which was down from last year's total of 40 boats.

"The Regatta is one of the few activities on campus with staying power" said Wright.

The Regatta consists of three prize categories for boats to win. The "Best Overall" category which is based on appearance, originality, and design is judged before the race. The other two prize categories, "Speedsters" and "Yacht Class" are based on the best time speed posted by an individual boat.

The *Galatea I*, captained by Nachman Zimet, a mechanical engineer major, won its second consecutive Speedster title. The *Galatea's* sister boat, *The Galatea II* won the Yacht Class trophy. *The Pond Scum Queen*, captained by Roth Quad Regatta co-founders and Stony Brook alumnus John Rickerman and Curtis Epstein won the Best Overall category.

All the boats are made mostly from cardboard, duct tape, glue and paint but range greatly in time and money



Statesman File Photo

Not all of the homemade ships respond well to Roth Pond, like last year's *Dragon's Breath II*.

spent.

Most of the boats crossed the finish line, but some didn't get past the starting line. *The Baruch Bomber III* crashed like the *Hiddenburg* just seconds after the start of their race. Crew members, most of them engineering students, couldn't pinpoint the reasons for the capsizing of the *Bomber*. "We had trouble with getting people in the boat" said Patrick Fischer, a crew member of the ill-fated *Bomber*. "When people tried to get in, the ship

broke up immediately."

The Regatta was well received by students as well as administrators.

"I always love it" said Paul Chase, dean of students, who also served as Regatta timekeeper. "I have more fun at this event than just about anything."

After five years the Regatta has become a university tradition that showcases the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

G Fest carnival a screaming success

By Jordan S. Shein

Special to Statesman

The infirmary parking lot was transformed into a carnival for children of all ages. G Fest, the annual carnival of G Quad, was held Thursday through Sunday, in a lot usually crowded with cars.

The carnival featured more than five rides, a variety of games, food and a bright firework display. Screams of the daring could be heard, even outside the lot. Rides like the Hurricane took its occupants in a circle, raising them toward the sky and dropping them back down.

The Tip-Top ride brought those adventurous enough around in circles, while lifting them up and down. The carnival also had a ferris wheel and electrical swings. Artmus Youssefinia, a freshman, was not too happy with her experience on the Swing, another ride meant to emphasize gravitational effects. "I was on The Swing and a girl next to me threw up," she said. "It is something I'd like to avoid next time."

"I was on The Swing and a girl next to me threw up. It is something I'd like to avoid next time."

— Artmus Youssefinia

Although the carnival attracted students, faculty and workers, some people had complaints. "It seems the same [as last year's]," said junior Russ Tsygan. "I

see a few new games."

David Antin, a student at Beach Channel High School went on the Round Up ride and wasn't very impressed. "It

was all right," he said. "I'm really dizzy."

Michael Barritz, a junior at the College of Staten Island, went on the ride with Antin and shared his enthusiasm. "It's no big deal," he said.

Harris Newmann, the attendant at the basketball booth, said that although his attraction wasn't doing too well, other games were more successful. "[Business is] not good for me, but good for other people," he said.

But the balloon-popping booth attendant, Joyce Fagin, found business to be good for her, even though she had her share of rowdy customers. "There were a couple of drunks but they were older people, not college people," she said. Tom McDoveren, one of the managers, said he thought the fair attracted a nice crowd. "Everything is nice and calm," he said. "The people are nice and friendly."

The firework show that took place on Saturday night seemed to evoke the most enthusiasm. "It was spectacular", said Karen Noimen, a freshman. "I can't wait 'till next year's."

CAMPUS VOICES

By Andrew J. Avril

Question of the Week:

What do you think of Bill Clinton's first 100 days in the White House?

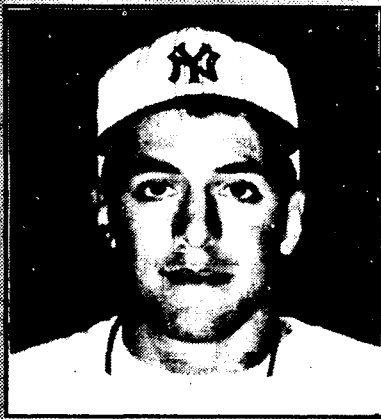


"I try not to."

Jeff Bossert, 22
Class: Senior
Major: History

"Promises made, promises broken."

Gregg Gordon, 21
Senior
Humanities



"He could be doing a better job."

Mike Schlosser, 18
Freshman
Engineering

"Everything takes time. He's been doing a good job, considering the opposition he has been getting."

Alexis Chandan, 17
Freshman
English



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The Boston bad boys are back with another high-powered album.

Get a Grip of Aerosmith

By Ary Rosenbaum
Statesman Assistant Editorial Page Editor

After a nearly three and a half year hiatus, the famed Boston rock group Aerosmith has finally unleashed their new album entitled *Get a Grip*. While *Get a Grip* is a very good album, this new release does not measure to their previous release, *Pump* or nor does it measure to their greatest work like *Rocks* or *Toys in the Attic*.

It has been an exciting time for Aerosmith in the past three years since the release of *Pump*. Hits from the multi-platinum album *Pump* like "Janie Got a Gun," "Love in an Elevator," and "What it Takes" put Aerosmith back into the forefront of rock music. In late 1991, Aerosmith inked a new lucrative record deal with Sony Music including a \$10 million advance for the band. The band signed the deal despite the fact that the band still owed their current record company, Geffen Records, two future albums. In December 1991, Sony Music released an Aerosmith box set entitled *Pandora's Box*, a collection of their hits and unreleased tracks from their Columbia Record days. While panned by the critics, *Pandora's Box* sold over 250,000 copies at over \$40 a pop.

With a nearly three year and a half between albums, one would expect that Aerosmith would put out a premier product by releasing *Get a Grip*. *Get a Grip* suffers the same predicament that most Aerosmith albums suffer from. With

over a dozen tracks, *Get a Grip* has a high level of filler music, songs which are just not first rate. Songs from the album like "Flesh," "Fever," and "Lineup" just take up space. The band's lead guitarist Joe Perry proves why his solo career was such a disaster with his lead vocals on "Walk on Down." Joe Perry should learn to leave the singing chores to the band's lead vocalist Steven Tyler.

What makes *Get a Grip* a respectable album is the band's wonderful mix of hard rock, ballads, r&b driven rock, and the writing ability of Joe Perry and Steven Tyler. The album does contain a number of potential hit songs. The gems on *Get a Grip* are "Livin' on the Edge," "Cryin'," "Eat the Rich," and "Amazing." "Cryin'" and "Amazing" are top ballads that would remind Aerosmith fans of past songs like "Angel" and "What it Takes." "Livin' on the Edge" is a hard rock song in the fashion of "Love in an Elevator" and "Dude Looks Like a Lady." "Eat the Rich," despite its tongue-in-cheek title is an exceptional blues driven song. With a number of potential chart-toppers, *Get a Grip* may equal *Pump* in the amount of hit songs off the album.

Get a Grip is not the best work by Aerosmith nor is it the band's worst possible work. When looking at the band's history, *Get a Grip* is one of Aerosmith's better albums along the lines of their 1987 album *Permanent Vacation*, which contained a number of hit songs and a high amount of filler music. Fans of Aerosmith and fans of hard should grab *Get a Grip*.





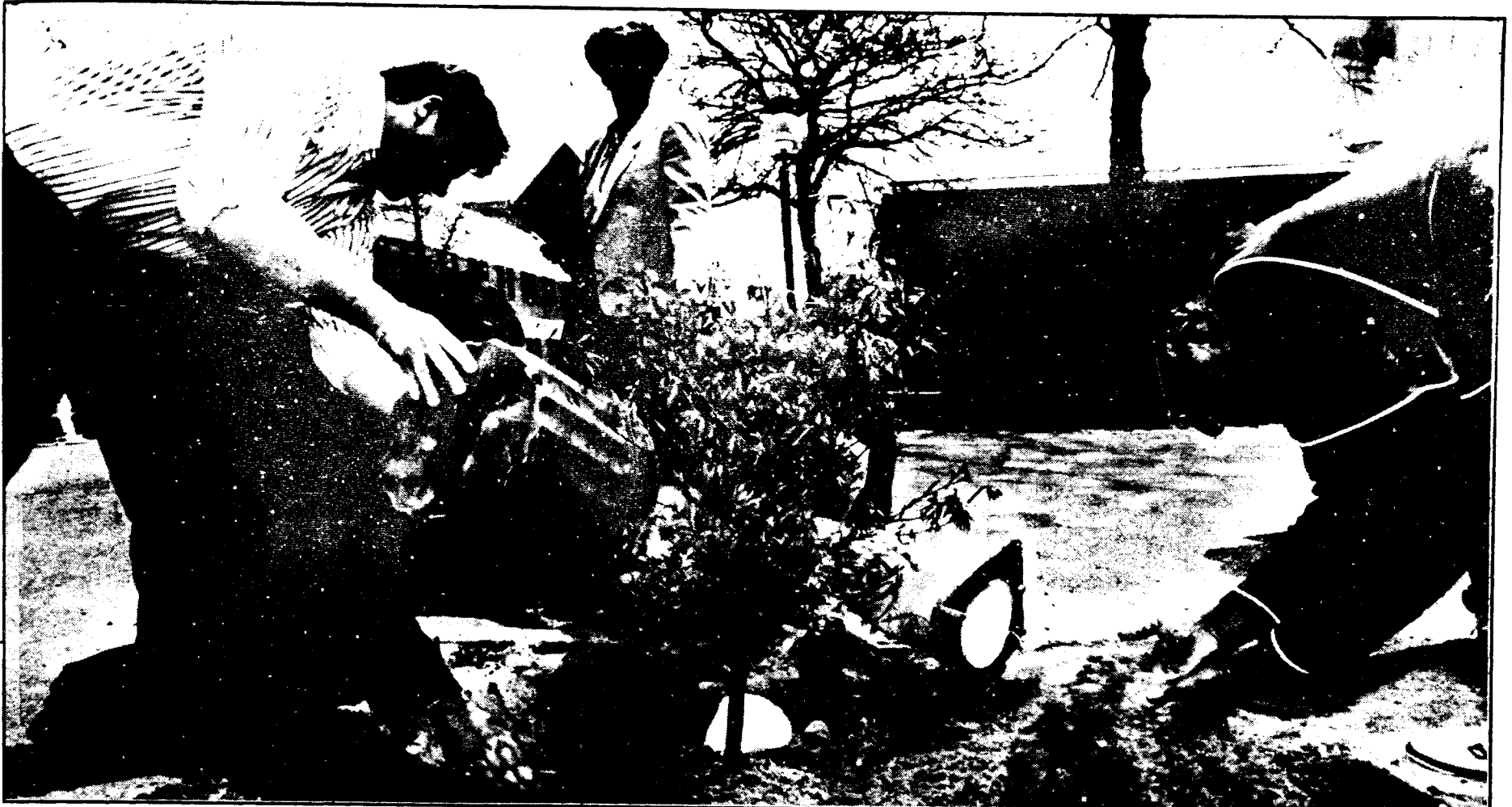

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Help America Compete on Equal Terms

By Al Gibson

OUR INCREASING RELIANCE UPON FOREIGN goods is not the only negative factor in our progress. In fact, we are getting more and more dependent on foreign talent also. Is it because foreign educated people are more talented or is it because we are less capable?

Our dependence upon foreign talent is so obvious that every time we need doctors, engineers, nurses, or pharmacists, etc. we open immigration visas for them. The constant influx of professionals into the United States from other parts of the world reflects our growing dependence on foreign talent. The question is whether it is fair to do so.

The purpose of this article is not to prohibit immigration into the United States. This is only to prove that there exists an unfair advantage in this policy.

Most of the countries from where we "import" these professionals have a free or almost free educational system, whereas our doctors have to go through rigorous training for eight years and spend thousands of dollars. The doctors from Pakistan, India, and Eastern European countries pay none or far less tuition. In the U.S. many students either drop out or delay their education because they don't have enough money to fund their education.

Al Gibson, a Stony Brook alumnus, is a former vice president of the United Nations Club on campus.

What these foreign professionals have to do once they are in the United States is nothing more than passing a license exam and they start their practice right away. What happens to our talent? Unfortunately due to the rising costs of education the local talent just fails to come to a bloom.

As an incentive for the local businesses, we impose tariffs on imported goods. What about imported talent? Why don't we give incentives to our local talent? Why is there a policy that is highly discriminatory? And guess who this discrimination is against?

Letter

We Aren't the Problem

To the Editor:

This is an open letter written in memory of the 13 campus women who were murdered a few years ago in Canada by a mentally-ill, woman-hating male student.

To all men who blame women for what is wrong with their lives: *Get over it!!!* Or, at the very least, get another victim. I, for one, am tired of being attacked by you lying, manipulative, conniving little bastards every time a woman shows exceptionally good judgment of character by saying "no" to you.

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Unfortunately our own people.

We have failed to honor our people, our talent, our capabilities, and even our country. Our admiration for others has diminished our sense of belonging to this great land. We are a nation of divided people. Why can't we explore American talent? I have no doubt that we will not be disappointed.

Once again, I understand that our strength lies in our diversity. I have no objection when it comes to the immigration into the United States. But we can

make it more fair especially when it comes to "importing" talent. This can be done by giving more incentives to our students, by spending more money on education, and by honoring our local talent. The idea that our local talent is incapable is totally wrong. We just need a little help and we can produce these professionals right here in the United States. And at the same time we can import talent as well, but then it will be fair to do so. Let's keep it a melting pot but not to an extent where the pot starts melting itself.

Christa L. Gordon
Senior, Computer Science

reject, have scores of charges of sexual misconduct against you, or have been institutionalized repeatedly, might I suggest that you entertain the thought that *you* are the *one* at fault — not the 2.25 billion women in the world!?!?!?

Furthermore, I am not your mother. I

did not neglect, beat, molest, or abandon you. It is *not* my fault that your mommy didn't love you. So, find another victim, because this one is ready to fight back!

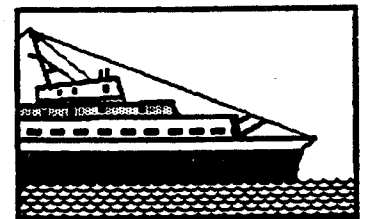
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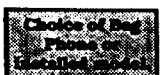
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Win restores hope after 3-game skid

By Robyn Sauer and Seth D. Kaplan

The baseball squad won in the second game of a double header this weekend after having six consecutive losses, three of which took place against New Jersey Tech and Upsala College. The Pats came through with a shut out win against Upsala in the second game of the double header.

Baseball

Patriots: 11
Upsala: 0

The two losses to New Jersey Tech was clinched in the bottom of the seventh inning, something that's happened more than once to the Pats this season, with scores of 4-3 and 6-5. The Pats couldn't score the runs they needed in the first game against Upsala, but they redeemed the 6-1 loss when they came back to sweep Upsala 11-0.

The Pats dropped game one against New Jersey to 4-3 on a suicide squeeze in the seventh. With one out and the bases loaded, Ron Dollard laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt scoring Tech's Steve Tice who was streaking down the line.

In the nightcap, the Pats rallied from a 5-2 deficit to even the score at five apiece, but Coach Senk's team collapsed in the seventh, losing 6-5. With two outs, Billy Ordonez scored the game winning run from third on an error.

Senior Jason Greco continued his superb play going two for three with three runs scored and two Home runs for the Pats, but this was not enough to keep the Pats from losing.

During the first game against Upsala the Patriots made 12 hits but they only scored once. The team was swinging well, but according to Senk, they just couldn't get that big hit in the first and were plagued by double plays. The second game the Pats produced 14 hits and scoring 11 this time. From the third to the seventh innings the Patriots scored every inning.

The Patriots have now let their record drop to a losing

8-10-1. This record is surprising to the fans who saw the hardballers come one game away from playing in the championships last season. The team has had to break in 11 freshmen, but the other 20 players have returned from past seasons.

The Patriots still have a chance considering they made it into the playoffs with a record of 17-12-1, last year. "We

are in a challenging position," said head coach Matthew Senk. "We seem to be more inconsistent than consistent."

A solid defense is needed now by the Pats to be given the chance to redeem themselves. "We must get over the whole psychological thing," said Senk.

Stony Brook will take the Patriot Field tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. to face Kean College.

Netmen secure first place

The tennis team upped its record to 7-1 overall, 3-0 in the Skyline Conference, with home wins over Division I Hofstra and conference opponent Manhattanville. With only two matches to go before the playoffs, the Pats are leading the conference.

Tennis

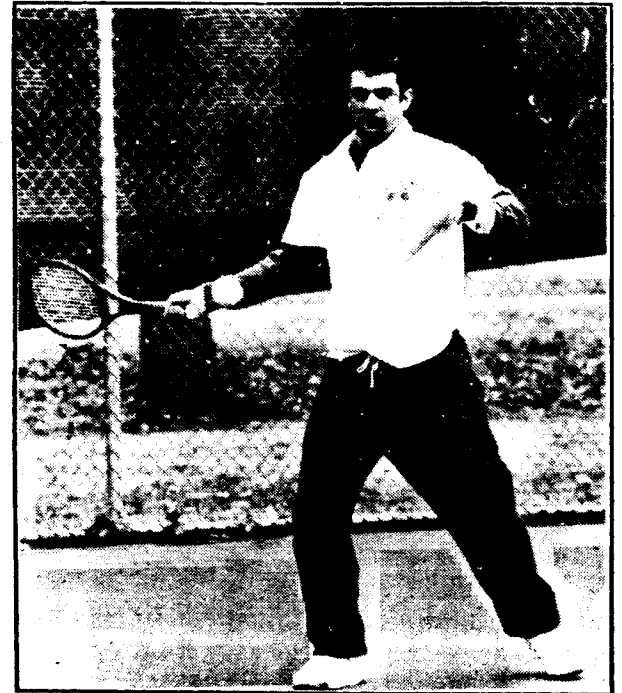
Patriots: 5
Hofstra: 4

On Saturday, the Pats edged Hofstra 5-4 in the toughest match of the year. The two teams started play on Friday, but the match was suspended because of bad weather.

So the match was rescheduled and completed the next day.

With the contest tied at 4-4, it was up to first doubles team Bruno Barbera and Tony Lu to lead the Stony Brook to victory, and avoid the team's second loss of the season. Barbera and Lu met the challenge head on, pulling out a gritty three-set win, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. "Our two best players came through when we needed it," said coach Tony McMullen. Other winners for the Pats were Barbera at first singles, Lu at second singles, David Zeaman at fourth singles, and Ken Maget at fifth singles.

On Sunday, the the Patriots crushed visiting Skyline Conference opponent Manhattanville, 9-0. McMullen never felt threatened by their conference rivals once the match had already started. "Everyone pretty much coasted," said McMullen. "We were in control the whole time. The match was never in jeopardy." — Seth D. Kaplan



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Bruno Barbera led the Pats to the win over Hofstra

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Patriot skaters honored by league

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

Three hockey players were honored by the league for their achievements and record breaking statistics from this past season.

The players were all awarded for their outstanding individual performances. Geoff Hulse and Mike Stillwagon were chosen to be members to play on the second all star teams in the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference. Adrian Jackson broke a university hat trick record held since 1986.

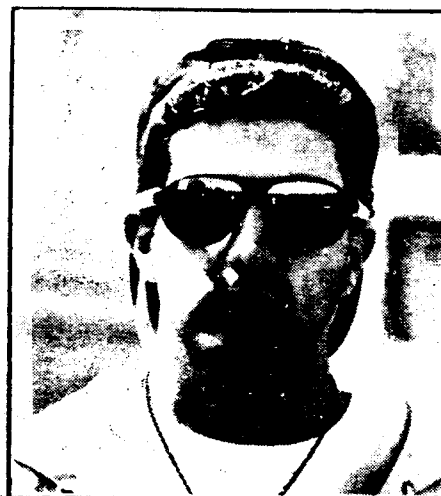
The MCHC included members from 20 different schools across the tri-state area. Each player is nominated by opposing coaches to be approved by the league and then the final decisions are made. Hulse was particularly happy and surprised with his acceptance on the team because he was passed up the last two years after being nominated.

Hulse played at top performance levels to score three goals and assist two others during the game. Playing this strongly against the 20 most talented players in the league, Hulse was named the All Star Game MVP, which he called, "One of the best things to happen," in his life. This was the first time a Stony Brook player has ever brought this title home. "Geoff played really well," said Stillwagon. "I'm glad he got a chance to play in the all star game before he graduated because he really is such a good player."

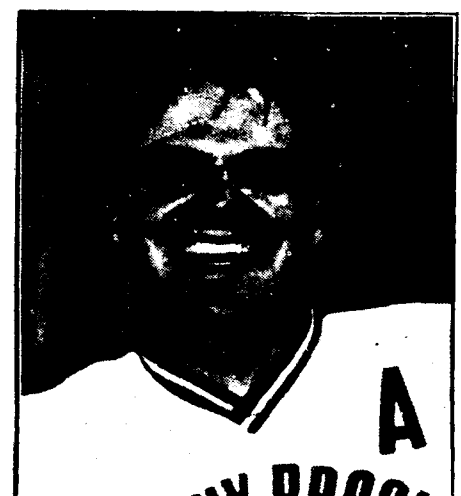
Hulse is sorry to see the end of his hockey career because of his love of the sport and the personal growth he has experienced while on the team. "I'm going to



Mike Stillwagon



Adrian Jackson



Geoff Hulse

miss these guys," he said. "They have respect for me. I liked the attitude this year. The players were so dedicated. I loved playing for them."

Part of Hulse's disappointment of seeing the end of the season is due to the accomplishment of the goals he set for himself. He had set out to break the amount of goals that he scored in his first season here, which was 48. He also wanted to be recognized by the league for his level of performance and play in the all star game. He did both of these. Once at the all star game, he wanted to score. Hulse said his first score motivated him and pushed him to work hard for the next goal. He commented on how well the players worked with each other and supported the others

efforts. Although Hulse wanted to bring the championship home after last year and did not, he was still pleased with the year.

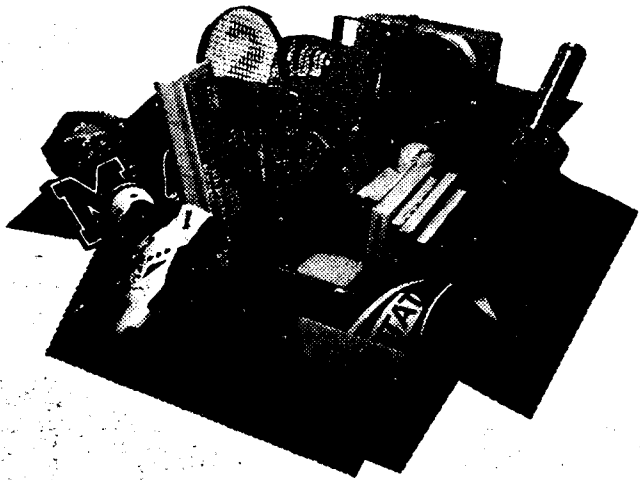
Stillwagon played in the All Star game and named the Stony Brook's MVP by the league for his efforts in the 1992-93 season. He was really excited to be chosen to be a part of the team because the all star teams are mainly made up of upperclassmen. "It was a lot of fun," said Stillwagon. "It was really a hard level of competition." Because of his strong defensive skills he is bound to become a franchise player, according to his teammates. "He is a leadership player and he was our motivator," said Hulse. "I can't beat Mike one on one." Hulse also wants to see Stillwagon carry the puck up more because he is confident of

the potential of being a offensive-defensive player.

Adrian Jackson played the second half of the season to cap off his hockey career and set a new university record. Although it seemed that Jackson was going to beat two of these records, he fell one goal short when he scored eight goals against Columbia, on February 27. The standing record for the most goals scored in one game is nine for the university. But Jackson did break the hat-trick university record with a career total of eight, two of which were this semester.

Hulse and Jackson will be graduating this spring and moving on to medical school. Stillwagon will be returning as a junior in the fall and will take over as the captain of the team.

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Laxmen Break Even: *It's kill and be killed on road*

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

The laxmen split two games over the weekend with an impressive win and a disappointing loss on the road.

After two big losses last weekend, the Patriots were insistent that the time had come for a win. And it did. But, two days later so did a loss. The Patriots beat Hartford by a score of 17-6 and then lost to Boston college with a score of 14-3.

Lacrosse	
Patriots:	17
Hartford:	6
BC:	14
Patriots:	3

Senior attackman John Schafer led the Patriots and took Hartford on from the very beginning. Schafer scored six goals and assisted in two more. His success, as well as the team's, came from a winning attitude and a well played offense. "We had a positive attitude," said Schafer. "We were really turned on." Senior Paul Leva agreed. "We were confident against Hartford," he said.

All season the team was forced with having to play hard in the second half, and against Hartford it broke the mold and came out to play from the very beginning. "We came out the way we should have all year," said Leva. "We came out hard. When we lost all those other games they came out firing and this time we did it. We came out intense and we didn't let up. We really shook them up," he said. That was exactly what happened. Shortly into the game, the Patriots took the lead at a score of 3-0 and never fell behind.

Schafer was modest about his efforts. "It's a matter of being in the right place at the right time," he said. "Both goalies played awesome and made some great saves."

Captain Joe Spallone was proud of the team's effort. "We came out right from of the start," he said. It was that simple. Senior attackman James Sommese believes that this game showed a taste of how the Patriots can play. "This was one of the first times we played up to our capabilities," he said. "We came out and we played hard." The team was in agreement that this is the



Statesman File Photo / Chris Vacirca

The Pats had something to celebrate after their win Thursday against Hartford.

key to Patriot success. "We just came out and played against Hartford," said freshman midfielder Will Imhoff.

Boston College used this strategy against the Pats just a couple of days later and it worked for them also. At the half the score was 9-1 and there was no way the Pats were going to be able to recover. "We couldn't get it together in the start," said Spallone.

Spallone did make a good showing in the net. He made 24 saves followed up by

10 saves by sophomore Steve Cox, who late in the game replaced Spallone. Scoring the three goals for the Patriots were Kevin Dalland, Louis Ventura, and Mike Scerbo.

"We were so flat. Granted they were good but they are not as good as the score made them out to be," said Leva. "We should have exploited their defense more." During the Boston College game the Patriots spent the majority of the time playing defense instead of setting up plays by

the opposing nets, like Sommese and Schafer mastered two days before. "We just couldn't get ball on the offense," said Schafer. "Once we got it there we were okay."

Saturday, at 2 p.m., the Patriots will be facing the U.S. Naval Academy, who is presently in the Top-10. "If we come out ready to play, anything could happen," said Schafer. Leva agreed. "We must sell our souls and practice what we preach," he said. "They can be beaten."

PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

Home games in **SMALLCAPS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26 TENNIS VS. OLD WESTBURY, 4 P.M.	27 BASEBALL VS. KEAN, 3:30 P.M. Softball at Lehman, 4 p.m.	28 Baseball at St. Joseph's, 3:30 p.m. TENNIS VS. KINGS POINT, 3:30 P.M.	29 SOFTBALL VS. MONTCLAIR, 3:30 P.M.	30 BASEBALL VS. OLD WESTBURY, 3:30 P.M.	1 LACROSSE VS. U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, 2 P.M. Baseball at M'ville, 12 p.m.	2