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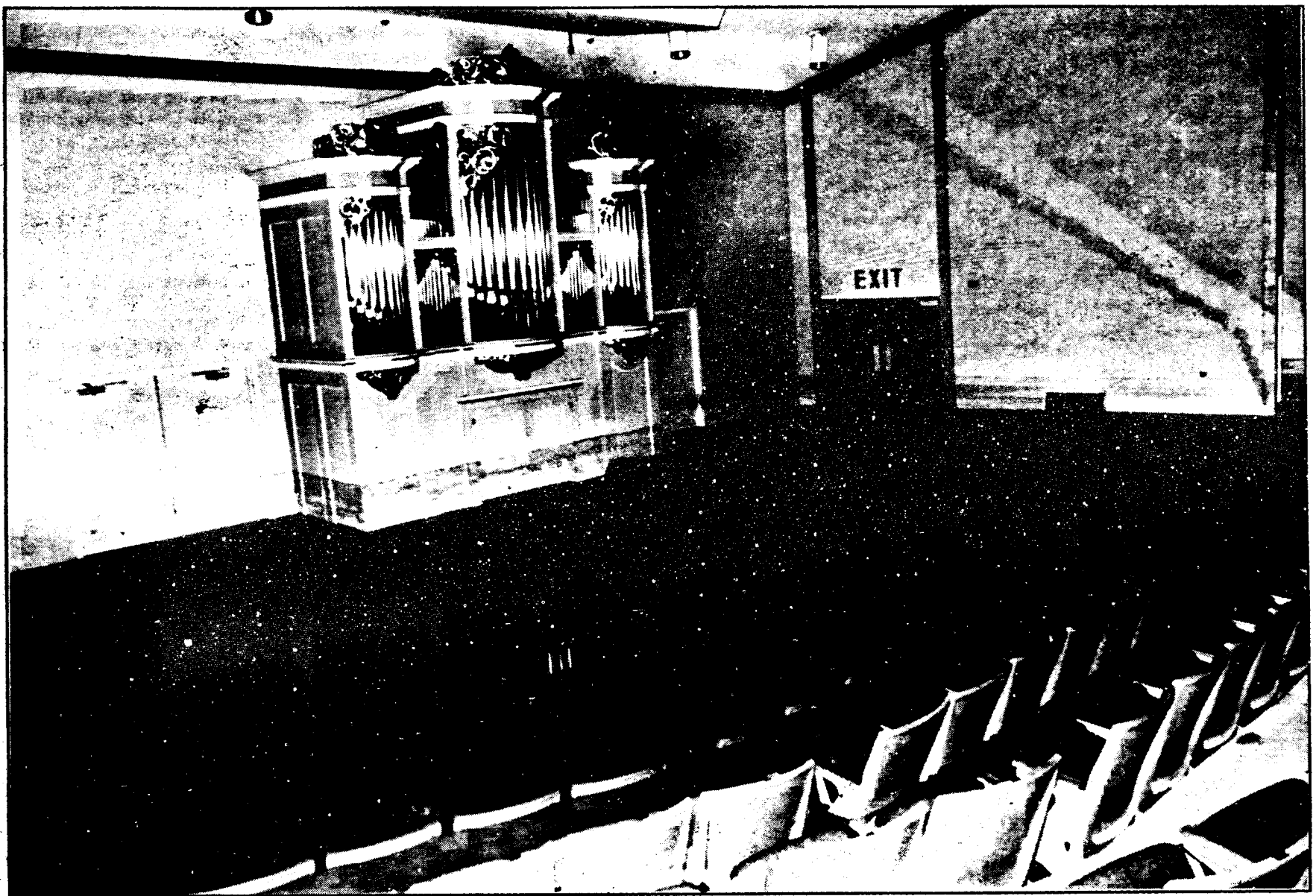
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Staller's recital hall, shown above after the flood in February, housed its first performance since more than one million gallons of water made it unusable.

It's Showtime:

Staller main stages re-open after flood repairs

By Andrea Rubin
Statesman News Editor

After more than two months of repairs, the Staller Center for the Arts re-opened ahead of schedule on Friday, with the first performance since a water main break flooded the arts center in February, causing \$4 million in damages.

The Stony Brook Camerata Singers performed in the recital hall which suffered flooding as high as five feet. The next performance, the Stony Brook Symphony, is scheduled for Saturday, May 8. Terence Netter, director of the Fine Arts Center, said that it only took two months to be able to open. "It is ahead of schedule," he said.

The disaster brought together both university and community help. Singer Billy Joel donated a nine-foot concert grand piano as a replacement for one of the three concert pianos destroyed. In addition, a rare pipe organ, a replica of Johann Sebastian Bach's valued at \$500,000, was disassembled and sent to New Hampshire for repairs.

Netter called the support that contributed to the early opening of the center "an incredible, cooperative effort."

According to John Rose, associate director of the physical plant, workers had been working around the clock since the flood. A report describing the extent of the structural damage was completed in the beginning of March. And a contract for extra maintenance has allowed the workers to work extra hours without any extra expenses for labor.

In March, Gov. Mario Cuomo surveyed the damage and promised money to help with expenses. "This facility is important to the entire community," he said. "We ought to have no difficulty in finding the money needed."

Work is still be completed at the center.

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, MAY 3

Talented Handicapped Artists "Thaw" Curated by Karl Kneis. Monday-Friday. Noon-4 p.m. Union Art Gallery. Free. Call 632-6822.

Destiny Journal/Dinner "Make your graduation the best ever." Mondays at 9 p.m. in the UNITI Cultural Center. Black and Latino students call 632-4515 or 632-3973 for more information.

Summer Session Registration Begins. Current students only. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

University Police Community Relations Team. "Personal Safety and Awareness Program," 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. Room 177, Level 2, Health Sciences Center. Call 632-7786 for information.

Department of Music Undergraduate Recital. Room 143, Studio A, ECC building. To confirm, call 632-7236.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Talent Show. Union Auditorium, 9 p.m. Free admission.

Plant Sale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Union Lobby.

Department of Music Graduate Student Recital. 8 p.m. Features Ken Piascik, percussion. Choral Room 0113, Staller Center for the Arts. To confirm, call 632-7236 to confirm.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

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

IFSC Lock-up Fund-raiser for Muscular Dystrophy. Union Fireside Lounge, 11-3 p.m.

Midnight Scream Fireworks and bonfire. Football field, 9 p.m.

"Living With HIV" A guest speaker will discuss AIDS and the social and emotional implications of living life HIV positive. Presented by the Lesbian, Gay Bisexual Alliance. Student Union room 223, 9 p.m. Call 632-6469.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Pool Party. Co-sponsored by IFSC and Senior committee. Indoor Sports Complex. 1-6 p.m.

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

B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation. Traditional and Reform Services. 6 p.m. Roth Quad Cafeteria. Call 632-6565.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Grand Finale Picnic. Last event of IFSC weekend. Co-sponsored by Polity. Intramural Fields 1 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Mothers Day.

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

Department of Theatre Arts. "The Rivals." 2 p.m. Theatre 2, Staller Center for the Arts. \$8; \$6/students and seniors. Call 632-7230.

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Marburger writing arming decision

By Ary Rosenbaum
Statesman Editorial Page Editor

University President John Marburger announced at a building legislature meeting last week that he is currently writing his decision on whether or not to give campus Public Safety officers guns.

Dorm conditions and the university's plan to upgrade athletics to Division I status were also among the topics discussed by Marburger and Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, at the Greeley College legislature.

After receiving quality feedback from students and faculty, Marburger said he is ready to release a decision early May. "I'm working a policy for the university's needs," he said.

Preston, a proponent of limited arming also talked about the issue at the meeting. "My primary concern is having the best security for the campus," he said. "I'm for some form of selective arming."

Marburger and Preston spoke to more than 50 students at the meeting after freshman Joseph Fraioli, Greeley legislature president, invited them. Fraioli said he wrote a letter to Marburger in March asking him to speak at the meeting.

Before the legislature meeting began, Marburger and Preston took a tour of the building. Marburger was upset at the garbage that he found around Greeley, according to Polity Senator Josh Justic, who accompanied the university officials on the

tour.

The meeting with Marburger and Preston was scheduled as a question and answer session. According to Fraioli, the building's executive board developed the questions and sent them to Marburger two weeks in advance.

Preston opened the meeting by discussing dorm conditions. "I'm here to hear you," he said. He encouraged student input to identify the problems in the residence halls and asked the residents to take responsibility in the halls where they live. "It is in your vested interest to care for this place as much as I do," he said.

On the topic of the budget and tuition hikes, Marburger expected that the university's budget would be replenished in the near future. "We do direct most of our money to student needs. We have been experiencing budget cuts. We have had to slow down things," said Marburger.

Marburger also spoke on his continued support to upgrade the athletic program to Division I. "Division I will benefit the school," said Marburger. He envisions that the upgrade will take five years to complete.

The program lasted for two hours. After the conclusion, Marburger and Preston spoke individually with Greeley residents.

Justic said he would have liked to hear more details regarding the issues. "They weren't too specific," he said.



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University President John Marburger at Greeley legislature meeting.

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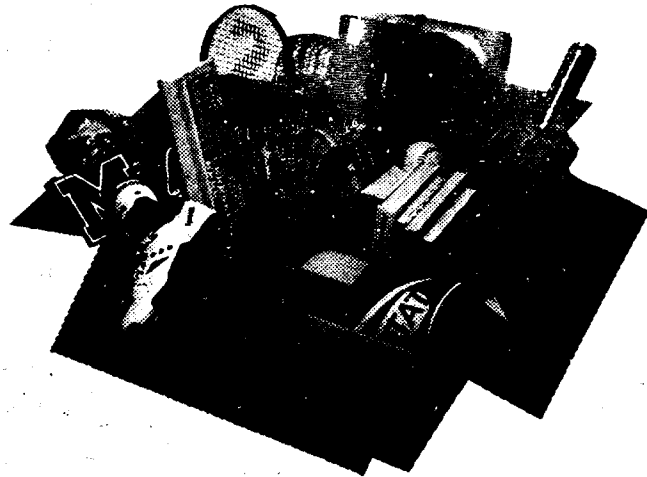
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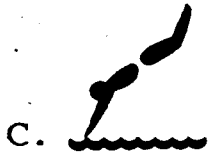
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Hui and Mitola elected to council, referendums split

By Ary Rosenbaum
Statesman Assistant Editorial Page Editor

Sandi Hui will take over as junior representative and Ryan Mitola will take over as sophomore representative next semester as a result of last Wednesday's Polity runoff election. Results of the referendums that were also voted on were split as four referendums passed and six referendums failed. Over 900 students turned out for the vote.

Hui, legislative president of Gray College, defeated her opponent, Polity receptionist Sheila Rios by a vote of 128 to 105, according to results posted by Jonathan Hanke, head of the Polity election board. "I'm excited" said Hui. "I'm ready and willing to work hard next year."

Mitola, a member of the Polity freshman committee defeated Benedict Senator Nelson Tajong by a vote of 146 to 120. "I contacted a lot of students during the campaign" said Mitola. "I want to be active and do as much as I can now."

Of the ten referendums that were on the ballot, six of the referendums were monetary pleas from campus groups and four referendums were proposed constitutional amendments. All six monetary referendums failed and all four proposed constitutional amendments passed by wide margins.

The *Patriot Sport Signal*, the new weekly sports newspaper, failed for the second week in a row with 37 percent of the vote. Their initial referendum asking for \$2 per student failed in the April 21 election with just over 45 percent of the vote. Their referendum was placed back on the election ballot since the paper had originally asked for \$1.50 per student. The *Sport Signal* felt it was unfair that an incorrect monetary plea was placed on the initial ballot. In his column in last week's *Sport Signal*, Jason Yellin, the editor, made a plea to students to support the referendum or the paper would stop publishing. Yellin now admits that the paper will not cease publication but the paper will be affected by the failed referendum. "We'll have to get more outside funding and work harder to get more advertisement," said Yellin. "I feel that it wasn't a true gauge of the student population when only 900 people voted."

The Hockey Club which asked for a 50 cent increase to \$2.50 per student failed to get a renewal of their three year referendum with 42 percent voting yes. With their referendum failing, the Hockey Club will lose all of their funding. "We really have a chance of advancing now and they pull the funding" said Mike Stillwagon, President-Elect of the club. "Now we've got nothing."

Among the referendums that failed was the bus fee which received 43 percent of the vote. If passed, Polity would have allocated 85 percent of their reserve account to defray the cost of the bus fee. The Program and Services Council which asked for \$5 per student to fund new clubs, student entrepreneurship and Inter Fraternity-Sorority Council events got 57 percent of the vote but failed to get the 2/3 vote necessary to pass. Polity Security, which asked for \$5 per student to help fund security for club events also failed to get the 2/3 vote with 52 percent voting yes. SBTV which asked for \$5 per student to fund a student run television station failed for the second year in a row with 58 percent voting no.

All proposed constitutional amendments passed with over 80 percent of the vote. An amendment was passed to make voter registration a permanent project of the sophomore representative. Members of the Polity Judiciary will now be appointed by the executive council and approved by the senate rather than be elected according to a new amendment that passed. Amendments were also passed to create a forum for building legislative presidents and to make the Blood Drive Committee a standing committee of the senate, according to Vice President Jerry Canada.

A poll on whether Public Safety should be armed was also included in the vote. Most of the students supported some sort of arming for Public Safety. 19 percent of the students supported full arming, 38 percent supported selective arming and 43 percent voted against any arming for Public Safety.

(Andrea Rubin and Robyn Sauer contributed to this story.)

Charity party kicks off first Greek Week

By Andrea Rubin
Statesman News Editor

A holiday party kicked off the first ever Greek Week yesterday when 30 underprivileged children celebrated a late Easter with members of fraternities and sororities.

The Inter Fraternity-Sorority Council sponsored the party, which was held in the Union Ballroom, inviting children from the Trinity Lutheran Church of Wyandanch to the university to celebrate the spring but used Easter as a theme. Larry Gallo, president of IFSC, said that the party was something special for these children. "If it wasn't for us they wouldn't have this," he said. Gallo added that the children are mostly from low-income or single-parent homes.

The children were given lunch, played games and took place in an Easter egg hunt. The Easter Bunny was on hand to help the children look for eggs. Levi Adams, 11, said that the bunny was his favorite part of the day. "He walks around and gives us candy," he said.

The charity event started off the first ever week long greek celebration, which for the past two years has been held over a weekend. "We made it a week to extend it more to the campus," said Gallo. "We want to open it up to the whole university."

The party was part of an effort to give something back to the community, said Nick DeSantis of Alpha Chi Rho. "This is our community service," he said. "It helps keep us in good [standing] with the university."

There are several new events that will



Junior Larry Gallo, president of the Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council, draws a football field with Levi Adams, 11.

Christopher Babli for Statesman

take place this week, according to Gallo. The biggest will be a pool party co-sponsored by the Senior committee, on Friday. It will take place in the indoor pool in the Sports Complex, and will have a disc jockey, bikini contest, juice bar and barbecue.

"It's going to be a huge barbecue," said DeSantis. "And WBAB will be there giving stuff away."

In addition, IFSC is using the week to raise money for muscular dystrophy. They are having a lock-up which Gallo said will put faculty and staff members under arrest.

"They have to raise bail," he said. "We're trying to raise \$1,000."

IFSC is hoping that the rest of the weeks activities go as well as the holiday party. "The kids seemed to have a lot of fun," said Eric Wurtz of Tau Delta Phi. "I think the event was a success."

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Editorial

Commencement Should Be Held Outdoors

Commencement 1991 marked a turning point in the history of Stony Brook. It was the first commencement in which the traditional outdoor ceremony was shunted into the spanking new Indoor Sports Complex, as a cost cutting measure.

However, this will mark the third commencement in which graduating seniors will have a less than dignified ceremony, replaced by being corraled into a breathlessly hot, sterile, uncomfortable gymnasium. Sorry, but gymnasiums, regardless of name, should be reserved for high-school proms, not for one of the most symbolic,

emotional, and important events of a student's life.

If ambience is not enough of a consideration, capacity is. In case all 5,000 seats are filled in the main arena, large screen monitors will be available in the older east gym for your viewing pleasure. We've said it before and we'll say it once more: Why not charge families and graduates for the right to see the event on pay per view? It could be screened in the comfort of your own air-conditioned living room, with your favorite beverage and edible at your side. No need to take a bus from South P-Lot, no need to hustle for a good seat, or no reason

to bake in warehouse-like conditions. However, it won't be as personal as seeing it up close and live, regardless of where the ceremony is held.

The decision for next year's graduation's fate is being planned as we speak. It is imperative of the Class of '94 to have its voice heard in this matter. It is, after all, their graduation. Your voices, if spoken in mass, do have an effect. You can, after all, speak very effectively if you stand in unison. Make sure it is your decision which sways the university, not that of the university's administrators who have no stake in the event.



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Campus Life, People and Events Monday, April 26, 1993

Old is in: Dust off your bell bottoms

By Nancy Rones
Statesman Staff Writer

It's the age of recycling. Blue bins are popping up on sidewalks. Styrofoam is considered taboo. And compact discs have shed their packaging. But this craze has not stopped here, clothing has also taken a turn in this environmental concern.

Call them what you'd like — antique, recycled, or for more distinguished, vintage. All these clothes have one thing in common; they've all occupied space in someone else's closet at some point in time. These hand me downs do not carry the same negative connotation as the ones given to you by your dreaded older sibling. Instead these clothes represent a form of self-expression.

"Antique clothing is cheap and cool," said Lisa Bates, a 19-year-old sophomore. "People can create their own outfits and look different."

Ten years ago, these used articles of clothing from the 1960s and 70s, ranging from dresses to shoes to vests, could only be found in thrift shops, whose principle was the underprivileged clientele.

Worn bell bottoms, platform shoes, and even wedding gowns have made their move into the rich sounding boutique, many of which are located in Greenwich Village.

Bates removed her favorite outfit from her closet, which she purchased in the Dome Boutique in the Village.

The polyester-blended outfit consisted of a copper-colored zipper-up jacket with bell-bottoms to match. She purchased a pair of brown suede mules with three inch heels at the Antique Boutique to complement the outfit.

"Antique clothing allows you to be someone you're really not," said Bates, who usually wears vintage clothes as a uniform when she goes to nightclubs in Manhattan. "They allow you to be fun," she said.

There's also a mystery involved which adds to the excitement of choosing the perfect item.

Take a pair of used Levi's at Bonnie Jeans Recycled Levi's and Vintage Clothing at Roosevelt Field Flea Market, many would assume the black grease with the rip above it were results of a biking accident. But who really knows?

"I always wonder who wore this," said Bates. "There are so many different personalities behind each article of clothing. Sometimes I think maybe some crazy woman wore this."

A famous movie star could have your recycled flannel shirt.

"While shuffling through the racks, you have to realize that size has nothing to do with it," said Jennifer Kissen, a 23-year-old senior. "It's a trial and error, so bring a lot into the fitting room. Clothing may have shrunken or have been stretched out."

So why bother dealing with someone's ripped, painted on and neglected leftovers?

"It looks better and shows individuality," said Carolina Decesare, an 18-year-old freshman. "It tells something about your personality. "It shows you don't just like to follow the crowd."

"The clothes are broken-in and are a lot more comfortable and softer than brand new clothes," said Bates.

Personal hygiene of the previous user is often a concern of a first time buyer. However, the cleanliness factor is nothing you dry cleaner or washing machine can't take care of.

"I don't even think of it anymore," said Bates, a loyal customer of antique clothing for five years. "I automatically bring it to the dry cleaner."

Most of the blemishes found on recycled clothing are there to stay, but according to these antique custom-



A flash from the past: Sophomore Lisa Bates shows off her recycled vintage clothing.

Statesman / Nancy Rones

ers, it only adds more character to the garment.

This clothing is probably just another fad for most, like Farrah Fawcett hairdos and designer jeans.

"Once a style hits the malls, which antique clothing is doing, it usually fades away," said Decesare, who was dressed in oversized vintage overalls. "They are becoming mass produced and overpriced. Everyone begins to buy all the same the same things so they are no longer unique pieces of clothing."

Both Decesare and Bates insist they will continue wearing used clothing and shopping in these boutiques even after the trend dies down.

"It's important to look good," said Bates. "In order to look good, you have to look different and stand out in a crowd."

It's impossible to say how successful this recycling of polyester and denim will be saving the earth, but it will bring us a lot of personal attention in the attempt.

CAMPUS VOICES

By Andrew J. Avril

Question of the Week:

What did you think of last week's Polity elections?

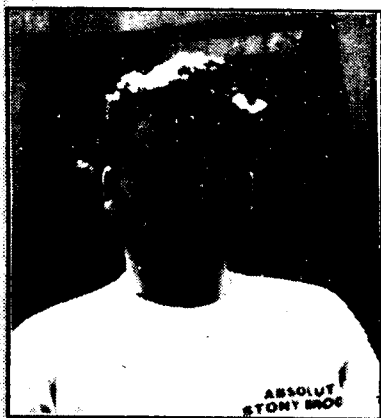


"I didn't even vote. I didn't want to get involved in making a bad decision."

Elena Rozen, 19
Class: Junior
Major: Philosophy

"Why vote? You don't know who you're voting for or what they stand for."

Edwidge Edne, 21
Junior
Biology



"I voted. I think one person should be able to make a difference. Unfortunately, that doesn't work in this school."

Daniel Tavelinsky, 20
Junior
Psychology

"I don't know anything about it and I don't want to know."

Leila Sadat-Tehrini, 21
Senior
Multi-Disciplinary Studies



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Crowds plague Campus Life Time

By Aaron Swartz
Statesman Staff Writer

Campus Life Time is a time devoted solely to students. No classes are scheduled. Students can have lunch, hang out with friends, meet new friends, see who's with who and who's wearing what. It sounds like a fun break in the day for Stony Brook's teens and twentysomethings. Instead, Campus Life Time is annoying.

Campus Life Time, Wednesdays from 12:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., is the busiest time in the student union. Since no one has classes, the union is stuffed full of students all trying to buy lunch and move about. The food lines are endless and getting through the building is more like wrestling than walking.

"Excuse me," "Pardon me," and "Sorry my bag hit you," have become the Campus Life Time catch phrases. Lunch on Wednesdays in the union is not worth the hassle. "You can't walk without being pushed and shoved," says senior Elana Malovatsky.

Michelle Kraskin, a senior, suggests that the university should open up other food services because the ones offered aren't enough during this hour every Wednesday. "I hate it," she says. "We pay all this money, the food is disgusting and we are packed in here like popcorn."

If a student has found the patience to wait in the never-ending lines and has finally gotten his or her lunch, another obstacle awaits. Finding a place to sit, especially in the union's Bleacher Club. The room is crawling with fraternity brothers and sorority sisters talking, eating and sitting at their designated tables. The few remaining tables are taken by the fastest and most eager. Those who are not Greek-involved or late-comers are left without a table.

Katie Yin, a junior majoring in English, finds that she often has to alter her Wednesday schedule just so that she can have lunch. "It's very frustrating," she

"Sometimes, I have to cut class to go and eat early to beat the crowds."

— Junior Katie Yin,
on Campus Life Time
in the student union

says. "Sometimes, I have to cut class to go and eat early to beat the crowds."

Not only is Campus Life Time too crowded for Stony Brook students, it also poses a problem for outside guests scheduled to speak in the union at this time.

"It's counterproductive," says Michelle Wohlman, a senior. "Recently, there was a speaker and because of the outside noise it was impossible for her to speak. We had to stop and go upstairs to another room." Wohlman says there isn't always a quiet room available in the union.

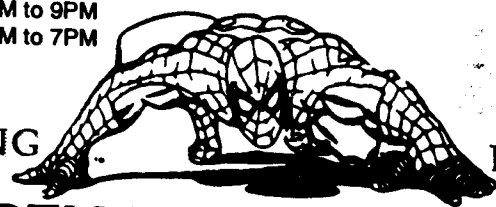
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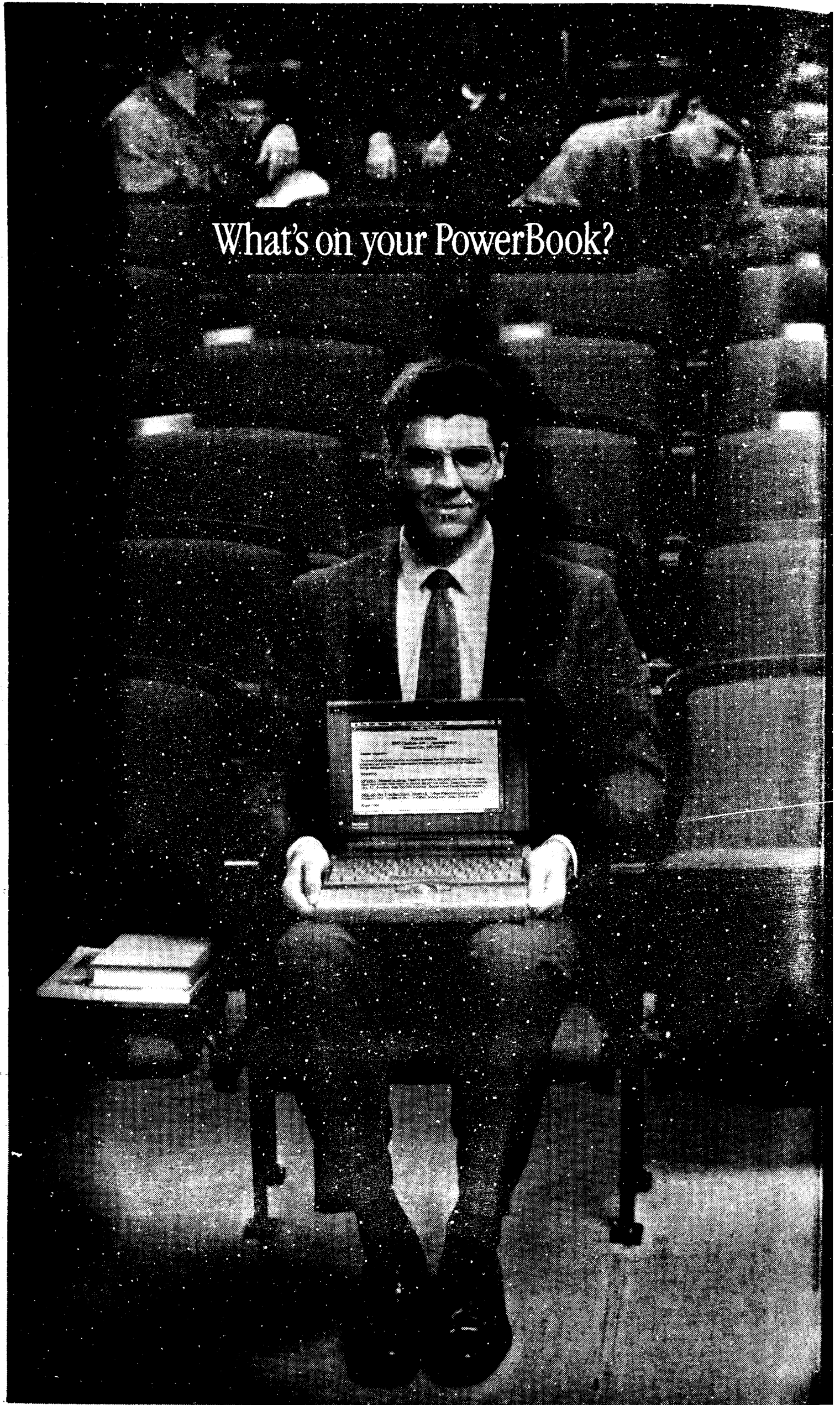
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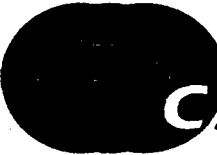


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Letter

Problem Is Prejudice

To the Editor:

The following is a response to the letter *We Aren't the Problem* [Letters, April 26, 1993] and a frightening trend in "interpersonal" relationships.

It would be fair to say that I have little experience with women. It would be equally fair to say that I'm not a behavioral scientist, psychologist or sociologist. I am simply a concerned male. I do, however, feel a bit stereotyped by every comic, satirist, news anchor and militant feminist who continues to backlash against every male for the sins of our (for lack of a better term) "brethren."

It is true that *some* men blame all women for their pain. It is true that *some* men are rejected time and time again until they resort to rape or other heinous crimes or "sexual misconduct." It is true that *some* men behave like idiotic, asinine buffoons. It is also true that some men do none of these things.

At the risk of sounding immodest, I consider myself proud to be in the latter group. I have never *used, abused, neglected, or in any way willfully mistreated* a woman, regardless of whether I was dating her, breaking up with her, or not at all interested in her romantically. In fact, my last girlfriend broke up with me because she said I "scared her" by getting too emotionally close to her. You may think I'm a single example of a genetic mishap, but I am not alone. Many of my

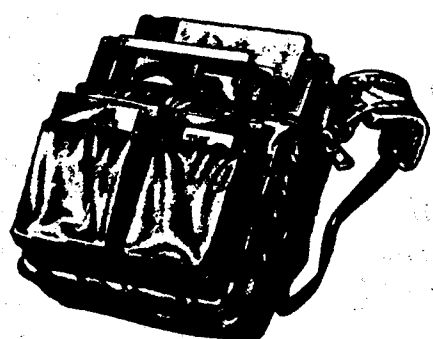
friends feel the same way. Many times the topic of the opposite sex has come up in discussion, and time after time we have resolved that the most beautiful, intelligent and attractive women are somehow magnetically bound to the exact men who treat them like dirt. But placing blame on the females leads to the accusation that the boys should know better. This passing the buck leads nowhere.

The problem is prejudice, clear and present prejudice. Saying all men are pigs is the same as saying all Italians are guidos or Mafia, or that all Irishmen are drunken potato-eating farmers, or that all tall people play basketball. These are all stereotypes and they are all *wrong*. I'm 6-foot-4, Irish and Italian. I can't play basketball to save my life, I rarely drink, I can't farm, and I don't own a Camaro or a gun, so I can't possibly be in the Maria. Men are not pigs. Boys are pigs. Women aren't dirtbags. Girls are.

For centuries women and men have been struggling with what exactly it is that the "opposite" sex wants from them. The answer is simple. All that they want is to be treated with decency, love, and respect. In short, to be treated like a human being. Until we can come to terms with that simple truth, the quest for world peace and equality will go no further and hatred and bigotry will continue its long reign over justice and virtue.

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GSEU Rally Will Show SUNY We Care

By George Bidermann

WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE THE LARGEST RALLY AT Stony Brook for the 1992-1993 academic year will take place Wednesday, from 12:45 to 2 pm in the Fine Arts Plaza, but just how large that rally is depends directly on you.

This has been a quiet year of activism at Stony Brook. The election of Bill and Hillary Clinton has produced a collective sigh of relief and a retreat into self-absorbed lives, which indicates that many people are giving the new administration breathing space to negotiate its way through the old-white-boy network in Washington's corridors of power. At the same time, reluctant Clinton supporters and even those who dislike him are keeping low profiles, knowing that whatever he is not, Clinton is no Bush or Reagan. We risk being lulled into complacency as abortion rights are restored, sanctioned discrimination against lesbians and homosexuals begins to be rectified, and military force is threatened to stop the horrific program of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia.

But here on the local level, a substantial number of graduate students have been quietly building an organization to not only represent their concerns at conference and negotiating tables, but also lead the way in protest, action, and advocacy when their interests are threatened by an employer (SUNY) still stinging from a resounding defeat in the courts and in last fall's Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) certification election. By a vote of 1,936 to 338 (over 85 percent favorable), graduate and teaching assistants (GAs and TAs) voted to unionize, and voted for the Graduate Student Employees Union to represent them. After eight years in the courts, numerous demonstrations, and millions of dollars in SUNY resources were squandered to fight the tide, SUNY was proven wrong — not only by the highest courts of New York State, which ruled that grad employees were employees entitled to union representation, but by the nearly 2,400 grad employees who exercised the democratic right that SUNY fought so long and hard to deny them.

The backlash has already begun. The GSEU has been told that it will not be granted office space on campus (as all other SUNY employee unions are), it may not use university telephones and electronic mail, and that it must follow guidelines developed by SUNY administrators for the use of bulletin boards (which everyone else has access to) and empty classrooms. Mandatory international student health insurance is slated to increase by \$150, to \$681 this September, and the plan for U.S. students is scheduled to go up from \$424 to \$7,721. So much for health care as a right, not a privilege!

But most egregious of all is the wave of rumors circulating through SUNY regarding TA lines for next year. Graduate programs at several SUNY campuses are withholding commitments of full TA lines to their graduate employees and blaming it on the union. Recently, TAs in SUNY Binghamton's History Department were only granted half lines for this reason, and it took a GSEU threat to file an Unfair Labor Practice charge before the administration reversed itself and granted full lines to the 20 TAs there. The TAs at SUNY New Paltz and Albany are hearing similar rumors. And the Research Foundation, that "private corporation" that SUNY hides behind in order to deny research assistants (RAs) a vote on union representation, says it will not discuss granting health benefits to RAs until after GSEU contract negotiations are completed — as if they were going to grant health benefits

George Bidermann is an organizer for the Graduate Students Employees Union

before there was a union drive!

The road to a contract for grad employees is not going to be easy. GSEU negotiators have found their counterparts in SUNY and the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) cannot consider anything without exact contract language proposed by the GSEU. So far "negotiations" appears to mean that the GSEU proposes what it wants and SUNY says it will get back to us. This has forced our negotiators to begin drafting huge sections of the contract unilaterally, in order to give SUNY something to "consider." Apparently, the GSEU's 52-point contract proposal wasn't enough for SUNY to begin negotiating with.

This is not to claim total disaster. A contract will be negotiated, and it will include the concerns of so many GSEU members — health benefits, wage increases, grievance procedures, sick pay, access to child care, guaranteed

years of funding. But nothing happens without a determined, united effort behind it. That is why we must write letters demanding health care. That is why we must keep our eyes on what SUNY threatens to do with TA and GA lines. And that is why Wednesday's GSEU rally is so important.

Graduate students, undergraduates, faculty, and staff — you all risk something by sitting back and letting the GSEU fight its battles alone. Dozens of GSEU members have worked hard this semester to bring the union home. Many research assistants (at last count over 110 at Stony Brook) have signed pledge cards in order to petition for union representation. And slowly, we are building a wider, deeper union — one that cares about its international students, women, and families — but we cannot go it alone. Wednesday's rally at the Fine Arts Plaza will show SUNY that all of Stony Brook benefits from a graduate employees union.

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Rally to celebrate Division I move

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

About 1,000 people cheer and scream while fireworks soar into the sky and a bon fire burns. This is the new Stony Brook spirit, according to the USB Spirit Club, that will emerge due to the Division I move.

The first Midnight Scream will take place on Thursday night, beginning at 9 p.m. There will be fireworks and a bon fire, along with cheering. Head of the Spirit Club, Mark Newmark said the point of the scream is to, "Establish our own identity of spirit after 35 years."

The spirit rally has been put together by the USB Spirit Club, Division of Physical Education, Polity, and several other organizations. At the event there will be an unveiling of one of the two new Stony Brook banners, which four honored athletes will carry. In addition, the new Stony Brook fight song will be performed.

There will be a kickline performance at the scream, along with a honor roll of athletes. Throughout the event will be music supplied by a deejay.

All are invited to attend. The event should end at approximately 10:30 p.m., which gives all plenty of time to take part in the usual Thursday night activities. The only catch is you must know the password to get in. *Statesman* is revealing it for all who wish to attend. You will be admitted by saying either "If you are not part of the spirit; you are part of the problem" or "I bleed scarlet and gray."

It is expected that 1,000 people will attend and there are hopes for more. "Anyone who cares about Stony Brook and their people should attend," said Newmark.

This event is targeted at raising the school spirit and celebrating the passing of the athletic fee referendum two weeks ago.

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Pats win Stony Brook Invite

After a disappointing performance in the Penn Relays, the Patriot men's track team won the Stony Brook Invitational over 10 other teams on April 25.

The Patriots received a total of 116 points which was 33 points over the second place Nassau Community College. They received six first place standings. Yariv Pomeranz, the favorite, won the 3000 meter walk with a time of 13:44.3.

Men's Track

Patriots:	116
Wesley:	83

Jerry Canada won the 400 meter, by a tenth of a second, running it in 50.4 seconds.

Ken Graham also took a first place standing in the 800 meter when he ran a time of 1:56.8, outrunning the second place contender from USMMA by 4.9 seconds. Roger Gill also out ran his opponents from Ramapo, Nassau, and Hunter, with a time of 22.0 in the 200 meters. Jason Clark, by a difference of 10.2 seconds, won the 5000 meter in a time of 15:58.3.

The 4x400 relay of Dan Tupaj, Canada, Gill, and Graham once again were successful in their run in a time of 3:29.1. John Lyons placed second in the 10,000 meter run in a time of 34:59.5. Pat Riegger ran a time of 16:12 in the 5000 meter to achieve third place.

Nick Mequia broke a university record in the discus throw with the distance of 140 feet 8 inches. He broke the record by two inches.

The Patriots are continuing their training for the CTC and PAC championships which will take place in coming weeks.

— Robyn Sauer and Pat Reigger

Netmen close with wins

By Seth D. Kaplan
Statesman Staff Writer

The men's tennis team, under the guidance of rookie coach Tony McMullen, finished 9-1 on the year after impressive home wins against Old Westbury and Kings Point and then moved on to championship matches.

The Pats rolled over Old Westbury 8-0 on Monday in a completely one-sided match. McMullen's men dominated, winning seven of the eight contests in straight sets. Keith Neuhs defeated Kevin Barry 7-5, 6-2 at sixth singles, and teamed with Remo Moomiaie at third doubles for his second victory.

Tennis

Patriots:	8
Old Westbury:	0

Patriots:	9
Old Westbury:	0

Freshman John Spyropoulos, a doubles player, stepped up to win his match at fifth singles.

Team anchor, Bruno Barbera, trounced his opponent 6-0, 6-0 at first singles and joined Tony Lu for a win at first doubles. "Keith and John don't have much experience playing singles at the college level, but filled in nicely for David Zeaman and Tony Lu who couldn't play because of academic conflicts," said McMullen. "That shows how much depth this team has."

The Pats served up another doughnut on Wednesday in the final match of the year against Kings Point. Zeaman won his fifth singles match 6-3, 6-3, leading Stony Brook to a 9-0 wipeout. "We were better than them at every position," said McMullen. Zeaman also won at second doubles with Dejan Novakovic 6-0, 6-1. Barbera continued his undefeated season, posting a 6-2, 6-0 victory at first singles, and hooked up with Lu for a 6-0, 6-0 win at first doubles.

On Friday, April 30, four of McMullen's six singles players reached the semifinals in the Metropolitan Conference Tennis Championships at Flushing Meadows, the site of the U.S. Open.

Barbera, the top seed in the tournament, easily dis-



Statesman File Photo / Chris Vacirca

Tony Lu won his second singles match at the championships Saturday.

posed of his Wagner opponent 6-0, 6-0, and then trounced a King's Point player 6-0, 6-1. Second seed Tony Lu also knocked off a player from King's Point in straight sets, and then upset the number four player from Manhattanville in three sets. McMullen's third seed, Ken Maget, won both his matches in straight sets, and Larry Michel, seeded fourth, had no problems in his matches, winning big over players from Mercy and Adelphi.

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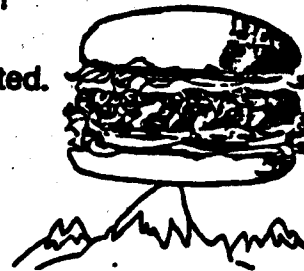
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University jumps first D-I hurdle with fee 19

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook moved a step closer to Division I sports last week when undergraduates agreed to create a new athletic fee and give more money to the cause.

Now that the athletic fee will be separated from the activity fee University President John Marburger will control the amount of the fee in the years to come.

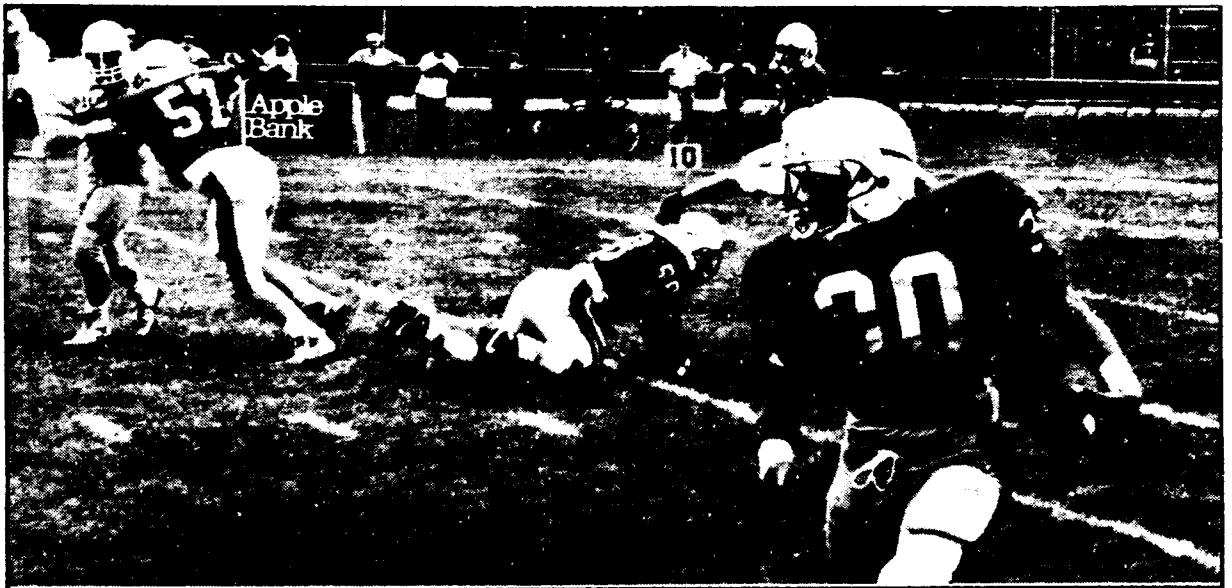
The \$6 increase to the fee will make the athletic department more accessible to the funding that is needed to make the Division III program a stronger one and then move onto the Division I upgrade. "Operating the budget with this extra revenue will enable us to function as a better Division III school," said Richard Laskowski, dean of athletics.

Separating the fee will let the athletic program expand without worrying that the funds will not be there next year. Clubs that rely on referendum risk losing their funding, such as the Hockey Club. This is why the administration of the athletic department had hoped the separation of the fee would pass. "We had to be separate for stability," said Laskowski.

The department has made the appeal to follow the Division II regulations. Laskowski said that he does not anticipate any scholarships in the near future despite these actions. Next year the teams should be seeing more Division II teams on the schedules. "We will move up in the quality of teams we compete with greater competition," said Laskowski. Although scholarships will not be awarded for years to come the athletic standards will rise not only for the teams that Stony Brook will play, but the athletics that the university will perform.

The main objective of the move now is working on the fund raising. Individuals as well as business will be asked to donate money towards the cause. New York State does not allow scholarship aid to come from tuition money, as it does at private colleges and universities, so any money that is given in scholarships will come from this fund raising.

Stony Brook will be looking for money from alumni, corporations, and the community. "We are asking them to



Statesman File Photo

Officials hope to see the Pats play in front of bigger crowds and in better facilities.

invest in Stony Brook's future," said Laskowski. The donations are expected to come in slowly at the start but then as the university moves on to become known as a competitive athletic institution and the more successful in winning the teams become will play a factor in the amount of money that is donated.

Students attending Stony Brook now may feel that the advancements taking place will not effect them in the least but the athletic department doesn't agree. "They can look back and say that they were a part of the movement," said Laskowski. It is also believed that the value of a Stony Brook diploma will increase. Students next year will be able to take part in two if not three exciting events. The basketball team will be playing a game at the Nassau Coliseum against Adelphi. There are also strong possibilities that the Patriots will be competing in prestigious

events. There could be another Madison Square Garden game in store for the basketball Pats and the football team may be squaring off against St. John's on Sports Channel. If this does take place the Patriots will be seen by 1.5 million people.

Part of this transition will include the building of the football stadium. This will enable Stony Brook to host many events, such as high school lacrosse playoffs and other competitions. It will also hopefully, attract many members of the community to come watch the Patriots in action. Laskowski also hopes to improve what he calls an "image problem." "Stony Brook needs positive publicity if we are going to attract students," said Laskowski. Members of the athletic department believe that the stadium, together with the whole Division I upgrade will generate this positive publicity.

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Shot Down: *Pats no match in battle with No. 8 Navy*

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

The lacemen went out on the field on Saturday with hopes to show their talent against No. 8 Navy, which is exactly what they did despite the loss.

The score, 13-5, may seem like a blow-out but considering the competition that the Pats were up against and the way lacrosse scores run the defeat was not a disgrace. "We are a good team and the score shows that," said midfielder Louis Ventura.

Lacrosse

Navy: 13
Patriots: 5

The game opened 1:25 into the game when the Midshipmen's Tommy Roszko shot a goal past senior goalie Joe Spallone, assisted by Jamie Slough. Both Slough and Roszko accumulated four points each between goals and assists throughout the game.

Despite the effort given by the Patriots, including a goal at 5:24 by Mike Scerbo assisted by Chris Chamberlain, the first quarter ended with a score of 5-1 Navy. Fifty three seconds into the second quarter freshman Omar Ceballos scored assisted by senior Ventura to bring the Patriots into this quarter on fire.

Two minutes and 53 seconds into the second quarter the sophomore goalie, Steve Cox, stepped in to replace Spallone. Members of the team believe that this was done to shake the team up and not because of any bad moves by Spallone. "Joe was scored upon by good shots and not because of his lack of play," said Ventura.

The Pats won the second quarter by a 3-2 margin. Also scoring, unassisted, in the second for Stony Brook were John Schafer and Chris Chamberlain.

During the third quarter Navy took the lead by scoring five goals compared to Stony Brook's one by senior attackman James Sommese assisted by senior midfielder Kevin Dalland. This led the midshipmen with a score of 12-5.

Frustration could be seen on the field as the Patriots fought hard. It even caused Dalland and Slough to receive an unsportsmanlike penalty at 10:24 in the third for a



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Omar Ceballos and Paul Schultes fought hard against Navy to recover ground balls to gain possession scuffle that broke out.

Navy scored early in the fourth, bringing the final to 13-5.

The Patriots were not confident going into the game about their abilities to recover ground balls and they were correct. The Pats trouble was visible all game long with Navy beating the Pats to the ball

constantly.

Overall, the team was pleased with the showing against Navy. "We put together an overall good effort," said junior Chamberlain. "We came out strong throughout the whole game."

Ventura agreed that the effort was good in the first half but it could have been

better in the second. "We came out and played hard," he said. "But, we didn't come out as well in the second."

The lacrosse team will be finishing up their season at home Saturday against Adelphi, who has recently moved down to Division II and has become a leading team there.

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