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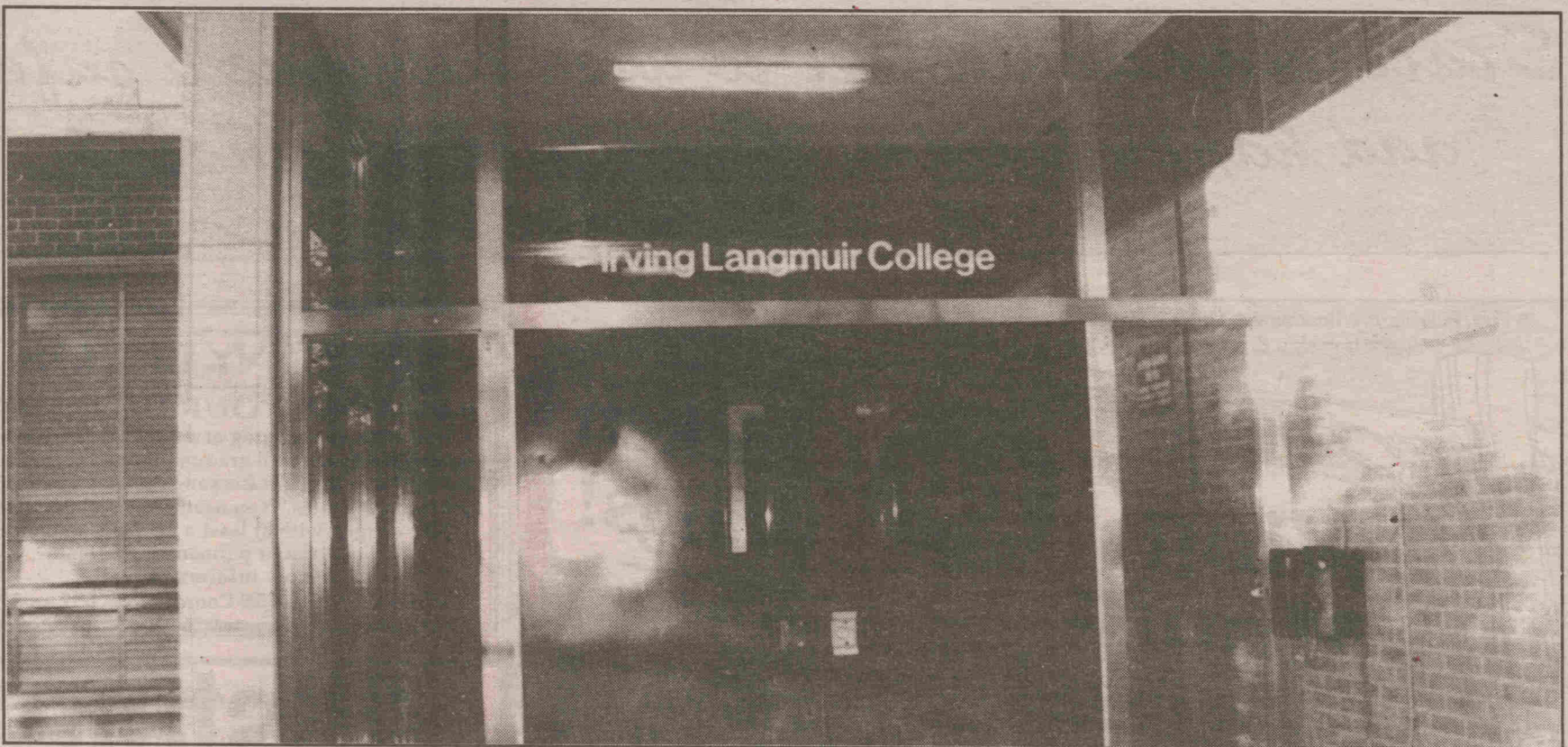
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Robbed At Gun Point

Three Langmuir Residents Victims of Armed Robbery In Dorm



Statesman/John Chu

Three students were robbed at gun point in Langmuir College Thursday night.

By Kelly Dolan

Statesman Assistant News Editor

Three Langmuir College residents were robbed at gun point in their dormitory Thursday night.

According to Public Safety reports, four men, one of them allegedly carrying a handgun, walked into a first floor room of two students and robbed them of \$64. Three students and two non-students were in the room at the time. The victims managed to flee from the intruders, one of them through a

window. The student who jumped out the window suffered a minor foot injury but refused treatment. Public Safety and Suffolk County Police responded, but were unable to apprehend the intruders.

The students involved did not want to comment on the incident.

University Police said that the motive for the robbery is under investigation. At this time, it is unknown how the perpetrators entered the building. University Police spokesman

Lt. Doug Little said that because all the outside doors were locked, Public Safety thinks a resident may have unknowingly let them in. "That's what we're surmising at this point," he said. "It's still under investigation."

The Community Affairs Division of Public Safety urges students concerned with their personal safety to contact them to discuss their concerns. Public Safety will be happy to meet with them, either individually or in groups. Call Lt. Doug Little at 632-7786.

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

FSA Flea Market. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-Level. Call 632-6514.

Village Cinema Film Series. Menace II Society. 8 p.m. Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. Tickets: \$4; \$3.50/Students, Senior Citizens. Call 632-7765, 928-9100 or 473-0136.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

FSA Weekly Nine Ball Tournaments. 9 p.m. Stony Brook Union Basement. \$5/entry fee.

Tuesdays at Five. The Guild Trio Patients Concert. Greenhouse Cafeteria, University Hospital. Call 444-2765.

I-CON Meeting. Every Tuesday. 6:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union Room 216. Call 632-6045.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Diabetes Support Group. Every Wednesday. 2:30 p.m. Conference room 084, 12th floor, University Hospital. Call 444-1202.

Cystic Fibrosis Support Group. Every Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. Department of Pediatrics Conference Room. Level T-11, Health Sciences Center. Call 757-5873 or 385-4254.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

FSA Flea Market. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-Level. Call 632-6514.

Cancer Support Group. Every Thursday for patients, family and friends. 4 - 5:30 p.m. Level 5, University Hospital, Physical Therapy Department. Free parking; validate at meeting. Call 444-1727.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

The Nutcracker. Charles Askegood of the American Ballet Theatre performs with the Huntington Ballet Theatre. 8 p.m. Staller Center Main Stage. Tickets: Adults, \$22; Children 12 and under \$14. Call 632-7230.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Nutcracker. Charles Askegood of the American Ballet Theatre performs with the Huntington Ballet Theatre. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Staller Center Main Stage. Tickets: Adults \$22; Children 12 and under \$14. Call 632-7230.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

The Nutcracker. Charles Askegood of the American Ballet Theatre performs with the Huntington Ballet Theatre. Noon and 4 p.m. Tickets: \$22; Children 12 and under \$14. Call 632-7230.

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Electronic Information Highway Leads to Stony Brook

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By Kelly Dolan

Statesman Assistant News Editor

More than 770 Public Information Officers representing upwards of 300 academic, government, and corporate entities have signed up this year to become members of Profnet, an information referral service on campus.

Profnet, which stands for Professors Network, began at Stony Brook more than a year ago. The brainchild of Associate Vice President for University Affairs Dan Forbush, Profnet is a cooperative of Public Information officers, researchers, university and college professors,

as well as newspapers and magazines worldwide who communicate with each other by sending "queries" about various topics to Stony Brook. The first distribution containing member queries was sent out on December 10, 1992. Since then, the queries have been sent out in a daily distribution to all Profnet subscribers. "We've been expanding exponentially since then," said Forbush. "The

distribution is sent out every morning at 6:30 a.m.," he said, "because the lines are not as busy at that time and it takes less time to reach everyone."

Forbush conceived the idea for Profnet in the late seventies while working as a public relations officer for a firm that represented more than 30 colleges and universities. Media representatives would call his

company asking how to find experts in different academic areas they could call for information. "It occurred that someday it would be possible to create a cooperative and take out the middleman," said Forbush. "Profnet provides leads to news media and universities." With all major colleges and universities now hooked up to Internet, Forbush said that it seemed

best to use that electronic highway. "The Internet had grown to the point that we could use that as a communication tool to create a co-op of public relations officers," he said.

Profnet receives 30 to 40 requests for information each week. Queries are then sent out by Internet, CompuServe, fax, and phone mail distribution. The appropriate Profnet member then responds to the query

with the appropriate information in their area of expertise.

Queries are logged into the system each day by the student intern staff. Stony Brook's Profnet has handled requests for information from journalists representing publications such as The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, ABC's "Prime Time Live," CNN, Associated Press, Scientific America, Business Week, and U.S. News and World Report. Profnet's value as an information source has been lauded by such publications as the New York Times Magazine and the Chronicle of Higher Education, as well as the WCBS Radio network. Forbush is thrilled with the programs success and the attention it has brought to Stony Brook. "It has done a lot to increase Stony Brook's visibility nationally and internationally. Profnet has members from more than 30 countries, and as recently as Friday signed on it's first far-east member, Beijing Agricultural University. Forbush estimates that Profnet can reach as many as 300,000 colleges, research institutions and media representatives world wide.

Profnet is staffed by student interns who each have a particular area of responsibility. The areas of responsibility include: Distribution, Response, Follow Ups and Promotion, Public Information Officer Database maintenance, Journalist Database maintenance, and Business Manager. Forbush credits the intern staff for Profnet's success. "The growth of Profnet over the last three months would not have been possible without our student interns," said Forbush. "The bulk of our daily operations are handled by them."

While the service provided by the Profnet network is free, members may opt to purchase the Profnet member directory, which is compiled by the interns, for \$20.

"Profnet provides leads to news media and universities."

**-Dan Forbush
Associate VP For
University Affairs**

JULIA ROBERTS DENZEL WASHINGTON

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The Great Literary Swindle

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HO! HO! HO! After so many weeks, so many words, we have finally reached the final column. I haven't delivered a column in a few weeks so this one will be extra special.

First off I would like to thank all of those persons who wrote in and commented upon what I have written here. I very much like the response written about my feminism article. Oh, in case no one was able to figure it out, everything that was written was satire and not my actual political beliefs. For those who did take things seriously, don't worry, you're probably a freshperson. You still have time.

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VINCENT GRASSO

how

nonsensical, close-minded and asinine a single person could be and still be accepted into one of the universities largest, most venerable institutions, namely Statesman.

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And if there was no Statesman think of all the in depth,

probing, question asking investigative stories about, uh well. Um, about. Well, something.

But the best is the sports department. How very, very spirited the sports department at Statesman is. They certainly are no problem. Brimming over the rim with spirit.

But the shining star, the city on the hill of Statesman is of course the Editorial Page. A whole page devoted to the opinion of the editorial board. But the opinion is not as important as the wonderful way the editorial is actually written by the genius editorial page editor. If anyone has

control of their section, it is the editorial page editor.

But getting bylines, writing stories and informing the students isn't really the best part of Statesman. The best part is the camaraderie and friendship that simply flow in the newsroom. No one ever gets mad at one another and even if there is a disagreement, it is quietly talked out in a public arena. There is no back stabbing, double crossing or talking behind people's backs normally associated with a college organization.

So, as I finish up this column, I find a lump in my throat and memories flowing back. I can't believe it's over. So soon, I feel as though we just met.

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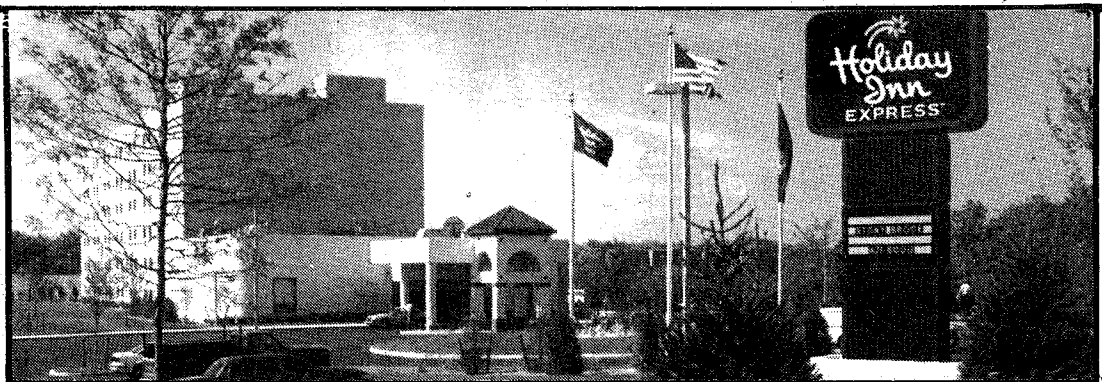
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Editorial

Holiday Season Lost Its Meaning

As the holiday season approaches, one has to reflect, has the spirit of the holidays become too commercialized? Have people forgotten what reasons the holidays are celebrated for? It would seem that way in regard to the over-commercialization of the holiday season.

Even aside from the religious aspects of the holidays, the basic ideas have also faded fast. People do not celebrate peace on earth and goodwill towards man. What is the most noticeable thing about the holiday season? What does the Thanksgiving Parade kick off? The shopping season!

The most important thing about the holidays is now, "How many gifts can I get?" A children's sacrament during the holiday season is the Sears Wish Book. Long lines appear before Shopping Mall Santas so young children can make their

demands. And in the same mall shoppers fight with one another about who got on the line to pay first.

What happened to "it's better to give than receive?" There are not too many people left who refuse holiday gifts. There is too much pressure to buy the "right thing." Gifts made from hand seem obsolete and "cheap." It seems that gift giving has become a time to show off how much money you have to throw away on a gift. Think about how many people there are that you have to get presents for and don't even like. And what about the fear that someone will surprise you with a gift, and you have none for them? How many extra things will you buy this year in case that happens?

Aside from the commercial aspects of the holidays, there is a lack of regard for other human beings displayed by so many

people. While this is something that should be considered everyday of the year, people consider the holidays a special time for showing good will. Where is this good will? If you try to find a parking space at the Smith Haven Mall in the next two weeks you will be sure to hear a fair share of obscenities.

Not only does crime increase during the holidays, but it is usually around the holidays that wars are started. There is also so much pressure this time of year to do special things that the suicide rate rises.

Nothing is ever going to turn back the tide of commercialism that has taken over the holidays, but it's not too late to start considering other people again. When you're shopping for a relatives gift, try being nice to the sales clerks and fellow shoppers. After all, isn't that what the season is all about?



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Campus Life, People and Events

FACE 2 FACE

Bad Seed Flowers

By Ary Rosenbaum

Statesman Managing Editor

Vincent Bruzzese, a 20 year old Junior from Commack is the senior member of the Polity Senate. Besides being remembered as "Polity's Bad Seed", Vincent has also served a term as Commuter Student Association President. Vincent took time out of his busy schedule to participate in this interview.

Q: What is your major?

A: Sociology.

Q: What do you think of the move to Division I?

A: One of the most important decisions in my life....I couldn't care less.

Q: Should Joey Buttafucio's birthday be made a national holiday?

A: If not, at least a state one.

Q: Should Commuter Senator David Shashoua run for Polity President?

A: Yes, just to hear the debates.

Q: Have you sent out any black roses recently?

A: I received one recently and I did obtain a mailing list of all undergraduates.

Q: Did you get your memory back?

A: I don't remember.

Q: Do you know where Michael Jackson is and do you care?

A: No and no.

Q: What is your favorite type of music?

A: I guess rock (Aerosmith, Guns N Roses).

Q: What is your favorite movie of all-time?

A: Pump Up The Volume.

Q: Should Public Safety get guns?

A: Yes, guns are cool, Heh...Heh...Heh.

Q: Are Beavis and Butthead responsible for society's ills?

A: No, Richard Cole is.

Q: Are you still the Bad Seed? If not, who is?

A: I think that title has been relinquished to Cesar

Caro.

Q: Should Cesar Caro be nominated to the United States Supreme Court?

A: Sure, Clarence Thomas was.

Q: Have you cheated recently at poker?

A: Sssshh!

Q: Should Commuter College open a full-time casino because of your card playing antics?

A: Absolutely, it would be a wonderful way to increase our budget.

Q: Is CSA programming chair Will Scott trying to organize a Beatles reunion concert for the campus?

A: I think so, Buddy Holly is the opening act, Prozac is sponsoring it.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: I want to be an anti-religious dictator, burn the bible!

Q: In which century, will you graduate?

A: I'm aiming for the 21st century, beam me up Scotty!

Q: If you could be a flavor of any soda, which one would it be?

A: Dr. Pepper, it's a mix of all the s**t?

Q: Should Senate Secretary Ken Daube be elected mascot of the senate?

A: Ken Daube would be a good mascot, wherever he is, what would you call us, the albino freaks?

Q: Why did you choose Stony Brook?

A: The multi-cultural aspect did it for me.

Q: How great is this year's Polity compared to other years?

A: It's better, it still needs some work.

Q: If you could drown any member of Gilligan's Island, which one would it be?

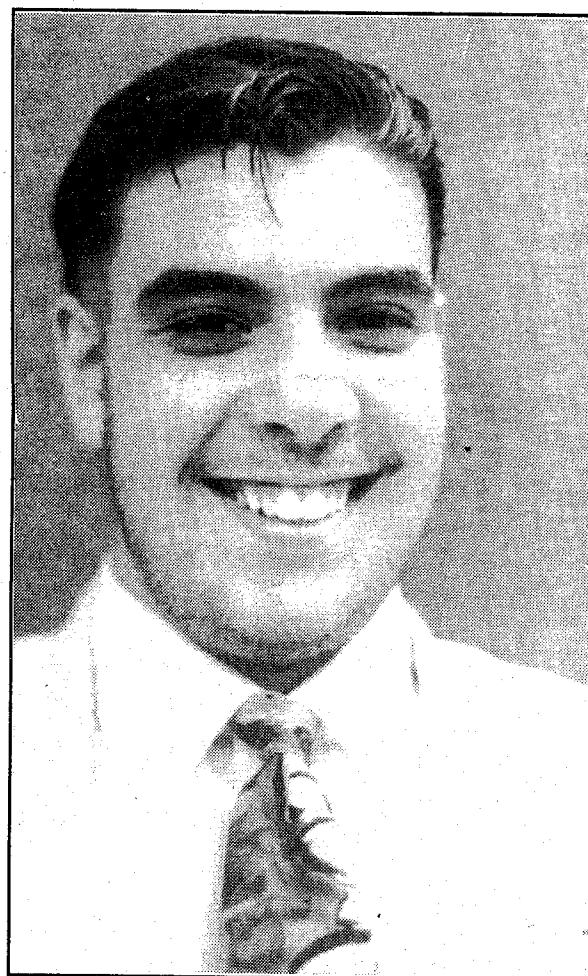
A: Gilligan, he reminds me too much of Ken Daube except Gilligan is smarter.

Q: Who would you select as the next University President?

A: Louis Farrakhan, he adds something we are missing.

Q: If you could have any job on campus, which one would it be?

A: The Executive Director of Polity, I get to do nothing all day and get paid for it.



STONY BROOK STATESMAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1993

Stressed Students Seek Midnight Scream

Joe Fraioli

Statesman Assistant Features Editor

Finals week means a week of studying, cramming, caffeine, and of course, screaming. Starting on the Sunday before finals and continuing until Friday morning, it has been a Stony Brook tradition for students to lean outside their room windows at 12am and scream at the top of their lungs.

"I think it's a way for people to relieve stress from exams," said Lisa Bates a junior and resident of O'Neil College. "It's been a tradition since I've been here."

Colleen Glawon sees the midnight screaming as a healthy form of expression. "I think it's good

because we don't have that many times to express ourselves and say how we feel," she said.

The content of the screaming ranges from the typical yelling to the transmission of messages from building to building. "The residents at O'Neil try to be noisier than James," said Jarika Givner of James College. "We've been talking about it all day long...It's a stupid competition, people will yell 'James rules' and 'Benedict sucks.'"

Bates said that people can take the event too far as well. "Sometimes it gets a little vulgar," she said. "I don't condone that. If you're going to scream, don't do it to put other people down."

"To some degree it's childish," said Virgil Villani, a senior. "It tells you students are stressed." Some students, like Lisa Joyce of Sigma Delta

Tau, say that the midnight screaming is a reassurance of one's sanity during the final week of the semester. "If all people are screaming, it reassures you that they're as crazy as you are," said Joyce.

The outlash of screaming came as a surprise to many residents when they first experienced it as freshman. "I thought they were crazy," said Bates. "I was surprised. I didn't know what was going on."

"I couldn't believe it," said Joyce, a sophomore. "It was so odd."

Midnight screaming has been thought of as a stress reliever, tradition and a form of communication as well. "It's a good thing because sometimes students don't have spirit," said Joyce. "It's something that all residents do."

8 Death's Lesson: But Will Society Learn?

About a week ago, Colin Ferguson boarded a LIRR train and opened fire with a 9mm pistol on random commuters. Every one has condemned this man. Nassau County Executive Tom Gullota went as far as to call Ferguson "an animal." The fact of the matter is that it doesn't matter what Ferguson is, an animal, a madman, or a lunatic - it doesn't matter.

The only relevant fact is that Ferguson is an indicator to society of underlying problems; problems that if left unaddressed will lead to a self destructive Armageddon. And despite what all of the minority leaders will say, Ferguson's actions are not an indicator of the plight of African Americans, or of problems arising from class conflict. The problem is the deteriorating fiber of respect and moral base of American society.

When I was young my father told me that the American society was built upon trust; there was an honor system built upon mutual respect. And that some one who was willing to abuse this trust could bring our society to its knees and should be feared. It is this mutual respect, or the philosophical ideology behind it that is deteriorating.

This developing lack of respect can be seen in every aspect of our society from the way people drive (especially on Long Island) to the high levels of crime to simple things like the way individuals speak to each other. Children don't seem to be brought up with any sense of respect for their elders, their community or themselves.

Just try explaining to those "skaterats" by Javits that they should be there; you'll hear a slew of curses that would make a truck driver blush. These young punks have no shame and no fear. It's as if they don't care about anything.

Against the Tide by Richard D. Cole

Ferguson, the lunatic he may be, is a prophet. He is like one of those red lights on the dash board of a car that lights up before the engine blows. If we don't listen to the warnings being offered by people like Ferguson, those two girls who committed suicide on the LIRR tracks, etc., things will only continue to get worse exponentially. Don't believe that all will be better in the morning - it won't. Don't believe GOD loves you - for there is no god. Don't think time will heal all wounds - for they only grow deeper. Question the government! Question the police! Question the media! And question the likes of myself - ceaselessly!

About the Glory Hole

As the author of the front page story regarding the glory hole on campus, I have gotten both positive and negative feedback. Before going over the feedback, people need to remember that *Statesman* is a student paper; that means it is a learning experience. We try to be as professional as possible, but we may not always be successful.

On that note, I realize that the putting this story on the front page may not have been the best idea. And further, the way the front page was laid out may not have been

as "PC" (Politically Correct) as possible. All of this aside, I feel that the article itself was newsworthy and was written in a straight forward manner with no bias or homophobic slant as was suggested by a letter from Peter Mastroianni. It shows how PC our student health service has become that Mastroianni feels that my referring to such Tearoom trade as promiscuous is homophobic. As someone who considers himself simply sexual, (There are times that I could be considered heterosexual, homosexual, a necrophiliac, bestiality, etc.) I take great offense at the open accusation made by Mastroianni.

One other point from Mastroianni's letter. He states that using a condom or oral dams considerably lessens the risk of getting AIDS. I wonder if Mastroianni is condoning USB students utilizing the glory hole, as long as they take the proper precautions?

Lastly regarding Mr. Mastroianni, I personally attempted to get in touch with him for a week while writing the story but he was either busy or out sick, and did not

get back in touch with me.

I, personally, don't have a moral judgement about the glory hole activities. I simply thought it would make an interesting story, and from all of the mail we have received - I guess I was right. And if any one thinks otherwise why don't you come down to *Statesman* and write something more relevant.

Hats Off

Over the past few years I have made no secret of my displeasure of John Marburger as University President and Fred Preston as VP for Student Affairs. However, I would like to take this opportunity to tip my hat to them: despite my open criticism both of these men have always remained very professional with me. Whenever I see either of these two men they are always more than polite and attentive. It takes real character to receive such open criticism and then remain civil; other people on campus have not been as professional. To these men I say Happy Holidays to you and your families.

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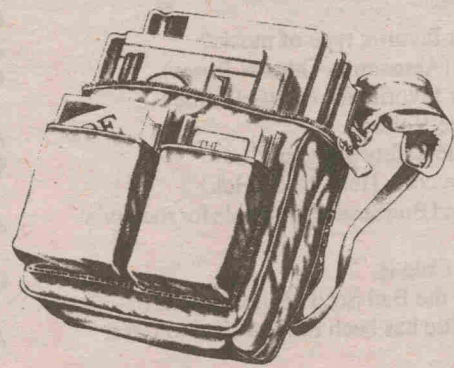
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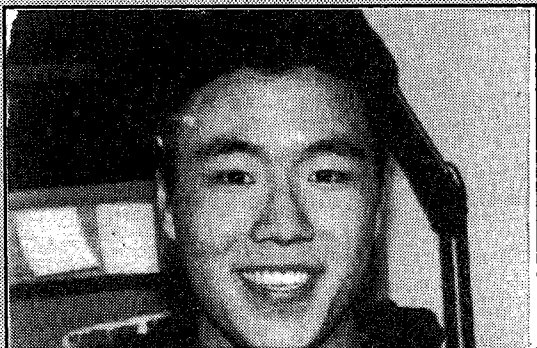
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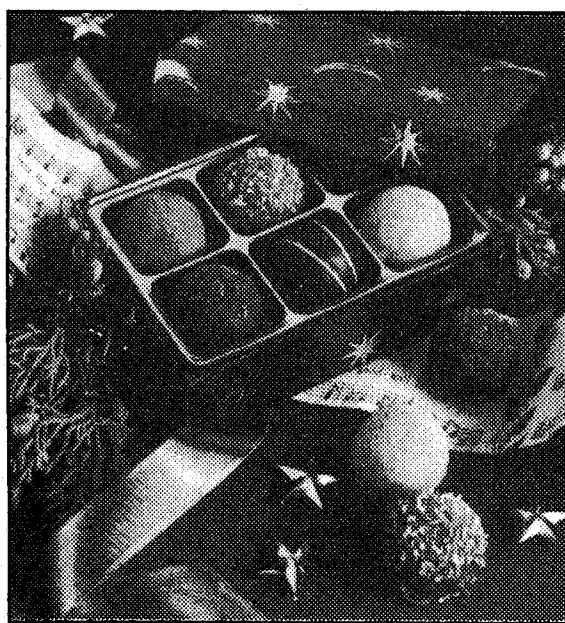
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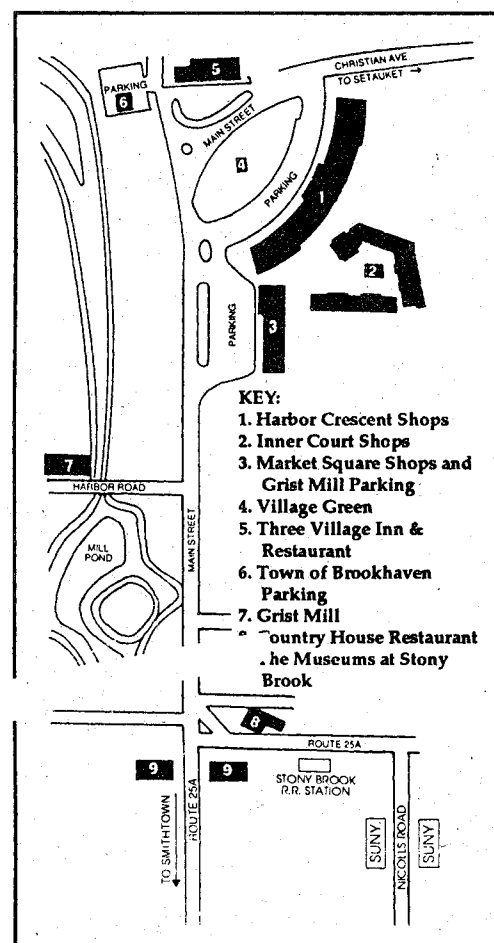
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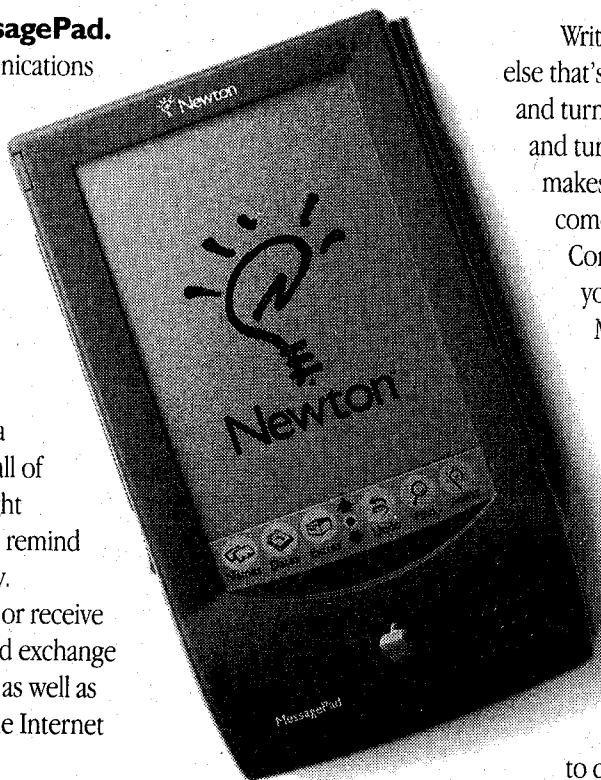
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Unsafe Sex Common

To the Editor:

We are concerned about the misinformation and dangerously ineffective guidance in regard to safer sex which has appeared in recent issues of the *Statesman*. We represent the Student Health Service which provides health education and care for Stony Brook students, and the AIDS Education and Resource Center which provides HIV/AIDS education for health care providers and training for HIV counselors and educators. Both centers are interested in students, staff, and faculty health and safety. It is important that information about sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases be a part of this education and that this information be explicit about risk and transmission.

The most serious misinformation and guidance which appeared both in the December 2 and 6, 1993 editors of the *Statesman*, concerns the suggestion that knowing your partner and their sexual history is the best protection against transmission of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs.) The pejorative language used to discuss sexual activity (promiscuity) also raises questions about the intent of the articles and suggests homophobia is alive and well on campus. It is not who you are, or your sexual orientation, or even your partner that puts you at risk for sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. It is our own behavior which places us at risk and each of us is responsible for how we behave. Abstaining from high risk sexual activity or taking precautions (using latex condoms or dental dams properly, with nonoxynol-9 spermicide) to assure there will be no exchange of blood, semen, or vaginal fluid are the surest way to prevent transmission of HIV or other STDs.

Sexual transmission of HIV has accounted for 62% of the AIDS cases nationally, and 42% on Long Island. The greatest number of these people were infected through unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse.

The suggestion that knowing your partner is safe also implies that monogamy makes you safe. Many college students practice serial monogamy, which means you have sex with only one partner until you break up, and then move into another monogamous relationship. Studies conducted by the American College Health Association suggests that as many as 85% of college students have and continue to be dishonest about their sexual history to convince a partner to have sex. Students have been treated for STDs in college health centers while involved in what they thought was a mutually monogamous relationship.

We suggest that unsafe sex is happening in many place on campus, especially students' rooms. It is very important that clear, explicit information be given to all students. The Student Health Service housed within the Infirmary, and the AIDS Education and Resource Center located on L2 of the Health Sciences Center are willing to provide accurate information to any student, faculty or staff member who wants that information. Small and large group educational sessions can be arranged. Call 632-9338 or 444-3209. Let us use our energy to work together to have an educated campus making informed decisions about sexual activity. Perhaps the *Statesman* can use space to promote HIV/AIDS education for all students.

Peter Mastroianni
Health Educator, Student Health Service
Rose Walton, Director
AIDS Education and Resource Center

Don't Become Post

To the Editor:

I'm sure you've been hearing a lot of this lately, but *Statesman* certainly has gone downhill lately. First came Rush Limbaugh-wannabe Adam Kaminsky and his tepid commentary on all that is trivial. Who can forget his fearless diatribe against one of the few civil things people on this campus do for one another: holding doors open? Then there was the quasi-racist feature by a Rabbi urging Jews not to intermarry. Welcome back to the nineteenth century! Yeah, ethnicity and religion are always my first priorities in choosing a mate.

But all of that pales beside this years absolute determination to produce a student-run *New York Post*. One of the more memorable embarrassments is the jingoistic crowing that Somalia should be systematically starved to death. The ingrates! But taking the prize for sheer mindlessness and aggressive ignorance is Richard Cole, our own little Eric Breindl, with his modest proposal that viewing executions would have a salutary effect on children. If you check the stats, Rich, you'll see that countries with low rates of violent crime also have abolished capital punishment. But don't let the facts spoil your beautiful idea.

However, I think absolute rock bottom was hit with Cole's latest (yellow) journalistic masterpiece on "tearoom sex" on campus. Even the most homophobic cretin can't possibly imagine that the graffiti on restroom walls is anything more than wish fulfillment for repressed members of the community. And if there are a few sorry individuals having anonymous (and dangerous) sexual encounters in the stalls, who cares? The campus and the world face lots more significant problems than this. I guess it's all part of the right-wing genius for focusing on the trivial, reminiscent of George Bush's fearless anti-flag burning campaign as the country slid down the tubes.

Is it my imagination or does *Statesman* not disappear from the racks as quickly as it used when at least it made a pretense of being a real newspaper? Maybe you should bring back David Joachim. Meanwhile, thank whatever Gods there be for the *Press*. Oh, by the way, let me hereby propose that the restroom where

Cole Allèges (without much to back it up) these tete-a-tetes occur be christened the "J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Men's Room" in honor of the well-known closeted homosexual and paranoid who did so much to subvert freedom and democracy in this country.

Chris Sorochin

'Tis The Season For Thanks

To The Editor:

This letter is to thank and inform all the people in the Stony Brook University community who had donated their time, services and especially food or clothing for the University Drive for the Needy. I am proud to say that the drive was quite successful. We collected over 1,550 units of food, 1,200 units of clothing, and 100 notebooks and the such for school age children. These items were donated to the S.T.A. Reach Out Program and went to help hundreds of people Thanksgiving. The notebooks and other school supplies will go to help needy children in the Long Island area through an organization in Brentwood.

I would like to take this opportunity to help some of the people and organizations who have aided and make a difference with the drive. These include, VITAL, ARA, the Division of Campus Residences, Golden Key Society, Polity, All the Leg's across campus, Student Union and Activities, EOP/AIM, C.O.C.A., Disabled Student Services, The Park Bench, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Polygram Records, Viacom International, The Stony Brook Deli, WUSB 90.1, The *Statesman*, *Blackworld*, The *Stony Brook Press*, Electric Currents, The *New York Tablet*, WLIB TV 55, Long Island Business News, WALK FM, Mark Owczarski, Psi Gamma Sorority, Warren Wartell, Joanne Conlon, Jeff Green, Rachel Moore, Shaheryar, Christine, Tamara, Amrita, Lee, Deepa, Liz and Cara, Dane Orlovic, WHSI TV 67, Chris Decavlas, Erica Olsen, all the Fraternities and Sororities who helped, Mike King, Carmen Vasquez, S.T.A.C., Millie Thurston, Pam Crum, Derek Chmielewski, all the R.A.'s and R.H.D.'s who have spread the word of the drive, and my father Donald Miserandino. Of course, so many people have helped out that, I might have forgotten somebody. If I have, I apologize.

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Goalies Produce Golden Age of Hockey

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This is just a partial list of the starting goaltenders in the National Hockey League of today. At no time has one era of hockey seen such quality between the pipes. One-hundred years into the future when hockey is viewed by other generations, this era will be looked upon as the golden age of hockey. The goaltenders will be at the forefront in defining the superiority of this very special era.

There has been no better time to be a hockey fan than the present. The games are absolutely incredible to watch because of the net-minders. They are like magicians, no, convicts, their thefts of potential

scores has become routine, yet quite masterful night after night in every NHL arena. Past generations have had the privilege to watch Terry Sawchuk, Ken Dryden, Eddie Giacomin, Gerry Cheevers and Bob Froese. However, these legends more or less played in different eras. The goalies of today should read like a who's who of inductees into the hall of fame. Hockey fans have the honor to attend any game between any two teams and have assurance that the goalies will put on an exhibition of skill never before witnessed in the NHL.

What makes this era of hockey unbelievable is the parity and quality of goaltending that every team in the league possesses. It can be said that there are no poor goaltenders in the league. Every starter has clearly earned the right to start for his respective club. In fact, some teams even have a surplus of wealth at the goalie position. This is demonstrated through the back-up goalies that some teams carry. Every team is so good that there is no

place on other teams for the elite back-ups. Glenn Healy, Tom Draper, Pat Jablonski, Jim Hrivnak and Kay Whitmore are just some of these elite back ups that cannot seem to find ice-time as starters in the NHL.

The goalies have changed the complexion of games in new and exciting ways. With the emergence of the goalies, who now single-handily save games, comes a new emphasis on the offense. This allows Wayne Gretzky, Doug Gilmour, Alexander Mogilny, and the other top stars to be recognized as ambassadors of the game. They have been able to reach their achievements because of the lessening of the defense. The defense has been able to become more involved in the offense, joining plays and scoring like never before, because the goalies are awesome. While the defense has become more offensive-minded, the actual league average of goals has declined, simply due to the quality of goaltending. If a team does focus on defense, then the rewards are great because of the goaltending. The best example of this is the recent surge of the San Jose Sharks. Urbe has turned in some exceptional netminding with a little support from the defense.

There is such a log jam of talent in the NHL, that expansion has not alleviated the problem of the back-up talent. Expansion has merely transported some of the top goalies to other teams. Some organizations such as the Rangers have talent ready to play in the NHL now. However, the goalies are forced to languish in the AHL or seek alternatives such as playing in the IHL.

The best utilization of goaltending talent comes via the teams that use a rotation system whereby the starter and back-up share time equally. The New Jersey Devils, Boston Bruins and Dallas Stars have been exceptional at implementing this system. This system works because they get to showcase their talent and no single goaltender will get tired during the stretch run for the playoffs. The fans benefit because they get to see more of the outstanding talent in the league. There is no better promotion for hockey than to see success. Success is achieved through the excitement of an elite goaltender making a heart-stopping save on the league's best scorer.

It is exhilarating to watch a goalie make a catching glove save or stack his pads as a player moves in all alone on a scoring rush.

With the starting goaltenders, back-ups and goalies waiting in the minor leagues, hockey has received the necessary boost it needs to survive and become a popular sport around the United States. The All-Star game has been televised nationally for the past few years and will continue to be broadcasted. Also, ESPN has national coverage by way of National Hockey Nights. This can be accredited to the number of quality goalies that have sparked interest in major networks who want to air games.

North American Ice Hockey is at an all time high in popularity and attendance. The goaltenders of today have led the way and we are indeed witnessing the Golden Age of Hockey.

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DUCKETT LEADS PATRIOTS IN PERFECT WEEK

By Mark Peterson
Special to Statesman

Sophomore Ron Duckett scored 24 points to lead Stony Brook past Staten Island 78-69 in their Skyline Conference opener on Sunday, as they completed a perfect 3-0 week. Earlier in the week the Patriots defeated Long Island rival Old Westbury 66-58 on Wednesday and Salve Regina 91-77 on Saturday. In the victory over Old Westbury, Duckett scored a team high 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds and again led the way versus Salve Regina with 26 points. Duckett was named the *Statesman*/VIP Club Athlete of the Week and was also named to the ECAC-Holiday Inn Metropolitan NY/NJ Weekly Honor Roll.

"Ronny has shown steady improvement since he's been a starter early in his freshman year," said Stony Brook head coach Bernard Tomlin. "I'm looking forward to seeing continuous improvement in all phases of his game."

Stony Brook started the season slowly, struggling a little bit in their home tournament but have come on strong and put together a three game win streak. "This year we are a much deeper team, with more players able to come off of the bench and contribute," said Duckett. "We're beginning to

come together as a team now that everyone is learning coach Tomlin's system."

This season the Patriots face a unique schedule playing four schools for the first time. However, the opponents are not a concern for Duckett. "I don't worry about the other teams, I just worry about how I do. It doesn't matter who we play. There is a lot of parity this year, so whoever executes and wants to win the most will win."

Stony Brook's schedule has the team playing games at the area's most famous venues. Stony Brook will face Adelphi on December 18 at Nassau Coliseum as part of the ECAC Metro Challenge. The Patriots will play the Panthers at 6:30 p.m. as part of a quadruple-header which will also feature three Division I games. Stony Brook closes out their regular season versus Manhattanville College at the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden on February 27 at 2 p.m. "It's an exciting schedule," said Duckett. "We're ready to prove ourselves this year."

Although it may be exciting, the Patriots have remained focused on one goal for the season. "Last year we made it to the ECAC's and did well," said Duckett. "This year we want to be in the NCAA's."

SPORTS TRIVIA

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Mike Dergy, a 22-year-old senior History major, who will be enjoying free pretzels and soda during finals. He knew that Stony Brook head basketball coach, Bernard Tomlin, was drafted by the New Orleans Jazz in 1976. The ABA (American Basketball Association) was dissolved/absorbed by the NBA during that year, causing a flood of pro and college talent into the draft. As a result, coach Tomlin then had extreme competition to contend with, and, unfortunately, did not make the team.

Since this is the last issue for the semester (and the Pretzel Guys will not be working next week) there will not be a question this week.

We would like to thank everyone who participated, including everyone to called in, everyone who offered suggestion, and the Stony Brook Pretzel Service and Sports Complex Concessions, Inc. who provided our prizes.

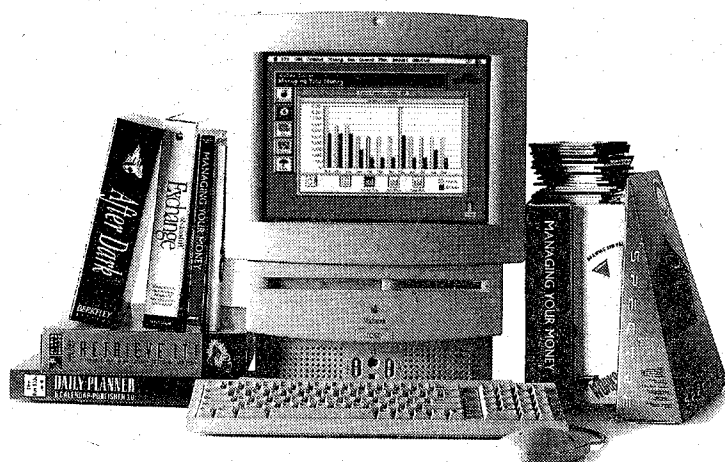
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Saying Goodbye

By Thomas Masse

Statesman Associate Sports Editor

On the last day of practice every season, the entire football team, sans seniors, lines up on the 50-yard line. The seniors start at one end where the freshmen are waiting, and they proceed down the line, through the sophomores, the juniors, the staff, and the coaches.

They seniors say goodbye to the young men, that are like their brothers, and to the coaches that are like their fathers. The coaches bid farewell to the athletes that they view as their own sons.

These seniors have played their last game of

collegiate football - it is likely they that they will not turn pro.

"It's a very emotional and very heartfelt moment," said head coach Sam Kornhauser. "There's hardly a dry eye in the house." When coach Kornhauser describes the psyche - the brotherly bond - of football players, one gets the feeling one is listening to a combat veteran. "Football is very emotional," he explained. "You put in so much time, effort, energy, and drive ... you just get so exhausted ... you give it everything you've got."

"I can't explain," he continued. "One of the players told me 'I can't remember ever crying before, but I must have cried three or four times this year'." With so many down-to-

the-wire victories and defeats of this past fall, it is not difficult to believe. It truly was an emotional season.

As the sun began to fade on Patriot Field (the field will see its last season as a Patriot this spring with lacrosse), the seniors headed toward the fading light behind the Sports Complex. To their backs, their fathers and brothers paid tribute to the retiring warriors. In the center of the field, the team huddled around its leaders. The coaches eulogized the past season and set a course for the next.

This ending is another beginning.

"There's nothing like it in the world," said coach Kornhauser. "College Football..."

Football's Record-Breaking Season

By Thomas Masse

Statesman Associate Sports Editor

Over the course of a "very positive season," the Stony Brook Patriots football team set, tied, or broke numerous individual and team game, season, and career records, 38 to be precise. In addition, they approached 20 other records with second and third bests, and many of those are individual career records which will likely be broken next year.

TOTAL OFFENSE (INDIVIDUAL)

The following is a list of records set, broken, or tied.

Most Plays (Game): 53 by Timm Schroeder at USMMA

Most Plays (Season): 362 by Schroeder

Most Plays (Career): 659 Schroeder (1991-93)

Most Yards Gained (Season): 1948 by Schroeder

Most Yards Gained (Career): 3336 by Schroeder (1991-93)

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted (Game): 47 by Schroeder at USMMA

Most Passes Attempted (Season): 316 by Schroeder

Most Passes Attempted (Career): 552 by Schroeder (1991-93)

Most Passes Completed (Game): 30 by Schroeder at USMMA

Most Passes Completed (Season): 177 by Schroeder

Most Passes Completed (Career): 294 by Schroeder (1991-93)

Most Yards Gained (Game): 302 by Schroeder at USMMA

Most Yards Gained (Season): 2021 by Schroeder

Most Yards Gained (Career): 3501 by Schroeder (1991-93)

Most Thrown Interceptions (Career): 32 by Schroeder (1991-93)

Most Touchdown Passes (Season): 11 by Schroeder

Most Touchdown Passes (Career): 21 by Schroeder (1991-93)

Most Consecutive Completions (Game): 11 by Schroeder at Jersey City.

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught (Game): 11 by Leroy Saunders at USMMA

Most Passes Caught (Season): 42 by Mike Bahr

DEFENSE (INDIVIDUAL)

Most Unassisted Tackles (Season), tie: 43 by James Leach

Leach

Most Total Tackles (Season), tie: 98 by Leach

SINGLE GAME OFFENSE (TEAM)

Most Total Yards Gained (Both Teams): 987 vs Gettysburg

Most Total Yards Rushing: 398 vs Gettysburg

Most Rushing Attempts: 59 vs Gettysburg

Fewest Rushing Yards: -6 vs USMMA

Most Yards Rushing (Both Teams): 703 vs Gettysburg

Fewest Rushing Yards (Both Teams): 88 vs Coast

Guard

Most Passes Attempted: 48 at UMass-Lowell

Most Passes Completed: 30 at USMMA

Most Passing Yards: 302 at USMMA

Most Passes Attempted by Opponent: 66 at Pace

Most Passes Attempted (Both Teams): 90 at Pace

Most First Downs: 26 at Jersey City

Most Points Scored by Losing Opponent: 36 vs Gettysburg

SINGLE GAME DEFENSE (TEAM)

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: -22 vs Sacred Heart

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (TEAM)

Most Consecutive Games Without a Loss: 8 (11/14/92-10/30/93, 7-0-1).

Most Consecutive Games Without a Loss to Start a Season: 7 (6-0-1)

Most Consecutive Games Without Being Shutout: 29 (9/21/92-present)

In addition to these records, Schroeder has three second-place records, Chris Delmadge has ten and one third, Bahr has two, Saunders has one and two thirds, Brian Hughes has one, and Jeff Heck has a third.

Of course, while individual records are fantastic, "there's only one stat that's really important," said defensive coordinator David Caldiero. Congratulations to the coaches and especially the players on your 6-3-1 record this season - the best in Patriot varsity history.

Statistics and Records provided by Sports Information Office

PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

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8	9 Hockey vs. New Paltz, 10:20 p.m. at the Rinx	10	11	12	13 Men's B-Ball vs. Adelphi, 6:30 p.m., at the Nassau Coliseum	14