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Fire Destroys Sunwood Mansion

By Mitchell Horowitz

Stony Brook's famed Melville Mansion on the Sunwood estate, serving as a guest house and social center for the university for over 25 years, almost literally burnt to the ground Saturday night, as an around the clock fire decimated the 40 room structure.

Although three people resided in the house and it was only 100 feet from University President John Marburger's home on the SUNY owned estate, no injures resulted from the blaze.

The fire began, according to Setauket fire department officials, at about 10:45 PM on Saturday and was most likely caused by old electrical wiring.

The three members of the campus community living in the mansion, senior Edward Casper, Director of the Physical Plant Gary Matthews and Acting Director of Student Affairs Carmen Vazquez, "lost everything," according to University Spokeman Al Oickle.

The fire began in the southeast corner of the house in the attic, according to firemen at the scene. "They (the residents) were living just below the area where the fire is believed to have started." Oickle said.

Casper first smelled the smoke and, after discovering the phone lines were out, ran over to the Marburger's residence and "alerted Mrs. Marburger," Marburger said. "I called various university people on one phone while my wife called the fire department on another."

According to Public Safety Lieutenant Fred Evans the call was placed at about 11:00 PM. Though Setauket was the first department to answer the call "other departments had to come to bring in water," he said. The Sunwood estate, bordering upon the North Shore, has no fire hydrants. The Northville Oil Company also used tanker trucks to bring in water to put out the flames. Although reports conflicted, well over six different fire departments were at the scene throughout the night and following day.

"By that point[after 11:00 PM]the center part of the roof was burning quite well." Marburger said. "It was unsafe to go in anymore, the upper floors nad all filled with smoke already." Matthews and Vazquez had left the house after the discovery of the flames, and according to Marburger, could not reenter to claim their belongings.

"The flames went down at about five or six o'clock in the morning, but flared up again around 1:00 PM the next day," Evans said. Late yesterday afternoon small



A portion of the Sunwood mansion devastated by Saturday's fire

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portions of the remaining roof were still in flames, with occasional debris falling off the limp structure.

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According to Ann Forkin , coordinator of affairs for Sunwood, "The remains of the house will be bulldozed and leveled ... something new will be built, not Sunwood, but something to serve our needs." However, last night there was confusion over what kind of insurance coverage would be provided for.

"The inventory was just finished for insurance purposes." Marburger said last night. "But we are not sure just what the insurance is ... It is a state building, subject to a state insurance policy." Yet Marburger said the extent of the covrage was not known, nor was the question of private coverage fully resolved.

Marburger said that some of the house's original furniture was removed by firemen and Public Safety Officers during the first hours of Sunday morning. A grand piano and grandfather clock were among some of the more valued items saved.

Yesterday's scene was one of complete destruction at the site of the fire. Various areas of the three story house crumbled. Local neighbors stood watching the final fall of the Elizabethian mansion. Burnt pamphlets bearing the message "Welcome to Sunwood" blew in the icy winds toward the rear of the charred hom. Furniture and wall hangings ould be seen destroyed and soot-ridden within the collapsed wa'ls.

The mansion had been the site of classical concerts conferences, parties and picinics. The Melvilles had the mansion built in 1919 and Ward Melville gave the campus the use of the home in 1962, but only recently it had been renovated. A \$30,000 roofing job was near completion prior to the fire and the last unused shingles stood near the wreckage.

"I feel like we are sitting at a wake grieving for the house," Forkin said. "I could not sleep last night. All I saw was that fire."

Arguments Bring Halt to Polity Meeting

By Tim Lapham

Arguments stemming from the Prograi. s and Services Council's (PSC) decision to fund Red Balloon and Hands Off Latin America (HOLA) erupted into pandomonium that led to the closing down of last Thursday's meeting.

Before the meeting began, there was already tension between the council members and the club members. "By going to the meeting [club members] put pressure on them and they felt insecure and nervous," said Red Balloon President Wendy Natoli.

PSC Chairman Naresh Mysore stated just before the meeting began that PSC was going to close the meeting to the public by going into executive session. According to the New York State Open Meeting Laws, there are eight situations in which a meeting of a public body can be closed. Also, it can only be closed temporarily for the time in which the meeting meets one of the eight criteria. Reporters present stressed to the council members that the meeting did not meet the criteria. There is still some

question as to whether PSC meetings fall under the Open Meetings Law. PSC did, however, open the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting Mysore stated that, according to Polity bylaws, there is a one person per club limit at the meetings. Vice Chairman Gerry Shaps agreed. "Polity has the right to limit [the meeting] to one member from each club," he said. As several club members began to get up and leave, Statesman Editor-i-1-Chief George Bidermann requested that the council show the audience where in the by-laws a one person limit is mentioned. When Mysore checked the by-laws, it was discovered that there was a three person limit.

About halfway through the meeting, HOLA member Natt Hendricks caused much laughter from the audience when he entered the room and said "Down the hall they are saying that [the council] is saying bad things about the College Republicans." Mysore reprimanded the audience with a reminder that the meeting was an official meeting and those present should act appropriately.

Shortly after that incident, Mysore requested that Red Balloon member Petros Evdokas not sit behind the council members. "It [your sitting behind me] makes me uncomfortable." he said. This brought sneers from the audience. "I am not going to stab you in the back," Evdokas said.

The board did go into executive session, meaning that they closed the meeting to the general public, once during the meeting. The discussion was on the salary to be paid to speakers at an Undergraduate English Society conference.

HOLA member Skip Spitzer later interrupted the meeting with a request that the council stop delaying and get to the matters that people attending were most interested in, specifically the funding of Red Balloon and HOLA. Mysore stated that the council would take matters in the order that they were listed on the agenda. As it turned out, the funding of HOLA and the Red Balloon were next on the agenda.

PSC had already granted provisional

recognition to both Red Balloon and HOLA. In order for the council to discuss the budget requests of the groups, however, the groups had to be granted full recognition. For this to happen, there would have to be a motion made to grant full recognition and then the motion would have to carry a majority vote. There was no motion made by council members for discussion on either group.

Disapproval stemming from PSC's silence on the discussion of these two groups resulted in loud arguments and club members accused the council of harassment. "It's really sh-ty of you all. You have to treat people in a certain way," said George Noble, a member of HOLA.

The council reacted with a threat to have the audience removed from the room. "Let's just go into closed session," Shaps said. Club members complained loudly about this, calling Shaps "McCarthy." According to Natoli, the nickname was given to him after he made a comment to her. "When we re-

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Polity Meeting Ends With Commotion

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quested funding last time, he said 'My name is not McCarthy, but are you people communists?' " she said. Speaking to a reporter after the meeting, Shaps said that he had not asked if they were communists. "What I had said was 'Does your club associate yourselves with the communist party or do you hold communist ideals?' The McCarthy comment was made as a joke among friends," he said.

Other accusations then flew across the room, bringing the meeting to a halt. PSC member James Gerald left the

meeting at this point, leaving only four members of PSC present, which is less than the quorum of five members needed, and the meeting was ended.

Polity President Eric Levine requested that all those interested in discussing the matter further do so in a peaceful manner in his office. Members of the council and clubs met in the Polity conference room for a discussion of the funding of HOLA. Both sides agreed that the discussion was very informative. The funding of the groups will be discussed during Monday's Polity Senate meeting and again during Thursday's PSC meeting.



Polity President Eric Levine (left) and a member of the Red Balloon Collective tangle over funding

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Club Funding Is Discussed in Meeting

By Tim Lapham

The Programs and Services Council (PSC) discussed the funding of several clubs during an emergency meeting last Friday.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday evening. It was rescheduled pending a clarification as to whether PSC falls under the New York State Open Meetings laws. PSC Chairman Naresh Mysore stated that he had been told by Polity Lawyer Camillo Gianastasio that PSC did not fall under the laws and that PSC could close the meeting to the public without having to meet the Open Meetings Laws.

The controversy was still not resolved before the meeting on Friday. The meeting was opened, although there it was clear there was tension between the board members and the audience (see related story, page three).

PSC first discussed the recognition of the Martial Arts club. There was some question as to whether a Martial Arts club would be a duplication of services since there is already a Karate club on campus. Gerry Shaps, PSC vice-chairman, stated that it was not. "Maybe this stresses defense and the other stresses offense," he said. It was granted recognition.

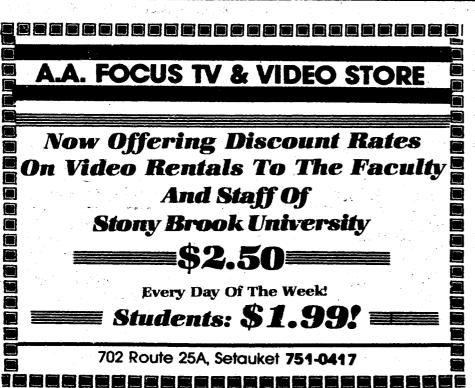
Recognition was not granted to a request for funding of a third world alumni dance. The council voted it down, with four against and one abstention, claiming it is duplication of services. The Drastic Measures, a new alternative club that wants to book concerts on-campus, was granted \$600. Also, \$225 was granted to the Undergraduate English Society and \$300 was granted for the G-Quad Battle of the Bands.

The meeting ended prematurely when PSC council member James Gerard left an argument between council members and club members over the recognition of the clubs Hands off Latin America and Red Balloon.





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Res Life Eyes Stimson For Grad Housing

By Mitchell Horowitz

Following weeks of memos and meetings with the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) over establishing a graduate dorm, the Office of Residence Life has temporarily targeted Stimson College in Stage XII as a building for graduate students. Members of the GSO, however, have expressed dissatisfaction with the move.

"The problem is Stimson will really get anyone who wants to live there," said GSO Housing Committee Chairman David Senator. "Everyone will want to go to Stimson because it is the only non-meal plan building that will be open in Stage."

Of the three other buildings in the quad, two are meal plan designated and one has been declared an "international college" by Residence Life. Although 108 graduate students currently reside in Stage XII, primarily in single rooms, Stimson contains only 98 singles; a circumstance that Senator called "ridiculous."

"They want a quiet lifestyle building — that's what I understand," said Director of Residence Life Dallas Bauman. "I want to try to [hold] the singles for them in Stimson, but I am a little frustrated with it being this late in the year to make these decisions. We can't make a final decision until we see how it all works out."

GSO President Kevin Kelly claimed that Stage XII's Wagner College, a designated meal plan building, would be better suited than Stimson because it has 144 single rooms. "There is a good chance people will be moving out of the single rooms because they won't be able to cook there anymore," he said. Kelly claimed that a "modified meal plan" approach had been discussed for the graduate students, with exemptions for people whose research schedules would prevent routine dining hours.

"That would be difficult because cooking facilities would not be in that building [Wagner]," said Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston. "Grads are going to have to make some choices; there are only a certain number of dorms. I think their best bet right now is a building where cooking does exist."

"I would hope there could be a meal plan exemption," Senator said. "Perhaps a couple of kitchens could be kept open. But if a graduate student dorm was to be meal plan we could deal with it. It is more important to get a place that is quiet to facilitate to grad students. The whole university is going meal plan eventually; we will have to deal with it."

Currently 700 graduate students, one third of the total graduate student population, are housed in the Harry Chapin Apartment Complex. Senator claimed there are about 400 students beyond that who have a need for a graduate, or quiet, dorm. On February 5th, GSO proposed to Bauman the establishment of such a dorm.

"As you know, graduate students living in Stage XII are extremely unhappy with their living conditions," the proposal states. "Graduate Students are subjected to intolerable noise levels and weekday parties ... Furthermore, because graduate students are scattered throughout the quad, it is difficult for them to develop their own support network ... We know the university is committed to attracting and retaining top-notch graduate students. If this goal is to be accomplished, we feel that a commitment must be made to provide an appropriate graduate student living environment."

The proposal also mentions that undergraduates may live in a graduate dorm, maintaining that it is designated specifically for a quiet lifestyle. The remaining double rooms within Stimson would house mostly undergraduates, according to Bauman, but there is no screening process declaring it a "quiet" building.

"We won't be able to get quiet people in their because people are only coming in to cook," Senator said. "I don't see why they can't open a dorm for people who have to study, a place expressively for people who need quiet."

"Initially they are not going to find the ideal situation," Preston said. "It is going to take a couple of years. No matter what building they go to, they are going to want some things different."

---Editorial-

Partisan Definition Solves Funding Dispute

The controversy surrounding the funding of the Red Balloon Collective and Hands Off Latin America (HOLA) can be solved with a clear definition of the the word "partisan."

refusal to fund certain clubs because of the pressure they are under this semester due to a decrease in the amount of money available. However true this may be, the actual controversy centers on

Polity by-laws state that funding should not be granted to clubs that engage in partisan politics. "Partisan," according to Webster, refers either to unreasoning devotion to a group or to troops involved in harassing the enemy. Unfortunately, there are some members of the campus who adhere to the latter belief. The former belief is equally ridiculous.

The only issue on which HOLA has a clear leaning to one side is their desire for an end to the poverty and suffering in Latin America. They are, however, open to all opinions on how to solve these problems. "We want to provide a historical background to the problems [in Latin America]," Charles Eppler, a HOLA member, said on Friday "We are not an extension of the Sandinistas."

Similarly, the Red Balloon has no set ideology. Their basic principles, in fact, are quite distant from the communist ideals which many people believe they hold. They wish to promote the freedom to make a choice and freedom from oppression. One of the events that they requested funding for was a bus to take 80 people, who had already signed up for the trip, to a pro-choice march in Washington, D.C. This clearly demonstrates that they are not a subversive minority.

Statesman is glad this funding controversy has attracted so much attention lately. It appears that the standard 10 minute hearing that is granted to each club was not enough for either the Red Balloon or HOLA to remove the stigma that they carry. Both council and club members agreed that they gained a broader view of the controversy during the meeting requested by Polity President Eric Levine which followed the blowup at the emergency meeting of the Programs and Services Council on Friday.

PSC, however, should not attempt to excuse its

refusal to fund certain clubs because of the pressure they are under this semester due to a decrease in the amount of money available. However, true this may be, the actual controversy centers on the validity of the Red Balloon and HOLA with regard to a stipulation in the Polity by-laws. A lack of sufficient funds calls for a more frugal distribution of money. To completely deny funding to two groups just to have more money for other groups is

to undermine PSC's responsibility.

The Polity Senate is meeting tonight to further discuss granting full recognition to Red Balloon and to HOLA. It is clear that they are valid clubs. Statesman hopes that the Senate members will use their new awareness of the purpose and function of the two groups and that Polity will learn and sharpen the definitions of the restrictions on club funding.



Council Club Funding: Behind Closed Doors

No matter how you look at it, Polity's meetings should be open to the press and the public.

The current dispute involving the Open Meetings Laws came about because *Statesman* challenged the Programs and Services Council's attempts to close out a *Statesman* reporter at will from their meetings. The PSC's vague reasoning for this action had no basis in fact or law; it was simply that PSC was used to declaring "executive session" whenever it wanted to discuss something it didn't want the public or press to hear.

Once Statesman pointed out that there was a law governing the opening and closing of meetings, and that there were only eight criteria for declaring "executive session," the PSC tried to close Statesman out last Thursday night by declaring that the subject matter they would be discussing — namely, the funding of HOLA and Red Balloon — would endanger the "public safety" — that is, the safety of PSC members — if the discussion was reported on in Statesman.

This is not meant to belittle or ridicule the PSC, but our reporters know the law, and apparently the PSC does not. Those serving on PSC, and members of the Polity Council, too, are not used to anyone challenging their "executive session" declaration. Hence, it is a bit shocking to all of a sudden have reporters from a campus newspaper refusing to

leave meetings because the PSC declares "executive session" to discuss a controversial decision denying funds to a campus club.

The question that needs to be answered is "Does Polity fall under the Open Meetings Laws?" We believe that they do, based on our counsel from the New York State Committee on Open Government. Polity may be a corporation — and a public, not-for-profit corporation, at that — but Polity does govern the affairs of students on campus. They take student money, and are given the enormous potential ending the open Meetings Laws should apply to meetings of the PSC, the Senate and the Polity Council

We don't trump this up for Statesman's benefit. The "public" — in this case the students of Stony Brook — have a right to know what discussions take place in regard to the spending of their money.

The members of Polity are elected and appointed "government officials." If any of these members have aspirations toward a career in politics after college, they would do well now to get used to the fact that the public has a right to be present at government meetings. Government officials should not be afraid to make their feelings known, even if those feelings are unpopular or controversial. After all, that's why they are elected.

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-Letters

Save the GSL

To the Editor:

Your lead article on Thursday, February 27, "GSL Going Dry; Doors Shut Soon," leaves many questions unanswered. It raises previously unconceived thoughts in the minds of the GSL patrons. We have seen the Benedict Saloon, Baby Joey's, James Pub, and Whitman Pub close consecutively. They did not close for lack of insurance. These establishments closed for directly attributable vandalism and debt.

The GSL is the only establishment of its kind within five miles. I could hardly believe that at an FSA meeting the issue of GSL insurance was simply brought up, and the students and staff of this campus are forced to face the GSL closing. More facts have to be reported to the GSL patrons and general public. The GSL is a thriving business with devoted clientle, over 21 years of age; it deserves more than just a chance, especially considering that the President of this campus, John Marburger, has repeatedly stated he does not want a dry campus. I do not blindly look at him as just a face on a so-called 'monolothic administration.'

The sincerity of his voice when he tells us he was happy with the 19 year old drinking age, and not now with 21, speaks for itself. John Marburger has repeatedly stated he is concerned with the quality of student life, especially graduate student life, which is often overshadowed by the two thirds majority of undergraduates and Polity's antics. Be that as it may, let us look at this as an issue which can be dealt with. Do not resign yourselves to the thought that this 'monolithic administration' is once again tightening the noose on the students. John Marburger is not a megalomaniac, though some of his subordinates may be. This is not a power issue, this is a monetary and social conflict.

Jim Quinn

Attacks On Free Speech

To the Editor:

As many students know, the College Republican Organization has recently opened a chapter here at Stony Brook to help students participate more fully in the political process in the U.S. and to show that other organizations on campus don't represent the views of all students or of all Americans.

Part of our program aimed at introducing ourselves to the student body was to put up posters around campus telling who we are and where our meetings would be. In an effort to attract the attention of students we placed our poster next to those of groups such as the Red Ballon and HOLA. To my dismay, I found all of our posters had been torn down. I was happy to see that whoever committed this crime against free speech was good enough to leave the posters of the

others groups up.

This letter is not intended to blame any group or individual for these actions against ourselves and the student body but simply to ask that they be stopped. If the reason for these actions is some fear of our organization please feel free to come to our next meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 PM upstairs in the Union.

Steven D. Murray Vice Chairman of Public Relations College Republican Organization

PSC Decisions Correct

PSC stands for Programming and Services Council. It is a sub-committee in Polity and its responsibility is to distribute some limited funds (about \$30,000 this year) to numerous small clubs (about 80 this year) on campus. PSC consists of 9 responsible students chosen by the Polity Senate and the Polity Council.

When a group of people are entrusted to distribute limited funds to an unlimited number of groups, there is bound to be some dissention among those asking for funding. PSC treats each and every club in a fair, courteous and helpful manner. PSC provides money and other services to clubs they feel are worthy and use it wisely (most clubs receive money). PSC does not allocate money to every club that comes to PSC; that would be irresponsible. PSC gives each club time to explain to PSC their objectives and their activites. PSC then evaluates their request privately and makes a decision on funding a club.

PSC will not squander activity fee by giving money to each and every club. In the past weeks PSC decided that certain clubs are not worthy of receiving funding. In return, these clubs have responded by making false and inflamatory accusations against PSC. These actions only prove that these clubs do not deserve your money.

Naresh Mysore PSC Chairman

Unacceptable Actions At PSC Meeting

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that when people disagree the easiest and most direct and logical route toward the resolvement of the disagreement is not always the one taken by those involved in the dispute. The events that occurred at the emergency PSC meeting held on the afternoon of Friday, February 28 could have been averted if certain club members had conducted themselves in a more orderly manner. Their actions disrupted the meeting so that business could not be conducted and other clubs that clearly deserved funding could not be funded.

At present, the question of whether PSC has the right to close

out Statesman reporters and the general public when we go into executive session has not been resolved. I am not opposed to having reporters present because I feel that the other members of PSC and I have nothing to hide. In fact, I must thank the Statesman staff present at Friday's meeting for conducting themselves professionally. The conduct of some of the club members, however, could not be considered professional or appropriate.

The emergency meeting was called to discuss the budgets presented at the hearings held Thursday night. It was not a forum for debate of whether certain clubs should be recognized or how well minority groups are represented on PSC. Chairman Naresh Mysore did his best to keep order at the meeting but we continued to be interrupted by laughing, namecalling, and false accusations. These actions did nothing to further their cause and only helped to illustrate the need for the right of the PSC chairman to restrict attendance in order to conduct business. more efficiently. I can only hope that future dealings between PSC and the students they serve will be characterized by more open communication and greater mutual respect.

Bob Timm PSC Vice-Chairman

Thanks For Support

To the Editor:

The Campus Women's Safety Committee advertisement (Statesman, February 27) was beautiful! Thank you also for publishing my letters that discussed the conference, "Men and Women: The Power to Change," which is to be held in the Stony Brook Union next Saturday on March 8th. Through the conference we continue to raise the issues that will help to eradicate violence against women.

It is good to know that the Statesman supports the importance of making people aware of the right to live in a safe environment.

Audrey L. Wolf Convener Campus Women's Safety Committee

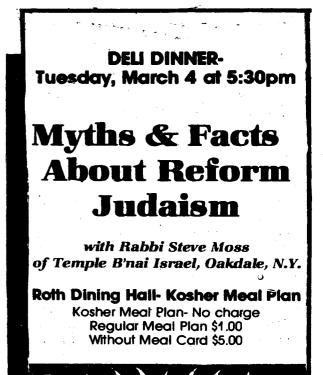
Sets His Major Straight

To the Editor:

Since Monday's [February 17] publishing, many people are asking me if I changed my major, so I'd like to set the record straight.

Apparently, the author of the RHA Computer Dating Dance Review assumed that the program for that dance must have been written by a computer science major, but in fact I am an Electrical Engineering Major. Everyone knows that computer science majors have enough coding to do just for classes.

Glenn Spitz Junior, ESE

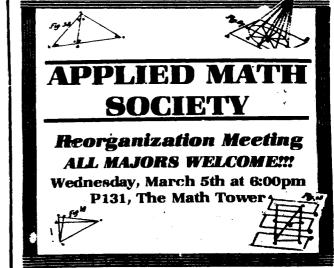




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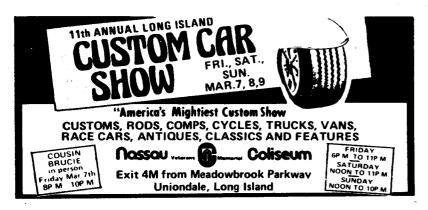


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Statesman SPORTS

Monday, March 3, 1986

Women Win Playoff Tourney

Patriots Become Cinderella Team of ECAC Championship

By Jeff Eisenhart

Fairy tales do come true: Cinderella came to the ball last weekend, except this was not a dance, it was a basketball

For one weekend, the Stony Brook women's basketball team got to live out the Cirderella fantasy. Favored by none, the Patriots made believers of everyone as they captured the ECAC Division III Metro New York - New Jersey women's basketball championship with a 69 - 61 win over Rutgers - Newark College before a home crowd.

"I didn't think we were going to beat this team," said Lisa White noting the Scarlet. Raiders entered the game seeded first (20 - 1) in the four team tournament, and were fresh after a 83 -58 wipeout of fourth seeded Hunter College on Friday night.

Although they faced a disadvantage in size and speed it didn't matter to the Patriots, for their desire to win was too much for Rutgers - Newark. Complemented by excellent passing to go along with Leslie Hathaway and Ann Kennedy crashing on the inside, and Michele and Lisa White hitting from the outside. Stony Brook was able to take control in the first half.

A Lisa White pull up jumper at 5:55 broke a 20 all tie that sent Stony Brook on a 6-0 spurt which put the Patriots in front for the rest of the half Stony Brook led 32 - 27 at intermission.

Rutgers - Newark bounced back in the second half. Lori McDonald, who scored a game high 30 points, tied the game at 40 when she sank two free throws with 13:59 left to play.

With the Patriots in front 46 - 44 and 8:09 remaining. Kennedy ignited Stony

Brook on a 11 - 0 roll with a basket off an offensive rebound to break the game wide open and give the Patriots their largest lead of the night, 57 - 44.

The Scarlett Raiders didn't quit. The momentum swung in the other direction late in the game. With the score 64 - 58and just under two minutes to go, McDonald drove up the middle but missed the lay up. Kennedy grabbed the rebound to stop anymore damage. She would later sink a free throw to put the victory on

"Everything we did worked," said an elated Coach Declan McMullen. "Everyone contributed and played well."

"We like playing when we are considered the underdog. No one expects you do to anything," Lisa White said. "It's a big surprise.

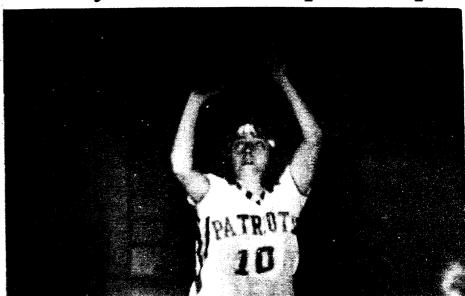
Doing a great deal of the surprising was the White sisters and Hathaway. Michele White led all Patriot scorers 18 and 11 points respectively. Kennedy led Stony Brook with 11 rebounds.

CCNY, the second seed in the tournament, met the same fate as Rutgers -Newark on Friday night. The Patriots advanced to the championship game with a 68 - 63 win over the (20 - 8)Lady Beavers.

The White sisters helped sink CCNY as they combined for 31 points in a very physical game. Sondra Walter also chipped in with nine points.

"This is the first time we ended the season on a win." said Michele White after noting losses in the State games the last two seasons. "It feels good."

The win for Stony Brook (17 - 10)closed the book on the 1985 — 86 season. And they all lived happily ever after.



ABOVE: Lisa White in action. BELOW: Coach Declan McMullen.



Patriots Advance in Playoffs



Statesman/Dean Chang

Charlie Bryant, top Patriot scorer with 16 points, drives to the hoop.

By Jeff Eisenhart

Tony Briscoe wasn't bragging. He was only telling it

"We had them afraid to bring the ball up," said Briscoe, with good reason. His team, the Stony Brook men's varsity basketball squad, opened the first round of the ECAC Division III Metro New York - New Jersey playoffs with 16 steels that helped the Patriots romp over the Ospreys of Stockton State College, 75-54 before an enthusiastic home crowd.

"Hey, you got to do what you do best," said Head Coach Joe Castiglie.

The Patriots did what they do best - trap ballhandlers and cause turnovers.

Stony Brook didn't waste time as they seized control early. Frank Prantil broke a six-all tie when he scored on a lay up off a loose ball at 15:33 which sent Stony Brook on a 19-4 spurt and gave them a commanding 25-10 lead with just over eight minutes remaining in the first half. At intermission Stony Brook led 41-25.

Stony Brook coasted through the second half as they maintained a 15 point advantage most of the way. The closest Stockton State could come was nine points, at 55-46 with 9:17 left to play.

"We knew if we didn't win tonight, the season would be over so everyone went out and gave 110 percent." said Briscoe.

Leading the way was the trio of Kurt Abrams. Charlie Bryant and Briscoe. Abrams, who had his best all-around game of the season, scored 14 points. grabbed a team high 12 rebounds, and had a game high seven steals. Bryant and Briscoe were the Patriot high scorers with 16 and 15 points respectively. Dave Burda also contributed heavily with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Stockton State's Donald Ellison led all scorers with 21 points.

"If we play like this, I think we'll go all the way," remarked a confident Burda.

The next obstacle the Patriots will face is the topseeded (23-6) College of Staten Island, who advanced to the second round by defeating New Jersey Tech, 75-72. Stony Brook will be hoping to take revenge out on the Dolphins Wednesday night in Staten Island. The Patriots have lost three straight times to the Dolphins dating back to last year, including a 89-77 loss in the opening round of last year's ECAC playoffs.

Summing up players feelings towards playing Staten Island again Scott Walker declared: "this is what you call revenge in the making."