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Become Aware"

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## Provost Resigning From Post Homer Neal to Leave in August; Budget 'Frustration' a Factor

By Mitchell Horowitz

Provost Homer Neal, who holds what is considered the second highest position in the university, announced last week that he is resigning from his position at the end of August.

Neal, who came to Stony Brook as provost in 1981, cited a desire to increase his involvement in the field of physics and a "frustration" with the state budget as major reasons for leaving SUNY. His resignation was announced in a letter to University President John Marburger and the academic department deans Wednesday.

"There is very little satisfaction to be found in the SUNY budget," Neal said. "It is one of those matters I am still baffled by. I don't understand why the state doesn't value its campuses like Stony Brook more than it does."

Though Neal claimed to have made his decision prior to the release of Governor Mario Cuomo's recently proposed 1986-87 budget, he mentioned that the state budget carries the same "disappointment" as it has in past years. The Governor's budget proposal cuts Stony Brook's William Butler Yeats project, The Living Marine Sciences Institute and raises the possibility of 184 staff lay-offs on the main campus in the next fiscal year.

"I personally have been very impatient that not more progress was made in securing funds to launch some of the new initiatives we have," Neal said. Neal also expressed remorse over "the actual cuts in faculty just over the past year." As chief academic officer, it was Neal's responsibility to name the departments that would absorb the 17 faculty vacancies mandated by last year's budget.

"It is true that I have had a deep desire to do experimental studies in physics," said Neal, who is an internationally recognized high energy physicist. Though he declined to specify his destination after Stony Brook, he mentioned a "\$25 million dollar experiment I am involved with at Stanford University." Neal also spoke of ties he has maintained with students and faculty at Indiana University's Bloomington campus, where he was the dean for research and graduate development before he came to Stony Brook.

"I have always been a faculty member at heart. I never entered administration wanting to be an administrator," Neal said lightheartedly. "By staying away



Homer Neal

from the field [of physics] much longer, it would make it more difficult to reenter." Since becoming a professor at Indiana University in 1972, Neal has received numerous fellowships, served on the National Science Board, and organized and participated in many governmental and private research projects.

"I think it is going to be a continuing process of education to convince those responsible that for every dollar they put into Stony Brook, the state and the nation will greatly benefit," Neal said. "We really should not be compared with arbitrary colleges within the SUNY system. Someone has to recognize we are different."

Neal claimed there were many projects he was pleased with during his tenure at Stony Brook. He cited the new Decision Sciences and Management Stu-

dies programs as victories he saw for the university. The computer systems at Stony Brook, notably the electronic mail system and the SINC campus computer hookup, were mentioned by Neal as being satisfying accomplishments.

"We've done a number of remarkable things with what resources we have," Neal said. "But more recognition from the state is needed; there's only so much we can do without some additional resources."

"The budget process has always been discouraging to anybody who wants to do things," University President John Marburger said Sunday night. "Homer had a tremendous amount of energy; he had an insistence on continued forward motion at Stony Brook."

"I don't know how many people can appreciate it, but what he did was actually rationalize the budget process," Marburger continued. "This was a major accomplishment."

Marburger also credited Neal with being "one of the creators of the SUNY engineering initiative," structuring the campus' self-study project and fostering the growth of graduate and undergraduate degree programs.

"He is the hardest working person that I have ever worked with," said Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Graham Spanier. "That's one thing I'll always remember about him. He was able to do the work of two or three people; it is like we are losing a couple of good administrators."

Spanier described Neal as a "brilliant" and "very accessible" man, who brought a "great deal of openness to the university and the academic administration."

Neal said he set a five year period for himself as provost before he was to reassess his position and made the decision to resign last fall. "I confirmed it to myself over the Christmas holidays, away from the trials and tribulations of my office," he said.

Marburger said he was informed of Neal's intentions in January and had been trying to convince him "since the first of the year not to do it." Marburger plans to announce the formation of a search committee for a new provost at next Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"Those of us who agreed to take on these jobs have to make a continual grinding effort," Marburger said. "How much of their lives can we expect them to give up to this battleground of academic endeavor?"

## Women's Safety Proposals Are Finalized

By Tim Lapham

Recommendations concerning women's safety on campus were finalized last Wednesday in a meeting of the President's Advisory Committee for Women's Safety.

The committee, which was formed last fall by University President John Marburger, has been working on a list of measures that should be taken to improve safety conditions on campus. Among the list of 14 basic areas to be concentrated on are the more standard recommendations, such as better lighting and more locksmiths. Also on the list were some newer suggestions, including one for the placement of emergency phones around campus and one calling for an educational program to make the campus aware of the problem.

The committee discussed the educational program as a preventative measure that could be taken to improve campus safety conditions. "The problem is that many men don't even know what

sexual harassment is," said Patricia Long, assistant to the vice provost for Student Affairs. "Many males don't know what constitutes date rape." She added that many women do not know what services are available to them regarding sexual harassment or even what behaviors they should not tolerate.

Gary Barnes, director of Public Safety, suggested that one method of raising an awareness of the problem and educating people as to what services are available would be to include an informational session on campus as part of an orientation program. "There is a general ignorance among the community as to what sexual harassment is," he said. He added that many people think that sexual harassment is only defined by sexually motivated physical attack.

The committee also stressed the need for the creation of a new staff position in the department of Public Safety that would specifically deal with the area of women's safety. The person in the posi-

tion, entitled the Coordinator of Women's Safety and Crime Prevention, would be responsible for developing departmental training programs and insuring proper treatment of victims and the handling of evidence, according to the recommendation. The coordinator would also be responsible for participation in orientation programs as well as various university forums concerning women's safety.

Barnes noted that there was a previous attempt made to create such a position. Unfortunately, because of the desire to have the position occupied specifically by a woman, Public Safety was unable to create the position. "Affirmative Action ruled that this could not be classified as a 'female only' position and that seniority has to prevail." Other campuses do have such a position specifically occupied by a woman and the committee is seeking ways to create the position as such.

The recommendation is going to be

submitted shortly to Marburger, who will have to make the appropriations for funding. Marburger, speaking to a *Statesman* reporter Saturday, said that he was in favor of all measures that could be taken to improve safety conditions on campus and he will finalize whatever the committee recommends as far as he is capable. "I set up the committee to study the problem, so I have to be in favor of it," he said. He also said that he hopes the committee will be giving him a list of priorities. "An important part of the job is to figure out which one to attack first," he said.

Also listed on the recommendation as necessary for improvement of women's safety on campus were:

- The provision of consistent and expedient sanctions to those engaging in vandalism, as well as making damage to common areas in the dorms the financial responsibility of the residents in that area.

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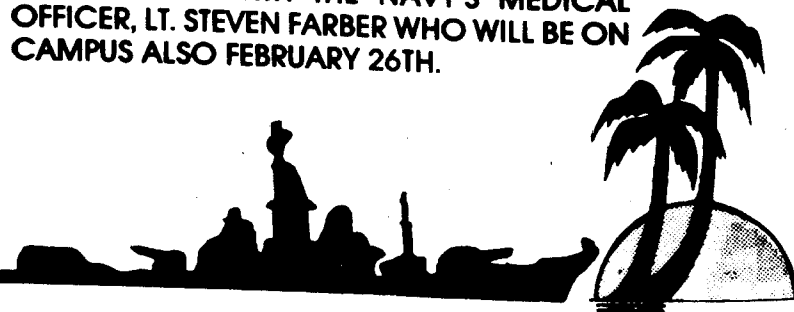
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# Biology Library Plagued by Leaks

By Natasha Singh

Desks strewn aside and water pails dispersed, the Biology Library looked more like a leaky basement than an academic center after a series of rainstorms last week.

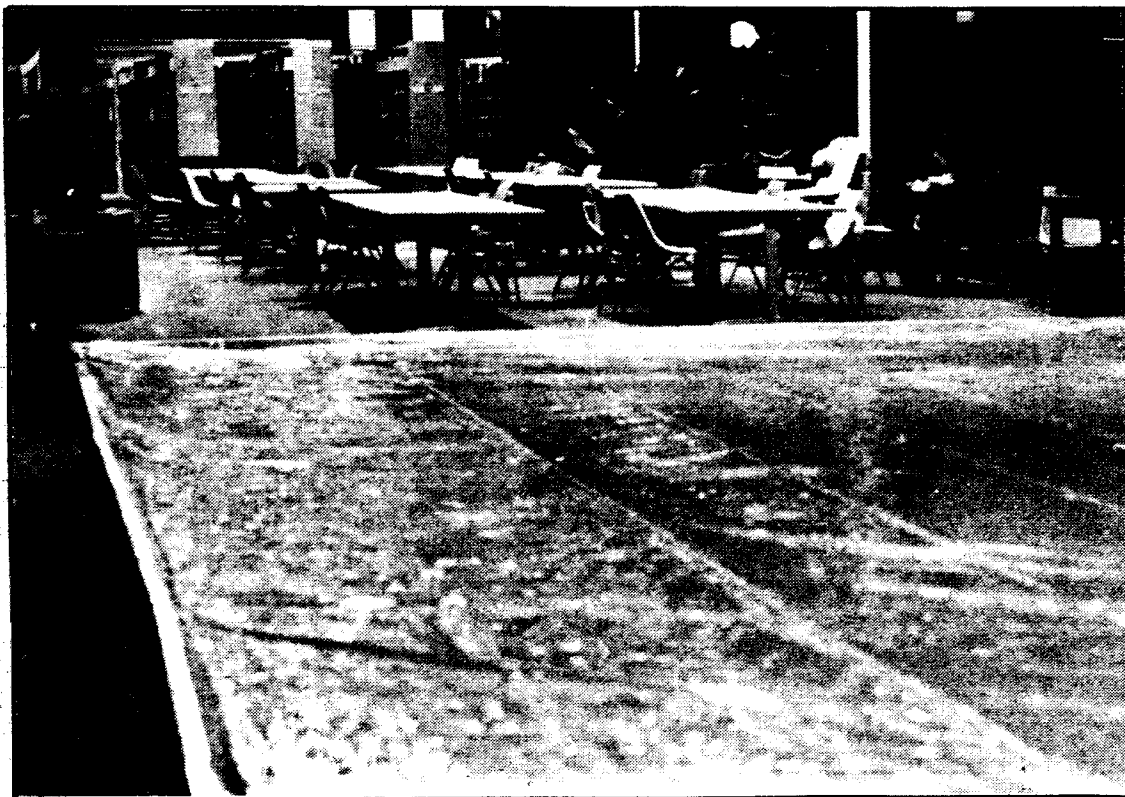
Mark Russo, an employee for three years, said he first noticed a crack in the roof about seven to eight months ago. "It used to drip on one side. During the intersession it was supposed to have been repaired but as you can now see it cracked from one side to the other," he said Thursday night. With a slight smirk in his eyes, Russo described the initial solution to the problem. "They tried constructing a tarpaulin across the roof but it filled up with the water and collapsed," he said.

Not only are the orchestrated drips of the melting snow annoying to the students, but the musty smell that greets them is no less appealing. "One of the ladies [librarians] had to have her officer removed due to the mildew and pails in her way," said John Martin, an employee at the library.

Russo and Martin both expressed concern over the possible damage to the library's Bentley Glass collection. The statue in the entrance of the library states that Bentley Glass, a former distinguished professor of Biology who is now retired, donated his private collection to the library a few years ago. His literature, which is not yet in circulation, fills an entire room in the library. The library is to be re-named in honor of Glass.

Doris Williams, the head librarian, said the library has been having problems with the ceiling for about five years. "Rust and carpet damage in the journal section has been present for quite a while," she said. "One year the entire journal section was ruined." This year, however, the section has already been removed to prevent any damage which may occur, Williams stated.

As far as funding for repairs, Williams said that in the original budget "there was money instituted for repair of the roof. It was eventually removed with only the Life Sciences building receiving a new roof." She said that an expansion joint had been



Floor of the library covered by protective plastic

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installed by engineers. The joint will help to strengthen the flat roof. The library had received the expansion joint but they are still awaiting funds for a complete roof renovation. Furthermore, Williams said the recent removal of the money would mean a wait of a couple of years before the new ceiling was installed.

Besides the damage to the books, Russo and Martin feel the water has caused continuous elec-

trical short circuiting in the ceiling lights. "All new lights were put in last semester," Martin said. "Now if you look at the journal section all of the lights are blown." Both Martin and Russo feel that the lack of action taken to repair the roof is due New York State's inability to provide funds. "It's a shame," Russo said. "This used to be one of the nicest libraries on campus. Who would study here now? I wouldn't study here."

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## -Campus News Briefs-

A new exhibit focusing on the culture of Brazilian tribes and a Turkish village will be on display until the end of the spring semester in the University Anthropology Museum.

The exhibit, entitled "Visual Anthropology: Documenting Two Cultures," is the work of two Stony Brook faculty members: Dr. June Starr, assistant professor of anthropology and associate curator of ethnography in the University Anthropology and associate curator of ethnography in the University Anthropology Museum; and Dr. Dolores Newton, assistant professor of anthropology, and curator of ethnography at the museum.

Starr's exhibit is comprised of photographs she took while living in Turkey 20 years ago, illustrating the link between the village and the Turkish nation-state. The photographs depict home celebrations, Islamic rituals, and state legal processes in the village.

Newton's exhibit, "Cultural Persistence of Brazil's Timbira Tribes," focuses on two anthropological concerns. The first is the theme of the exhibit, a tribe that is "strikingly resistant to cultural destruction." The second is the method of the exhibit, showing useful means of illustrating the history of cultures without written records.

The museum is located in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, just off the ground floor lobby, and is open Monday through Friday, 11 AM to 3 PM.

An exhibit in honor of black history month will be open until April 8, display-

ing reproductions, or "broad-sides," from the Broadside Press, that reflect the thoughts and feelings of black Americans during the late 1960's.

Twenty broadsides are on display in the library exhibit area of the Special Collections Department. Represented are such well-known black authors as Dudley Randall, Gwendolyn Brooks, Amiri Baraka, Langston Hughes and Etheridge Knight.

The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and admission is free. The department of Special Collections is located on the second floor, east wing, of the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library.

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Abram Chayes, an international legal expert who represented Nicaragua in a World Court action against the United States, will lecture at Stony Brook on Wednesday, March 5, at 8:00 PM, as part of the Fine Art Center's Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Chayes' lecture, "Nicaragua, the United States and the World Court," is being sponsored by the Office of the Provost and *Newsday*. Co-sponsors of the presentation include the departments of History and Political Science, the African Studies Program, and the Arms Control, Disarmament and Peace Resources Center.

Chayes, a professor of law at Harvard University, has worked as a U.S. State Department legal advisor and as foreign policy advisor to George McGovern and Jimmy Carter during their campaigns.

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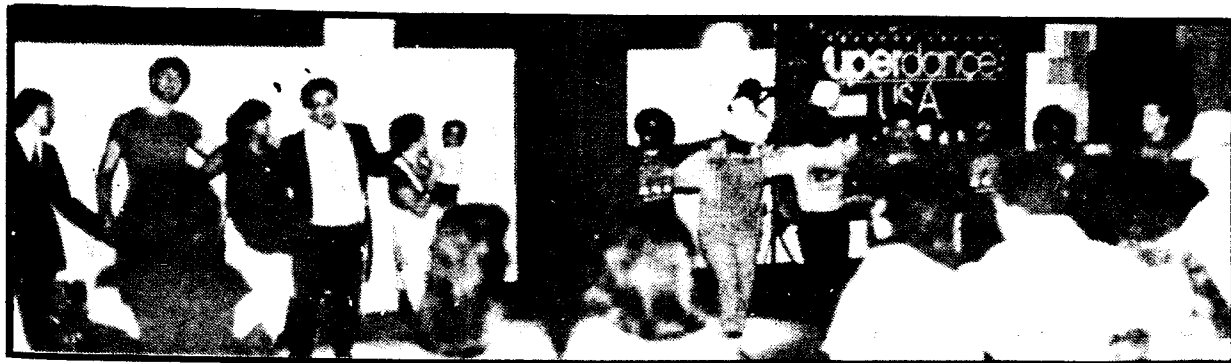
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# Students Dance the Night Away for the MDA



Participants at the dance Friday night

Statesman Dean Chang

By Daniel Smith

About 40 people danced this weekend in Stony Brook's sixth annual "super dance," to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Though attendance was down over past years, \$7,000 was raised in the marathon dance.

The event began at 8:30 PM on Friday and ended the same time on Saturday. It was held this year in the newly renovated bi-level cafe in the Student Union.

Although the event was scheduled to

begin at 8:00 PM, there was a small delay, while the dancers were registering their names and pledges. But by 8:30 PM, there was a crowd of enthusiastic dancers on the floor, and their enthusiasm continued throughout the dance. Even though a break in the dancing was called between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM

Saturday, there was always a dancer on the floor, said Sonia Doshi, who co-chaired the event.

A few light hearted games broke up the monotony of dancing on Saturday

and kept everyone in good spirits, Doshi said.

Saturday evening saw the closing ceremonies, which included a presentation of awards and prizes, as well as goodbyes, the whole of which was very emotional, said Polity President Eric Levine, who was chairman of the event.

Many campus organizations aided the MDA cause by offering sponsorship as well as services. Polity, SAB and DAKA were among the sponsors, and there was support on the part of the fraternities

and sororities on campus. From taking up collections for food, to working security, to merely being there and dancing, the Greek organizations were very supportive, Doshi said.

Even though spirits were high, dancer attendance was not. Last year's "superdance" had about 85 dancers, but this year's showing was comparatively low. However, Paula Sollecito, who chaired the dance recruitment, said, "I didn't mind there not being as many people as last year, because everyone who danced (this year) did it because they wanted to and we had a really good time."

Sollecito attributed the low number of dancers to the fact that the serving of beer had been omitted this year. "I think the (lack of) beer really brought it down," she said.

Sollecito added that last year the money from the beer sales went towards the cause as well as the money pledged from the dancers and their supporters. Last year's "superdance" raised \$14,500.

Levine also felt that the drinking age had something to do with the relatively low turnout. He said that Clare Rose, who had been a supporter of the "superdance" before, was no longer. "They were doing it (sponsoring) for 5 years, (then) the drinking age went up and they bailed out," Levine said. He added that Clare Rose had previously contributed about \$2,000 and now sent a few prizes to show their support. Other sponsors of the "superdance" were Anheuser Busch and local radio station WBAB, who contributed prizes as well as guest disc jockeys.

Doshi said that she didn't see the lack of alcohol at the dance as a major setback. She said that the attendance problem was caused more by the lack of publicity for the event and the fact that it was scheduled right around the time when a lot of students would be studying for the first wave of mid-term exams. Yet, she pointed out that a lot of students did show up at the dance Friday night, even if they were not dancing for the charity itself.

This event was the first successful one to be held in the bi-level cafe, which now occupies the space formerly held by the Barnes and Noble book store. "The only thing that was bad (about holding the dance there) was the people couldn't see the dancers when they walked by," Doshi said.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR STONY BROOK STUDENTS

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Qualified students may be nominated by a faculty or staff member. Self nominations are also acceptable. All nominees must submit a summary of their activities and accomplishments that are pertinent to the stated criteria for this award. Nominations must be received by the Scholarship and Awards Committee, c/o Undergraduate Studies, no later than March 17, 1986.

## Safety Policy Discussed

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- An end to the "open door" policies of most of the dorms. This includes securing the laundry rooms better, having only one entrance/exit to each dorm for everyday use and limiting parties and events to people with identification and their guests.
- Buildings open late, such as the library and the gymnasium, should have limited entrances that are staffed by monitors.
- Randomly-timed foot patrols should be used to cover the buildings as well as the campus grounds.
- Communications devices should be installed at several locations on campus so that a person could immediately contact Public Safety in an emergency.

# Women's Safety: Inform *the* Campus

When University President John Marburger receives the list of recommendations concerning the improvement of women's safety on campus, he is going to have to set priorities regarding which ones to act on.

Obviously, any measures taken to cope with the constant problem of sexual harassment and physical attack should be met with a warm welcome in this safety-starved environment. Due to a lack of overall funding in the university as well as the state, however, only some of the suggestions will be feasible.

Among the 16 suggestions that the President's Advisory Committee for Women's Safety soon will be submitting to Marburger is a suggestion that calls for the utilization of existing resources to construct an educational program. The program would be designed to raise awareness of the campus safety problem and inform people of the services available to them. An educational program such as this would be the most useful for the most people, is perhaps the easiest to enact and is one of the cheapest of the suggested measures.

Marburger designed the committee to not only make recommendations, but also to establish priorities as to which suggestions are the most important and most feasible. The committee, however, is submitting the entire list without any specified priorities as if the state will send the university all the money needed for any improvements. A quick look around campus at the decaying dorms or a glance at the shrinking staff and faculty will reveal that the state is not a cavalry of revenue that comes to our financial rescue.

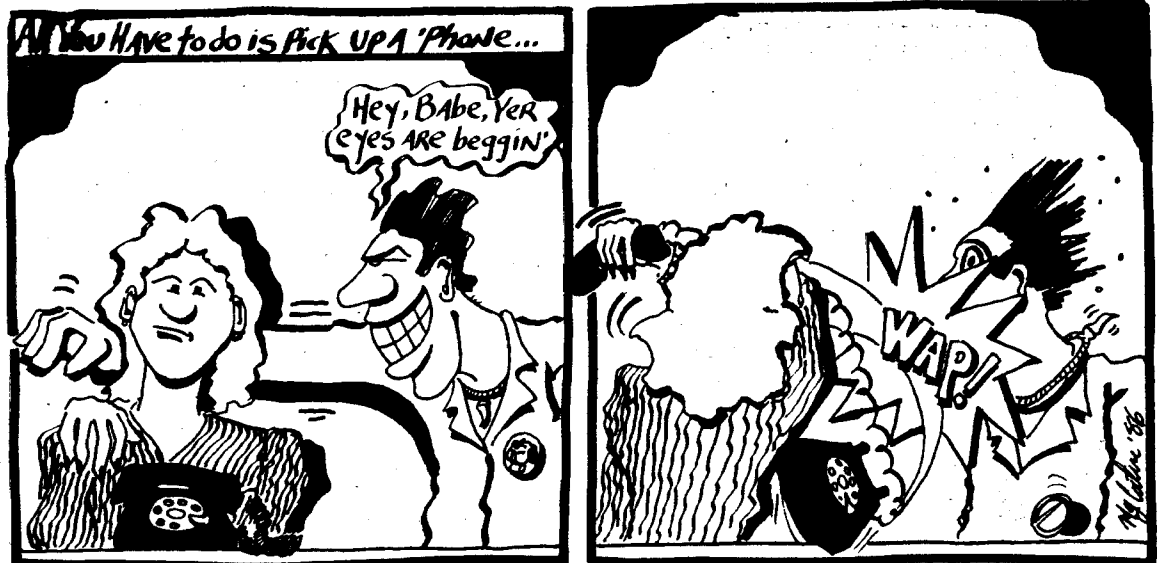
We ask that when the administration decides which suggestions to act upon, based on feasibility and funding, the institution of an educational program be given top priority. Certainly there are steps that must be taken to make the general environment of the campus a safer one. Replacing the broken locks on the outside doors of the dorms and keeping them locked at all times, for example, will greatly improve the degree of safety by insuring that only those who are supposed to be in the dorms are in there. An improvement such as this, however, will require a great deal of funding and will take quite some time to enact.

Much of the problem of sexual harassment stems from the fact that the general population is

not aware of the degree to which it takes place, or even what constitutes it. Many males on campus are not even aware that certain actions are inappropriate. Also, many females do not know what services they can turn to or even what actions they should not have to tolerate. During the meeting of the committee last Wednesday, Patricia Long, assistant to the vice provost of Student Affairs noted that she had received a number of complaints from female professors about students

who had offered to trade sexual favors for better grades.

It would be nice to remove all the dark alleys on campus, quadruple the number of Public Safety officers on duty at night and completely isolate the campus from the nasty world. Unfortunately, we must deal with the facilities financially available to us. We can maximize the use and effectiveness of these facilities only through an education of the campus community.



## Letters

### Parking Fee System Useless

To the Editor:

If one accepts the premise that it is more important for a resident to be able to park near his/her dorm, or a teacher near his/her class, then one must accept some form of car registration as necessary. If the purpose of this registration system is to keep "parking spaces available for those they are designated for..." so that an owner can be notified if something happens to the car, however, I question whether the current system is the best for all involved. I do not see how having commuters register their cars each year, thus creating three sets of annually-changing colored registration stickers, makes it any easier to determine which cars are parked illegally.

As for the administration's second stated reason, I find it difficult to believe that the university could not notify car owners ("something happening to the car") prior to the inception of the current registration system. I doubt that Public Safety would notify a student while (s)he is on campus, and when (s)he returns to the car to leave, wouldn't (s)he realize that something has happened to the car? If the object is to notify a commuter student while not on campus, why would his/her car still be at Stony Brook? One must also ask why would being able to notify him/her faster make a difference?

Even if all that I have said so far is ignored, why should commuters have to pay every year for the right to park a mile away from campus, or in a lot set aside for LIRR commuters, or to have the opportunity to

pay again to park in the garage (assuming (s)he can get there early enough each month)?

Why should the university support a system designed to operate at a loss of approximately \$60,000 each year? Surely this money could be better spent for some other purpose.

I do not see how having commuters pay an annual fee to register gives any benefits over a system requiring a car to be registered only once. A \$2.50 fee to defer the cost of the system is not too much to ask a student to pay for any benefits (s)he may receive during his/her tenure at Stony Brook. It is difficult to believe that issuing registrations without expirations will cause South P-lot to fill up (because of its central location on campus) between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM (the time when registrations are checked) with former students.

Joseph Aufenanger  
Commuter College Vice-President

### Voice Opinions Do not Complain

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, February 25, the Polity Council will be sponsoring its second Town Meeting of the year. This meeting will give an opportunity for students to address issues to key campus administrators including President John Marburger, Vice President Fred Preston, Director of Residence Life Dallas Bauman and Director of Public Safety Gary Barnes.

The alcohol policy which the administration has implemented is stricter than the ones that the state

passed. Students under 21 are not allowed to possess alcohol at all, even though the state says that it is legal. Students that are of age are not allowed to possess alcohol outside their room. The most outrageous policy, recently instituted, is the firing of workers in the E.O.B., Tokyo Joe's and the Rainy Night House because they are under 21. This hurts the student worker and is not required by law.

RAs are being forced to implement policies which thrust them into the role of snitcher and stoolie, causing them to lose their traditional role of friend, counsellor, role model and facilitator.

Also of concern to students are the new safety measures in the dorms. Foot patrols have been established to walk up and down the hallways. There is some question as to whether students really want this kind of parental security.

Freshman housing priority, which is going to begin in 1988, will force upperclassmen off campus. To force upperclassmen off campus to solve the housing problem is a slap in the face to students who have spent several years here. There are several other options open to the university to curb this problem or at least to help the upperclassmen who will be removed.

We are asking all students to show up at the town meeting at 9:00 PM in the H quad cafeteria to address these issues and any others, such as meal plan buildings, the cooking fee and cable television. If you do not come down and vent your frustration, then sit in your room and drink a beer with the lights and music off, because that is the only place you can right now.

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# Ambiguous Terms Allow for Change

By Elizabeth Hampton

What people seem to fail to understand is the reason for ambiguous language in any constitution from PSC's to the United States'. Ambiguous language is used to enable succeeding leaders to cope with the changing times and needs the times create. It is the duty of PSC members to apply the intent they feel is necessary to the ambiguous terms of the guidelines to suit the needs of the campus. It is not up to HOLA to determine the meaning of the guidelines (referring to "Politics and Education are Inseparable" by Skip Spitzer — *Statesman* Thursday 2/20); it is up to the committee.

HOLA had been recognized and funded in the past, but before it was known exactly the type of activities HOLA would organize. HOLA proved through extensive use of literature, lectures, signs and petitions that it was partisan politically. Hence, HOLA finds itself only provisionally recognized presently. PSC is unable to fully recognize a partisan political organization, therefore it is unable to fund such a club. Unlike *Statesman* and NYPIRG, PSC is not a referendum-funded service. PSC receives its money from the student activity fee. The committee must do its best to fund clubs and activities that will please the majority of the campus population. When it comes to politics, it is obvious that many people have differing views and would not want their portion of

the activity fee used on clubs that oppose the U.S. — just as some people would not want their money used on clubs promoting Apartheid, or U.S. intervention in Latin America. In order to solve that problem, PSC is allowed to fund clubs that offer a full view of all sides concerned. In the case of HOLA, it would not only have to present

"Ambiguous language is used to enable succeeding leaders to cope with the changing times and needs the times create."

why the U.S. should not be in Latin America but also why intervention is advantageous to the U.S. Don't misunderstand me, I am not taking a stand ... An educational commitment that Skip Spitzer should be glad to welcome. But does HOLA make any such effort? No.

I am under the impression that Mr. Spitzer seems to feel that PSC has its only obligation to education. PSC's obligation is to the students by providing them with activities for their pastime and enjoyment, along with an educational experience. There are presently more clubs funded by PSC than in the past, which means that

there isn't as much money to go around and more consideration has to go in determining the budgets of clubs.

As regarding *Statesman* and NYPIRG they are not funded by PSC; we the students decide whether they are funded or not by referendum. Because they are both established and working to the present, it is apparent that the majority of the students feel these services to be beneficial to the whole.

Mr. Spitzer seems to be a little confused. *The Stony Brook Press* may publish "left leaning features," but those features are what is submitted to *The Press* by students. A criterion to an article submitted is not that it be leftist but that it is in English. If someone wants to read "right leaning features" then all he/she has to do is submit the work. *The Press* would gladly welcome articles concerning any point of view. *Blackworld's* editorial board is open to the whole campus. One does not have to be black to participate. It is up the individual to supply input. Womyn's Center, Peace and Disarmament Resource Center, and GALA are not PSC funded therefore they do not fall under PSC guidelines. If HOLA wants to get around PSC guidelines why not go to the Political Science department for funding or become line-budgeted. There are other ways to be funded besides PSC.

(The writer is a former PSC chairwoman.)

## HOLA: Beyond What Students Expect

By Charles Eppler

Hands off Latin America is an organization formed in response to U.S.-backed aggression against the people of El Salvador and Nicaragua. The name "Hands Off" is used to remind people of a century-and-a-half of U.S. intervention in Latin America (i.e., predating the Soviet revolution in 1917). HOLA also means "Hello!" in Spanish. Our organization stands for non-intervention and self-determination of peoples not just in Latin America but all over the world; this is reflected in its multinational membership.

In his letter to the editor, Juan-Carlos Sanchez says "They [HOLA] would explain that conditions created by American oppression in Latin America make Soviet intervention essential for the masses to free themselves," where he admits that there are conditions created by American oppression in Latin America. In answer to that, I say that Soviet and Cuban personnel did not take an active role in the defense of the Nicaraguan revolution until after the United States and its allies imposed an economic blockade upon the Nicaraguan people. *Statesman* readers would do well to note that U.S. policy concerning the blockade against Nicaragua is a repeat of U.S. policy in the early Sixties against the

Cuban people, after which Cuba decided it would have to depend on Soviet military and economic support. In both Cuba and Nicaragua, pre-revolutionary society suffered the hell of U.S. political and economic domination. Could it be that the dominating political cliques in the United States, both liberal and conservative, have failed to learn from policy failures of yesteryear? Or are we to expect that Cuba or Nicaragua or El Salvador would simply roll over and play dead in response to threats issued by the government of the United States?

Sanchez goes on to say that "America supports the government of El Salvador against the communist totalitarian guerrillas (we have 55 advisors there), HOLA has openly been opposed to this." When it looked like El Salvador was moving towards democracy, nobody in HOLA was complaining. This was because HOLA didn't have any predetermined conception about what life should be like in El Salvador. But then again, you'll have to admit that the whole situation with the death squads having slaughtered dozens of thousands of people (throwing their bits and pieces of bodies into "los lagos de los muertos," the lakes of the dead) really "stinks." Of course, the murder of an American nun by a death squad (which the U.S. took its sweet time

investigating) is "lamentable." The present indiscriminate bombing of towns and villages by the U.S.-trained, U.S.-supplied Salvadoran air force is "patriotic" and the half-a-million to a million Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees in the U.S. right now are "just up here stealing American jobs." Or at least that's what we hear from the Right. In concluding this paragraph, let me just state that the RIGHTist party of the death squads, formally known as ARENA (how apt!) and the U.S.-sponsored Christian Democrats are obviously not an authentic Salvadoran choice. The fact that the Salvadoran people had chance to vote in an election is the only fortunate thing to have happened to them in a long time! Oh, incidentally, guerrillas are not totalitarian governments are.

Mr. Sanchez also accuses HOLA of being "the right hand group of the Red Balloon." As an HOLA member, I resent his red-baiting and his bigotry, especially since he has never been to an HOLA meeting. Furthermore, HOLA is not an extension of Red Balloon. It is made up of people of diverse backgrounds, most of whom have had no previous political or ideological affiliation. Sanchez demonstrates a closed, one-dimensional extremist mentality with the presumptions he makes in his letter. Without ever

having been in HOLA, Sanchez asserts that "HOLA coordinates their whole agenda" around Red Balloon, but in truth, HOLA's agenda is drawn up and decided upon at each meeting by its own members.

On these points the members of HOLA are agreed: (1) that the revolutions of Cuba, Nicaragua and El Salvador come from within those nations and are expressions of resistance to U.S. political and economic domination; (2) that it is up to the peoples of those nations as well as all nations in the world to determine the characteristics of their societal projects, whether they're revolutionary or not, whether they're socialist or capitalist; (3) that, in accordance with (1) and (2), the members of HOLA have a clear and consistent policy of objective support for revolutions and expressions of resistance all over the world. Thus, the members of HOLA give equal recognition to the struggles of the Polish and Afghan peoples against Soviet domination, the struggles of the South African and Namibian peoples in their struggle against apartheid and South African domination, the struggle of the Haitian people to destroy Duvalierism and to the peoples of El Salvador and Nicaragua against murder and terrorism ("contras") sponsored by the government of the United States.

## The Untold Disaster of Shuttle Explosion

By Mitchel Cohen

We are fortunate that the explosion that blew apart the space shuttle Challenger on January 28 didn't occur three months later during the scheduled May 1986 shuttle launch or 200 million people would be dead.

The press has refused to report it. The government is tight-lipped about it "in the name of national security." But the May shuttle was scheduled to carry two electrical generators fueled by 47.6 pounds of plutonium, described by professor of Physics Michio Kaku as "the most toxic substance in the universe." Had this nuclear fuel been part of the package that exploded in the atmosphere, 200 million people would be killed, the food chain would be contaminated and large tracts of the earth's surface would be permanently quarantined. Since it is estimated that one pound of plutonium oxide, evenly divided, is enough to induce cancer of the lungs in every human being on earth, those who survived would develop cancers that would wipe out the remaining populations.

The government's plan to launch plutonium-

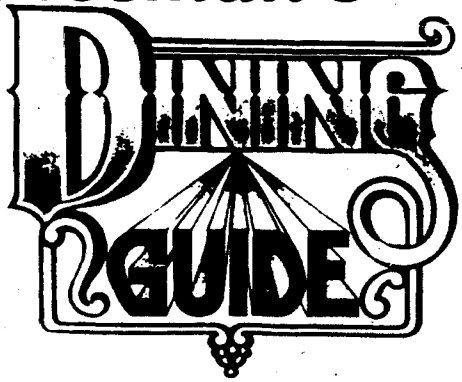
containing shuttle flights was uncovered by reporter Karl Grossman, who had to battle the federal government for over nine months to obtain the documents containing the plutonium-plans. Under the Freedom of Information Act, Grossman appealed the government's refusal to release the information. He eventually received several hundred pages of material "in which the government claims the chances of a crash back to earth or an explosion of the space shuttle to be extremely unlikely," Grossman said. "The latter claim is now sadly shown to be incorrect."

Also hidden from the public is the highly militaristic purpose behind the shuttle program, which is a fundamental component of Star Wars. Originally, planners estimated that over 700 shuttle flights would have to take place within a ten-year period in order to aim and reflect X-ray lasers and test particle beams, among other weapons, if Star Wars was to even start getting off the ground. Christa McAuliffe, the "first school teacher in space," was the unknowing front, the woman used (both in life, and now in death) by Reagan and the Star

Wars lobby to sell Congress and the public the false need for the current war preparations and the militarization of space. Indeed, Reagan's manipulation of events would turn the explosion of the shuttle into a patriotic virtue, and NASA would change its name to be an anagram for "Need Another Seven Astronauts." Even with that scheme having apparently blown up in Reagan's face, the twistory of history continues as those in power maneuver to involve us in participating in our own destruction, and that of innocent people elsewhere.

The press likes to pride itself on its "freedom." Yet it has exhibited no independence whatsoever in confronting — or even questioning — the official government line on the shuttle. The plutonium mission has now been temporarily postponed; this is the way Christa McAuliffe and the six others should be remembered — as people whose deaths bought us a little more time in which to act to stop the shuttle program, stop Star Wars and save the world.

(The writer is a member of the Red Balloon Collective.)



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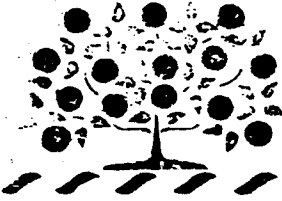
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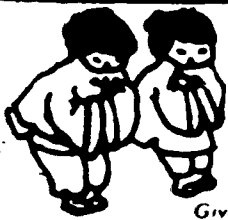
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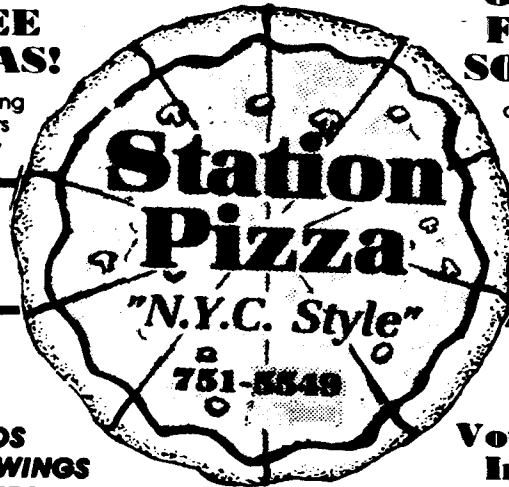
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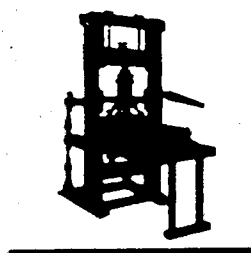
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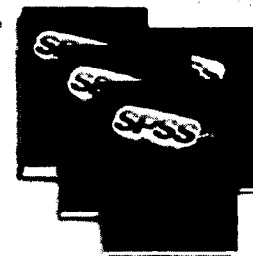
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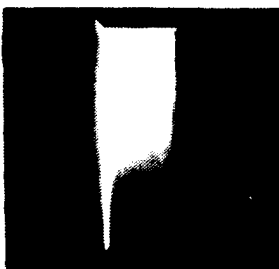
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TO ANDREA of RNH - You are so cute!!! If you don't have a boyfriend, how about lunch one day? —R.J.F.

DANA Thanks for putting up with me I love you and hope to stay together forever. Love Petpetually David.

Ri, you were only gone for and few days last week but I missed you so much. I don't want to think of you being so far away from me next year - You've meant so much to me. You've made the hard times so much easier on me and there isn't anything in the world. I wouldn't do for you baby — You're the best! All my love, Michael(The Glad)

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Alice!! So, how do you feel to have your name on this personal section? M.

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## B-Ball Loses to Manhattanville

By Jeff Eisenhart

The road to the playoffs came to an unexpected turn for the Stony Brook men's varsity basketball team last Saturday.

Needing a win to get a possible home court bid in the ECAC regional playoffs, the Patriots took the road through Manhattanville College, where they were defeated by a 97-86 loss to the Valiants.

The loss further clouds the playoff picture for the 18-7 Patriots. A win would have made them a shoo-in for the ECAC tournament. Now there is no guarantee of that.

"A lot depends on who makes the NCAA's," said the Patriots' head coach, Joe Castiglie. Castiglie mentioned teams like Old Westbury, Staten Island, and NYU as frontrunners to get NCAA bids from the downstate region on New York. Whoever doesn't make it will definitely see post-season play in the ECAC regionals.

Another obstacle the Patriots will be facing will be whether the tournament goes to four or eight teams. If the tournament goes to four teams, Patriot chances for post-season play will be up in the air. With eight teams however, Stony Brook will likely make the playoffs.

"I assume we will make it. We should. But I don't know," said coach Castiglie with cautious optimism after noting his squad made the ECAC's last year with only a 16-10 record. Castiglie said he was expecting to fine out the result today.

The biggest roadblock the Patriots faced came from the smallest man on the court, 5'8" Mike Prendergast. Prendergast was no ordinary little man. He came into the day's action averaging nearly 24 points a game and among the top ten in the nation among Division III players. Prendergast burned Stony Brook for 33 points.

Stony Brook opened the game playing

one of their best halves of the season. The Patriots put on a clinic of defense, causing the Manhattanville to shoot mostly from the outside as they force many turnovers, led by Charlie Bryant, who scored 10 of his team high 19 points in the first half, Stony Brook held 43-38 edge at halftime.

The momentum swung the other way in the second half. After failing to score during their first few possessions, the Stony Brook lead disappeared.

Manhattanville's Tom Jones broke a 50-50 tie when he sank two free throws at 14:02. That ignited the Valiants on a 12-2 spurt which left the Patriots bewildered.

Stony Brook made one last comeback effort. Scott Walker steal and lay up cut the Patriot deficit to six, at 86-80 with 3:35 remaining. However, that was as close as Stony Brook would come.

After both teams failed to score on their next possessions, Jones slammed the door on Stony Brook when he drove down the middle and scored just as the 45 second clock was about to expire with only 2:02 remaining.

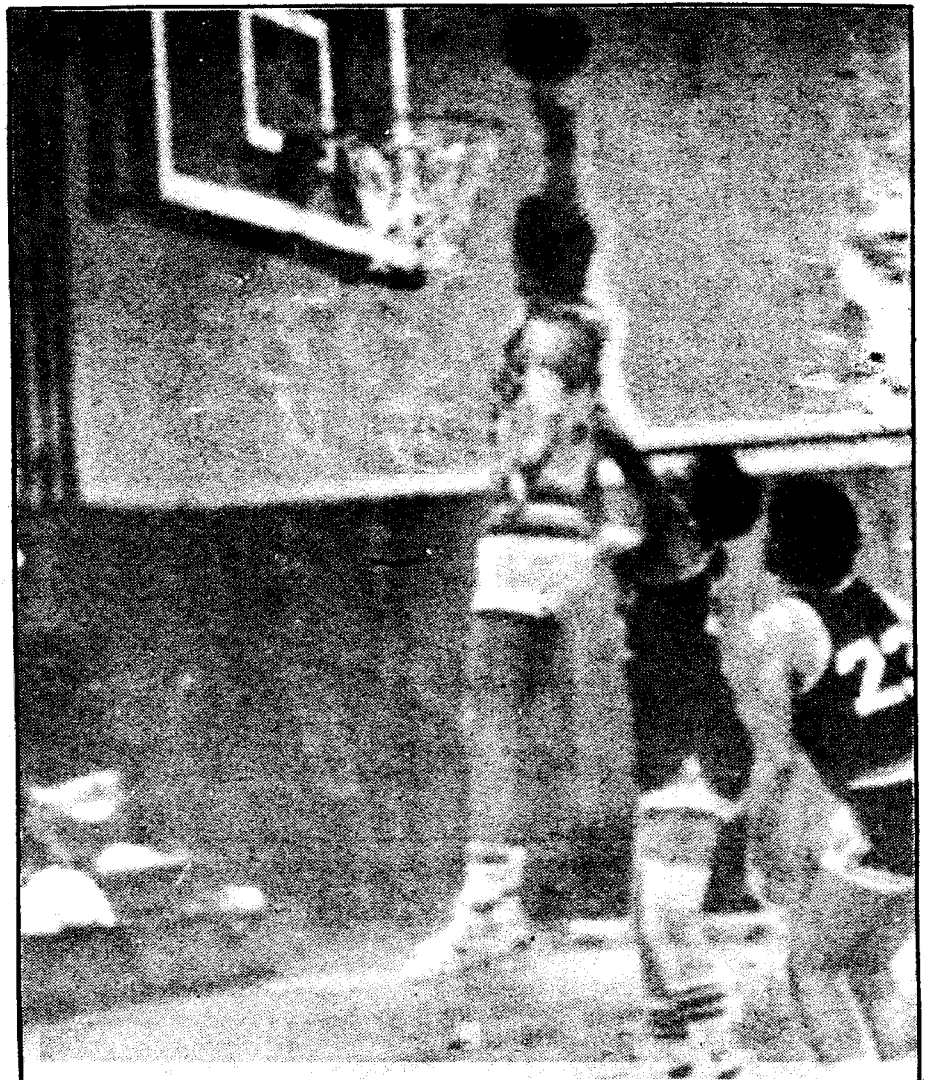
"We lost our poise," said Coach Castiglie of Stony Brook's early second half lapse. "We lost our concentration."

"We dug a hole for ourselves and we couldn't dig ourselves out this time," said Tony Briscoe.

Besides Bryant's 19 points, Stony Brook got a lot of offensive support from Dave Burda, and Tony Briscoe, who scored 18 and 14 points respectively. Andrew Admans added 13 points and dominated the boards, pulling down a game high 15 rebounds. Burda also grabbed 10 boards.

Manhattanville (16-7), also in a position for a ECAC bid, was paced by Prendergast and Anthony Montague, who scored 23 points. Jones chipped in with 15 points.

The Patriots next and last game of the



Dave Burda (in white) goes for a rebound

regular season will be tomorrow night at the Gymnasium, when Stony Brook will face the United States Merchant Marine Academy for a 7:30 PM start.

Andrew Adams, who scored 24 points

in the 104-64 drubbing of the hapless Purchase Panthers on Friday night, has fighting words for his next game. "We'll be ready to come out on Tuesday night. We mean business."

## Women's Track Does Well

By Scott Mullen

Faced with an eleven hour bus ride and an abbreviated, seven member squad, a lesser team might have decided to pass up the state meet. After all, they had an excuse; midterms are looming around the corner, all of the other teams were bigger, Fredonia is in the middle of nowhere...

But the Stony Brook women's indoor track team didn't need to mess with excuses. This past weekend, they finished a strong fourth place — in a twenty-five team field — in the New York State AIAW Championships.

"Considering we only had seven girls, and most of the teams had fifteen to thirty, I think we did pretty well," Patriot Danielle Hingher said.

"I thought we did great," said Coach Rose Daniele. "Almost everyone scored, and most were in the top three."

The Patriots were led by Cheryl Hunter, who became the state champion in the shotput with a first place toss of 43'5". But their 41 point effort, only four points behind third place Buffalo, was achieved through a total team effort. Consider the contributions of the rest of the squad:

—Marie Benard, who two weeks ago qualified for the

nationals in the 800 meter race with a time of 2:19, took second in the same event with a very fast 2:20.

—Megan Brown finished fifth in the 5,000 meter race in a new school record 19:03.56. She also finished eighth in the 3,000 meter event.

—Charlene Landrum, who has qualified for the nationals in the 55 meter high hurdles, took second place in 55 meter hurdles in a time of 8.5 seconds. She also took sixth place in the 200 meter race, in a Stony Brook record 27.2 seconds.

—Sue Yarsinski took third in the 400 meter race, with a time of 1:00.1.

—Hingher took third place in the high jump, with a leap of 5'4".

"The reason we did so well is because it's such a strong team... We're all national material," Hingher said. "We've had a lot of competition against Division I schools, and everybody has done well."

The Patriots have been invited to the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships, which will be held in two weeks, but they aren't sure they're going to go. After all, this meet isn't in upstate New York, but will be held at Colby College in Maine — quite a long ride, especially with tests coming up.

The next week, Stony Brook will be represented in

the NCAA Division III National Championships by Hunter, Landrum, and Benard. And then it's time for spring track, and another host of meets at St. John's, Penn. and Stony Brook.

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Last weekend, the Men's team travelled to the Metropolitan Athletics Congress (MAC) Championships, held at West Point.

In a mixed meet — with collegiates competing with track club runners — Patriot Darian Hinds took fifth place in the 55 meter hurdles in 7.83 seconds and fifth in the triple jump in a Stony Brook record 43'9½".

Pat Flannery took first place in the two mile walk with a time of 14:07.0, and he was joined by Lynn Weik, who finished first in the women's two mile walk in 7:05.30. And the men's 4x800 meter relay team of Odell Glenn, George Taylor, Ken Cracchiola and Ben Gelfand took third place, with a time of 8:24.5.

Next weekend the men's team travels to Union College for the Union Invitational. Racewalkers Weik, Tom Edwards and Curtis Fisher, however, will be going to Madison Square Garden to compete in the Athletics Congress Championships, a prestigious meet that will feature Billy Olson, Sergey Bubka, and Carl Lewis.