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Four Microbiology Profs to Leave SB

Researchers Will Join Staffs at Princeton, Johns Hopkins This Fall

By Michael Chen

One-third of the 12 faculty members of Stony Brook's Microbiology Department will leave at the end of the summer to accept positions at Princeton University and Johns Hopkins University. Though the movement of faculty among universities is a common occurrence, the loss of this amount in one department at one time is considered unusual.

Three of the departing faculty, Professors Thomas Shenk, Arnold Levine and James Broach will join the faculty at Princeton University's new Department of Molecular Biology. The fourth member, Professor David Shortle, will leave for Johns Hopkins this fall. Nineteen faculty positions at Princeton are being created and, according to a *New York Times* article, \$46 million will be raised for the new department.

"Princeton is giving us the opportunity to build from the beginning with a new building, enough funds, and the [corresponding] build-up and growth in other departments in the life sciences. The scale is unique in the country," said Professor Thomas Shenk. Shenk, who will be leaving with the almost 20 people involved in his research, was approached by University officials after a seminar he gave at Princeton in September, 1982.

The chairman of Stony Brook's Microbiology department, Levine, was also contacted by Princeton at the same time. After deciding to accept the offers, Levine and Shenk asked Broach to join the new staff.

Shenk emphasized that the reason the three were leaving had nothing to do with any problems with the university. "I was and have always been very happy at Stony Brook and I cannot remember a



Thomas Shenk, above, is one of four professors leaving Stony Brook. Twenty assistants from his laboratory will be joining him at Princeton to do research work.

day when I came to work and was not happy," said Shenk.

Most of the financial support for the Microbiology department is provided by research grants from outside the university. Professor Eckard Wimmer, who will replace Levine as chairman of the department, said that \$2.5 million in research grants is given to the department annually. "This is the second highest per capita amount on campus and is next only to Physics," he said. Wimmer

stated that a large portion of that amount, for the research of the departing faculty members, will be leaving with them.

Wimmer, whose own research involves work with human enteroviruses, including polio, explained that the work of department members has become well known in the country. He especially noted the reputations of Professor Peter Tegtmeier in DNA Tumor Virology and Professor Joan Brugge's work in Oncogene Function.

Recently added to the faculty at the Microbiology department is Assistant Professor Patrick Hearing. Hearing had been a post-doctorate fellow in Shenk's laboratory for the past three years. He chose to accept the position over offers of comparable positions from other leading universities. Hearing said his main reasons for remaining at Stony Brook despite the faculty losses were his

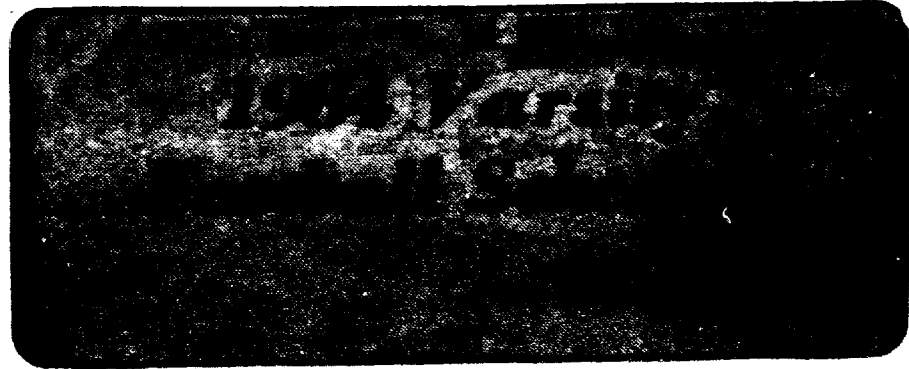
confidence in the remaining faculty, the quality of the graduate students, and the research that would complement his own. "I think the losses will hurt the department but this would be natural in any department," said Hearing.

The search for replacements of the remaining positions has included advertising in important scientific journals and mailings nationwide to colleagues for suggestions. Chairman Wimmer said that two or three candidates with "superb qualifications" have been interviewed, including a professor considered to be in the top five in the field.

Wimmer refused to disclose the candidates who were being interviewed, but predicted that all of the vacant positions will be filled by September, 1985.

Wimmer added that an additional position, if added, might raise the fall total to 13, one more than last year's total.

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SB Researchers Plan to Simplify Computer Use

By Ron Dunphy

The Computer Science Department at Stony Brook, recent recipient of a \$4.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) is hoping to create computer software that will demystify computer use for beginners, as well as make operation simpler for current programmers.

The multi-million dollar grant was given to Stony Brook for their proposal of the ADONIS (a data-oriented network system for computers) project. The project, headed by the current chairman of the Computer Science Department, Jack Heller, is an attempt at simplifying mathematical complexi-

ties that sometimes hinder the performance of the computer user.

A large majority of the research will deal with the integration of "relational data bases" with communications and computer operating systems. The 16-member research team also hopes to create a universal computer language that will further expand the lines of direct communication between all computers. The team will be relying upon the popular computer operating system UNIX, manufactured by Bell Laboratories, to assist them in their research, according to University News Service.

The NSF grant, the largest ever received by the department, is also the largest of four announced by the NSF's Division of Computer Sciences. The other schools receiving money are New York University, \$4 million; the University of Rochester, \$3.9 million, and the University of Arizona, \$3.6 million. Stony Brook's proposal was in direct competition with 16 other schools.

"This is a significant award. NSF's selection of Stony Brook for a major grant in a highly competitive area tells us that efforts to develop our Computer Science Department have been successful," said University President John Marburger.

Heller said that the project would deal with computer software. The software is the programming of the computer, and the direct link between the computer and its user. The problem with today's software, according to Heller, lies with the abundant amount of knowledge that the computer user must be equipped with in order to work the machine. The data must be translated into languages that take a good deal of time to learn and master.

The ADONIS project hopes to take some of the user's knowledge and incorporate it into a more complex and independent type of software. If the number of pre-programmed commands in the software is increased, the intellectual responsibility of the user is decreased, said Heller.

The expanded independence of the computer will allow an easier adaptation of the computer to a wider variety of lifestyles, according to Heller. The com-

puter user will not have to possess a great deal of software knowledge in order to enjoy the benefits of the computer, he said.

"The research is aimed at developing a uniform program environment in which the neophyte user is in. For example, an office or home can work with the most sophisticated and complex computer/mathematical system as easily as a knowledgeable computer scientist or programmer."

The program will receive the first installment of money this year from NSF. In 1984 \$580,000 will be received, in 1985, \$1,166,000, in 1986, \$1,053,000, in 1987, \$794,000, and in 1988, \$831,000 will be granted to the University.

Dr. Heller believes that the ADONIS project will achieve its goals by 1988, the year of the last installment. Heller also expects a larger number of highly qualified professors to join Stony Brook's Computer Science Department as a result of the project. Also expected is an increased enrollment of graduate students in the Computer Science Program. Graduate students are expected to be working together with the principal investigators in the research.

Principal investigators in the Stony Brook project are Professors Arthur Bernstein, Jack Heller, Peter Henderson, Zvi Kedem, Edward Sciore, David Warren, Larry Wittie and Alexandro Zorat.

Contributing investigators are Professors Hussein Badr, Herbert Gelernter, Jieh Hsiang, Mark A. Jones, Alan Siegel, David Smith, Scott Smolka and Manadayam Srivas.

'Arms Uncontrolled' to Be Topic of Summer Seminar

"Arms Uncontrolled" will be the topic of the second annual summer seminar sponsored by the Arms Control, Disarmament and Peace Studies Center of the Stony Brook and the East Hampton Chapter of the American Association of University Women, scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 1 at St. Luke's Parish Hall, 18 James Lane in East Hampton.

Professor Les Paldy, a Stony Brook faculty member and dean who recently has been teaching short courses on Science, Technology and Arms Control for the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Wa-

shington, D.C. will lead the seminar. Discussions will center on new U.S. weapons deployed in Europe and the issues associated with them. Participants will receive background information on weapons systems expected to be widely discussed during the forthcoming election campaign including space-based weapons, binary chemical weapons and cruise missiles.

A \$5 materials fee will be charged for the seminar; \$7 at the door on a space-available basis. To obtain a registration form, call (516) 246-8450.

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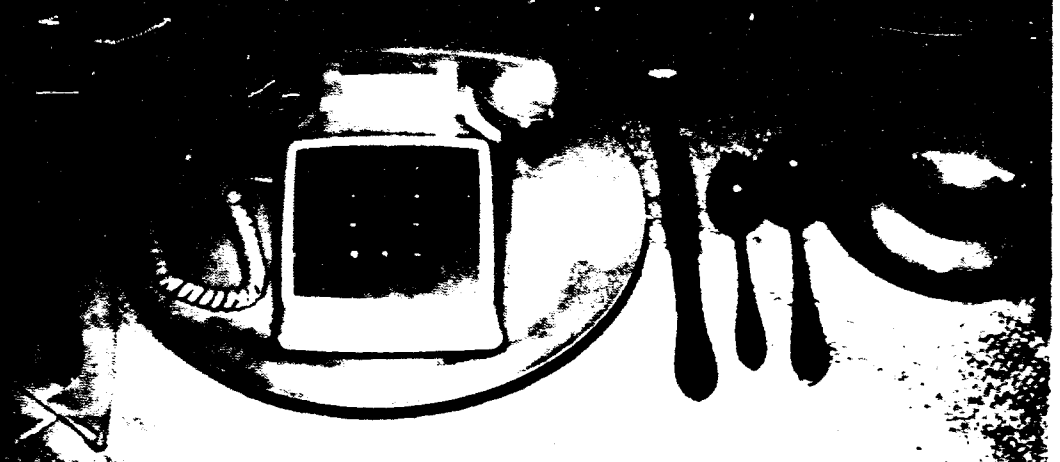
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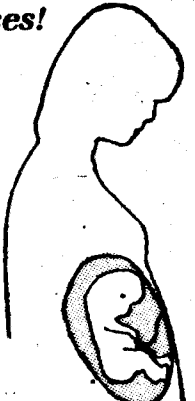
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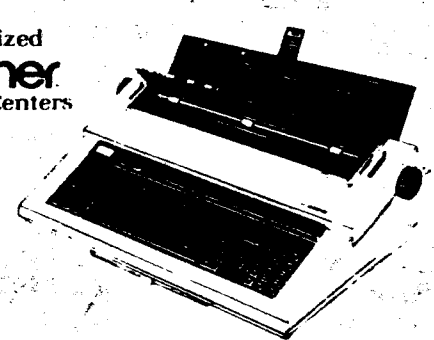
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'Best Defense' Caves In

by Evan Russell

In fairness, *Best Defense* shouldn't be shrugged off as just another dopey summer comedy. It is a complex effort, featuring two of the most talented feature film comedians around. Both Dudley Moore and Eddie Murphy are outstanding at what they do, but they only do one thing. Moore is, as usual, huggable and cuddly to the point of being outright nauseating. He is, again, an unproductive incompetent with a heart of gold who is, in the end, rewarded for his innate goodness. Most important is that Moore proves again that he is the modern master of the funny walk.

Murphy is also in a familiar role — that of a silver-tongued jerk who, in spite of being a jerk, functions better than most of his companions/superiors and finally must save the day. While both actors are very good at these roles, the film just doesn't work.

It would be a trick to successfully work these actors together; few wouldn't

even have considered undertaking it. Thankfully the creators of "Best Defense" haven't attempted this. There are two completely different stories running neck and neck throughout the film with, actually, only the vaguest suggestion of any relation to each other. The two stories never really come together at all, except in a limp moment of dramatic action toward the end.

Moore portrays a lovable and inept engineer who, in 1982, while working on the "D.Y.P. Gyro" system for a new super-tank, becomes involved with industrial saboteurs, the KGB, the FBI, loses his wife, is shot, loses any grasp on reality, finally redeems himself, returns to wife and child and lives happily ever after. Murphy, stationed in Kuwait in 1984, makes love to belly dancers, it a hit with the incompetents who serve under him, drives the new tank with the D.Y.P. Gyro system and has many adventures. Both Moore and Murphy deliver fine performances, but can only

work so much with such a shoddy foundation. The film is a visually satirical look at the world of industrial, high-tech warfare, and much of it is very funny, but not enough to meet the demands the movie makes on its viewer. The split-story format of the film is only annoying and adds nothing. This is a real shame because there are some fantastic moments.

Of special interest is the image the Third World, as a whole, is assigned in this picture. If you're offended by flagrant racism and bigotry then this might not be your film, on the other hand, if you can see fun in any of this, you'll love "Best Defense."

Aside from the two lead roles there are few other noteworthy performances. The one exception to this is Dave Rasche who is perfect as a drug-riddled, wacked out, been-out-in-the-sun-too-long, Californian who smuggles high tech military secrets out of the country for the Russians. The man is literally hysterical and one of "Best Defense's" few saving graces.

Gallery Is In Full Bluhm



Photo by Noel Rowe
"Yangste Baby, 1979," part of Norman Bluhm's exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery through Oct. 10.

Vibrant color takes a turn into obscurity in Norman Bluhm's "Seven From the Seventies" exhibition of paintings at the Fine Arts Gallery. Because Bluhm's technique is not bound by conventional notions of form and subject, viewing his work is as much an excursion as it is a pleasure.

There are indications that the artist's creative process was jolted by an earthquake. Splatters, specks and drips of paint serve as a frosting for Bluhm's work, which is otherwise thought-provoking in its use

of compatible colors and blob-like forms.

"Yangste Baby, 1979" generates an aura of horror and confusion, perhaps an interpretation of childbirth or the years that immediately follow, with shades of orange, black and yellow. "Easter Morning, 1979," also utilizes darker tones, particularly red. The vertical green scratches on this work could be blades of grass, which would be in line with a seemingly festive array of people and birds. Better yet is "Neptune's Orgy, 1975," Bluhm's most soothing work on view, with creamy configurations of blue, white and black.

"Seven From the Seventies," on exhibition through Oct. 10, is a short lesson in art appreciation, courtesy of Norman Bluhm. One need not understand the connection between titles such as "Romulus and Remus, 1979" or "Pygmalion, 1979" and Bluhm's abstract execution respectively. These are events seen through his eyes, and we need not cast a vote of approval, but merely deliberate.

—Alan Gebick

PREVIEW



Neil Simon's "The Gingerbread Lady" opens tomorrow night at the Fine Arts Center and runs through Aug. 5 as part of this summer's American Theatre Festival at Stony Brook. Joy Franz, Rita Gardner, Wesley Shipp, Peter J. Saputo and Debbie Silver are featured in this story of a pop singer who falls on hard times. For ticket information, call the box office at 246-5678.



Photo by Michael Shavel/Courtesy Theatre Three
"Razzle Dazzle," a new musical review at Griswold's Cabaret, 412 Main St. in Port Jefferson, welcomes the audience every Friday and Saturday at 10:30 PM to the music of John Kander and Fred Ebb, whose credits include the Broadway shows "Chicago" and "Cabaret." Pictured above are (left to right) Tony Butera, Brent Erlanson and Carolyn Droskoski. Reservations are suggested. Call 928-9205.



Photo courtesy NBC
Loni Anderson (left) and Lynda Carter, two of television's most glamorous performers, star as owners of a private investigation agency willed them by the man to whom both had been married, in a new mystery-comedy series "Partners in Crime," part of NBC's recently-announced 1984-85 prime-time schedule, to be telecast Saturdays 9-10 PM.

The Healthy Torture

By Barry Kaplan

The health professions are very important to people in their everyday life. The last thing that I would ever want to do is belittle them. I do feel, though, that there are certain things about visiting a doctor or dentist that really seem ridiculous.

The all-too-familiar music is being pumped in through invisible speakers. You have heard this same music at least four times already today. When you went to the barber, when you went to the shopping mall, in the elevator of the department store, and now at your dentist's office.

The *Boy's Life* magazine from August 1976 just does not interest you. Damn, all the hidden pictures in *Hilights* magazine are done. The article in *Newsweek* about Henry Kissinger becoming Secretary of State is slightly outdated. Finally you resort to mindlessly thumbing through an old *Sports Illustrated*. Suddenly, that horrible sound comes through the nurse's office and directly into your ears. The sound of that drill grinding away at some poor slob's teeth makes you squirm in your seat. A strange dry feeling soon develops in your mouth.

You can just picture yourself getting into that chair. The nurse steps on the pedal, and you are rising higher and higher. Ever closer to that strangely shaped light that looks

a little like the head of a giant preying mantis. The paper apron is clipped around your neck so that you do not bleed and drool all over yourself.

Moments later, that tube is hanging out of your mouth, making a gurgling and sucking sound. The ever-flowing whirlpool sink sits on your left, waiting to receive gobs of blood, pieces of old food, and bits of tooth. In front of you sits the tray of

'Damn, all the hidden pictures in Hilights magazine are done'

diabolical, shiny, silver, pointy sharp tools of torture. And how about those stupid X-rays? Don't you hate the taste of those hard cardboard pieces that the dentist shoves into your mouth? Of course there is always that dentist's office smell. As long as you live, you will never forget it. We have all been in a situation where we have said "That smells like a dentist's office."

The next time that you go to any health professional, watch for strange occurrences. Doctors are OK, but sometimes they are a real pain to go to.

Join VDRP: Patrol for Safety

The Volunteer Resident Dorm Patrol (VRDP) was formed in the Fall of 1980 under the guidance of four Stony Brook students living in Kelly Quad; this was a highly crime-ridden area at the time.

This student patrol began in Kelly "C" with many of the residents volunteering to take two to four hour shifts per week. This idea was a good one because students patrolling prevented a burglary and others guarding the entrances were able to stop non-residents from entering the building, which decreased the amount of vandalism to the dorm. The other buildings in the quad were encouraged by the success of the Kelly "C" patrol (KCP) and began organizing ones in their own buildings.

Approximately one year later the buildings came together under the direction of Steve Cohen, who had first formed the KCP. Cohen worked with Public Safety officials to acquire necessary equipment, i.e., radios, flashlights and an office in Kelly "C" to run the new unit. Later the unit extended patrols to the rest of the quads on campus.

With the expansion of the Dorm Patrol and the increasing number of patrollers there was a need for larger office space to keep the unit well-organized and help in the reduction of crime. So, in fall 1982 with the support of the university administration two offices, desks and other administrative equipment were provided to the Dorm Patrol on the fourth floor of the Old Physics building.

Unfortunately, after the unit was pro-

vided with more equipment and office space, it did not get any more volunteers. Now the unit was responsible for a larger area with a smaller proportion of patrols. This means the VRDP cannot be totally efficient, and as a result can't provide you, the campus community, with the same level of safety that there was before.

In addition to our need for patrollers in the dorm, VRDP is also called upon to provide security for special events, rallies and parties. This gives patrollers the opportunity to patrol areas where they will be able to interact with other people while still performing a valuable and necessary service to the campus community.

Because of the nature of the time patrollers give to the organization, Dorm Patrol has a third room in which they may study, converse with other members, or just simply relax before or after their patrol shifts. For their convenience the lounge has a continuously brewing coffeepot and a very flexible atmosphere which can be used for training or recreational purposes.

Dorm Patrol will be in full operation during the summer session, and we urge you to come by and fill out an application for summer, fall 1984 operations in room 411 of Old Physics and become a member of this dedicated and trusted unit. For more information, call 246-8634 or 246-8308.

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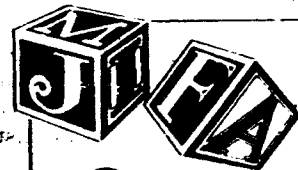
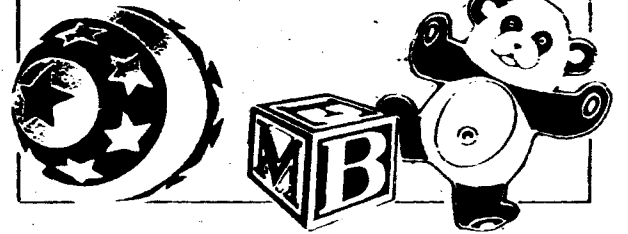
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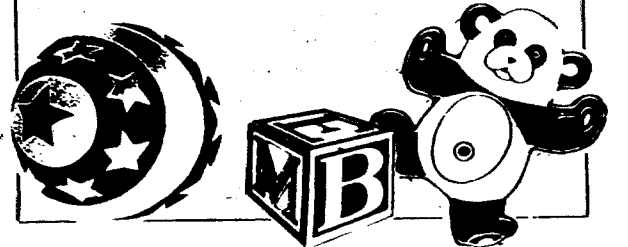
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Softballers Make Way to Playoffs

By Jim Passano

The summer softball season is in full swing with some powerhouse action on the part of several of the 21 teams in the two division league.

The National League, who played first this week, has six teams in the 10-team makeup with potential to take first place. Sitting at the top of the mountain as of Tuesday was Moseley's, sporting a nearly perfect record with 12 victories and only one loss. Following Moseley's is Blood and Guts, the medical school team, which boasts a 10-3 overall record and is only two games out of first with seven games remaining. Station Deli isn't far behind with their 10-4 won-loss total. This leaves them 2½ games out of first place.

It gets really tight after the top three: the next three teams are within one game of each other. Taking the fourth place spot on the charts is Roach Motel, composed of Residence Life employees. They are 8-5-1, and one of two teams with a "tie" notation tacked onto their records. The English Department

Dharma Bums are out by 4½ games. They stand at 7-6. The B.H. Surfers, the other team with a tie are in sixth place at 7-6-1.

The remaining teams in the league have at least 10 losses, with the closest team being 8½ games out with seven to go. While none can mathematically win the division, there is always the possibility that these teams will have a decisive say in who is at the top in a week.

The Americans, with some real heavy hitters, also has a heated July race. On top, in gray and maroon, Total Tee is very impressive at 14-1 at the close of American League games this week. Admin, 12-3 in second place has a half game advantage over Biochem at 12-4. Ecology and Evolution has a good hold on fourth at the moment, a 1½ game lead over the 9-6 Commuters. ESS despite a respectable 8-7 record really doesn't appear to be able to move ahead of the front runner, with five games left, they and the other remaining five teams could have a very big effect on softball in August.



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A Moseley's player slides in safely at home during a game last week against the Transition Mets.

Patriots Set to Play Football in Fall

The Stony Brook Patriots football team will open its 1984 schedule with a night game Friday, Sept. 14, at Hofstra University, which was ranked No. 3 nationally in Division III last year.

The schedule, said Paul Dudzick, director of men's athletics at Stony Brook,

reflects Stony Brook's commitment to upgrade football. The 1982 team was the last to play a full slate of club teams. Last fall, the Patriots had four club games and five in Division III. This year, Stony Brook has scheduled only one club game, and its 1985 schedule

will have none, he said.

By playing seven Division III teams this season, the Patriots will qualify for the first time to have their individual and team statistics recorded by the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). The 1984 schedule now has

three home games and five away. The Hofstra and Trenton State (Oct 5) games will both be played on Friday nights under lights.

New Division III teams this season are Hofstra and two Massachusetts teams—Lowell University and Fitchburg State. Also new on the schedule is a club team; also from Massachusetts: Stonehill College.

Worcester State, a perennial power in the NCAA, which governs club football, will not be playing Stony Brook this season as previously planned. As of yet Stony Brook has no new contract for the Sept. 22 home game.

There are three teams returning from the 1983 schedule. SUNY/Maritime, with which Stony Brook has a 7-2 won-loss record over the years. Second is Ramapo, which holds a 4-2 series lead. Trenton State, which defeated Stony Brook last year in their first encounter, is also slated.

Sam Kornhauser, the new head coach at Stony Brook, will meet candidates for the team at the opening practice Aug. 20. Kornhauser has been working with his Assistant Coaches and has discovered he has 80 possible candidates for 1984 including many returnees from last year.

He said he feels "optimistic" about the coming season, and that the team will do well if they can fill the voids in the lineup created by players who are not returning to the university in the fall.

Fri.	Sept. 14	7:30	at Hofstra University
Sat.	Sept. 22	1:00	To be announced
Sat.	Sept. 29	1:00	at Lowell University
Fri.	Oct. 5	8:00	at Trenton State
Sat.	Oct. 13	1:00	SUNY/Maritime (Homecoming)
Sat.	Oct. 20	1:00	Stonehill (club)
Sat.	Oct. 27	1:30	at Ramapo
Sat.	Nov. 3	1:00	at Brockport
Sat.	Nov. 10	1:00	Fitchburg