

Shock Victim Dies of Heart Failure

By Howard Saltz

The Stony Brook student who went into a coma after receiving an inoculation for hay fever at the university's Infirmary died yesterday of heart failure, according to a spokesman for University Hospital.

Sharon Grossman, 20, passed away quietly at about 6 AM, according to the hospital's spokesman, Jim Rhatigan. She never regained consciousness after going into anaphylactic shock on Oct. 6.

The case has been referred to the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's office, which is "typical in any unexpected death," Rhatigan said. He also said that an internal investigation, conducted by

the president's office, has determined nothing conclusive. That investigation, which has already covered the time sequence, chronology and other details of the incident, has not found anything improper, he said. A final report is pending.

However, the program of administering allergy injections has been suspended at the Infirmary pending the outcome of the university's investigation, although the hospital is still giving them. According to Rhatigan, it is "hard to say" if the injections will resume at all at the Infirmary. That will be a decision of the administration, he said.

The doctor who administered Gross-

man's injection, Dr. John Mehrling, has left the Infirmary by mutual consent. "I would suspect that he would not be involved in student health care again," Rhatigan said.

Mehrling, a Port Jefferson immunologist who had been working at the Infirmary for 18 years, had been treating Grossman for some time, but this was the first treatment from a particular batch of serum. That batch has since been locked up, pending an analysis by an off-campus lab, said James Black, vice-president for University Affairs.

Grossman, a junior computer science major from Queens, was in a coma and

listed in critical condition since collapsing in the Infirmary shortly after the injection. She had been kept alive by a respirator since then.

Though "the reaction was more than likely the result of the inoculation," Rhatigan said, officials do not believe it was caused by any impropriety. "Anaphylactic shock is an extremely tragic complication of a routine inoculation," he said. "It's not unheard of, but it is a complication which does occur."

Alan Kaplan, director of allergy and rheumatology at the hospital put the chance of developing anaphylactic shock at "one in a million, or a billion."

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Polity Council Chides Judiciary

Referenda Revote Wednesday; Freshman Representative to be Elected

"Every year the election is invalidated," Polity President Jim Fuccio said at an emergency Polity Council meeting Friday. "Once a year the judiciary is given incredible power, and this is the one chance they have to use it," he said.

The first motion at the meeting was made by Polity Treasurer Chris Fairhall. The council, in this motion, on the advice of the Polity attorney, directed the Polity Election Board to count the ballots cast for all referenda in last week's election "that the Polity Judiciary, in a remarkable display of judicial ineptitude, invalidated," Fairhall said. The second motion states that the results be announced.

Referenda that would have funded intercollegiate athletics through 1985 and the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) through 1983 were invalidated last week by the Polity Judiciary according to Election Board Co-Chairman Jim Burton because Election Board rules say that referenda must be advertised.

The referenda will be voted on again with runoffs for freshman representative and Hendrix College Senator Wednesday from 10 AM to 8 PM in the following locations: Commuters, either the Lecture Hall, Stony Brook Union or South P-Lot; Stage XII and Kelly residents, in Kelly Quad cafeteria; Stage XVI residents near the quad office; and residents of Tabler, Roth G and H quads, in the respective building offices.

The referenda will read:

● Do you wish to increase the Activity Fee of each student \$2.10, effective the Spring 1982 semester, and to fund the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) at the rate of \$2.10 per student per semester during the Spring, 1982, Fall, 1982, Spring, 1983 and Fall, 1983 semesters?

● Do you wish to increase the Activity Fee of each student \$3.40, effective the Spring, 1982 semester, and to allocate \$3.40 per student as additional funding to the 17 Women's and Men's Intercollegiate (NCAA & AIAW) teams during the Spring 1982 semester only?

● Contingent upon an increase in the Activity Fee, effective the Spring 1982 semester, do you wish to allocate a total of \$5.00 per student, per semester to the 17 Women's and Men's Intercollegiate (NCAA & AIAW) teams during the Fall, 1982, Spring, 1983, Fall, 1983, Spring, 1984, Fall, 1984, and Spring 1985 semesters?

In addition, two questions will be placed on the ballots: Are you in favor of lengthening the semester?

If the semester is to be lengthened do you prefer to:

Start the semester before Labor Day and end

before Christmas, or

Start the semester after Labor Day, and return after Christmas vacation for finals?

The Judiciary's decision to invalidate the referenda was based on the complaint of two students, G. Brian Hutchinson and Mike Kornfeld, the latter of whom won a commuter seat in the Senate yesterday, who felt that "the voting students were unjustly deprived of their right to have all views expressed regarding the issues involved," because of a lack of proper notification, in Hutchinson's words. Students would not have the chance to effectively mount an opposition, he said, and the chances of a referendum passing are therefore great.

Kornfeld, in a letter to the Judiciary stating his complaint, wrote that "the lack of adequate notification of these referenda deprived students of their opportunity to hear both sides of the issue, and made intelligent voting virtually impossible."

"An informed electorate is essential if democracy is to function properly and to flourish. The Student Polity Association failed in its obligation, legal and moral, to inform the undergraduate student body of these referenda, effectively abridging students' democratic rights."

He added that "the process is wrong...my personal view of whether I'm for or against (the referenda) doesn't matter."

Polity President Jim Fuccio, who argued against invalidating the referenda, said, "I felt that adequate notice was given."

NYPIRG Project Coordinator Jim Leotta questioned the Judiciary's decision, saying that "...the Judiciary and the Election Board both voted to invalidate the referendum, even though it could only hurt NYPIRG...They said that in order to protect NYPIRG they invalidated the referendum - over NYPIRG's protests."

Men's Athletic Director, John Ramsey, said that with this stabilized funding base that would come from the referenda, the athletics programs could be upgraded to include entrance for some teams into Division III competition, more scheduled games, better equipment and adequate transportation. Ramsey said he feels that a better sports program would benefit all students at Stony Brook. "Outstanding academics and outstanding athletics are compatible," he added.

The athletic department received \$58,000 from Polity this year, a \$10,000 cut from last year. This cut-back, coupled with inflation has hindered the growth of intercollegiate athletics at the university, Ramsey



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said, as well as the ability of existing intercollegiate teams to compete with teams from other schools. Student funding currently provides about one-fourth of the support of the athletics programs. According to Ramsey, this funding is crucial to the programs. "It pays for all the expenses involved in intercollegiate competition, such as uniforms, supplies, insurance, entry fees, administrative dues and some transportation," Ramsey said.

Kornfeld, however, feels that additional money should not be given to intercollegiate athletics but suggests instead to increase money directed to intramurals because more people can participate.

"Basically," Kornfeld said, "I feel that intercollegiate athletics should be funded by the university and not by the student activities fee."

"Chancellor's and Polity Guidelines stipulate that all activities funded by the mandatory activities fees must be open to all undergraduates," he said. "When students are denied the right to play on a team and the right to hire and fire coaches, the intent of Polity, not to mention students' rights, are being violated."

Runoffs

In the race for freshman representative O'Neill resident Belina Anderson will meet Benedict resident Joy Ann Sopio.

In addition, one race for building senator will be decided. In Hendrix College, write-in candidate Felipe Paredes, with 34 votes, and Andrea Georges, with 27, will vie for the seat in that building.