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# 'Leave Us Alone'



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Muhammad addressing more than 250 people last night in the Union.

*Muhammad defends racism charges; preaches black nationalism*

**By Ary Rosenbaum**  
 Statesman Assistant Editorial Page Editor

**B**lack Moslem speaker Khallid Abdul Muhammad defended himself against charges of racism and anti-Semitism in a speech last night in the Student Union.

"I didn't come to teach hate," Muhammad told an audience of about 250 people. "I've come to teach my people to love."

Muhammad, national assistant to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, made a speech on campus last year which was protested by students who charged the black speaker with racism and anti-Semitism. Last year, the Hillel Student Club organized a rally before Muhammad's speech. This year, Hillel was among 25 student organizations that conducted a barbecue to promote diversity and to divert attention from the event. Muhammad made reference to the barbecue, saying "Every time I come, you should have a barbecue, it's in the sauce," he said. Muhammad spoke on Rodney King and the Los Angeles riots. He felt that the riots were acts of rebellion, rather than riots. He added that the King verdict was not justified. Muhammad compared the attack of King with that of Reginald Denny, the white truck driver whose attack was televised nationally. "Reginald Denny for Rodney King," he said. "What goes around, comes around."

Muhammad said that he wants the creation of a nation for African Americans. "We have a right to seek a nation of our own. White people have a nation. We have a right to freedom and independence," he said. Muhammad explained that if his people get their own nation, they would leave white people alone. "We don't want to rule you. That would be racist," he said. "We don't

want to oppress you. We want to be just left alone."

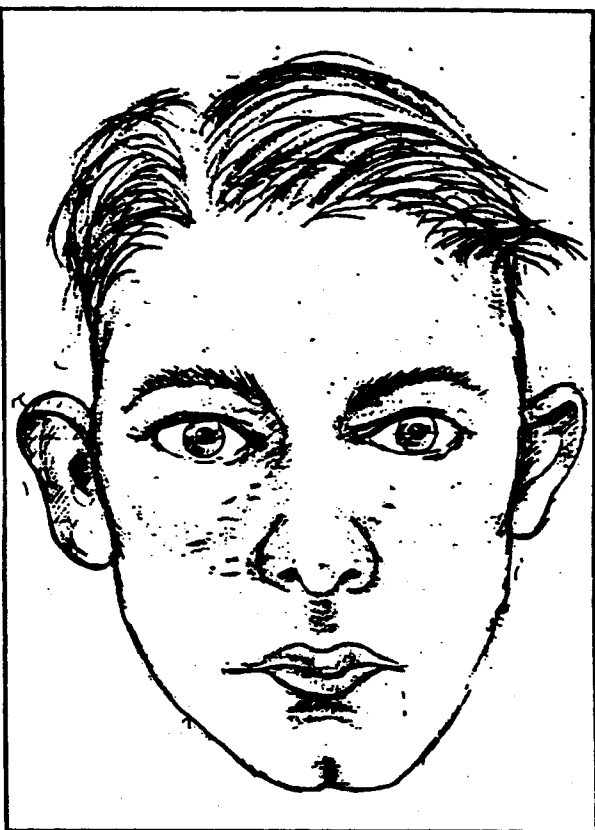
Some of those attending the speech felt that the barbecue wasn't representative of the entire campus community. "This program of diversity is nothing but a farce," said Solomon Moor, coordinator of Muhammad's speech. "I don't see any diverse clubs in this," he said. Muhammad agreed, saying that Hillel should not protest his presence. "We don't look into Hillel and raise hell," he said. "The Nation of Islam has never desecrated a synagogue or Jewish burial grounds," said Muhammad. "You still come up to us and protest us like sissies."

The only opposition to Muhammad's speech was organized by the College Republicans, who handed out and posted flyers that branded Muhammad as a racist. "We're against the fact that our student government is funding racist and anti-semitic speakers," said College Republican Vice President Frank Rustyak.

***"We have a right to seek a nation of our own. White people have a nation."***

**— Khallid Abdul Muhammad**

# Public Safety seeks campus bias attacker



Public Safety sketch of man suspected of bias attack on female student.

By Rose Chan  
Statesman Staff Writer

A female student was assaulted and verbally abused by an unidentified male recently. The incident, which occurred at around 9 p.m., took place in the breezeway between the Psychology A and B academic buildings.

According to Public Safety, the man walked up to the woman and cursed at her, grabbed her arm and punched her in the face several times. "He made rude remarks about her gender," said Lt. Doug Little, a Public Safety spokesman.

The incident was believed to be caused by what the attacker thought was the victim's sexual preference. "He called her a dyke," said Little. The victim's name is not being released.

Members of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance were surprised about the nature of the incident. A member of the group who wanted to be known only as Denise said feels that the assailant was taking his anger out on all women by attacking the girl. "She didn't fit his stereotype of what a woman should be," she said.

During the attack the victim suffered a laceration to her upper lip, said Little. She managed to escape and ran to the main library to call for assistance as her attacker fled towards the woods behind the Educational Communications Center.

The woman described her attacker as a caucasian male with short, blond hair that was shaved on the sides. He is believed to be between 5-foot-9 and 5-11, with no facial hair. Although she was not positive, the victim

*"He made rude remarks about her gender."*

— Public Safety spokesman Doug Little

believes that he has blue eyes. He was last seen wearing ripped jeans, a blue denim jacket, and white, high top sneakers.

According to Little, the victim smelled alcohol on the assailant's breath. "The woman believes that he may have been under the influence of alcohol," he said. "She noticed that his speech was slurred when he yelled at her."

Public Safety is asking anyone who has witnessed this incident or has information which may lead to the identification of the man to contact them. Lt. Joseph Verfenstein, who is heading the investigation, said they are still searching for the attacker. "We are actively investigating this case and are hopeful in finding the assailant," he said.

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# Students speak out for Bosnian victims

By Jordan S. Shein  
Statesman Staff Writer

A speak out protesting the rape of Bosnian women, children and war victims was held yesterday during Campus Life Time in the Fine Arts Plaza. The rally, which was organized by the Students Organizing for the Systematic Treatment and Empowerment for Rape Survivors, was attended by more than sixty people.

The key speaker, Alma Musanovic, 23, gave a personal account of her situation and told the audience about her experiences in escaping from Bosnia. Musanovic, who is a graduate from the University of Sarajevo, was in Bosnia last April when the war broke out. She survived eight months of shelling and managed to escape the following November via the Red Cross Convoy. Since then, Musanovic has been attending the Foreign Fellow Program at Mt. Holyoke College and traveling around the country telling about her situation.

University President John Marburger, who also spoke, condemned the murder and rape of Bosnians. "It's incomprehensible to us and yet we see it happening each day," he said. He called the situation a "destruction of people and values." Marburger encouraged the protesters. "I hope that this effort can continue until the acts that we deplore have stopped," he said.

According to Rabbi Joseph Topek, director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, more needs to be done for the victims. "We're all very distressed by what has been a truly inadequate response," he said. Topek linked the situation in Bosnia to the Holocaust. "No one came to save my relatives from the Warsaw Ghetto or death camps," he said. "The victims of the Holocaust would be ashamed if we too remained silent."

Topek was not the only speaker who saw shades of the past in Bosnia. Professor Judith Wishnia of the Social Sciences Department, compared the Bosnian rape victims to other historical situations. "From The Odyssey to Vietnam to Bosnia [women have been raped during war]," she said. Wishnia pointed out that women whose rape resulted

in pregnancy have been detained in camps until it was no longer safe for them to have abortions.

"We're focusing on the matter of mass murder," said Shuva Paul, a member of SYSTERS. He said the purpose of the protest was to develop a group who will support the rape victims. "This is not just a forum for expressing outrage, this is a forum for rallying support around creat-

ing a concrete response." He said that response is "trying to create a permanent UN rape crisis mission."

In addition to the speakers, several of the rape victims' personal testimonies were read to the audience. Speakers also encouraged the people at the speakout to attend a rally for the victims that will take place on May 15 in Washington D.C.

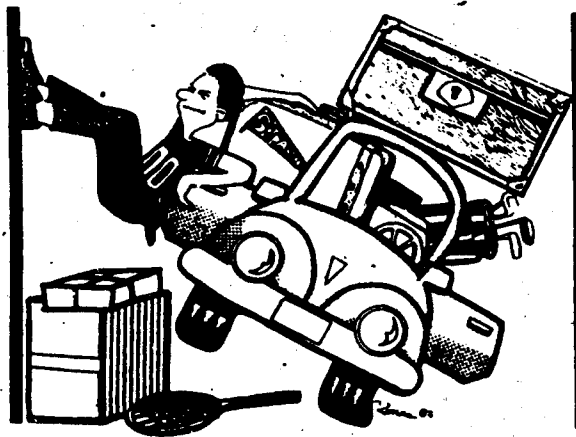


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## FUEL TO THE FIRE

A barbecue to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism was held last night in G Quad. The event, sponsored by 25 student organizations, was intended as an alternative to the Khallid Muhammad speech in the Student Union. More than 200 students attended the event, according to Ariel Geker, Hillel Student Club treasurer.

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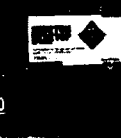
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# School's Image a Product of Indifference

**A**NOTHER SEMESTER HAS COME TO AN END. ANOTHER academic year has been sealed in the history books. So what does this school have to show for itself after this largely uneventful year? Not much. Just the usual occurred; and that translates into administrative sluggishness (e.g. arming), Polity ineffectiveness and downright obstinance, student alienation, and powder-puff evaluations which artfully mask a severe problem on this campus: We have a severe internal image problem.

Everybody here has undoubtedly been slighted by the school's way of doing business at least once in his stay here. Whether you are an administrator, student, or otherwise, there is at least one pet peeve you carry about how the school operates. More unfortunate souls who have a great interest in university affairs have been dealt a greater helping of frustration, many times swallowing it grudgingly, since there is little they think they can do to mitigate this frustration.

The consequences of this gross indifference on the part of many of the university's constituent bodies — students, faculty, administrative departments, and others — are severe. Morale drops, spirit wanes, burnout becomes a significant problem, and productivity either lessens or quality control is lost. Ask the average community member about how he feels this school is treating him. Chances are you will not get a fully positive reaction. Ask your friends about what they think of Stony Brook. Comical answers will be the kindest feedback you'd get in many cases.

How many times have you tried to debate a point, only to find yourself silenced by some overbearing soul looking to jam an agenda past you as quickly and cleanly as possible (look at Campus Residence's forced

consolidation policy, the merits of the Student Activity Fee, and how this football upgrade is becoming an "important" issue)? How many times have you tried to donate constructive criticism to some program on campus just to find yourself alienated by the rest of the group who seems to already have its agenda set, regardless of what is said against it? We are very uninviting to dissenting views.



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Adam Kaminsky

This is really sad. Items are put up to a straw vote just to make it look like all voices are heard. But of course, it is the common people, the outside observers, whose voices are ignored. This causes a terrible case of stagnation — of resentment, indifference, and downright contempt — in an institution which otherwise is a beautiful place in which to live, work, and study.

It is shameful to see such a vibrant community falling victim to such a waste of its energy. The entire system here has a lousy record at being attentive to the needs of its constituent departments. How can we possibly expect our community to have high spirit if all we do is shoot down any efforts made by our peers?

It is painfully easy to see why some students want to leave here as quickly as possible, without any ties to this university in the future (I am included in this camp). It is sickeningly obvious to see the frustration harbored by some departments on campus, like Public Safety, when a disinterested and ignorant executive branch represented by the President and the University Senate drag their anchor chains on making decisions vital to their well-being. It shows every time a student concern is thrown in the "circular file" (garbage, for the non-bureaucrat) because it doesn't pique the interest of the narrow-minded student government. And, worst of all,

*The university is shooting itself in the foot.*

it hurts when we then complain why we seem to be attracting the dregs of the applicant pools and find that it is difficult to find the more book-learned whiz-kid-type students. They are out there. They just know better than to subject themselves to the torture this university's system will put them through should they decide to study with us.

For four years, I have tried to extend my ideas to the university community. I never intended for anyone to agree with them fully. In fact, I encouraged people to disagree with me. The university is shooting itself in the foot with that mentality. Or does it really care? I am sure it does, but inertia, indolence, and tradition show otherwise.

I am out of here next Sunday. I will remember these as bittersweet times. May God be with you, for it was you who gave me the strength to write this column. You helped give me my weekly subjects. I meant to step on toes, but to only help open your eyes to another opinion. If I offended, it was your own doing, as my purpose was not to offend. If I enlightened even one person, my job is complete. Best wishes for the sincerest of luck in the future. Knowing this place and where it is headed, you will need it!

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# Editorial

## \$5G for Polity Retreat Was Unnecessary

The recession we are suffering through at present is affecting nearly every aspect of the private sector. All across the board, cuts are being made. Methods are being streamlined, and consumers are being far more frugal, knowing that what they spend today may not be replaced soon enough.

However, government bodies, from the federal level downward, seem to be loosening their belts. At the same time, we are paying more and more in taxes while receiving less in service, both in quality and quantity. The chorus of taxpayer complaints is largely ignored, especially after we've elected a national chief executive who plainly vowed to raise taxes.

Polity's situation is no different. They are throwing money around as if it were water. Each year, the student activity fee increases, and each year it seems as if that increase

is used to feed bloat.

An example of this is the recent retreat taken by the executive board and some invited guests. In all, about 20 people attended a three-day, \$5,000 all-inclusive meeting which was held at the Huntington Hilton.

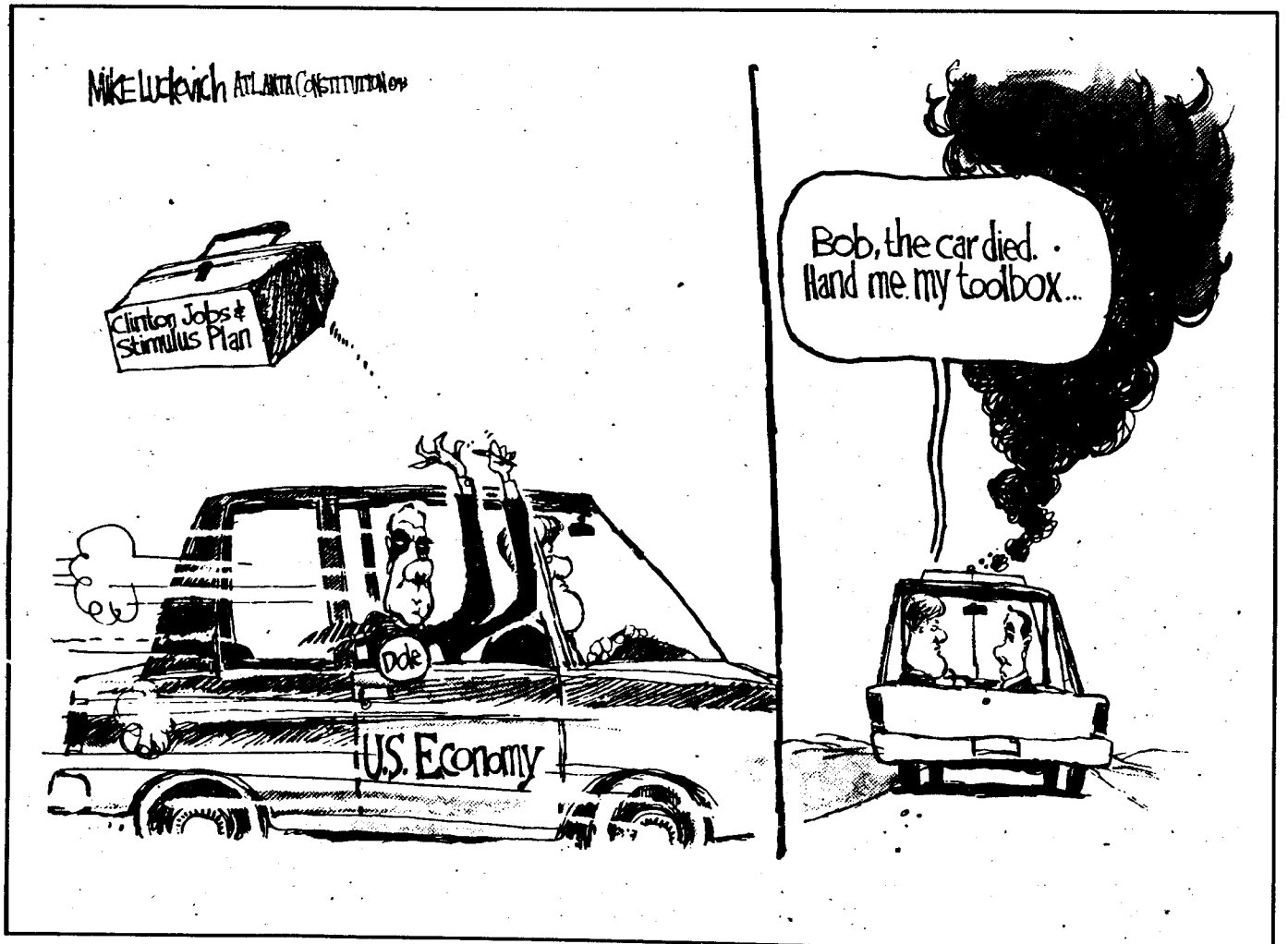
According to Jonathan Hanke, election board chair, the entire constitution was revised, the bylaws were reviewed, as were the structures of the various Polity departments. These included, among others, the Minority Planning Board, COCA, and the Student Activities Board. Other areas were addressed as well.

Whether or not all that was set out to be accomplished was actually discussed, the idea that \$5,000 was spent to do some simple brainstorming, which could have been done for nearly nothing by utilizing the many campus facilities available especially on weekends,

should make the common student body wince.

"A setting away from the regular setting allows people to forget their worries and focus on the matters at hand," claimed Hanke when confronted with this suggestion. A further explanation was, "[going to a different location] is something you do for retreats. It helps productivity."

We believe that such comments are a self-fulfilling prophecy. It justifies spending \$250 per person of other people's money to accomplish work which could have been done just as well had the participants relinquished tradition and excess comfort. Had they paid for this out of their own pockets instead of ours, we are sure they would have sought more modest means. After all, they, outside their posts at Polity, are victims of the recession as well.



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## Don't Marginalize Minorities

To the Editor:

The *Eagle's Eye* column on April 29, 1993 suffers from overwhelming ignorance. Adam Kaminsky misunderstands the true reason behind academic underachievement in America's schools, as well as the role of education for the diverse masses.

First, in Mr. Kaminsky's opening paragraph he writes that less than ten percent of fourth grade African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans can not do math at their grade level. The reason is not because schools recently began to utilize the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum and some other culturally diverse materials. Instead, the reason is that many of our country's schools have absorbed the racism of society. Schools are vehicles for the perpetuation and replication of race, class, and gender inequality. Also, if you look at the studies, the decline among not only children of color, but all children, has been long-standing, whereas, diversity oriented curriculum in schools is very recent. So, obviously, the latter did not create the former.

Secondly, Mr. Kaminsky misunderstands the purpose of education, leading him to believe there is something wrong with the classroom being all-inclusive in its curriculum. He writes, "...true education takes a back seat to being 'fair.'" "True education" is about fairness. The seats of our nation's classrooms are filled with students who are gay, bisexual, and people of color. Their education should indicate that their identities exist in history and are important. Also, the addition of such materials as the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum will serve to educate elementary school children to understand the diversity among them. Maybe such tools will help reduce the some 1,900 incidents of anti-gay violence reported in 1992, as well as other types of bias crimes.

Mr. Kaminsky suffers from a great case of heterosexism, racism, and homophobia. His column simultaneously places the multi-defined "mainstream" on a

pedestal, while screaming for the continuance of marginalization for people of color and homosexuals. He writes, "But the concerns and viewpoints presented by proponents are by no means mainstream, and shouldn't be imposed upon all students equally." He later adds, "Don't add another burden of having to discuss all viewpoints, however fringe they may be, just so another group can feel loved." He is suggesting that any topic that is not white and heterosexually oriented should stay in the closet and out of

the classroom. However, homosexuals and people of color are everywhere and won't be marginalized in the classroom, or anywhere else.

Teaching diversity is not the problem. Right-winged conservatism is. Stop looking through your white sheet, Mr. Kaminsky, and realize the importance of acceptance and understanding.

Aaron Swartz

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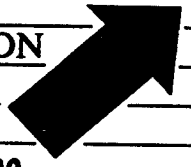
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# Graduating laxmen depart with pride

By Raby Sauer  
Statesman Associate Sports Editor

Over the past four years, the lacrosse program at Stony Brook has gone through many changes. In 1989, University President John Marburger moved Stony Brook lacrosse to become a NCAA Division I team. It was in this same year that 12 players began their college lacrosse careers. These teammates have now ended these careers going through many changes, as did their program.

The team moved from playing teams such as Manhattanville, Queens College, and other local Division III schools to competing up against the best in the nation such as North Carolina and Princeton, who Stony Brook played this season and who have finished first and second in the country, respectively. Four out of the 14 teams that the Patriots competed against this season are in the Top-20 and three are in the Top-10. One of the graduating seniors, John Schafer, believes that playing these top teams was the highlight of playing at Stony Brook. "The schedule we had was the best part of lacrosse - playing the best teams we could play," he said. "We get better every year and eventually we will be beating those teams."

Some of these players came to Stony Brook as freshman and although the team was Division I, it was playing the lower ranked teams with impressive winning records. The team is now playing schools that include the top scholarship players and it's expecting to lose. But this is what they are doing to gain recognition in the lacrosse community because they are not being torn apart by the competition in most cases.

Some of the players who transferred to Stony Brook say they came here for the lacrosse program. "So many people couldn't play at Stony Brook and [coach] John Espey kept in touch with his recruits. I would have the opportunity to be a part of athletics," said senior Mike Curatolo. "It was great to be a part of the beginning of the move." Joe Spallone agreed that lacrosse brought him to Stony Brook. "I wanted to play Division I lacrosse," he said. "Stony Brook had a really good schedule." Brady Clouser was



Graduating laxmen Louis Ventura, John Schafer, and Brady Clouser

Statesman / Chris Vacirca

also concerned with playing lacrosse but values what a Stony Brook diploma means. "I wanted to play Division I teams," he said. "I knew I could do that and get a decent degree at Stony Brook."

These seniors believe that in some ways being a laxmen has formed who they are and who they will be as they go into the world past college lacrosse. "I spent time to make myself a better player," said Paul Leva. "It took me four years to realize it, but in order to excel you must possess these traits of composure and relaxation." Lou Ventura agreed that the lacrosse helped him become a better person. "I had less time," he said. "I became more disciplined."

Many of these players expressed that the one thing

they will not miss about lacrosse is the hard core practices. "We would get up at 5:30 in the morning and run," said Curatolo. Coach Espey knows how to utilize time and space, according to the players, who said that bad weather would never even stop them. Whenever and wherever practices could be held they were. "There was a lot of running," said James Sommese. "It was mental and physical cruelty, but it made us competitive."

Although these seniors accumulated 135 of the 172 points earned this year, all of these now-alumni of the lacrosse program have faith in the success that the program will have in the future. "We are playing Top-5 teams," said Leva. "We really believe that no matter how bad we get beaten one day it's going to turn around."

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# Puswald leads runners to PAC title

By Mark Peterson  
Special to Statesman

Sophomore Claudia Puswald helped lead the women's track and field team to a first place finish at the Public Athletic Conference Championships at Kings Point on Saturday. Puswald finished first in the hammer throw (116'5") and second in both the shot put (33'75") and the discus (84'1"). Her throw in the hammer set a new university record, breaking her own record set earlier this year. For her performance, Puswald was named *Statesman* VIP Athlete of the Week.



Claudia Puswald

Last week at the Collegiate Track Conference Championship, Puswald finished second in the hammer throw, behind a Division II opponent from Southern Connecticut. She has done well in the hammer throw, but what's more impressive is the fact that this is a relatively new event for her. "I threw it once last year, sprained my ankle and was out for the rest of the season," said Puswald. "This year I think I've been doing really well. The shot put used to be my favorite, but I've fallen in love with the hammer throw."

Although she set a new university record last week, and has already qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday, Puswald tries not to look too far ahead. "I don't really set any goals,"

Puswald said. "Every meet I just try to do better than the previous one."

"Claudia has done a real nice job this season," said head coach Steve Borbet. "The ECACs will be a good challenge for her. It's a tough event at the ECACs."

Puswald has been to the ECACs before, but this is the first time in the hammer throw. "This is my fourth time, so I'm not really that nervous," said Puswald. "Basically we compete against the same people all season, so I should know some of the other girls."

"Claudia's been working hard, and she's really shown great improvement in the hammer [throw]," said assistant coach Bill Sholly. "She's going to have tough competition in the ECACs. There will be a lot of kids from New England, where the hammer throw is a big event. We're pleased that she qualified and hope she does well."

*"Every meet I just try to do better than the previous one."*

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# The Best of the Best

## Gill and Nikas top athletes

By Robyn Sauer  
Statesman Associate Sports Editor

With the passing of the sports referendum and a new dean of athletics, Stony Brook is well on its way to becoming an established athletic school to add to the scholastic reputation that it already possesses. Although the plans have not been completed, there is already many talented athletes and achievements on campus right now that should not be overlooked.

To celebrate the accomplishments of the athletes and the athletic program at Stony Brook, the annual athletic awards barbecue took place Monday. At the celebration, many awards were distributed to honor the winners.

The highest honor from the university in the sports community is the *Statesman* VIP Athlete of the Year title.

The selection committee always finds it difficult to pick out the three outstanding male and female contenders to select from because of their immense talent, but a harder decision is naming one of these finalists as a winner of the award.

Selected from the the female candidates of Julie Bonura of track and field, Joan Gandolf of women's basketball, and Stasia Nikas of women's volleyball, Nikas was the winner.

Roger Gill of men's track and field took home his honor after being selected from a group of male candidates that included Bruno Barbera of men's tennis, and Marc Danin of men's swimming.

Senior Nikas, of Bay Shore, won the award for her skills and efforts as a team leader. She was named team MVP and led the team to the state title. After winning the East regional, the team moved on to a third place finish at the NCAA championships. Nikas led her team in digs, kills, and aces all season long. She was also selected for the All-Northeast region and named to the all-tournament team at every tournament she competed in. In addition to being an AVCA first team All-America, Nikas was



Athletes of the Year Stasia Nikas and Roger Gill

named the Division III national co-Player of the Year.

Gill, who is presently a junior majoring in social sciences interdisciplinary studies, didn't even know that he was nominated until well after the fact. He balances track between his studies in his major, his minor of Africana Studies, being vice president of the Carrabbian Student Organization and taking part in the Young Black Leaders of America.

Coming from Thomas Edison high school in Queens, he knew that he would be running track after taking it seriously in his senior year. Gill believes that the sport has helped him in life. "I'm very competitive and track is challenging," he said. "I've

also matured through track." Gill will be returning next year and he has high hopes for the men's track team. "I want to see us win the ECACs again," he said. The team won the title in Gill's freshman year.

The season is not even over for Gill despite his setting of school records in the indoor 400 meter and the outdoor 4x200, 4x400, and sprint medley relays. Gill will be competing in the NCAA championships in the 400 and the 4x400 relay. Throughout the year, Gill was the ECAC Champion in the 400, 200 and 4x400 relay, for which he was named the ECAC MVP, his 4x400 team won first place in the Milrose Games, and lastly, he earned All-America honors at the NCAA championships.

## Coaches Tiso, Sansom named

Although players and coaches on the athletic teams at Stony Brook don't receive as much recognition for their efforts compared to other universities, every year there is a University at Stony Brook's Athletic Awards Barbecue to recognize individual efforts.

Many believe that a team can only be as good as its coach. It is for that reason that the award of *Statesman* VIP Coach of the Year exists for both a female and male coach.

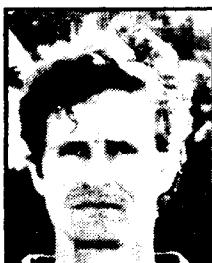
This award is not given to the coaches whose teams have had the most winning season, necessarily, but to the ones that the committee sees to contribute to the Division of Physical Education and Athletics, to their sport, and for their behind the scenes work. The selecting committee for these honors are members of the Division of Physical Education.

Volleyball coach Teri Tiso received this award for bringing her team to the most successful season in Stony Brook's athletics history. The volleyball team finished the season with a record of 37-4.

Men's soccer coach Nick Sansom also took home the Coach of the Year award for building his team up to a level of play that is respectable. Before Sansom arrived at Stony Brook the team's record was 2-15-1, but under his guidance, the team posted a 7-9-2 record, while competing against five Division I and II teams.



Teri Tiso



Nick Sansom

— Robyn Sauer

### PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

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