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ections Wednesday and Thursday Harris, Hicks Prepare to Battle for Presidency

Position: Polity President Candidate: Annette Hicks Age: 20 Status: Junior, Resident Major: English / Sociology



Annette Hicks

Hicks is the current Polity vice

She said that she firmly believes in student empowerment, that the best way to help someone is to give them the tools so that they can help themselves. She said that she has a

strong sense of responsibility, which is her source of motivation.

She said that the most important issues facing students are advocacy, communication and education. "I also think the students should decide what those issues are," she said.

Hicks said she wants to initiate education and recruitment campaign to encourage greater student participation in Polity. "I have an open door policy," she said. "[Students] can come straight to me and I can either help them or send them in the direction they could go,"

Hicks said that, if elected, she plans to survey students at the beginning of next semester to find out what issues they want addressed.

Hicks has been a member of the Gospel Choir, the Golden Key National Honor Society, the FSA Board of Directors; she has served as the public relations officer for the CSO and an orientation leader; she is currently a resident assistant.

"I think I am the only candidate that can successfully move Polity forward," she said. "I am most experienced, dedicated and understand that my role would be public servant."



Sean Harris

Position: Polity President Candidate: Sean Harris **Age: 23** Status: Junior, Resident Major: Political Science and History

Polity Senator Sean Harris wants to increase the involvement and voice of students and make Polity work for them. He also wants to bring back concerts with festival seating to USB and increase cooperation between clubs and SPA.

Harris thinks that the most important issues facing students are getting classes in order to graduate on time and improving life on campus. He plans to address this by increasing the numbers of sections for the most popular classes and increasing the number of concerts on campus.

Harris wants to utilize the media to educate the students of Stony Brook about the issues that face them and how they can get involved with them. He wants the students to know what the \$1.4 million in student activity fees that students pay is going towards.

Harris is running for the position of president because he believes that the current Polity administration is not working, and by being put back into office, it would still not work for the students. "By accepting the position of the representative for all 15,000+ students, I have chosen to be there to address each and every student," Harris said.

Harris would like to expand SAB by increaing its budget and its function. He wants to work with the executive director to get concerts back on campus. He would also like to plan trips off campus for students to places such as Great Adventure, museums and other places of

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estions Surface About

By Alexandra Cruz Statesman Editor

Last month, two students filed a grievance against the math department claiming that the course that they had taken the previous semester, MAT 123, was conducted in a poor manner.

Joseph Stallone and Sean Eccles, both freshmen, took the mathematics course and were dismayed with the way the course was handled. They said that the course was difficult and that when they sought out help they said it was either conflicting or not given at all.

When they received their final grades last semester they both recieved F's. According to data recieved from University records Stallone and Eccles were not alone. More than 24 percent of the students who took the MAT 123 course last semester failed it as well. When Bernard Maskit, the chairman of the mathematics department, was first asked about the distribution of the grades he said that he was unfamiliar with the grades and would have to look further into to decide whether or not he felt the distribution was unfair.

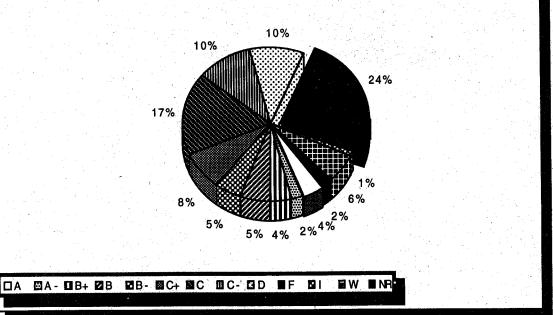
When Maskit was asked again, a week later, if he thought the distribution of grades was unusual, he said that only "22 percent of the students who took the course failed." He also said that courses tend to vary. In some, he said he had seen high amount

of failures and in others he had seen few.

In other words one out of every four students who took MAT 123 last fall failed it. On the other end of the scale, only ten percent of those who took the course recieved a grade between an A and a B+.

In some sections the percentage of students who failed the course was over the average. In one section in particular, there were over 56 percent of students who failed the course.

Overall only 4 percent of all students who took the course last See MATH, Page 16



The above graph shows the final grades given to students in MAT 123 last semester.

Graph by Tom Flanagar

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Polity Candidates Debate in Fireside Lounge

Statesman Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 20, Polity Executive Council candidates debated in front of a sparse crowd in the Fireside Lounge. Dwight Bartley was the moderator for the debates, and Blackworld editor-in-chief Laurestine Gomes and former Statesman editor-in-chief Robyn Sauer were the panelists.

The debates opened with the Secretarial debates, with David Shashoua and Lisa Mather.

OPENING STATEMENTS

David Shashoua: Highlighted experience within the Student Polity Association as a Polity Senator for three years, the last two as Senate Secretary.

Lisa Mather: Sees herself as a "fresh face" would be an "asset" to Polity. Highlighted experience as IFSC Secretary for the past semester. Believes role of Secretary is "more than just minutes;" entailing student awareness through the Public Relations Committee.

NEW IDEAS FOR SECRETARY

Shashoua: Would utilize Polity newsletter to inform people outside of Polity. Specifically, advocated use of not just Statesman but also other various publications, like The Stony Brook Press, and Blackworld.

Mather: Would enhance student involvement by making publicity "greater, larger, and louder." Establishing guidelines for advertising. Would work directly with organizations to coordinate publicity.

EXPERIENCE WITH DIVERSITY

Shashoua: Joked that as a Jewish Republican, he is himself underrepresented, but did not mention any real experience.

Mather: Worked with (unspecified) underrepresented organizations through IFSC, helping them write proposals for different events to help promote their causes.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Shashoua: Despite "not [being the] most articulate person," felt he was the more qualified candidate. Compared Polity Secretary to Secretary of State, except instead of nations, he would bring various organizations together.

Mather: As Secretary, her role would be to get the campus involved. Reiterated her active role in public relations in the Stony Brook community.
THE WOMEN WHO WOULD BE VICE-PRESIDENT

OPENING STATEMENTS

Laura Pace: As freshman representative, she has served on the Board of Directors of FSA. Emphasized importance of holding people accountable to the students. Also on the Board of Directors of SASU. Defined herself as a "student advocate" as opposed to a politician.

Nicole Rosner: Highlighted active role

has done as freshman rep.

Rosner: The Freshman Representative entails two basic things: chairing the Blood Drive and the Freshman Committees. Last year's blood drive was the most successful ever at Stony Brook; the Freshman Committee allowed freshman to get involved, voice their concerns, and become effective student leaders. Additionally, she started the Race Relations Committee and organized a forum to join the community together.



Sean Harris and Annette Hicks trade views on the issues in the Fireside Lounge Thursday. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF VICEin her two years at Stony Brook: as

Freshman Representative, she chaired the Blood Drive and Race Relations Committees; as Sophomore Representative, she has served as a member in the University Senate and the Undergraduate Council. She chairs the Voter Registration Committee, and also participated in the Polity Executive Director search.

THE FRESHMAN (REP) EXPERIENCE

Pace: Has kept SUNY accessible though SASU for new freshmen, has worked for students at Stony Brook though the Dining Service Committee, the Undergraduate Project Steering Committee, and the President's Task Force on Education and Teaching. Felt her efforts against tuition increases were the most important thing she PRESIDENT (VIS-A-VIS SENATE)?

Rosner: Would seek a more specific agenda with more speakers from the campus community and beyond, particularly administrators, so that the Senate can directly show their concerns.

Pace: Senate should take a stand for the student body, and it needs to pass legislation to address students' concerns. Would also work closely with SASU.

COUNCIL + SENATE = UNITY?

Nicole Rosner: Council should not have voting privileges are ended in Senate; otherwise the Council seems to have more power. The Senate also needs a non-partisan Parliamentarian. Issues need to be addressed to both bodies, and legislated "upon the same information."

Laura Pace: Most important thing is to educate Senators and students on how Polity works so they don't lose interest. A lot of time is wasted in Senate because Senators do not sufficiently understand parliamentary procedure. Council members should be allowed to vote in Senate since they are elected to be student advocates.

CURRENT STRUCTURE VS. PROPOSED STRUCTURE

Laura Pace: "I think that the structure we have now definitely need change, but I think we rushed in putting out a referendum." Raised apprehensions about freshman involvement under proposed structure. Even with a fully informed student body, feels referendum would not have passed.

Nicole Rosner: The referendum was meant to "clarify, not restructure" Polity; students hold student leaders accountable. Freshmen would still have a committee to allow involvement and support. Feels that those who worked against the referendum could have better directed their energies toward educating students.

MULTICULTURALISM

Nicole Rosner: Would focus on communication to raise awareness. Suggested that Polity hold a block party early in the year, have all organizations attend, making a "great way for everyone on this campus to come together."

Laura Pace: The most important thing is educating "our different communities as to what our other communities are." Budget cuts, for instance, affect all students. As Vice-President, would also seek to diversify Senate.

NUMBER TWO PROBLEM AT STONY BROOK?

Laura Pace: Even \$400-500 is a lot, since students will still not be able to come back to campus, and departments and student services would be cut. Did not specify any problems that were not budget-related.

Nicole Rosner: It would be hard to say now, but noted that the structure and procedures need to be more effective. Ways have been found, like the ways in which contracts and purchasing equipment is done. Also, communication between Polity, students, and clubs need improvement, since "many people don't know what Polity is and what it can do for them."



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CLOSING STATEMENTS

Nicole Rosner: Reiterated the need for more communication with students. Having "climbed up the Polity ladder" for two years, she has been in contact with different aspects of Polity and the University, making her more than qualified to be Vice-President.

Laura Pace: Wants to educate students as to how Polity works and what they can do to change things for the better. This would get more people involved, and achieve continuity in Polity.

Finally, the "crème de la crème," as Bartley put it, took the floor: Sean Harris and Annette Hicks.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Sean Harris: Polity is an overpoliticized body. Wants to bring Polity to the students, through increased involvement, better use of SAB, making SPA approachable, and increased cooperation between clubs within Polity. About the activity fee: "None of us see it in our daily lives."

Annette Hicks: Mentioned [general] involvement in organizations, academics, and athletics. As current Polity Vice-President, she has chaired the Senate as well as SAB, MPB, COCA, SPA Security, and the Leg President forum. Also brought up involvement Judiciary prior to being Vice President.

DIVERSITY AT USB

Annette Hicks: Noted that multiculturalism is a main part of her platform. Was a board member of a rebuttal by the moderator.

Carribean Students Organization in sophomore year; as Vice-President, has acted as a liaison to cultural groups on this campus, even those of which she was not "a direct member."

Sean Harris: Diversity is important, but "has not been represented on this campus." Feels concerts on this campus cater to the tastes of certain groups on campus, alienating many students.

rebuttals

Annette Hicks: Agreed that concerts were a point of contention on this campus, but that this issue has been adequately addressed by Polity.

Sean Harris was not offered a rebuttal by the moderator.

THE No. TWO PROBLEM

Sean Harris: Polity does not respond to students' problems; for instance, when Wagner College residents petitioned Polity for help with their squalid living conditions, Polity merely wrote a letter and nothing else. Also cited boredom on weekends as another important issue.

Annette Hicks: The Wagner College example was addressed Polity was involvedand that she and Crystal Plati drafted a resolution which was presented to Senate, thus making sure that this student concern did not go unheard.

rebuttals

Sean Harris: Mentioned importance of SASU, USSA, and NYPIRG in fighting budget cuts, tuition hikes, and other student

Annette Hicks was not offered

OUALIFICATIONS

Annette Hicks: Has worked with [unnamed] cultural, administrative, and academic agencies as a member of Council. Felt it was important to have already worked in the Council to work effectively.

Sean Harris: Gained leadership experience in the Army and wants to use it for Polity. In particular, Polity needed to work more as a team.

rebuttals

Annette Hicks: Conceded that leadership abilities can be acquired elsewhere, but emphasized the need for "knowledgeability of a specific

Sean Harris: In terms of understanding Polity, asserted that being a Senator he understands the structure and the by-laws by which Polity is run.

ATHLETICS

Sean Harris: Athletics and academics need to balanced at this university, and we must maintain our focus on academics.

Annette Hicks: Fully supports the move to D-II athletics, and has a lot of respect for the athletes on this campus. Student unity can be brough about by increasing spirit.

rebuttals

Sean Harris: Brought up the chaos that erupted in Senate when the athletic fee increase was brought to Senate, which he feels could have

Annette Hicks: Feels the meeting in question was "one of the

most progressive meetings of the semester."

WHAT CAN YOU SAY HAS BEEN A PROBLEM WITH POLITY?"

Annette Hicks: With all the negative press, rhetoric, and generalizations, the credibility of Polity has been hurt; yet there are never any specific allegations. Reminded Harris that as a member of Senate, and therefore Polity, he as much to blame as anyone else in

Sean Harris: Countered Hicks by noting his sponsorship of a motion that would have revoked the Council's voting privilieges in Senate. Asserted that there was no accountability in Council, and that he was indeed trying to rectify this.

IMPROVING COMMUTER

LIFE

Sean Harris: Berated SPA for not taking action to improve conditions in what he referred to as "South Crater Lot." Brought up issues that affect both commuter and resident students, like library hours, in particular the lack of availability of computers. Hopes to sit down with the appropriate people to hammer out solutions to such problems.

Annette Hicks: As an OL last summer, took a specific interest in freshman commuters. As President, would like to set up a commuter task force to address their concerns, and issue a full-scale survey to find out students' educational concerns.

CUTTING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Sean Harris: "Streamlining administrative costs is the first thing one does in a corporation." Sees (but did not elaborate on) a lot of redundancies in Polity administration, and would like to eliminate them.

Annette Hicks: The large amounts of money spent on administrative costs is "unfortunate," but cuts have not been feasible. Besides, a large amount of the administrative budget is paid out to students through stipends and

WINNING BACK STUDENTS

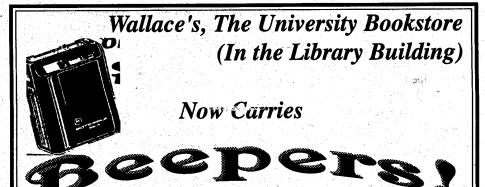
Sean Harris: Polity needs to be a more coherent organization. It also needs to increase student involvement, eliminate red tape, and more student-friendly in general. Bemoaned that there is no one from whom a student could find out exactly where to go for his or needs.

Annette Hicks: Denied that Stony Brook "sucks," noting that it had top professors, top students, and that it is considered a "best buy in college education." The school needs better spirit.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Annette Hicks: Read from onf of her flyers, giving "Top 10 Resaons to Vote For Annette Hicks."

Sean Harris: Challenged students to ask where their activity fee goes. Promised to make the activity fee "work for students." Implored those who were tired of the same old student government to vote, promising that activities such as concerts and trips off campus would be provided.



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interest

Harris ultimately wants to bring Polity to the students it serves. "[Just] because the students have been silents, this does not mean that we haven't been watching," he said. "It is our \$1.4 million and we demand that Polity starts working for us."



Nicole Rosner

Position: Vice President of Polity Candidate: Nicole Rosner Age: 19 Status: Sophomore, Commuter Major: Sociology

Her first year, Rosner served as Freshman Representative, Co-chair of the Blood Drive Committee and Chair of the Race Relations Committee. Her second year, she has been Sophomore Representative, Chair of the Voter Registration Committee, University Senator, member of the Undergraduate Council, the Polity Executive Director Search Committee and the Provost Search Committee.

Rosner said she would like to see more unity on campus. "We need to take more pride in Stony Brook and [I] want to encourage others to do the same," she said. "I would like Polity to be the uniting force that brings all of campus together - East and West."

Rosner plans to use "COMMUNICATION" to reach out to students, utilizing 3TV, WUSB, press releases, and hand-outs. She wants to get a television in the Polity suite that shows 3TV all day.

"I'm running [for vice president] because for the past two years I've been working hard to change Polity for the better," Rosner said. She said people should vote for her because she's dedicated, hard-working, knowledgeable and involved.

Rosner supports "one-stopshopping" in Administration, allowing students to take care of business at one time. She also supports procedures to allow Polity to run more efficiently.

"I would like to graduate from Stony Brook in two years and be able to have the satisfaction that I helped make a positive change for my fellow students and for the students of the future," she said.



David Samuel Shashoua

Position: Polity Secretary Candidate: David Samuel Shashoua

Age: 21 Status: Junior, Commuter Major: Political Science

Shashoua said that he plans to look at students' concerns and take these into consideration in order to best serve the students' interests.

He has been a senator since his freshman year, Senate secretary for two years and CSA acting secretary for one year. "I've never missed a meeting, unlike our current secretary [Shareen King]," he said.

Shashoua said his orientation is

Shashoua said his orientation is toward getting better respect for the Senate and the Judiciary so that the Council, the Senate and the Judiciary can work together smoothly. He also looks forward to working with the students on campus.

"My reflection of the duties of the Polity secretary is acting like the Secretary of State of Polity," he said. "Instead of dealing with foreign governments, you are dealing with clubs and organizations."

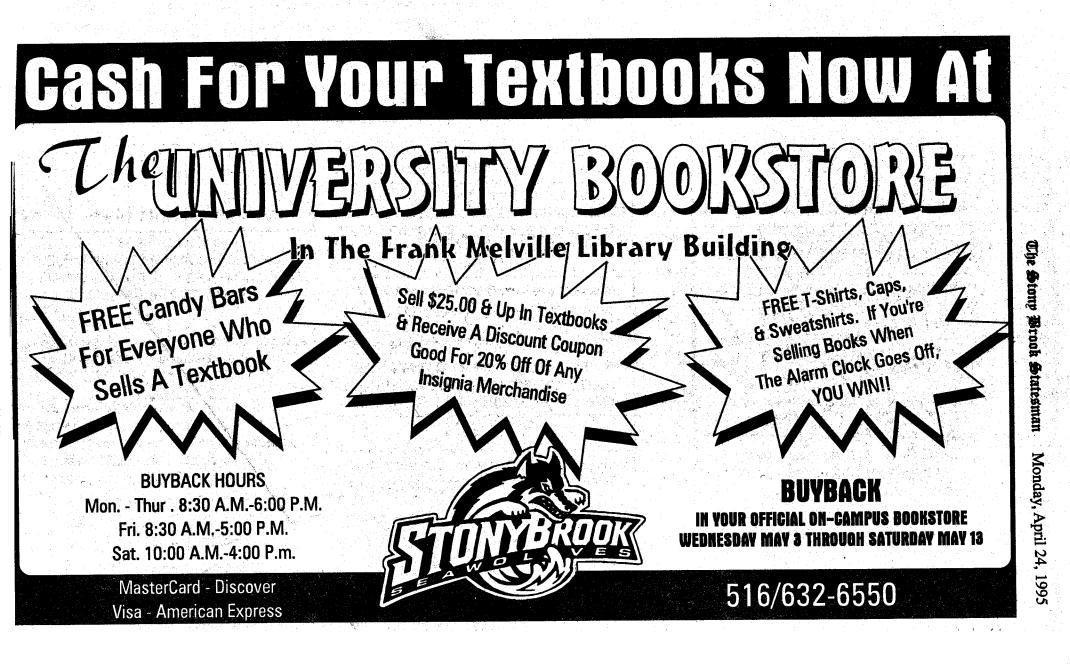
Shashoua said that, if elected, he would try to rewrite the Polity Constitution to make it more like that of the United States', with more authoritative checks and balances. He said the president of Polity should have the right, alone, to veto; the Council should not have the power to pass legislation; and the judiciary should not act as a prosecutor, but as a body of judicial review.

Shashoua said that he would continue to work on the issue of the bus fee, one that he has worked on since his freshman year. He also rails against the many fees - athletic, health, college, parking, cooking, activity - that the University "forces on us." He said that he would also like to reduce the "high administration salaries in the Polity suite."

"I'm looking out for the interests of the students and not for my own ego," he said.

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Who's Who: Candidates for the Polity Election

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Lisa Mather

Position: Polity Secretary Candidate: Lisa Mather **Age: 19** Status: Junior, Resident **Major: SSI**

Mather said that she sees a lack of communication between Polity and students; if elected, she said she would address this by making information more readily available to students so they could see their student activity fees at work.

She wants to use the Public Relations Committee to advance communication and interaction between the many organizations and students on campus. She said that she will reach out to commuters through the CSA and will actively seek out all outlets for public relations.

"I possess very good listening skills and will do my best to let the University community know that I am very approachable," she said. My office door will always be open to hear concerns, which I will collect and do my best to voice for my possible constituents.'

Mather stresses public relations. She said she would like to organize forums to hear what the various interest groups on campus have to say. She would also like to invite student organizations to attend Polity meetings so that they can see what is happening with their student activity

"I have enthusiasm, charisma and am extremely innovative," she said. "Your vote will be a vote for a person who will fight for your needs as a Stony Brook



Position: Senior Representative Candidate: Erika Abel Age: 20 Status: Junior, Commuter **Major: Biology**

President Erika Abel wants to unite "I truly enjoy working for students." the senior class by uniting campus organizations. She also wants to create student representation to the campus community. Abel said that she is running for the position of Senior Representatative because she enjoys working with students

Asked why juniors should vote for her, Abel responded, "Experience. I have worked on over 12 committees with many members of the campus community to try to change policies that affect students." She also cited many campus-wide events that she has organized, stating that she is "dedicated to working for students."

Abel said that in order to reach out to students, one needs to be accesible and take time to work with them - something that she said she has done in her position as CSA president. She said that the best way to help students is to "work until the job is done and they are satisfied with the response.'

Abel would like to recruit students to get involved in Polity. She wants to leave behind a legacy for next year's graduating senior class through a Senior Project of campus improvement.

The most important issue facing seniors, according to Abel, is life leading up to and after graduation. She would like to aid seniors in dealing with this day, and all the responsibilities it carries with it. To accomplish this, Abel would hold job fairs and an alumni lecture series.

Asked if there were anything that

Commuter Student Association she wants students to know, Abel said,



Brendan C. Heddle

Position: Junior Representative Candidate: Brendan C. Heddle

Age: 19

Status: Sophomore, Resident Major: Electrical **Engineering**

Heddle said he wants to organize a Junior Club that will sponsor job fairs, internships, study groups and skills workshops; a Junior Day that will consist of events and shows; a Weekend Budget that will provide funds exclusively for weekend activities; and wants to stop Polity inspending by lowering service costs for Polity clubs that pay for Polity services.

"I believe the main problem

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juniors face is readying themselves for graduation," Heddle said. He said he plans to form the Junior Club to address issues such as evaluating major and D.E.C. requirements and getting juniors internships.

Heddle said that Polity has done a poor job in advertising. He said that students should know their representatives and, if elected, he would make himself available to

Heddle said he plans to work with Polity to make the changes that have to be made. He said he will also be producing a comedy show, SLAW, for 3TV.

Heddle said that students should educate themselves about the issues at hand. Then, they will be able to vote on the issues; he stresses credentials and experience over popularity.

[Students] need to know about the issues in Polity," he said, "and that with my experience and my ideas, I am the best possible choice for the job."



Frank Maggiore

Position: SASU Representative Candidate: Frank Maggiore Age: 18 Status: Freshman, Commuter

Major: Biology

Maggiore said that the biggest issue facing students is the budget, but it is by no means the only issue. He also lists parking and transportation, voter registration, student services, computer facilities, student life, lack of commuter involvement and conditions of the

"Everything with me is an issue," he said.

Maggiore said that, if elected, he would work toward educating the students about SASU, working with the President's Task Force to build parking spaces closer to campus, revising parking rules and improving computer facilities on campus.

'I've done tremendous work for SASU already," Maggiore said. "I've lobbied in Albany, been on every Polity-sponsored rally and spent many late nights in the Polity office."

Maggiore said that he wants to see the campus change and change for the better. "I'd like to see all the bull-— in our government stop; maybe then we could discuss student issues instead of changing the by-laws and seeing who will be impeached next.

"Most importantly, I was told when I came here [that] this school would be getting better, that it would be the jewel of the SUNY system," he said. "I want that to come true."



Position: USSA Representative Candidate: Josh Whittles Age: 20 Status: Sophomore, Commuter Major: Political Science

Whittles has actively campaigned against Pataki's budget cuts by helping organize student rallies, most recently to Albany. He intends to increase student voter registration and student rights on campus. Whitles said he believes these to be the most important issues facing students next year.

In order to help with these issues, Whittles said he will visit representatives and "make them know how we feel." To get the word out to both resident students as well as commuters, Whittles is planning on mass mailings to commuters to get them involved as well as possible tabling in the South P lot. He said that he knows how it is to be out of the loop. "Being a commuter,

I know how hard [it is] to be reached," Whittles said.

To handle the problems that students of USB will face in the next year, Whittles plans to listen to the students to find the best possible solution, as well as let students know what his office hours are.

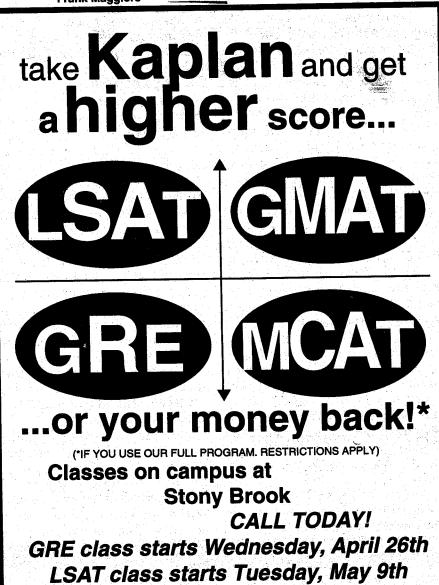
Asked why he is running, Whittles said, "Because I want to be more involved and go where I can do the most good for my school." In office, he plans to reform Polity. To accomplish this task, he wants to make better use of the Student Advocacy Committee (which he would co-chair) and make better use of the senators.

Asked if there were anything that he would like students to know, Whittles said he wants them to know that "USSA exists and it is there for them to get involved in."

Tom Flanagan and Paul Wright compiled candidate information from questionnaires. Not all candidates returned the questionnaires.



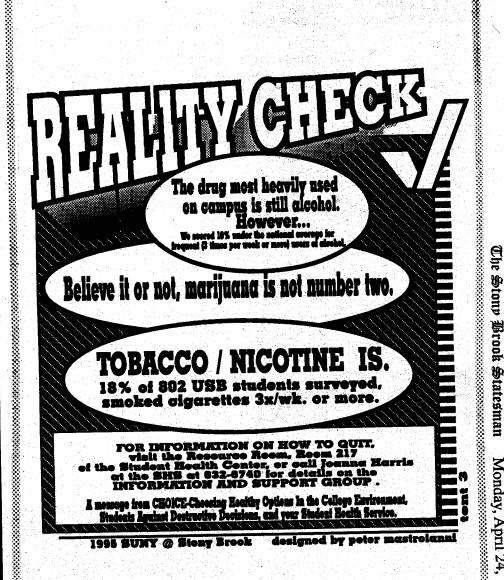
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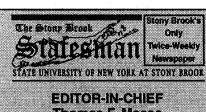
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Editorial

Vote for Harris, Rosner, Abel, Mather

Are you sick and tired of reading about the same garbage that happens in the Polity Senate, week in and week out? Have you had enough of reading editorial after editorial bashing our student government? Do you still have the same, old, burning questions about why your activity fee is so high and why you don't get out of it what you

Well, this week, you have a chance to change all that.

This week, if you feel that your concerns haven't been addressed, you can vote out the insiders and vote in the outsiders.

Polity elections are Wednesday and Thursday. Polling sites are everywhere nearly all day, so there's no excuse not to vote.

For your information, we have candidate profiles in the News section of today's edition. The information we received is from standardized questionnaires that we attempted to give to each candidate.

With all that information, you still may be undecided for whom to vote. That in mind, below are our choices - and non-choices - for our leaders for next year.

PRESIDENT

Sean Harris

What we like in particular about Harris is the main point of his campaign: He is not a Polity

Harris is a member of the senate and has been very outspoken on many issues. Regarding one of those issues, Harris polled the residents of his building and voted the way they wanted him to vote - even though he personally would have voted differently.

That's what we need in student leadership: Someone who will place the students' interests above his

Harris admits that he's not one of the Polity "elite." He said that he learned about leadership in the Army - that scored big with the U.S. Veterans on our staff. But, he is familiar with the issues because he's battled for and against them on the senate floor.

It is our opinion that Harris has represented the students, that he has fought for what the students wanted him to fight for.

Harris said that Polity's biggest problem is Polity. He says that there is a lot of corruption in kingdom and he wants to get to the bottom of it. He said that he will

commuters, who have been neglected, and still give the residents what they need.

Harris scored big again when he promised to take the issues to the media. He said he will use Statesman and 3TV to reach out to the students. He said he will call press conferences and post flyers. Communication and the media are at the top of his

Harris initiated the motion to prohibit council members voting in the senate. Anyone who removes his own ability to vote when he reaches the next level is obviously working for the students and not himself.

VICE PRESIDENT

Nicole Rosner

Rosner's opponent didn't bother to fill out the questionnaire we provided to the candidates. Already that candidate has proven she doesn't want the students to know what she stands for.

Rosner, on the other hand, has proven that she's for the students, and only for the students. She became sophomore rep even though she did not campaign for the position. From the beginning, it was obvious that Rosner has what it takes.

Rosner has gone against the majority of the council because she fought for what she believed in. For the sake of the students, she refused to be swayed by her "superiors" who often threatened

Since she entered the Polity forum as a freshman, Rosner has been the workhorse of the student government. When Polity had a job to do, they gave it to Rosner.

The current sophomore rep has chaired successful blood drives, organized voter-registration campaigns, and fought tirelessly on fighting the Governor's budget. She has worked with countless faculty and administrators in these and many other causes.

Rosner is the insider who is an outsider. Since she began to uncover the inside cover-up involving the NIA scandal, she has been all but ostracized for her activism in the name of the students. What may have been a political disaster for her was body.

champion of student rights over While we cannot endorse that the desires of the council.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE Erika Abel

Abel's opponent also didn' bother to fill out the questionnair we provided to the candidates, so

Abel has been on more committees than any other student we know. She has contact with dozens of faculty administrators. Most importantly, she constantly reaches out to students from all walks of life.

Abel has conceived and brought to reality many ideas and events as Commuter Student Association president. She was one of the first to endorse the early Spirit Nights. She has helped bring Earth Day, spring festivals, and a number of free barbecues to all students.

That is important to note: Even though she is the commuter president, she has endorsed and created programming for all students.

She said she will make no promises, realizing the difficulty it takes to make things happen on this campus. We respect that. We know that she will work as hard as possible and will achieve all that anyone could. We don't need promises.

Her major projects that she wants to work on are removing blocks for registering seniors, outdoor commencement, December commencement, and placement. That's enough to satisfy the seniors on out staff.

SECRETARY

Lisa Mather

After much debate, we chose Mather over our own columnist. Both candidates come with impressive credentials. What gave it to Mather is more that we feel Shashoua is perfect for his current role as senate secretary than that she is a better candidate.

However, she is currently the IFSC secretary and has been involved with nearly a dozen other groups and organizations on campus. She is also the only candidate who returned her questionnaire with separate, typewritten pages of answers.

Another of her strong points is that she, also, is a Polity outsider.

SASU REPRESENTATIVE

Frank Maggiore

Maggiore has a number of issues he plans to advocate and a the saving grace for the student number of projects he wants to initiate. Among these are the Rosner proved herself a assassination of the state governor. action, we like his style, in general.

"God cannot alter the past, but historians can."

- Samuel Butler

Run Surpluses to Pay Off Debt

To the Editor,

After reading the letters by John Cassella that appeared in The Statesman on April 18,1995, I as a proud capitalist have to respond to his abnormal views. I just thank god that people like John Cassella could never get elected to political office with the ultra radical left wing views that he holds. While it's true that we have a \$4 trillion debt that was created by somebody else, his idea about how to eliminate that debt is totally absurd. He wants to eliminate the debt by having the richest five percent just give their money to the government. The richest five percent starts at about \$175,000, so if he thinks that \$175,000 makes somebody rich than he should have his head examined. The way to pay off the national debt is to balance the budget and then run small surpluses every year and use the surpluses to slowly pay off the debt. If we forced the wealthiest five percent to pay part of their money to the government, this country will go into an economic demise. I don't know about John, but I have a strong desire to someday be among the richest five percent of

He goes on to say that we should all support that idiotic neophyte Jerry Brown for president because capitalism is destroying the world. Well, we have a choice of economies that we can have. We can have capitalism, communism or socialism. We all know that communism failed and environmentalists embrace socialism. Capitalism is what makes this country great. It is what gives people the incentive to work hard. Before John Cassella goes on to brag about Jerry Browns' stance against capitalism, he should remember one important thing, and that is that Jerry Brown and his family did pretty well by capitalism. I mean, where else could Jerry have gotten the money to attend Yale.

Sincerely, Rick Resnick

Privacy Doesn't Equal Criminal Behavior

To the Editor:

In response to your lead editorial of Tuesday, April 18, I must say I am very upset with the connotations of your wording. I must say that I fully agree that Polity, the student government of this campus, is in the wrong by denying you, the student newspaper of this campus, with access to its records.

It is to your suggestion that only the guilty have anything to hide that I object strongly. That is an argument used by totalitarians to justify their spying on the populace. That suggestion carries with it an implication of guilty until proven innocent. Tenscore and nineteen years ago our forefathers brought forth in this world a nation conceived in liberty. I value my liberty and my privacy. I will not sit still for the press equating privacy with criminal behavior.

Benjamin Elijah Griffin

Editor's Note - Our argument is that the Student Polity Association is a public/ state entity, and therefore it is required by law to allow open access to its records. As such, privacy is not an issue. The public's right to know is the issue. If the United

States government kept all of its records closed, would you consider it a privacy issue?

Chair Has Own Motivations

To the Editor:

On the front page article of your April 20 issue, you reported that Polity Vice President Annette Hicks declared that for a motion to appeal (or overturn) the Senate Chair's decision, it needed a two-thirds vote. However, under Robert's Rules of Order (the authentic manual of parliamentary procedure), section 24, clause 7 (p. 257) it states:

7. A majority or a tie vote sustains the decision of the chair, on the principle that the chair's decision stands until reversed by a majority.

The vote on overruling the chair was 10 to overrule, 6 to sustain, and 3 abstaining, clearly a majority. Again, Annette Hicks made another mistake on parliamentary procedure for her own personal gain. If she followed proper parliamentary procedure, the vote to overrule would have been passed and she would have to relinquish the chair. Instead, she purposely raised the threshold to two-thirds, so she could continue to preside (in a biased manner). For information for my fellow senators, it takes a majority to overrule the chair, not two-thirds. Annette, you were clearly wrong to make a decision by declaring a two-thirds vote is needed to overrule you. The only person who was correct at Wednesday (April 19) night's senate meeting (and even pointed it out to the chair) was Commuter Student Association Vice President Kenneth Daube. It is too bad he is not running for president of Polity anymore. We need more people like him.

> Yours truly, David Samuel Shashoua Polity Senate Secretary

Editorial Reports Opinion, No Facts

To the Editor,

For the four years that I have been at Stony Brook, I have seen *The Statesman* practice the art it calls "journalism."

Last I checked, gathering news and slandering someone's reputation were not synonymous. But I am not surprised, for as long as I have been here The Statesman has just been keeping its long-standing tradition of spewing propaganda. The Statesman, or its staff members, report their version of the news in a very biased manner. When I read the editorial in the last edition of the Statesman, I was wondering at what point in the article I was going to read the news. It seemed more like a vicious attack from someone with a personal vendetta. It is obvious that this paper has no obligation, intellectual or ethical, to report the news as accurately as possible.

So Annette Hicks stood at the polling sites and gave her opinion on a referendum, big deal. An article entitled "Hicks, True to Form, Screws Students" was unnecessary to say the least. To go on to say that she lied "as usual" is defamation of character and carries with it some legal ramifications. If I were her, The Statesman would be hearing from my

lawyer. This letter probably won't even get printed because it is not in conjunction with the rest of the propaganda that this paper promotes, but if by some freak error it accidentally makes its way into the paper I would just like to say one thing. The Statesman does serve its purpose. It's very useful for soaking up water when the toilet is stuffed up. Then you can throw it away with the rest of the trash.

Sincerely and truly disgusted But not surprised, Valerie Lochard

Editor's Note - We've lost count of the number of times we have had to explain the difference between a news article and an editorial. According to Webster's, an editorial is a written piece "presenting the opinion of the publisher, editor, or editors." In The Stony Brook Statesman editorials represent the majority opinion of the members of the editorial board. This is stated on the editorial page near the bottom, where most papers make such statements. The editorial board is listed at the top of the staff box, excluding assistant editors. As such, all names listed as editors (again, excluding assistants) are names that the editorial could be attributed to.

Therefore, editorials are supposed to be biased. They are not news articles.

Also, we'd love to hear from her lawyer. We have a pretty solid case. And as for your letter, like all letters, we published it because we publish all letters - for or against us - except in cases of vulgarity and libel. It is apparent that you don't read this section on a regular basis or you would have known that.

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Wanted: A Vote of Yes on April 26th for the Rugby Referendum

By Marty Rosenthal

Your vote of YES..

will enable the team to maintain its Division I status.

will enable the team to purchase well needed equipment. (medical, balls, practice, instructional)

will enable the team to pay for Union dues, Referee fees.

will enable the Seawolves to pay for the Field rental so that they may play home

will enable the team to pay for a coach.

will enable the club to maintain its administrative costs.

will enable the team to travel to games.

will enable the team to enter into tournaments.

will enable the team to purchase uniforms.

will enable the Men's Rugby Team to continue its winning ways.

It is obvious we need your help, please vote YES on April 26th.

Rugby Referendum = Increase of 50 cents per semester on your Student
Activities fee. Ouestions??? Call Tom 632-1732

Marty Rosenthal has been the coach of the Rugby Team for two semesters. The Rugby Team will be on referendum for the Polity Elections on April 26 and 27.

Only Five Days Left!!

To hand in your submissions for the final edition of Stony Brook Magazine, Statesman's monthly literary supplement.

All poetry, prose, essays, drawings and photos must be received by 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

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From Good Homes Open Up the Sky in Debut

By Michael S. Kimmel

Special to Th eStatesman

Just when you thought the 60's were dead, when infectiously joyful pop music was forever drowned in depressively indifferent grunge or rap's righteous rage, here comes From Good Homes.

This band plays a kind of country-flavored rock that is so wholesome that you'll swear their parents took them to high school band practice in Country Squires out there in the Jersey suburbs. And you wouldn't be far off.

Formed around a bunch of guys who have been friends since junior high school in those Jersey burbs, From Good Homes is just what their name implies - a bunch a affluent white boys sittin' around playing and singing. And good too.

Their major label debut, Open Up the Sky (RCA Records), is sincere, genuine, and melodic. Their songs make me think of the Eagles or Poco or the Byrds, but without those soaring harmonies. O.K., try Bodeans, Tom Petty, or Soul Asylum, or the omnipresent college band, R.E.M. These guys are earnest, fresh, and energetic, without a drop of edgy cynicism.

Sure, they can rock out. Not unlike is it Tom Petty, Soul Asylum or R.E.M.



The debut of From Good Homes are reminiscent of the Eagles, Poco and the Byrds - or is it Tom Petty, Soul Asylum or R.E.M.

Blues Traveler riffing off older Dead themes, FGH grab licks from a variety of influences, from the Beatles ("Sunshine") to, well, the Dead themselves (notice how "Head" wanders around without direction). A few tracks (like "Wide Open Wide") allow the band to really cut loose.

But their signature is those dreamily caring lyrics, delivered by Todd Schaeffer's reedy and achingly sincere voice, over a buoyantly bouncy, beat-heavy country-rock groove. "Radio On" chunks along handily, and occasionally, they can even slow down the pace and deliver a soulfully plaintive ballad like "Walk on By."

The counterpoint of saxophone or melodic (Dan Myers) and fiddle and mandolin (Jamie Coan) allows them to bounce between infectious foot-stomping up tempo tunes and a more soulful and languid sound - often in the same song.

So here's my choice as first release for a great summer - light enough to make it to the beach, but textured enough to stand up to repeated listening. Smart enough to hear the lyrics, but clever enough to let the music stand on its own.

Coffee Tasting Gala Benefits Child Care Services

By Christina Ruocchio

Special to Statesman

Stony Brook Child Care Services raised \$10,000 during its Second Annual Cash Bonaza. \$17,000 in cash prizes was raffled off to 33 winners Wednesday night in the atrium of the Indoor Sports Complex.

"I hope that this becomes as big of a tradition as the annual wine and food tasting fundraiser," said Dr. Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs.

"Stony Brook Child Care Centers is one of only two percent of day care centers accredited by the State of New York," said Lucille Oddo, director of Child Care as she welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support. Stony Brook Child Care provides day care for 97 children of faculty, staff, and students of the university and hospital as well.

"Stony Brook Child Care provides a superior educational experience for young children and parents. I can see the difference in the behavior of children not products of Stony Brook Day Care, and my children. My Children are more confident, more mature and more sociable," said Alfreda James, a parent of two children who are currently part of the Stony Brook Child Care service.

Another parent, Susan Frawley says, "I cannot say enough about the quality of care my son gets here. He benefits personally and academically. I have been able to work full time and go to school thanks to Stony Brook child Care."

There are four centers located on campus for children ages birth to five years. There are plans currently being made for a new center to be built. The child care centers are a vital part of the child and family studies program, which is the second largest minor on campus.

Many students enroll in classes that require them to work nine hours a week in one of the centers. This program is important and beneficial for both the children and students. "The experience I have had working with these children is the type of experience



Photo by Erik Jenkins

Jimmy Frawley, who attends Benedict Center, said "It's a party, a party for all of us kids." Fawley is holding one of the events winning raffle tickets.

one cannot get in a classroom", said Kelly Boyd, a graduate of Child and Family Studies Minor.

Surrounding the many faculty, staff, students, and community members that attended this benefit, hung the pictures and artwork of the children. Approximately \$10,000 was raised through the raffle for the Child Care Centers.

The event included a free coffee and dessert expo, catered by Strawberry Fields. Desserts varied from eclairs, napoleans, and brownies to rugelach and

blackout cake kosher for Passover.

At about 8:15, everyone took a short break from eating, to listen to the names of the lucky winners be called, hoping that it would be them who would be collecting the \$10,000 first prize. The second prize was \$2,000 and the third prize was \$1,000. There were also ten \$200 winners and twenty \$100 winners.

The big winner was Nancy Malkin, a former Child and Family Studies student. The second prize went to Joseph Medina, the husband of Gladys Medina staff a staff member.

The night ended with Bill Weisner, a committee member saying, "We are all winners, because child care supports all of us."

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By Richard Vergara:

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Tour

BY THOMAS F. MASSE

Statesman Editor

When we received copies of two Late Show with David Letterman-related books, I hid them from the rest of the staff so I could read and review them myself.

After I read them, I was glad that they were complimentary copies for review.

The two offerings from Warner Books, Dave's World: The Unofficial Guide to the Late Show with David Letterman (\$8.99) by Michael Cader and Cheap Advice (\$8.99) by Calvert DeForest, are one worse than the next.

Dave's World focuses more on the "regulars"

Letterman has or had on his show. There is almost as much about Mujibur and Sirajul than about Dave. There is another two pages on Meg Parsont, the woman who used to be in the office building across from the old NBC studio.

Stories about these people are all well and good, but the book is only 95 pages, and I want to know about Dave. Not people who remotely know Dave.

There are a number of features that appear constantly throughout the "Dave Says:" book. highlights quotes from the Late Show host, which are mildly entertaining. If this is the best this guy could get

out of Letterman, either he didn't try very hard, or Letterman didn't like him much.

Another feature is "Shrinking Dave" with views from an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry. Admittedly, Cader explicitly states in his introduction

that interviewees we coaxed to not always be serious, and it shows in features like "Shrinking Dave." Most of the information is useless or lacks credibility. It would have been better titled "Stupid Psychologist Tricks," with particular emphasis on the "Stupid."

The absolutely, most annoying running feature it's just not a joke anymore - in the book is the "Can a guy in a bear suit...?" feature. Can a guy in a bear suit get into Dave's office? Get into the new Today

Golly, it's unauthorizea:

The Unofficial Guide

with David Letterman

to the Late Show

Show studio? Get a book deal with Warner Books (they published this crap, why not)? Get standby tickets to see Dave's show? Get passport photos at Rock America? Who cares?

Some of the most interesting material in the book is included in "A Dave Timeline." Unfortunately, the timeline is cut up with all the other stupid features in the book. Since I'm assuming you'll never read the book, here are the things you would want to read:

- Dave was discovered at Mitzi Shore's Comedy Store where he was "discovered" by Jay Leno.

Dave married his first wife. Michelle. somewhere between 1965 and 1975 - there is no mention of a specific date or year.

> - Dave and Michelle divorced in 1977.

- When Dave was a weatherman in Indiana, he up made measurements for hail. He once said that there were hailstones "the size of canned hams.'

One problem with the timeline: It states that Late Night premiered on February 1, 1982, Dave's mother remarried in September of 1984, and Margaret Ray, the woman who "stalks" Letterman was stopped at the Lincoln Tunnel tollbooth driving Dave's car in May of 1988. The reader is left to suppose that nothing else happened between 1982 and 1988.

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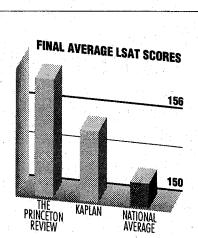
In the book, Letterman is analyzed by the aforementioned psychologist, an astrologist, a dietician and a handwriting expert. The book should have been analyzed by a decent editor and a sane publisher.

The book is filled with graphic tricks and layout gimmicks. It's no wonder Letterman didn't authorize

I was so excited to read the book that I was sad when I finished reading it - sad I ever started.

Not So Cheap Advice

Speaking of sad, Cheap Advice is about the saddest excuse for wasting paper ever. Reading the See LETTERMAN, Page 12



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amn the Rain! Full Speed Ahead!

By Michael Schiavetta Statesman Staff Writer

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the Roth Quad Regatta provided all the humor, excitement, and seamanship that has continually marked itself as one of the most popular attractions here on this SUNY campus. A tremendous turnout cheered the 20+ boats that participated in the event.

Each vessel demonstrated its own unique design and seaworthiness, signature models of each respective campus organization, from residence halls to administration departments, to various clubs and societies. "The Roth Quad Regatta is one of the few traditions Stony Brook University has repeatedly maintained," said Carina Elsenboss, Admiral of the Roth Quad Yacht Club. "This is a way in which faculty, staff, and students can get together and participate in one event."

Eligibility for entering the regatta is open only for

Stony Brook. Previous contestants who have participated in earlier years are also eligible. The Roth Quad Regatta features two classes of seafaring vessels. Speedsters are any boats crewed by one person. Yachts are any boats that contain two to four crew members. Boat construction is limited to simple materials such as cardboard, duct tape, glue, and aluminum foil.

One final category is the overall appearance of the craft, its demonstration of spirit and originality. This was undoubtedly the closest race in the entire regatta. Each participating boat strove to make itself unique in this category, ranging from the sleek and subtle blackness of the Engineering Department's yacht to the enormous flamboyance of the "Monster From the Id," constructed by the Sci/Fi Forum. "The criteria for this category includes appearance, seaworthiness, ingenuity, and the spirit of its crew," said judge Dallas Bauman, Assistant Vice-President for Campus Residences. "The spread of points was not very wide. Each crew has done an admirable job."

The crew of the "USS Smurf" had the most enthusiastic cheering section of the entire regatta. Constructed by RSP, this vessel featured a two-man crew

registered students, faculty, staff, or alumni of SUNY consisting of Lulu Nazario and Nick Halamandaris, who won their initial heat but fell short during their second race. "The boat took about sixteen hours worth of work," said Halamandaris. "This is the first time RSP has entered, so we hope to make a good show."

> Notable performances included the "Steel Magnolia," by the President's Office, the "Commutator," by the Society of Physics Students, and "Pink Cadillac," by the Admissions Department. Notable flops included the KASA boat, which didn't get very far after its launch, and, interestingly enough, the Engineering Department, whose aft section spent most of the race submerged with only one crew member remaining once it crossed the finish

> Ultimately, the categories for best speedster and best overall appearance of craft and crew went to the "Commutator," receiving a trophy and two \$100 gift certificates to Smithhaven Mall. The best yacht went to "Pink Cadillac," beating out the "Steel Magnolia" in a surprising final heat. The Roth Quad Yacht Club encourages anyone who is interested in helping maintain this popular tradition to call 632-6789.

> Added Dallas Bauman: "What other events would bring this many people out like this, in the rain!"

DJ Battle Suffer Weather Blues

By MICHAEL SCHIAVETTA Statesman Staff Writer

The Kelly Quad Barbecue could not be stopped by Friday's rain as its organizers successfully transplanted the entire event into Kelly Cafe. Dedicated chefs supplied ample amounts of barbecued burgers, hot dogs, and chicken. Also offered was a salad bar, an assortment of beverages, and desserts.

The organizers did a fabulous job of handling their customers by providing a flowing line and no shortage of food. This barbecue also featured the "Battle of the DJs," where nine DJs demonstrated their abilities and talents for creating a lively atmosphere. The winner of this contest received a \$150 gift certificate from Sam Ash Music in Huntington Station, Route 110.

"This event allows new or not very experienced DJs to get some free publicity and maybe from this they can get some work at a future building event," said Jen Shea,

an RHD from Eisenhower College. "Sam Ash Music has been very, very supportive."

The Kelly Quad Barbecue was organized by several RHDs from Eisenhower, Hamilton, Dewey, Gray, Langmuir, and other buildings throughout the campus. It is sponsored by the Division of Campus Residences and ARA.

The barbeque is not restricted to residents of Kelly Quad and is open to all students. However, not all students were pleased with the indoor accommodations and a great lack of attendance may have been attributable to the poor weather outside.

"The battle of the DJs was very long, tedious, and ultimately disappointing," said Andrea Phillips, a resident of Hamilton College. "As an incoming freshman, I had heard that last year was very good."

Another resident of Hamilton, Marjorie Eyma, agreed: "The battle was very long and it was a shame that residents had to pay for the barbeque to attend the battle



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introductory "memorandum" and having just finished Dave's World, I just knew this book would rot. At \$8.99 and 104 pages (8.6¢ per page) the advice isn't really that cheap.

I cannot say that there is a single positive attribute to this book. I didn't even chuckle until page 29, and then it was only a chuckle. The only other remotely funny item is one question in a mock quiz that asks with whom would you replace Johnny Carson.

A few pictures of women in bikinis may cause a few men to feign interest. For women, there is

nothing that this book has to offer.

About the best thing I can say about the book is that it took only about an hour to "read" it. The second best is that I didn't have to pay a dime for it.

Again, the book is mostly graphics and layout tricks. Anyone with a Macintosh and the Zapf Dingbats font could have designed this book. I think if I saw one more picture of DeForest I'd vomit.

Not to brag, but Statesman's April Fools issue was much funnier and \$9.00 cheaper.

Here's some cheap advice: Save your money.

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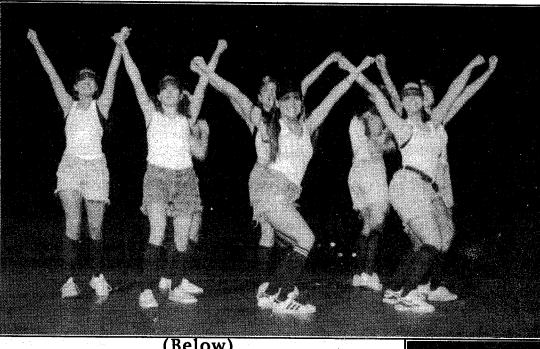
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Class Rep Candidates Debate Issues Last Tuesday 15

By BEN VARGHESE Special to The Statesma

This past Tuesday, the Polity student government held a student election campaign for new representatives of the sophomore, junior and senior class. On hand were Monique Maylor for sophomore rep, Brendan C. Heddle for junior rep, Erika Abel and Julio Alarcon for senior rep. Also on hand were candidates for USSA rep and SASU rep, Frank Maggiore and Joshua Whittles.

Thomas F. Masse, editor-in-chief of *The Stony Brook Statesman*, and Carl Corry, president of the Stony Brook of the Society of Professional Journalists were also present for inquisition.

"One of my goals for the Sophomore class is to educate them on the Voting Rights Act and the importance of their right to vote" said Maylor, sophomore class representative.

In her campaign speech, she repeatedly emphasized her leadership qualites and her willingness to reach out to all students.

"I'm not afraid to approach people.....and my rep. "I have the skills and experience necessary not

line is open to anybody," Maylor said.

When asked what issues are of importance and should be solved, she said, "education and voting". And finally when asked why she wanted to be sophomore rep, "I don't think anyone can better represent my class than me ... and I know I can do the job, "Maylor said.

For the junior class, Brendan C. Heddle outlined his five basic platforms. His goals included "a junior day" which will provide events, shows and games especially for juniors. He also mentioned a polity-funded Junior club to prepare the class for such things as graduation, the job market, as well as study groups and skills training to aid Juniors in the future.

When asked what the single most important goal facing Juniors, "I want to get Juniors ready for graduation and prepare them for the workforce" Heddle said

Erika Abel and Julio Alarcon were the representatives for the Senior class. Abel emphasized her skills and experience to be a Senior rep. "I have the skills and experience necessary not

only to represent my class, but the whole student body," said Abel during her campaign speech.

Some of her goals were to eliminate barriers that block Seniors for registering for classes necessary for graduation; ie: common area damage (CAD) fees. She also hopes to create two senior job fairs, which will provide seniors with contacts and opportunites to aid them in employment. She also added that "the job of a student leader ... is to try and make this campus a better living, learning and growing, environment for the students".

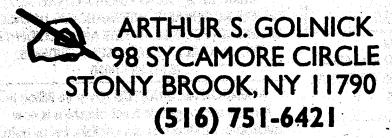
Alarcon plans for the Senior class were a little more direct. "My goal if elected is to provide an outdoor graduation for Seniors, a Senior trip, and Senior Carnivals and parties" His plans also included job fairs and workshops for Seniors, which will aid Seniors in such things as "how to write a resume". He also strongly advocated Student safety student rights as well as "work for a more multicultural community."

His closing remarks if it's any inspiration to vote were, "Dont' forget to vote for Big Poppa."

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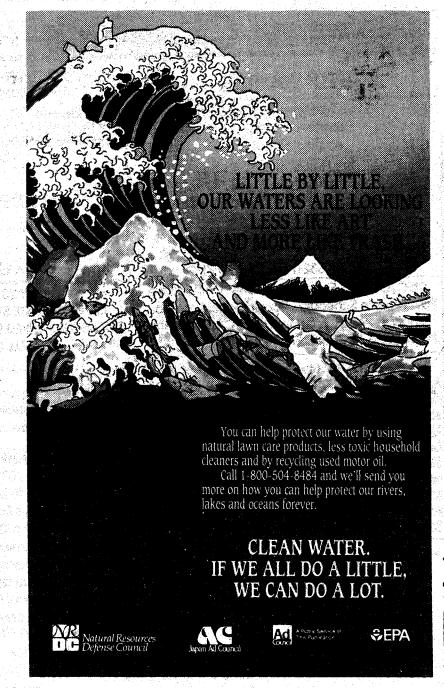
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took last semester. In all, only 45 students recieved the letter grade A on their transcript for the course.

Stallone and Eccles went to speak to Maskit. According to the students, Maskit did not provide much assistance in the matter. When they last went to speak to him on the matter they said he would not see them.

Stallone's and Eccle's problems started last semester when they began the course. Their lecturer, Joel Pincus, and their teaching assistant, Steve Majewicz allegedly had conflicts between themselves. According to Stallone, when they went to their recitation section their TA, Majewicz, told them to ignore what their lecturer, Pincus, had taught in class. Majewicz then would teach a different method than that of the lecturer.

Stallone and Eccles found this confusing since they were learning two differents methods on handling the same type of problem. Another problem that class was moving at a much faster rate than that of the lecture. According to Stallone and Eccles, it was covering material that still had not been taught during the lecture. Stallone and Eccles found it disturbing that their TA was not mandated to attend the lectures. Since their TA did not go to the lectures, they said, he did not know what was being covered in class.

They said they would spend eight to ten hours a week in the math learning center recieving help on their homework and then would only get partial credit on it.

When they reviewed for exams, Stallone and Eccles said that they would be learning new material during a review session only hours before the exam. Learning material at the last

The sections which Majewicz taught had a high failure rate. In one of the two sections in which he was a TA, more than 75 percent of the students recieved D's or F's as their final grade. The other section had 50 percent D's or F's. Only one out of the sixtyseven students who were in both of his sections last semester recieved an A.

Stallone and Eccles said that when they spoke to Majewicz this semester he admitted that the course was very difficult. They say he added that this semester's course was a lot easier.

Both Pincus and Majewicz were unavailable for comment.

Paul Kumpel, the director of Undergraduate Studies, declined to comment on the

on a grievance. However, he did say that he was unaware of any grievance being filed against the math department and for him not to be aware of it "would be striking."

The course, which was coordinated by David Ebin last semester, is now being coordinated by Lenore Frank. Maskit said that there was no specific reason why the coordinator was changed. Maskit also said that the department has different coordinators every semester and "There's no meaning that he [Ebin] was coordinator last semester and not this semester."

This semester's MAT 123 course is different from last semester's course. It is different in the sense that the department is now using Harvard Calculus Mathematics.

According to Maskit, this type of mathematics involves graphing calculators and more of an attempt for "lecturers and recitations to use more group work".

According to Maskit, curriculums are decided upon by a curriculum committee. He, along with the undergraduate studies director choose who will coordinate the course. That committee along with the coordinator decide what book will be used and what material the syllabus will contain.

Stallone and Eccles said that they have filed a petition with the Academic Judiciary Committee concerning the handling of the course.

Originally, Stallone and Eccles wanted their grade to be removed from their transcript. Now, they said they want it changed to a C.

Tom Flanagan contributed to

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Tennis Disappointed In Binghamton

By Dave Chow Statesman Staff

Tennis Coach Manny Tabibnia couldn't stress enough how much a win against sixteenthranked Binghamton would have meant for this program. But after a humbling 6 to 1 defeat in singles, the 'Wolves find themselves at 7-4 with two games left to go in the season. Before the match Tabibnia admitted the 'Wolves were facing tough teams down the stretch and hoped they could win two out of three versus Binghamton, Southhampton and Quinnipiac. 'Wolves will The Southhampton tomorrow.

"We'll know where we are as a team after we play them [Binghamton]" Tabibnia had said. Senior Bruno Barbera won his match for the 'Wolves only victory. Though the team has had disappointing losses to other good teams like Division II Concordia, and Division I Hofstra, their record is nothing to be ashamed of. The team features many freshman who have great talent that's being developed.

"One of the most important things for these young players" Tabibnia said, "is the experience they gain from this year. They have to face good players as well as weak ones in order to grow. Right now we aren't ranked, but with the talent we have we could be. I'm in my second year here [as a coach], but I believe it takes four to five years to build a strong program. These guys can be ranked in a few years if they work

The team evaluation after 11 games is as follows:

Bruno Barbera - No question

he is a talented player, but he needs to work on the mental part of his game to get fired up. After finishing his college career, he has the ability to go on and tour on the pro-circuit. "He could compete when he gets some experience there." noted Tabibnia.

Tom Flocco - "He has impressed me. He's improved after every match." says Tabibnia. He has done it against tough opponents. A transfer from Suffolk Community, his strength is his experience.

John Spyropoulos - He has been impressive playing tough opponents in the team's number three spot. "John is one of those self-taught guys. His strength is his desire and intensity, but he needs to get his head in the game a little more and be focused" says the coach.

Otto Kical - This freshman has a large, tall physical appearance which helps against opponents. He is strong and Tabibnia notes his only weakness is his experience. His best tennis is ahead of him.

Schelton Assoumou Another freshman who is one of the stronger athletes on the team. His speed and experience are his strengths, but his conditioning needs to improve. His strength and endurance is his weakness right

Shai Fisher - "His strength is his competitive spirit. Few people want to win as much as Shai," notes Tabibnia. Like most of the other players, experience will improve his game.

Dave Doctora - This junior will probably be the most talented player on the team next year. "He has the best strokes on the team," Tabibnia said.

Jason Weisberg - Also a soccer player for Stony Brook. If he commits himself to tennis he can give himself a chance to develop into a strong player. The coach notes he is the fittest and best conditioned player on the team.

"I'm proud of how they've learned as a team this year," said Barbera, the team leader. "Learning and growing emotionally is more than 50% of

The team plays it's final home game tomorrow at 4:00 PM on the Stony Brook Courts. The game will mark the final time Bruno Barbera, Stony Brook's most prolific winner in history, will play at home. He will hope to improve to 38 and 1 on his career with a victory. There will be a ceremony before the game to honor his contribution to Stony Brook sports.

Correction: A previous issue erroneously reported Mike Jo had previously been on the team. Mike Jo transferred to USB from Penn State this term and has just started playing for the 'Wolves.



Barbera Plays His Last Home Game Monday, April 24th.

Riley And The Knicks

SHOTCLOCK, From Page 19

seniority.

We learned that Riley did not play by the type of rules that are often found in plain calculating business moves, something instead like the discreet codes of respect you would find in our mean inner streets. He was just as tough and gritty as we were. This guy played by his own rules more effectivley than anyones else. Billy Martin couldn't touch his self-sufficiency.

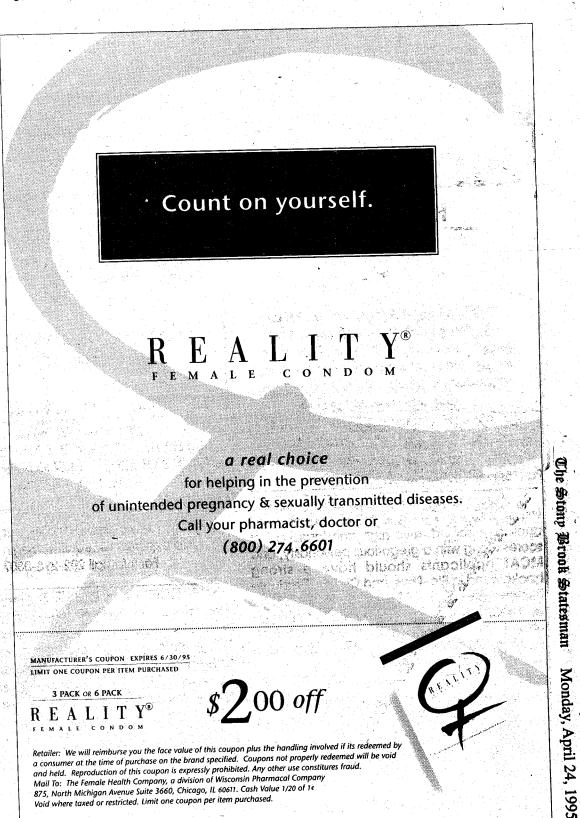
Riley would leave cold shooters in while taking hot players out. Who knows what he's thinking sometimes. Still, the Knicks played hard.

Two seasons ago his chemistry experiment clicked, Mason became a symbol of the team's spirit and Starks became an all-star.

The Knicks became known around the league as thugs and hackers, ironically because of slurs perpertuated by the flashy Bulls. When new comer Harper whacked Bull AJ English in the play-offs last year, people nodded and said "That's NY." Unfortanetly that incident is the opposite of the self respect and discipline Riley teaches.

Pat Riley isn't your typical sports figure. Riley is a role model

Believe it or not after last year's championship game, when this "untalented team" came within some three pointers of winning it all but lost, the news around town was how much proud we were of them. For the first time since the early Mets, New York came to love a loser. We loved Riley's Knicks win or lose. Now that's something.



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eighth inning to earn the win.

"It takes a tremendous amount of character and determination to get to be a winning team. Our 25-3 record is directly related to the amount of character on this team," Senk said. "We got down, but there was never any questioning of each other. The guys just went out and did what they had to do to win."

"I have to give Old Westbury credit. We just could not shake them. They played a very scrappy game and hung in there," Senk added. "This is a

DREAM TEAM

lesser team would have folded early in the game, but they hung around and made a game out of

In the first contest, the Seawolves took a 1-0 lead into the second inning. Marcus led the inning off with a single and advanced to third on a double by Haag, eventually scoring on a sac fly by McAleer.

After Old Westbury scored three runs in the fourth inning off of starter Sal Tavernese, the Seawolves came right back and scored twice in the bottom of the inning to knot the game at three.

doubled and scored on a single to center by McAleer. McAleer went to third when the center fielder's throw into the infield went out of play. McAleer scored when the next hitter, AJ Verunac, blooped a single to right.

Haag was the lone Seawolves' player to garner two hits in the game. Tavernese (6-1) scattered six hits over seven innings and struck out eight to earn the win. "It is a pleasure to have a pitcher like Sal on our staff," Senk said. "Every time Sal goes out on the mound we feel that we have a good chance of winning that game."

Next: The Seawolves play three consecutive games Tuesday through Thursday against Division II teams. Tuesday, the Seawolves play a make-up game against Queens College and then on Wednesday they play a makeup contest against Adelphi. They play their final home game of the year Thursday against Mercy

Diamond Chips: Haag's homer was his first of the season, while Causeman's and Cifuentes' were the first of their careers at Stony Brook. . . Tavernese's complete-game was his seventh of the year, half of the team's total of

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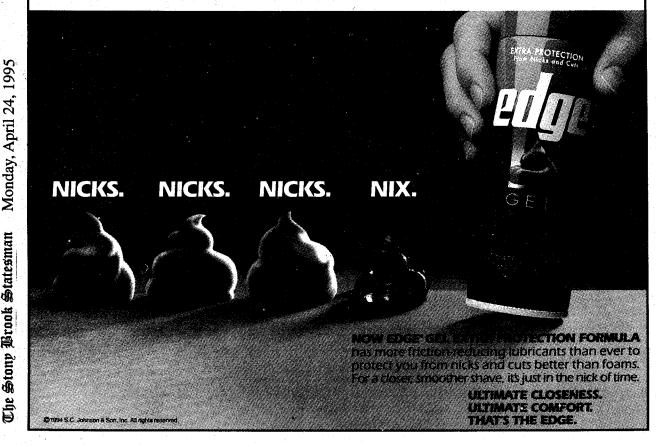
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In the second game, after tying the game at two in the bottom of the first, Stony Brook managed just four hits the rest of the way. Amy Brunelle held 'Paltz to one hit over the next three innings until the sixth when the third and decisive run was scored. At that point the flood gates opened and New Paltz battered Brunelle for seven more runs to make the final 10-2.

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When Reading Riley And Knicks, Look Between The Lines

Here they go again. The Knicks and Riley have once again clawed and kicked their way through the season just to have another go at it in the play-offs. Once again, they capture 50+

victories despite all the criticisms about their "closing window of oppurtunity" and imminent personnel shake-up that they face if they fail to win again, by the fans and media. Jordan, their old play-off nemesis is back and so are the new challengers on the block, Orlando. The Knicks, except for a now fully

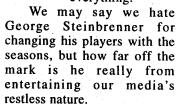
assimillated Derrick Harper, are basically the same old bunch led by Patrick Ewing.

Ever since Pat Riley arrived here, expectations have been high and to his credit Riley has kept the Knicks competitive. Every year the Knicks have been good enough to potentially win it all, but many New Yorkers feel they have reached a point where consistency and reasonable success is just not good enough. Many fans and media types

have begun to take the attitude that Riley and the Knicks are just not working out. It's the same old story in New York sports. The bottom line is, if you don't take it all this year,

maybe next year you won't be here at all.

We romance our players and we let them break our hearts as often as we break theirs, like young lovers in a coed dorm. We take them back as long as they produce and "what have you done for me lately" everything.



DAVE CHOW

The question is why should we keep believing in these Knicks, particularly Riley's Knicks? New Yorkers have not so subtlely suggested maybe he should expire along with his contract at the end of this season. His coaching

mystique has come to be questioned. Suddenly his four championships with the Lakers don't seem so impressive anymore. Just how good of a coach do you need to be when you've got Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul Jabbar and James Worthy running your "Show Time"?

The reason why we should stay behind the Knicks is not obvious, but somewhere hidden between the lines.

When Riley first signed on with New York, a lot of people questioned his pretty boy image. The glitz and flash of the Laker organization was far off from the grit and substance one needed to survive the pressures of the Big Apple. We've cracked bigger egos than this one, we privately whispered to ourselves. Not that we didn't like to go out and get the biggest fish in the pond, in fact we don't usually accept anything less, but somehow this one was different. "Hollywood" Lakers were as different in style from New York as you could get. As the Lakers ran over the rest of the NBA in the 80's to the tune of "We Queen's will..We will..Rock you!" and annoyed

and beat the hell out of they didn't even deliver, everyone leading up to their classic battles with the "oldschool" Boston Celtics-the Lakers represented the cosmetic superficiality of the West Coast at it's worst. If Riley brought that here, sports writers thought, we'll have him for dinner. At the same time many thought that once signed, Riley would lead the hunt to bring similar mega stars that he had in Los Angeles, to New York.

Since Riley took over, the only all-star the Knicks signed, was the returning Ewing.

To the dismay of many, the Knicks have stood pat all these years, consistently fielding a core of Ewing, Starks, and Oakley. Riley stood firmly behind who he played and did not bow out to the pressure to seek quick fixes we usually cry bloody murder for. Riley was his own man and whoever disagreed with him could go to hell, even the fans. This was not the media savvy guy we thought he was going to be.

Even stranger to New Yorker's was his patience. He gave playing time to players who played hard and with heart a lot of times in favor of the proven stars. Most of the times

offensively that is, Riley always looked at the defense. Fans would go crazy when a few years ago he began giving more and more playing time to a couple of CBA freaks named Starks and Mason; Starks, who insisted on shooting the ball and always missing, and Mason, who looked like a freak of nature while moving around on the court. These slow, ugly and often rowdy Knicks hardly resembled the cool, polished bunch Riley coached in L.A.. Greg Anthony, a first round draft bust that the Knicks. picked up back in '90, Riley refused to cut or trade, despite his awful shooting and bad decisions running the point. He often played him ahead of veterans like Doc Rivers and Derek Harper. Riley never gave a reason why, other than the fact that he was with the team for a while. As a matter of fact Riley even played Anthony despite having made a trade for all-star veteran point guard Derek Harper midseason last year. Riley simply reasoned that Anthony, a third string player at best, had team

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Monday, April 24, 1995

Engineers railroad 'Wolves in lax, 13-11

By PHIL DIJANNI Statesman Staff

On Saturday afternoon the men's lacrosse team dropped a heartbreaker to the Lehigh Engineers, 13-11, in one of the most exciting and suspenseful lacrosse games this season.

Lehigh had entered the game with a 5-5 record that is

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hardly indicative of their ability. Four of their five losses have come by a margin of goal, one

including a 12-11 overtime loss to the seventh-ranked team in the nation, North Carolina.

"Lehigh is a solid team and it's a tough loss," said head coach John Espey. "we had them on the ropes and we should have won." The Engineers played to a virtual statistical tie with the 'Wolves before erasing a one goal deficit late in the third.

The Engineers were able to squeeze the first goal of the game by goalie Steve Cox just under three minutes into the first quarter. Chris Theofield answered off an isolation from the top to tie the score at one. Both teams traded goals once

more in the quarter, first Anthony Souza for the Engineers and then Kollmer for the 'Wolves. Kollmer's goal was the last Seawolves goal in the first. At the end of the first fifteen minutes, the 'Wolves found themselves trailing by three goals.

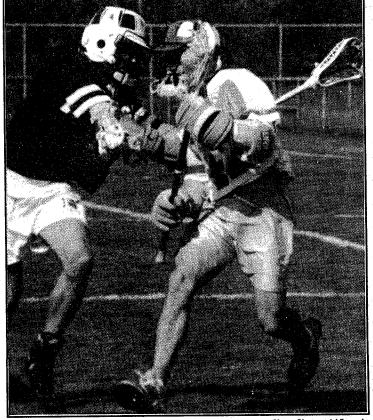
During the second quarter, the 'Wolves began to come on.

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They outscored the Engineers 5-3, including five of the first six goals in the quarter. Theofield scored

the first of the quarter, beating two defenders for his second of the game. Derek Reyna scored in his third straight game and Theofield added his third of the game off an assist from Kollmer. Courtney Wilson continued his scoring ways with a pair of goals in under three minutes. The first goal tied the game at six, and the second tally put the Wolves up by one with 2:38 remaining in the half. Before intermission Lehigh was able to sneak two quick goals by Cox for a 8-7 halftime lead.

'Our team effort was great but some forced offensive plays and mental errors led to our



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The loss to Lehigh on Saturday leaves the Wolves at 7-5 with two home games to go.

demise," said Coach Espey. Espey was also happy with the defensive play of the 'Wolves, singling out the perfomance of senior defenseman Brian

McDonald. After allowing five first quarter goals, the 'Wolves defense held Lehigh to only three in the second and shut down the Engineers man-up

offense on all five of their chances.

The third quarter was played to a stalemate with both teams getting two goals each. Theofield scored his fourth goal of the game off an assist from Kollmer, and Pritesh Patel scored his seventeenth of the season. Anthony Souza and Mark Duncan scored for the

Engineers.

The fourth quarter began with the score standing at 10-9 in favor of Lehigh. Lehigh lengthened their lead, scoring at 13:23, with a goal from attackman Brad Baker. Kollmer added his second of the game bringing the 'Wolves back within one. Baker scored again at 8:14, taking back the two goal lead. Desperate for a goal, the 'Wolves called a time out and set up a play. When play resumed, defenseman Jason Cruciani crossed over the midfield line, took a pass from Theofield and fired a shot for the goal. During the last few minutes of play both teams began to scramble, the 'Wolves needing one to tie and the Engineers desperately trying to hold on for the victory. With exactly one minute left in the game, Lehigh put the nail in the coffin when Matt Sweetman added the insurance goal allowing the Engineers to barely escape the 'Wolves

Chris Kollmer remained hot, again leading all scorers with five points, on two goals and three assists. Theofield led the way with four goals and Wilson followed with two of his own. Reyna, Patel, and Cruciani also scored for

Stony Brook.

The loss dropped the Seawolves record to 7-5 on the season. The remaining two games are home against top 20 teams, Navy and North Carolina.

Notes: With two goals each, Kollmer and Wilson remain tied at 25 for the goal scoring lead. Theofield is two behind them with 23. Wilson also extended his streak, scoring in his twelfth consecutive game.

Next: The Seawolves are looking for their first ever win against the Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academey, this Saturday at 2:00. The game will be televised on WLIG TV-55, this Sunday April 30.

Baseball Sweeps Old Westbury Doublehead

By Kris Doorey Statesman Staff

Vin Causeman came to Stony Brook slated to be the Seawolves' back-up shortstop, but after taking advantage of some early season opportunities,

he has become an integral part of the lineup.

Sunday afternoon's second game was no exception as the freshman third baseman hit a two-out, three-run homer to lead the Seawolves to a 9-6 win over

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Knickerbocker Conference champion, Old Westbury.

Eric "Boog" Haag's two-out solo home run in the fifth inning broke a three-all tie in the opening game as the Seawolves won 4-3.

With the score tied at six in the eighth inning and two out, Frank Colon drove a single back

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up the middle to move Dave Marcus, who earlier walked, to stage for Causeman's OLD WESTBURY second and set the heroics. With a 2-0 SEAWOLVES count. Causeman OLD WESTBURY lifted a deep fly ball to

right-center field that carried over the fence and gave the Seawolves a hard-fought victory.

outstanding program where he the Seawolves' third run of the learned how to win," Seawolves head coach Matt Senk said. "With any freshman that comes in to play college baseball there is always a period of adjustment. Vinny has made the adjustment quickly and that is directly attributed to his mental toughness."

Old Westbury tied the game with three unearned runs in the top of the seventh off of starter

Pat Hart and Joe Nathan, who had come on in relief.

Hart allowed only five hits on the day, but was troubled by six free passes. "The umpire had a very tight strike zone and that seemed to bother Pat," Senk said. "He started to worry too much about the umpire and began to

aim the ball instead of just pitching."

Stony Brook scored twice in the first inning on an RBI double from Nathan and a runscoring single from

Colon. After Old Westbury tied the score in the second, Danny Paradis lifted a sacrifice fly to "Vinny came from an center to plate Scott McAleer with

> After Stony Brook scored an unearned run in the third, Jason Cifuentes drilled a solo homer in the fourth inning to give the Seawolves a three-run lead.

> Colon paced Stony Brook with three hits in the nightcap, while Nathan added a pair. Tom Bachynsky (2-0) pitched the

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