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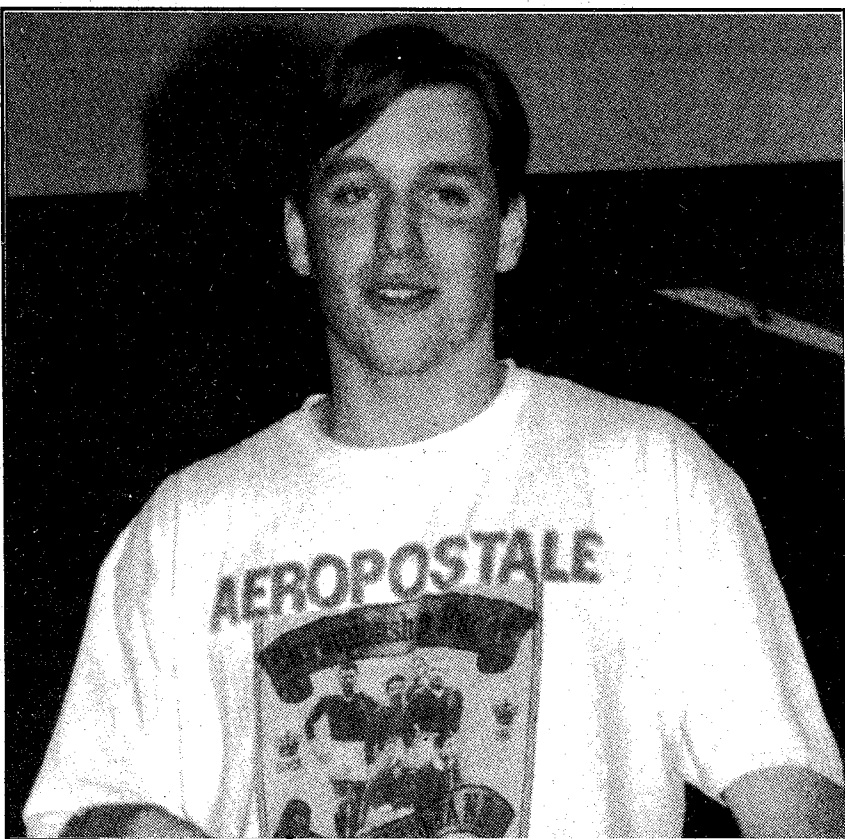
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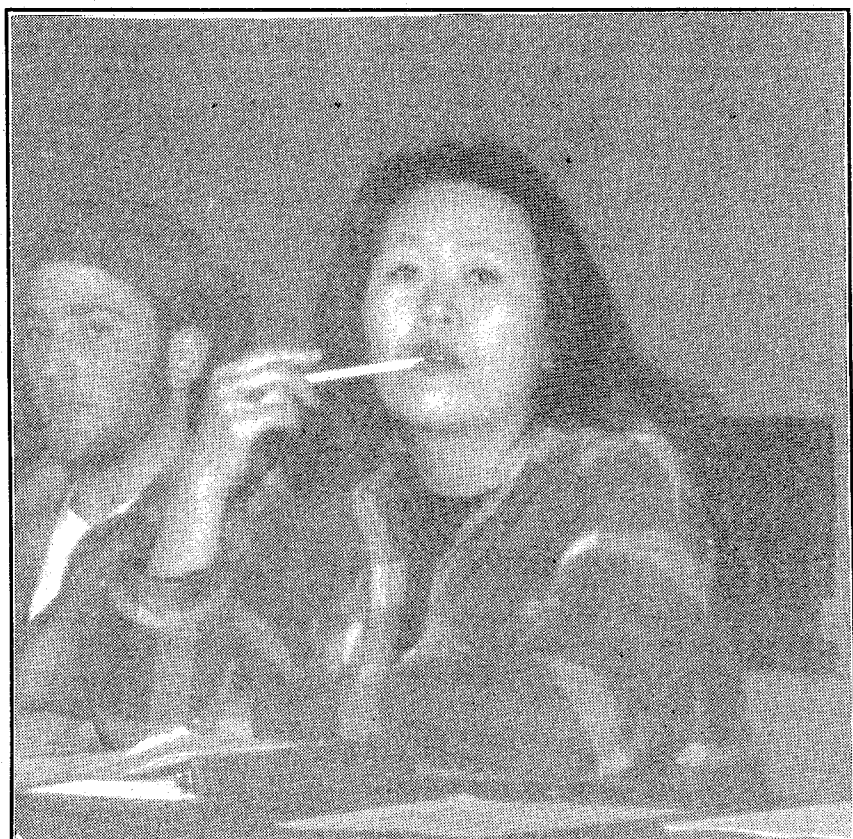
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NYPIRG KO'D

*Polity Senate Suspends Funding Pending
Investigation Over Research Groups' Finances*



Polity Senator Ken Daube, who sponsored the motion to suspend NYPIRG's funding.



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Gina Kim, Project Coordinator of the Stony Brook chapter of NYPIRG, which has been under fire for not spending enough money on campus.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE BRIEFS

Task Forces On Computing And Library

At the University Senate meeting, Deputy Provost Bryce Hool announced that the task force that examined the future of computing at Stony Brook has completed their work. A 54 page report detailing their recommendations for the area was delivered to senate. The task force, chaired by Professor Michael Silverberg of the Division of Allergy, Rheumatology and Immunology of the Department of Medicine, examined instructional and administrative computing, and data communication.

Hool also announced, on Monday; the formation of a task force to examine the future of Stony Brook's library system. He formed the committee in response "...to the evident need of the University's library system to adapt to an environment characterized by budgetary pressures and administrative computing and data communications." The task force will be comprised of faculty and chaired by Associate Provost Gail Habicht.

President's Marburger's Report

University President John Marburger's report was handed out at the University Senate meeting, despite the absence of the President himself. Marburger commented

on the resignation of SUNY Chancellor Bruce Johnstone last month. Marburger wrote that Johnstone "...has been a good Chancellor and a good friend. We will miss him."

Enclosed in Marburger's report was a statement on the "Stony Brook Teaches Reactive Racism" column by Richard Cole which was published in the February 21 issue of *Statesman*. Marburger condemned the article. "The thesis of the article is wrong and harmful and cannot be accepted by anyone who believes individuals must take responsibility for their actions," wrote Marburger.

Marburger in his report, announced the 1993-94 President's Award of Professional Service. Awarded were: Dr. Santo J. Albano, Senior Coordinator of the Employee Assistance Program; Dr. James F. Marecek, Coordinator of the Chemical Synthesis of the Department of Chemistry; and Ms. Donna J. Sammis of the Interlibrary Loan selection of the Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library.

Marburger enclosed a list of projects currently in progress for the campus. Among the projects in the planning stages is the \$40 million addition to Life Sciences and the new \$4 million football stadium. The Life Sciences addition



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Bryce Hool

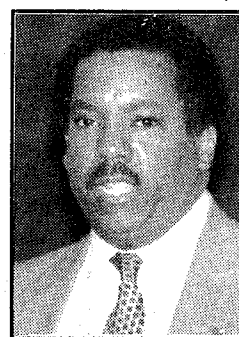
will include teaching space for undergraduate biology research labs for Life Sciences and the School of Medicine. The football stadium will have a seating capacity of 4,000 with the possibility of expanding the seating capacity to 15,000.

Diversity Council Report

Professor Joel Rosenthal of the History Department and head of the Diversity Council gave a report on the purpose of the committee to the University Senate on Monday. "The Diversity Council doesn't have clout or obligation. We see ourselves as ombudsman for affirmative action," said Rosenthal.

Rosenthal introduced Gary Matthews, the new director of the Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action office. "We want to be more pro-active," said Matthews. Matthews plans to start developing Affirmative Action programs for campus departments and to develop a "Diversity Challenge," "...looking at maximizing the resources we have," he said.

Compiled By Ary Rosenbaum



Corrections

In the Monday, February 18 issue, Tahliah Fuller, who played Tillie in the Theatre Arts Production, On Strivers Row, was incorrectly identified as Beulah on page 9.

In the Thursday, March 3 issue, Leo DeBobes was incorrectly identified by Lou DeBobes. In the same article, the fatal level of benzene thiol was incorrectly reported at 0.5 ppm. However, at or below 0.5 ppm is the safe level of exposure to the chemical. Exposure would have to be several hundred times the safe level in order to be considered fatal.

In the Monday, March 7 issue, the men's track 1600 meter relay team's finishing time was 3:26.6, not 3:36.6 as reported. As correctly stated, 3:26.6 is the bottom-limit qualifying time for the Division III NCAA Track and Field Championships.

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Community Unity Lacks Administration ³

By Carl Corry
Statesman Assistant News Editor

Tuesday's meeting on campus unity, held in the Jacob Javitz Lecture Center, was an initial attempt to get the University community to discuss recent racial tensions on campus. While getting important feedback from some faculty and students, the meeting was not attended by the administration.

One of the questions that arose, besides why the administration and other members of faculty were not there, was whether cultural student groups in themselves are the basis for racial tensions.

Commuter College President, Erika Abel said that the fact that people stay together in their own segregated groups is a problem. She said that she "would like to see more activities involving different ethnicities and cultures."

Dr. Floris Cash, Director of Africana Studies, said that the president of Stony Brook, Dr. John H. Marburger III, was away at the time. She also said that the Dean and Vice President stated they were busy and were given too short of notice to appear.

Freshman representative Nicole Rosner agreed that there is a problem with the organizations. However, "I don't think they (Polity) should get rid of them," she said. Rosner said that some organizations do attack one another.

She also said that the programming of events should stress a university theme, rather than particular organizational programming.

The problem lay not in the creation of the organizations, but in the segregation that comes from being solely associated with those groups.

Tricia Lawrence, a student at Stony

Brook, said that the issue was not to limit organizations in the University, but to inform students why these organizations exist. She said that ethnic clubs are both for educational purposes and also to celebrate in their heritage.

For the most part, the meeting was a back and forth discussion, in which it seemed that speakers were spontaneously realizing and developing their own ideas about race relations and the University community.

However, Professor William McAdoo, of the Africana Studies Department came with set ideas and viewpoints on the recent racial tensions. He said that the role of ethnic groups are not specifically to educate. "Different ethnicities have different experiences here," he said. In comparing the different populations in ethnic groups, McAdoo said that it is natural for some to feel oppressed or second class if groups were expressing exclusive needs.

Irving College senator, Dwight Bartley agreed with McAdoo. "We are not all equal," he said, "our interests have to be addressed."

The meeting's moderator, Amari Baraka of Africana Studies, asked the group to take it upon themselves to get involved with other organizations. He told them to stop blaming others. "Talk to someone if you think there's not enough diversity," Baraka said. "What prevents you from going to speak with other cultures?" he asked.

A prominent concern in the meeting was that people not take one person's views or statements as representative for a whole group or race. References to both the *Statesman* and *Black World* newspapers were mentioned. Specifically, columns

written by editor-in-chief Richard Cole and an opinion piece by Maurice Douglas, president of the African American Student Organization.

Polity senator Steven Alamia said that Cole wrote things that offended some blacks on campus, and to retaliate, Douglas blasted Jews. His rhetorical question asked the body, "how does this help?"

McAdoo in return asked that assuming

"that Douglas' article was anti-semitic, does that make all blacks responsible for that article?"

A race relations forum is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 in the Student Union Fireside Lounge at 6 p.m. to continue discussions about what on everyone's mind. This meeting is expected to have a better turnout, with the administration being represented.

Black Grads Seek Role Models

By College Press Service

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Marwin Spiller said he experienced "major culture shock" when he moved from Chicago's South Side to rural Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to pursue a doctorate in sociology.

Particularly distressing was the lack of black professors as role models.

"There are so few black students or professors in graduate school. It's even more extreme than at the undergraduate level," said Spiller, who is president of the National Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA).

Spiller, whose doctoral studies focus on racism in criminal justice and urban housing, is enrolled in a department that has no black faculty and only two other blacks pursuing advanced degrees.

"Studies have shown that many African-American graduate students don't complete their studies, and I'm

convinced it isn't due to difficult or demanding academic programs," Spiller said. "It's because of non-supportive and alienating academic environments."

The NBGSA seeks to reverse this trend, linking 1,500 black student members from all academic disciplines to intellectual circles and communications networks nationwide, Spiller said.

"The association tries to establish a community among black graduate students, to share research ideas among each other and relax in a comfortable atmosphere where ideas are received and new ideas formulated," he says.

The NBGSA will hold its annual conference May 18-22 at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. The organization also fosters a feeling of belonging through a biannual newsletter, and members communicate through the African-American Student Network, a discussion network on BITNET, an international computer network.

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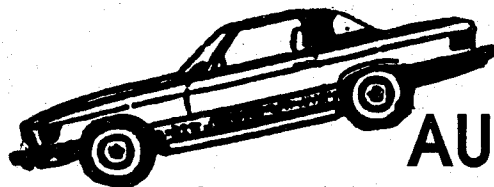
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DRAW THE LINE

With Ary Rosenbaum

Forgive Them Father, They Know Not What They Say

The king and his viceroy have spoken from atop their perches at Mt. Administration, yet no one knows what they actually said. University President John Marburger and Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston have broken their usual laissez-faire inspired silence to write letters to the editor in the March 4 issue of *Statesman*. They put their two cents into the controversy that has surrounded Editor-in-Chief Richard Cole over a number of columns that talked about the racial situation on campus. Marburger and Preston can keep their two cents, because their letters make absolutely no sense.

I have devoted a large portion of my time to read and re-read Preston and Marburger's letters, as well as the February 21 version of *Against The Tide*, "Stony Brook Teaches Reactive Racism," which inspired the letters. I have come to the conclusion that Marburger and Preston must be living in a dream world or they are not reading the same column that I was reading. Actually, both conclusions are probably true. Our "honorable" administrators are more focused on what they wish Stony Brook could be, rather than what it really is. They are ignoring the actual problems.

Their Reading Comprehension Level Is Low

When the controversy started, I didn't believe that the Administration would get involved in the matter. I thought they would try to mediate the situation after it subsided. Preston is known to be laid back and non-involved, one would expect his noninvolvement. However, the letters from Marburger and Preston clearly show what state they are in; confusion and self-delusion.

Like those who initiated the controversy, Marburger and Preston clearly miss the point. If Marburger and Preston actually read the February 21 column, one would believe that these two well educated administrators possess no reading comprehension skills at all.

Example:

"I was not born racist. I did not come to Stony Brook racist..... Objectively, I know that racism is wrong, but my life here at Stony Brook has taught me to be wary, distrustful and at times revolted by African Americans." -*Against The Tide*, "Stony Brook Teaches Reactive Racism", February 21, 1994

"It is simply not true that exposure to hateful acts by others justifies the sweeping condemnation of an entire race. That is precisely the fallacy that underlies all racist behavior, including some of the behavior to which Mr. Cole objects." - Letter From John Marburger

"Utilizing faulty logic and demonstrating areas of

ignorance, the above mentioned articles attempt to justify a posture of racism based on one individual's personal experiences with other individuals. To categorically judge or condemn all members of a particular racial or ethnic group on the actions of individuals is racism in perhaps its most simplified and insidious form." - Letter From Fred Preston

It seems to me that the people utilizing faulty logic and demonstrating areas of ignorance are the ones that lead this university. It's no wonder that people envision Stony Brook as a festering sewer with the administrative

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leadership that we have. No Guts, No Glory, No Clue, it also applies to our administrators.

Definitions and Their Delusions

Idealism- an acting according to one's ideals of what ought to be, regardless of circumstances or of the approval or disapproval of others.

(Thorndike-Barnadt High School Dictionary.)

There is nothing wrong with being idealistic, provided that your beliefs don't cloud reality. Preston is a very nice and cordial individual, however, his idealistic beliefs on multiculturalism often cloud his perception of reality.

Multiculturalism in an ideal setting is a great idea, but

it is obviously not working at this school. The school stresses diversity, but the school is breeding division. We should learn about our culture, our own people, but we should also be taught what unites us, finding a common ground. They never teach us about what unites us, only what separates us. It's this division, this growing problem for the school that forced Cole to write his column. Cole claims that Stony Brook as an institution teaching reactive racism. Why does Preston and Marburger refuse to even touch upon this issue? Simply put, they don't want to admit that their programs might be failing.

My main gripe about this situation is that Fred Preston has a lot of audacity to write the letter condemning Cole. Cole has called Preston a number of times to set up a meeting to discuss the matter, yet Preston even refuses the courtesy of returning phone calls. Why do the people that are trying to silence Richard have carte blanche to meet Preston anytime they seem fit? Preston doesn't need to hear both sides of the story, he has to do what is politically correct.

One of the major reasons that our school is the way it is because the school is paralyzed by ineffective and gutless leadership. Hopefully when Marburger finally leaves, he can take Preston with him. When they leave, we are the ones who have to clean up their mess.

The Midwood Thought Police

In *Draw The Line*, I've talked about a lot of controversial topics ranging from political correctness to Holocaust revisionism. Who would have thought that the topic that would bring in the most negative letters to the editor about this column would be about my time as a student in Midwood High School?

Someone at this school elected himself defender of Midwood to challenge my claims about the institution that I spent the worst years of my life at. The defender of the Midwood crown claims that it was my fault for my negative experiences of high school. If anyone read last week's column, they would have realized that I mostly blame myself for what went wrong. In my column, I really didn't touch upon the many negative experiences that I encountered at Midwood because my wish is to put this total aberration behind me.

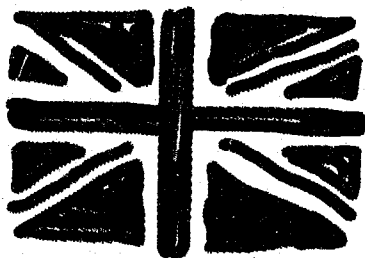
Midwood High School is a good school because of the high quality students that they attract. It has a high amount of Westinghouse winners because they have the students who have the capability to win it. The incompetence level in Midwood's faculty was rather high when I was there. Many teachers did not have the ability to teach gifted students. Midwood is the school that it is because of the students, the administrators should be thankful for the quality of students that they have.

The term "to each is own" also applies to memories about one's high school. For every person with a positive experience of Midwood, there is probably two alumni with a negative experience of the place.

Since this is the last time I will probably mention Midwood again, I would like to thank a number of faculty members who, unlike most of them, actually believed in my abilities. I will never forget them. To Mr. Abramowitz, Mr. Perchuck, Mr. Willner, Dr. Roemer, Mrs. Altman, and Mr. Hero, thanks again.

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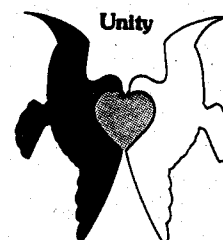
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NYPIRG'S Funding Suspended By Polity Senate ⁵

By Carl Corry
Statesman Assistant News Editor

By a motion that called for an investigation of their budget, the Student Polity Senate voted last night to suspend the funding of the New York Public Interest Research Group, because they have allegedly misused the money allocated to them.

Commuter senator, Kenneth Daube motioned for the suspension until "NYPIRG proves to a simple majority of the senate that each dollar that is spent on dues; i.e. \$6,000 per month, comes back to the campus of SUNY at Stony Brook" or until "NYPIRG admits that each dollar is not being spent on this campus, but agrees that each dollar in the future will be directly spent on the campus."

The NYPIRG representative assured the senate that every cent of the money was being spent on the campus.

John Ponagopoulos, a former intern to the NYPIRG Small Claims Court Action Center, supported the suspicion of funds. He said the office conditions of the organization were disgusting and that students do not come down to the office in the Student Union because of the conditions there.

Ponagopoulos said when he offered to paint the walls of the office, as long as NYPIRG allocated money for supplies, the project coordinator said she would take it out of her own pocket. "When I asked why we couldn't just take money out of the \$54,000 budget, the project coordinator said that she had no control of the money," he said at the meeting.

However, when he spoke to "someone in Polity" about how to get the money, they said that it was the project coordinator's job.

According to Ponagopoulos, the project coordinator told him to stop

inquiring about where the money goes and to sit in the corner and answer phone calls. He said she warned him that his intern credits were in jeopardy if he didn't keep quiet. When his internship was finished, he believes that he received an undeserved a grade of unsatisfactory.

The big problem, which is of most concern to Polity, is that most of the money given to NYPIRG is not used on campus. According to Ponagopoulos, less than five percent of the budget per semester is being used directly to the campus.

Douglas College senator, John Grofik defended NYPIRG, saying that much of their work is done off campus, but is an indirect benefit to the University.

Daube said that he first became concerned with NYPIRG when he heard allegations in the abuse of funds. "I went to Irene Agastino (Polity bookkeeper) and found out that \$342 out of \$54,000 was being used on campus."

He also said that about ten people from his constituency came to him to talk about NYPIRG, wondering where the money was going. Daube considered this response to be unusually high about an issue.

Commuter senator Vincent Bruzzese also supported the move to suspend NYPIRG's funding. "I've been trying to bring the issue of NYPIRG up for about two years," he said. When asked why how he became concerned with NYPIRG, Bruzzese said that he wanted to know what NYPIRG did on campus, but couldn't find out any information. When he went to NYPIRG, he said that they would not give him a direct answer.

"Students expect a large majority, if not all of the money to go to the campus," Bruzzese said. "I believe that the student activity fee is not for [indirect benefits]."

"I think it's about time that the senate took an effective stand for students on this issue," Bruzzese said.

POLITY BRIEFS

Quorum Woes For Senate

For twenty minutes, the main issue of Polity was not on any legislative matter, but to get enough senators to meet quorum; the number of people needed to be present in order for a meeting to conduct official business. It took the chair to call for quorum seven times before enough voting senators were present.

The scene was like a comedy slapstick, with people running in and out of the Student Union Bi-Level yelling that there were enough people, then realizing there wasn't, after another quorum call. The meeting ended with no new or old business discussed nor a completed Steering Committee report because members of the senate decided to leave before the issues could be voted on - no quorum.

Senate Plans Race Relation Forum

Executive Council Secretary Tricia Stewart announced that a the race relations forum will take place in the Fireside Lounge in the Student Union at 6 p.m. on Tuesday March 15. This will be a Polity sponsored chance for students to speak on race relations on campus. There has been a panel established for this event including Joe Topek, chairman of the interfaith center, Joe Rosenthal, chairman of the university senate's diversity council, Gary Matthews, an affirmative action officer, and Reggie Wells of the Social Welfare Department.

The race relation committee is holding another organizational meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 226 to work on the student panel and other parts of the event.

Once again, many questions surfaced around the forum and whether or not it was the right thing to do. Freshman Representative Nicole Rosner asked for opinions from the senators about what they

thought of a vigil. A major concern with both events was the fear that they would end up to be full of arguing and escalating of bad feelings between groups. "The people who are speaking are those on the radical right and left who will not change their mind," said Commuter senator Vincent Bruzzese. "Whoever has the most people will be the loudest and most heard."

There were suggestions that this issue was being given too much attention and was not as big as people thought it was. One senator said that people were only speaking of *Statesman* and columns ran and not about race relations in general. Irving College senator Dwight Bartley pointed out that it is a bigger issue than just campus publications. "The *Statesman* article was reflective of a larger issue," he said. "Students may have not been well informed."

The vigil, according to Rosner, is plan so that students can come out as individuals and be together. The senate voted on a motion, made by proxy senator Richard Cole, in the affirmative to hold a peace vigil sometime after the forum.

Community Relation Committee Added

One of the initiators of the Race Relations Forum Committee, Commuter senator Jim Coffey, motioned for the senate to form a standing committee to educate, program, and help campus relations regarding racism, sexism, homophobia, and other sensitive issues. The motion failed.

In response, Commuter senator Ken Daube motioned to form a ad hoc committee for the same purposes that Coffey outlined. This motion passed.

A standing committee means that until the senate motions to eliminate the committee it would be. An Ad hoc committee, on the other hand, is a committee that is only in existence for a limited amount of time.

Those who supported the standing

committee expressed concern about the committee being ad hoc because, as Coffey said, "It is a perennial issue." Some senators accused their colleagues as being solely reactionists.

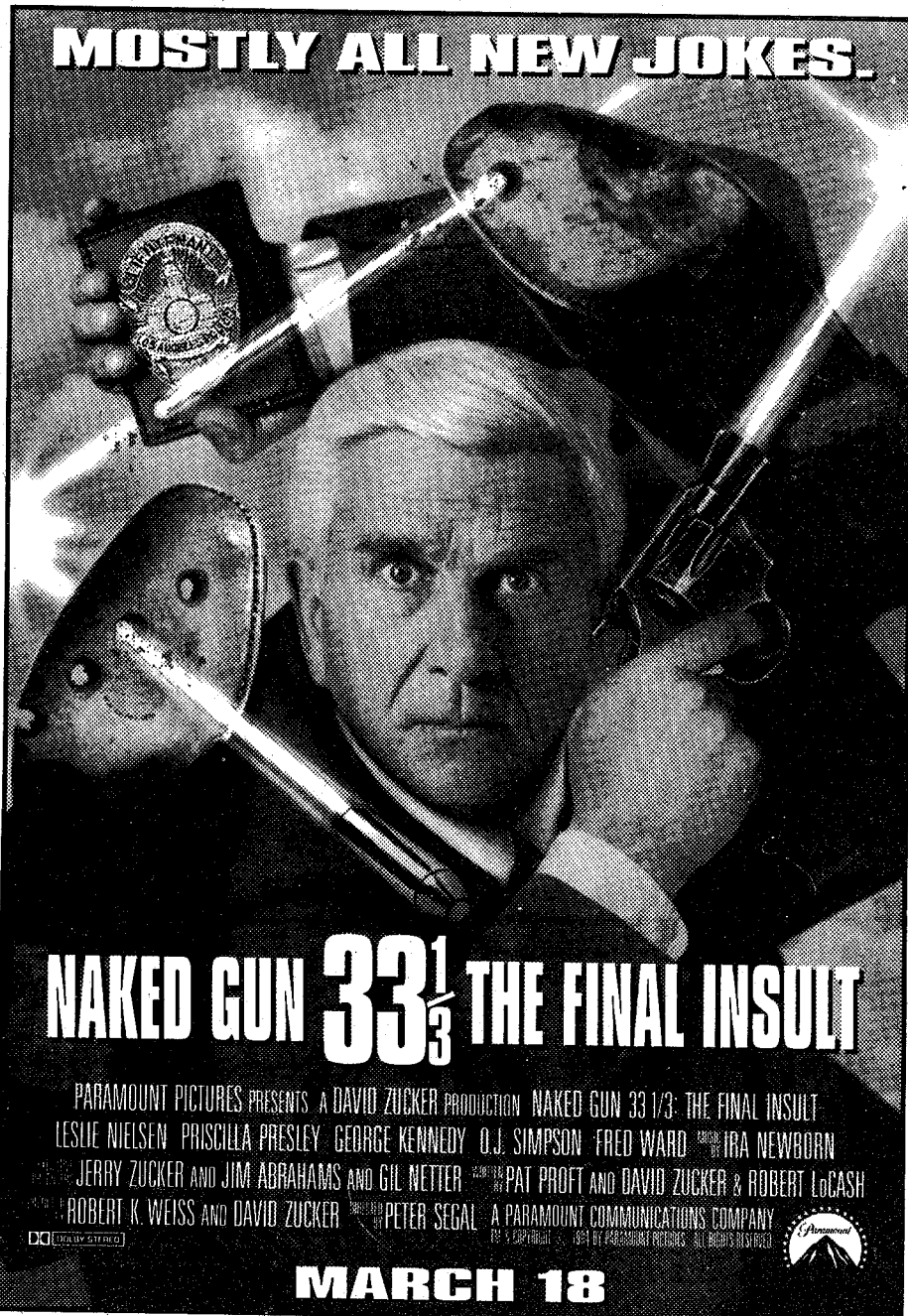
Wheels turning for steering Committee

Before the abrupt end to the senate meeting, Jonathon Hanke, chair of the Steering Committee, started to update the senate on what his committee has accomplished.

Hanke said that despite poor attendance at the meetings there is now a rough draft of the proposed constitution. In addition, the judiciary by-laws are completed.

By Carl Corry & Robyn Sauer

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Cancer Stricken Physician Passes On

By Carl Corry
Statesman Assistant News Editor

It is difficult to write an article that will represent a person for who they are and for what they were. Dr. Peter Morgan, in his two and one half year battle with cancer, is too sensitive a man to fit into so few words.

Before becoming a full-time physician in student health services, 31-year-old Morgan was a volunteer to the program for the first two months.

Dr. Rachel Bergeson, Director of the Infirmary, spoke of the will and determination of the man. "At work he would only talk about medicine," she said. "His world was practicing medicine and serving as a physician."

According to Bergeson, Morgan would come to work directly after a session of chemotherapy, which Morgan stopped in July. "If he got out on Sunday, he would come in the next day," she said.

Morgan helped to develop a medical residency program with the Stony Brook University Hospital. Currently, the infirmary gets two residents a month.

His ability to look at life without its complexities fascinated his colleagues. "During the last year's Noreaster, Peter's beach house was swept out to sea," Bergeson said. "The next day he went to

a Christmas party and celebrated." He was mostly worried about saving his CD collection, according to Bergeson.

Other colleagues in the infirmary remember him as a wonderful man who was always smiling. A man who loved his job and enjoyed classical music. A man who enjoyed his privacy, so much so that he refused to have a telephone at home and would call from an outside line.

Morgan grew up in Commack, where as a member of the Commack High School South football and wrestling teams he got the nickname "Ironman."

He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stony Brook in 1984 and continued on to New York University Medical School. He then completed his residency at the Cleveland Clinic System.

While working for student health services, Morgan also was on the staff of Southampton Hospital.

Memorial Sloane-Kettering asked Morgan to do a documentary about six physicians who were affected by cancer, Bergeson said. The program "On The Edge Of Being," is scheduled to be shown on PBS this spring.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Patricia; three sisters, Janet, Eileen, and Christine; a brother, Andrew, and grandmothers Catherine Maguire and Florence Morgan.

Politics Of Subtraction Needed For Educational Reform

By Richard D. Cole
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Theodore Sizer, Professor of Education at Brown University, addressed approximately 200 faculty, staff and students as a part of the Provost's Distinguished Lecture Series, Monday night.

Sizer, whose area of research concentrates on reforming secondary education, spoke about several main themes. First, the need for American high school to practice the "unpopular politics of subtraction." According to Sizer, "The high school tries to do too much... American high schools are extraordinarily overloaded."

"It's easy to reform by addition. It is brutally difficult to reform by subtraction." Sizer stated that whenever the society found a problem, the school have been made to address it. And that with each new program or class, no other program or class is pushed to the wayside. "The assumption is always that there is more room. The assumption that in fact the high school program is somehow is elastic or we've just been hanging around wasting our time waiting for something to fill up the remaining time."

Secondly, Sizer spoke about "the tyranny of the survey course." Sizer critiqued a world history course "From Cleopatra to Clinton. If you drop your pencil you miss a century." Sizer claimed that survey courses hurt the quality of education within American high schools and colleges. "The result is of course profound trivialization since you never have any time to do anything carefully."

Sizer brought up the question of what American high schools are about. "High school is about the intellect. High school is a place where you learn to use your mind well... and that applies to all children. If it doesn't apply to all children then you don't live in a democracy... The whole system of civic life in this culture depends on a thinking population."

Sizer also spoke out against the use of standardized testing in the American education system. "High school is not about sorting kids out. High school is about education. The American high schools are about making sure that every child without exception learns to use her or his mind... that's what it's all about."

"What we really care about is a young person's habit of the use of knowledge."

Clinton Pitches Lifelong Learning To Students

By Charles Dervarics
Special Correspondent
College Press Service

WASHINGTON - President Clinton promoted his administration's new seven-point program to foster lifelong learning in meetings with both college students and administrators February 22.

Appearing before the American Council on Education's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., the president cited access to higher education, national service and a better transition from school to the workplace as part of this agenda.

"The shape of American higher education is changing," Clinton said. "If we want America to grow jobs and increase earnings, we will have to dramatically increase our commitment to education."

The president said his newly proposed fiscal 1995 budget would increase by 23 percent funding for lifelong programs in education, job training and human services. That plan includes funds for partnerships among high schools, colleges and the private sector plus initiatives to change the nation's unemployment system to a result-oriented "re-employment" system.

Prior to the speech, Clinton got some first-hand experience on these topics in a morning jog with 12 students from Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va. The students ranged in age from 19 to 32 and illustrated the changes taking place in American higher education.

"The average age of college students will continue to go up," the president said, a trend that will require colleges — and government — to prepare for change.

During his address to ACE, the president also touched on other education

topics, including his proposed fiscal 1995 budget for student financial aid. Many advocates have criticized the small increases planned for financial aid, but the president said his administration's actions have strengthened the student aid system.

"The Pell Grant program was \$2 billion in arrears (in 1993). It was one of those pleasant things you don't know about until they put it on your desk," Clinton said. Most of this shortfall developed during former President Bush's tenure.

Yet under the Clinton economic program, the government will pay all the shortfall by next year and still have enough funds to recommend a \$100 increase in the maximum Pell Grant for fiscal year 1995. The average Pell Grant would increase as well, he said.

The president also praised the government's new experiment with direct loans, in which capital flows to students without requiring paperwork or input from banks. One major improvement in this new system is that students can repay their loans based on after-college income, thereby allowing them to work at lower paying service jobs without fear of default, the president said.

In addition, Clinton praised his administration's efforts to promote minority access in higher education, citing a recent announcement from his Education Department that approved race-based scholarships for needy minority students.

"We have lifted the cloud on minority scholarships," the president declared.

Following the speech, Clinton also signed an executive order to promote education excellence for Hispanics. Many college presidents attended that White House ceremony.

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Colourful Opening For Cafe ⁷

By John Chu

Statesman Photography Editor

After long delays and much controversy surrounding the opening, Colours Cafe celebrated its grand opening yesterday with music and entertainment.

Located in the basement of the Student Union, Colours, a student cooperative, was conceived early last semester after the closing of the Rainy Night House. Polity wanted to open a new and more lively spot for students to "hang-out." Differing budget projections and costs delayed construction for several months and work on the project started after the winter intercession, which were completed last week.

Opening celebrations began yesterday, and will continue throughout the weekend. Wednesday's opening event featured Comedian Cowin "The Little Rascal" Moore, from the Uptown Comedy Club. A hundred students attended the event during campus lifetime.

Abe Massaquoi and Sheldon Mackenzie, both Freshman, who attended yesterday's celebrations, think Colours would be an ideal place to go. "For that amount of time he was here, it was the most laughs I got", Massaquoi said. "They should do more stuff like that". "Its phat," said Mackenzie. "It's giving students a more of an option than the Bleacher Club." Both say that the prices here are reasonable and its a nice place for couples to come. "I have

plans to come here next week" said Massaquoi.

Rachel Wexelbaum, a senior, thought otherwise. "It's too bright, it's not relaxing, and the music is too loud" she said. "I miss the Rainy Night house, (Colours) is definitely not a romantic place for people to hang out or bring a date," she said. "It's like somebody else's birthday party".

Catherine Krupski, a senior, shares the same sentiments as Wexelbaum. "I missed the murals," she said. "The Rainy Night House was an adult place, this is geared toward people under 21."

Junior Henry Alas and sophomore Domenick Decaro would want to see Colours open later. "They should close it at 2 a.m. Thursday, because that's party night" said Alas. According to Alas, people would like to "get something to eat and go back upstairs." Decaro said that it would be a good idea to open later on the weekends too, particularly for some people drinking at the bridge. "They get hungry and would come down here to eat" he said.

"We had a real good turnout and cash sales today" said one of the Colours manager, Hubert Gordon. Presently, Colours employs two managers and four assistant managers who are enrolled in a three credit program, which Gordon plan to develop further with the Harriman School of Business. "I would like to instill a business aspect to student cooperatives" he said.

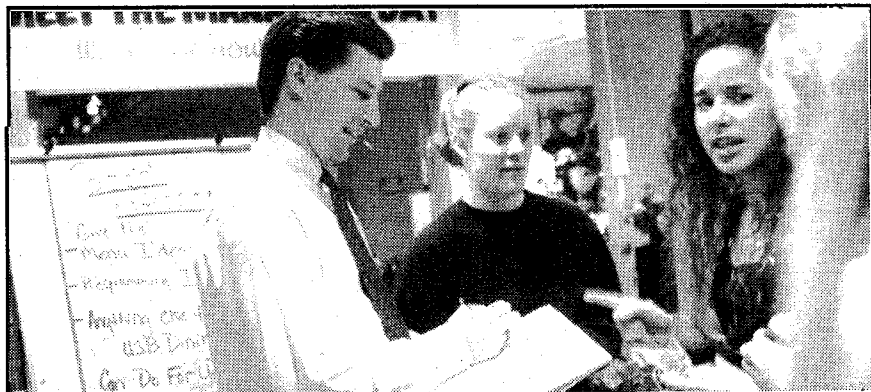


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Dan Peckman, Sarit Levy, Gulnur Cagatay, David Kim, and Jason Terhune enjoy the free music and entertainment at yesterday's opening of the Colours Cafe.

Plans are under way to reach out more to the school community by allowing student clubs and organizations to use the facility for private functions, like birthday and

valentine parties. "We are here to serve the campus community as a student cooperative, and to provide an affordable place," said Gordon.



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Meet The Manager

Manager Robert Kelly of The Bleacher Club takes suggestions from sophomore O'Mayra Cruz who suggested a theme menu for the day.

Most students suggested having more vegetarian food served on campus.

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Editorial

There May Be Hope For Polity Yet

Hooray! After weeks, months, maybe even years the Polity senate finally acted as a truly representative body of the students by locking out for the financial concerns of those who pay the activity fee and elect them.

As our front page story reports, the New York Public Interest Research Group has had their funds suspended. Despite the fact that several students have brought up this subject matter for many years members of the executive council have stifled these concerns for too long a time, but finally the senators have bonded together when they saw something wrong. Maybe the executive council did not refuse to hear anything about the motion because only three of the members decided to show up, one of which, Freshman Representative Nicole Rosner, voted in the affirmative on the motion. Students call up Polity at 632-6460 and ask them where the hell your student leaders are and why they don't bother to show up to meetings?

Questions have arisen time after time about whether or not NYPIRG was spending their money on this campus or if it was being sent off campus for dues or some other organizational fees. But this time some, actually it could be said that few, senators checked out facts and figures. Do we see what can happen when we work together and work for the students?

This could be a great beginning of the rest of the semester if Polity can keep working together for the concerns and rights of the students. Ken Daube and Vincent Bruzzese led the successful motion with facts and suspicions about where the \$54,000 ends up.

Despite this action, it was disappointing to see a lack of responsibility earlier in the meeting. Senator Jim Coffey motioned to make a standing committee in Polity that would have continuous community relations to ease and minimize racial tensions on this campus. This motion was voted down and we have to ask why? It was also very disappointing to see that those student leaders who have been talking about racial tensions over the past two weeks, were the same ones who voted against this committee.

After the negative vote the senate voted to have an ad hoc committee on this same issue. The difference is that an ad-hoc committee ends at the end of this term, where a standing committee exists until the senate votes to get rid of it. This could only imply that senators are reactive and do not want to do anything until there is a problem. They do not want the responsibility of another committee that could help the students. Students, question your student leaders! Make them decide whether or not they want to represent you or not. If they are supposed to represent the student, then they should do so.

Another disappointment took place during the discussion of NYPIRG was when senate chair Crystal Plati seemed to have picked and chose who she would call out of order and who she would recognize on the speaker's list. If there is not some uniform code used to call people out of order then the chair should consider resigning. Commuter senator Marco Aventajado walked out of the meeting after two senators continually interrupted him without the chair interjecting. Aventajado also did not receive

his chance to speak when his name came up on the list. According to him and other senators, this has been going on, personally with him and Plati, since last year.

This is a continuing problem faced in the senate. Chairs refuse to recognize motions. Chairs refuse to recognize people so that they can have a chance to speak. Chairs are also known to be selective in calling people out of order.

It is funny though that the same leaders that raise an iron fist at certain members of the senate at certain times, also find that it is okay to be laxity at other times. Why is it fine for a meeting to start close to a half hour late on a regular basis because senators can not bother to show up on time? Why are senate meetings abruptly ending time after time because senators get bored and walk out? Shouldn't it be these same people's jobs, who rule over every action and word of some senators, to make sure that the people do their job and represent the students that elected them. It is deplorable that quorum is hard to meet and almost never kept.

To end things on a good note, for the first time in a long while, the commuter senators came out to work together on the NYPIRG issue. Daube, Bruzzese, Aventajado, Steve Alamia, and others, if not succeeding on all points, tried to present the issue with clean facts, calm voices, team work, and positive student representative action. This was good to see after a time of inner turmoil and lost hope. Considering the number of commuter senators in Polity, when they work together for the students, as they did last night, they can be a great help to the students that they represent.

Move Over ARA, Colours Is Here

After months of wondering and waiting Colours Cafe opened yesterday and the outcome, although maybe not worth the wait, was a success. The establishment looks good, but more importantly, the prices are cheaper than ARA. From a simple

soda to a sandwich, it's not only cheaper, but it's better. The sandwiches at Colours are thicker and have fresher tasting meat. The soda is cold. All of this sounds trivial, but when the Union Deli is the only place one can eat, Colours comes as a welcomed change.

Perhaps ARA could learn from Colours about dealing with customers and item pricing. A special mention should be given to Barbara Mandel who has put so much time and effort into making Colours a success. At least for now, KUDOS for Colours.

Nobody's Innocent

By Joseph Perry

I'm writing in response to Armon S. Cummings' article that appeared in the Thursday March 3, 1994 edition of the *Statesman*. Armon, your article is not "The Remedy for Racial Propaganda," (Which was the title of the piece), on the contrary it is propaganda.

Is "the white man" solely responsible for the large scale slavery that was in America? Sorry Charlie. Yes, in the 14th century Henry the Navigator went to the west coast of Africa and raped, pillaged and captured dozens of Africans, but by the 1600's Africans were selling their own race of people for slavery. Consider this passage from *Black Man's Burden* by E.D. Morel, "...kidnapping raids conducted by white men in the immediate neighborhood of the coast line were quite insufficient... Tribe was bribed to fight tribe, community to raid community. To every Native chief, as to every one of his subjects, was held out the prospect gain at the expense of his neighbor."

Black men, for the love of money, captured other Africans in "regions where the face of the white man was never seen." The "news of the attractive merchandise from Europe and the wealth being amassed by the tribes on the west coast filtered back to the interior of the continent. In the 16th century a powerful nation, the Zimbabwes, began moving westwards from central Africa. They were warriors, and easily conquered the people on the coast from

Ghana to Cameroon... The transport of the captives of tribes like the Zimbabwes was an incessant system of shackled prisoners, over distances extending hundreds of miles... It is estimated that 30% of the captives perished before reaching the coast, where exhausted and emaciated survivors were crowded like cattle..."

Slavery in America was, compared to previous examples around the world, the most inhumane. But is any slavery humane? Africans were the first people on the planet and had civilizations before and greater than any white culture. By the same token they owned white slaves before anything that resembled the U.S. existed. By looking at Egyptian art one can tell those great people were black, no doubt. By looking at *The Culture of Ancient Egypt*, by F.G. Kay that, "...many Hebrews were taken as captive slaves, most of them were carried off to work on the mighty monuments, under the rule of the Pharaohs Seti I and Ramses II."

When Cummings stated that "white men throughout history have acted like uncivilized children," did he mean to include Frederick Douglass' mentor, Lloyd Garrison?, the group of men that followed John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, that was made of both black and white men? (*The American Nation*, p.405)

Also in Cummings' article, it was stated, "The white race has killed... Jews, Christians and other Europeans in enormous quantities." If Jews, Christians and Europeans are not "The White Race"

Cummings is speaking of, WHO IS THE "WHITE MAN" according to Cummings? This proves that slavery, just like war and disease does not discriminate. Just as the "white race has killed Europeans and enslaved blacks, the Zimbabwes killed 30% of the Africans they captured and the black empire of Egypt enslaved Hebrews."

At this point I would like to answer the questions that Cummings proposed at the end of his piece. "Why should African Americans pledge allegiance to the flag?" Because one is not pledging to the confederate flag, one is pledging to the principle, that All Men Are Equal. Just because T.J. (as Prof. Nelson likes to call him) was an insane hypocrite does not mean that the concept of "All Men are Created Equal" lacks truth. Consider then Frederick Douglass said, in the late 1840's, "To establish justice, insure domestic Tranquility... and secure the Blessings of Liberty," as its preamble states, "could not well have been designed at the same time to maintain and perpetuate a system of rapine and murder like slavery." (*The American Nation*, p.301)

What does the Statue of Liberty represent? Clue: the answer is in the name, genius.

Where were the whites prior to the

tenth century? Simple, among many Greeks that settled in Egypt between 262 BC and 249 BC, Kleon the Greek engineer developed and improved the irrigation systems of the Nile. It would be also good to note that in the latter half of the 3rd century documents show offspring of mixed marriages bearing two names, one Greek and one Egyptian. The phenomenon of mixed marriages between Greeks and Egyptians is wide spread thereafter. (*Greeks in Ptolemaic Egypt*, Lewis, p28)

Why aren't we taught about the Edomites, etc.? Well how come we are not taught about the African Zimba Tribe? Or men like Lloyd Garrison?

Why do white people sun tan and at the same time dislike people who have natural color? Usually when I see members of the K.K.K. or the Neo-Nazis on Geraldo or Riki Lake, they are not well tanned. Myself, I get tan because I was told I look cute with one, and see Mr. Cummings, I hate no one.

Why do so many rock groups use the symbols and lyrics of Satan? Well, why do so many rap groups use the symbols of violence and crime? For instance P.E.'s symbol of a policeman in a target of a gun? Every other rap artist is a "gansta" who talk down to women. For instance Dr. Dre's, SEE PERRY PAGE 10

Letters

New Way of Life

To the Editor:

Unity, Respect, Pride, and Courage are but some of the many things that this campus can use some more of. Unification is something that I believe needs improvement at Stony Brook. Well, my question is why aren't we unified? I'll tell you why! We really don't have any reasons to come together besides sports, fraternities/sororities, clubs, and organizations. Hey isn't that a form of unity? Now, I'll be damned we are actually coming together. Respect is something that makes us all look up at each others caliber. However, most of us are confusing egotistical acts with a way of life. If our ego's control our life then, wow, we're in a big mess. Pride is the back-bone of all our endeavors as students. Don't we, ourselves, have to accomplish things in life? Aren't we at all curious, what motivates us? Well, it is the Pride we possess and display to the world that motivates us to do things in life. Finally, Courage is the ability to dare to put yourself on the line in the interest of the greater good. What is this notion of greater good? It is the thought of doing something good that will benefit the community which does not expect recognition. I'll sum it up like this: if your interested in going far in life an essential part of your degree may encompass the above mentioned ways of life.

HINT: The objective is to Think!!!

Cesar Caro
Polity Judiciary Chair

We Are All One People

To the Editor:

I am a junior at Stony Brook, and a Haitian African American woman. I am writing to let you know that the articles I read in this paper are disgusting. As I flip from page to page, all I see is racism. Most of your remarks are distasteful and unfair. One article in particular, "And Where Do We Go From Here?", by Richard Cole, is highly offensive. I am not one to degrade any other race, and I do not expect anyone else to degrade mine. I do believe in free speech, as long as it does not racially offend a particular group or groups. It seems to me that these articles are what brings more division among different cultures. Multiculturalism was never meant to segregate. It is meant to share and teach others their culture. It is a learning experience for all people. I believe that through multiculturalism, we are all united.

I am sick and tired of reading such ignorant articles as this one. I think the writers of *Statesman* need to write articles that will bring all of us together in harmony. Stop preaching about racism. We are all one people, if we work together, we will succeed.

Alexandra Y. Herard

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Environmental Health And Safety Did Not Check Safety

By Michelle Millar
Associate Professor of
Chemistry

On the afternoon of March 2nd a serious chemical spill of a noxious compound occurred in my laboratory. The compound, benzene thiol, has an exceptionally foul (skunk-like) odor which is detected at very low concentrations. When inhaled, benzene thiol can cause nausea and headaches. Any chemical mishap of this type is a serious matter which should be handled with extreme care and technical expertise. Such situations should be monitored until it is certain that no danger remains.

I am writing to comment on the article about the incident as reported by the *Statesman* (3/3/94). It is because of the false/misleading statements Mr. Leo Debobes (the Director of Environmental Health and Safety) made about the situation that I have been advised to write this letter. I understand that his remarks were made during a personal tour Mr. Debobes conducted on the evening of March 2nd of the Chemistry Laboratories for reporters from *Statesman*.

Mr. Debobes is reported to say "they should have called us first to minimize the

spread and prevent it from getting into the air handling system." We did call, immediately. Soon after the chemical spill occurred, a graduate student notified the Director of Laboratories who phoned the Environmental Health and Safety Office, immediately.

It was mentioned that the students were not successful in cleaning up the mess and caused the chemical to spread. In fact, another graduate student successfully cleaned up the bulk of the chemical spill and the broken glassware with absorbent Kimwipes. This material was placed into a box in the laboratory. Then, the graduate student covered the floor area with Clorox to decompose residual chemical remaining on/in the linoleum. In order to evacuate the building, the fire alarm was set off which automatically turned off the ventilation system causing the chemical to spread more extensively throughout the building.

The safety crew arrived and promptly took control. I was exceptionally impressed by their concern and professionalism. After the safety crew worked diligently and expertly (for more than two hours) on the clean-up endeavor, Mr. Debobes sealed off the laboratory with tape, gave the *Statesman* reporters an interview/tour and then allowed the

building to be reopened.

However, the stench remained. No one from the Environmental Health and Safety Office returned to monitor the situation at anytime that evening. I know, because (out of concern) I spent the entire night in my office. Rather than dissipate, the intensity of the odor increased. It was evident (to anyone familiar with chemicals) that substantial amounts of exposed benzene thiol remained in the laboratory.

If things were left as such, there would have been a continuing stench disaster the next morning. Around 11:00 PM, I decided to do something about it. I entered the laboratory. The box (on the floor outside the laboratory) which contained the bulk of the benzene thiol and broken glass was discovered. Everything was put into a sealed container in a confined hood area. The stench diminished, substantially.

In dealing with hazardous chemicals, it is important to monitor the situation to insure that all sources of the chemical have been eliminated. We waited for the Environmental Health and Safety people to return the next day to finish the clean-up procedure and to remove the sealed container. No one showed up. In the afternoon, the Director of Laboratories

informed us that the Environmental Health and Safety Office phoned to say that we could reenter the laboratory when the odor dissipated.

The toxic properties and methods of handling common chemicals (including benzene thiol) are listed in the MSDS as well as in several source books: "Handbook of Environmental Data on Organic Chemicals," "Hazardous Chemicals Data Book," "Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances." The "fatal value" of 0.5 ppm of benzene thiol as reported in the *Statesman* (quote by Mr. Debobes) is actually the threshold limiting value (TLV), which refers to the estimated maximum concentration a worker can safely inhale on a regular basis for 8 hours/day; 5 days/week. The odor of benzene thiol is detected at a level of 0.0002 ppm.

The handling toxic chemicals is a serious matter. All of us are very much aware of how important the Environmental Health and Safety Office is to the University. We very much depend upon their valuable advice and assistance. And, we very much appreciated the heroic efforts of the safety crew from the Environmental Health and Safety Office in helping with the serious chemical spill which occurred in my laboratory on March 2nd.

Fight For More Financial Aid

By Maureen Doebbler
President of SASU

As April approaches here at Stony Brook several of you may be thinking about Spring Break or finals or papers, while others may be contemplating their campaign for election or even graduation. But up in Albany, New York State Capitol, the **BIG** thought on peoples minds' is what is going to be in this years State Budget and will it be passed on time for April 1st deadline, yet last year came close and was passed by the 5th or so.

Since 1990-1991 higher education funding in New York has not reached the levels necessary to provide the students of the state with an accessible, quality and affordable education, especially not at the public university systems of SUNY and CUNY. Since 1991, tuition has increased over 200% while financial aid has decreased every year, making it harder for those students, who need state assisted financial support, to have access to a higher education. Even students who need to attend college part time, because of finances or

family are finding it harder to do so because they receive more aid as a full time student than a part time student.

Overall higher education has suffered severely within the past four years, last year alone SUNY received a \$11.8 million lump sum cut, (only %1 of its budget) yet in the end programs and services both state-wide and on the individual campuses had to be reduced.

Since November, the Student Association of the State University of New York (SASU) has been working with students across SUNY to increase funding for higher education in the 1994-1995 state budget with a postcard drive to the Governor and his Executive Chambers. Since Governor Cuomo's proposed budget in January, students, faculty, and administration have been mobilizing across the state in actively working on the budget, and asking their legislators to freeze tuition, increase funding for the State University of New York and to increase funding for financial aid, especially the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Aid for Part Time Study (APTS), College Work Study

(CWS) and the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP). On February 11-14th SASU held its state-wide legislative conference and student lobby day in Albany; and on the 28th a coalition of education organizations including SASU, NYPIRG, Student Assembly, the University Student Senate, the Independent Student Coalition, and the United University Professions, representing students and faculty at SUNY, CUNY, and Private institutions, held a massive state-wide lobby day and rally on the steps of the Legislative Office Building in Albany. Both events were extremely successful with over 300 students in attendance overall.

But the fight is not over yet, both at the state and local campus level students have to tell their legislators that higher education must be made a priority in New York State. The more letters, phone calls, local lobby visits, educational forums, etc students are involved in; the more educated the student population and the more strength students have to get their issues addressed.

To this end SASU is continuing to

organize on the campuses with a paper link campaign to state legislators, town meetings/student forums on several campuses, a legislative breakfast and media events; but we can not do it alone. SASU needs the help and support of students across the campus to organize other students, hang flyers, sign a paper link, tell their friends, call their legislator, anything to be part of the action. Already, together with SASU, students have won victories in the Governor's proposed Budget for '94-'95 including increased funding for SUNY and a tuition freeze at SUNY's state operated campuses. Yet know it's up to the state legislature to decide. Students alone can not make it happen only together can students truly make a difference. So call your Student Association or call the SASU office in Albany. But whatever you do get involved; because the next class/program that's eliminated or the next financial aid award that's cut just may be yours and if you don't HELP, who will?

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Nobody's Fault

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"Bitches ain't shit but ho's and trix..."

Finally I can answer the last question Cummings proposed, When Armageddon starts, who is going to represent the righteous? I tell you who, the ones who will represent the righteous are the good samaritans, the good citizens who pay their taxes and who contribute to the

community, the people who abide by social and legal laws will represent the righteous.

I advise you, Armon, to check your own self, the references are included for that purpose. I would also like to give a shout out to Black World and say, If "keep whitey out" is slang for "do good on your exams," then "keep blackie out" is slang for do good on your term papers.

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Bonura Set For NCAA's After Three Wins at ECAC's

Sophomore Julie Bonura of the women's track and field team was a triple winner at last weekend's ECAC Championships at Smith College in Northampton, MA. Bonura captured first place in the 55-meter dash (7.27 seconds), the 200-meter dash (25.9) and the long jump with a distance of 17' 9.25". Her times in both the 55 meter dash and the 200 meter dash were new personal bests. For her outstanding performance, Bonura was named the *Statesman*/VIP Club Athlete of the Week.

"Everything went right last weekend," said Bonura. "I ran personal bests in both of my running events and that was the first good jump I've had since the meet we hosted here [at the Stony Brook Invitational on January 23, Bonura jumped 17' 11.5"]. Ever since that jump, my distances had gone down. I finally stuck another one."

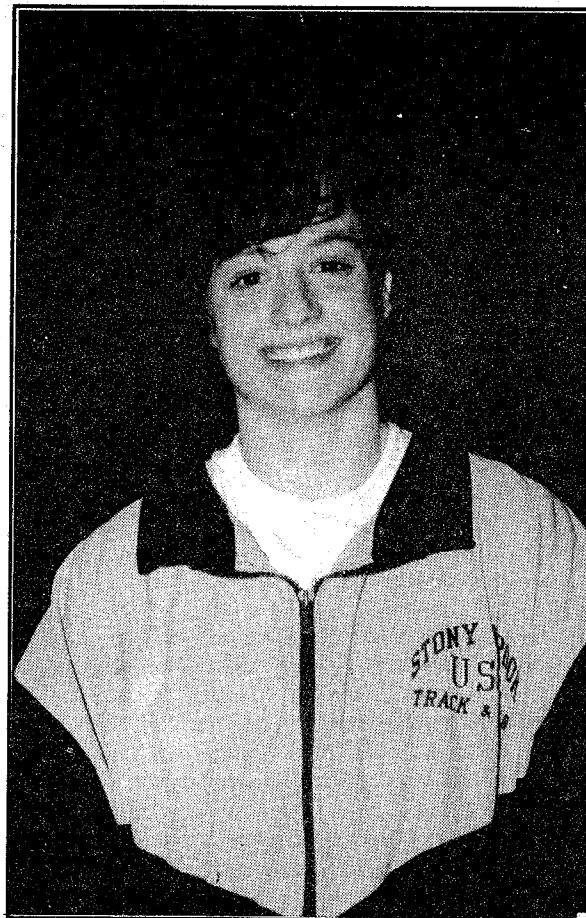
Bonura will now head to the NCAA Championships for the second straight year, this weekend at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She enters the championships, where the top six finishers in each event earn All-American

honors, ranked second in the 55-meter dash and seventh in the long jump. But don't talk to Bonura about seedings.

"I can't worry about the seedings because everyone who goes to the NCAA's has the ability to do well," explained Bonura. "Last year I was ranked third in the 55-meter dash and I didn't do well. I let the whole thing [going to the NCAA's] get to me. I was thinking about it all week and I was real nervous when I got there."

This year the emphasis is on keeping focused. "I'm just trying to keep her sharp this week," said head coach Denise Chestnut. "Last week, Julie showed that she's ready, so I'm not going to push her."

Bonura is scheduled to compete in the long jump first on Friday and then run in the 55-meter dash, which she claims will not be a problem. "I would rather do the jumping first to get my steps over with, then I'll have a few hours to get ready for the 55," said Bonura. "I'm going to go into the NCAA's with a better outlook this year and hope that I do well."



Julie Bonura

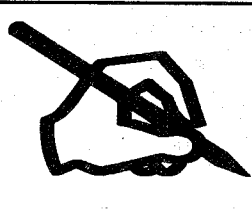
SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Even though we have been getting most of our calls Thursday and Friday, do not hesitate to call Sunday afternoon, too! We did not receive our first correct response last week until Saturday - and we did not receive five total correct answers.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

As we have all heard several hundred times, the Brook has begun the wheels turning down the road to Division I. Presently, there is a number of teams at Stony Brook that are already at the D-I level. What teams at Stony Brook boast Division I membership? (Hint: There are as many women's D-I teams as there are men's).

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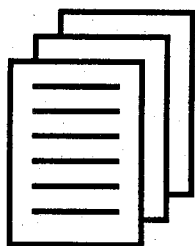
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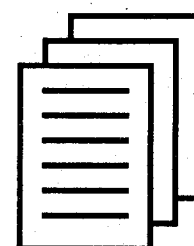
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Baseball Team Warming Up for Spring Training

By Kris Doorey
Statesman Staff Writer

The men's baseball team opens its season in less than two weeks and head coach Matt Senk is very excited. The Patriots struggled to a 13-14-1 mark last year after capturing the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference baseball championship in 1992. Senk has put last year's team behind him and is looking for this year's team to play an exciting brand of baseball.

This year's team will have very little resemblance to the one that was on the field last year. Only 13 of the 30 players on this year's roster were on last year's team and of those 13 only Dave Marcus, Erik Haag, Joe Nathan and Adam Karol saw extended playing time.

"Last season was definitely a disappointment," Senk, in his fourth season at Stony Brook, said. "We were coming off the ECAC championship and we had a lot of players returning. I really expected more. This year's team is going to be a young and exciting team. We look like a hungrier team and the guys have shown a lot of enthusiasm and energy in practice."

Half of the squad, 15 players, are freshmen and another nine are sophomores so the Pats are definitely a young team. "Even though we are a young team, our talent level is strong. We have only three seniors, but we have a lot of guys returning from last year that were able to get some experience," Senk said.

Marcus is one player that Senk is expecting a big season from. "This is going to be Dave's third year starting and last year he won the team MVP as a sophomore. He also was selected as a New York State First-Team All Star and that honor allowed

him to be nominated for All-America honors."

Marcus led the team in batting last season with a .388 average and was first on the team with eight doubles. The junior catcher from Merrick was second on the team in hits (33), runs (23), RBI's (24) and walks (18).

The Patriots probable opening-day infield will consist of three sophomores and a freshman. Converted shortstop Mark Balsamo will play at first base and Jason Cifuentes will start at second. On the left side of the infield freshman Scott McAleer will handle the hot corner and Nathan will start at shortstop. Nathan saw action in 15 games last season and batted .267 and had an on-base percentage of .389. Balsamo played in eight games last season while Cifuentes stepped on the field in seven contests. Balsamo hit .300 (3-10) and Cifuentes rapped five hits in 14 at-bats for a .357 average.

From left to right the Patriots outfield will be comprised of Chris Livingston, Karol and Jason Fiermonte. Karol saw action in 14 games last season hitting .300 in 40 at-bats. As a freshman last season Livingston played in five contests, collecting four hits in eight tries. Fiermonte is a freshman from Centereach.

"We have a strong, cohesive group that offensively is at least as good as last year's team and defensively is probably stronger. Up the middle we are really strong with Dave, Joe and Adam," said Senk. "The key to a strong defense is putting an athlete at every position and that is what we try to do."

"Our starting pitching should be very strong. Right now our opening-day pitcher

could either be Mike Robertson or Tim Lynch. They are our best two pitchers and Robertson has been our top starter the past two seasons."

Robertson finished last season with a 3-2 mark in seven starts. He logged a team high 41 innings allowing just over four earned runs per nine innings. Lynch tallied a team-high four wins against one defeat. He also led the team in strikeouts with 26 and had a 2.51 earned-run average.

Drew McDowell, Pat Hart, and Carlos Quiroz can also expect to see time as starting pitchers. McDowell had five starts last year and struggled to a 1-4 record, while allowing 25 runs in 24 innings. Hart saw action in six games last season as a freshman, while Quiroz is in his first season at USB after transferring from Old Westbury.

Garrett Waller is the Patriots' top returning reliever. Last season he posted an ERA of 2.45 and had a team-high three saves. Based on their fall performances Don Ecker, Matt Goodman and Jim Mezey, the teams only lefthanded hurler, will also see action from the bullpen.

Other players that can be expected to see a lot of action this season include Haag, Frank Colon, Rich Nordt and Sal Azzariti. Haag, a sophomore, will see most of his time as the team's designated hitter. Last season he batted .200, going 10 for 50, but showed some power, lacing five doubles. Colon, a freshman from the Bronx, will see action all over the diamond. He will probably back up Marcus behind the plate and also DH and play some first base. Nordt will probably be the first man that Senk turns to if he needs an infielder. The freshman from Carmel has the ability to

play all of the infield positions. Azzariti, a senior, is the team's fourth outfielder. He batted .500 (4-8) in limited action.

"Our team goals don't change from year to year," Senk said. "Our first goal is to win the conference championship. In doing that we hope to win enough games to qualify for the ECAC tournament and then qualify for the NCAA tournament. But, to reach these goals you have to play one game at a time and take nothing for granted."

The Patriots open their 38-game regular season with home games against Queens and Dowling on March 22 and 23 and then they head to Florida where they will play 10 games.

"I really like the idea of going to Florida. We went two years ago, but not last year. I really think that not going hurt us last season. The trip seems to bring the players together and builds team unity," Senk said.

"I think that we are going to have a much better season than we did last season," Karol said. "The guys seem to be a lot closer to each other than last year's team. Last year we seemed to take winning for granted. We lost nine one-run games and that is going to help us this season if we get in pressure situations. For us to have a great season we will need big year's from [Dave] Marcus, Joe [Nathan], and Mike Robertson. I think that those three guys are going to have to come up big if we are going to do something big."

"For us to win this year everyone, from the freshmen to the returners, are going to have to play an important role," Robertson said. "We have to stay focused in every game. Last year we didn't seem to concentrate, but I think this year will be different."

Adrenalin is the Name of the Game

By Thomas Masse
Statesman Sports Editor

More than twenty women showed up to the women's rugby club's first official meeting of this semester.

Wait a minute. Was that *women's rugby*?

Yes, it was; and yes, it is. Last night, a fragment of women remaining from last spring and last semester renewed their quest to get this relatively new club off the ground. The club's most imminent problem these days is money. They receive their funding from Polity's Programming Service Council (PSC).

Already, their entire budget has been earmarked for advertising, tape, a first aid kit, "rucking" bags, and "how to" books. Due to restrictions designating what PSC money can be spent on, the women's club cannot spend the money on jerseys. As a result, each rugger will have to buy her own or "we might have to get the men's old jerseys. We might get those for free," said club president senior Pamela Romero.

The next largest looming obstacle is recruiting players and finding a place to field them. "It was a great turnout and if they all come out for practice, that'd be great," said Romero. "And if we can learn how to play the game, and we could schedule a game as soon as we can, that would be awesome." In past years, practice attendance waxed and waned due to lack of consistency in field availability.

In fact, all of the club's problems are easily identified in the brief history of the women's rugby club, as summed up by Romero: "I heard that Ed Chase started [the women's club]. He wrote out the

constitution.... We had a lot of girls last spring, but nothing ever really came of it, and we fell apart. We tried it again last semester - that's when I was elected president. But we weren't able to get any money, so we fell apart, again. So then, this semester, we were all psyched to do it again."

Of course, what most people not affiliated with either the men's or the women's clubs want to know is "what would ever possess women to want to play rugby in the first place?" Every woman in attendance had her own story. President Romero said that "I love sports, but I never wanted to try out for a team - and you don't need to try out for this."

"I met a few guys from the men's rugby team and they said that they were starting a women's team," said Karen Revesz. "I had been wanting to get back into sports for a while."

Junior Alison Tarplee had a slightly different introductory experience. "I was in a biology class and Karen [Revesz] stood up in the middle of the class and said, 'I bet all of you women want to play rugby.' Everyone looked at her and said 'what the hell are you talking about,' I thought about it, and when I asked her, she took me.... [Joining the team is] the best thing I ever did. I'd quit my major and play rugby full-time if I could."

Apparently, some of the women see advantages in playing club sports as opposed to University-sanctioned team sports. "Rugby is a good sport at college just because it doesn't demand so much of your time that you don't have time to do anything else," said Revesz. "And it's just so much fun. I love everything about the

sport: tackling in the mud, throwing people around..."

President of the men's rugby team, Tom Trainer, mentioned that rugby as a whole is regaining some of the momentum it has lost over the years, and women's rugby has been leading the way. "Women's rugby is growing faster than men's. In some cases, it's more popular." Considering the difficulty the women have been having getting started, it appears that they are progressing rapidly.

According to Romero, the club's plans are not yet etched in stone, and they are constantly looking for suggestions and support. "It would be great if we could hold another clinic with the Gotham City club," she said. This would give the team some playing experience and also increase the awareness of women in the sport.

For the present, players are responsible for purchasing their own cleats, mouthpieces, jerseys, and socks at a total approximate cost of \$65. Players may also be required to contribute a small dues to help defer the cost of referees, fields, travel, et cetera. The club will hold practices Tuesday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and players are required to make two practices per week. With any luck, they women will play their first game this spring some time in April. Romero said that the club will play as many home games as possible.

But, are women who play rugby really that tough? Laughing, Revesz said, "We try to be tough."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's Spring Soccer Opens

The USB men's soccer team began their spring campaign with a spirited display as they hosted their annual indoor tournament last Saturday. Behind strong defensive play by goalkeeper Corey DeRosa, who had two shutouts in the tourney, freshman "Pop" Rodriguez, and sophomore captain Ron Palillo, the team narrowly missed out on a place in the finals. They lost to Division II team, Southampton in a dramatic sudden-death penalty shoot-out. The score had been tied through regulation and overtime.

The Brook opened their round-robin play with a draw against St. Joseph's of Patchogue. Freshman Rich Worthington tying the game with a blast from 15 yards. Another tie followed, this time against Division II Dowling. This left USB needing at least a tie against Division I Long Island power Adelphi in their last group game to reach the semis, trailing 1-0. Freshman Chris Siano curled the ball into the top corner off an assist by Jose Truzman to give USB the tie it needed.

Against Southampton in the semi-final USB missed several opportunities to clinch the win, including Truzman shooting wide on several occasions. In the ensuing shoot-out Erik Rodriguez calmly slid the ball into the corner but Ron Palillo saw his shot rebound off the post and out ending Stony Brook's hopes.

The tournament was won for the second consecutive year by the experienced and talented Glen Cove team who defeated a fatigued Southampton, 5-0, in the final.

Next up for USB is the NYCAC Indoor Tournament at LIU - Southampton on March 20.

Compiled By Tom Masse

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candidate be a major consideration? Should the University hire a woman to coach a women's team?

As for the committee, they are not talking. They have been instructed to refer all questions to Laskowski. The reasons Laskowski gave for this deal mostly with responsibility. "If someone is going to make an error, then it should come from me, not the committee," he said. "If I make an error in what I'm saying, then I have to take the blame for it."

More important is the issue of confidentiality. "They [the committee members] may say something that might

jeopardize a candidate," said Laskowski. "Some candidates may apply that might want that to remain confidential." Considering the fact that some possible applicants presently may be coaching elsewhere, divulging their candidate status may compromise their current positions.

Laskowski said that the committee will not be working full-force until after the NCAA Final Four tournament, since some possible applicants may be involved in the tournament. However, he expects to have some idea of the final cut of choices by the end of the academic year. "I hope we have somebody on board by the summer," said Laskowski. "But, I don't think that they can go on payroll because of when the

money is available - until September 1."

While it appears as though the "controversy" has died down, it still seems as though a cloud of doubt looms in the minds of many. Hopefully, the committee will do the best job of which it is capable, and Weeden's comment will become realization - "the committee selects the best candidate for the job."

"This is my first love," said McMullen. "I've been here all these years... The bottom line is if they want me, they want me; if they don't, they don't."

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Shuffling the Dec

When the Women's Basketball Head Coaching Position Goes Full-Time, Who Will Get the Job?

By Thomas Masse
Statesman Sports Editor

This article is the first of an intended three-part series.

This week's installment: The Insiders.

Declan "Dec" McMullen has been the Stony Brook women's basketball head coach for twelve seasons. But, after this fiscal year, the position which he holds will switch from its current part-time status to full-time. The question nearly at hand is: Will he be back?

According to Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Dr. Richard Laskowski, the change in status of the job is due, in part, to the University's planned move to Division I. Also, the change in status will make the position equal to that of the men's basketball head coaching job. The "new" position will receive comparable pay to that of the men's basketball coach (approximately \$30,000-40,000, depending on level of experience).

To find the best person for the position, the Department of Athletics has organized a nine-person committee to sift through the information submitted by applicants. According to Laskowski, the committee is comprised of seven women and two men and is being chaired by John Ramsey, the Chairman of the Department of Athletics. Of the women, two are coaches, two are basketball players, two are administrators, and one is unidentified. Of the men, one is Ramsey, and the other is a coach.

Many people, within and without the Department, feel that it would be much more efficient and logical simply to hand the job to McMullen. Though it would be easier, it would also be illegal. According to Laskowski, New York State law requires that all full-time State positions must be posted - even in the case of a filled, part-time job being converted to full-time. Thus, the job must be posted, and all applications must be reviewed.

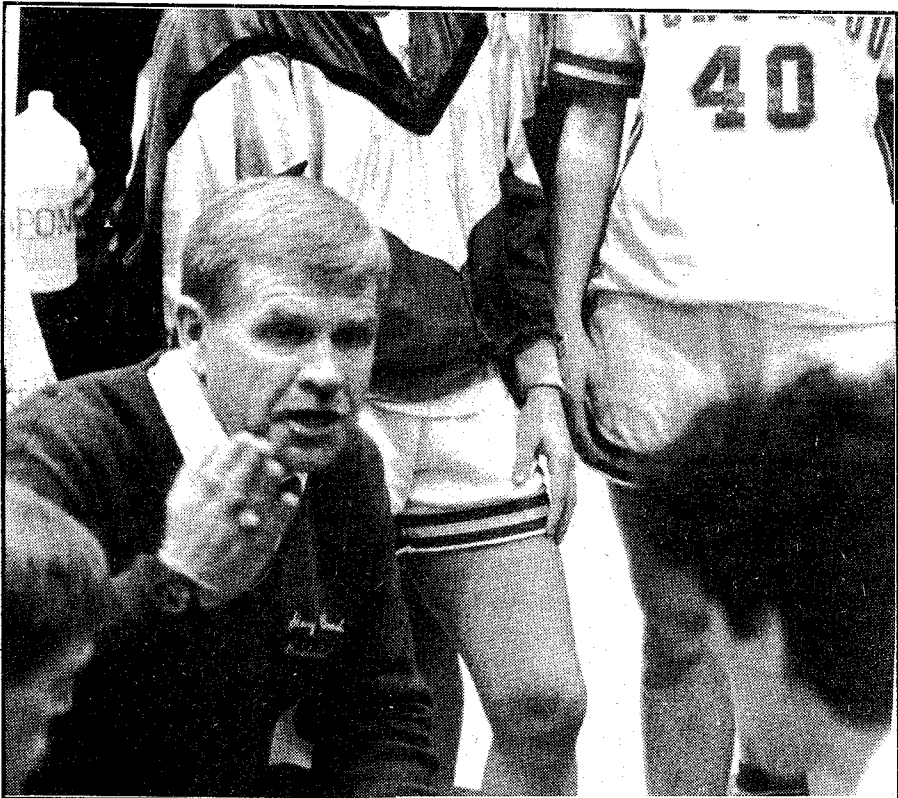
However, what some are calling a "controversy" erupted after *Newsday* ran a story last fall regarding the change. In the November 12, 1993 edition, *Newsday* staff writer Steve Marcus wrote an article using a tone alleging that Stony Brook was very likely to hire a woman to fill the position in the name of gender-equity. In the article, Laskowski, McMullen, and Woman's Athletic Director, Sandra Weeden were quoted.

"Hypothetically, do I believe there are women qualified out there with the credentials equal to Dec's or better? Yes, I think there are," Weeden was quoted as saying. At the end of the article, McMullen was quoted, "You might be the best man for the job, but that doesn't mean that you are going to get it."

Lately, most of the players in this game have backed off their previous statements. "My goal is to build a successful women's program," said Weeden. "To hire someone without the credentials just to have a woman would defeat that purpose. I only hope that the committee selects the best candidate for the job... I am sure that they will."

McMullen, who has decided to apply for the position, has also been more diplomatic about the situation. "I'd say 50-50. I really hope I have a chance," he said. "I feel that I am [qualified]. I've been here for twelve years. I have a proven track record. I know the system. They know what they're getting."

Indeed, over the twelve years that McMullen has been the women's head coach, the team has compiled a record of 193-109 (.639 percentage), making ten playoff appearances. He has earned numerous coaching awards from Stony Brook and from various regional associations. He, personally, has hand-picked the members of his teams, choosing those players he feels have the ability to



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Women's Basketball Coach Dec McMullen gives instruction during a timeout. excel on the court and in the classroom. His record ranks among the best of current Division III coaches.

However, another consideration is just that: his record is among the best in Division III. But, will he be just as successful in Division II and/or Division I? "Right now, it's a tough job for a coach to come into because there are no scholarships," said McMullen. "They're going to be playing Division II and it's going to be tough to win... very tough to win." He also spoke for himself. "I can retire [from teaching at Newfield High School in Selden] and just do basketball," McMullen said. "Do they want to bring a coach in and start fresh?

That's another possibility, that's a very good possibility. I am 52, so that's another thing that may be against me.... It depends on what they want to do."

Incidentally, of the sixteen team sports recognized by the Department of Athletics, nine are men's teams, and seven are women's. All of the men's teams have male head coaches: five full-time and four part-time. Only four of the women's teams have women coaches (only two full-time) and three have men coaches (all part-time). Considering this the following questions have been posed: Should the gender of the

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PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
10	11 Track at NCAA Championships at Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 11 am	12 Track at NCAA Championships at Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 11 am Women's Indoor Soccer Tournament (Pritchard Gym) Men's Rugby, 1 pm	13	14	15	16

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