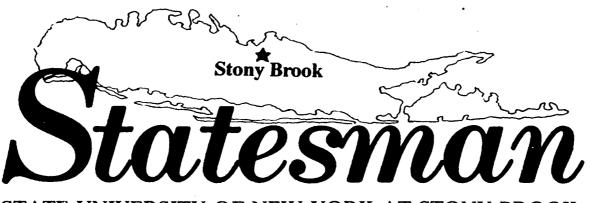
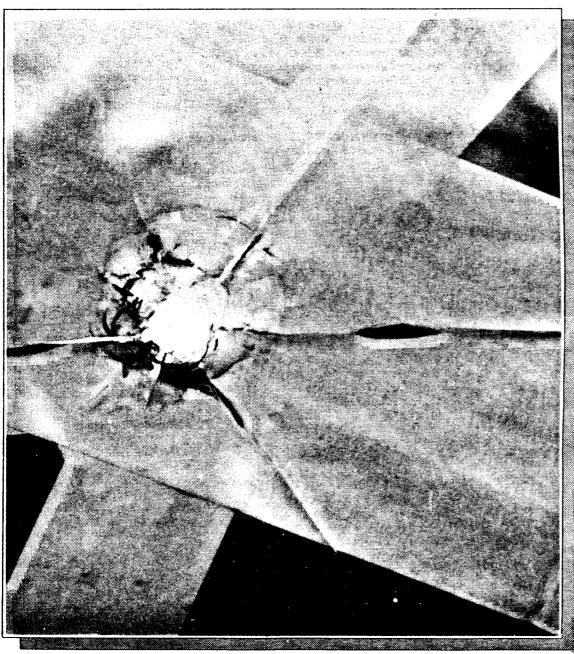
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Calendar of Events

for February 18, 1991 to February 24, 1991

Monday, February 18

Washington's birthday observed. Classes in session.

Union Crafts Center Course, "Pottery Making I." Eight sessions. Foundations in the methods of use of the potter's wheel while making a variety of simple forms. \$75 students, \$95 non-students; fee includes clay, tools, firing and membership. Two sections available: Section A begins Monday, Feb. 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Section B begins Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Union Crafts Center. Call 632-6822.

Black History Month Discussion, "African American Solidarity within the Disapora." Guest speaker to be announced. 7:00 p.m. Africana Studies Library, Social and Behavioral Sciences. Call 632-7470 or 632-6828.

Women's Basketball vs. Kean College. 6:00 p.m., Indoor Sports Complex.

February 18-19

Black History Month Art Fair and Sale. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. SB Union Fireside Lounge. Call 632-7470 or 632-6828.

Union Crafts Center Course, "Bartending." Eight Sessions. A complete introduction to mixed drinks and liquors as well as bar management. In class practice, using simulated liquors, lectures and demonstrations. Certificate available. \$58 students, \$75 non-students. Four sections available; Section A begins Monday, Feb. 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Section B begins Monday, Feb. 18, 8:45-10:15 p.m.; Section C begins Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Section D begins Tuesday, Feb. 19, 8:45-10:15 p.m., Fiber Studio. Call 632-6822.

Tuesday, February 19

School of Continuing Education PC Training Series, "Introduction to Word Processing: Word Perfect 5.1." First of seven sessions. Various word processing functions such as diskette maintenance, index/file retrieval operations, creation and deletion of documents, page formatting, cursor control, text highlighting, movement and print operations will be covered. No prior computer experience necessary but keyboard familiarity is helpful. Preregistration required. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-7:45 p.m.. Additional classes will be available in March and April. To register, for price information, class location, and dates for future classes,

Union Crafts Center Course, "Pottery Making II." Eight sessions. Previous wheel experience required. Focus on technique improvement achieving larger, taller work in more complex forms. \$78 students, \$95 non-students; fee includes clay, firing and membership. Two sections available: Section A begins Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Section B begins Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Union Crafts Center. Call 632-6822.

Wednesday, February 20

The Alterative Cinema at Stony Brook,

"Tampopo," offbeat, erotic comedy about the search for the perfect noodle. Directed by Juzo Itami. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. \$2 Stony Brook Union Auditorium. Call 632-6136.

Department of Music Wednesday Noontime Concert Series. Features undergraduate students performing a varied repertory, specific program to be announced. Recital Hall, Staller Center for the Arts. Call 632-7235.

School of Medicine Pediatric Grand Rounds, "Pediatric Plastic Surgery," Jonathan Lebowitz, surgeon. 8:00 a.m. Level 3, Lecture Hall 6 Health Sciences Center. Call 444-2700.

Physics Department Colloquia, "High Temperature Superconductivity; the First Four Years," V. Emery, BNL. 4:15 p.m. P137 Harriman Hall. Refreshments will be served at 3:45 p.m. Call 632-8110.

Union Crafts Center Course, "Floor Loom Weaving I." Warp and dress a four harness floor loom. Complete at least one weaving. Two sections available: Section A, six sessions, begins Saturday, Feb. 23. 10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$60 students, \$75 non-students plus \$10 materials fee. Section B, 8 sessions, begins Wednesday, Feb. 20, 7:00-9:30 p.m., \$78 students, \$95 non-students plus \$10 material fee. Union Crafts Center Fiber Studio. Call 632-6822.

Black History Month Images of Blacks in Cinema: "Blaxploitation." 8:00p.m. Langmuir Lounge. Call 632-7470 or 632-6828

Men's Basketball vs. New Jersey Tech. 7:00 p.m., Indoor Sports Complex.

Thursday, February 21

Distinguished Corporate Scientist Lecture Series, "One Approach to Developing and AIDS Vaccine," Scott Putney, Repligen Corp. Sponsored by the Center for Biotechnology. Noon, Lecture Hall 6, Level 3, Health Sciences Center. Call 632-8531.

Biophysics Seminar Series, "Ion Channels in the Mammalian Cortical Collecting Tubules," Lawrence Palmer, Cornell University Medical College. 4:00 p.m., Room 140, Level T-5, Basic Health Sciences. Call 444-2287.

Black History Month Candlelight Vigil in Commemoration of Malcolm X. 6:00 p.m. In front of the Administration Building, Academic Mall. Call 632-7470 or 632-6828.

Saturday, February 23

1991 College Bowl and ACUI Campus Recreation Tournament. Sponsored by the Department of Student Union and Activities and Student Polity. 5:00p.m.-11:00 p.m., SB Union. Call 632-6823.

Sunday, February 24

Black History Month Africana Studies Community Cinema, "Ida B. Wells and the Crusade for Justice." 4:00 p.m. SB Union Auditorium. Call 2-7470 or 2-6828.

RIOT IN STUDENT ÚNION INJURES FOUR; AT LEAST 1 SHOT FIRED; STUDENT STABBED; NON-STUDENTS REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE

By Liam McGrath

Statesman News Writer

A riot broke out early Saturday morning in the Union ballroom injuring four people, none seriously. The crowd, estimated to be at least 650, never saw what they came for - a performance by rapper Special Ed. The incident left both students and administration worried about the future of such events on campus.

Chairs were thrown and at least one bullet was fired during the melee, which broke out about 1:45 A.M., after students had jammed the ballroom for hours waiting to see a show scheduled to begin at midnight Friday. Four people, including two student security men, were injured and taken from the concert to University Hospital. An initial assessment of damages to the Union was \$1,500.

Brian Sullivan and Steven Brylski, the student security men, were both treated and released by University Hospital over the weekend. Sullivan, who suffered a fractured scapula, was released at 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning. Brylski, who was stabbed in the chest, was released yesterday at around noon. The other injuries were to non-students Kenneth Wigham and Nicole Masoellaro, who were both released early on Saturday morning.

A bullethole about the size of a quarter was found in the ballroom window facing the gym after the concert. University spokesman Dan Forbush said that the size of the hole indicated that the bullet was nine millimeters or larger, and that the trajectory indicated the bullet had been fired from outside the ballroom, "at a level that it could have hit someone." There were no reports of gunshot wounds, however, and no bullets have been found.

A number of skirmishes took place throughout the night, while D.J. Craig played on the stage. Most of the fights erupted between were handled by student security. The first fight of the evening took place outside of the ballroom doors and left a brick wall by Papa Joe's pizzeria knocked to rubble, according to Sullivan. Student security's handling of the night's events was applauded by many students. "They seemed to react to things like this," said Vanessa Rose, snapping her fingers. "(A security person) on the stage would point and they'd handle it."

But one source said that security wasn't adequate, whether or not the fault of students of university police. He said that the type of wounds he saw during the night indicated that "people had to be wielding knives."

Alphonso Grant, head of student security, said 30 students were working the concert. Student security at the ballroom's entrance frisked concertgoers as they entered. There were three uniformed Public Safety officers present, but they spent much of the time between midnight and the riot's eruption in the Union lobby. Grant, who otherwise wouldn't comment on the night's events, said, "Security did a great job...I'm proud of them."

According to Forbush, Public Safety placed a call for help to Suffolk County police at 1:49 AM, and between eight and 10 Suffolk County officers were at the scene shortly after 2:00 A.M. The Union was then cleared of all concertgoers. As of Sunday afternoon, no arrests had been made. Suffolk County police are continuing investigations of three felony assaults, said Forbush.

Many students closely involved with the concert's organization - including Hugh Lawrence, chair of the Minority Planning Board, which sponsored the event - were reluctant to talk about the event, and some university employees familiar with the incident talked briefly on the condition that their names not be used. Concern for the image of the university - as well as job regulations - were cited.

Concertgoers' accounts varied slightly from official reports issued by the University News Service. Forbush, reading from a News Service statement prepared on Saturday morning, said that the riot "began spontaneously after the concert was canceled," but one concertgoer, who refused to be identified, said "that's false." Numerous other concertgoers interviewed over the weekend also said that there had been no specific announcement of a cancelation. Meanwhile, according to sources in the building that night, Special Ed showed up in the Union at about the time the riot started.

There was no clear reason for the riot, but con-

tributing factors appear to include the large non-student make-up of the audience, overcrowding, and the long delay and eventual cancelation of the show.

"The students were fine - the students are always fine," said Sidney Jean, a senior who attended the show. Conservative estimates made by students of the percentage of non-students at the show began at 50 percent, and no students have been implicated in any incidents.

Official estimates of the size of the crowd placed it at around 650, the ballroom's official capacity. Students' accounts of the crowd size routinely included phrases such as jam-packed, and Don Cumberbatch, a freshman

concertgoer, said he couldn't see when scuffles occurred, but "you could feel the tension pushing you back - every-body was getting away from the fight." One university empolyee close to the production said "It wasn't too crowded," but another, who also insisted on anonymity, said that "there were 200 more that wanted to get in."

At least three times during the show, Lawrence and other speakers took the stage to urge the crowd to calm down and warn that the concert could be canceled. At about 1:30 A.M., a fire drill sounded in the Union, but the ballroom remained filled.

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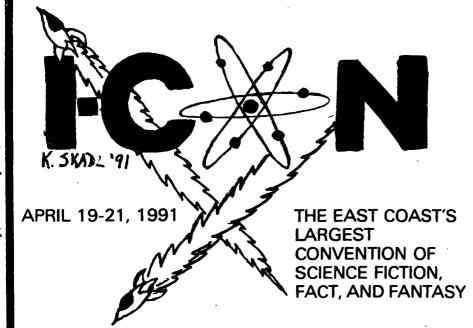


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It's just a memory

Student can't remember 2 1/2 years of his life

By Toni Masercola

Statesman News Editor

He did everything he had set out to do: he graduated from high school a year early; he was accepted and began attending Stony Brook last semester, he planned to get involved in the student government. And he did. But Vincent J. Bruzzese can't remember achieving these goals — or the past 2 1/2 years of his life.

"I'm happy I did everything, but all of a sudden everything I was planning to take slow and do, already happened," said Bruzzese, a second semester freshman. "It's disappointing. It's like waiting to go on a great vacation and having it cancelled at the last

Bruzzese was in a car accident during intersession. He felt sick and allowed a friend, Sharon Lowry, an unlicensed driver, to drive his car. Bruzzese was in the passenger seat when his car was hit, according to Nick Palumbo, Bruzzese's friend and the passenger in the back seat at the time of the accident. The accident left Bruzzese suffering from a 2 1/2 year memory loss, one he may never regain.

The last thing the 17-year-old remembers is being in his chemistry lab when he was a sophmore in high school and going to sleep that same night. "When I woke up, it was 1991," he said.

When he awoke in the x-ray room at the Good Samaritan Hospital in West Babylon, where Bruzzese lives, he was confused. He did not recognize his Stony Brook identification card because he had lost over 100 pounds in the last three years and his overall appearance was different, according to Bruzzese. He was unaware of the date and unable to answer several questions that the doctors were asking him. At this point, Bruzzese's mother Jude DeLorenzo, realized her son's memory was gone.

I was terrified," said Bruzzese. "I thought it was a practical joke."

The memory loss, according to Dr. Anthony Guida, is being caused by a cerebral concussion. The swelling in his brain is causing pressure on his nerve fibers and

stretching the nerve endings. But, according to Bruzzese, even if the swelling decreases he may still not get his memory back.

Bruzzese was under observation in the hospital for one week. When he returned to his home the surroundings were unfamiliar. He did not live in this house 21/2 years ago. The house was empty. Bruzzese's older brother and sister have left home to live in Florida with their families. Bruzzese is the godfather to his sister's child, but had no

Since his return to his home Bruzzese said he has remembered bits and pieces of some places and events he had encountered during the time of his memory loss: parts of the movie Pretty Woman, certain songs on the radio, Javits Lecture Center on campus, one student on campus that he used to go to high school with, and the location of his mailbox in the Polity office, where he worked as a student senator.

"The last 2 1/2 years is like a puzzle," said DeLorenzo. "He'll get pieces not knowing where they go or why they go there."

Polity President Dan Slepian and Vice President Joe Mignon invited Bruzzese to their offices to try to reacquaint him with some activities he had been working on last semester in hopes of sparking his memory. But this was unsuccessful.

"He didn't even recognize us." said

Bruzzese, who couldn't wait to get back to school according to DeLorenzo, is now very apprehensive. He is currently registered for classes as a full-time student, but has only started attending his EGC 101 class this week due to attendance purposes. He is frustrated. His daily retention is gone, which will make it hard for him to do the work expected of him.

"I don't care if I'm five chapters behind, I'll be able to catch up," said Bruzzese. "The main thing is just getting back."

"He had a bright future," said DeLorenzo. "He could have been so far ahead, but he's being pushed back."

Bruzzese said the most frustrating thing is having to meet people all over again, people



Vincent Bruzzese

Statesman/Christopher Reid

he had known and become friends with during last semester.

"It's overwhelming," he said. "All these people come up to me and I'm supposed to know them, but they don't know what

Although Bruzzese said regaining full memory is rare he will be meeting with a

psychologist, neurologist and hypnotist to help him to gain back as much as he can. Due to professional reasons these doctors could not release any information dealing with his condition.

"I like to get the impression that there is nothing that I can't do," said Bruzzese. "But it's going to take time."

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Bombing Pause is Wrong Move in Ousting Saddam

Just as the month-long air war against Iraq that the 28 countries who currently have forces in is softening the enemy to the point where the liberation of Kuwait is nearly at hand, many are proposing that a pause in the bombing should occur. This period, proponents argue, could give the two sides an ability to sit down at the bargaining table.

There is absolutely no need for a bombing pause. President George Bush, the defacto Allied commander-in-chief, has made it painfully clear that the only acceptable solution to this crisis is the swift and complete withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait. There is no room for negotiation according to Bush. Nor should there be.

Saddam does not need a bombing pause. He knows what must be done. When he started his war of agression against Kuwait on August 2, Bush declared that "this agression will not stand." Bush backed up his statement by deploying over 500,000 American troops in the region. After five and one-half half months of exhaustive diplomatic efforts aimed at convincing the Iraqis the Persian Gulf would go to war if Iraq did not unconditionally leave Kuwait, the battle was joined on January 17 at 6:45 p.m.

Saddam still does not realize that the only way that the war will stop is if he pulls his forces out of Kuwait. In keeping with his effort to draw a parallel between the Kuwaiti problem and the Palestinian question, Saddam has recently stated that Iraqi forces would leave Kuwait if the Israelis would immediately surrender the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip, held by the Israeli government since the 1967 Middle East war. In keeping with his policy, Bush rejected the offer, stating once again that Iraq must leave Kuwait unconditionally before offensive actions against Iraq could end. "There will be no linkage," says

In strict diplomatic terms, a bombing pause in the Persian Gulf war would do no good. There is nothing to discuss. Iraq must leave Kuwait unconditionally, and that is all there is to it. Naked agression by a ruthless despot who in-

tends to conquer his region of the world cannot stand.

A bombing pause will do nothing but play into Saddam's hands. The stoppage of the air war would enable the Iraqi leader repair the damage done to his command and control centers. He would also be able to redeploy his forces from the heart of Iraq to the Kuwaiti-Saudi border. A few weeks of peace would also allow the troops presently in Kuwait to dig in deeper, making the nearly inevitable ensuing ground war that much longer and bloodier.

The Allied coalition took a bold move in moving its forces against Saddam Hussein. By waging this noble war, the world community is ensuring the future peace and stability of the globe by maintaining the stability of the Middle East and by upholding the credibilty of the United Nations. At this point, when the Allies are so close to achieving their goal, let us not get caught up in the idealistic belief that a bombing pause will produce an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. Sadly, only continued force will do that.

So-Called Patriots Deny Athlete of Freedom of Choice

Athletes have been bestowed with the nation's highest form of esteem. They are our heroes and role-models. As the focal points of criticisms and adulations, athletes have been forced to assume the role of symbol. So it comes as no surprise that in this time of war, the country turns its eyes to them.

Seton Hall University's Marco Lokar was thrust in a spotlight and media circus he did not want. With the fervent cries of patriotism in the United States in light of its involvement in the Gulf, Lokar and his teammates were asked to wear an American flag on their basketball jerseys. Every player did, except for him.

Lokar cites religious reasons - that to wear the flag in support of the troops was merely a step before supporting a war which the troops fought. He prides himself as a pacifist, as a staunch disbeliever of death by gunfire, bombs, air raids, and the like. To sport a flag on his shirt would conflict with his convictions.

In anger and ignorance, the fans booed Lokar. The native Italian was derided, mocked, threatened and hurt. A nation which boasts freedom of speech and thought drove a man out of its borders only because he was brave enough to act upon those same values.

patriots subjected Lokar. Patriotism is a commit- societal opinions - whatever they may be. The

ment to a country and its ideals. In excersising his host country's ideals, the hosts sent the visitor away. To wear a flag or yellow ribbon to support a war or the troops does not make one individual more patriotic than another who does not wear them. Patriotism is an intrinsic feeling of respect and understanding for something special - a love of one's nation. "Jump-on-theoutsider-without-the-flag" is not what the fore-

The general misconceptions concerning patriotism is the "hidden shame" in this whole fiasco. The immediate wrong is the unjustified pressures which athletes are asked to shoulder, especially student-athletes.

They are asked to maintain certain averages while simultaneously asked to miss classes and tests for game or practice reasons. They are told to play their best to draw the crowds to raise attendance to bolster a university's financial picture. They are requested to play for networks with big-time investments in the games and the school without receiving any of the pecuniary profits; and if they are caught in some illicit nono, the schools resume daily lives as their players must dance to the cacophony of public scrutiny.

Now the upper echelons of universities It is a malicious crime to which so-called are forcing their student-athletes to represent

big guys on top failed to realize that these players are individuals before they are symbols. They have the power to think on their own and thus have formulated personal opinions on the crisis. Society has no right to crucify a person whose tenets do not match the majority's.

What Marco Lokar had to go through is an embarrasment to a people who claim to be the liberators of everyone and everything fettered with chains of violence, injustice and hatred. By booing and tormenting him, they made him a slave to the same myopic standards they are trying to destroy.

If patriots believe that Saddam Hussein is wrong in trying to control the Kuwaiti way of life and thought, then what can they say about the American cynics who tried to control Marco Lokar's way of life and thought, all in the name of patriotism?

Lokar left the school and returned to Italy last week to ease the burdens of his load and to ease an angry nation set to lynch him because he refused to wear its flag. Ironic isn't it. The one who wouldn't wear the flag as a symbol was the one who vivified its symbolism - freedom.

Marco Lokar is gone, but the closeminded public is left to ponder on its shame and

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Operation Bedsheet has strong support at SB

By Peter Mavrikis Statesman Feature Writer

It started a few weeks ago in Langmuir College. The war was already in full stream and students back in Stony Brook were getting settled for the new semester.

It began as a thought. Something students could participate in to show their support for the troops in the Gulf. The idea was to send a bedsheet out to the front with messages from the students. Be it words of comfort or threats to Iraq, prayers for a safe return or notes of concern, the residents of Langmuir college demonstrated their support.

To date, almost all the residence colleges have participated in this bedsheet campaign. The man responsible for the project is Langmuir Residence Hall Director Ed Crist. When asked how he got the idea, Ed said, "When the war started, I felt I had to do something for the students." Together with Julie Vecchio, they got together before school and made plans to have something sent by the students to the troops in the Gulf.

"One of the things that went into my mind was the AIDS quilt," said Crist.

The final plan was the Operation Bedsheet. During the first week of classes a social was held in Langmuir's main lounge where students signed the sheet. According to Crist 75 people attended.

In the days that followed, Crist got in touch with the other RHD's who showed interest in the project. Together, with their help more than a dozen sheets were made.

help, more than a dozen sheets were made. On the bedsheets, one could read messages such as Sonia Gonzalez's which reads: "Dear Soldiers, We love you all! We are expecting you home soon where you belong, and remember that in the meantime we believe in all of you.... And to my brother Lance Corporal Jose Gonzales, I'm keeping the faith and I'm thinking positive. Love You."

Be it notes directed to boyfriends, family, friends or just any American soldier, these sheets radiated with love.

"This is something extremely personal," continued Crist, "It's tangible. Some of the messages written on the sheets are real heart-felt and emotional."

"I think it's an awesome thing, students coming together and showing their support," said Tom Pye, a contributor to the sheet. "On most issues these days, there is usually dissenting opinion. It's refreshing to have something which everyone stands behind and supports."

On February 14th, all of the sheets were gathered and laid out in the Langmuir main lounge. At 12:30 a photo session followed where reporters from ABC, channel 55, channel 12 and newspaper writers came to cover the story.

Crist's ultimate plan is to take all the bedsheets, sew them together and send them out. Another alternative would be to send them to individual units where they would probably be put on display in recreational barracks.

Where Universities are usually associated with anti-war protests and demonstrations, Operation Bedsheet is something different, something positive.



Statesman/Chris Vacirca

Residence Hall Director Ed Crist standing in front of sheets as he talks to television reporters.

Pantheon By Peter Mavrikis

It's been years now since they have left. He was a lonely man, lonely and bored. Now he sat on his dark, cold throne and waited.

Next to his seat was another beautiful, ivory throne. A throne that has been vacant for many years now. Perhaps, even for centuries. Yet here it was, glowing with splendore. As if it was just washed by thousands of hands, it still shone in excellence. A cowskin was on its smooth white seat and the arms of this great throne were decorated with the purest gold. A fine silver staff lay at the foot of the scat. Untouched for an eternity.

FICTION

There, at one time, sat the mother of Heaven, Queen of the World. A jealous woman she always was, but he loved her. All the other women he was ever with eventually turned old and died, but she was immortal. Forever beautiful. Yet, like all the others, she too had left him, and he sat alone, waiting on his dark throne. The golden halls were empty and cold. He remembers a time when the laughter of his children would echo down the long, endless corridors of his mountain palace. Now, untouched by time, those corridors remain as simple reminders of his once great past. Everything was perfect then. He was a man both loved and feared. A man of

power! Yet now he was lonely and that upset him.

"This is boring," the man said to himself as he stroked his long white beard, a beard that now reached his trim yet unusually muscular stomach. On his shoulders he wore a pale white tunic. A tunic that was so bright it made the man glow as if he was the sun itself. The background of the dark marble throne made the splendor of his fine woolen clothing shine even more. Radiating a magic that at one time would blind the gods themselves.

Situated around his throne were ten other seats, each different in their own way and each smaller, yet still powerfully bewitching. There his children would sit and discuss the affairs and fates of the lesser beings, the mortals. That was of course when their own bickering and famly quarrels did not get in the way. Together the twelve of them brought ruin to those too proud and passed judgement on those who ran out of time. As if playing a game of chess, so they would decide which army was to be victorious and which destroyed. Who should be king and who servant. But that was ages ago. Before he was forgotten.

Ah! He could remember a time when whole nations would fight in defense of his honor, and when battle grounds were soaked with the bloods of tens of thousands of young loyal warriors who died in his name. Trojans, Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, Phoenicians, Lycians,..... they would all bow and worship his majesty. Yes, he could remember this as if it was only yesterday. Maidens falling by the hundreds in pyre's on flames just to get his attention, and the erection of hundreds of mighty temples built to honor his greatness. And now, not even a white lamb was sacrificed in his name. Not even a lost child would pray to him. Nothing.

He slowly rose and the ground rumbled. The fine white marble floor seemed to sink with every step he took. Mist slowly entered the great hall and it seemed as if the man was walking on clouds. His huge muscular legs propelled him to the northern wall of the room where he stopped by two great golden doors. With a wave of his hand they opened before him and revealed the sky. At one time he could see the states of Athens and Sparta, Thebes and Macedonia. It was his window to the world. From here he could see all. But now it was gone and all he could see was the endless blue sky. "Where are they?" he thought, "Where did they go?"

Outside the great golden doors was nothing. It was the end of this once vast kingdom. He was alone. FORGOTTEN. Outside of the doors was nothing but sky. The clouds were it's floor and the stars it's ceiling. There was nothing left for him outside those doors. Nothing but emptiness.

"Where have the birds gone?", he softy said to himself. "No more do I hear their beautiful singing. No more do they come and visit me here in my home."

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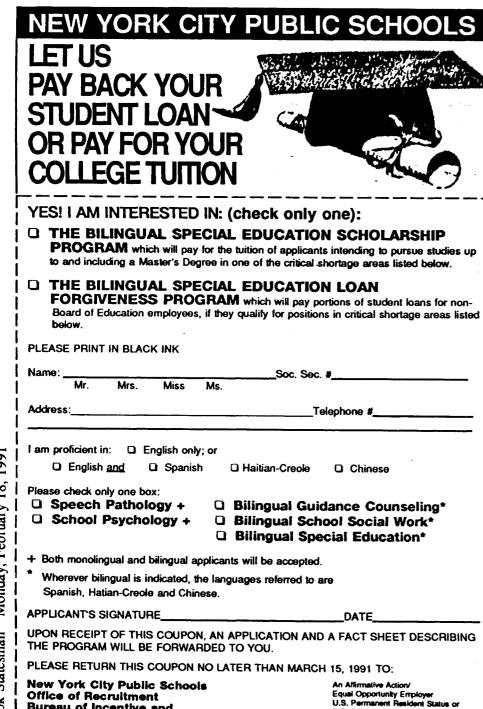
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By Christopher Reid

Washington and Lincoln to square off for title

NLY TWO SHORT WEEKS AGO, we were reveling in the Groundhog's Day festivities. Today, Americans will find themselves immersed in the hoopla surrounding Presidents' Day, which will undoubtedly result in the sale of men's underwear at an unbelievable 66 percent off.

The Funny Bone Otto Strong

Since its inception, Presidents' Day has been a time for sales - big sales, which come in handy when looking for a Ireally-was-thinking-of-buying-something -for-you-on-Valentine's Day present. Those of us who are not in the doghouse can also find sales on everything from VCR's to motor oil to the aforementioned men's underwear. Somehow I just can't picture George Washington buying boxers. Or perhaps briefs, after all, only Martha knows for sure. However, of all items sold on Presidents' Day, the biggest selling of them all is, without a doubt, carpeting. Yes, Presidents' Day has become a virtual carpet bonanza. Just imagine if there really was a president named Kaufman.

Honestly, the premise for Presidents' Day is pretty cheap. Just because



Washington and Lincoln, through no fault of their own, have their birthday's within one week of each other, the nation takes the easy way out. This would be similar to having your birthday within one week of Christmas. All of a sudden, any gift you receive becomes that two-in-one "birthmas" present.

Likewise, it is an American travesty that, in the land of plenty, Washington

and Lincoln have to share a day. Aren't there enough days to go around? There are 364 other days, correct? On the other hand, I understand we can't have our presidents sharing days with, say, groundhogs. It just wouldn't be fair to those poor groundhogs. If Washington and Lincoln are both to stubborn to relinquish the day, why don't we just have them duke it out in a steel cage match? It's not like they were

friends or anything.

And what about the other 39 presidents? What tribute are they given? Is it fair that only Washington and Lincoln are honored? What about Martin Van Buren?... yeah, good point, what about him? I hope I didn't offend any Van Buren supporters... fine... Van Buren in '92, whatever makes you happy. Well that still leaves 38 competent leaders, right? Uh, competent? 'Nuff said.

Personally, my gripe weith Presidents' Day is simple. Banks are closed (yes, even the ones without S&L's), as are schools and post offices (not as though you would know the difference). Garbage will not be collected and parking meters across the nation will be off, except, of course, for the ones in back of the Union.

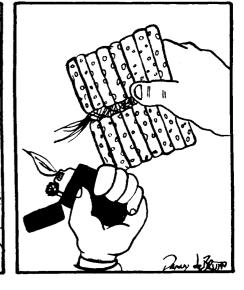
However, university students are not given a chance to observe Presidents' Day. Not unless you count An Ode to Reagan which entails falling asleep during class and "not being able to recall" huge chunks of information during oral exams.

Actually, the concept of Reagan and a groundhog sharing a day doesn't sound so bad. In fact, some of our presidents might have felt more at ease sticking their head out of a hole than explaining to Quayle why the Supreme Court can't play five-one-five basketball. Luckily, only Bush has to deal with that one.

While sticking your head out of a hole may be an executive decision, the declaration of spring needs the approval of Congress, doesn't it?











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The man turned around and with a great thunderous slam, the doors closed behind him. He exited his throne room and this time entered his Great Hall. A room where he would often times go and rest. The cold floor was covered by a beautiful, thick dark red carpet. A row of milk white columns led him to a plush bed made out of huge, red pillows. There he dropped his great body, yet curiously enough the pillows did not sink under his weight, deceiving one's visual sense to believe they were made out of rock. Yet they were soft. As soft as anything created could ever be.

To the side of the bed he found a huge golden bowl, filled with all the lovely fruits the heavens had to offer. Situated around the room were a dozen statues. Ancient statues of his children and brothers. Beautiful statues made out of every kind of metal that could be offered by the underworld. He picked up a bright red apple from the bowl beside him and with great force threw it at one of the marble statues located at the center of the room. It was a statue of his daughter Athena. The one that came forth from his head. Standing with her shield resting at her side and spear clenched tightly in her right hand, she stood ever vigil and ready. She was the wisest, his favorite, yet even she left her father's side and how he hated here for that. How he hated all his children for that.

The apple bounced off the statues helm and fell to the floor. "WHERE, WHERE!" he yelled out in a thunderous voice. "WHERE HAVE MY CHILDREN GONE! MY FOLLOWERS, MY PEOPLE!" He jumped up from the bed and with shaking fists raced up towards his dark, endless, eternal roof.

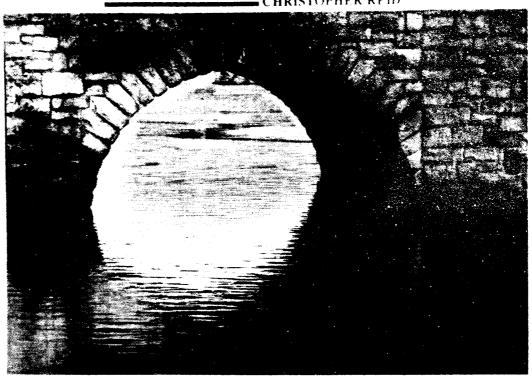
"Why did they leave me?" he whispered, as the old man dropped to one of his knees and a tear rolled down his cheek.

"It's been two thousand years," he said. "Two thousand years and still not a sign of them!"

"Why?" he uttered. "Why..."

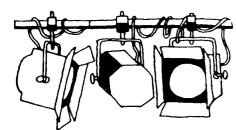
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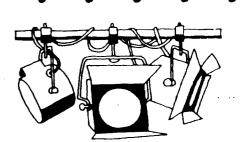
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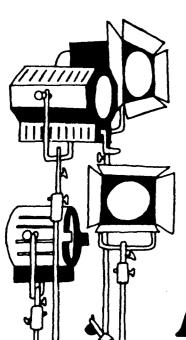
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Anti-War Does Not Mean Anti-American

By Janine Grackin

I would like to address a very important issue which has not been, to my knowledge, addressed in *Statesman* or in any other news publication.

In the war with Iraq we have a situation which is emotionally charged, inherently divisive, and potentially damaging to the future of the United States and the world. I refer to the battle developing, not in the Persian Gulf, but in our own country, between those who support our country's involvement in this war and those who do not. I am concerned and saddened by the acrimonious polarization occurring among Americans at home, and I worry how that will affect the Americans serving in the Gulf.

Those of us who have voiced our opposition to (or indeed have even questioned) the United States involvement have been labeled "un-American" by some of those who support our country's actions in this situation. No one more than me will support more strongly your freedom to disagree with me. I submit that you are free to think and to say that I am wrong, or misguided, or misinformed. You might even be right; I might be wrong. Once thing you cannot say about me, though, is that my holding and voicing a dissenting opinion proves me to be un-American. If you believe that of me, you must also believe it of the founders of our country. Over 200 years ago, our nation was conceived in sedition and born out of a revolution fought by people who might

today be described as dissenters and anarchists. The framers of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were people who dissented vehemently and actively when confronted with what they believed to be inequities, imposed on them by an unresponsive government. When our new nation was being created, these same people placed such a high value on dissent that it was ensured by the new constitution, in the form of free speech. Few restrictions were placed on free speech because the founders of our nation realized that "majority" has meaning in a democracy only so long as there is a "minority" with which to compare it. They knew that in a country without the absolute freedom to dissent (i.e., voice an opinion different from that of the majority), the "majority" would be as tyrannical a ruler as the cruelest and most vile monarch.

Dissent is the best way of ensuring and maintaining balance in a society and, more importantly, of ensuring a responsive and responsible democratic government. If you were to ask someone living under a repressive regime what she longs for most, she would very probably tell you that she longs for the freedom to dissent, to speak criticism as well as agreement. This is precisely the value that makes our country unique, and I grant you it is not without its problems when put into practice. It is, however, most definitely an American value, and the one which Americans have traditionally been willing to stand for and to defend. It could be said tht by voicing a dissenting opinion I am affirming in a very real and positive fashion that I am an American, through the practice of our most basic value.

Those of us who remember the interminable agony that was the Vietnam War will also remember the overwhelming pain of a nation divided in misguided anger. During that time, as now, those who were opposed to American involvement in the war were labeled "un-American" by many of those who supported our country's actions. It wasn't true then, and it isn't true now. There will be enough pain and sorrow in this war with Iraq without the added sorrow of a terrible and destructive division amongst the people of our nation, a division which can only end by hurting those now serving in the Gulf. We must each strive to affirm the other's right, as an American, to voice individul opinions without fear of unearned labels, or else risk opening another gaping would in the fabric of our society. Vietnam showed us that such a hope that some good might have come from that experience, that we might have learned that Americans have the right and the responsibility not only to stand and speak, but to sit and listen as well.

Opinions

Stand By Our Flag And Our Country

To the Editor:

In this past several weeks we have all seen war in front of our eyes. It is a worrying sight. War is not nice and leniant. On the contrary. War is awful and devastating. In short, it's horrible. The hardest part of it all is that our troops are engaged in this war. Our country's finest are our there risking their lives to protect democracy against one distraught individual, Saddam Hussein. The world has seen his threats come true to the point, where they have finally said to themselves that this has to stop. This is proven in all the U.N. resolutions passed by its members. History was made then and is still being made now. All this in hope that he stops and realizes what he is, has to change for the better. Frankly, I don't think he will do that. That's why I think he

Polity Should Stick To Campus Issues

To the Editor:

This is in response to your editorial in the February 11, 1991 issue of *Statesman*. In this editorial titled "Senate Must Take A Stand On The Gulf War" you state that it is "The Senate's responsibility to form opinions and act on them." At this point in time taking sides is ridiculous.

This campus is so split on the issue of the Gulf War that a decision by Polity going either way would not be a true representation of campus opinion. Secondly, debating such an issue takes time away from issues that affect this campus directly, such as the present SUNY tuition hike and budget cuts. I am not trying to underestimate the importance of debating the Gulf War. I myself have friends and relatives serving there now, to whom I wish a swift and safe return home.

I just don't believe that Polity has any jurisdiction in this matter. Let the pro and anti-Gulf war activists send their support or complaints to the U.S. Senators and Congressmen.

Polity — stick to your job and help out SUNY and this campus. Look around — we need it.

T. Christopher Pullis

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should be put out of commission. This might come strange from a practicing Roman Catholic. I think it would be better without him. He refused all peace proposals and in the end "started" the war. Many lives would not die and calm would once again dominate the only world we have.

Peace through war seems more real as each day passes by. Our prayers are now mainly for the quick, safe return of the united forces in the Persian Gulf, and that this war be quick and successful in it's primary objective. Hope is what is left. Hope for the end of war and the restoring of peace.

I support our troops stationed in the Gulf region to do what they were trained to do. My friends are there directly and indirectly as well. I am proud of them, and I pray that they come home safe as soon as possible. Despite the fact that President Bush has been criticized by some radical-liberal extremists, I support his policy 100%. Sanctions were affecting the people of Iraq, but not it's primary objective, Saddam Hussein. The president of this great nation did what the people of Congress supported him to do. I am proud of President Bush in this time of very delicate decision making. I think that these decisions had to be done now instead of years down the road, when the possibility of potential nuclear arsenal for Saddam Hussein was eminant.

In hope of support for this operation, I restore democracy where it was hastily taken from them. That is unjust, and justice must be served.

Alejandro Mendez

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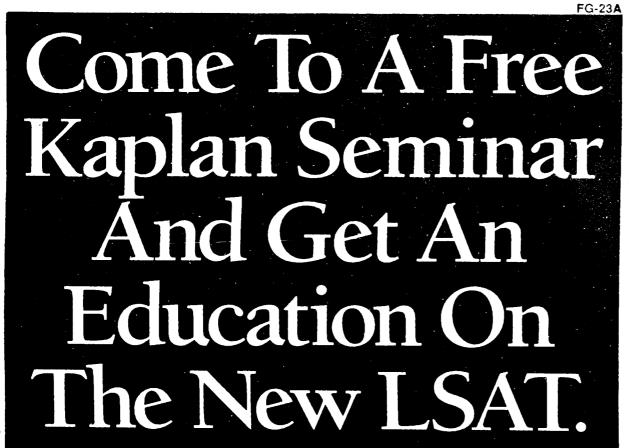
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Offense explodes as Pats win 12-2

By George M. Lasher Special to Statesman

The 1990-91 season has been a season of firsts for the Stony Brook Patriot ice hockey team. They achieved another one last Monday night by defeating the Wagner College Seahawks, 12-2, at the Abe Stark Rink in Brooklyn. The win runs the Patriots' conference record to 11-4.

ICE HOCKEY

The lopsided score wasn't the "first" that was recorded by Stony Brook, although no one connected with the Wagner program could ever remember the Seahawks losing by ten goals. No, the "first" was the victory. In the 16 seasons that Stony Brook has participated in Met conference play, they had never beaten Wagner in a regular season conference game.

Wagner has been a perennial powerhouse in the Met conference almost since its inception, winning three titles in the 1980s, including back to back undefeated seasons from 1981 through 1983. The score of the game does not indicate how far Wagner has fallen, but how much Stony Brook has improved.

Part of the reason for the Patriots' victory lies in another first, the first Canadian player on the Stony Brook team, Todd Caissie. Caissie, who played his youth hockey with a AAA program in Fredricton, Canada, is arguably one of the most talented players on the Patriot squad. Monday evening, Caissie notched his second hat trick of the year and chipped in two assists for a five-point night. His 12 goals and nine assists in only half a dozen games this year ranks him third on this year's scoring list.

Another first is sophomore Geoff Hulse, who is the first player from the New York Junior B Islander program to join the Patriots. Hulse also had a five-point night against the Seahawks, hammering in two goals and assisting on three others. Along with linemate Adrian Jackson, who added to his team high 19 goals by scoring twice, Hulse has helped push the Patriot offense over the 100-goal mark for the first time in five years.

Although the final margin of victory was ten goals, the score was only 3-1 midway through the game. At that point, Eric Wuss and Josh Gazes scored back to back power-play goals to extend the Patriots' lead to four goals. Even then, according to coach Andy Kinnier, the game was still up for grabs. "I remember a game in my freshman season when I thought we had these guys and they ended up winning 13-11. I take nothing for granted," said Kinnier. Eric Miller increased the Patriots lead to five goals by scoring his fifth of the year, but Wagner closed the gap to four by scoring late in the period. A goal by Hulse regained the Patriots' edge just before the period ended.

Yet another first for the Pats came in the form of a goal by Jason Aigen, who also had a pair of assists in the contest. It was Aigen's first collegiate goal. The 5'7", 190-

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NBA Playoffs in Dire Need of Reformation

HE FACT THAT THE NEW York Knicks are vying for a post-season spot brings to mind a very important point - the NBA playoff system is ridiculous.

Extra Point **Peter Parides**

To begin with, too many teams enterpost-season play. Of the 13 teams in the Eastern Conference, eight teams go to the playoffs. That's a 62% clip, which means that well over half the teams in the conference go to the playoffs. In the Western Conference, eight of 14 teams, 57% of the squads, go to post-season play. As a result, squads that should not be in postseason play find themselves there.

The 1990-91 Knicks are a perfect example. If the season ended today, they would be in the playoffs. Should the Knicks, a sub-.500 team that seems to show up to a game just for the sake of getting the thing over with, really be in the playoffs?

In the past few years, for example, a majority of the playoff teams ranked fifth through eighth have lost in the first rounds. In addition, many of these teams have been swept. A look at the 1989 playoffs is especiallytelling. Of the four playoff teams ranked fifth through eighth in the Eastern Conference: Atlanta, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Boston (which, by the way, made the playoffs with a record of 42-40 and a winning percentage of .512), three of the four fell out in the first round. Two of the three, Boston and Philadelphia, were swept in three games.

The situation was even worse out west. In the Western Conference, all of the lower-ranked teams - Utah, Portland, Denver, and Houston - were dropped in the first round. Of these teams, only Houston actually won a

The current NBA playoff system is ridiculous for many other reasons, one being that it is too long. It starts in April and ends in late May. After a while, it loses the intensity that makes the the football and baseball playoffs such a pleasure to watch. The fact that the NBA post-season drags on for such a long time tends to bore even the most avid fans.

The lengthy playoff period only serves to hurt the teams involved. After a strenuous 82-game regular season, the lucky players who make their way to the championship round have to play at least 14 to 15 games before ending their playoff participation. The travel involved in having four rounds of post-season play also takes a considerable toll on the players.

NBA commissioner David Stern should take a good hard look at basketball's current playoff system with an eye to improving it. One possibility is that only the top four teams from each conference should go into post-season play. Such a reform would undoubtedly improve the state of the game. Who knows, maybe the NHL would also restructure its playoff system, thereby making it a real playoff environment, instead of a mere exten-

Pats defeat Wagner by 10
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The victory was the fifth in a row for

HOCKEY from page 14

pound defenseman has been a rock on the Patriot blueline this season. He had contributed six assists prior to last night along with his steady heads-up play in the defensive zone. Other Patriot defensemen also got into the act on the score sheet Monday. Bill Mauer recorded a goal and two assists, Wuss had a goal and an assist and Jean Lambre also assisted on three goals.

With the score 7-2 going into the final period, one might have expected the Patriots to ease up in the third. But as one Pat put it, "They [Wagner] just didn't show up in the third.' Team captain Rob Van Pelt had a different observation. "We just played a very cohesive game. Our passing was crisp, our set-ups in the offensive zone were terrific, and we had to give Bill Dickhut (the winning goalie) a rest. He played a solid game through two and didn't face more than one or two shots in the third."

Stony Brook. With only three conference games to go before the playoffs, they couldn't be peaking at a better time. Their next game is against a revamped C.W. Post team. The Pioneers have added some new players for the spring semester and are looking to avenge their early-season loss After Post, comes a tough Delaware game and the season-finale against SUNY-Maritime.

Even with their 11-4 record and five-game winning streak, the Pats aren't assured of a playoff berth. Only three teams from each division make the playoffs. Kean, whom the Pats beat last week, 5-3, and Farmingdale, who twice has defeated Stony Brook this year, seem to have the first two spots locked up. There can be no let up by Stony Brook until they have secured the last spot. And even then, with the playoffs just around the corner, the Pats won't be able to relax. But judging by the team's enthusiasm, they probably don't want to.

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Pats shellack Staten Island to improve to 22-2

By Liam McGrath Statesman Men's Basketball Writer

The men's basketball team tuned up for a showdown against New Jersey Tech with an 85-72 decision in the Indoor Sports Complex Saturday night over the College of Staten Island. The Patriots, now 22-2 heading into Wednesday night's game in the Complex against 21-2 New Jersey Tech, remain hopeful of being rewarded with a home game in the NCAA playoffs when seeds are announced this Sunday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stony Brook played a sloppy game against the Dolphins, who fell to 9-15, but were never really threatened. Steve Hayn and Charwin Agard tied for team-high scoring honors with 14 points apiece, and four other Patriots scored in double fig-

Curtis Bunche, a starting guard for the Patriots, limped off the court on an injured ankle with about six minutes to go. Bunche appeared to be in some pain, but said he would be ready to go on Wednesday night. He said he had sprained the ankle in practice earlier in the week. Before he left the game, Bunche had 12 points and looked in top form.

Emeka Smith also had 12 points in a frustrating evening of play. Smith had a poor shooting night and seemed off in his timing throughout the game. But the guard did make one the prettiest passes of the

night, a wrap-around to Vincent Farmer that followed a steal in the waning minutes.

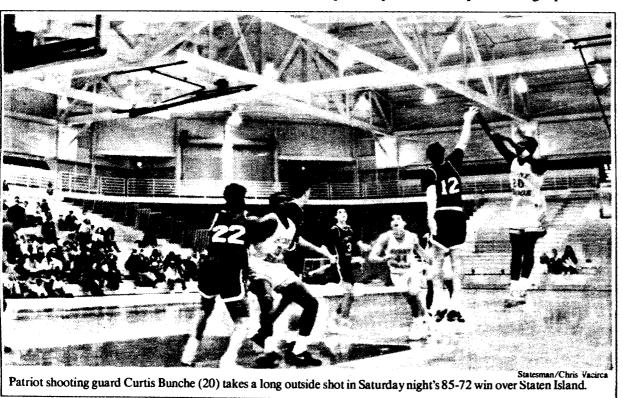
Farmer and reserve guard Mike Francis each had 10 points. Francis' total included two three-point baskets. Yves Simon had nine points, and Ricky Wardally rounded out the Patriots' scoring with four.

The game lacked the trademark big run that Stony Brook has displayed all year long, but the Patriots never trailed after a Wardally hook gave them an 8-7 lead. Farmer followed that with a dunk, but the rest of the half was filled mostly with cold shooting. Still, the Patriots led by as many as 12 late in the half, which ended with them up 42-35.

The lead got to 20 in the closing minutes, but Lee Faldo scored the Dolphins last eight points to make the score

The Patriots, who have been ranked 14th in the country the last week and are rated second in the state, improved to 8-0 in the Skyline Conference, while Staten Island fell to 1-8 in the league. Both remaining Stony Brook opponents, New Jersey Tech and Manhattanville, are also Skyline Conference opponents. Stony Brook, which beat New Jersey Tech 81-78 earlier this year, has never lost in the conference since its formation last season.

The crowd in the Indoor Sports Complex Saturday was the second largest home crowd of the season at 875. To become the season-high game in attendance, Wednesday night's contest, which tips off at 7:00 PM, would have to draw over 1,075.



Lady Patriots crush Dowling, 91-63

By John Carden Statesman Women's Baskethall Writer

This past Saturday, Feb. 16th, the Stony Brook Lady Patriots ran over The Lady Golden Lions of Dowling College by the impressive score of 91-63. The Lady Patriots had both an outstanding offensive and defensive game against the Lady Lions.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior forward Katie Browngardt started it off for the Lady Pats by scoring the first two buckets. The tight Patriot defense prevented the Dowling offense from scoring in the first few minutes of the game. Dowling was unable to keep possession of the ball because of a series of bad passes which the Lady Pats picked off and capitalized on, one of which was stolen by Lady Patriot center Rita Gallahue and taken to the basket for an easy lay-up to make the score 15-6 with less than 14 minutes remaining in the first half. Dowling Coach Brian Sells had a rough time as he could

only play six of his eight players because of injuries . Lady Pats Coach Dec McMullen took full advantage of this situation by making frequent substitutions of all ten players on the team. McMullen's constant substitutions not only gave the Pats plenty of rest but also let freshmen players like Joan Gandolph, Cathy Crean, and Janet Manfredonia contribute a great deal to the Lady Pats 46-31 lead at the end of the first half.

Moving into the second half, the Lions came down the court with great enthusiasm that conveyed through the consistent three point shots by Dowling's Mona Owns. However, Gallahue quickly broke this little spark of excitement when she stuffed the shot of the center Ann Musterman. Following the block, Sells took a time out with 14:28 remaining and the Pats on top 59-39. Sells changed from a zone defense to a half court press which proved to be unsuccessful as the Lady Pats took the Lions to the boards, driving the score to 79-58 with four minutes left in the game. As a result, The Lady Golden Lions were unable to get the fire started as the Lady Patriots sent them home with a frustrating 91-63 loss.

Browngardt led the Pats with 21 points, 12 rebounds, and three assists. Gandolph followed close behind

Pats win two on the road

By Sandra B. Carreon Statesman Associate Sports Editor

The men's basketball squad went 2-0 for the week of February 11 to 15. The Patriots played both games on the road - one at King's Point and the other at Mount Saint Vincent. Combined, they outscored their opponents 155-114.

In the 69-48 win at King's Point, forward Steve Hayn led the charge with a game-high 14 points. Head coach Joe Castiglie admits that his team played a sloppy game. "We played down to their level . . . It was a very surreal atmosphere . . , The gym was very cold. There was like one person watching in the stands. It was one of those days when everyone can hear everything that was being

While they succumbed to the Merchant Marines' sloppy play, the Pats, according to Castiglie, displayed a tough and nearly flawless attack in beating Mount Saint Vincent by the score of 86-66. Castiglie was also impressed by his players' defensive performance. "They managed to hold down a team that averages 103 points [per game]." While the defense did its job, Patriot guard Emeka Smith paced his team to victory with 28 points.

Now the Pats set their sights on a possible three-game, season-ending sweep versus Staten Island (see article above), New Jersey Tech, and Manhattanville.

On February 24, Castiglie may receive a call from the NCAA governing board telling him his team has earned a well-deserved tournament bid. If the team finishes first or second in the east, Stony Brook may conceivably host the Saturday, March 2 match. This year, all the East Regional teams are considered the visiting teams throughout the tournament. The site of the Division III finals is Wittenberg College.

The players, coaching staff, and fans hope the Pats will be a part of the festivities. When team players were asked where Wittenberg is, answers varied from "Javits Lecture Center" to "Connecticut" to "no comment." Regardless, hopes are that the Pats will be a part of the festivities - wherever they are.