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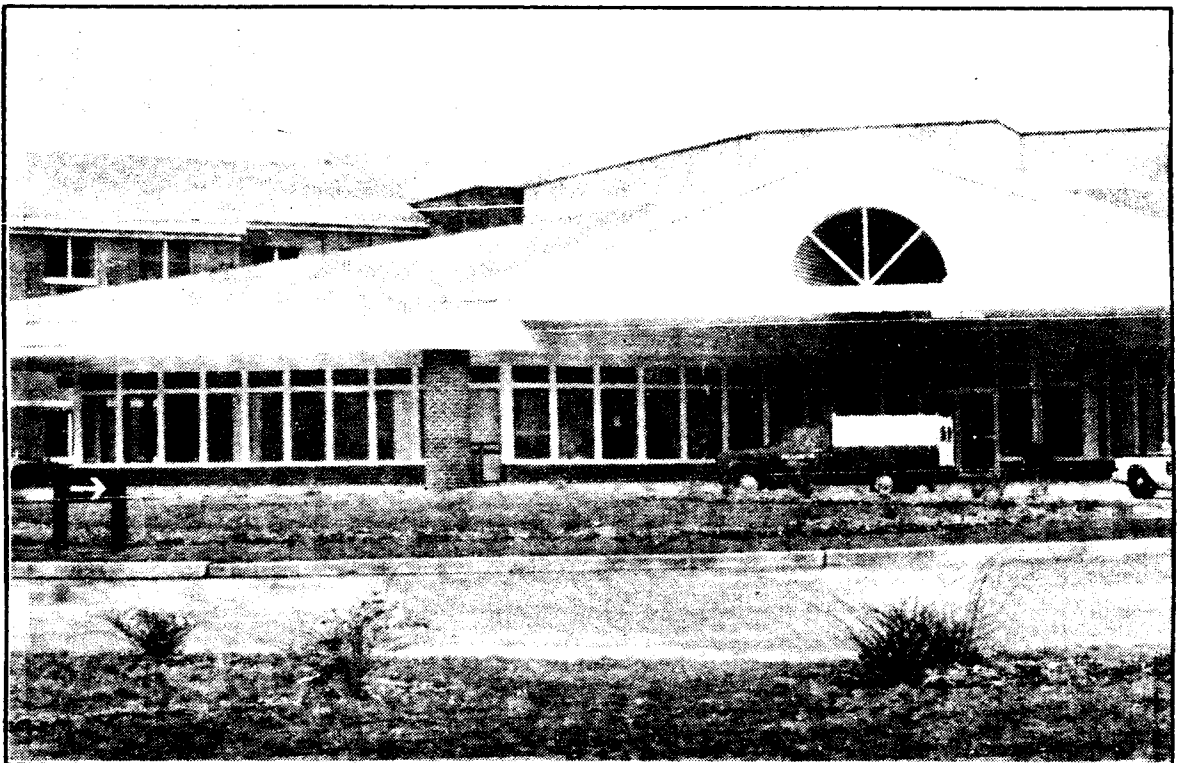
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Try, Try Again



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The Long Island State veterans Home located on the East Campus

State rejects vet home's reform proposals

By Krista DeMaria
 Statesman Staff Writer

The state last week rejected the Long Island Veterans Home's plan to correct health violations, claiming after two months of investigation that the SUNY Stony Brook facility could not adequately care for its patients.

The New York State Department of Health had called for a correction plan after finding disorganized records and improper patient care in an inspection in late January.

Although an unacceptable plan of correction is not uncommon, the veterans home report did not propose solutions to specific problems cited by the state last month, said Vicki Zeldin, a Health Department director. "[The home] didn't correct some of the systematic problems."

Unsatisfactory Conditions

The letter of rejection that was sent to the home from the health department focuses on unsatisfactory conditions in various departments.

The veterans home is using only 60 of its 350 beds and will not be permitted to open the unused beds until the Health Department has a satisfactory survey, according to Dr. Martin Liebowitz of the veterans home.

"[The original plan of correction] does not indicate

the systems that will be put in place to assure compliance nor who will be responsible for monitoring to prevent future occurrences and maintain compliance," the document states.

Vet Home Resubmits Terms

The Department of Health returned the veterans home plan of correction on March 18 and gave the home five days to revise the plan to the health department's satisfaction. The home then sent a revision to the Health Department on March 23 that veteran home administrators are confident will pass, according to Deborah Schreifels, a veterans home spokeswoman.

"We are expecting the revisions to be accepted and the department of health to be returning for a survey in early April," Schreifels said.

"The revised sections have been resubmitted with a more detailed explanation in the areas needed," said Schreifels. "[We had to] go back and forth refining."

Joseph Lapietra, the home's chief administrator,

"We are expecting the revisions to be accepted."

— Deborah Schreifels, vet home spokeswoman

said that each area needed to be amended, fine tuned, and explained, but the major revisions were in three out of the four level A areas.

"The level A areas include Resident Assessment/ Care Planning, Infection Control, Physician services, and Administration," said Lapietra. "Oddly enough administration is the only one of those areas that is sufficient."

Problems With Infection Control

A Health Department document, which includes the summary of deficiencies, stresses problems in the

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, MARCH 30

"Sex and AIDS: What are the Chances?" The University Counseling Center sponsors a workshop focussing on ways of reducing fear and risk through education about safe sex. University Counseling Center, 3-4:30 pm. Call 632-6715.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Alternative Cinema, "Johnny Guitar (1954, color, 112 minutes), a feminist western starring Joan Crawford at 7 and 9:30 pm in the Union Auditorium. \$2 admission.

American Women in Science, Janice Koch hosts a workshop on "The Foremothers of Science," at 7:30 pm, Math Tower 240.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, Panels from the United States and 26 other countries will be displayed through Thursday at the Indoor Sports Complex. Free and open to the public. Call 632-6339.

Noontime Concert Series, Various ensembles perform at the Recital Hall, Staller Center for the Arts from 12 to 1:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Polity Senate, Student representatives meet to discuss imminent student issues in the Union 237 at 7 pm.

"Opera at Stony Brook," Department of Music and WUSB present discussions and musical selections from Dido and Aenas on 90.1 FM. from 11 to 1 pm. Call 632-7330.

Staller Center Classical Music Series, Guitarist Julian Bream performs at 8 pm, Recital Hall, Staller Center for the Arts. \$20 admission. Call 632-7230.

"Race, gender and Psychoanalysis in 40's Films," "Lost Boundaries and Home of the Brave," addresses the issue of identity involved in the phenomenon of "passing." University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts, 12:40 pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

LGBA Presidential campaign, The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance welcomes a representative of Presidential Candidate Bill Clinton who will discuss issues on gay civil rights and discrimination. Student Union 223, 9 pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Clothesline Project, T-shirts that graphically illustrate violence against women will be displayed. Sponsored by the Center for Women's Concerns. Noon to 5 pm, Union Art Gallery, through April 10.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Zoppe Circus Europa, One-ring, European style circus complete with legendary Wallendas, Lippizan Stallions and other feats and animal acts. 3 and 7 pm, Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$20 and \$22. Call 632-7230.

Substance Abuse Lecture Series, Stony Brook's School of Continuing Education sponsors this lecture designed for health care professionals, counselors and educators at the University Conference Facility, time to be announced. Call 632-7060.

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They Want Their SBTV

Campus leaders promote cable TV, student-run channel

By Krista DeMaria
Statesman Staff Writer

Stony Brook students may soon have the opportunity to view premium cable channels, a campus movie service and a university broadcast channel through student funding.

A committee made up of students and university media administrators has been formed to initiate premium cable channels, new movie releases and a student run television station on the Stony Brook campus, said Norm Prusslin, director of student media services.

Roger Pijacki, vice provost of computing and communications, ran the campus television studio until it closed last February because of budget cuts. Pijacki said the possibility for premium cable stations distributed to students is likely and Polity President Dan Slepian predicted cable stations will be connected to campus dormitories by the end of the semester.

"Polity is working on the delivery of specialized programs where the selection of stations to students would be extensive," Pijacki said.

Dormitory cable would require various student fees and installation of special equipment on campus, said Pijacki.

"Premium channels will need extra money and equipment, and resources will be necessary for reception," said Prusslin, who also runs WUSB FM.

Slepian, who initiated the proposals with Polity, said the cost will be minimal. "Premium cable packages such as MTV, VH1, Showtime etc., would only require \$3 or \$4 a student per month and the programs would go directly to the students room," he said.

Slepian said that the initial cost is expensive because the satellite reception equipment costs approximately \$10,000.

Another project developing is a campus movie service that would allow movie broadcasts across campus, simply by playing a tape in the Educational Communica-

tions Center (ECC), said Slepian. But Slepian told the Polity Senate last week that the university is not yet within federal guidelines to run the movies.

Joe Micelli, assistant vice provost of communications, said the movie service system could be underway by the end of the semester.

But Slepian said the movie service could be operating in a few weeks. "There is no cost," he said.

A third project involves a student run television studio that would broadcast various campus events, meetings, lectures, and student programming, said Prusslin.

"This is very difficult, but not impossible," Micelli said.

Some studio equipment is available, but a referendum to raise the student activity fee as much as \$10 to provide seed money for the project is being offered in the spring Polity elections, Slepian said. He predicted that advertising revenue would cover operating cost after the one-time referendum money is exhausted.

"The referendum will be between \$5 and \$10," said Slepian. "The number has not been decided yet."

An on-campus television broadcast would be extremely beneficial to the student body, said Slepian. "We would be able to broadcast classes, internship projects, extracurricular projects, and campus news," Prusslin said.

"On-campus television is a great informational access for students," Slepian said. "People are really in favor of getting this going."

The studio is a complete student initiative and, according to Prusslin and Slepian, will be primarily student staffed like WUSB radio.

"It is kind of early in the project and I don't expect to see student broadcasts until at least early 1993," Micelli said.

But Slepian said student broadcasts could begin next semester.

"With the right initiatives this can be done," Slepian said. "The possibilities of this television project are endless."

Power outage hits dorms

By Darren B. Davis
Statesman Managing Editor

A shorted electrical line near Tabler Quad shut power down in Roth Quad for most of spring break and for about eight hours in other residence halls, according to university officials.

"We had a breaker out due to a fault in the feeder," said Al Ingle, assistant vice president for facilities operations. The manhole cover that housed the feeder experienced a leak, which shorted a worn power line and caused the outage, according to Frederick Tokash, director of residential operations. This discounted original reports by Public Safety officials that the problem originated off-campus.

Affected by the initial power outage, which lasted from approximately noon to eight pm on Tuesday, were the Shamburg apartments, Kelly, Roosevelt, Tabler and Roth quads.

Power was restored to all areas except Roth Quad, when secondary feeder lines were turned on. "Every building on campus is fed [electricity] by two feeder lines," said Tokash. But a problem in Roth Quad dating back several years, damaging one feeder, which was never replaced, left Roth with only one power line to the quad, he said.

Originally, "the Academic Physical Plant in conjunction with [outside] contractors tried to find the problem," said Tokash. "They tried to find the problem before going to the added expense of splicing lines," to temporarily restore power, but were unsuccessful.

Residents of Roth Quad who stayed on campus for spring break were originally assigned rooms in Gershwin College. Subsequently, these students were given the opportunity to stay in Stimson College in Roosevelt Quad until power was restored. As a result of the power being lost to Roth Quad, the heating system and hot water were also lost to the buildings.

"When we do have the power loss, the pumps providing the water don't work," said John Hollis, manager for



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Angela McGary, a Gershwin resident, walks through dorm halls by candlelight during outage last Friday.

plant operations. "The hot water that comes from the plant is the heating medium that gives you your heat."

Signs saying, 'Hot Showers and/or warm beds are available in Stimson College,' were posted around Gershwin College.

A complete power shutdown was scheduled for the areas that initially lost power from 12 am to 8 am Saturday in order to identify and repair the damaged feeder. "We're having a shutdown . . ." said Ingle on Friday, "to ensure power is back by Monday."

Power in Roth Quad was restored at approximately 11:30 pm on Friday. Gershwin College Residence Hall Director Robert Armstrong refused to comment, saying he was "not at liberty to speak for the department."

Roth Quad residents returning from spring recess will find signs posted around the building informing them of the occurred power outage and warning them of the possibility of spoiled food in their refrigerators.

Correction

In the March 19 issue of *Statesman*, Polity Senator Fred Baptiste was incorrectly attributed in calling Senator Vincent Bruzzese the senate's "bad seed." This statement was made by Polity Senator Jerry Canada.

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Asian gang fight leaves one injured

An Asian youth gang member was assaulted in the Student Union ballroom early on March 20 at an Asian Students Association party, Public Safety officials said. The victim suffered a cut lip but refused to press charges. The victim, who is not a Stony Brook student, was treated at University Hospital and released.

POLICE BLOTTER Scott Joachim

Harassment charges were filed early last Friday by a man Public Safety believes is a member of an Asian youth gang called the Green Dragons. No physical injuries were reported and Public Safety has no suspects. More than \$500 in food was stolen from the Fannie Brice Food Mall last week, Public Safety officials reported. The mall closed for the weekend on March 20 and reported the burglary to Public Safety early last Monday. No suspects have been cited for charges of burglary and criminal mischief.

Public Safety reported a power outage affecting

several academic and residential buildings on campus. Power failure was reported last Tuesday morning and the university power plant was notified. Power was restored to most of the affected buildings, but the problems were not rectified in Roosevelt Quad until late last Friday, Public Safety officials said. University officials said the outage was a result of off-campus electrical problems.

Public Safety responded to complaints of excessive gas fumes in Light Engineering last Wednesday morning. University power plant officials evacuated the buildings and repaired a gas leak in the building. No injuries were reported.

A student was assaulted in the A wing of Benedict College last Saturday afternoon but was not sent to the University Hospital and refused to press charges. The victim was punched and kicked in the abdomen. The perpetrator, who Public Safety would not identify, was referred to the Student Judiciary.

A Stony Brook student was referred to Student

Judiciary after Public Safety said he assaulted a patrol car with a snowball March 20. The vehicle suffered no damage.

A sedan vehicle sustained \$100 in damage resulting from a smashed passenger side window in the North-P Lot last Friday. Public Safety has no suspects.

A wallet containing \$30, a meal card and a student identification was stolen from a backpack in the Melville Library on the afternoon of March 20. Public Safety has no suspects.

A wallet containing \$18, a student identification, a New York State driver's license and a vehicle registration and two credit cards was stolen from a Chapin apartment last Thursday morning, Public Safety said. The student pressed charges but no suspects have been found.

A small fire broke out in room N411 of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building on March 20. Public Safety said the fire was not suspicious, and arson has been ruled out. The fire was extinguished prior to Public Safety's arrival at the scene.

Health Department rejects vet home reform proposals

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infection control department.

"The facility does not identify a [urinary infection] outbreak and take control measures to limit its spread in a timely fashion," the document states.

The document also expresses concern for infection control by referring to five residents that were not offered a flu vaccine, a violation of the home's own policies.

According to the same document the

facility experienced an upper respiratory infection outbreak that lasted 10 days and failed to initiate control measures quickly.

Zeldin told *Statesman* that there were not a lot of details in the plan of correction, and the Department of Health's report coincides with that statement by repeatedly expressing the need for more identification and explanation throughout the report.

"New policies are now being reviewed," Lapietra said. "Policies and procedures are an evolutionary thing and we

need to get everything in compliance."

"There are concerns that we may close ... but we gave it a best effort and we are prepared to make anything acceptable," Lapietra said.

The home expects to re-certify beds by the beginning of April, but there may be

some financial problems, Lapietra said.

"Finances are linked to additional beds," Lapietra said. "It's most difficult to get started and the bottom line is the residents are pleased with their care."

Zeldin was unable to say when the review would be completed.

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This handful of officers is part of a community relations unit initiated last year that was designed, Public Safety officials say, to create a new look for the peace force to heal the battered image left by past incompetence. The officers in this program were trained in public relations prior to their assignments, making them the main spokespersons of Public Safety.

Most of the force is authorized to speak to the media, but community relations officers, mainly Lt. Doug Little, the leader of the unit, are the primary media pacifiers.

Few would question the integrity of these officers. They seem to truly enjoy their interaction with students and even the student media. They've been helpful, insightful and have shown genuine concern for students. Too bad they're just pawns in a scheme to sell the idea of guns in campus officers' hands.

Meanwhile, the other Public Safety officers seem to have left their brains at the entrance of the community relations program. Many officers, including the higher-ups, have pulled some truly asinine stunts in recent months in full view of the media.

Some examples:

- During a routine review of Public Safety's daily bulletin in Dutchess Hall last semester, I was careless enough to get into a conversation with officers about a cover story I wrote the week before, in which I reported minor injuries suffered by an officer during a brawl in Langmuir College — information given to me by the community relations team. "Minor injuries?" one offi-

cer shouted without allowing me to explain. "I was there. He was bleeding all over the place... What did you mean minor?"



NEWS VIEWS David Joachim

Seeing no productive end to the discussion, I politely excused myself and began walking away. "Oh," an officer I could not identify murmured sarcastically, "A *Statesman* reporter suffered 'minor injuries' when he was beaten up by a Public Safety officer..."

No one claimed responsibility for the blatantly ignorant remark, but several officers chuckled foolishly.

- Another *Statesman* reporter, who was new on the police beat, went to Dutchess last month to review the daily log and was blasted by records officer Charles Thomas, who denied the re-

porter access to the log. Thomas, who ultimately gave the log to the reporter, told me later he was *personally* disturbed about another cover story I wrote the week before, which he said prematurely "convicted" the students who were charged with using forged handicapped parking permits.

I assured him there were no inaccuracies in the story and challenged him to prove otherwise. It only said the students were charged with the crimes, not convicted, and I followed professional news writing style and ethics, I said.

"You're not a professional reporter!" he yelled irrationally. "You had no right to splash that on the front page." He added that I should not have printed the names of the students because the names were not furnished by Public Safety.

- Director Richard Young called me frantically in the middle of February, complaining he was misquoted in the paper, a quote we chose to enlarge on the front page because of its impact. "I thought we couldn't count on the 6th Precinct from the beginning," he was

quoted as saying in response to a cutback in precinct patrol. "Now we really can't depend on them."

I had no reason to believe the reporter misquoted Young, as I never had such a complaint about him before. Granted, reporters make mistakes, especially students, but their credibility must be based on precedent. I told him I'd look into it, despite my doubts.

Several Suffolk and Public Safety officers later told me Young was upset because the Suffolk department was disturbed with him after reading his quote in headline type. Apparently, Young was only upset that he made such a foolish statement, later insisting he didn't say it.

He has since refused to speak to *Statesman* on many occasions.

In all these cases, I have complained to the proper big-wigs. I told community relations about the officers' threats toward me; in a memo, I told most of the university's administration about Thomas' improper behavior, asking for a reprimand; and I told several administrators and university PR about Young's accusations and idle threats.

Fitting was the silence of Patrick Dwyer, assistant director of Public Safety, who represented the force in Little's place during a forum police coverage last month. Conveniently, Dwyer was silent through most of the forum, even after many of my questions were presented to him.

Questions like: Since when can officers safely threaten reporters? Since when can a records clerk who disagrees with a newspaper's policies prevent a reporter from doing his job in the name of the entire force? And since when can the director of the force blame the media for his ignorant comments?

I am yet to hear of a reprimand. I am yet to hear an apology. These incidents, which are just the tip of the

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 12:00-5:00 PM

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Editorial

That's What Students Get for Their Rent?

Stony Brook campus residents have been under a false impression. They have been mistaken in thinking that for the bargain basement rate of \$1,227 a semester they will be treated with respect, and given what they paid for. Students have been told that the room rate for this semester was too much of a bargain, so next semester and thereafter residents can expect to pay an increased room rate.

There may be valid reasons why it costs the Division of Campus Residences so much to operate the residence halls, so we shouldn't be upset. But what we do have every right to be upset about is the way residents are treated after they fork over the money.

The Division of Campus Residences, an entity independent of the university, implemented a consolidation program over spring break. Under this program resources would be conserved by closing all but one building per quad. Those residents lucky enough to live in the building that remained open were provided with the luxury of their own room, which they had already paid for and had every right to stay in. The residents who had the misfortune of living in the buildings that were closed had to scramble during mid-term exam week to find alternate lodging. Many of these people solicited a room

from the residents in the open buildings, seeking permission to stay in a stranger's home.

The division had every right to close the majority of the buildings to save money, and we can sympathize because we know how little revenue it receives from rent and how much it needs to cut corners to make ends meet. What residence administrators have no right to do is claim that they are providing services for residents over spring break, given the service they provided. All utilities were completely withheld from Gershwin College for almost the entire week. This was essentially the only place residents of Roth Quad could stay, and it was without electricity, heat, and hot water. What kind of service is this?

Some residents joked about walking through the building at night with no lights, and joked about how some people stopped showering, but this is not a funny matter. How is a fire detection system supposed to operate with no electricity? The fire detection system was sustained with backup batteries, but they had to be changed every 20-30 hours, leaving the system completely off for the half-hour everyday during which the batteries were being replaced.

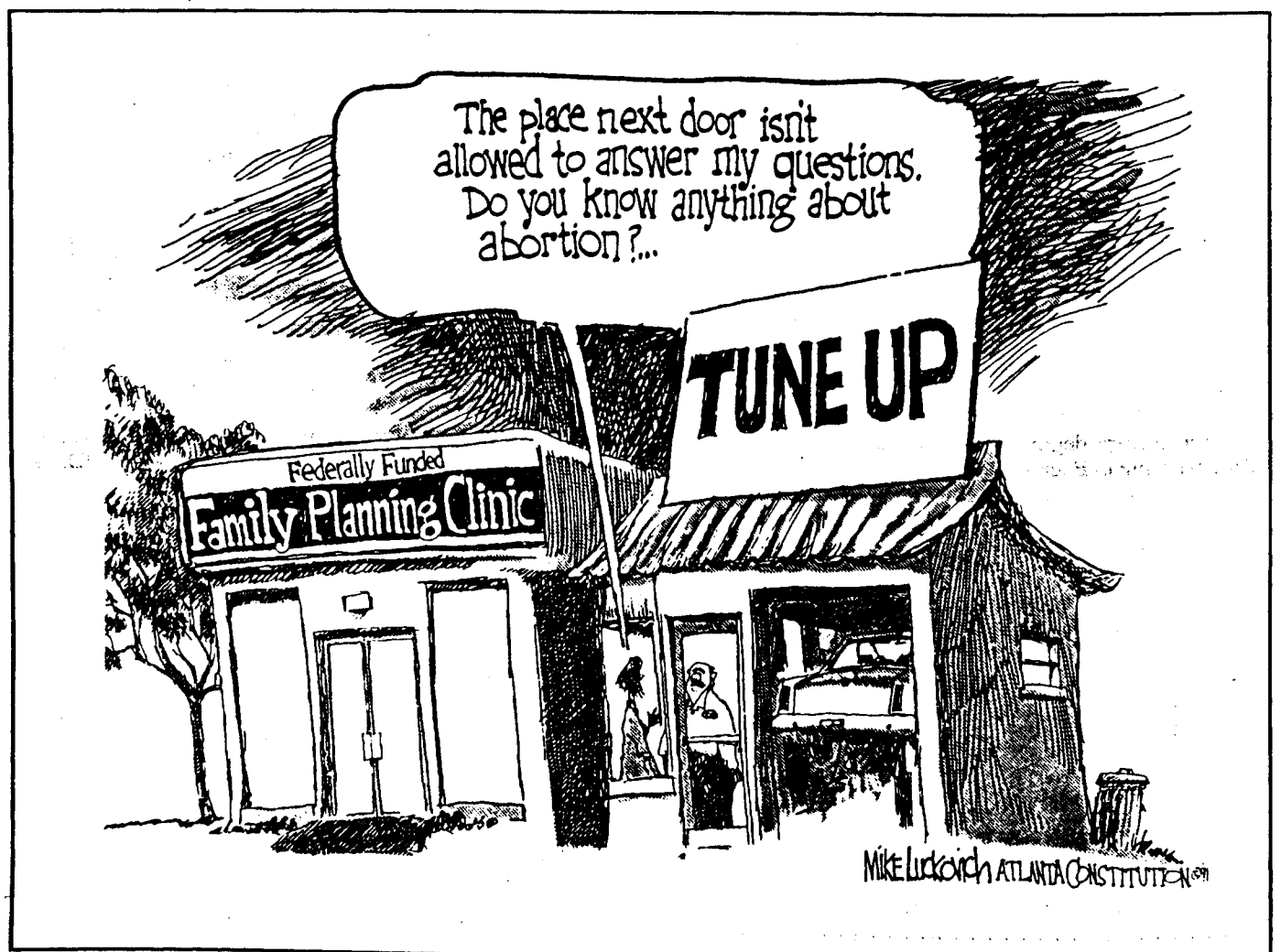
Roth was not the only quad to have its utilities shut off. Kelly also

had a brief period in which utilities were halted. Since residents paid in advance for utilities to be provided during the break, it makes one wonder if residents are going to receive any type of reimbursement. If the division were to honor the contracts students are forced to sign if they need to live on campus, they would offer the residents compensation for neglecting the contracted services.

The division was not the only campus bureaucracy to dishonor its contract with the students of this university. The infirmary, which receives a mandatory health fee from students, was not open during the break. Maybe it was closed because no one ever falls ill during spring break. Whatever the reason for being closed they have broken the contract they had joined into with students, a contract that was not optional for the students.

In addition to this the cable that we are forced to pay for, whether or not we have a television, was shut off during the break in some quads.

If this were the real world, there would be a lot of explaining to do and probably a few breach of contract lawsuits. But this is not the real world. It's Stony Brook, where civil rights and laws are not necessarily applicable and where there will be little if any attention paid to these injustices.



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'The world lost so many talented people'

Stony Brook hosts AIDS Quilt to remember victims; One LI mom tells her story

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

MICHAEL HELLER FOUND A potted tropical plant waiting for a garbage truck near the curb one morning a few years ago. It was still alive. "Look what somebody threw away," he told his mother as he brought it into their Great Neck apartment. "I'll fix it."

And he did. He clipped the live branches and mounted them in soil. Today, four years after AIDS took his life at the age of 33, the plant lives in two pots, one with his mother and one with his brother, David.

"He never turned his back on anybody," his mother, Barbara Heller, said, and the dying plant was no exception. "That was Michael's way," David Heller said. Their mother, a Great Neck resident for more than 25 years, was to be one of the 1,300 contributors to the national AIDS Memorial Quilt that will be displayed in the Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex Tuesday through Thursday, but after months of trying, she hasn't been

able to sew a stitch in her panel. The memory of her son is too painful. "I'm always the crybaby," she says. "I can't help it."

"I have the materials and I cut it out, but I just can't do it," she says. But she has picked a design out in his memory: "Rhinestones on denim," she says confidently, recalling Michael's flamboyant, yet friendly personality. "That's him."

"When he walked into a room, you knew he was there. And when he left, you knew he was gone."

Although she missed the deadline for Stony Brook display, Heller sees the quilt, which consists of more than 15,000 panels, as a chance for family and friends of people with AIDS to tell their loved ones' stories.

His other brother, Ron, a Chicago banker, viewed the memorial quilt there and found the panels "touching,



Michael Heller

some got to me more than others."

Barbara Heller said, "Each panel says 'I was here. I lived and meant something to a lot of people. And I'm going to be missed. I had so many gifts I could have given to the world, gifts the world can't have now.'"

Michael Heller's gifts were in the arts, she says. He chose to pursue a career in theater after graduating from Great Neck South High School in 1973. After his senior year, he moved to Manhattan, waiting tables to pay the rent while he studied with Stella Adler, a prominent Broadway actress. He aspired to be a Broadway director and actor. "The world lost so many talented young people who had so much to give," Barbara Heller says.

Heller hopes the quilt, of which about 1,300 panels will be displayed along with about 50 panels from Long Island, in the Indoor Sports Complex on the campus, will also reduce the stigma attached to the disease. When he was hospitalized, her son met many people with AIDS who were abandoned by their families by fear of the illness.

The quilt — which in its entirety consists of more than 15,000 panels — commemorates only a small fraction of the 138,395 Americans who have died (as of February) since the epidemic began. Altogether, 213,641 have been infected with the virus; worldwide, between 1 million to 1.5 million people are believed infected. More than 2,000 AIDS cases have been documented in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

"We have to realize that there are people out there with AIDS," she said. "It's not a crime. They shouldn't be stigmatized. I don't want these families to turn on them. They shouldn't die alone."

Not only family members turn on the victims. She recalls some of his acquaintances, many of whom he had helped during times of need, avoided contact when they found out he had AIDS.

In an attempt to raise AIDS awareness, she and her son David, a 40-year-old Southampton attorney, founded Michael Seth Heller Theater Company, which was to perform a series of plays about people with AIDS in the summer of 1988, a few months after Michael's death.

The company had the backing of Long Island University's C.W. Post Campus, which offered the use of a stage as a donation, but the project fell through because the facilities were not adequate, she says. She said she plans to revive the project if she can find "a place we can call home."

In the meantime, she stresses that prevention is the most important message of the quilt. "I don't understand why AIDS is growing now that people are aware of it, it was a big secret." Doctors do not know how Michael got AIDS, she adds.

"Through what Michael suffered, people should understand how dangerous it is," she said. She hopes the quilt will "knock some sense" into young people who can avoid the disease.

Although she will not be able to have her panel displayed at Stony Brook, she plans to seek help from friends to complete the panel for display in other areas. "There's so much love in every panel," she says. "The love will come through and affect everyone who sees it." And she hopes the panel will allow people to get an idea of who Michael was. "He was God's gift to me," she says. "The trouble is, He took him back."

She sees one problem with making the panel, which she estimates will take her two months after she "gets rolling." She asks, "How do I sew a book into his pocket?" Michael, who always wore jeans, always had a copy of a classic novel in his back pockets.

Making the olympics, the hard way

By Arthur Carman
Statesman Contributing Writer

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO spend your vacation working 12 to 16 hours a day for five straight weeks without pay? That's exactly what Susan Williamson of Coram did as an athletic trainer for our Olympic skaters in Albertville, France.

"They were long days," said Williamson, of her busman's holiday. But "I loved it... it was a lot of fun." Although she often dragged herself back to her room in the early morning hours, she's convinced that "it was a once in a lifetime opportunity."

It was also an opportunity that didn't come easy. "It's not like you just call and say I want to do this," said Williamson, proudly but humbly. With over a thousand qualified trainers initially applying for 10 spots, she says the competition was fierce.

Williamson, 31, an energetic woman with a hair-trigger smile, was certainly qualified. After graduating from Northwestern University with honors in 1984, she earned a masters degree from Adelphi University in 1988, majoring in Exercise Physiology.

No stranger to hard work, while attending college she served as an athletic trainer at Harvard University and Sports Medicine Resources (SMR) in Stony Brook. She is now Director of Marketing at SMR and a trainer for all of Hauppauge High School's teams.

Said Bob Beeton of the '92 Olympic Committee, "She's very, very good. She's willing to work all kinds of hours. You don't find everybody that will do that."

Explaining the Olympic selection process for trainers, Williamson said that after her initial application was accepted she spent two weeks at a summer training center. After passing an evaluation test, she then participated in three Summer Olympic Festivals where she was reevaluated. As a final test, she served at the '91 World University Games in Sapporo, Japan.

"It cost me my vacation time... if that's a cost," said Williamson of the time she spent in her quest to serve at

Albertville. But, "it's worth it to me."

"Being there live is so exciting," she said. "Knowing the athletes, the emotion of the crowd, just sharing that with them. It feels like being part of the team." Also, "we're included in everything. We get all the perks that the athletes get." She added, "the athletes are very appreciative, very nice," which also heightened the reward.

Jennifer Stony, Medical Coordinator for the '92 Olympics said, "we need people who have the ability to work together as a team... and the personality to work with the athletes and coaches. Susan certainly has those abilities."

Williamson said the highlight of the Olympics for her was "Paul [Wylie] winning the silver medal." She says it was even more exciting than Kristi Yamaguchi's gold medal. "Paul was the underdog," she said. "He had been kind of brushed off. He more than deserved to win. I had a feeling he was going to."

Another skater who many expected to do well — Tonya Harding — wasn't as lucky. Falling often in practice, Williamson said, "Tonya kept hitting the boards... like a hockey player." She said, however, the falls probably didn't affect Harding's performance. "Her timing was bad, that's all. She offered no excuses though."

People would be surprised by most of the athletes' attitudes, according to Williamson. "They're ecstatic when they win a medal, but they're unchanged." As an example, she said, "When Bonnie Blair won her second gold medal, she said, 'You know what this means? Now I'll get to go to all those corporate dinners and eat.'"

On the subject of food — Williamson said there were rumors of food poisoning. "Not true," she said. "It was the flu — a 24 hour thing — it came and went."

Of French cooking — she confirmed it's every bit as good as it's touted to be. With a look on her face that had fond memories written all over it, she rolled her eyes and grinned from ear to ear — saying only, "good stuff, real butter, real cream."

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CAMPUS VOICES

By Michael Lyons

Question of the Week:

What was the most unproductive thing you did during Spring Break?



"I tried to get a tan in Florida and came back whiter than when I left."

Dave Fraser, 22
Class: Senior
Major: Computer Science

"I played the nickel slot machines and lost seven dollars."

Michelle Fleck, 22
Senior
Economics



"I worked at the Union. I spent 51 hours playing pool, but you can't print that because I'll lose my job."

Sean Duke, 21
Senior
English



"I went to Tijuana. I got trashed."

Tony Parrado, 22
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Lovesick: Dependence and Relationship Addiction

WE ALL SPEND A considerable amount of time exploring, mulling, discussing, and defining what our significant relationships represent within our lives. Being involved in emotionally, sexually, and spiritually intimate relationships enriches

our lives, our growth process, our communication skills, and our ability to open and share. Loving and feeling love embraces our fears and enables us to tolerate the darker, more conflicted parts of living. The experience of intimate connectedness invites us to identify and locate our own strengths as well as the powerful strength that is often born from an intimate union.

Inherent and necessary in our significant relationships is a certain degree of dependency. This dependency to nurture and be nurtured propels us forward to seek intimacy and to experience others beyond the superficial. In addition to dependency in a healthy relationship, however, there are other drives that each person within a relationship possesses that help maintain a *necessary* separateness, or if you will, boundary of self. Separateness, or the ability to define and value one's self *outside* a relationship versus solely *through* a relationship is an important quality even within the context of a relationship. It is the assumption that if you "have a life" in addition to your significant relationship, you have a multitude of experiences. This input refreshes and inspires a relationship and more importantly, affords you a landscape of resources from which you can be nurtured (i.e. friends, family, school, sports, art, religion, etc.). You are then less inclined to feel that the relationship is the only resource available to you to meet your needs. By definition, you are less dependent: within your relationship, more self-reliant, and, therefore, most likely involved in your relationship for reasons other than dependency.

Sometimes, relationships can be defined as an addictive substance, not unlike drugs, alcohol, gambling or spending. You may be saying to yourself that this notion is crazy: how can an *interaction* be like a drug? Addiction in general involves more than the actual use of a substance. It includes specific dysfunctional patterns of thinking, feeling, perceiving and behaving that eventually and progressively undermines and impairs self esteem, autonomy, self growth, judgement, communication, effective coping, and general

wellness.

When reflecting on your significant relationship, what kinds of questions can you pose to yourself to help you evaluate whether you are addicted to your relationship? Here is a sampling:

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Deborah I. Freund

• Does your self-worth depend on the approval or affirmation of your important other?

• Are most of your decisions based on how your important other feels or reacts to you?

• Do you surrender your priorities and goals to "Keep peace;" to keep the relationship going?

• Do you avoid expressing certain feelings so as to not make your important other upset, angry, or disapproving?

• Have you noticed that you have isolated yourself from family or friends?

• Do you tend to rationalize or make excuses for your important other's inappropriate or offensive behavior?

• Do you give up your needs for fear that these needs may cause conflict in the relationship?

• Have you noticed that you are not working to your potential in other areas of your life?

• Do you ruminate over the relationship so much that your concentration on other tasks is impaired?

• Do you remain in the relationship even though your psychological and/or physical well-being is endangered?

• Do you expect the relationship or important other to settle conflict for you or "make it all better?"

• Do you feel lost, invisible or nonexistent when separated from your important other?

• Can you tolerate spending time alone or time without contact with your important other?

• Is your self esteem and happiness dependent on what happens in your significant relationship?

• Do you consistently feel you "give too much in relationships?"

• Has your body weight changed significantly since your involvement with your important other?

These are only some of the indicators of relationship addiction. If you identify with some or all of the above, you need to explore your relationship involvement. This may be a less frightening journey if you reach out to others. On campus, you may contact the University Counseling Center, or make an appointment to speak with me at the Student Health Service. You can also contact a community resource called Long Island Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA), a Twelve-Step support group similar to Alcoholics Anonymous or Alanon at 336-6323. This number will provide you with meeting information.

This column is one of a bi-weekly series written by various professionals from the Student Health Service and the Faculty Student Association. Deborah I. Freund is a social worker at the Counseling Center.

Olympic games all work for Stony Brook trainer

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She also spoke highly of the French people, saying that before going there she'd heard "a lot of talk about the French not liking Americans." But she found those rumors to be unfounded in Albertville. "Everybody tried hard to be nice. And it wasn't just the people involved in the Olympics. It was everyone I met."

Back in Coram, and watching the Olympics on TV,

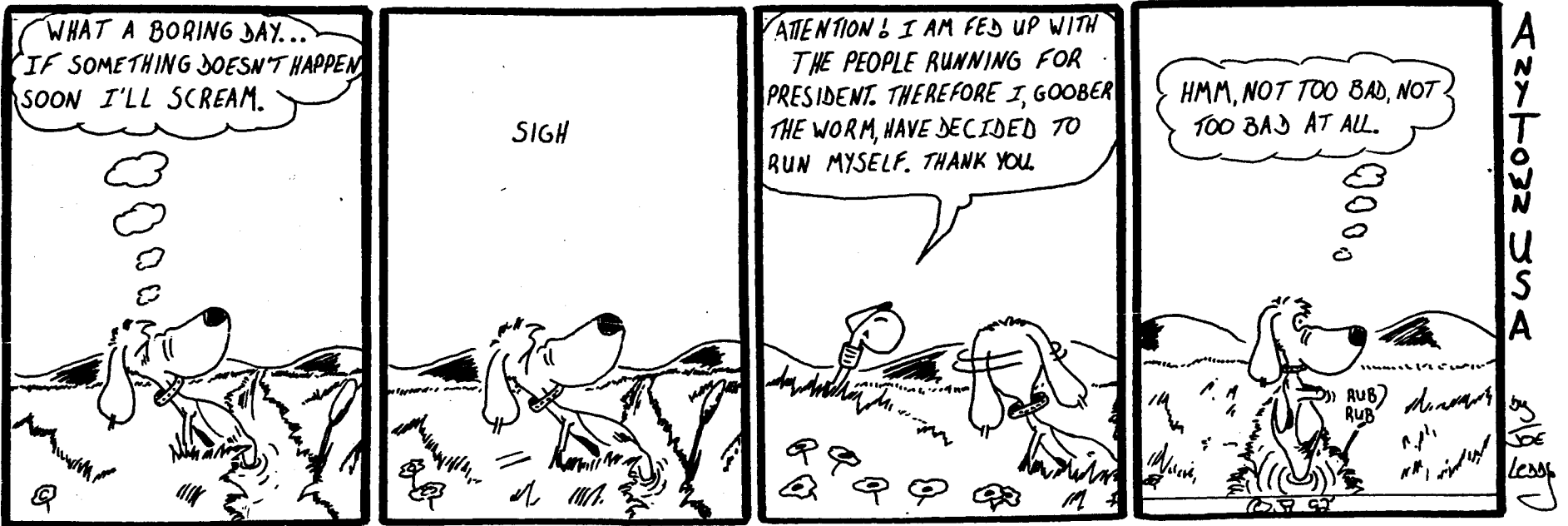
Williamson's husband Hugh said, "I thought I had an in. I'd ask Susan a question about something I saw and she'd say, 'where did you hear this?'"

Said Susan, "I was stuck in my own little world over there." With the different venues separated by hundreds of miles, she said she watched most of the events on TV monitors.

Only after the closing ceremonies, in which she and the other trainers marched proudly with the athletes, did

she get to see some of the other venues. An avid skier, a final thrill for her was skiing the woman's giant slalom course before heading home. "That was my sightseeing," she said with a shrug of her shoulders.

Upon arriving home, she said she slept for about two days. Still tired, with a cold from being run down and a million things to catch up on — without the slightest hesitation — Williamson said, "I'd do it again in a flash!"



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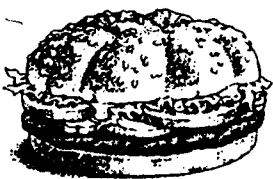
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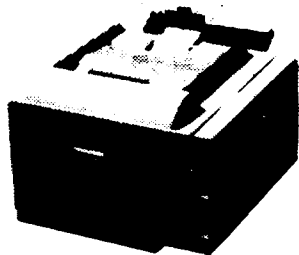
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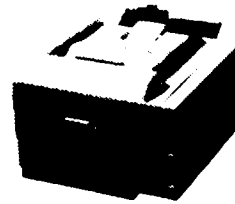


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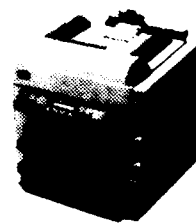
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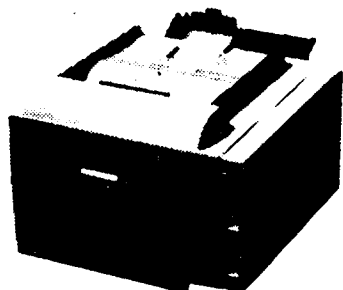
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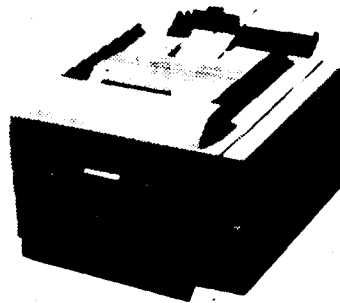


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Budget Mess Will Affect Few USB Students

By Sherwood Johnson

THE POSSIBILITY OF A tuition increase for the fall 1992 semester is a matter of serious concern to most of us. As I write this letter, however, there still is some uncertainty about whether or not an increase will be approved by the state Legislature and by SUNY, and how much it will be.

You are probably most interested in understanding how any tuition increase might affect your ability to meet your educational expenses at USB. Although individual answers will be determined by your personal economic and academic status, perhaps this article will alleviate some of your anxieties in this uncertain time.

In general, students are in one of three groups characterized by different levels of financial aid eligibility: "full need," "no need," or "marginal need." "Full need" students are those who, regardless of whether tuition or other educationally related costs remains the same or increases, will still maintain eligibility for maximum need. For

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this group, roughly 13 percent of the University undergraduate population, any rise in tuition would essentially be covered by the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), a state-funded program for New York State residents based on the New York State net taxable income. A maximum TAP award is currently the cost of tuition less \$75, or \$4,050, whichever is less.

Approximately 55 percent of USB's undergraduate population is in the "no need" category; that is, these students are considered to have the ability to pay for their educational expenses utilizing family income and assets. The total direct cost of attendance at Stony Brook, even with a tuition increase of \$800 (the maximum under discussion), would still fall far below their calculated family contribution for meeting college costs.

Students most likely to be affected by a rise in tuition are in the "marginal need" category; those whose family contribution just exceeds the cost of attendance. For this 10 percent of USB's undergraduate population, any rise in university expenses usually translates into, at best, a percentage of that rise being met with financial aid; and,

at worst, no financial aid. The critical issue here is whether the calculated family contribution for each student in this category adequately reflects the family's ability to pay. An increase of \$300-\$800 could create a situation that requires intervention and economic relief.

The Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment is aware of the potential impact of educationally related increases on all our students. We are ready to assist you and your families to find ways of meeting those expenses. Our advisors can provide

information on federal and state financial aid programs and alternative means of assistance (e.g., off-campus employment, scholarship database searches, alternative loan programs). It is important for each student to investigate a variety of options, since no two family situations are alike, and therefore no two solutions will be the same.

Should you have any questions about your level of eligibility, or wish to have a representative talk to your group about ways to meet the costs of higher education at Stony Brook please contact us (516-632-6840).

Diplomats They're Not

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billy-club, have gone virtually ignored. And it's doubtful this column will change things.

But change is a must in the campus force. Most agree the community relations program was a good move, if it's here to stay. We need this interaction to understand each other better, but it can't be at the expense of students' relationship with the rest of the force. A PR program does not give the rest of the officers license to be media-bashing fools.

Of course, if Stony Brook's his-

tory has taught us anything, it's that such PR programs are set up with a specific, short-term goal in mind. Many student leaders, including myself, are confident that the unit is modeled after a similar program launched in 1983 — coincidentally, the last time guns and Public Safety were mentioned in the same sentence here. And like last time, with an answer to the arming issue, the project will be dismantled and these officers will be reassigned.

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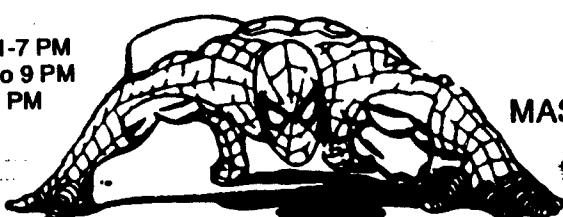
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Positive outlook trademark for '92 season

By Frank Vito and Joe Coluccio
Statesman Staff Writers

The Stony Brook women's softball team ventured to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for pre-season training and hopes that the experience will help them build on last year's fourth place finish in the State Championships.

Softball PREVIEW

The trip south is a result of many fundraising hours dating back to homecoming in mid-October. In order to fund the trip, team players sponsored candy sales on and off campus.

The team faced an exhibition schedule over the break. "These exhibition games will allow me to look at different players in different positions, before making a final

decision," Head Coach Judy Christ said prior to the team's departure.

The Patriots were victimized by bad weather during the spring training session though. "We had our good days and bad days," captain Cathy DiMaio said. "The weather wasn't great. It rained a lot. The team didn't play on a regular basis."

Despite this, DiMaio said, "We learned a lot about things we have to work on. We got to look at actual game situations. Hopefully we won't make the same mistakes during the regular season."

Christ has a positive outlook on the Patriots' chances this season. The team returns 11 veteran players, including DiMaio, last year's team MVP. "I have a very positive outlook also," DiMaio said, "because we have almost everyone from last year and we've got a lot of experience

"I expect us to be contenders for the state championship this year."
— USB Coach Judy Christ

behind us and that will help us a lot."

Another element that will help the Patriots is the combined consistency of both starting pitchers, Joan Gandolf and captain Traci Racioppi. The entire infield should also be solid with DiMaio at first. Kim Verunac will play second, Dana Carasig will field short and JoAnne Greggo will play third.

"I expect us to be contenders for the

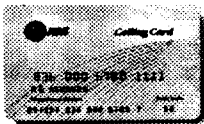
state championship this year," Christ said.

DiMaio agrees. According to her, the team's main objective is to make the State Championships again and win the entire thing. "We need to play together on the field," DiMaio said, "I would hope by now we can pull together as a team."

The Patriots begin their climb to the state title Thursday afternoon with a season-opener against Manhattanville at 4 pm.



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Pats objective: the conference trophy

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Staff Writer

Outfitted in caps that closely resemble those of the Atlanta Braves, the Stony Brook baseball team is seeking to duplicate the success of the 1991 Braves, on the collegiate level.

Second-year Head Coach Matt Senk has set two early season goals for the 1992 Patriots: To win the Skyline Conference and to make post-season play.

With a large 35-game schedule, Senk believes that the Patriots need to double their amount of losses with wins.

In the Skyline Conference, last season's 7-3 Patriots will have to overcome the defending champion College of Staten Island, which was 10-0 last year. They fell just one game short of the college world series finals last season. It will be tough for the Patriots to finish ahead of the Dolphins. "We can't go out there and beat ourselves," Senk said. He cited some of last year's games against the Dolphins as examples when the Patriots lost 20-4 and 9-8.

The 1992 version of the Patriots is very young and has many new faces. Fifteen of the 25 players on the roster are newcomers. But according to Senk the team will be stronger than last year's team. "All of the newcomers are quality players and have come in with credentials," Senk said.

Four of last year's top performers for the Patriots are returning: Bill Zagger, Kenny Kortright, Bill Wilk and Scott Shermansky. The team MVP for 1991, senior Zagger, will hit in the three hole once again. He will be looking to repeat his numbers from a season ago, his .437 batting average, his .701 slugging percentage and his team-high four home runs. He will be doing this from two different playing field positions, catcher and outfielder. "He has great athletic ability and can play both catcher and outfielder," said Senk.

Along with Zagger behind the plate, Senk said freshman Dave Marcus will have an impact. Marcus is a strong hitter and has high credentials.

Graduate student Ray Lacen will see some time as catcher but Senk said he is the club's starter at first base for now. "He's a good strong team leader who loves the game," said Senk.

Freshmen John Guarnieri and Jon Prendamano will also play first base.

Senior Kortright, who hit .347 last season and struck out just two times in 101 at bats — the best strikeout per at-bats ratio in the nation — will be the Patriots' man at shortstop. Senk said he is a little inconsistent in the field but his bat should keep him in the lineup.

Baseball PREVIEW

The Patriots are strong up the middle since they are going with the same middle infield trio for the second consecutive year. Kortright at shortstop, junior Vinny Autera at second base and junior Artie Della Rocca at third base. Senk said that Della Rocca is the Patriots' best defensive player and can play all three infield positions.

Transfers Evan Karabelas and Jason Greco, from Seton Hall, both hit for power and have good attitudes. They will play third and outfield respectively.

In the outfield junior Shermansky, an all-conference performer last year, will roam right field. Leftfield is the Patriots' biggest question mark. Senk said newcomers junior transfers Ralph Soberal, Adam Karol, Rob Panella and Greco are competing. "All are similar and very close. They will all get playing time," said Senk.

On the mound Bill Wilk, a senior, is already penciled in as the Patriots' number one pitcher according to Senk. Last season he had the second best earned run average and winning percentage on the team and tied for most strikeouts with the now-graduated Frank Jordan. Wilk will also play centerfield when he is not toeing the rubber. "He is our strongest defensive centerfielder," Senk said.

Wilk is the anchor of an extremely young and unproven pitching staff. After the senior, the Patriots rotation features three freshmen, Mike Robertson, Chris Schneider and Frank Hernandez and Bob McGrory.

Barry Liebowitz will handle most of the chores in the bullpen. The junior knuckleballer was the Patriots' top reliever a year ago, earning two saves and finishing six games. The much improved Jeremy Yellin, a senior will be



Patriots engage in pre-season practice

a key reliever as well.

The Patriots opened the season in Cocoa Beach, Florida and had a 5-4 record in their first nine games of the ten-game, seven-day trip.

The Patriots' first home game is tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 against Western Connecticut. They will host John Jay on Thursday April 2 at 3:30.

Florida sun shines on Pats

By Jason Yellin
Special to Statesman

In an effort to expose the team to more national competition, the baseball team travelled to Cocoa Beach, Florida for a 10-game, seven-day road trip, compiling a 5-4 record in the first nine games.

They opened the trip on a sour note, losing the first three games. They lost to Albright College, 7-2 in their opening game. The following game, the team dropped a 10-9 decision to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) school Eastern College and were drubbed by Division II powerhouse Millersville of Pennsylvania, 10-0.

Following the three-game skid, the Patriots rebounded with two straight wins. They defeated Elmhurst of Illinois, 6-3. Junior Jason Greco tripled in the game and scored on freshman Dave Marcus' RB! groundout in the third inning

for the decisive 4-3 lead. Freshman pitcher Bob McGrory recorded the win allowing just two hits in the final eight innings. All three Elmhurst runs came in the first inning after McGrory allowed three hits.

Stony Brook lost their sixth game of the trip to Hobart, 3-2. Stony Brook was only able to muster one hit on the day. Junior Vin Autera kept Hobart's Scott Ruggles from a no-hitter with a single in the third.

The Patriots won the second game of that day with a 6-3 victory over Luther of Iowa. Junior Artie Della Rocca had a two-run single and junior Gerard Desmond had two hits and two RBIs to help the Patriots to victory with a five-run first inning. Freshman Chris Schneider pitched a complete game five-hitter for Stony Brook.

The Patriots evened their record for the first time during the trip with an impressive 15-8 showing over Middlebury of Vermont. The Patriots recovered from a 4-0 deficit in the first inning with seven runs in the bottom of the inning. Della Rocca drove in four runs and Desmond had two RBIs.

The Patriots had 17 hits against the Vermont team. Junior reliever Barry Liebowitz came on to earn the victory.

The Patriots moved above the .500 mark with a 6-3 defeat of Concordia of Michigan. The Patriots out-hit their NAIA opponent 12-5. Freshman Frank Hernandez pitched a complete game, striking out nine and walking just one.

The Patriots played their final game of the road trip Saturday against Michigan's Northwood. However, results were not available prior to press time.

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I REMEMBER HOW I FELT AS I HANDED IN my last midterm two Thursdays ago. "I'm free," I thought. "Now it's time to enjoy Spring Break." So that Saturday, the first Saturday of my break, I played street hockey with my brother and some friends; then I engaged in a street version of the national pastime the next day — amid cold weather and falling snow. In one weekend, I managed to harmonize my love of winter with my love of summer.

My gold medal for completing the weekend olympics was a case of bronchitis that had me bedridden for one week. Imagine, one week of vacation became one week of coughs and medications. Not exactly what I bargained for.

But I had no choice. I had to stay inside while the world enjoyed itself outside. Trying to make the best of a bad situation, I used my one week of solitary confinement as an escape and an excuse to watch sports . . . sports . . . and more sports.

Armed with the TV remote control in one hand and pen and pad in the other, the past week enabled me to witness the unbelievable ride of the Rangers.

I watched my favorite team intimidate and humiliate the Red Wings, Devils and Flyers en route to capturing the Patrick Division title and the President's Trophy as the best team in the NHL.

I watched the Mets attempt to smooth out the rough edges of last season's diamond: Camp Torborg was in full swing and guys like Anthony Young and Rodney McCray were trying to prove they deserve some of the spotlight accorded to the Docs and Bobby Bos.

The Knicks, after an embarrassing loss to the Nets, managed to mount a six-game win streak — including

one that had Action Jackson play hero against Dikembe's Nuggets.

The Yankees were involved in intrasquad competition. Bernie Williams continued to try and fit into the pinstripe scheme of things behind the outfield shadows of Barfield, Hall, Kelly and Tartabull.

And of course, a Spring Break in the middle of March meant being in the middle of Madness as the NCAA fed me a steady diet of hardcourt action . . . How 'bout that Christian Laettner?

To say the least — though I was physically sick — my mind was in sports heaven over the break.

But through all the hoopla and excitement and thrills of games, my exhilaration was greatly tempered by the off-the-field drama that has unfortunately become pervasive in sports.

The Tyson six-year sentence. The Gooden-Coleman-Boston fiasco. The NHL strike talks. The Jordan gambling scandal.

Again, fans like me are forced to acknowledge that the escape from the real world to sports is actually a microcosmic experience of the real world that fans are trying to escape. This is not how it should be.

What disgusts me most about everything that transpired over the break is the cloud that hovers over the Mets.

The players have issued an edict of silence among themselves in dealing with the media, rightly or wrongly, as a form of protest for what they feel have been slanderous coverage. Particularly, the Mets are targeting the *New York Post* which, in my opinion, has displayed yellow journalism at its best.

The *Post* assigned a woman reporter to cover the

team's off-the-field "game" with the intent of running her stories as sidebars to the rape allegations against three players. Excacerbating the *Post's* tawdry approach to its so-called investigative reporting, it also decided to run a front-page story about three groupies who have accused Mets starter David Cone of performing lewd acts; none of the other New York papers chose to run this same story.

The reporter in question, who wrote not about the Mets on the field but of the Mets "playing the field," has undermined the efforts of all women who have come so far in the sportsjournalism industry. I blame the *Post* for utilizing her as a sports-gossip writer and I blame her for relegating herself to such a cheesy role. Her actions, sadly enough, hurt all of us attempting to gain credibility in this tough business.

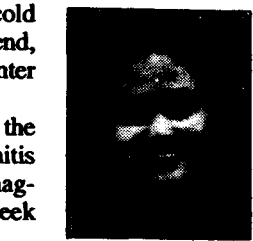
The three bimbos— yes, bimbos — who have filed suits against Cone also help to reduce women's progress. Who's to say players won't look at me and assume my interviews aren't facades for classic groupism?

I have been a strong proponent of women in sports and sports-related fields. I have lauded their contributions and strength in overcoming many societally-imposed stigmas. But I'll be damned if I defend the ignominy that three groupies and a reporter have brought upon themselves.

No. There is no excuse for the rape of which Tyson was convicted, just as there is no excuse for the Mets players who may have violated women — if they indeed are responsible for the crimes.

But at the same time, there is no excuse for yellow journalists who denigrate the accomplishments of sports' other reporters. And there is no excuse — only shame — for elitist groupies who have done their share of irreparable damage.

To people like that, a very sarcastic thank you.



SANDRA SAYS

Sandra B. Carreon

From indoor to outdoor, trackers aim high

TRACK from back page

The women's team will be led by tri-captains Meegan Pyle, Nicole Hafemeister and Delia Hopkins. Pyle, one of two seniors on the roster, is the university record holder in the 500-meter dash and will help

challenge the school record in the 4x800-meter relay. Hopkins will compete in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. Hafemeister, who qualified for the ECACs last year, will also try to score for the team during the season in the 800- and 5,000-meter runs.

Dara Stewart, who qualified for the

ECACs in her first two years, will help the team in the 55- and 200-meter dashes. In the 500-meter run, the team will look to indoor ECAC qualifier Demetria Ramnarine. Freshman Connie Morawski, also an ECAC qualifier, will lead the team in the 55-meter high hurdles.

"The women's team looks pretty solid," said Borbet. "We're looking to improve upon our indoor season." He said that the team is very young and they were hindered by injuries in the indoor season.

"We're looking to score points at the ECAC Championships," said Borbet.

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COMEBACK; BLOWOUT

After a come-from-behind effort last week against Providence, the Patriots lacrosse team lost to 12th-ranked Navy over the weekend, 11-2.

James Sommese led Stony Brook against Providence with one goal and five assists and Joel Insinga had two goals as the Patriots turned a two-goal deficit into a 9-6 victory.

The team will host Marist on April 1 and Canisius on April 3. Both games are scheduled to begin at 3:30 pm at Patriot Field. Tickets are available in the Union box office. — Dave Fallace

Icemen slip in semifinals

By George Lasher
Special to Statesman

Singer Garth Brooks wrote, "You know a dream is like a river/Ever changin' as it flows/And a dreamer's just a vessel/That must follow where it goes/Hopin' to learn from what's behind him/And never knowin' what's in store/Makes each day a constant battle/Just to stay between the shores."

No. Ice hockey isn't a country song, but the words ring true for this year's Stony Brook team.

The Patriots had a dream and they followed it for seven straight games. The last five were single elimination efforts: a loss in any one meant that the season was over.

The Patriots won the first four of those games. The streak came to an end Thursday night at the Mennen Arena in Morristown, New Jersey with a 5-2 loss to Marist College in the semifinals.

According to Head Coach Andy Kinnier, who played on the last Stony Brook team to reach the semifinals of the post-season tournament, the team was flat. "Marist wasn't as good as the Hofstra team we beat twice and tied once," said Kinnier. "We just didn't come up with one of our better efforts."

The game was close for two periods. The Patriots trailed 3-2 going into the third but two Marist goals sealed the victory for the Poughkeepsie school.

The Patriot goals were scored by the Caissie brothers, Todd and Travis. Todd concludes his Stony Brook career with 23 goals, 11 assists. In his brief stint with the team he managed to reach the top-50 in scoring, a tribute to the caliber of his play.

Joining Todd Caissie at graduation will be goaltenders Bill Dickhut and Tom Rufrano. They take four letters apiece with them as they graduate. These men will be the toughest for the team to replace. Josh Gazes and Jason Aigen will also join the ranks of the alumni. Gazes was selected as the division's scholar-athlete in recognition of his excellent play and 3.7 GPA.

Two Patriots will play one final game this year, the annual All-Star contest. Sophomore Mike Crockett, who led the team in scoring with 24 goals and 16 assists, will be joined by co-captain Bill Mauer in the classic. Crockett was also selected the Bob Lamoureux Award recipient, named in honor of the late Patriot coach, as team MVP. Mauer will receive the division's sportsmanship award for his exceptional skill combined with clean play. Kinnier will coach one of the two All-Star teams, an honor never before awarded to a Stony Brook coach.

So the season ends. Like every year the last game is toughest on the seniors. They are now the alumni and must sit back and watch. But they can be proud of what they have been part of. All 19 players who were on that bench during the last game of the season were part of something special, something they should remember for the rest of their lives.

Ice Hockey

Marist:	5
Patriots:	2

Outdoor trackers aim high

By Justin Scheef
Statesman Staff Writer

After winning five indoor ECAC championships earlier this month, the men's and women's track teams will head outdoors, where they will be looking to win more meets this season, starting with the Colonial Relays at Williamsburg, Virginia on April 3.

Originally, the first meet was supposed to take place at Stony Brook last weekend, but due to windy and cold weather conditions, the meet was called off.

Roger Gill, Jerry Canada and Dave Briggs — all ECAC Indoor Champions — will lead as tri-captains for the men's team, which had 11 indoor all-ECAC selections earlier this month.

Gill, an outdoor all-american in the 200-meter dash, holds university records in the 200- and 400-meter dashes. He is also a member of the Stony Brook Express, the relay team. "I'm hoping to break some records and to qualify for the nationals in the 400 and 200," said Gill. "I hope to be an all-american in all of my events . . . but first I have to qualify."

Canada will be competing in the 400-meter dash, the

500-meter run — in which he was an outdoor ECAC champion, the long jump and with the relay teams. "In the outdoor season, I just want to run well and make the nationals," said Canada. "We want to prove to the nation that we have one of the better teams."

Vilien will compete in the long jump, in which he is a university record holder, the 100- and 200-meter dashes and with the relay teams. "Number one is definitely in our sights for the outdoor season," said Vilien.

Head Coach Steve Borbet is looking for Dan Tupaj and Chris Wilson to run well in the 800-meter run. "They will have to improve to get into the nationals," said Borbet. He thinks that sophomore Jeff Faragasso in the discus "might have a shot" at qualifying for the nationals.

"This season we're looking to break university records in the 4x200, 4x400, sprint relays and the two-mile relay [4x800]," said Borbet. "We're looking to qualify in the 4x400 for the nationals and possibly in the 4x100." The 4x400 relay team came in third at the Penn Relays last year, a competition which includes teams from Division I and II. Borbet is looking for both men's and women's teams to win the PAC Championships at Stony Brook in April.

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Outdoor Track

PREVIEW

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