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# 'Stop Telling That Damned Lie'

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Muhammad denies racist remarks; calls for black empowerment

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Khallid Muhammad last night in the Staller Center

Statesman/Brian King

**By Jason Didner**  
 Statesman Associate News Editor

**B**lack Moslem speaker Khallid Abdul Muhammad last night strongly denied charges of anti-semitism and racism that various ethnic groups raised against him.

Muhammad — national assistant to black Moslem leader Louis Farrakhan — is surrounded by controversy for having made several allegedly anti-semitic remarks in several campus guest lectures.

Muhammad warned the ethnically mixed crowd of over 800, which greeted the controversial speaker with choruses of mixed cheers and boos at Staller Center's main stage. "To the white Jews in the audience, as my elders always told me,

"To you whites in the audience, I say to you it's gonna be a rough evening,"

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# Candidate disqualified; political ally cries foul

By David Joachim  
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

A candidate for senior representative of Polity was disqualified yesterday by the election board for missing a mandatory meeting.

Keith McLaren, a junior, is no stranger to disqualification. He was the presidential candidate last year who, along with four other candidates on the Common Sense party ticket, was disqualified for campaigning early, but was later reinstated by the election board.

McLaren, who lost his bid for president last year, missed a mandatory first meeting Monday of students who successfully completed their petitions for candidacy, said Desiree Petersen, vice chairwoman of the election board. The election bylaws mandate attendance to the meeting, which covers illegal campaign strategies and guidelines, she said.

McLaren could not be reached for comment. But Ary Rosenbaum, who ran

for secretary with McLaren last year on the Common Sense ticket, said McLaren was in Florida Monday attending a conference. McLaren appointed Rosenbaum to represent him at the meeting, but Petersen said Rosenbaum's presence did not satisfy the board's requirements.

Rosenbaum last night charged the election board with bias, claiming that McLaren's opponent, Alphonso Grant, also did not make the meeting. Grant did not attend the meeting, but was not disqualified, Petersen acknowledged.

Petersen said Grant, who was in the hospital with injuries, asked the board in advance to excuse his absence. "I did not expect the man to wheel his hospital bed into the meeting," Petersen said. She added that the board reserves the right to make exceptions to the bylaws for extenuating circumstances. Grant had a representative at the meeting, she said.

Grant could not be reached for comment.

"The elections are fixed," Rosenbaum said. "[The election board is] twisting the rules in their candidates' favor."

"The system hasn't changed," he said. Rosenbaum, who ran unsuccessfully for secretary and treasurer last year, had charged last year's election board and incumbent candidates with cheating. "As long as the system remains intact, I will never run again, he said. "You can't beat the system."

Rosenbaum added that he thought it was legal for a candidate to send a representative to the meeting.

The election bylaws state: "No candidate will be considered official until he/she has attended this mandatory meeting."

But Petersen said another bylaw was used to overrule the attendance mandate for Grant. "The election board is empowered to implement all rules and regulations

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— Ary Rosenbaum

as they see fit . . . subject to the veto of the judicial board," section 7 of the bylaws states.

Petersen said the bylaws are "very clear" about attendance and said McLaren's reinstatement is "unlikely." "We would have to do some serious combing to make an exception like this one," she said. She added that McLaren has not contacted her since his disqualification. "As far as I can tell," she said, "he doesn't care."

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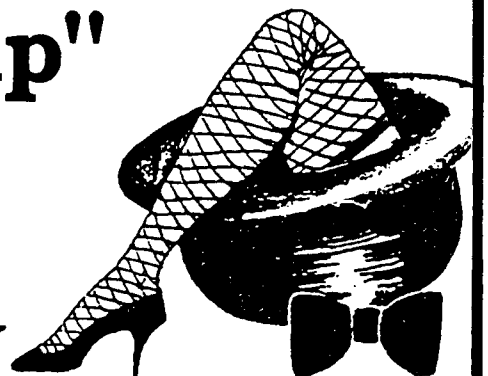


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# Schick residents warned of random relocation

By Darren B. Davis  
Statesman Managing Editor

Campus housing administrators warned Schick College residents last week that unusually high rates of unclaimed building damages this year may result in the random relocation of several building residents before semester's end.

The decision to begin relocating students stems from heavy maintenance and damage costs in the building since last semester, said Gina Vanacore, Schick College residence hall director. The source of much of the damage could not be determined, she added.

The consequences of escalating common area damage claims was discussed at several meetings with residents and Division of Campus Residences staff since last semester, said Vanacore. The meetings were initially successful, but "since we had our first building meeting in December [unclaimed damage] was getting really bad and what we had presented to the building was that things need to change or we were going to have to take some kind of actions to rectify that," said Vanacore. Specific actions included the relocation of students. Afterwards, "people started to own responsibility for a lot more of the damages and the common area damage started to decrease."

According to Ann Aversa, Kelly Quad director, "The community [Schick] has shown us that they can control the damage."

But the reduction in common area damage was temporary. Things got "really good for a little while," said Vanacore, "and then they got bad again." Repair and maintenance for the damage is estimated at nearly \$10,000 since last September according to Vanacore.

"It's getting to the point where it's just getting ridiculous," said Aversa. "There were things happening to the tune of eight or nine different things a week." Damages including destruction of exit signs, discharge of fire extinguishers, removal of locking plates on doors and the removal of a \$475 panic bar (latch release) on an exterior door, contributing to the increased charges.

After several meetings before spring break, the residents were given until March 29 to provide information regarding people responsible for the damages before methods of relocation were to be considered.

Arbitrary relocations are called administrative relocations and according to the student conduct code and terms of occupancy, which every student is required to read and sign before living on campus, administrative relocation is legal. "The students really can't complain," said Tom Collins, a Schick resident assistant, "because the administration has the right to do that."

"We arose to the decision to start the relocation process between the RHD [Vanacore], myself and my director [Jerry Stein, director of residential programs for the division]," said Aversa.

Despite several attempts since last Friday to contact Stein, he could not be reached for comment.

Recommendations from a student committee, comprised of one representative from each suite room, were consulted about how the relocations could be done most

justly. "We're willing to take [the committee's] recommendation," said Aversa. "They [the committee] have full license as to how [relocation] is going to happen."

Questions as to the number of students to be relocated have also been raised. "We were originally thinking one suite worth of people," said Aversa, which would mean about four to six people. Students' became concerned about who would be relocated.

Choosing students arbitrarily appears to be the consensus of officials involved. "The randomness is what I thought was most fair," said Vanacore. "It's the only way that I can think would be the most unbiased." According to Aversa, the only way to avoid targeting specific people is to "put people's names in a hat and draw randomly."

Many Schick residents voiced disapproval of any relocation plans. At a meeting in Schick, attended by more than 60 people last Thursday, sponsored by Dan Slepian, Polity president and David Greene, Polity treasurer and presidential candidate, students spoke out against the plans.

If relocated, "I'd come back and break [things]," said Paul Kye, a 22 year-old senior. "If one person is being relocated, then it's one person too many," said Christy Reinert, Polity senator for Schick. Reinert was partially responsible for the flyers that advertised Thursday's meeting.

The flyers, which stated that one person from each

suite would be randomly relocated, were criticized by Schick residents as a campaign plot by Greene. "What upsets me is that the posters were put on everyone's door with false information from somebody running for Polity," said Liz Christensen, 22, a Schick RA.

"It was a campaign scam, I think," said Scott Van Hatten, 22, another Schick RA, "just an excuse to get people together to tell them what they've [Greene and Slepian] done." Reinert agreed that the flyers contained false information, but it was "to get everyone down here 100 percent."

Other students said the relocations are a plot against fraternity and sorority life in Schick, a building widely known as a popular Greek residence. "This whole building is Greek life," said Eric Wuss, 20, a junior. "[Campus Residences] said community problem, what they meant was Greek life."

Officials dispute the allegations of prejudices against Greek life. According to Lissette Ito, RHD for Hamilton College in Kelly Quad, "If it was an effort to break Greek housing then both buildings [Schick and Hamilton] would be going through this." Both buildings have a similar amount of greek-involved residents, said Vanacore and Ito.

Although no relocations have been slated so far, "If [further] damage occurs and we aren't able to determine who's responsible, it will occur," said Aversa.

## Muhammad denies remarks

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You don't start no stuff, there won't be none."

"We understand your standing up for whatever you feel is right for your people," he said, but he condemned those who took offense at the comments in question. "Most of you are so damn ignorant and so damn arrogant."

Muhammad condemned the media for distorting his and Farrakhan's comments and turning them into racist comments. He further condemned "You attacked me," he said. "You attacked my leader [Farrakhan] with newspaper clippings."

He said Farrakhan never called Judaism a "dirty religion" or "gutter religion" as protestors had alleged. "Judaism is not a gutter religion," said Muhammad. "... Stop telling that damned lie."

Farrakhan was condemning Zionism — support for the state of Israel — and not Judaism, Muhammad said. "Zionism is different from Judaism," he said. According to Muhammad, Farrakhan said Zionists were "pushing Judaism aside and practicing [their] own personal gutter religion."

"[Farrakhan] said that the nation of Israel has not had any peace in 40 years," explained Muhammad, "and cannot have peace until it stops displacing Palestinians." Farrakhan also charged Israel with having "an unholy

alliance with South Africa." He added, "We can never forgive you for that."


Muhammad said Israel, along with the United States, France, and England, consistently vote in favor of South Africa, a nation surrounded in controversy for its policies of segregating white and black citizens. "If you [condemn] Israel's policies with South Africa, then you'll be doing something, man," he told the "young Jews" in the audience.

Muhammad also said allegations that Farrakhan praised Hitler on the talk show *Donahue* are false. He explained that Farrakhan, in responding to a New York newspaper headline that called him "The new Hitler," complained that he was being compared to a "wicked killer." Farrakhan, accused of calling Hitler "a great man," really called him "a wickedly great man," Muhammad said. "I'm in great pain," Muhammad said as an example. "That doesn't mean I'm in good pain, fool."

"You never did an investigation yourself," Muhammad said. "You young Jews, you should be better in your investigating skills."

Muhammad blasted the people who protested in an anti-bigotry demonstration that took place outside of Staller Center before his lecture. "But you are all childish and

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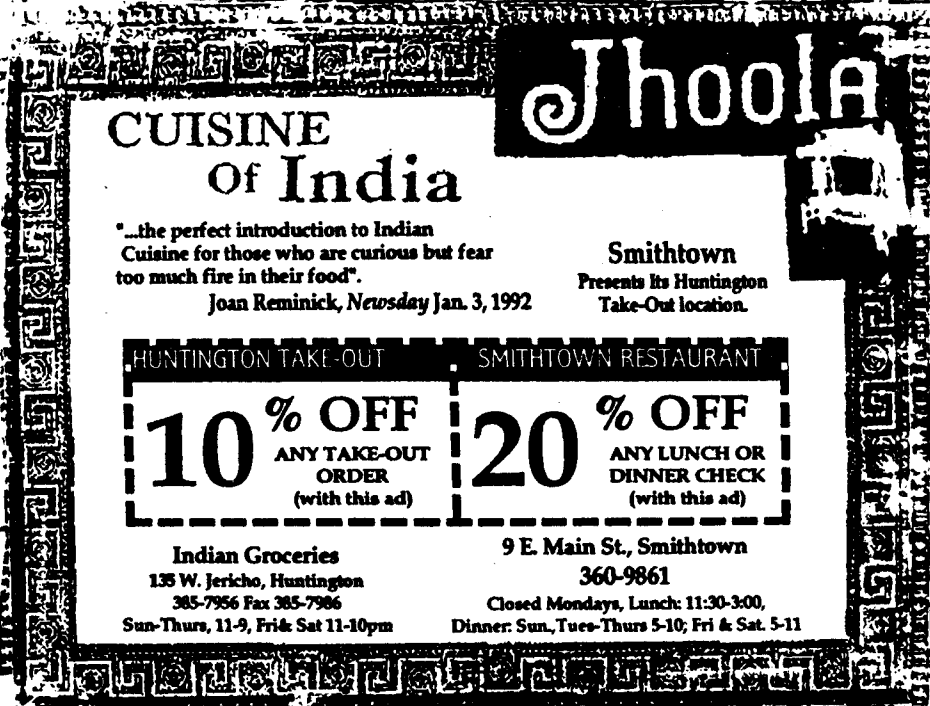
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# Smuggled Guns Terrorize New York

**G**UN CONTROL IN NEW YORK STATE IS just as big a myth as Santa Claus. You want so hard to believe in it until reality hits you right in the face and tells you it is not true. Just ask me and more than 1,000 of my peers who were at the Ritz on 54th Street in Manhattan last Saturday, and we'll tell you about gun control.

The gun shots rang out in the dark while the rap group Eric B. and Rakim was on stage. But this is not about rap music and its so-called connection to violence. This is about guns that come from outside of the state and then are responsible for thousands of deaths a year. Sure, New York has one of the toughest handgun possession laws in the country, but what good does that do when an arsenal can be legally bought in such easy-to-reach places as Virginia. Picture this. A couple of friends go to Virginia and relax on the beach. They might go to King's Dominion and Busch Gardens and on their way back from fun they pick up a six pack of nine millimeter handguns to sell on the streets of New York. Sounds far-fetched? It's true. All they have to do is make it past those notorious New

Jersey State Troopers on the Turnpike and they are home free, doubling the amount of money they spent for the guns. According to Sunday's *New York Newsday*, 98 percent of the guns used in crimes in New York City come from out of state, from places like Ohio, Georgia, Florida and Texas.



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Gun running has expanded so tremendously because of the lack of a federal policy on gun control. The politicians in Washington are so scared of the anti-gun control lobbies like the National Rifle Association that they don't have the guts to pass any laws that will help slow the tide of guns getting into the hands of criminals. They have stalled forever on the decision about the seven-day waiting period for purchasing handguns. This provision would make it harder for people to take trips into other states to purchase guns. They would have to stay in town for seven days before they actually got the gun. Most gun runners don't have this time to waste since their profile is not that of the career criminal. Gun smugglers are usually people who decide to do a couple of runs and make some extra money and go back to their jobs or to school. And while the lawmakers stall the

guns keep flowing and law-abiding citizens like me have to keep ducking to avoid the crossfire.

It is absurd that a kid in Brooklyn can purchase a .25 caliber automatic for \$50, only half the price of the new Nike Air Flight Huarache sneakers. While people outside New York City say it is our problem and not theirs, they don't appreciate it when our criminals expand their operations out into their town and shoot them with the handguns that they purchased from their state legally. Guns don't always kill thugs and criminals, regardless of the stereotypes people form in their heads. The gunshots at the Ritz could have easily killed me, or former Polity Vice President Joe Mignon or former Minority Planning Board member Hugh Lawrence, people not likely to be seen on America's Most Wanted.

The fact is that the sound of gunshots is as common as the sound of the school bell to most kids in the city. And while the politicians are sitting on their thumbs, people are getting taken out daily. Will law-abiding citizens have to arm themselves or will the feds give us some relief from the threat of gun-toting thugs? Maybe if there was a political action committee for scared citizens the gunshots would be a little less frequent.

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# Confrontations erupt at Staller speech

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silly, acting like fools, and throw temper tantrums, and hold a vigil," he said. He admitted to referring to New York City and *The New York Times* as "Jew York City" and "The Jew York Times," but called protestors "silly" for considering those remarks anti-semitic. He said, rather, Jews they should be proud, for he would be proud if Blacks controlled the city and media, and could say, "Black York City," or "The Black York Times."

Muhammad singled out Polity Senator Richard Cole — also a presidential candidate — for having told *Statesman*, "Everywhere this man [Muhammad] goes, violence occurs."

"What a little liar you are, Richard," Muhammad said. He denied that there ever was violence at his speeches and called Cole a "silly senator."

One white member of the audience, however, burst out, "Heil Hitler! You are an anti-semitic!" at Muhammad during the speech, and was escorted out after a pushing fight broke out between him and a black male, who had been seated in front of him. As the man was escorted out, Muhammad said, "We never have any violence and we're not gonna have violence here tonight either."

"That's ridiculous," said Cole, "because [Muhammad]'s playing semantics that violence wasn't happening then and there." Cole said that while violence may not have broken out during Muhammad's speeches, he was personally threatened with violence. "There were black students around me saying that I wouldn't live," he said.

The outburst came at a point in the evening when Muhammad raised the issue of promiscuous white women. "Respect yourself," he told the white women in the audience. "[Black men] say behind your back that you will screw anything that's not screwed down." Though he said his statement did not apply to all white women, he urged black men to stay with black women.

Muhammad, in discussing the title topic of his speech, "Who Shall We Follow, and What Shall We Do to Prepare the Black Nation for the Twenty-First Century," accused white European civilization of stealing black civilization's contributions to humanity. "We are the original Europeans," he said.

"We were robbed of our name, robbed of our language," Muhammad said. "We even lost our mind."

"You are the father and mother of all civilization," Muhammad told the black members of his audience. "When the white man was crawling around on all fours in the caves and all the hills of Europe, you had great civilizations in Africa... White people, many of them, still eat their meat raw."



Statesman/Brian King

Man is carried out by security last night after calling Muhammad a racist and disrupting the speech

Muhammad said the concept of a Greek source of civilization, traditionally taught, is false. "Dr. Oskuskowatzky [a fictitious Jewish name] teaches that here, with his moustache all turned up."

"You are absolutely the chosen people of the living God," Muhammad said. "Don't let no Jew on this campus tell you otherwise."

"The Bible said Jesus is a black man," Muhammad argued. "Don't bring me no pale-skin, blonde-haired, blue-eyed, buttermilk, peckerwood Jesus." He referred to a Biblical description of Jesus having "hair like sheeps'

wool," and "a body like fine brass [that] was burnt in an oven."

Muhammad called on black people to build their own nation, one in which they can provide for themselves. "Don't prepare to get a job," he said. "Prepare to make a job for your people. Build your own banks, hospitals, and universities."

In the question-and-answer session that followed, Ro Sheffer, who identified herself as a Jewish student, asked Muhammad if he was correctly quoted of saying, "African-Americans should slit the throats of Koreans and Jews."

## 200 protest 'racist' speaker

By Jed Kliman  
Special to Statesman

More than 200 people demonstrated in an anti-racism vigil in the Fine Arts Plaza last night before the controversial and allegedly anti-semitic Khallid Abdul Muhammad spoke to a nearly-packed main stage crowd.

Outside, under murky skies and a light drizzle, students and university officials — including Provost Tilden

Edelstein, Vice President Fred Preston, University Senate President Richard Porter and representatives of campus Catholic and Moslem groups — peacefully addressed racism and the appropriateness of Polity's funding of the reportedly anti-semitic speaker.

"We are not against academic freedom or the right of

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# MEET THE POLITY CANDIDATES

## SENIOR REP

### Alphonso Grant

Although he shuns the title, Alphonso Grant, 21, is running unopposed for the senior class representative position. "I'm not just for the seniors," said Grant. "It should never have been structured that way." He says he would like to see the titles of the representatives change to represent duties instead of classes. He says, for example, the junior class representative could be in charge of academic affairs or residential affairs.



Grant, a resident assistant in Wagner College, has served for the past two years as the director of Student Polity Association Security and has been a linebacker on the USB football team since he was a freshman. Grant has also served in the Faculty Student Association to try to save the rising rate of the meal plan.

He refers to his platform as "very basic" and proposes the use of the Stony Brook television station as the solution to several problems. "Periodic town meetings aren't good enough," said Grant, who says television is an "avid way to bring Stony Brook students together as one." He suggests that an AFS class that films campus events could air their footage to inform

students about current events. Offering television once again as the solution, Grant says that Polity Senate meetings should also be aired since they are inaccessible to many students.

"I know what the people want because I came from where everyone else comes from," said Grant. "If I give you my word — you can bet on it."

— Patricia Huang

## JUNIOR REP

### Loretta Schaeffer

Loretta Schaeffer, senator from Eisenhower, claims she seeks the office of junior representative for selfless reasons. "I'm not running for this position to further my political career," she says. "I'm running... because I'm a concerned member of the student body and they need more people that really care. They need more people who are going to work for the students rather than work for their own personal agenda."



But Schaeffer — also a member of Theta Phi Alpha sorority — refuses to wait for the necessary changes to happen. "If there's things I believe in, I don't just raise my hand to vote," she says. "I get involved." She criticizes members of the senate who are

three-year veterans, yet still don't actively pursue issues that concern them.

Schaeffer maintains that the quality of education at Stony Brook must remain high for the good of the students. "I want to keep Stony Brook a learning institution where the student is not a bad investor," she says.

Schaeffer claims that Student Polity must adopt a higher profile to fit the students' needs. "People do not even know what Polity is," she said. But the answer to educating students is in mobilizing their government. "If everyone on senate got involved, they [could] get the students involved," she says.

— Jason Didner

### Tricia Stuart

Tricia Stuart's mission, if elected junior representative, is to "redefine the role of the junior representative," she says.

"I think there was a lack of interaction between the student body and the representatives," Stuart says. "I would act as a liaison between the student body and the student government in bringing a valuable resource to them they are not aware of — Polity."



Currently Polity assistant treasurer, Stuart plans to pursue programs that are geared towards stimulating class interactions.

She wants to establish an occupational and professional peer group program in which juniors help sophomore and fresh-

men make decisions regarding the curricula. "When you're a junior, you pretty much made all the wrong decisions and corrected them, such as class planning," Stuart says. "The juniors would be mentors to freshmen and sophomores."

Another program Stuart hopes to establish is an internship fair "which would reach the needs of broader interests," she says. She wants the fair to help students earn internships in the fields of their choice.

Stuart believes that her current involvement with Polity allows her to "know how things are done up there," she says.

— Sandra B. Carreon

### Joe Villanueva

Joe Villanueva insists that Polity senate return to its grassroots. And as a candidate for junior representative, he wants to help bring it back.

Villanueva, president of Eisenhower College's building legislation, feels that Polity wastes a great deal of time it could be spending addressing student concerns. "At a time where students face a \$500 tuition increase, Polity was debating on whether or not to fund the *Stony Brook Press*."

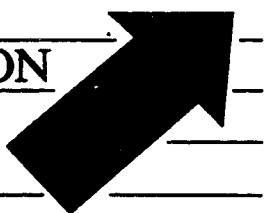
"Quite simply, I want to put the senate in touch with student issues," Villanueva says.

"I want to stop the tuition increases," said Villanueva. He supports such groups as NYPIRG, SASU, and USSA, organizations that have lobbied in state government to represent the university's needs. "I agree with the idea of lobbying, calling, and writing the senators," he says. "I believe in the student body joining together and acting in one voice."

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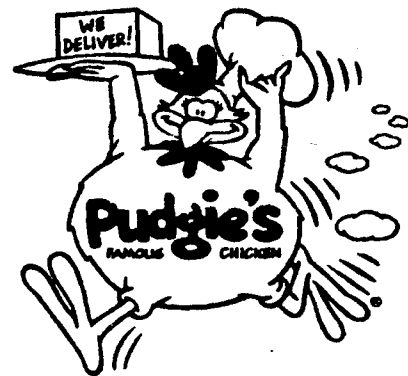
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This joining together of the students is vital to bringing power back to the student body, Villanueva says. "I believe that too many times in the bureaucracy above us too many decisions are made for us and not by us," he says.

Villanueva says the unity of the students has to begin at the level of ethnicity, where all groups must be brought together. He calls for an ethnic council, in which leaders of ethnic groups can address issues together. "I think it's important to bring these groups together because ignorance breeds hatred."



— Jason Didner

(Two other candidates for junior representative, Michele Malone and Joanne Morabito, were profiled in Monday's edition of Statesman.)

**SOPH REP**

**Yahira Acosta**

If Yahira Acosta is elected sophomore representative, she plans to foster communication and understanding between commuters and residents and between students of all cultures, she says.

As the freshman representative to the Latin American Students Association, Acosta presented the concerns of freshmen

and other members at board meetings. She also organized cooperative activities between LASO and other student organizations. She has recently crossed over into Sigma Iota Alpha and has been involved in activities such as Toys for Tots, Multiple Sclerosis Walk and Walk America.

Acosta stands against tuition hikes and an increase in the meal plan fee. "I feel that if tuition goes up, meal plan should stay the same," she said. She believes that campus security should be improved — for both students' personal safety and for the security of their belongings. She is against arming Public Safety and wants an around-the-clock patrol.

Acosta says unity among students of different cultural groups is important to her. She thinks that educational events where Greek organizations and student cultural groups can share their cultures with each other are needed. "Instead of being naïve, let's work together," she said.



— Adriane Moser

**Hubert Gordon**

Dissatisfaction with the current state of student affairs led Hubert Gordon to enter the political realm and seek the office of sophomore representative. "I didn't feel there was effective representation for me as a freshman," he says. The quest for the position offers him two opportunities: one to immerse himself in extra-curricular ac-

tivities, and another "to make a difference in the student government."

Gordon, though new on the Polity scene, is trained in the ways of a leader. He participated in St. Francis Preparatory School's special Bishop's Leadership Project, a series of seminars on public speaking and critical thinking. This experience qualifies him to stretch the boundaries of the office he seeks. "I felt the sophomore representative position could be enhanced a lot more," she says. "I felt that with my capability as a leader I would be able to do that job well."

Gordon argues vehemently that next year's sophomore class will need special help from Polity in the form of academic advising. "I feel that Student Polity needs to address it more thoroughly, due to the budget cuts and [their] effect on academics" he says.

Gordon expresses outrage that the students are not represented with regards to the campus food service. "I feel that the food services should have to answer directly to the students themselves because they're the ones who use the service most frequently."



— Jason Didner

**Crystal Plati**

Crystal Plati, candidate for sophomore representative, believes that Stony Brook students succumb too easily to apathy. As sophomore representative, she hopes to

upgrade student awareness thereby bolstering student involvement.

"I think there's a lack of student involvement," says Plati, who attributes lack of involvement to lack of knowledge. "Students aren't knowledgeable about what Polity can do for them. I don't think they even stop and think that they pay a student activity fee."

As a current senator for Langmuir College, Plati firmly believes that students need to utilize senators as a liaison between them and Polity. "I don't think students realize their vote can make a difference," she says. "They can influence how their senators vote. As a council member, I plan to utilize the senate to bring education about Polity to students."

Aside from her duties as senator, Plati was a member of Polity's Academic Affairs Committee.

But she says that, by far, her role as senator qualifies her strongly for the sophomore representative position. "I feel that taking part in the senate made me more aware of many issues," Plati says. "What I learned from being senator, I can use in helping me become an effective sophomore representative."

— Sandra B. Carreon



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# 200 protest controversial speaker

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speakers to come to the school," said Keith Babich, B'nai B'rith Hillel president, who said that the vigil against racism and bigotry, sponsored by nine student organizations, instead protested student activity fee money being used to sponsor an allegedly racist speaker.

"Every student is in a way sponsoring this speaker," said Babich, referring to the student-funded Polity club money used to sponsor the event.

Polity President Dan Slepian said, "Clubs and organizations have a right to spend their money however they see fit." The only grounds for regulating club spending is to prove financial mismanagement, he said.

"I don't want my money going to a racist coming to the school," said Ro Sheffer, a senior majoring in english, who attended the vigil.

The concern over spending Polity money for the black Moslem speaker is related to his alleged anti-semitic remarks during speeches at other universities, such as

Columbia, where the New York Times quotes Muhammad as having called that school, "Columbia Jew-niversity in Jew York."

"We're not here to preach separatism," said Babich. "We're holding this vigil to make a point — a point against violence and hatred."

Edelstein read a statement written by University President John Marburger, which praised Stony Brook as being a place where extreme views can be expressed in an academic setting.

"We should accept his coming here as freedom of speech, but we don't have to accept his ideology, what he stands for," said Richard Guillopo, a senior, majoring in history and english, who spoke out at the vigil.

Robin Macklin, a Jewish student who recruited several fraternities and sororities to attend the demonstration, said, "It's not an example of positive education, which is what we need."

"[Muhammad] doesn't represent the Moslems," said Farhad Tarzi, a Moslem student, who accused the speaker

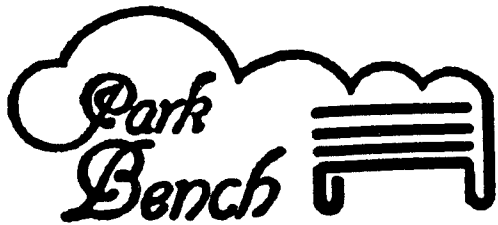
of using Islam for a political agenda.

Although Babich agreed with Marburger's statement, and the words of others, that the university is an academic forum to express and exchange different views, he said, "I don't think this speaker should be sponsored by the Polity organization. When you allow him to speak and you pay for him, you are putting a stamp of approval on his message."

Preston spoke about the challenge of understanding and dealing with bigoted behavior. To the crowd of protestors he issued the following challenge: "Commit the energy I see here today to the ongoing goal of racial harmony that we all say we'd like to see."

Babich echoed this sentiment: "The best way to counter racism is with racial understanding and harmony."

Babich encouraged demonstrators to attend the speech with an open mind. At the close of the demonstration, many of the participants poured down the stairs of the fine arts plaza and headed towards the Staller Center main stage to listen to Muhammad's message first hand, to see what part of their student activities money was paying for.



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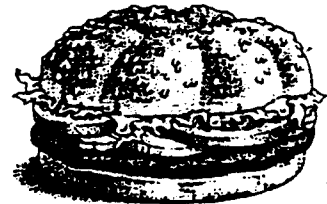
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## Editorial

# Blacks Need Empowerment, Not Hostility

It is certainly high time that the black community seek empowerment, especially through education and research into challenging the world history that has disregarded people of color from the pages of its books. But the black community must be careful in choosing the leaders who will carry them on the road to empowerment.

Khalid Abdul Muhammad's message to blacks to love their black selves, to learn their true heritage, and to stay off drugs is a noble one. But this is where his ability to responsibly lead a community ends.

The State University at Stony Brook is reputed for its cultural and ethnic diversity. It was tragic to see black turned against white, white turned against black during the course of Muhammad's address last night.

Protected by the United States Constitution, Muhammad had every right to say every word that he said, up to and including his comment that black men call white women sexually "easy" behind their backs.

But to abuse that right in order to push people's buttons and inflame hostility under the guise of academic liberation contradicts everything a university—especially Stony Brook—stands for.

Muhammad has proven that he could not hold a candle to the late, great Martin Luther King, Jr. King filled the black community with an overpowering self-love and self-respect that was never based on oppressing another ethnic group.

King was truly the epitome of bravery, not because he seethed with veiled threats, not because he shouted at the top of his lungs, not because he pumped minds and bodies full of adrenaline, conditioning them for a holy war. King, and all his black, white, Jewish, Asian, Latino, and other brothers and sisters stood by him in the South, where it was unsafe to stand up against the crackers of the whips.

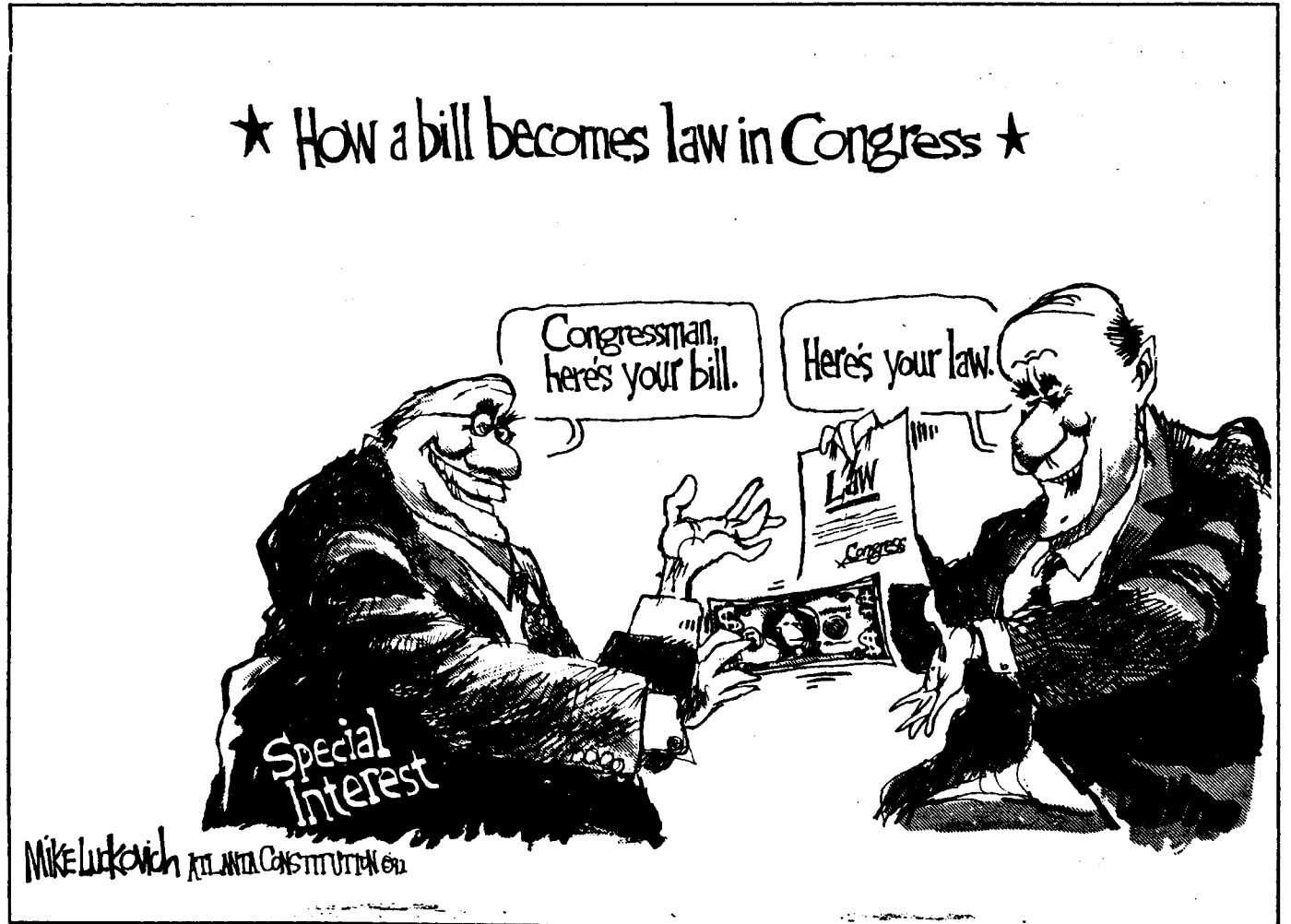
Muhammad pales in comparison to King in the blacks' quest for a fearless leader.

Muhammad has managed to

cleverly sidestep allegations of particular anti-semetic remarks, but under a very thin guise. His repeated comments about a fictitious "Professor Skoskowatski" are exemplary of the way he propagates stereotypes. In communicating such messages, he shows himself to be little more than a black Archie Bunker, who happens to have some good intentions.

Like CUNY Professor Leonard Jeffries, who also calls for a curriculum that gives Africans their due credit for their contributions to civilization, Muhammad is unfortunately the wrong conduit for this message.

It is African Americans' right and, moreover, their duty to find an identity. It is also incumbent upon all peoples to learn the blacks' rightful place in history and society. But the black community must find a respectable conduit to introduce to it once again its heritage. For the black community to subscribe to charismatic demagogues who spout out blame and hostility would be a tragic error.



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# We Must Support Interest Groups' Funding

By Glenn D. Magpantay

HERE HAS BEEN SOME DEBATE IN THE Student Polity Senate coming from a few individuals about Stony Brook students being members of various political student organizations, specifically the New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG), the Student Association of the State University (SASU) of New York and the United States Student Association (USSA). "Member" is synonymous with funding the organizations at a yearly dues rate per student. The fee, (\$3 for NYPIRG, \$2 for SASU and \$0.50 for USSA) comes out of the student activity fee at no increased cost. The fee pays for membership services such as a lobbying and research staff, lawyers, materials, information and resources. But there is more to membership than just what students get on campus. We as SUNY at Stony Brook students need to be members of NYPIRG, SASU and the USSA.

A few students may not agree with the SASU, USSA and NYPIRG's goals, like keeping tuition down and fighting for student's rights. There are two ways to address this concern. First, those students who have concerns should get involved with the organizations and change them. As *members*, the organizations are accountable to us, but in order for them to work for us we need to *articulate* what we want. The second way is that periodically the organizational membership is put forth on a ballot during the Polity election for each and every student to decide. It is *not* the Polity President, Council nor Senate who decide membership, rather it is the Stony Brook student body themselves. It is a *democratic* system where everyone has the opportunity to vote. Consistently though students have overwhelmingly voted to remain members of all three organizations. This historically evidences student's support for membership, the organizations and the organizations' goals. While democracy is not perfect, the organizations try to work towards goals that will benefit the greatest number of students, and if some people disagree then perhaps those individuals do not have the students best interest at heart.

Some others have argued that these organizations are "leftist, communist fronts." The reality of these allegations is absurd. USSA, SASU and NYPIRG are *student* groups who work "to represent, advocate and further the welfare of students" they serve. They work on student rights, financial aid and the betterment of students' lives as both students and citizens. There is nothing inherent about these issues that is politically "left" or "right," communist or capitalist. They are neutral. Though it is true that the organizations are diverse and work on issues that some may feel do not directly relate to education. However, issues such as rape on campus, military discrimination, euro-centric education, building inaccessibility for the physically challenged and lack of parking are as much as "educational issues" as students dormitory rights, control of student activity fees and fee increases. As students are diverse and working on a multitude of issues, those organizations and their issues must also be diverse and inclusive. While the organization's priority issues are those which will affect as many students as possible, they must never and will never sell-out the students by forgetting to represent the true, diverse concerns of students.

These organizations are also a voice for students. Decisions are made in Albany and Washington, DC for students, but not *by* students. It is essential that while we need to have a strong Polity, as student government to advocate for students in the Administration, we also need a strong SASU and NYPIRG to represent students in the Governor's Chambers, State Legislature and SUNY Central Administration and finally a strong USSA for The White House, U.S. Congress, Federal Education Department and among other national organizations like the Coalition for Higher Education Funding. Decisions that are made in Albany and Washington, D.C., will affect students whether we want them to or not. They will determine how much financial aid we will get, if we get

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any aid at all, if we will pay \$1,000,000 more in tuition or if our classes will be cancelled before we can register to graduate. We must maintain a strong Stony Brook student voice and this only happens through membership in SASU, NYPIRG and USSA.

Finally, the benefits we receive from membership is enormous. While it is simple to show that USSA lobbied and

ties in the 1980's, SASU fought for students' right to assemble and freedom to form groups of their choosing. NYPIRG fought to ban food irradiation, so that we would not be *legally* poisoned (no pun intended to meal plan). USSA secured authorizing federal money to be spent on campus rape education and prevention programs in the House of Representatives version of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Without membership in these organizations, these things would probably never have become a reality for students.

Stony Brook students directly benefit from being members of these political advocacy organizations. They win us rights and attempt to fundamentally better the student experience. Rather than questioning our membership in organizations like NYPIRG, SASU and USSA, we should look at ways of expanding our membership and building these organizations, so we can build our voice and power as students.

They are dedicated to and work for students. It is essential that we support ourselves and our livelihood. This will lead not only to a better education for us, but perhaps a better society.

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achieved increases in financial aid last year and that SASU postponed the institution of several fees, at least for another year, but other benefits may be less tangible. For instance, when SUNY was trying to phase-out Fraternities and Sorori-

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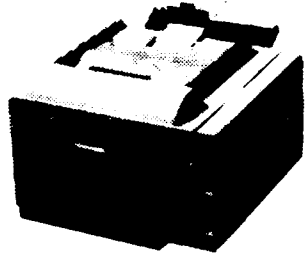
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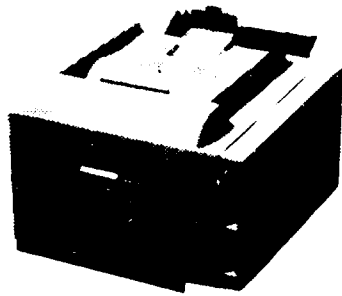
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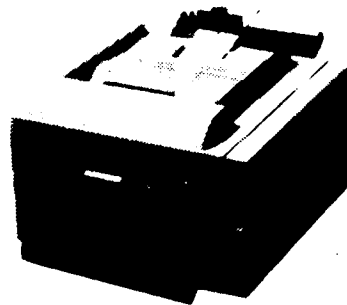
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# Pats remain overachievers in off-season

By Christine Cleary  
Statesman Staff Writer

Even in the off-season, Stony Brook's volleyball team is playing the role of over-achiever.

The team won two of the three off-season

## Softball

tournaments it played, a feat which hasn't been accomplished in several years.

Head Coach Teri Tiso expressed her pleasure regarding the Patriots' performance. She pointed out that although the

team did not win its last tournament, it managed to hold its own against a solid Division I Hofstra team.

At that match, the Patriots played with only six players, some of whom were not starters. Still, they only lost the second game of the match, 16-14.

As usual, Tiso pushes her players to the max. Although their practice time is half that of the regular season's, "We don't ever relax," she said.

The focus during the off-season is the basic individual skills of the players. Indi-

vidual skills lay the foundation for teamwork, Tiso said. Most of the team members take weight training classes and run a timed one-and-a-half mile distance a week.

"Most of the players are very dedicated," Tiso said. "They know the level we want to reach next season and they're psyched to advance."

Tiso said the freshmen have shown incredible improvement, especially Tina Salak, Robin Meister and Shari Montegari. Each has received more playing time during the off-season and used it to her advan-

tage. As well, Tiso cited the efforts of veteran Denise Rehor, who according to the coach is emerging as a true court leader.

With three tournaments down, the volleyball team has three more to go. Tiso is excited about the upcoming competition. The next two tournaments will again pit Stony Brook against Hofstra. Then on Sunday, April 26, the team will host a tournament at the Indoor Sports Complex. The action starts at 9 a.m. and Tiso promises that there will be very good volleyball to watch.

## Pats aim high against Air Force

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liked to have been. "I hate losing. But when we don't play well with that terrible lack of effort like we did at Notre Dame . . . I see why we lost."

The head coach said that the key against Air Force will be putting the ball in the net. "It's going to be another dog fight," he said. "When we played Georgetown . . . we beat them in every category but scoring. We have to get goals."

Espey attributes the lack of goal scoring to lack of composure. "You have to react quickly and make a lot of changes," he said. "If you keep composure, you can be a

more effective shooter." Espey said that experience and composure lead to goal scoring precision.

The Patriots will try to up their mark to 7-5 with a win tomorrow. And after that, Espey will continue going "one game at a time." He is confident, however, that the Patriots are climbing up the Division I ladder in terms of quality. "We're showing people around here," he said. "In a few years, we are going to go through the roof. I'm confident that we're going to be one of the nation's premier programs."

Game time against Air Force is set for 3:30 pm at Patriot Field. The team travels to Boston College Saturday to try and avenge last year's 14-8 loss before hosting Ohio State in the season-closer on May 2.

## Tennis Pats win

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lost 6-3, 6-4. However, his strong strokes and quick returns made it an interesting match. He was very consistent with his serves.

Tony Lu also played a fine match. He won 7-5, 6-3. He said it was a bad day for the other players and it would have been a closer match had his opponent's net balls gone over the net.

Lu won a lot of points by his net shots making it onto his opponent's court. He said after the match that his opponent was a good server and had sharp volleys. However, he was able to return on the volleys thanks to Carron's tutelage.

"I was very happy that the team won because they haven't won in a week," said Carron.

"We needed this win," said Bradley.

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# Pats get feet wet in the 'Friendly Games'

By Jason Yellin  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Division I Women's Soccer team returned to its natural playing surface — grass — with a tournament the past weekend at West Point. Head Coach Sue Ryan did not call the event a "tournament," she merely termed them "Friendly Games" with no winner or official results.

## Women's Soccer

But in these games, the Stony Brook Patriots recorded a 0-1-2 mark. They tied both Monmouth College, 1-1 and Buckingham — a club team from Pennsylvania, 0-0. The Patriots were defeated by Army, 1-0.

Ryan was happy the players had the opportunity to play at Army in these informal relaxed games for the first outdoor action. "It's a good environment to play in," Ryan said. "The players come and have fun. It allows them to do what they want and not be so concerned with the results."

It was also the first time all off-season that they played the game 11-on-11, not five-on-five or seven-on-seven, as customary in the indoor tournaments.

The Patriots were hampered by injuries, forcing several players to play out of position. Junior goalkeeper Lana Peterson and freshman Anya Callahan were pressed into field action while rotating in the nets.

The Patriots only traveled with the minimum 11 players. Freshman Chris Cuggino, who usually plays outside midfielder, played outside back and freshman Rebecca Aig was also out of position, playing center midfield.

Sophomore back Debbie Egger scored the lone goal

*"We got our feet wet and are prepared for the home tournament."*

— USB Coach Sue Ryan

in the Monmouth game. She netted the ball on a 30-foot shot. Ryan said that in the Monmouth game, the Patriots played their hardest and did well to tie. "We lost to Army but we were probably a better team than them," Ryan said. "But we got up to play Monmouth."

When in goal, Callahan gained valuable experience playing against Army. Ryan said that one of the goals of the team is to "try to get the players to talk to each other and work together." Ryan added that the tri-captains must provide leadership and step forward to make the team

more unified.

The Patriots will get a shot at redemption against the Stony Brook alumni team which defeated them in the last tournament's championship game. There will be two other teams in the outdoor tournament, which Stony Brook will host on the 26th.

"We got our feet wet and are prepared for the home tournament," Ryan said. The games will begin at 9 am with the championship game scheduled for 3:45 pm. All games will be played on the soccer field.

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# Pats victimize Hawks in hitting spree

By Frank Vito  
Statesman Staff Writer

April 15 — The seventh-ranked Patriots dominated fifth-ranked Hunter College last Wednesday afternoon by defeating the Hawks, 18-2.

## Softball

Offensively Patriots: 18  
and defensively, Hunter: 2  
the Patriots were strong. They kept "The victory was sweet revenge since Hunter beat us last year," junior Heidi Epstein said after the game.

Sophomore pitcher Joan Gandolf pitched another complete game to improve her record to 5-0 on the season. Though her

pitching was again excellent, as she allowed only five hits and two runs with two strikeouts, the Patriots' bats did all the talking. As Gandolf said, the bats were "on fire."

The hitting spree started in the third with senior Cathy DiMaio ripping a single over the shortstop's head. Sophomore Kerry Diggin followed with another single. Both runners then succeeded in a double steal. Joanne Greggo popped out and Joan Gandolf walked to load the bases. Traci Racioppi stepped up to the plate and doubled to left to score DiMaio and Diggin. Senior Kim Verunac followed with a single. Beth Match then hit a single, scoring Verunac after Racioppi stole home on a wild pitch.

The Patriots continued in the fourth when Diggin again singled, followed by

Greggo's single. Racioppi then proceeded to come through with an RBI single of her own. But the Patriots were not done yet. Senior shortstop Verunac stepped to the plate and ripped a single to rightfield scoring two more runs. Head Coach Judy Christ said, "We hit the way we were capable of."

In the fifth inning, the Patriots scored seven more runs. It was Greggo, Gandolf, Racioppi and Verunac again providing the hits and runs. But the inning was topped off by a tremendous two-run home run by senior Dana Carasig. Carasig took to 2-2 pitch and sent it over the fence in left center; Hunter's outfielder didn't even move.

Defensively, the Patriots infield of Greggo at third, Carasig at second, Verunac at short and DiMaio at first was sound.

In the outfield, Diggin at left, Match at center and Racioppi right were also flawless. "The defense was excellent," Match said, "We committed no errors."

Freshman Bridgette Fennelly, looked experienced behind the plate doing her catching duties. She also went 2-for-4 offensively with a triple and single.

"Though we outplayed Hunter today," Christ said, "they are a quality team and I'm sure we'll meet up with them again."

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The Lehman Game, which was scheduled for yesterday, was cancelled and has been rescheduled for the 28th at 3:30.

The team's next game will be a double header against SUNY rival Binghamton this Saturday at the softball field. Game time is set for 12 pm.

# Wong provides leadership behind plate

By Aimee Brunelle  
Statesman Staff Writer

Lisa Wong, a mainstay on the Stony Brook softball team, is a strong force that has often been overshadowed by her teammates' accomplishments. Wong, a four-year veteran catcher, brings much experience behind the plate for the Patriots softball team.

Head Coach Judy Christ feels Wong contributes positively to the team in many ways.

"Defensively, Lisa handles the pitches very well," Christ said. "The pitchers need to feel confident in the catcher, and when they do, it lets them throw what they want." Pitcher Joan Gandolf agrees. "Right now, Lisa is our most experienced catcher," Gandolf said. "She's great at blocking balls. She doesn't let them

## Softball

through."

Over the last four years, Wong has improved her leadership position on the team and behind the plate. Christ feels Wong is "a team leader, but in a quiet way." She said, "Lisa isn't as vocal as you would want, but this is because of her nature. She adds stability to the team because she has been here for four years." Gandolf adds, "As a senior, she helps out by being into the game. And people respect that."

Being a lefty catcher could create some problems, but for Wong, it has more advantages "With a right handed batter, it's easier for me to throw down to first and cover bunts," Wong said, "but it's harder to throw down to second on steals."

Christ agrees and adds, "Most teams bunt on us more than they steal, so with Lisa catching, it's gives us an

advantage."

Wong even has a play named after her. Teammate Beth Match explains. "The 'Wonger' is a delayed steal. You take a lead off first and when the catcher throws down, you take off to second." Wong admits doing this last year, but she has yet to pull it off this year. "The first time I did it, though, I did it wrong," Wong said. "I was staring down the catcher and when she faked a throw I took off. She froze and I was safe."

Wong, also a four-year intramural volleyball player, has been playing softball for seven years. She feels that the team should make the State Championship this year. "If we keep hitting and Joan and Traci [Racioppi] keep pitching well, we'll definitely be there," Wong said.

With players like Lisa Wong on the team, the Patriots should have no problems.

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# Pyle and Stewart qualify for ECACs

By Justin Scheef  
Statesman Staff Writer

Once again this season, the Stony Brook men's and women's outdoor track teams faced cold, windy and damp weather at the Monmouth Relays in New Jersey this past Saturday.

Although there was no team title awarded, according to Head Coach Steve Borbet, both teams ran well.

Co-captain Roger Gill led the team, finishing fifth in the 200-meter dash in 22.99 and sixth in the 400-meter dash in

49.6. Jerry Canada also competed in the 200 and 400, running in 23.24 and 50.4. "Those were good times, considering the weather," Borbet said.

In the 5,000-meter run, Pat Riegger finished fifth in 15:45.1. Also competing in the 5,000 was freshman Neal Levy who ran a personal best of 16:54.2. "That's a 31-second improvement," Borbet said. "We're very happy with that."

The 4x400 relay team of Gill, Canada, Chris Wilson, and Dan Tupaj did not compete because of the cold weather.

The women's team also competed at the meet. Senior Meeagan Pyle qualified for

the ECAC Championships in Boston next month by finishing second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 69.8, a personal best.

Dara Stewart qualified for the ECACs in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.3 seconds and the 200-meter dash with a 27.0 showing.

Delia Hopkins finished eighth in the 1,500-meter run in 5:04 and ran a 11:01.1 in the 3,000. Her time in the 3,000 was just 1.1 seconds off from qualifying for the ECACs.

In the 800-meter run, the team had five runners, who despite failing to place, "ran

decent," according to Borbet. Co-captain Nicole Hafemeister led the group with a 2:29.2, followed by Pyle with 2:30.3, Lalena Heske with 2:30.8, Carey Cunningham with 2:31.6 and Luci Rosalia with a time of 2:34.6.

The mile relay team of Pyle (63.6), Heske (65.4), Cunningham (65.6) and Stewart (64.8), turned in a fourth place finish in 4:19.4.

"The women did a nice job," Borbet said.

This weekend the relay teams will compete at the Penn Relays and the entire team will compete at Stony Brook on Sunday.

## Pats trackers look to capture Penn title

By Justin Scheef  
Statesman Staff Writer

Three Stony Brook relay teams will be competing tomorrow against tough competition from Division I, II and III schools at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

Also coming up this weekend for the men's and women's outdoor track teams is the Stony Brook Invitational which also includes some Division I schools.

At the Penn Relays last year, the men's 4x400 relay team came in third, which is remarkable considering that the Stony Brook track team is Division III.

Outdoors this year the 4x400 team has been troubled by a combination of injuries and poor weather. Currently the team consists of Roger Gill, Jerry Canada, Chris Wilson and Dan Tupaj. Normally Anderson Vilien, who can run a 49.0 leg, runs instead of Tupaj, but he has been out with knee problems. "We hope [Tupaj] can run under 51, but that will be pushing it," Head Coach Steve Borbet said.

However, Canada said that they are confident and feel competitive in running the relay outdoors for the first time this year. "[Our objective] is not to win. Our objective is to run well and qualify for the Nationals."

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Gill will run the 400-meter leg, followed by Canada and Wilson in the 200-meter legs and then Tupaj finishing in the 800-meter leg.

The women's 4x400 relay team will also compete in Philadelphia. Saunsarae Montanez, Lalena Heske, Dara Stewart and Delia Hopkins will probably be competing.

The track teams will be facing more Division I competition Sunday at Stony Brook starting at 10 am. "It will be Columbia and us battling it out for the team title,"

Borbet said of the women's competition.

The men will be facing tough competition from rival SUNY Farmingdale, Kings Point and Division I Drexel. "This is the most competitive team title here in a while," Borbet said. Canada, who will be running in the 200, 400, and 4x400 relay, said that "with the injuries it's going to be tough."

The Stony Brook Invitational is also the last meet at Stony Brook this year. The events will get underway at 10 am.

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# Coach Senk: 'Stretch' is number one pitcher

By Tony McMullen  
Special to Statesman

Freshman pitcher Mike Robertson's 6-foot-4 inch and 190-pound frame, earning him the nickname "Stretch" by his teammates, may appear harmless at first glance. But once Robertson steps onto the mound, he scares the hits right out of opponents' bats.

Robertson, a Kings Park native who led his high school baseball team to the Suffolk County semifinals last season by turning in a 9-1 record and a 1.62 earned run average, has continued to excel at the collegiate level. His 10-strike out, three-hit complete game against Kings Point last week earned him Stony Brook VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Week and Skyline Conference Rookie of the Week honors for the week of April 13.

In the 14-0 victory over Kings Point, Robertson used his two-pitch arsenal effectively, yielding only three singles throughout the nine-inning game. "I only have a fastball and a curve, but I am now starting to mix speed better," said Robertson.

Dave Marcus, the Patriots catcher recalls, "Mike's curveball was breaking really tight against Kings Point.

He was just hitting spots."

Robertson improved his season record to 3-2 with the victory over the Mariners and dropped his ERA to a team-best 3.21. "Mike is a control pitcher," said Stony Brook Head Coach Matt Senk. "He moves the ball around the plate effectively and rarely walks batters."

Robertson's control has a positive effect on the rest of the team as well. "When Mike is throwing strikes, the defense is always up on its toes," Marcus said. Senk concurred. "The field players enjoy the game more when a pitcher is consistently around the plate," he said.

Senk recruited Robertson out of high school last year but did not realize the immediate impact he would have on the Patriots baseball program. "In a fall game against Division I C.W. Post, Mike pitched a great game against quality players and gave up only three earned runs."

Since then, Robertson has slowly become the workhorse of the staff, completing four of his six starts during the current season and pitching 10 more innings than any other starter.

"Our pitching staff is loaded with talented pitchers," Senk said, "but right now Mike is our number one pitcher."



Mike Robertson

# Pats end losing skid and up record to .500

By Laney Biffer  
Statesman Staff Writer

It was a triumphant day for the men's tennis team Tuesday after scoring a 5-4 win over Staten Island.

## Men's Tennis

The Patriots seem to be getting back into the swing of things. Their victory over the Division III team improves their regular season record up to .500 at 4-4.

The match was solid. The deciding match of the day

was third doubles played by Sean Mahar and Ed Bradley, 6-1, 6-1. "Mahar played incredibly well and looked great," said Head Coach Chuck Carron.

Alex Kaltsas scored a modest victory against Staten Island, 6-2, 6-2. "We showed them whose house it is and there is one more step to winning the conference," said Kaltsas.

Pallav Shah played a good match scoring 6-1 and 6-0. "I played straight through, point for point," he said. "I was satisfied."

The individual singles matches were very competitive. Naveen Balasubramanyam fought until the end. Carron gave Balasubramanyam pointers throughout the game — "Tough it out," the coach said. Balasubramanyam did a lot of quick thinking. He also played second doubles for Dejan Novakovic, who sat out of the match due to illness.

Larry Michel played an intense match although he

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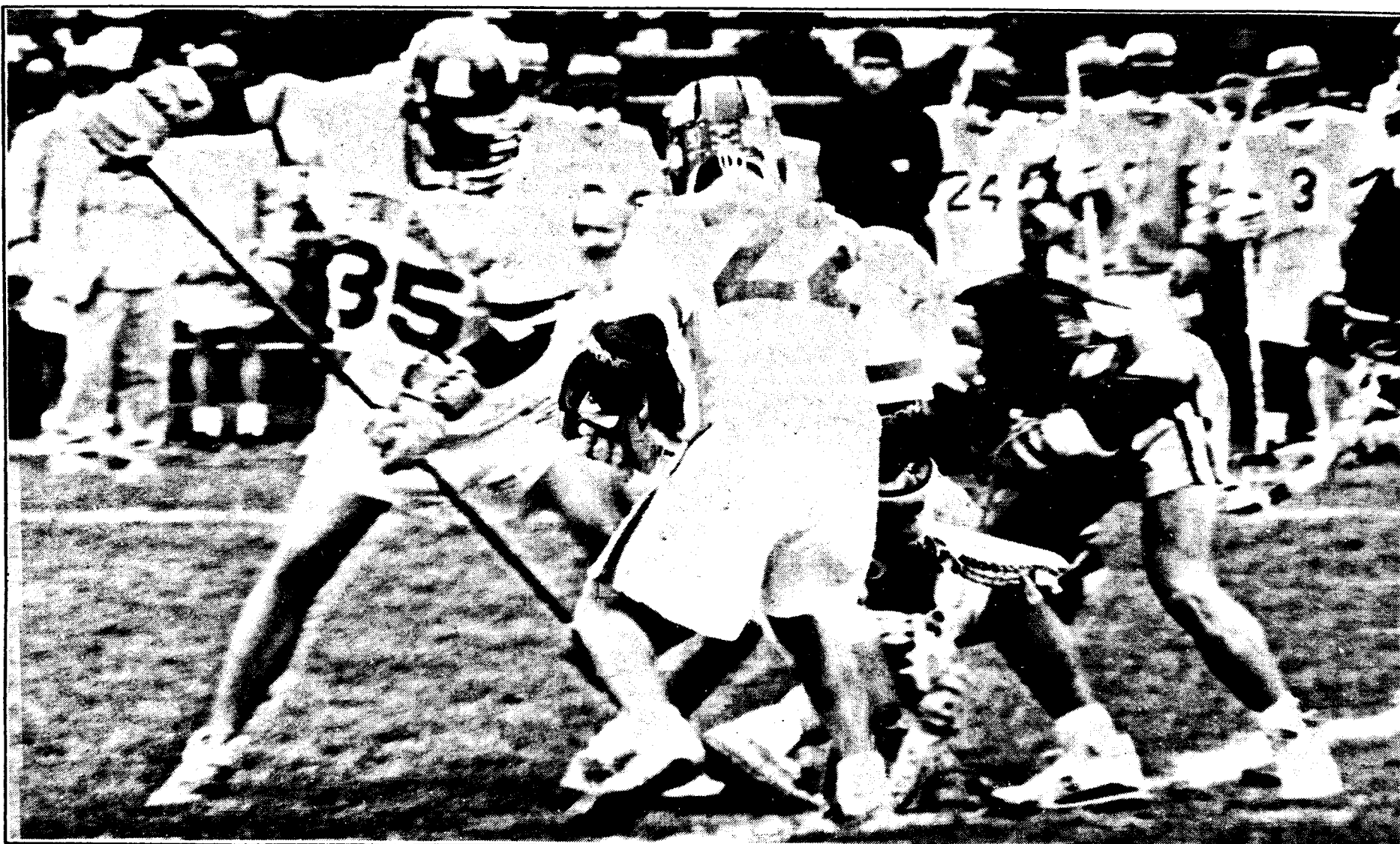
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992

## PATRIOT PLAYS

**Men's Tennis at Mercy:**  
Thursday, April 23, 4 pm.

**Lacrosse hosts Air Force:**  
Friday, April 24, 3:30 pm.

**Outdoor Track hosts USB Invy:**  
Sunday, April 26, 10 am.



Greg Freeland (35) and Kevin Dalland (22) fight for loose ball against Georgetown attackmen last Saturday

Statesman/Ed Polania

## Patriots aim high against Air Force

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

Tomorrow should mark a new start for the lacrosse Patriots, owners of a three-game losing streak, as they attempt to close off the 1992 season on a three-game winning streak beginning with a victory over the Air Force Falcons.

"I think they're ready to go," said assistant coach Greg Cannella, who witnessed his team squander a 5-2 lead to Georgetown last Saturday for a subsequent 10-5 defeat. "We look forward to closing the season at 3-0... It'll be a challenge and we hope we're up for it."

Practices this week, in preparation for Friday afternoon's match-up, have been geared towards concentrating on fundamentals, according to Cannella. "They've been working on moving the ball up," he said, "and getting the ball to the open man. We want to get their defense to

react and get our guys to use their sticks."

Last season, the Patriots defeated Air Force, 11-9. The win came amidst a five-game road swing and extended the Patriots' five-game winning streak. Captain Chris Cicere, Air Force head coach, remembers the game.

"I know they've got a very good goalie," Cicere said of Patriots goalkeeper Rob Serratore. "We have to beat him. They're also strong at midfield. They're very well coached. I think it's going to be a very close game."

The Falcons close their regular season schedule this week. Tuesday afternoon, they defeated Colorado State, 29-7. And after the game against Stony Brook Friday, the Falcons will head to West Point for a Sunday afternoon game.

Cicere's team lost its chance of gaining the West Region NCAA Tournament bid with losses to Ohio State, Michigan State and Notre Dame — prime candidates to earn the bid. But the Falcons want to capture their eighth win of the year against five losses with a good showing against the Patriots.

They will rely on junior captain Tom O'Rourke. O'Rourke, who is only the second junior to be chosen captain at Air Force, is a native Long Islander from Mastic Beach. He leads the team in points from the attack position with 45. "He's going to be pumped up," Patriots Head Coach John Espey said of O'Rourke. "The entire team from his high school's going to be here."

Espey is looking for his own team "to be pumped up." Although the Patriots lost to Georgetown, Espey said he was happy with the team's effort and hopes that effort will carry over to tomorrow. "I wasn't happy with losing," Espey said, "but I was happy with their effort."

Conversely, Espey was disappointed with the team's performance at Notre Dame and does not want to see the game against Air Force deteriorate to that level. "The only game we've been flat and not play exciting lacrosse and not hustle was Notre Dame," said Espey, who feels Notre Dame is now at a point where Stony Brook would have

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