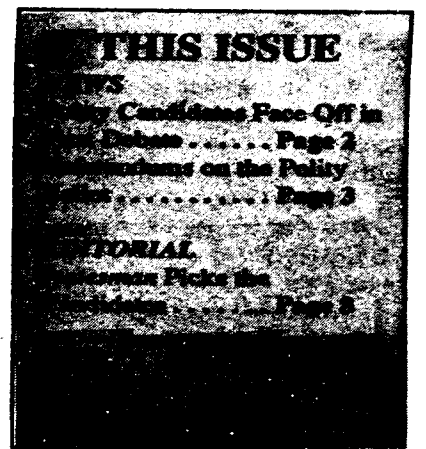


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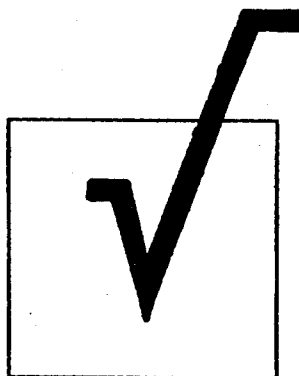
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It Passes

SUNY approves
\$500 tuition hike



In-state tuition
up to \$2,650

By Jason Didner
Statesman Associate News Editor

SUNY's Board of Trustees last Wednesday tentatively approved a tuition increase of \$500 a year for in-state undergraduate students.

The third in a series of tuition hikes over the past two years, the increase represents a near doubling of tuition since 1990.

Third Hike in Two Years

The hike comes one year after a \$500 hike and a \$300 mid-year hike in January, 1990. Gov. Mario Cuomo had refused to support raising SUNY's tuition since 1983, but by 1990 the state budget had forced him to a recommend tuition hike to raise money for the university system.

Although the board voted overwhelmingly to approve the hike — which brings tuition for state residents to \$2,650 — it will not be official until July, according to SUNY spokesman Ken Goldfarb. The board's resolution first has to be published in the *State Register*, a weekly publication, for public feedback. Goldfarb predicted the approval will be printed by May 13.

The tuition increase then faces a mandatory 45-day waiting period, in which the public may comment on

the action before it passes, Goldfarb noted.

But university and student officials predicted that the public comment period will have no effect on whether the tuition hike passes. "That doesn't mean anything," said Glenn Magpantay, former representative of both the Student Association of the State University (SASU) and United States Student Association (USSA). "It's all symbolic . . . The only public comment that would get them to move is if the Legislature said, 'Wow! We just found a million dollars.'"

Hike Comes at 'Difficult Time'

SASU and USSA are organizations that lobby local and governing bodies to represent student concerns, such as budget cuts and tuition hikes. Magpantay said the tuition hike comes at a time when students are in a poor position to lobby in Albany against it. "This is a time that is really difficult for student to turn out,"

he said, citing student government elections and other on-campus projects that would hinder student turnout for state lobbying and protest. He accused the state and SUNY of choosing times for budget cuts and tuition hikes when students can do the least about it. "They also do this during the summertime when they know students are not around," he said.

Tuition Passed Over Breaks

Last year's \$500 tuition hike was passed in June and the \$300 hike in 1990 was passed over winter break.

Magpantay complained that while tuition is rising, the SUNY budget is shrinking. "We pay more money for less services," he said. "We pay more money for longer lines, fewer [teaching assistants] and bigger classes."

The state owes SUNY students increased services and financial aid, Magpantay said. "What needs to happen now is that tuition hikes go up is that we need to ensure that the state pays more for tuition. If we pay more, than the state has to pay more."

The increase also will raise out-of-state undergraduate tuition to \$6,550.

SASU President Randy Campbell, a former Stony Brook student who cast the board's only dissenting vote on the hike, could not be reached for comment.

Hopefuls for student government elections

By Jason Didner
Statesman Associate News Editor

In a debate that many spectators said raised more questions than answers, Polity hopefuls voiced their concerns and platforms last Thursday in an annual debate forum sponsored by *Statesman*.

Most of the candidates for president, vice president, secretary, class representatives and Polity judiciary complained that Polity is not accessible enough and promised to bring the government back to the students.

The presidential debate — between candidates Senator Richard Cole, Treasurer David Greene and Michael Lyons — focused on issues of services to students and students' rights.

"When I think of student government, I think of service for students," Cole said. "... A majority of students don't see services from Polity." Cole said Polity should extend such services as a Polity hotline, to keep students in touch with their government.

But Greene argued that Polity is working for the students. "People complain that Polity isn't doing enough," he said. "Have you done any research into what's being

done right now?"

Lyons held a middle position, saying, "What is being done is good, but more needs to be done."

Lyons outlined the need for increased security on campus, including more active Public Safety patrolling and more blue-light telephones.

Greene endorsed the Polity undertaking to revive Stony Brook television studio SBTV, which would require a referendum of an additional \$10 per student. He called it a "learning opportunity for the campus."

Although Lyons agreed that "SBTV will also serve those who want to get information," Cole blasted the proposal to reinstate the station.

Cole, a commuter, argued that Polity should not push a mandatory referendum on all students, since the majority of students either do not live on campus or do not have television sets on campus. "It's not Polity's job to fund academic programs. To charge commuter students... \$10 is ridiculous."

"There's been a lot of money that's been missing," said Cole, who raised the issue of black Moslem leader Khalid Muhammad speaking on campus with Polity

funding. He said by funding Muhammad, Polity was funding racism, and therefore mismanaging funds.

Greene rebutted Cole's claim of financial mismanagement. "I am not vested with the authority to cut, defund, or censor an event," he said.

The vice presidential debate featured candidates Keith Babich, Jerry Canada, Nadia Chanza and Scott Joachim.

Babich, student president of B'nai B'rith Hillel student club, said Polity has been described to him as an inaccessible "ivory tower."

"The ivory tower will topple," said Babich.

Canada focused on the vice president's primary job of facilitating and mediating discussion in meetings. "The arguments start and go nowhere," he said. "My job is to mediate the meetings."

Chanza said she bases her campaign for the vice presidency on her project to create a League of Presidents, in which the presidents of all the Polity-funded clubs meet regularly "to foster unity."

Joachim opened his floor by quoting the preamble of Polity's constitution, stating, "We must represent the students' point of view." He said the students, whose activity fee pays for Polity, must gain returns from the student government.

The issue of Muhammad's funding also surfaced in the vice presidential debate.

Babich, who recruited fraternities and sororities to protest Polity's funding of Muhammad, said, "I've been unafraid to voice the opinions of my constituents." When asked how Polity should decide what to fund or not fund events, Babich replied, "Polity should be conducted to funding events in the spirit of Polity." He said the student government should promote events that foster multiculturalism, not propaganda. "Programs that alienate should not be funded," he said.

Canada and Joachim rebutted Babich's statement.

"One group's propaganda is another group's true beliefs," Joachim said. "Polity cannot micromanage groups."

"It's not Polity's job to promote multiculturalism," said Canada. "It's the university's."

Both Babich and Canada attacked Chanza on what they called inefficiencies as sophomore representative and Joachim's unfinished terms on Polity's judicial board and at *Statesman*, where he served as news editor.

When *Statesman* editor-in-chief and media panelist David Joachim asked Chanza if students could trust her ability to fulfill promises she's making this year after she admitted breaking several promises as sophomore rep, Chanza responded, "You'll just have to take my word for it."

Both Babich and Canada prefaced their closing statements by alluding to both Chanza's and Joachim's "bro-

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ken promises and unfulfilled terms."

Secretarial candidate Oral Muir spoke briefly on his nine-year student leadership experience and his ideal role for a Polity secretary, which he said should play an active part in the administration of what he called a \$2 million corporation. "I'm not scared to walk through hell fire to represent their [students'] issues," he said.

Muir's opponent Rachel Richards was unable to appear at the debate, for she was taking a final, according to a student who made the announcement for her.

Alfonso Grant — who runs unopposed for the position of senior representative because Keith McLaren was disqualified for not attending a mandatory candidates' meeting — demanded that students come out behind him and speak out on important issues. "I will take you and all your senior friends and all their senior friends and open our mouths," he told the audience of more than 40 students.

The junior class representative debate was marked by plans to improve Polity-student communication, slight sarcasm, and more discussion on funding controversial figures like Muhammad.

Michele Malone promised the students she would visit a student legislation meeting at least once a week. Joanne Morabito made the same promise and then quipped, "Pretty novel idea, huh?" Malone retorted that she had independently developed her idea. "It was in *Statesman* as my idea. Therefore it is my original idea." Morabito conceded that "we should be able to share ideas."

Loretta Schaeffer said to spend Polity money on a speaker like Muhammad is mismanagement of funds, but Tricia Stuart rebutted, saying censoring a disagreeable speaker defeats the purpose of being at a university.

Joe Villanueva discussed the importance of forming a multi-ethnic council to "stop division and promote unity."

The debate for sophomore representative featured the argument over the scope of the position of class representative.

"I... plan to work with the rest of the student body," said Yahira Acosta. "It involves everyone."

But Hubert Gordon rebutted, saying that the sophomore representative should specialize in serving the sopho-

more class. "The position for sophomore representative not include the rest of the student body."

Crystal Plati said the position, which entitles the representative to sit on the council, should be used to

increase voter turnout in Polity elections, which last year were only attended by 15 percent of the student body.

The debate, which lasted over four hours, was moderated by political science professor Charles Taber.

Also on the ballot . . .

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Candidates aren't the only items on the Polity ballot Wednesday. Student voters will be asked to raise the student activity fee \$17 a year by approving five funding referendums for student clubs.

If all referendums pass, the student activity fee — which funds all Polity clubs and organizations — will hit \$160 next year.

The following is a list of proposed referendums approved by the Polity Council last week. With the exception of SBTV, which is a one-time, one year allocation, all referendums last three years. All dollar values represent annual allocations per student:

- **SBTV (\$10)** — This allocation is intended to reopen the television studio in the Educational Computing Center near Javits Lecture Center that was shut down last year because of state budget cuts. Polity President Dan Slepian said the allocation is intended as seed money, but will not be used to keep the studio going after next year. Polity will seek advertising on the closed-circuit campus TV station to fund the project after referendum funds are exhausted, Slepian said.

- **Athletics (\$3)** — The National Collegiate Athletic Association currently receives \$24 per student per year. Slepian said that amount has not been raised in seven years. He added that a planned upgrade to

Division I athletics was not a consideration in the council's decision to put the NCAA on the ballot.

- **Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps (\$3)** — The student group currently receives \$17,000 from Polity's line budget. The approximately \$27,000 addition in funding will pay for a new ambulance for campus service and to house ambulance volunteers on campus over the summer, Slepian said. Last year, the Division of Campus Residences discontinued a program that housed volunteers for free over the summer, he said, which forced the corps to shut down for the break. The campus was serviced by East Setauket Ambulance Corps for the break.

- **USSA (50 cents)** — The United States Student Association is asking for a doubling of their current budget from Stony Brook students. The approximately \$4,500 in extra funding is intended to pay for part of a salary for a regional field organizer that will give Polity "more contact with the USSA national office," according to Polity President Dan Slepian.

- **Rugby Club (50 cents)** — Founded last year, this club has been surviving on program funding from Polity. The group intends to use the money for insurance and equipment, Slepian said.

SUNY's Central Administration last year raised the cap of the student activity fee to \$180. The previous cap was \$150, Slepian said.

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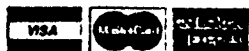
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JUDICIAL BOARD

Polity's judicial board needs six members to become a full board, according to Nancy Belson, acting chairwoman of the board. The fall election will complete the board because only five students successfully petitioned last week to become candidates.

Kim Bost

Kim Bost says she wants to get the Polity judiciary out in the open. She has spent two years on the executive board of the African American Student Organization and is active in the O'Neill College legislature. She thinks her experience in these activities should help her. "I try to excel in everything I do," she says.

Bost wants to be a part of Polity and sees the opening on the judiciary board as her opportunity. She sees herself as being able to listen to people and see all standpoints objectively. "I'm not very biased or one-track-minded," she said.

The judiciary board, according to Bost, is the part of Polity that the students are not aware of. "I don't see anything about the Polity judiciary," she says. She feels that their activities should be publicized and their minutes distributed just as the senate's are. She feels that the judiciary should be brought out into the open and not kept a secret. "People are paying their activity fees for this," she said. "They should at least know about it."

— Adriane Moser

Brigid Buchheit

Since Bridgit Buchheit returned to the United States eight months ago, she has devoted herself to student politics. She is a former Polity senator and senate secretary, and a current university senator and member of the undergraduate council.

"I believe in working for the students," she says. "I believe in a sense of community."

Buchheit has spent the past four years studying in Germany and Italy. She feels that living among other cultures has given her an international perspective, which makes her more tolerant of others' beliefs. She says that everyone has a right to their point of view, and that on the judiciary board she would make judgements based on the facts presented, not on her own preconceptions.

The present Polity judiciary is, according to Buchheit, "completely and totally ineffective." She feels the judiciary needs some new blood to invigorate it into action. "They have to keep abreast of the events or the events will go on without them," she said.

— Adriane Moser

Alex Gru

In his first foray into the political arena, Alex Gru is running for a seat on the Polity

judiciary board. "I thought I might run, see what I can do," he explained. He is interested in the cases that come before the board and wants to get a taste of politics, yet avoid the political spotlight.

Gru feels that honesty and a knowledge of the laws of the university are the two most important requirements for this position. "I'm just an honest guy," he asserted. "I say what I think . . . I don't keep things bottled up. I don't lie."

On the recent case presented to the Polity judiciary board involving academic dishonesty, Gru says that he would have voted against "the person who committed the crime". He wants to uphold the laws of the university and says that, if elected, "I will try and use my best judgement."

— Adriane Moser

what's going on with the Polity Judiciary," he said. While gathering signatures for his petition, he realized that most students do not even know the difference between the polity judiciary and the students judiciary, and he wants to clear up misconceptions of this sort. To increase the visibility of the Polity Judiciary, Winston will make himself available for people to ask questions. He feels that he has a strength in communicating with the students. "People feel they can come to me," he said. He also intends to publish the weekly minutes of the judiciary board in the *Statesman*.

— Adriane Moser

Judicial candidate Ngao Brown could not be reached before press time.

Fletcher Winston

Fletcher Winston is running for a seat on the Polity judicial board, which he considers an important but underpromoted branch of Polity. If elected to it, he will uphold the laws of the university and give unbiased help in decision-making processes.

Winston wants to let students know what the polity judiciary is all about. "As a student on this campus, I don't even know

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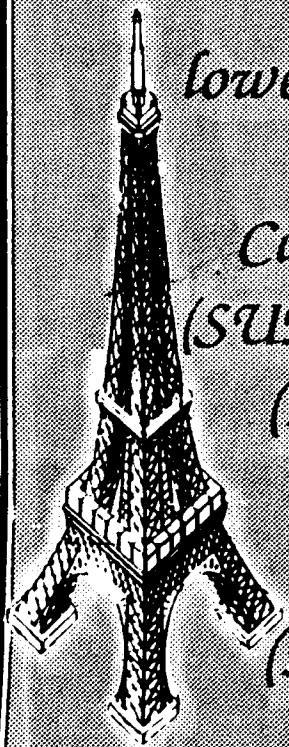
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Who Wants the Polity Headache?

DON'T ALLOW THIS MAN'S Ignorance to Misdemean You," reads a flyer plastered around campus last week. The filth depicts Polity presidential candidate Richard Cole as Adolf Hitler. And we wonder why more students don't get involved in Polity.

As Polity complains about apathy and ignorance and all that other rhetoric, it continues to promote this kind of mudslinging and hatred.

Cole was brave. He knew, as did most of us, that he would be the target of manipulative propaganda, but he ran anyway. But then again, his hands aren't the cleanest either. He's been running around with his bullhorn publicly calling one of his opponents, Polity Treasurer David Greene, a racist and an incompetent. And with all this wasted energy, few issues have emerged and students know very little about the candidates aside from their ability to hate and manipulate.

Who would want to get caught up in the politicking? Who would want to be the target of attacks?

Well, certainly not anyone worth electing. "I'm getting fed up with the politicking among students," said Tom Pye, Polity's vice president. "I liked it better when the politics was between students and administrators. They love to see students fighting students."

Pye has the support to win another election. He's been Polity's junior representative and served students well as vice president this year, despite problems as chairman of the divided senate. His next step seemed

clear. Dan Slepian, for example, was vice president before he claimed the presidency — twice. So when Pye didn't run for another council position, several students leaders tried to figure out why.

Now he's looking for a less political job in Polity. He plans to run for a seat on the judicial board next semester or get involved with the Student Activities Board to plan events. "Students see Polity as a bunch of people fighting amongst themselves," he said. "It makes Polity look real bad."



NEWS VIEWS

David Joachim

Junior Representative Christine Tracy isn't running either. Like Pye, no one could say she's inexperienced after serving on the Polity Council for two years. The politics weren't the largest factor in her decision not to run, but it

didn't help, she says.

"There has been a lot of nonsense in the senate," she said. "I found myself disgusted with the hostility and aggression."

Like Pye, she blamed the conservative commuter faction in Polity for her distaste, but she added that those senators' intentions are sound. "They want to see a balance between commuters and residents," she acknowledged.

She doesn't want the politics. She prefers the behind the scenes work, like running the Polity Print Shop in the Student Union. "I'm just not cut out to be a politician," she said. "And that's what you've got to do, I guess."

Or do you? After a decade of inaction, students

finally are beginning to care about what's going on around them and the quality of their educational experience. But many of them have channeled their productive energies into anger. Their anger should be directed toward the university, but fellow students are getting caught in the crossfire.

Tracy wanted to be vice president, and she was probably among the best choices. But bickering was not what she wanted to do for the next year. If she were elected veep, she would be forced to chair the same meetings she loathed this year. And she would be forced to counter disrespect with disrespect.

But respect is the concept missing in the Polity suite. Professional politicians debate. They bicker. They argue. They even fight. But even when their hatred runs deep, they manage to maintain professionalism and, at least publicly, maintain their composure.

I almost ran. As editor of the paper, I know the issues. And as an outsider who has been criticizing Polity for two years, I'm not part of the "clique" we hear so much about. I don't plan to be at *Statesman* next year and I want to use my experiences with covering the campus to help. But fighting gives me a headache. And a yearlong headache didn't look too appealing.

I guess it's just a learning process. After a long hiatus, student leaders have to re-learn diplomacy, which must accompany effective student activism.

Unfortunately, this learning will come at the expense of quality student leadership for a little while. But until Stony Brook's student leaders learn from their errors, we will have to endure the hostility and name-calling that have come to characterize Polity.

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Editorial

Statesman's Picks for the Polity Offices

As the Polity election draws near, it is important to separate myth from reality, break down the rhetoric and emerge with the best candidate for the respective positions. *Statesman's* editorial board has decided on all opposed positions and we voted as follows:

President: For lack of a better choice, *Statesman* does not endorse Richard Cole, David Greene or Michael Lyons.

Cole is a loose cannon. He has powerful ideas, but unfortunately he does not know which direction he should fire. He repeatedly has alienated students and administrators who have tried to work with him. As president and the student spokesman, this quality could prove disastrous.

We are also very much against his plan to cut funding of NYPIRG, SASU, USSA and other lobbying groups. Lobbying groups comprised of millions carry much more weight than a lobbying group of people appointed through Polity, which could not handle those groups' workloads.

Greene, though experienced and versed about the goings-on at Polity, seems to have used his current treasurer position as a tool to bolster his campaign.

In concentrating on his campaign, Greene's budget was six weeks late. And to top it off, *Statesman* has learned he left two clubs out of the budget, one of which was the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Moreover, electing Greene president would force his resignation as treasurer and he would appoint his temporary successor — a clear conflict of interest.

Lyons seems to have the most genuine intentions of the three. But his lack of experience does not qualify him well for one of the most powerful of Polity positions. As well, some of Lyons' ideas are half-baked.

His proposal of a Polity sound room which would allow students to practice and jam in the Union Basement would promote student involvement. But like many of his other ideas, where is Polity going to get the money? And where is Polity going to get the money for the student workshops? Or for the Polity Handbook — which is also a great idea.

The best case scenario would have been to combine the intentions of Lyons, the experience of Green and the guts of Cole. Had we had a candidate with these criteria, the student body would have profited.

Vice President: We feel Scott Joachim leaves a lot to be desired. His ideas are sound, but his inability to finish out elected terms in Polity and *Statesman* creates strong doubts. As vice president, it is imperative that Joachim be graceful under pressure. His leaving the judiciary without attempting to resolve the problems he cited showed poor judgment.

Nadia Chanza's performance at the debate Thursday makes her a very questionable choice. As current sophomore representative, she did not fulfill the promises under which she ran. And when asked if she would fulfill her promises this year as vice president, Chanza answered, "You'll just have to take my word for it." Unfortunately, Chanza's word is not good enough for us.

The race is between Keith Babich, Hillel student president, and Jerry Canada, Polity senator. Babich's strength lies with his experience in leading a group and his knowledge about the campus.

He served as Stony Brook ambassador — a title that is not gotten easily.

But while Babich is a very strong candidate, Canada appears stronger. His involvement as Polity senator was trademarked by his willingness to be objective. Canada has voted on issues at both sides of

the political spectrum, proving that he votes on issues individually without allowing party affiliations to cloud his judgement.

Canada seems to avoid conflicts of interest at all costs. He is open-minded and fair, characteristics important to a vice president, who oversees the senate. And what strength Canada has allows him to compensate for the shortcomings of the soon-to-be president.

Secretary: Oral Muir's vision, spearheaded by his position as UNITY Cultural Center president, bodes him well for the secretary position. He seems to have a good vision about what the diverse Stony Brook campus should be. He is in tune with the goings-on at Polity and we are confident his managerial skills will accentuate his leadership skills.

Junior Representative: Loretta Schaeffer gets our vote for the junior representative position. In the *Statesman*-hosted debate last Thursday, Schaeffer showed her courage and stood up to people who argued against her beliefs. This characteristic illustrates that Schaeffer is not afraid to stand up for her ideas, popular or not. She does not seem to succumb too easily to pressure and will attack her role as representative — traditionally a easily-influenced vote within the council — with the utmost strength in manner.

Sophomore Representative: For sophomore representative, we feel Crystal Plati has proven her determination and commitment to effectively do the job required of sophomore representatives. Having been defeated in her attempt for the freshman representative position last fall, Plati willingly took on other Polity-related responsibilities to remain involved. She seems to have the strength, dedication and experience to qualify her well for the sophomore representative role.

Don't Forget to Vote!

Statesman encourages students to vote in Wednesday's Polity elections. This is your chance to put the student government in the right direction. Residents vote in their dorm buildings, commuters in Javits Lecture Center.

SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, April 27, 1992

Smooth sailing for Roth Quad Regatta

By Patricia Huang
Special to Statesman

SVEN, THOR, BJORN, AND YAR OF the *Dragon's Breath II* were sauntering around in their Viking helmets, while on the other side of the pond the ambulance crew was showing off a siren they said was the highlight of their boat, the 5-35-19.

Under a blue tarp, the sleek black and yellow *Galatea I* drew oohs and aahs while further down the pond, the captain of the Hand College boat, *Hand Job II: Come Again*, was denying there was anything phallic about his slender canoe-like vessel. A hush suddenly fell over the crowd and all heads turned to watch *Old Cardboardsides I* with its mast and billowing sails make a dramatic entrance on the bed of a white pick-up truck from behind Cardozo College.

Drawing a crowd of over 1,000 students, faculty, alumni and parents, the Roth Quad Yacht Club, now in its fourth year of existence, held its annual cardboard boat race known as the Roth Quad Regatta last Friday.

"It couldn't have been done without the dedication and insanity of all the people who have contributed," said Stony Brook graduate Curtis Epstein, one of the three founding fathers of the Yacht Club. Epstein, along with two other Stony Brook alumni, John Rickerman and Stewart Weinberg, began the Yacht club in 1989 during their undergraduate years. "I always thought the pond was great and believed we should do something to glorify it," he said.

Epstein, a Roth Quad resident for four years, said the Regatta was conceived one night as he and his friends were returning from the library. As they passed the pond he remembered an old Mountain Dew commercial that had a cardboard boat theme. That night the three worked diligently to draw up the rules for the race and the Regatta was born.

Functioning with a budget of only \$250 contributed from Roth Quad colleges, the first Yacht Club sponsored a Regatta with only 12 entries. Nearly 40 boats were entered in this year's Regatta and the Yacht Club now has a budget of \$2,200, according to its president and admiral, senior Hal Freidet.

"PSC [Programs and Services Council] didn't give us funding the first year because they didn't think anyone would show," said Rickerman as he chuckled and scanned the mass of people surrounding the pond. "It's definitely an ongoing thing now. You say 'Regatta' and everyone knows what you're talking about."



Statesman/Marcos Boronat

Dragon's Breath II capsizes on its maiden voyage during Friday's Roth Quad Regatta

The Regatta consists of three categories. The "Best Overall" category which is based on such things as appearance, originality, and design is judged before the races and awards \$100 to one boat. The other two categories, "Speedster" and "Yacht Class," each reward \$100 and a trophy. The Yacht Club also presents a "Better Luck Next Year" award of \$1.98 and a roll of duct tape to one boat they believe needs the most help.

All the boats are made mostly from cardboard, duct tape, glue and paint but range greatly in theme as well as in the time and money spent.

Explaining how the crew came up with its name, Tom Franza, captain of the Gershwin College boat, *Four Sardines in a Can*, said, "When we were brainstorming for ideas, we got stuck on tin." But the boat, fashioned with aluminum foil, fell apart and left the sardines looking like salmon swimming upstream.

Docked next to them was *Wo! Man on a Mission*, a boat made by the Pre-physical Therapy club. Their boat took the form of a man. "We work with bodies and we wanted something that related to that," said crew member Francine Walsh.

The *Galatea I* which means "Queen of the Sea" in Greek, according to its captain and creator Nachman Zimet, a mechanical engineer major, won the Speedster category and cost a total of \$200. Zimet, who said he

spent a total of 200 hours working on the boat, credits the strength of the *Galatea I* to the honeycomb structure of the cardboard inside and improved his boat this year with such additions as a rudder and new oars.

Calling the event colorful and exciting, University President John Marburger, who attended the event, said he wished more people would participate in the Regatta although he said he could not enter a boat because of his busy schedule.

Aside from crew members who accidentally took dips in the pond and a few bystanders who were at the mercy of their peers, the Yacht Club members carried out the tradition of launching their president into the pond when the races were over. "The Regatta is the only real recreational purpose that the pond has," said Epstein. Recalling the *Predator*, a boat that won the Best Overall category for the first Regatta, Epstein says, "The boat was amazing. It lasted for three full years and I wanted to have it hung in the Union as a symbol of what students can do if they put their minds to it.

It makes me feel really proud that the Regatta has continued," said Epstein who won the Elsa Jona Quality of Life award from the Faculty Student Association in 1990 for founding the Regatta. "It's something that really brings the faculty, staff, and students together on a social level."

Stony Brook Patrol cleans up with pride

MANY OF STONY BROOK'S faculty enjoyed the sunshine instead of the confines of their offices last Friday. But they were not taking a break, they were volunteering for Pride Patrol, a voluntary campus clean-up crew.

Workers raked, planted, cleaned, painted and fenced in Pride Patrol painters' caps until 3 pm. Ann Forkin, director of Conferences and Special Events has run the program since its start five years ago.

"One year someone said, 'Why don't we do a campus clean-up?'" said Forkin. Every February after that, Forkin has started organizing for April, when, with the help of

almost 300 volunteers, they do a general clean-up. This year their agenda included flower planting behind the Union, litter pick up on Infirmary Road, cleaning and painting the outside standing bulletin boards. They also clean one quad per year. This year Tabler is the lucky quad.

Office workers are not alone though. The physical plant supervises the work and supplies equipment. "They supervise us," said Forkin, but she laughed, "that sometimes makes the workers a little annoyed." Although, volunteers say they enjoy participating.

"It gives you more of a sense of community," said Caroline Morbillo, who works in the Bursar's office. But after their annual clean-up, she says, "It is a shame that it's [the garbage] there every year." But, said Mara

Greene, also from the Bursar's office, "It beats working."

Staff from any office can join in after applying to reserve jobs. Dan Melucci, assistant vice president for finance, has been volunteering since the Patrol's beginning. "It's better than working on the budget," he said.

After their work, volunteers cooled off with an ice cream party in the lobby of the Staller Center. According to Forkin, during the party recognition was given to volunteers who have worked since Pride Patrol's beginning. But the ice cream provided a little incentive also. As he raked and cleaned the ground between Administration and the Fine Arts Center, Melucci said, "I'm looking forward to the ice cream."

— Jana S. Katz

CAMPUS VOICES

By John O'Keefe

Question of the Week:

If you could visit any time in history, what time would you visit?



"I would like to go back to Sept. 13, 1973 and see myself born."

Anne Sormani, 19
Class: Sophomore
Major: History

"The Wild West would be cool. I could meet Billy the Kid and ride with the regulators."

Robert Melo, 19
Sophomore
Undecided



"I would like to travel back to the medieval time because today chivalry is dead."

Vicky Chau, 20
Junior
Sociology

"During the time of cavemen so I could drag my women around by their hair."

Jonat Lok, 20
Sophomore
Biochemistry



If you have a question you would like to see in *Campus Voices*, send it to room 075, Student Union, Zip #3200.

Don't Let Smoke Cloud Your View of Lung Cancer

Part I: DON'T SAY I NEVER WARNED YOU

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, A hospital patient with advanced cancer looked at me and said, "Why didn't anyone warn me and tell me not to smoke?"

Presently I am in a different arena, that of college health nursing. I recognize that college students are, for the most part, self-directed and educators can provide information that allows students to make informed choices. Hoping to help improve the quality of life and respecting your right to make independent decisions, I want to discuss the effects of smoking and tips on how you can quit when you are ready.

There are more than 4,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke including nicotine, tar, formaldehyde, cyanide, ammonia, and carbon monoxide. These products break down, are carried by the bloodstream and build up in the brain, stomach, liver, kidney, and mucous of the body. This results in an association between smoking and cancer of the stomach, pancreas, uterine cervix, bladder, lung, larynx, mouth, and esophagus. Eighty to 90 percent of lung cancers are caused by cigarette smoking. While the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States is tobacco use, cigarettes are the leading cause of preventable mortality in the United States with about 400,000 deaths reported a year.

Did you know that headaches and nausea can be a result of mild nicotine poisoning? Emphysema, premature aging of the skin, and cardiovascular problems such as strokes and heart attacks can also be caused by smoking. Nicotine narrows the blood vessels and decreases the amount of oxygen available to the body.

Normally, mucus in the lungs is passed up and out over hair-like cilia. These cilia are damaged and paralyzed in smokers, eventually developing smoker's cough and chronic bronchitis.

Only recently have we come to recognize tobacco as a serious addiction. A man recently shared that he is recovering from alcohol and drug use, but the most difficult substance for him to quit has been cigarettes. Studies have shown that one is more likely to become dependent on cigarettes than barbiturates or alcohol. However, smoking cessation can be accomplished. As an ex-smoker who was addicted to one to two packs a day for about 20 years, I can tell you that it is easier than you think.

This column is one of a bi-weekly series written by various professionals from the Student Health Service and the Faculty Student Association. Joanna Harris is a nurse practitioner at the SHS.

Part II: CONFESSIONS OF AN EX-SMOKER

IF YOU SMOKE A PACK OF cigarettes a day, you can save more than \$750 a year when you quit. Put your cigarette money away to help motivate you; watch your savings pile up from money that you used to give to the tobacco industry. A more important motivator is that

after ten years of being smoke-free you can extend your life expectancy to that of someone who has never smoked. Most ex-smokers quit a few times before their last successful attempt. If you have tried to quit before, learn something from each failure. The most important and difficult step may be overcoming ambivalence and deciding that quitting is more desirable than continuing to smoke.

The next step is acknowledging how you are addicted. Three components of smoking addiction include:

1) A physical addiction to nicotine which causes withdrawal symptoms lasting a few days to a few weeks. (Nicotine gum and the new skin patches can minimize this discomfort.)

2) A psychological addiction which may involve trying to give up cigarettes which have come to represent a dear friend.

3) Habituation relating to the need for a cigarette to end a meal, speak on the phone, or drive a car.

If you are planning to quit, "cold turkey" is usually the most successful method. Plan a "quit date" and on that day follow through on your commitment to stop smoking by getting rid of smoking paraphernalia. (I saved a dirty ashtray to smell as needed.) I found it helpful to use smokeless inhalation: Take a deep breath through your mouth and hold it a few seconds and exhale through pursed lips as you previously did when smoking. Remember that the urge to smoke will pass whether you light up or not.

Change your habits and avoid situations where you have smoked. (I gave up morning coffee for a few months.) Use low calorie oral substitutes such as carrot sticks or gum. Hold a pen or play with chalk. Drink eight glasses of water a day. Don't skip meals because your blood sugar may drop and tempt you to have a pick-me-up cigarette.

Some of us began smoking because of peer pressure and some of us are quitting for the same reason. The atmosphere in our society has changed since the dangers of secondhand smoke have been identified.

Help is available through the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, Smoker's Anonymous, or call the Student Health Service at 632-6740.

Exercise, meditate, do whatever it takes, but don't smoke. Your life depends on it.



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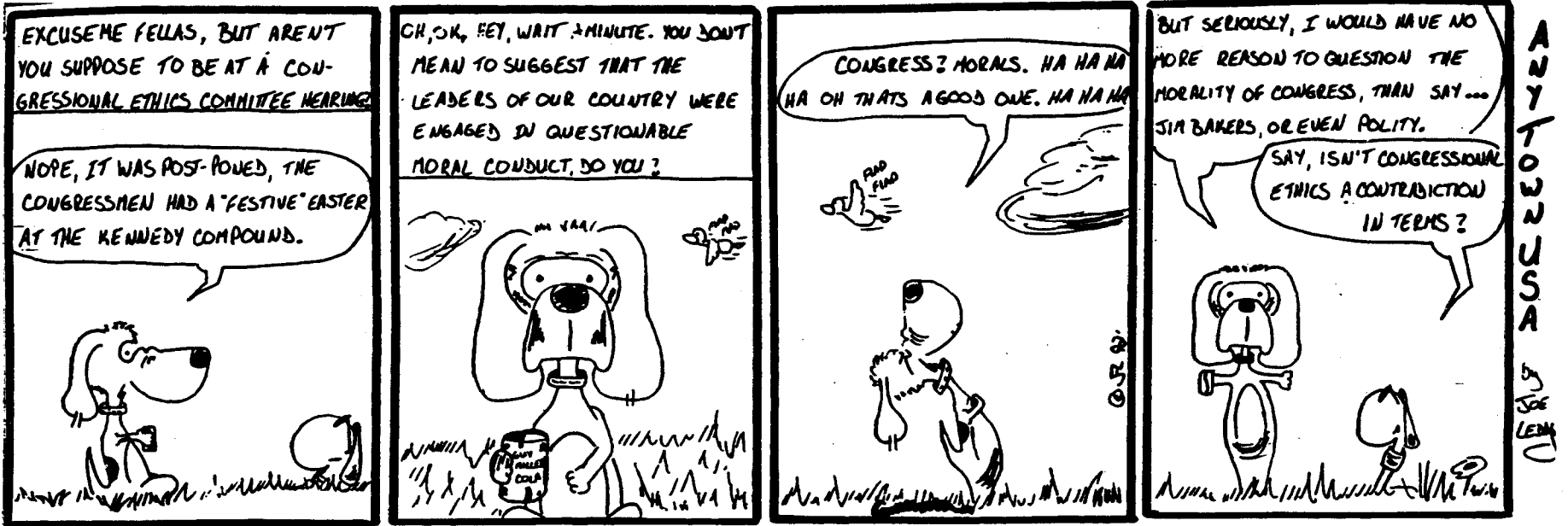
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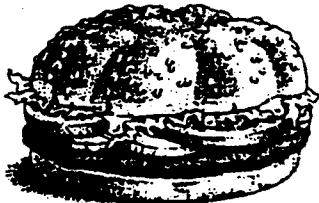
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The Patriots men's tennis team lost to Division II Mercy College Thursday afternoon. Pallav Shah was the only winner on the day, scoring 6-2, 6-4 at No. 6 singles. "It was the toughest match so far," said Shah, who was down 4-2 in the second set and managed to win the next four games. The team was supposed to play Manhattanville Saturday, but Manhattanville forfeited, giving the Patriots a 6-5 record.

— Laney Biffer

Avila aims for World Cup

By Marco Aventajado
Statesman Staff Writer

Junior Patriots soccer sensation Eryck Avila is the youngest member of a squad that is vying for a spot in the World Cup of soccer tournament.

The World Cup will be rolling into arenas here in the United States in 1994. To those who are soccer impaired, the World Cup is the championship for soccer in which the participating teams are comprised of players from countries from all over the world. Avila's representative country of Puerto Rico is one such team that hopes to be here in 1994.

The Puerto Rican national team will try to erase the stigma of World Cup futility, going 0-6 in World Cup action previous to this year. And for Avila, this opportunity is a culmination of many years of hard work.

Avila's soccer roots were planted early in his life. "I started playing since I could walk," Avila said. "I would play in the streets with my friends."

Avila grew up here on Long Island and became an integral part of his Rocky Point High School team's success. "[His] skill, enthusiasm and dedication to the

game were the highlights [for] four years in Rocky Point High school," said high school coach Al Ellis.

After his senior year in high school, Avila played as part of the America Ambassadors, which toured the European scene. He was an instant success, being offered a contract by Wintersjik, a professional team in Holland. He turned the contract down because he wanted to further his education.

Spending the next two years in Fordham University, he was again offered tryouts by professional teams. This time, Avila reached the big time with Fulham and then Liverpool, powerhouses in English soccer. He wasn't picked up by the team but was playing for four months in Liverpool's second division team, the Tranmere Rovers.

When he came back to the United States, he decided to go to Stony Brook. "I wanted to go local," said Avila, "and because I heard of coach [Nick] Sansom's reputation, an Englishman who played for Crystal Palace.

"He taught me stuff that I didn't know existed," Avila said, "like critical velocity."

As a walk-on for the Patriots soccer team, Avila became the leading scorer for the season with 14 points — six goals and two assists, despite missing the first three games.

After a stellar season with the Patriots, Avila was among over 100 New York Metropolitan area players invited by team advisor Arnie Ramirez to be part of the tryouts for the Puerto Rican team. He was impressive, landing a spot on the 23 member team. Avila, then 20, was the youngest player on a team loaded with aged veterans.

Avila begins practice with the team at six o'clock in the morning daily, and continues until 8 am. For Avila, this is a prime practice schedule since his classes at Stony Brook begin at 10 am.

"Often I am physically tired after practice and I am just tempted to go home," Avila said. "But I have the humor of [English professor] Dolan to revive me."

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IF I CAN DICTATE THE WAY HISTORY IS written, the New York Rangers will beat the New Jersey Devils tonight and take a 3-2 lead in their best of seven showdown.

How time flies. Just a month ago yesterday, the Rangers clinched first overall in the National Hockey League and just a month ago this Thursday, the NHL players went on strike — my hopes shattered, my road to the Stanley Cup detoured.

But today we're all the wiser. All of us hockey fans proved too strong to be broken. We stood up to the jeers — that with the strike — hockey was as good as gone. We clung to the videotape replays in our minds of our favorite players scoring goals. We persevered through the ten days of one seeming impasse after another, reading the paper, listening to the reports, praying that both sides would reach a compromise.

And then one fine morning —

Hockey, the sport of sports, was revitalized. Heroes laced up their skates. Rinks echoed with the thuds of bodies hitting the boards, teeth scratching the ice and players talking all that trash. It was music at its best and we knew better than best was yet to come.

Which brings me to the Rangers-Devils war Saturday night. Mike Richter was in top form, matching Chris Ferreri's acrobatics with in-your-face stick saves. And who woulda thunk I'd be reliving six years of hockey history all in one three-period span.

The word "hockey" and "Rangers" simultaneously became part of my vocabulary on March 11, 1986.

Still boasting a somewhat limited command of my then five years, 364 days old English language, I remained glued to the television set, intent on absorbing as much of the English colloquialism as I could. That particular Saturday afternoon six years ago, I began flipping the channels — almost unconsciously — until I found something I thought would interest me.

On my third or so go-around, I decided to rest the TV screen at Channel 9. "This is curious," I must have said to myself for I was instantly overcome by the drama that started to play itself out from the glaring tube.

A bunch of stick-wielding maniacs in blue, red and white were doing battle against equally maniac-like men in white, green and red. It got curioiser and curioiser.

My 12-year-old self was torn. Whom should I root for? I had heard about occasions as these: one must choose a side. After all, to watch a game and root for both teams defeated any sensible purpose. I thought, on the one hand, I had relatives in New Jersey who gave good Christmas presents so I should root for their Devils. And on the other, I had only begun to feel New York was my home and I'd be doing it an injustice if I didn't root for the Rangers.

Well, after the end of three periods, the Rangers won 6-3. And I was baptized into Rangers fan-dom forever. (Who wants to be a fan of the losing team? Had the game gone the Devils' way that day, I'd probably be maliciously chanting "1940" today, the last time the Rangers won the Cup.)

So where did six years of hockey go? Within this

frame, I have had my Rangers heart broken six times. And whereas I could've been the one rubbing the "1940" into Blue Shirt fans' faces, I endure the pains and aches that have become synonymous with Rangers tradition.

I watched the Rangers surprise the Philadelphia Flyers and the Washington Capitals in the '86 playoffs only to be humiliated by the Montreal Canadiens, who eventually won the coveted Cup that year. I witnessed the Rangers management's revolving door of coaches — first Ted Sator, then Tom Webster, then Phil Esposito, then Michel Bergeron, then Espo again and now Roger Neilson. I've seen players come and go — Mike Ridley and Kevin Miller for Bobby Carpenter; Bobby Carpenter for Marcel Dionne; Tomas Sandstrom and Tony Granato for Bernie Nicholls; and now Bernie Nicholls for Mark "the Messiah" Messier.

Six years ago, I inherited a legacy of futility. I withstood Islander fans hip-hurrying about four Cups and I hear the chit-chats of Devil fans now telling me the Rangers are doomed to repeat the history of 1941 to 1991.

And while I can't say I am as jilted as the poor fools who've rooted for the Rangers since the old Garden showcased Lord Stanley's Cup, I can say I am as much a part of Rangers history as they are.

Yes, I've sung the Broadway Blues for six years. But no matter, I still hope with every passing day that our time will come. Our glory in the sun is near. So I will continue to carry the burdens of my Rangers history on my shoulders with grace.

And maybe, just maybe, the Rangers will win tonight — which would make it 13 wins to go before the tickertapes down Broadway.

Could this indeed be the year?



SANDRA SAYS

Sandra B. Carreon

Laxmen gun down Air Force; end skid

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second quarter."

His coach agreed. "The second quarter killed us," Cicere said. "[At halftime], I told them we need to come out and play the game the way we know we can."

Though the Falcons were able to sustain their coach's message in the third quarter, another goal by Feinstein in the fourth deflated the Falcons' comeback attempt, allowing the Patriots to stop their three-game skid.

"It was a big win," Espey said after a game which began auspiciously for his Patriots.

Stony Brook refused to allow the Falcons to capitalize on an extra-man situation and instead beat Smagorinsky for an early 1-0 lead. This goal by Insinga followed a one-minute slashing penalty assessed to the Falcons' Duke Pope.

After Ventura made it a 2-0 Patriots advantage, Air Force's O'Rourke brought the visiting fans up on their feet with spectacular back-to-back goals tallied in an eight-second span. His first at the 8:56 mark was a beautiful

individual effort as he shot the ball past Serratore after eluding two Stony Brook defenders.

"[Stony Brook] turned the ball over," O'Rourke said, "and our defenseman Mike Miller picked it up and threw it to me then I sprinted behind their defensemen."

Ventura answered O'Rourke's two goals by scoring two of his own to close off the first stanza at 4-2.

The team played Boston College yesterday and lost 12-9. More on this in the Thursday edition.

Jason Yellin contributed to this story.

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Mike Bocchino (25) fights for ball against Air Force Saturday

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Patriots shoot down Air Force Falcons

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The lacrosse Patriots took their recent goal-scoring frustrations out on Air Force in the second quarter Friday afternoon as they tallied five unanswered goals for a subsequent 10-6 victory.

Prior to the game against the Falcons, Patriots Head Coach John Espey had been baffled by his team's inability to beat opposing teams in the scoring column. "We have to get goals," said Espey, whose team had been mired in a three-game losing streak, surrendering a total 32 goals and only scoring 16 of their own.

But Patriots midfielder Rob Walker shot one past Air Force netminder, Gary Smagorinsky, at the 1:09 mark of

Lacrosse

Patriots: 10
Air Force: 6

the second to trigger what culminated into a five-goal quarter. Walker's unassisted goal made the score 5-3 in favor of the Patriots and was quickly followed by fellow midfielder Lou Ventura's tally.

"Our goal in practice this week was to get off the losing streak," said Ventura, who finished the contest with a game-high five points and helped to up his team's record to 7-5. He was assisted by midfielder Kevin Dalland, who recorded three assists in the afternoon.

"They are very strong at midfield," said Chris Cicere, Air Force head coach. "And their goalie was great, as usual."

Patriots goalkeeper Rob Serratore was sharp throughout the contest. After Air Force midfielder Scott Cerone scored early in the second, Serratore seemed to create a wall in front of his net and allowed the Patriots to build the second-quarter momentum.

This momentum translated into more goals, one each by attackmen Mike Feinstein, Tim Kolm and Joel Insinga. Insignia's goal came in a man-down situation, sending the game into halftime with the Patriots on the long end of a 9-3 score.

But Air Force's star player, junior captain Tom O'Rourke, would not allow Stony Brook to sit on its comfortable cushion. He powered his team back into the game with two unassisted goals in the third, sandwiching teammate Tom Boushell's goal to make it a 9-6 contest.

"The second quarter was just a big letdown for us," said O'Rourke, a local product who had a huge contingent on hand at the game. "I thought we outplayed them the entire second half. We just got a little complacent in the

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