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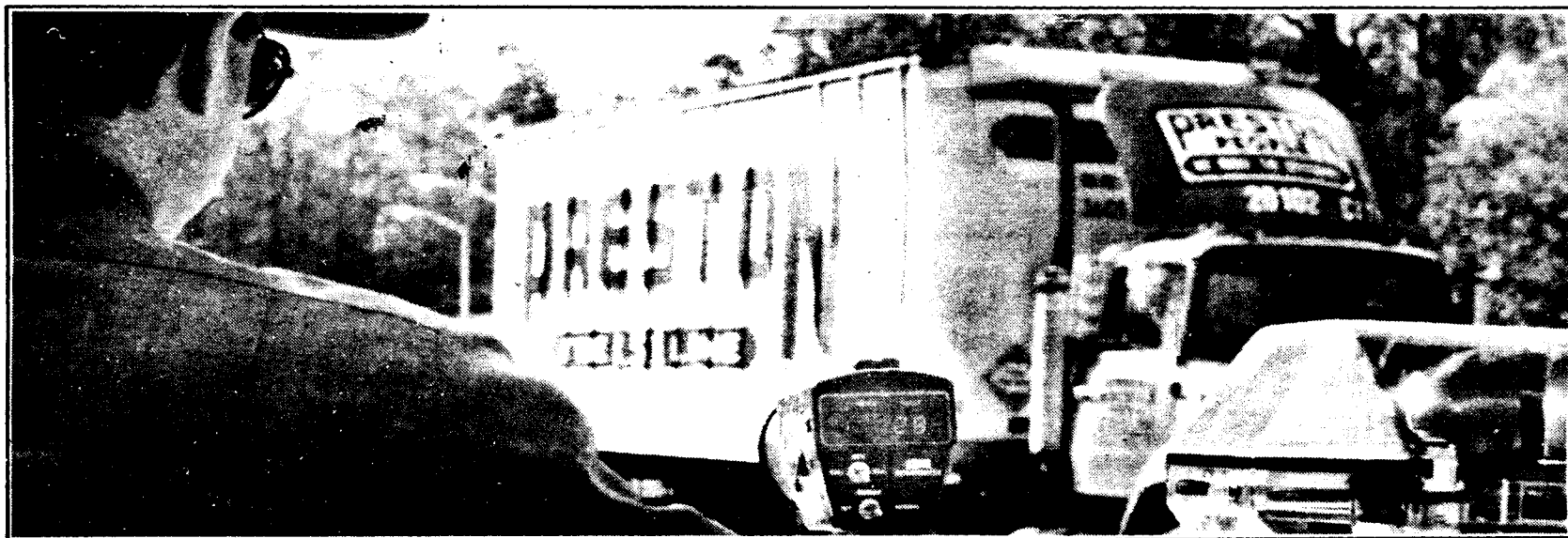
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Armed and Dangerous

Public Safety Uses Radar to Bust Campus Speeders



Public Safety Officer Robert Kaprowicz checks speed of cars on campus with radar gun Monday.

Statesman/Rebecca Schatten

By Stephen L. Shapiro
 Statesman Associate News Editor

The Department of Public Safety has reinstated radar detection on all campus roads, with an emphasis on enforcing traffic control at crosswalks by issuing summonses to violators.

Officer Robert Kaprowicz, who is radar certified, said, "Not everyone is the perfect driver. We will take that into account if someone is within five miles of the speed limit."

According to Kaprowicz, it is up to the discretion of the individual officer to issue a summons. Kaprowicz added that the grace speed is between 10-12 miles per hour.

"What we're doing here is a soft approach to what is a very serious condition. It is not intended to hurt anyone. Excessive speeding by motorists dangers the safety of the campus. As a proactive law enforcement agency, we will do everything we can to ensure that safety," said Lieutenant Doug Little, spokesman for community relations.

"Our biggest concern is the crosswalks on campus," he said. "Some people are stopping and doing the right thing. We're finding that people have to dodge out of

the way because cars are not coming to a full stop," said Little.

Little said that in addition to the new traffic control enforcement, University Police are investigating the feasibility of installing a "steady green" traffic light at various campus locations that are heavily traveled, which will remain green unless a pedestrian wants to cross, in which case the pedestrian will push a button for the light to turn red.

"The crosswalk at the entrance to the Stony Brook Union is one example," said Little. "Students that have already entered the crosswalk frequently have to jump back onto the sidewalk, to avoid being hit."

Monica Roth, director of disabled student services, said that students who use wheelchairs have complained that they have difficulty using the crosswalks when cars do not adhere to the rules of the road. "Some students have come to me, saying that they fear for their safety in traveling the campus. If one student gets hit, that's one too many," said Roth.

David Ecker, a member of Polity's parking committee, said he strongly disagrees with radar enforcement.

Sherryann Schomber, a Polity senator representing Eisenhower College said, "Public Safety now wants

to use radar and to be armed. They also want to be respected. I will not support any of these things until they give us something we [the students] want."

Schomber said that in the past month, seven of the residents in her building have had their cars vandalized.

"This is a campus with many pedestrians," said William Boulter, president of the Commuter Student Association. "It's perfectly fair to enforce traffic control. People speed on campus without thinking that someone could get killed."

Michael Freydin, a senior, said that aside from the financial implications, the speeding problem does not merit using radar.

"Students should not be obliged to cater to the whimsical power-craving urges of Public Safety. The recent tuition hike was passively accepted in the face of obvious fiscal difficulties but, nothing more should be tolerated," said Freydin.

Little said the summons is not a campus summons and they will be handled by the Traffic Violations Bureau at the Suffolk County District Court in Hauppauge.

"We [Public Safety] have nothing to gain here," said Little.

Car accident injures two staff members

A car accident on North Loop Road Monday left two staff members injured, one seriously. *Statesman* could not determine the condition of the accident victims before press time. The Suffolk County Police Department is investigating the incident.

Several automobiles continue to be vandalized in the Kelly Quad parking lot, including broken windows and slashed tires. Five incidents were reported last week, but Public Safety said it has no lead on finding the perpetrators.

POLICE BLOTTER

David Joachim

A small fire broke out in front of the new Veterans Home on the East Campus Saturday at about 2:10 am. A student, who was conducting a project for a class, deliberately set a small fire, burning and destroying a patch of grass before the fire was put out. The student was referred to the office of student affairs.

A 1986 Toyota Celica valued at \$5,000 was stolen from North P-lot last Friday at about 11 pm. In the car were several items worth approximately \$300. No one was arrested.

The box office of the Staller Center for the Arts was filled with pellet holes from a BB gun last Friday, the result of a high-powered air BB rifle. The BBs

penetrated the exterior windows of the office and the interior wall. No one has been charged in the shooting.

A 1984 Oldsmobile was stolen from the impound lot in South P-lot last Friday at about 9:55 am. Public Safety could not determine if the gate around the impound lot was open or was cut. No one has been arrested in the theft of the car, which was valued at \$2,000.

A student was detained in the Barnes and Noble campus book store last Thursday for allegedly stealing several items. The student was referred to student affairs after the store's manager decided not to press criminal charges.

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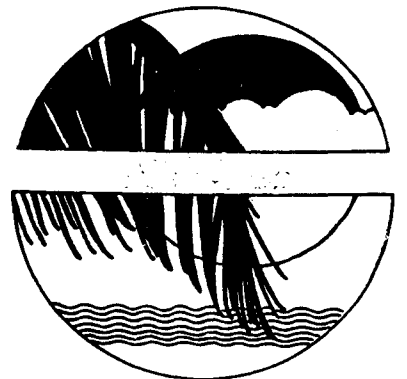
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POLITY BRIEFS

Senate discusses faculty evaluations

Senator John Christiansen, vice chair of Polity's academic affairs committee, told the Polity Senate last night that the committee is in the beginning stages of publishing a student evaluation handbook to assess the performance of university faculty.

The 500-page book — which will include 20,000 evaluations of classes at the university — will cost about \$50,000 to produce, and will run students about \$3 to buy, said Christiansen. It will include all relevant information about faculty members, such as education background and awards, including student evaluations in their own words.

"We're getting red tape from [faculty] because they don't want us to do it," said Christiansen. He said the committee has had problems getting information from several academic departments because of their opposition to the project.

"[Faculty] don't want this book out because they're incompetent," said commuter Senator Richard Cole. Because the quality level of teaching has one down recently, there is a great need for the handbook, he said.

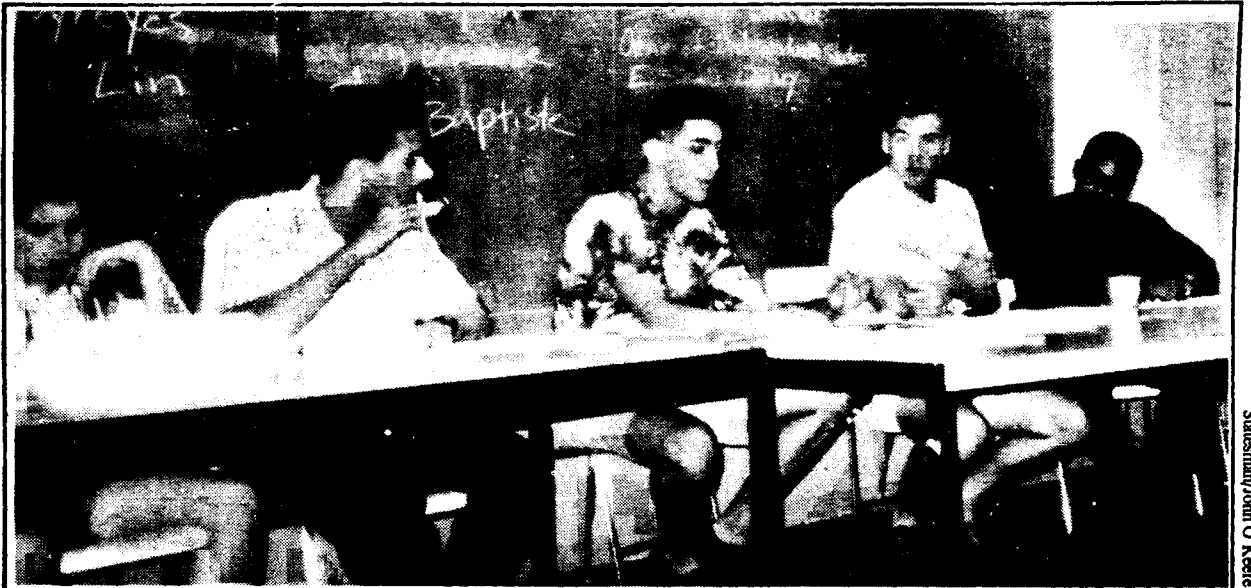
Polity President Dan Slepian told the senate that because of a recent \$700 million deficit announced by the state last week, the State University system has been asked to cut 2.4 percent of its expenditures by March, 1992.

"We're probably worse off now in SUNY than we've ever been," Slepian said. The worst case scenario, according to SUNY reports, would be a four percent across-the-board cut, resulting in 500 fewer class sections and a severe cut in staff, he said. Slepian also said he thinks tuition will be raised again before next year.

Slepian will testify today in front of the state committee on higher education on the accessibility of the SUNY system.

Slepian also announced that the internal search for an executive director of Polity has been narrowed to two candidates. The final candidate, who the Polity Council will approve this week, will talk to the senate next Wednesday before a contract is signed, Slepian said.

— David Joachim



L to R: Polity Sophomore Representative Nadia Chanza, Senior Rep Manuel Nunez, President Dan Slepian, Vice President Tom Pye and Treasurer David Greene at a recent Polity Senate meeting.

Polity clarifies military stand

'Discriminatory recruitment is not protected by free speech'

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The Polity Senate ruled last night that banning discriminatory organizations from recruiting on campus is not protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution because the practice is illegal.

After more than 30 minutes of debate over its wording, the senate overwhelmingly passed a motion in response to a motion approved by the senate last week that recommended a campus ban on all groups that discriminate in their hiring practices. The motion, presented by Senator Ron Nehring, who voted against the ban last week, reads: "The senate passed its proposed ban on discriminatory recruitment with the belief that discriminatory recruitment activity is not protected by the First Amendment and is therefore subject to regulation."

Nehring said, "The senate should state why it is justified in banning the military."

The Pentagon has said that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. Therefore, the United States military does not allow homosexuals to serve.

Nehring's original motion in response to the anti-discrimination recommendation did not specify discriminatory recruitment, and proposed that the senate does not recognize freedom of speech for all recruitment organizations.

Some senators were concerned about the legality of a motion that did not recognize the right to free speech. But after consultation with Polity attorney Leonard Shapiro, the senate decided that discriminatory recruitment is not protected by freedom of speech laws.

"... Discriminatory behavior, which reaches the level of illegality, is not protected by free speech," said Shapiro. "Our freedoms were not given to us to limit the freedom of others."

Polity President Dan Slepian said that both recent approved senate motions do not recommend restrictions on the military or other organizations from speaking or conducting informational programs on campus. "This is a state-owned university," Slepian said. "Anyone can come on campus and speak."

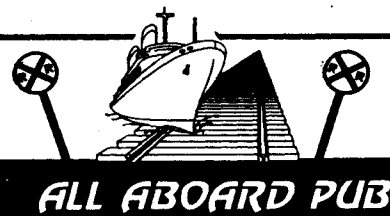
The motions only proposed restrictions on recruitment activity, such as handing out applications for work, Slepian said.

The motion approved last Wednesday to recommend a ban on discriminatory organizations from recruiting on campus matched a resolution passed by the senate last year that condemned organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion or sexual orientation — including the military and its ROTC program.

And the motion followed suit on resolutions passed by the Graduate Student Organization Senate and University Senate last year, which recommend that all organizations sign a non-discriminatory agreement before conducting recruitments on campus.

University President John Maburger, who has the final say on the issue, said last semester he would be violating his oath of office if he denied the military access to the campus to conduct recruitments.

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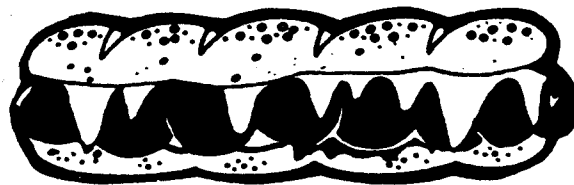
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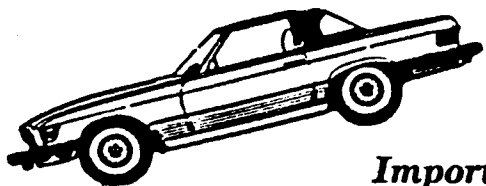
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UNIVERSITY AT STONY BROOK

Simpson named Distinguished Professor

By Meg Sokasian
Statesman Staff Writer

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Louis Simpson, professor of English and Comparative Studies at Stony Brook, has earned the highest honor bestowed by the State University as he was appointed Distinguished Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

"The Trustees' action is a tribute to your extraordinary contributions as a poet, literary critic and distinguished man of letters," wrote SUNY Chancellor Bruce Johnstone in his letter of congratulations to Simpson.

"It is my pleasure to congratulate Dr. Simpson on his well-deserved honor. He is one of the preeminent writers of our day, and we are fortunate to have him as a member of our faculty," said University President John Marburger.

Simpson's appointment increases the number of Distinguished Professors at Stony Brook to 12.

Born in Jamaica, West Indies, Simpson was a son of a lawyer of Scottish descent and a Russian mother. He emigrated to America at 17 years of age, attended Columbia University, then served with the US Army during World War II. After the war, Simpson continued his studies at Columbia and the University of Paris, where he published his first book of poems, *The Arrivistes*, in 1949.

Simpson served as an editor at the New York Publishing House, obtained his doctorate at Columbia University, and taught at Columbia and the University of California at Berkeley. He joined the staff at Stony Brook in 1967.

Simpson has published 12 books of poetry. In 1964 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *At The End of The Open Road*.

Other awards include the Prix de Rome, Guggenheim Foundation fellowships, Columbia University's Medal for Excellence and the Elmer Holmes Bobst award for poetry. The list of his awards go on. He has received over fifteen awards for his great accomplishments.

Simpson's more recent books are *Collected Poems* (1988), *Selected Prose* (1989) and *In The Room We Share* (1990).

Currently, Simpson teaches undergraduate courses as well as graduate courses here at Stony Brook. He teaches an undergraduate course in the area of three major authors: Yeats, Eliot, and Conrad.

"Teaching at a University is somewhat rebelling, it leaves a doubt in your mind. When you teach, you are explaining, but when you write, you are making things up," Simpson said.

Simpson has held readings and lectures throughout the United States, Europe and Australia as well as videotapes and recordings at University's like Harvard and Michigan.

Many books have been published about Simpson. William H. Roberson's *Louis Simpson: A Reference Guide* and *Louis Simpson* by Ronald Moran. These and other books on Simpson may be read for further information.

Simpson said he is currently writing his memoirs and compiling poems for his next book of poetry, to be published in 1993. A special edition of poetry, *Poems About Jamaica*, will be published this spring.

Simpson's advice to those who wish to become writers is, "Read! You can't be a writer or a long term writer if you don't read."



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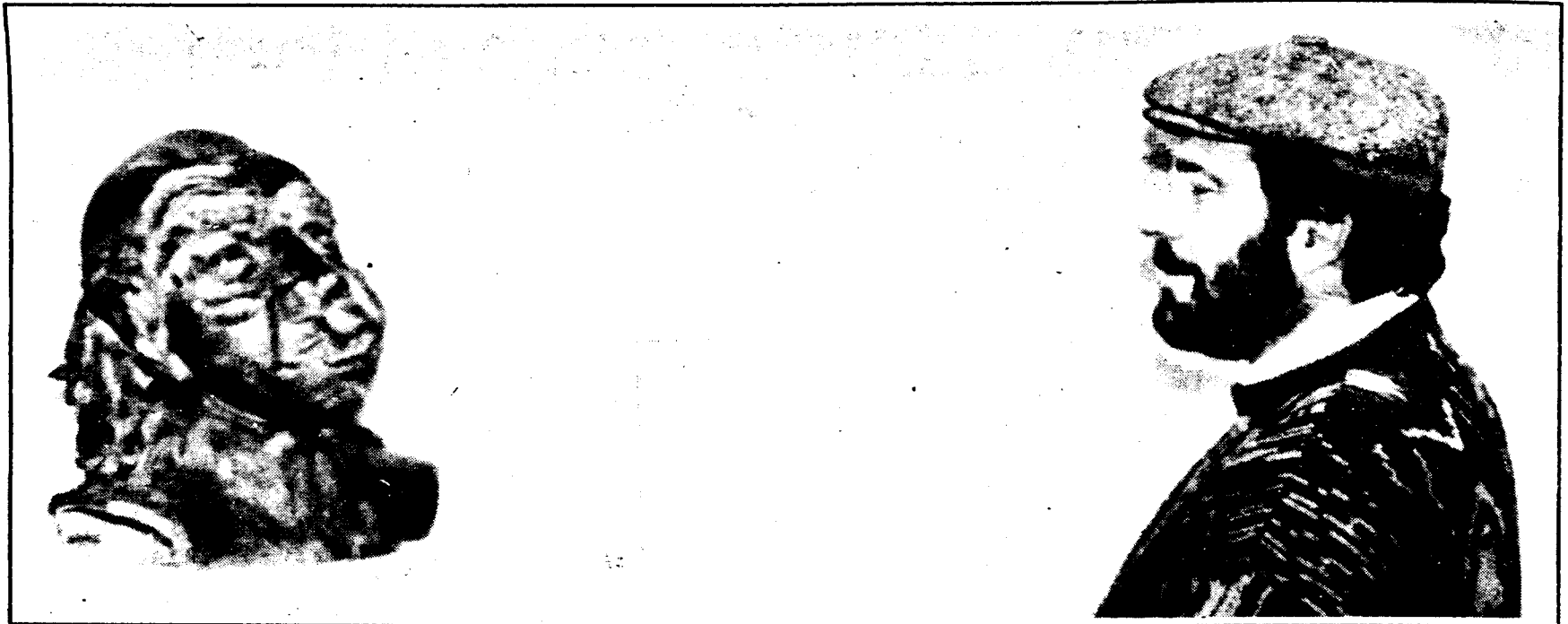
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Binghamton prepares for worst

BINGHAMTON — University officials at SUNY Binghamton have blamed Gov. Mario Cuomo for the hiring freeze implemented on Sunday.

Cuomo told the University to expect a budget cut somewhere between 2 and 4 percent, which, according to University officials, is to open a figure to not take every precaution possible.

"Anything beyond 2 percent gets to be very difficult," said Michael Scullard, vice president for administration.

Scullard said that the University was being "very conservative" in allocating funds so that there will be room for "adjustments" in the case that the situation should unfold into the worst possible scenario.

Scullard said that the administration is planning to exhaust the hiring freeze and all other possibilities before beginning to cut existing staff, and added that the hiring freeze would continue until the University is presented with a concrete budget figure.

SUNY SAs on statewide agenda

POTSDAM — Members of six student governments from across SUNY met in Potsdam Saturday and issued what was perhaps the first unified student agenda of the academic year.

In addition to discussing statewide student governance and advocacy, the group responded to a 17-page proposal of changes to the Student Assembly, the statewide student government, which is to be submitted to the SUNY Board of Trustees at next week's meeting by trustee Judith Duken-Lasher, whose Committee on Student Life had the proposal drafted.

The group defended the existence of the caucuses/organized student groups, and stated that, "these groups are important to increasing the diversity of representation."

Other criticisms were the wording of assembly Executive Committee members being selected, rather than elected, and the shift in representatives from 3,500 to 4,000.

"Students have now, more than ever, realized the need for unification," stated a press release of the event.

Representatives from the University at Buffalo, Canton College of Agriculture and Technology, Cortland State College, Geneseo State College, SUNY College at Oneonta, and SUNY Potsdam attended the meeting.

Three main points of agreement reached were that the current assembly structures are not successful and support the general sense of the changes, that the group is definitely not out to destroy the Student Association of the State University (SASU), and that better representation of all students is needed on a SUNY-wide basis.

"We are not here to eliminate SASU," said Geneseo SA Chair Bob Guay, although the group's press release referred to "growing ineffectiveness" with current student lobbying in Albany.

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Editorial

Evaluations Are Valuable

It's your turn to grade the professors.

Did you ever wonder what became of those teacher evaluation forms you fill out at the end of every semester? Well wonder no more.

Polity has appointed the academic affairs committee to put together a book filled with your evaluations of every teacher in the university.

Of course, few good things come without costs: The 500-page book, which will cost about \$50,000 to publish, will cost each student \$3 in the bookstore.

Although this book is getting some slack from certain departments on campus, it will be a beneficial product. Why are some departments disagreeing with this evaluation technique? Easy. Because they would prefer that students don't know what other students think of professors. Our professors are content that they get evaluated and students don't get any say in the outcome of those evaluations.

With the new project, the book

will provide students with a sneak preview of how the professor teaches and if in fact the professor teaches well. Students have the right to know what they are getting into before they take the class. Besides, who else is a better judge of a professor than a student who has taken a class with that professor before? For example, an English professor may rely heavily on class participation rather than lecturing. Some students may prefer that method, whereas others may not. Students do have the right to have a choice if one is offered. Sometimes they have no choice if that professor is the only one teaching the class, but let us be the judge. After all, they are our grades and the methods of one teacher may greatly effect how well we do in a class.

Professors should welcome this new book as a test for themselves to see if they are doing their jobs. This will give them insight into what students do and do not like about the way they teach. It will provide suggestions that could better their teaching and ways of changing their

subject material or methods to please the students. You would think that professors would want to know what the students think of them. What are their strengths and weaknesses?

Students aren't trying to bash the professors. The book is a way of communicating to other students the likes and dislikes as to how a course is taught. It will act as a beneficial tool when selecting classes.

And because this book will be updated every year, teachers who receive a poor evaluation one year can improve their methods and teachers who receive a good evaluation can just keep on doing what their doing. It gives professors a chance to say, "Hey, I didn't realize my students didn't like the way I grade the exams. Let me try to change that."

Students always encounter times when they have to change their style or do assignments the way the professor wants them to be done. Now it is time for the professors to bend to our needs a little.

WRITE US!

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Write *Statesman* at room 075, Student Union, Campus Zip #3200 or PO Box AE, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790.

Public Safety Deserves Our Respect

By Adam Kaminsky

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IN THIS day and age, in America, at least, one cannot move two feet without feeling threatened by some criminal elements taking advantage of him or her. Why, on several occasions, I had the fortune of either walking a person who just wished to go from one side of the quad to the other, or worse, from one building to an adjacent building, and when all was said and done, took it as an unnecessary expenditure of my resources, heartlessly disregarding some very important facts. Read on.

The fact in discussion here is that this campus is very vulnerable to the ravages of the criminal element. What's worse, there is a feeling of contentment here, which seems to relay the message that we are satisfied, even concerned for our rights of free passage, when it comes to the amount of security already present.

How? Simple. Two major reasons. First, if I had a nickel for every propped door I see while on rounds as a supervisor, I would own this school. Unpropping doors is a fool's errand here, since you know and I know that just five minutes (and that's being generous) after a Samaritan closes the door, some indolent slob will re-prop it without the slightest bit of sympathy to the rest of his building. Figure it out for yourself. It goes even farther than that. Several of our desk staff have been assaulted over the years, and have been made uncomfortable by the very residents they are trying to protect. WHY??? Practical joke? Frat prank? The desk monitor was "inconveniencing" you? Mmmaybe. Fine, have it your way. Take a bow, campus. This break-in's for you.

Secondly, there is a lot of hay being pitched about the arming of Public Safety. Some of the stories, although not necessarily in full view with mine, are well conceived and arguable, while others are just plain stupid. Here is a community concerned about its safety (although not too concerned, as was previously documented,) yet it seems to be against a strong central unity, which would serve as the base of security operations. Many times did I walk with a Public Safety officer who was receiving jeers from people in dormitories and on the street. Is this how we were taught to respect police? I also hear stories about their "incompetence"... Gee, I'm sure they did at least one good thing recently that could be documented. I also believe there could be at least one professor out there who takes the time to know his students. Let's stop using absolute statements so freely, without regard to whom we are defiling by them.

Also a majority of us seem to be intimidated by friendly force. There are quotes (I won't mention whose,) which claim that the speaker is intimidated by a police officer with a gun. Well, I have several large size friends who could kill someone more painfully than a gun ever could. Yet when I walk down the street with them, I consider them assets, rather than threats. You know, I feel more intimidated by the roving packs of students carrying concealed weapons at those sponsored rap concerts and other events. Oh, nobody mentions that part. Yes, con-

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cealed weapons. You thought they didn't exist? Aww.

We must not forget another good reason to arm Public Safety. That is because there is a lack of adequate coverage off campus. Public Safety has full jurisdiction over this campus, not Suffolk [Suffolk County Police Department]. If Suffolk would patrol here, why would there be Public Safety? Oh, yes, they will serve as the eyes and ears of the "real cops". Wow! Let's have twice the manpower necessary, the incessant high wage and benefit costs, and equipment associated with this picturesque plan rather than looking at reality. We must realize that we only have finite resources available and a crime problem made to look like an epidemic by the very same people against arming our POLICEFORCE. Notice how I say "police force," because that is exactly what they are, and are held to more rigorous standards than State Troopers, the only difference being that Public Safety is part of a system which allows local administrators to decide their fate. Keep in mind that Public Safety officers are armed on other campuses, and come from the same stock as ours do. The only reason they are called "Public Safety" is because SUNY feels no immediate desire to advertise the fact that there must be a "police force" on each campus. "Catch my drift?"

If full arming is not the answer, okay... let's strike a compromise: selective arming. Give the firearms to only a percentage of the force on duty any given shift. Keep

them just a radio call away, and use those officers solely for situations which might warrant their summon. This way we have neighborhood type coverage and heavy force on call at any time, with no need for Suffolk. It saves the money needed for total arming, and it is our most efficient use of the resources we have.

Friends, it is up to you to decide. I don't believe that our police are "incompetent." They are an unfortunate product of a community which seeks to castrate them and pull away from them at every turn. Public Safety knows this campus better than any outside law enforcement agency, which means that they know us the best. I feel less concerned about being "mistakenly shot" by a force with an emotional root in the area it patrols, rather than some anonymous, callous outside cop who considers me as part of the problem. You decide. In either case, our police should be respected, but with armament, they will be more ready and ABLE to protect us.

On a lighter and more legal note, this article does not in any way try to represent the full and total opinion of the Resident Security/Walk Service Program (RSP). Also, even though I am probably one of the worst offenders of identifying myself as such, RSP is in no way part of Public Safety. If this is what kept you from supporting arming, you have absolutely no worry about us, getting guns. It just won't happen. Rest assured on that.

Letters

Senate Not for Personal Views

To the Editor:

The Polity Senate is approaching its third month in session and over all, it has been productive in addressing student issues. In past weeks, however, such issues as arming, parking fees, and non-discriminatory recruitment have been hindered due to the attention of the Senate being diverted to a moot issue. By now everyone knows what that is: attempts to cut funding of the *Stony Brook Press*, because of two paragraphs in the article covering LGBA [Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance] Week. Just because a renegade senator made a motion to cut all funding to the *Stony Brook Press*, should not mean that the rest of the Senate should be badly looked upon for attempting to censor an organization by threatening to cut its funding. This form of blackmail makes me sick. I just hope that the Senate, as well as the rest of the campus does not suffer. We as a student body need to be united in protecting our rights, not fighting a newspaper that is making us aware of them.

The two hours spent discussing the moot issue, could have been productively spent in committees making progress on such issues as parking fees and tuition increases. I as a senator, feel that my upmost concern is to represent my constituency, not impose my personal ideologies on others. Obviously every organization and club will not be suited for everyone. That's why Polity funds dozens of

clubs and organizations, so that an individual can find something that pleases his or her own interest.

The same senator that I spoke of earlier, walked out of the Senate meeting to break quorum just because he disagreed with the motion on the floor. Such conduct is unprofessional, and even an insult to the rest of us who had been patient for more than two hours. The reason I wrote this was to make students aware that the majority of us do care about the pertinent issues on campus and try our best to serve the people who elected us. Student interest and faith in its elected government is most vital in making Polity a powerful force carrying out the goals of the student body.

Shahram Vakilian
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Pats football moves to NEFC

PATS from page 16

Pravata likes the idea of maintaining conference play with Stony Brook for many reasons, not the least of which is that he has high regards for Kornhauser. "Sam's kids are well-prepared," said Pravata. "They do a good job. If you don't play well against them, they'll beat you."

Pravata also enjoys knowing that the competition between him and Kornhauser — borne many years ago when the two played against each other in high school — will continue to thrive amid a new conference. "We played against each other when he was at Brooklyn Tech and I was at Lincoln," said Pravata. "And of course, we've coached against each other [both in the high school and collegiate levels]."

Unlike Stony Brook, Kings Point's last game this season is not against a Liberty Conference team. The Patriots are getting set to face Pace — a team which holds the same conference record as they.

Both Pace and Stony Brook enter the contest 1-3 in the conference and 2-7, 5-4 overall respectively. Last week, Pace lost to Coast Guard 39-14 — Kings Point's Saturday opponents.

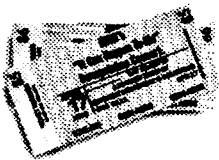
Fresh off a 38-0 trouncing of MIT, Patriots senior linebacker Doug Foster said, "We better beat [Pace] . . . This is the last time for me to get it right."

Kornhauser, like Foster, is "looking forward to ending at a positive note." He said that Pace "is tough" and that his team will concentrate on "all phases of the game."

Both teams will do battle for the last time this Saturday, that is until they schedule each other perhaps down the line. The game for the Setters provides them with an opportunity to finish the year on an upswing, after a disappointing loss. For the Patriots, though, the opportunity is even greater. It's a chance for them to close their Liberty Conference chapter in grand style — with a victory.



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Jokester off court, not on

By Tony McMullen
Special to Statesman

Sophomore Jill Pessoni of West Islip was named the Stony Brook VIP/*Statesman* Athlete of the Week for the week of Nov. 4.

Outside hitter Pessoni led the second seeded Patriots volleyball team to a 5-1 record at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championships, hosted by Stony Brook this past weekend. Pessoni had 31 kills, 63 digs and six service aces as Stony Brook earned its second appearance in the state finals in the last two years.

Entering the weekend tournament as defending New York state champions was something new for the Patriots. "There was a lot more pressure on us to perform," said Pessoni. "We always try to have fun when we are out on the court playing but there were times this weekend when we lost sight of that."

A self-proclaimed jokester, Pessoni has adopted the additional role of keeping the team loose and prepared to play. "Jill has emerged as an inspirational leader," said Head Coach Teri Tiso. "She brings energy to the team."

Despite the added pressure to repeat as champions, Stony Brook advanced to the state finals without losing a game. "Coach Tiso just has a way of preparing us for the big matches," said Pessoni. "I do not know how she does it, but we seem to peak at playoff time." However, the road to the finals did have some memorable moments. "We were down 14-6 to Hunter in the semi-finals and we came back to beat them 16-14," recalled Pessoni. "It was an intense game."

Pessoni's work ethic has benefited her personal play as well as the team's. "Jill practices hard and



Jill Pessoni

plays hard," said Tiso. "She rises to the level of her competition. Her best games were against Juniata [ranked fourth nationally] Hunter and Cortland." Pessoni's quality play has also been noticed by others as she was selected to the all-tournament teams at both the Invitational and the New York State tournament.

The next challenge for Pessoni and the Patriots will be this weekend as they enter the NCAA East Region as the third seed. In Stony Brook's draw are top-ranked University of California at San Diego and state champions Rochester Institute of Technology.

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Squashing way to '91-'92

By Joseph Coluccio
Statesman Sports Writer

The Stony Brook squash team finished last season with a 15-10 record and a national ranking of 17. It marked the team's first appearance in the new squash complex, which contains six glass-back-walled courts and a lobby area overlooking the playing and practice fields. This season, the team hopes to fare as well as it did last year, while hoping to look as good as their new squash courts look.

The 1991-'92 season will return many key players. Leading the team will be senior captain Will Simond. Last year, Simond was the top seed on the team with a record of 20-5. His three-year record is a very impressive 53-18.

Also returning will be senior Alex Whitaker (12-13 last season), junior David Andres (6-4) and sophomore Oliver Dick (11-14). Head Coach Bob Snider said, "In past seasons, graduation has taken the top of our lineup, but this season

will see a reversal of that trend as our graduation losses have occurred at the bottom of our lineup."

New to the lineup and figuring to be major contributors are transfer Sebastian Shap from Curry College, senior Young Kwon, transfers Aravind Cherukuri and Craig Appel, freshman Scott Winokur and junior Ali Bukhari.

This year, the Patriots will play the most matches — 29 — that they have ever played in one season. The schedule looks tough as the Patriots will face six of the top 10 teams in the nation.

The Patriots open the season this Saturday at Army. The team will be on the road until Dec. 11, when Fordham comes to town. That match will be at 5 pm.

"We have set our goals for the season on improving both our record and National ranking from last season," said Snider. This weekend, the squash team can begin its drive to improvement.

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Cajun Crew sailing smoothly

The Cajun Crew flag football intramural team, in capturing the Stony Brook title, will travel to Adelphi this Sunday to participate in the Third Annual Lower New York State Flag Football Championships.

Last year, James Alumni represented Stony Brook but came up short, losing in the finals to Columbia in overtime 20-13. Columbia is back this year to defend its title, but Cajun Crew looks to be equal to the test.

Cajun Crew hopes to utilize its "New Orleans offense," which players Steve Lee, Rob Bennett and John Eric Leoniak employed. These three partici-

pated in the National Flag Football Championships in New Orleans last December and hope that their system will give Cajun Crew a cutting edge at Adelphi this weekend.

This year's tournament promises to have the biggest turnout with teams from Pratt, Purchase, York, Nassau, Culinary and New York State of Technology taking part in the festivities.

Upcoming events include the fourth annual Turkey Trot 5K race on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10 am.

— Susan DiMonda

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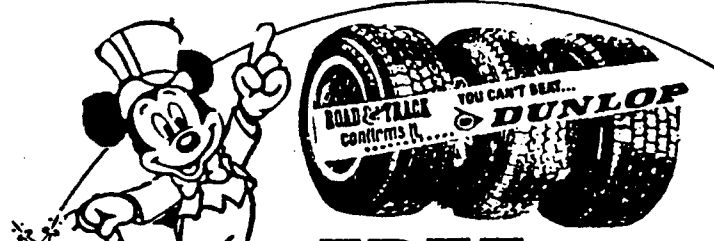
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Ladies ready to set new USB records

By Frank Vito
Statesman Sports Writer

The 1991-'92 Stony Brook women's swimming team enters this season with hopes of repeating the success it enjoyed last season. Head Coach Dave Alexander has a talented nucleus of returning swimmers plus several new-comers that will compete this year.

Alexander has compiled a 108-28-1 dual meet record and has guided the Patriots to four Metropolitan Conference swimming and diving championships. During his 12 years at the helm, at least one university record has fallen every year. This year, Alexander expects to stick true to this pattern.

Leading the way for the Patriots will be national qualifiers Nancy Winkler and Brigid Corr. Both Winkler and Corr qualified for NCAA's in two events last season. "They each have the potential to not only return, but earn All-American with seniors Jen Morrith and Loina Mund," said Alexander. "We have the potential to break five new university relay records."

Last season, the Patriots had an impressive 7-4 record that included victories over Division I opponents Fairfield and Iona. Stony Brook also finished third at the highly competitive Defender's Cup held at the complex.

The Patriots will once again face top-notch schools such as Montclair State, NYU and first-time opponents Skidmore and

"We have the potential to break five new university relay records."

— USB Coach
Dave Alexander

Oneonta. They have two home meets against NYU on Dec. 11 and New Paltz on Jan. 25. And of course, the Stony Brook Defender's Cup will be held on Dec. 9.

Though it is a transitional year, the Patriots — with strength in diving — are confident to have another good season. Alexander predicts "that once again Stony Brook should compete for the top spot at the Defender's Cup and should be able to finish in the top three at the Metropolitan swimming and diving Championships."

The team's first meet was yesterday at Queens College. Because Queens is very competitive, it should set the tempo for the rest of the season.



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Stony Brook Reacts to Magic News

THERE IS A MESSIAH, and his name is Magic. Early last week, basketball superstar Earvin "Magic" Johnson was struck down in his prime by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, otherwise known as HIV. The disease, as everyone knows, is the cause of the lethal AIDS virus, which has no cure as of yet.

And for only the second time in sports history, a major figure has been struck down in his prime due to disease. Lou Gehrig, the Yankee hall of famer, died at age 38 in 1941 after being struck down with what later became known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Johnson, however, is the first heterosexual person of his stature to contract HIV disease, says John Gagnon, instructor of Sociology of AIDS. "He is the first 'media-sensation' heterosexual to contract the disease," he says.

The Stony Brook community has reacted to the tragedy similarly to that of the rest of the world. "I didn't believe it," says senior John Cattich, 21, who admires him so much he bought Lakers and Johnson paraphernalia shortly after he heard the heart-wrenching news. "It's hard to believe that something like that could happen to someone on the top of the world," he says.

Words like this could be heard echoing in the halls of many a dormitories and buildings soon after the saddening news was reported.

Many feel, however, that Johnson will become a "messiah" to AIDS and HIV victims, and that he was, though macabre as it is, a perfect victim. "If Wilt Chamberlain got sick, it wouldn't nearly be as impor-

tant," says Gagnon. "Johnson was active in the sports world, in the community. It was sooner or later [that someone as popular as him contracted it]. I'm not shocked that it happened to someone [as famous as Johnson], because athletes live in a very sexually-active world," he says.

"It's not such a surprise," says senior John Leehr, 23. "He will do more for the AIDS virus than anyone ever could."

"People in the limelight will find that they are normal, and not immortal," says Bernard Tomlin, head coach of the men's basketball team. "I think it brings to light that they are human."

"Athletes have a sort of invincible feeling and elitist attitude," says Declan McMullen, head coach of the women's basketball team. "If you're an athlete, you're someone special just as if you're in the drama club, you're someone special. Anybody who is a specialty person in an area considers themselves special."

McMullen told of a question a sportswriter said — "He said 'Why was Magic put on earth? Was it to be a great basketball player? Or was it to solve our AIDS problem?'"

Both head coaches have different beliefs when it comes to the tragedy affecting athletes. "I would think it would affect everyone [the same way]," says Tomlin.

"I believe athletes are much more aware," says McMullen. "Athletes are saying, 'Hey, we have to be careful.' Athletes have more visibility — that's the bottom line — and there's much more of a chance of them going out."

Gagnon believes that America is just starting to realize the potential problems of the AIDS virus. "A

person in my class asked if any reporter has asked about the women he might have infected. I couldn't recall any questions like that. This disease seems to be only male-oriented."

Johnson, the Los Angeles Lakers star point guard since 1979, became an American hero almost instantaneously. His classic battles with Larry Bird transformed the NBA from a second-class league to a premier money-making machine.

His legend began in the 1979 NCAA Championship game, when Johnson and his Michigan State Spartans defeated previously unbeaten Indiana State and Bird 75-64 in the most-watched game in college basketball history. Three months later, the Lakers made Johnson the number one pick in the draft as a sophomore.

It was May of 1980 when the rookie replaced injured center Kareem-Abdul Jabbar in Game 6 of the NBA Finals against the Philadelphia 76ers and registered 42 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists to win the championship for the Lakers. That performance is considered one of the greatest in NBA history.

Three most valuable player awards, nine All-NBA teams, 10 regular season championships for the Lakers, 16,000 points and 9,921 assists later, the Magic Man has hung up his high-tops, though not through his own volition.

The NBA's Goodwill Ambassador will leave his legacy to millions of fans who tuned in sometime during the Eighties. In interviews, Johnson stated that he will beat the virus. Friends and rivals are hoping that it will come true, that an antidote will be discovered. But many are glad that someone who was thought to be as immortal as Johnson will broadcast the plight of his new teammates — other AIDS victims.

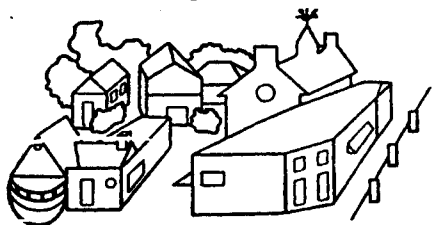


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Ladies make NCAA tournament

By Michele Abbatiello
Statesman Sports Writer

"Team, Team, Team." This was the word Head Volleyball Coach Teri Tiso stressed to her players for the weekend. It certainly paid off, enabling the Patriots to advance to the finals of the state tournament and gaining a bid in the NCAA tournament.

Starting Saturday's pool play action, Stony Brook took on the spikers from Potsdam, Ithaca and Oneonta. Stony Brook did not lose any of the games in their opening three matches

Volleyball

Hoping to continue with success, Stony Brook opened Sunday with the Lady Danes of Albany. The Patriots showed they were ready to play. Stony Brook remained undefeated in pool play by taking the first game, 15-5 and the second one, 15-11. As a result of this, the team went to the semi-finals.

Once again, the Patriots met their city rivals, Hunter College in the semis. Both teams played tough volleyball. Victory did not seem to come easy for the Patriots. Down 3-9, Tiso called a time-out to compose her team. On the next play, Sara Helmer's block resulted in a side-out and Stony Brook regained the service.

Denise Rehor recorded a point, inching the score up to 4-9. The turning point of the game was when Hunter, in attempting to spike, nailed the ball into the net and Stony Brook's spark plug was ignited. Two consecutive blocks by Janna Kuhner combined with Helmer's three consecutive ser-

vice points upped the score to 9-13. The fans began to chant and cheer in excitement. The Patriots hit one out-of-bounds, enabling Hunter to serve; Hunter recorded the point, making the score 9-14.

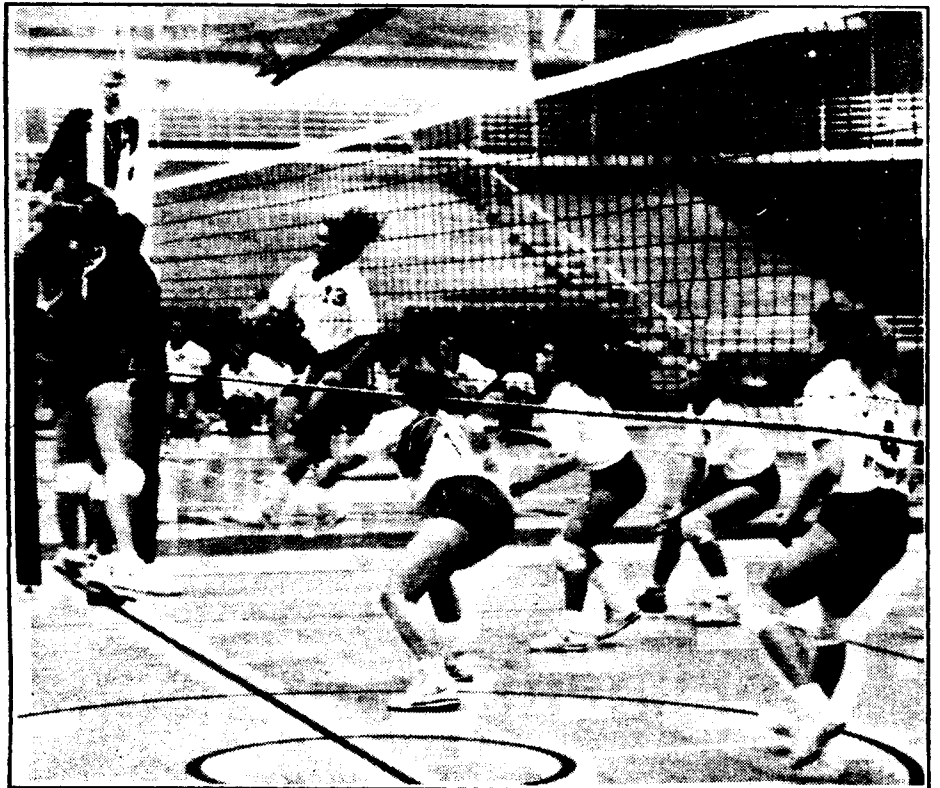
Everyone was on the edge of his and her seat. But Stasia Nikas' kill for the side-out returned service to Stony Brook. Diving after a ball on its way out, Jill Pessoni's great defense, along with her tremendous spike, upped the score to 10-14. That was not it for Pessoni. She continued with six service points. Aiding to the service, a block by Helmer and Kristen Smith tied the game at 14. Finally, Rehor set Helmer up for the kill ending the game at 16-14.

"We knew we were going to win the match after we beat Hunter the first game," said Nikas. This proved to be true. The Patriots defeated Hunter 15-10 in the second game, enabling them to advance to the finals. "It was a total team effort - not one outstanding person," said a proud and hugging team after the victory.

Having a chance to defend their state title, Stony Brook faced number one-ranked RIT. "We are here and we'll see what we can do," said Tiso before the final match. "I am confident."

It was an intense game. Stony Brook never had the lead but that did not stop them from trying. The game went back-and-forth between both teams. Through hard work, RIT defeated Stony Brook, 15-7 in the first game. But the match was not yet over.

In game two, RIT took the lead 1-0. Quickly, the Patriots tied it at one with a kill by Kuhner. Combining four straight service points from Nikas and two kills from



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Sophomore Jill Pessoni spikes the ball against Ithaca Saturday en route to a win before losing in finals Sunday.

Kuhner, the Patriots gained a 6-2 lead amid chants of "Let's go Stony Brook." But Stony Brook made some mistakes giving RIT a chance to tie, 6-6. RIT capitalized on Stony Brook's vulnerability and seized the advantage 6-9. Getting the side-out, Stony Brook received the service.

Pessoni did a fine job recording four service points, regaining the lead, 10-4.

Stony Brook kept fans excited by making the score 14-12. But it was all that they would get.

RIT's dink sparked their comeback. They tied the game at 14 and eventually went on to defeat the Patriots, 16-14.

Nikas and Pessoni were named to the All-tournament team for their fine performances throughout the tournament.

No more Liberty for Sam's Patriots

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The last episode of the sitcom *M.A.S.H.* ended with B.J. telling Hawkeye not to say "goodbye," but to say "see you later" instead. After this weekend's football game against the Pace Setters, some teams will be directing their "see you later's" to the Stony Brook Patriots.

Football

The Patriots tip-off for their 21st and final Liberty Conference game this Saturday at Finnerty Field in Pleasantville. Next season, they will become part of the New England Football Conference — a move other Liberty Conference coaches are unhappy to see.

"I'm sorry Stony Brook is leaving the league," said Iona Head Coach Harold Crocker. "I think [Stony Brook

Head Coach Sam] Kornhauser has done a great job with his program and I'm sad the league is breaking up . . . Stony Brook has done a lot of good things and they are one of the more improved [in the Liberty]. We just wish them luck."

The head coaches at Iona, Post and St. John's say that Stony Brook's departure will present some strain for their respective teams, with regards to travel. "We're losing two games within the area [including Kings Point]," said Tom Marshall of Post. "We have to replace Stony Brook in the schedule with Ramapo, and Kings Point with Gannon. That's a trip all the way to Erie, Pennsylvania."

St. John's Head Coach Bob Ricca agrees that there will now be added pressure on the remaining Liberty Conference teams. He also adds that the squad, in particular, which will replace Stony Brook on the schedule does not

bring with it the same intrinsic flavor of rival competition.

"It's tragic that they're leaving," said Ricca. "We're really gonna miss them. We have a great local rivalry. We had to replace them with Duquesne. There's no local interest for our fans with a school they don't know as there was with Stony Brook."

Charlie Pravata, head coach of Kings Point, admits that both his team and the Patriots will "lose a little local identity." But according to Pravata, "the exposure will be good . . ." He believes that the switch to the New England will allow for a wider spectrum of potential recruits. "I feel that the conference move is very good," he said. "We want to get into different areas and perform against teams on the same level academically."

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