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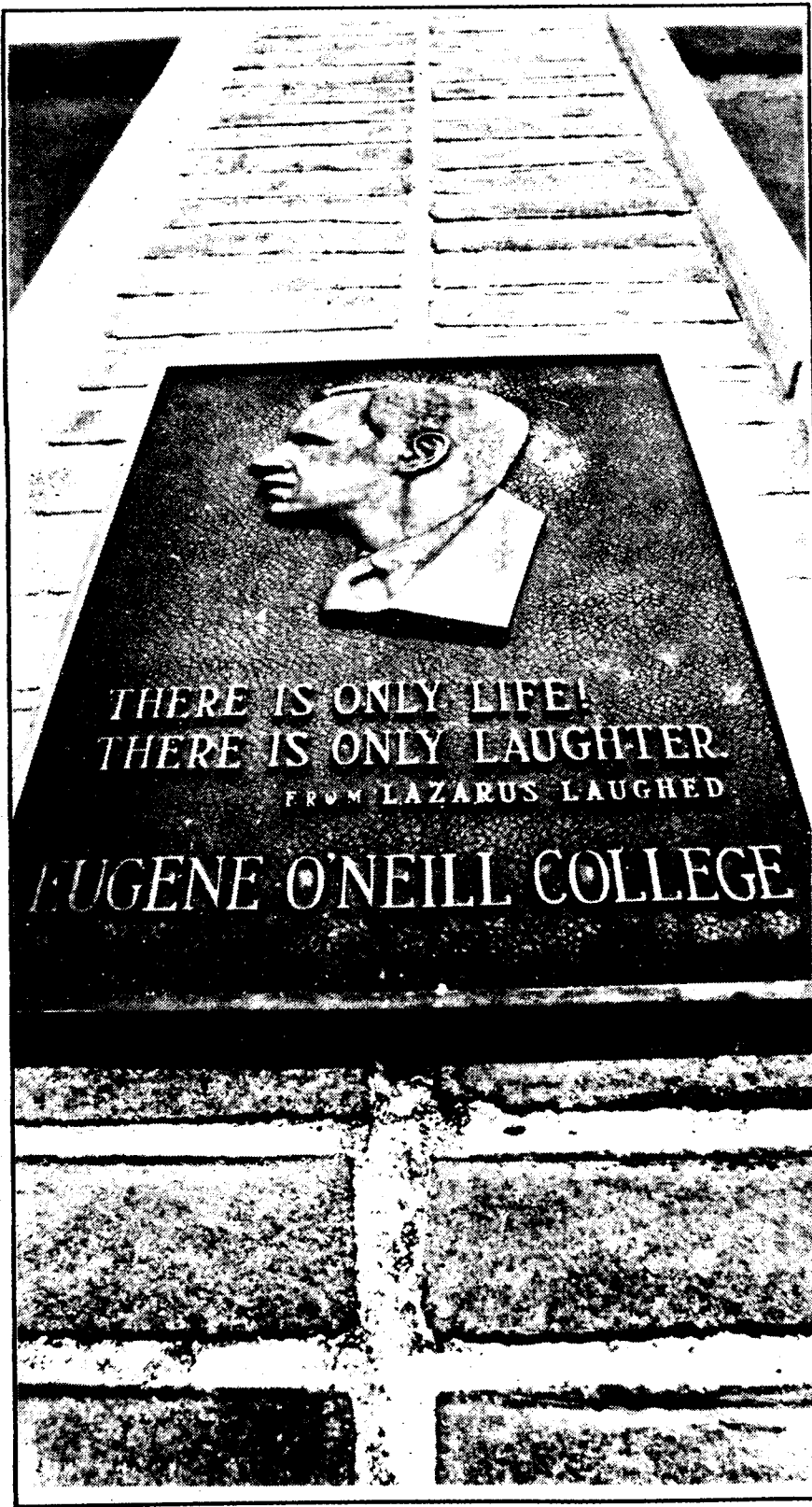
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CANCER SCARE



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Plaque on front of O'Neill College

Experts: Dorms Are Safe

*Tests on G Quad buildings
show no contamination*

By Patricia Huang
Statesman Associate Features Editor

After seven weeks of investigation, medical experts have dismissed an environmental connection between campus residence halls and 13 reported cases of cancer by former students.

Studies of O'Neill and Irving colleges conducted by Stony Brook medical experts and three separate testing laboratories have so far revealed no excessive levels of contaminants, according to Roger Grimson, a bio-statistician and epidemiologist at University hospital.

The environmental testing included air samples of each floor, water samples, ionizing and non-ionizing radiation measurements, and temperature and humidity recordings. "They did a good job,"

said Grimson. "They tested for more than 80 different chemicals and they all came back safe according to the standards of the Environmental Protection Agency and New York state."

No new cases have come forward since the original 13 cases which were reported after former students announced that they knew of several friends who all

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

Thursday, September 3, 1992

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

"Works" Exhibition Opening Reception (by The Stony Brook Union Crafts Center's members), 7:30-9:30, The Union Art Gallery; (Exhibitions through Sep. 16).

SB Union Open House With Food Specials, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Stony Snacks, Union Deli, Bleacher Club, Papa Joe's and Rainy Night House.

Student Government Open House: Meet Your Student Leaders, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Room 258 SB Union (Polity Suite).

Interfaith Center Welcome Fair, refreshments served, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Fireside Lounge, SB Union.

Hillel Graduate Students Welcome Reception, 5 p.m., Room 157, Humanities.

SB Union Art Gallery Open House, 7-9 p.m., Art Gallery, SB Union.

SAB Tokyo Joe's Dance Party, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., ballroom, SB Union.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SAB Evening of Comedy and Rock Music with Zeta Delta Phi Sorority, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., Ballroom, SB Union.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Soccer Game, Lady Patriots vs. Lehigh University, 1 p.m., Athletic Field.

Malik Sigma Psi Welcome Back Party, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Ballroom, SB Union.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Roosevelt Quad & Foreign Student Services BBQ, 5 p.m., Roosevelt Quad.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

"Brief Lives" (performed by Rod Wissler), 8 p.m., Staller Center, through Saturday.

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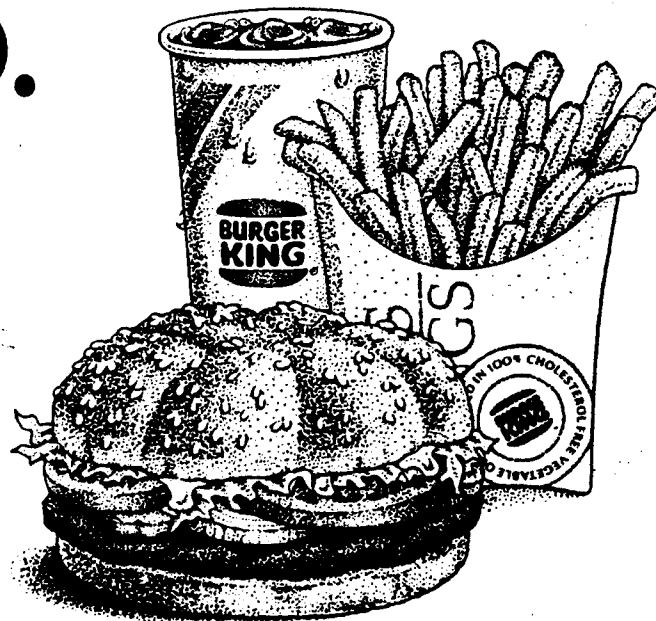
Rock & Movie Poster Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.; Bi-level, Wed.

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University unhands sign language

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

American Sign Language, a class criticized by several Stony Brook faculty during the past year, was cancelled last week from the university course list.

The class has been a source of controversy among faculty who have debated whether it should be eligible to fulfill the university's foreign language requirement. Several faculty members charge that the course lacks the challenge and cultural instruction of other courses that fill the requirement. When the course was threatened last semester, teaching assistants in the class led a petition drive supporting the class and collected more than 600 student signatures.

"It will not be on the schedule," said Ron Douglas, vice provost for undergraduate studies. Asked if the decision was based on the debate, he said, "It's an issue that has to do with funding."

Douglas noted that because of recent scrutiny, the course made several changes last year. Despite wide criticism that the course was an easy A, "... grading has been similar to other courses," Douglas said. "Several years ago it was top heavy with high grades."

Despite the changes, the university has shown reluctance to fund the course. The course's part-time instructor makes \$15,000 a year to teach the course, according to Mark Aronoff, chairman of the linguistics department, which houses the course. "Four sections for \$15,000 is



American Sign Language students sign the word "cat" during class last year.

Statesman/Chris Vacirca

cheap," he said. "When a full-time faculty member teaches a course like that, it costs a hell of a lot more." He noted, however, that the instructor makes more than other part-time instructors.

Taking the course has been a popular method of fulfilling the undergraduate foreign language requirement. A University Senate committee last year reviewed complaints by several faculty — led by Tom Kerth, chairman of the Germanic and Slavic languages department — which charged that the course was an "easy A," lacked cultural instruction and lacked literature similar to subjects like Spanish and French. The English department last year ruled that the course should not satisfy its foreign language requirement. The instructor and many students have repeatedly fought against such decisions.

"Grammatically speaking, [sign language] is similar to French and Russian ...," said Larry Forestal, the class' instructor. "ASL has signs which show different movements to indicate their own different meaning. ASL is a verbal language."

Despite his continued support for the course, Aronoff insists that critics of the course were not part of the decision. "No one particularly opposed it," Aronoff said. The linguist has repeatedly deflected criticism of the course, defending its value as a foreign language.

The course is funded on a year-to-year basis and was offered and funded by the Social and Behavioral Sciences division of the College of Arts and Sciences. But Bryce Hool, dean of the division, has said the university has been trying to move the course to the Humanities and Fine Arts division, which houses all other foreign language courses.

This has caused a game of hot-potato between the divisions. Patrick Heelan, dean of the humanities division, said last semester that he did not consider the course a priority compared with traditional classes in the division, and he warned that he would not have the money to pay for it. And he noted that the division was suffering from a half-million dollar deficit coming into this year.

"Honestly, I am very disappointed [and] I cannot understand can fund other language courses like Hindu," said Forestal, who is deaf and has taught the class for five years. "I feel that students are being deprived of their right to choose ASL as their language requirement option. It isn't fair."

"... In a sense, they discriminate against deaf people in a way. We need more people to communicate with them in the work place."

Forestal added that many of his former students work with deaf people on Long Island and New York City.

Aronoff assured that the course, which continues over two semesters, would not be offered again this year, but he expressed hope that it would return next summer.



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TRUST ME

Jayson Zellman leads Niki Ioannov during an exercise today for their Theater 110 class. The exercise is designed to demonstrate trust between the students.

Grad student teaching assistant lines cut

By Krista DeMaria
Statesman Associate News Editor

Graduate students have lost much of their financial support to the budget cut imposed on the State University at Stony Brook for the 92-93 fiscal year, according to Graduate Student Organization President Norah Martin.

Teaching assistant positions have been minimized and graduate students are concerned about their job security, said Martin.

"We don't feel secure," Martin said. "We're always looking over our shoulder."

Martin, a fourth year graduate student in the philosophy department, explained that there is only one incoming graduate student in the philosophy department. If cuts like this continue, then the doctoral program will decline, Martin said. "We feel demoralized," she said.

The Vice-Provost of Graduate Studies, Helen Cooper, agrees with Martin that the graduate students have been hit hard by the cut.

"This year the cut was severe," said Cooper. "In the end we lost about \$800,000 out of the support budget for

graduate teaching assistants."

Cooper said that originally \$1 million was cut. "We had 720 lines for graduate students during the 91-92 fiscal year," Cooper said. "We originally lost 111 lines, but 30 were restored." A teaching assistant line usually consists of instructing a class for one full year, however the time and number of class allotments vary in each department, said Cooper.

According to Cooper, the departments that have the most problems are the ones that don't have research funds to rely on. "Classes in humanities, social behavioral sciences, and fine arts have little flexibility for graduate student support," said Cooper. "The classes are larger because they have fewer teaching assistants."

Martin said she has seen the lack of support in these departments. "Humanities has no incoming supported graduate students, so philosophy students are teaching English classes," said Martin. "This hurts philosophy courses because we do not have enough teaching assistants."

Steve Corinth, a 23 year old graduate student in the philosophy department, is teaching an English class. "I'm teaching a writing program as a result of the cut," said



Statesman File Photo

GSO President Norah Martin

Corinth. "This is being done to preserve teaching assistant lines."

The cut was implemented for this year only and all funds should be restored next year, said Cooper. "We were told it was a one-year emergency measure, a one shot deal," Cooper said. "I do not expect more cuts."

The ramifications of these cuts may become serious, according to Cooper. As of now it is unknown what impact the cuts have had on the incoming student body, but Cooper said she sees it as an ongoing problem.

"The incoming students will have a continuing budget problem because if we can't support them now, how do we support them later on?" Cooper said. "This has long-term effects."

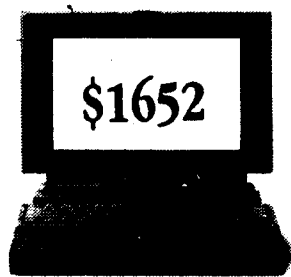
"With such a large cut, students knew before they came whether or not they would be supported," said Cooper. "But we've tried to give tuition scholarship." Some graduate students without teaching assistant positions may get some kind of tuition scholarship or waiver, explained Cooper.

Martin, however, told *Statesman* that graduate students are being treated unfairly. "The state should give us what they give all of their other workers," said Martin. "The salaries are meager."

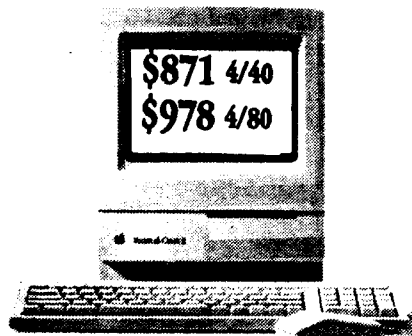
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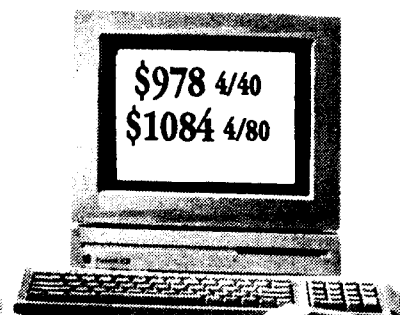
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\$40 million wing planned for hospital ⁵

By David Lee
Statesman Associate News Editor

By the turn off Nicolls Road across from the main campus looms the large, futuristic silhouette of the University Hospital. By 1996, a new ambulatory care teaching center will be added to the hospital, the first addition to the hospital since it opened in 1980.

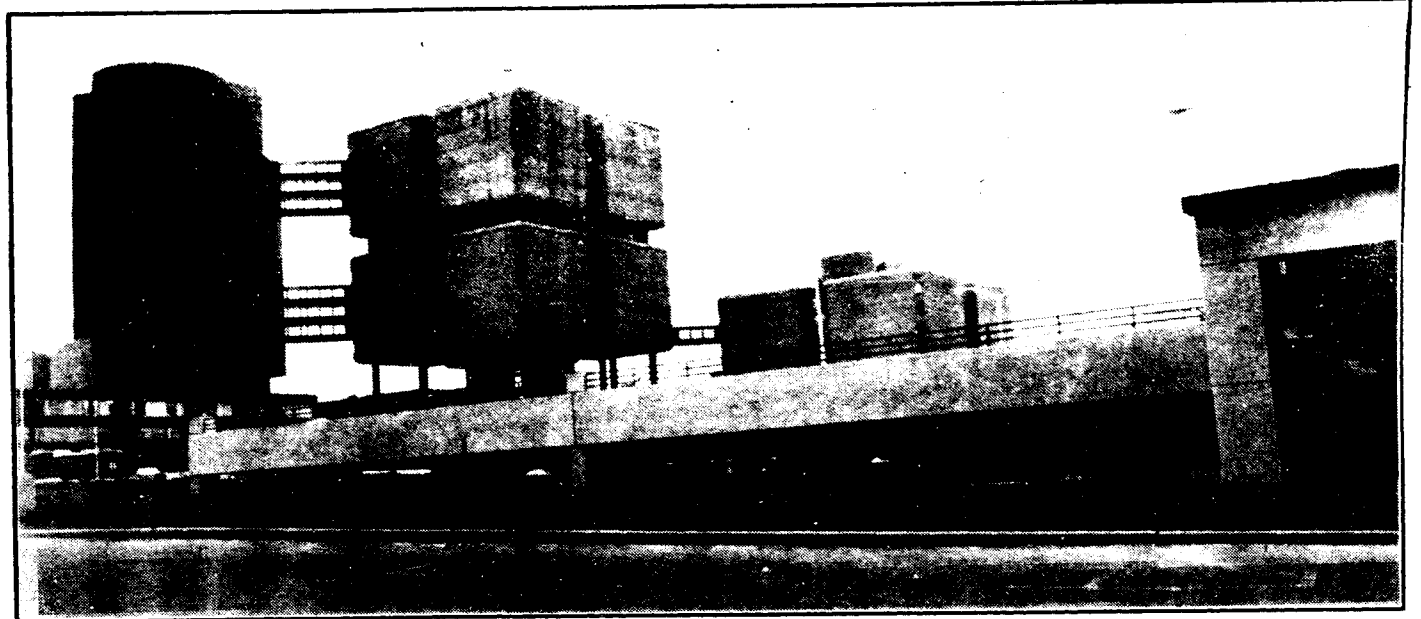
Dr. Jordan Cohen, dean of the school of medicine, said the new building will be between the North Garage of the University Hospital and connected to the north side of the hospital, he said. "The cost will be between \$30-40 million."

The money for the building project will come from tax free bonds issued by the Dormitory Authority, said Director of Planning, Jane Franz. The debt incurred from the sales will in turn be paid for by the faculty, she explained.

"No tax dollars, zero dollars and zero cents," said Cohen.

"The bonds will be paid through the Physicians Practice Plan," said Ken Goldfarb, SUNY spokesman. He explained the Physicians Practice Plan is a collection of monies that is compiled for services performed.

The 200 doctors working at the new ambulatory care teaching center will include Emergency Medical Technicians, orthopedics, dermatologists, and ophthalmologists. They will be moved from the current ambulatory care pavilion on level 5 of the University Hospital and from rental spaces off campus, said Cohen. The doctors will be there both to teach medicine



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A look at University Hospital at Stony Brook from the north, where the new wing will be.

and to treat patients, he said.

The ambulatory care center was built because of a need to provide more outpatient care services and to provide more modern medical education, said Franz.

There were doubts about the size of the ambulatory care pavilion from the beginning in 1980, said Jordan. Because of recent technological advances and dramatic changes in the medical field regarding ambulatory care, there has been an increase of the number of outpatients from the ambulatory care pavilion which necessitated a larger ambulatory care unit, said Cohen.

The number of patients have increased by 15-20 percent since last year, Cohen said. "So many schools are having a problem."

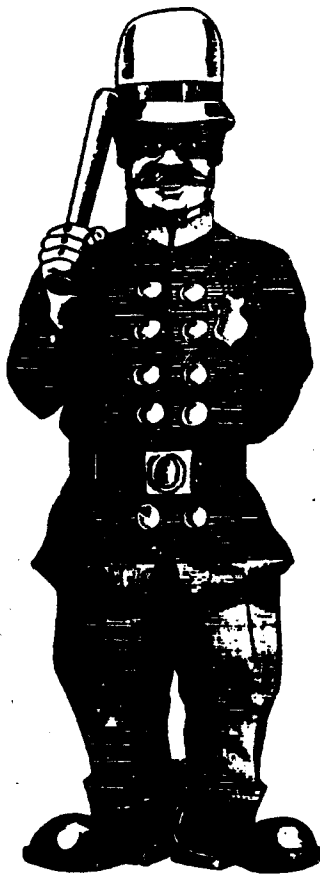
Apart from Stony Brook, SUNY at Buffalo is the only State University that has its own hospital, noted Goldfarb. While the campuses at Brooklyn and Syracuse have affiliated hospitals, only Stony Brook has an ambulatory care teaching center, he said. "It makes [the hospital at Stony Brook] unique."

Jordan told *Statesman* that the hospital is trying to teach medicine at the pace technology advances, but it must keep in

mind cost containment. The new building will prove to be cost productive because it results in the elimination of off-campus spaces rented by the hospital. This project will in actuality provide more jobs and the cost will pay for itself, he said.

According to Jordan, the current ambulatory care pavilion accommodates 170,000 outpatient visits per year. With the new ambulatory care teaching center, the number will probably rise to 250,000, he said. The number of support staff including nurses, custodial workers, etc. will also increase.

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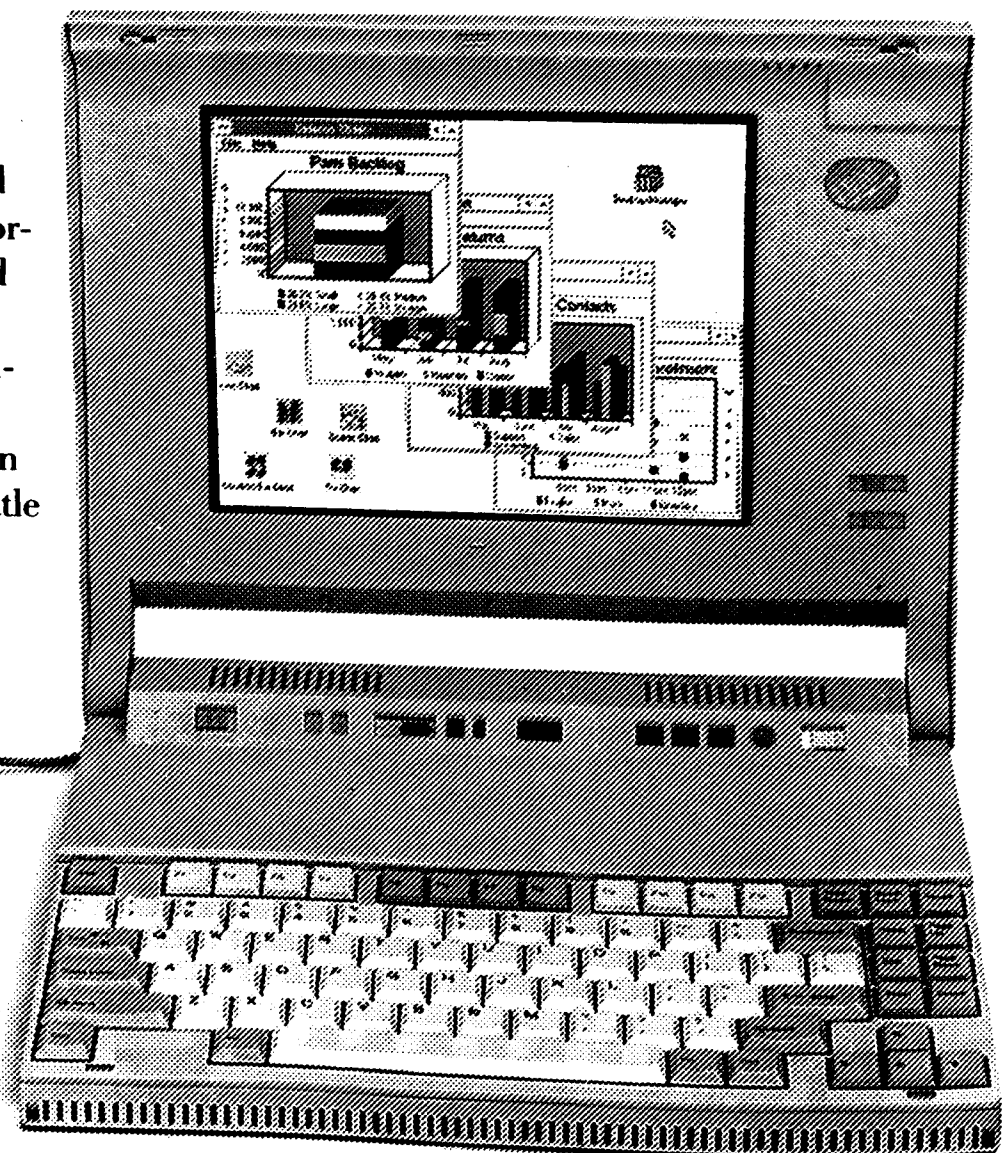
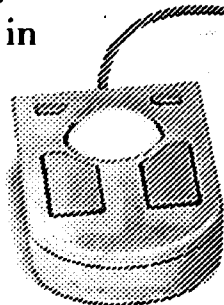
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Lu on the price of freedom

By Jana S. Katz
Statesman Features Editor

Before the silence of a Stony Brook audience last Saturday, a Tiananmen Square survivor told his story. But the 26-year-old Chinese native is not just a survivor of the demonstration. Li Lu was one of the leaders.

"We have deliberately chose democracy and individual freedom as our ideal," he said, standing alone at his podium on stage. Speaking about the pro-democracy demonstration in Tiananmen Square, Li Lu explained the frustrations felt by the nearly half a million students who were there. "We do not want to repeat the lives which our parents and grandparents have led," he said.

These were lives of oppression under the strain of communism. Li Lu's father and mother were both sent to labor camps. He also remembers death as a big part of his life. "It took me a long time to figure out why I was still alive when all of my family were dead, when half the town was dead," he said. Li Lu watched half of his town die in one of China's worst earthquakes. More than 240,000 people died. "It was said, had the government informed people in advance, there wouldn't have been so many deaths," he said. This type of horror had led Li Lu to his crusade for democracy.

His experiences led him "in search of truth." They led him to Tiananmen Square. Students from 400 universities were also there. "So, for the first time in 40 years, there we were, a whole generation who has glimpsed at the possibility of thinking independently," he said.

The peaceful demonstration lasted 23 days until its eruption on June 3. The slaughter by army troops lasted until the next day when Li Lu and two other students led the surviving 3000 demonstrators out of Tiananmen Square. "The whole world has watched us when we made our choice known, in 1989, in Tiananmen Square," he said.

The most widely used slogan in the Square, according to Li Lu was, "Give me liberty or give me death."

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"I know for sure when I was in Tiananmen Square, all of us knew that everything we did, we were making history," said Li Lu. Speaking in a thick Chinese accent, Li Lu's soft-spokenness reflected his calmness. He spoke with serenity but also sureness in the topic of his lecture, "Leadership Through Personal Commitment."

Li Lu is now a student at Columbia University and plans to study science, economics and law. "I just fear I won't have enough time [to study everything]," he told Statesman in an interview after the talk. "In 20 years, I think I'd be part of the opposition," he said. Li Lu hopes to end Communism in China and to build up a legal and economic system, he said.

As for Li Lu's hopes for the audience, he read from what he called a "wish" paper, a bunch of wishes for people, he said, "I hope you make stupid and unethical mistakes and are caught red-handed and are big enough to say the magic words, 'I was wrong.'" Li Lu also said that ideas of leaders are carried on by others. "A leader doesn't always have many followers," he said and referred to his grandfather and father's ideas that have inspired him. "I wish you could achieve some great good for mankind and have nobody notice except you."



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Li Lu speaking at the convocation last Saturday

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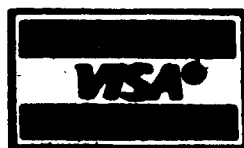
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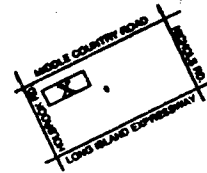
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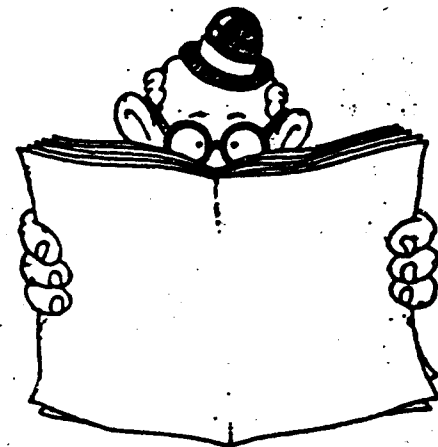
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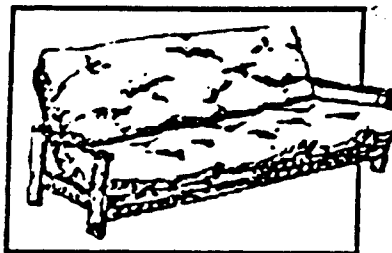
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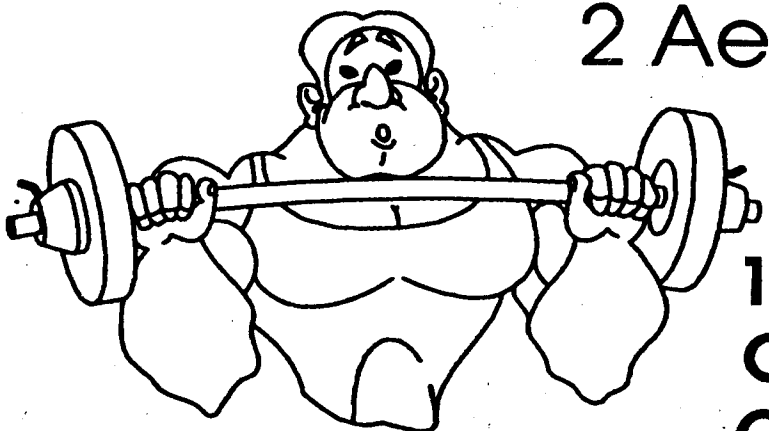
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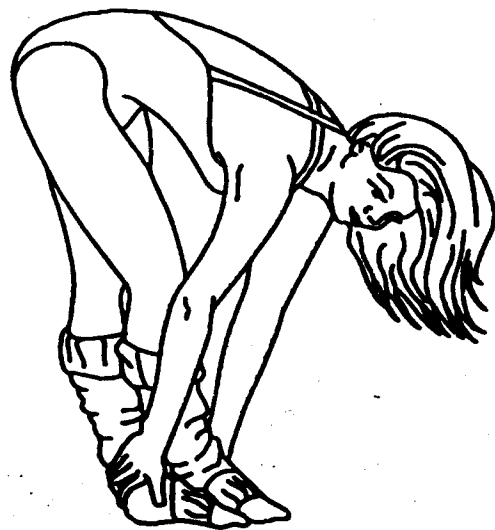
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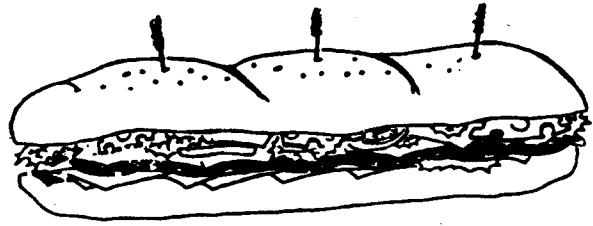
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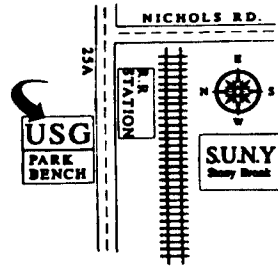
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lived in the adjoining dormitories in G-Quad that developed cancer. Grimson calls this "heightened awareness," saying that people in certain situations will tend to notice others in similar or identical situations. He adds that with such a large span of years and people involved, for some residents to develop a cancer is likely.

The slowest part of the research, which is still being conducted, is the construction of cancer rates of all former residents of G and H quads from 1981 to 1990. This involves a matching of the social security numbers of 13,000 students with names from the New York Tumor Registry. This will enable researchers to compare the different rates of

those students who had cancer.

Grimson describes the study as consisting of three components. The first being the environmental sampling, the second the compilation of New York Tumor Registry results and the third, a review of the medical records and data of the 13 former students who developed cancer.

The low number of reported cases and varied types of cancer led experts to believe that no cancer cluster or environmental connection existed. However, over \$20,000 in environmental testing was conducted to determine this, according to university spokeswoman Vicky Katz.

Some concern was expressed by parents after a letter was sent to the homes of all Irving and O'Neill residents

over the summer. As a result, two sessions were set up in O'Neill college last Saturday to answer questions and address concerns. However, there appeared to be little interest. "I expected that there would be more people calling and coming to talk but nobody showed up last Saturday," said Grimson who believes that those who reacted to the letter took action before the semester began.

The medical review will take about six months to complete. Approval from the Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects, a campus committee, is needed to ensure that the human rights of the subjects are not violated. The subjects will be sent a questionnaire and request to review medical records in order for a profile to be created.

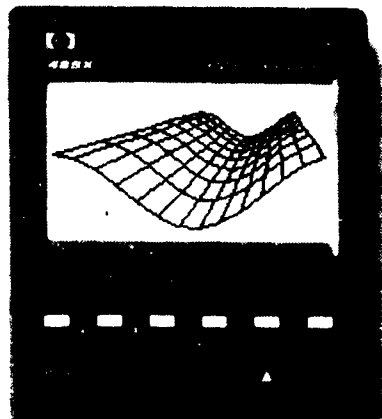
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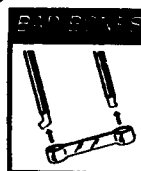
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Editorial

New Law Supports Your Right to Know

Until recently, if your roommate were accused of a campus crime, you didn't have the right to know.

The obstacle was the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, commonly called the Buckley Amendment, which provided that all student records be kept from the public. Its intent was to protect students, but its side-effect was frightening: if a student was arrested for a crime off-campus, a newspaper could print his name; if the same happened on-campus, he was anonymous.

The law has been in effect since 1974, but Washington suddenly began cracking down on universities, citing Buckley, about two years ago. And ever since, student newspapers and advocacy groups across the nation have been fighting in the courts to omit criminal records from the act.

This is one of the rare times college students can thank President George Bush. He signed

a bill July 23 — part of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act — which says, in no uncertain terms, that criminal records are not protected under Buckley. A federal court decision earlier this year failed to convince the State University of New York to treat student criminal records as public record. SUNY seemed reluctant to give out crime information despite the court's order, using a loophole as an excuse — seemingly because crime reports make campuses look like bad places. Now, SUNY has no choice.

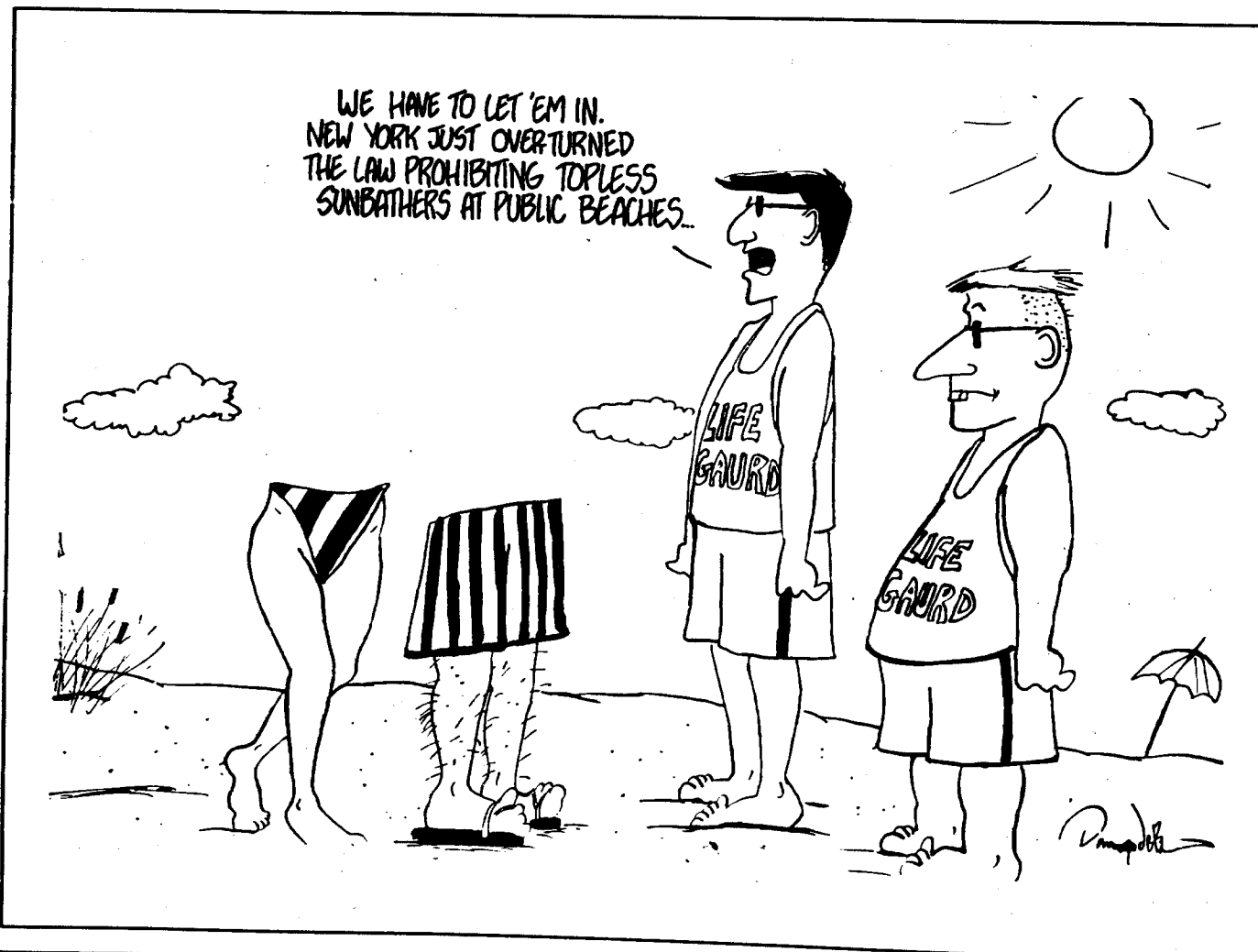
The protection of students accused of crimes contained even more problems than a possibly-dangerous roommate. It meant that if a friend were arrested on campus, you didn't have the right to know the cops were holding him. Like in a third-world country, the police were authorized by the federal government to take someone away with little accountability.

Also, the law put too much

power in the hands of campus police. Because Buckley was sporadically enforced, Stony Brook's Public Safety department, for example, would release names of accused students occasionally, but only when it served the university's interest — like last year, when students were arrested for beating up Public Safety officers. This kind of arbitrary decision-making gave campus police too much control over the campus press.

But that's all in the past. Now, college students accused of crimes will consistently be named in campus newspapers and the professional press. More importantly, law-abiding members of campus communities will have peace of mind knowing they have the right to know.

And we'll finally have peace of mind knowing we can tell you about people who may be a threat to your safety and security.



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The concept of "campus ownership" of our auxiliary service corporations brings some additional benefits to the organization and the community which it serves. Although the FSA's operations are managed under efficient and sound business practices, the mission and vision of all the corporation's ventures are strictly dedicated to maximizing customer service to the fullest extent feasible. Only a few of the corporation's business services are budgeted to generate net revenues, and all of these revenues are returned to the campus through projects, programs and grants that benefit the community.

The greatest challenge FSA has faced over the past two years has been dealing with the expense of increased payments which we make to SUNY and to the campus which have increased dramatically as the state budget cuts have become more severe. Although it is hard to put an exact figure on these increases, in categories such as rent, institutional fees and reimbursement for basic services (usually billed at an overtime rate), a conservative estimate would be that FSA's payments to SUNY and the campus have recently increased by over \$400,000 per year. We have accomplished an offset of these new expenses through increasing our business services, reducing overhead costs and increasing some of our own amount of program grants given to other university organizations, but have tried to give priority to those programs which are not otherwise funded through "mainstream" sources and which provided outreach efforts for the multi-cultural diversity of our community.

We believe that in spite of the financially mandated changes which have occurred, our efforts to always focus on customer needs have paid off. It appears, for example, that the Stony Brook student meal plan is becoming one of the best values on college campuses nation-wide, as changes continue to be made to provide students with the services they are requesting at the least possible cost. For \$850 per semester, Stony Brook students can get 19 all-you-can-eat meals per week (in three cafeterias each featuring at least four different entrees each night) and \$100 of declining balance dollars to spend at any of six campus a la carte operations that range from take-out deli to a full service, sit-down restaurant. All cafeterias feature a fresh salad bar, and Kelly, Roth and H Cafeterias have introduced "specialty" bars that feature make-your-own tacos, potatoes with toppings, pasta with sauces, etc. Also included in the on-campus variety is the Kosher Cafeteria and the new vegetarian cafeteria at Roth as well as the "open 'til midnight"

Robert Kerber, a professor of chemistry, is the president of the Faculty Student Association's board of directors.

Warren Wartell is the marketing manager and public relations administrator for the Faculty Student Association.

feature of the Fanny Brice Food Court. Foods which are currently popular, such as pizza and pasta, are available in tremendous batches to meet large "rush hour" needs but can also be purchased from scratch and fresh to order. Declining balance dollars may also be used for pizza or hero delivery from two off-campus vendors. In addition,

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It is in the basic nature of FSA's vision, however, that we will never be satisfied with the quality and delivery of our services but that we will always be working to improve and to better meet the needs of an ever changing campus. We encourage you to contact us with ideas, suggestions and comments on our services. As we are an organization that is truly by and for the campus community, your participation in the FSA's activities is always welcome. Applications for employment may

be picked up at our business office in the Stony Brook Union Building, and membership on our board of directors is derived through your representative governance organizations (the University Senate, Student Polity, the Graduate Students Association, or the Alumni Association). We hope to hear from you at some point; we wish you the very best of luck and happiness in the challenging year ahead.

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our food service vendor, ARA, is applying for franchise licenses which, if approved, will bring name brand hamburgers and tacos to the campus meal plan. And, if the 19 meal plan does not meet an individual student's needs, there are a range of other options, featuring fewer meals per week and more flexible declining balance dollars (including a full declining plan) for the same buy-in-price

Letter

USB Represents Latvia at UN

To the Editor:

After a long stretch of fundraising and bake sales and a semester's worth of research, the students of Stony Brook finally arrived at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City on Tuesday, April 14, 1992, to take part in the annual National Model United Nations (NMUN). After months of intense preparation, the time to utilize our knowledge and expertise had finally arrived.

The NMUN takes place over four days. Colleges from all over the United States, Japan, Canada, Germany, Puerto Rico and Mexico are assigned different countries, and these so-called delegations meet at the United Nations and try to pass resolutions based on the position of the country they represent. The United Nations Association at Stony Brook was asked to represent Latvia (a Baltic state neighboring Lithuania and Estonia). Since it was the first time that Stony Brook was involved in this event, the delegation comprised only nine students, one or two of whom were designated to each committee on the General Assembly.

Our head delegate was Osita Iroku, (better known as OC) a senior in the political science department. The General Assembly itself consisted of Don Jonston, Cynthia Fareed, Mark McHugh, Eduardo Cusicanqui, Anu Kaur, Argyria Kehagias, Tim Theofilaktidis, and myself. The students signed up for a class under the supervision of Professor Badr of the department of international studies. We met twice a week for an average of three hours, and diligently prepared ourselves for the debating and caucusing we were about

to encounter at the NMUN.

The first day was initiated by opening ceremonies at the General Assembly at the United Nations by the British Ambassador to the UN, and the NMUN of 1992 was officially declared open. The rest of the week was filled with high-powered negotiation and compromise on international issues addressed by different committees. This took place in the hotel's various ballrooms. Each of us had to represent our country as realistically as possible, relying on all we had learned about the United Nations, our committee topics, and about Latvia. On the final day, we all met again at the United Nations, only this time to vote on the resolutions we worked so hard on coming up with at the committee sessions. Of course, we had our share of parties and after-hours fun offered by different delegations at the hotel!

Not only did we learn the intricacies of multilateral diplomacy and meet people from all over the world, we also met important diplomats and experts from the United Nations and the Permanent Missions. I don't think any student should miss the opportunity to take part in the Model United Nations in the future and experience for themselves the challenge, excitement, and the intellectual banter. They do not want to miss this opportunity because of the most important message it conveys, that regardless of our color, race and gender, not only are we one world, we are also one people.

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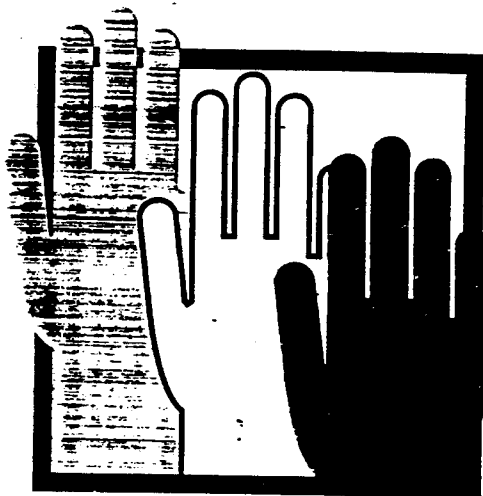
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Patriots find freedom in new conference

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Sports Editor

The 1992 season marks the Patriots first season in the newly formed Freedom Football Conference. The conference is a true northeast flavor with teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York.

For the past four years the Patriots played in the Liberty Football Conference compiling a 8-13 record over that span.

The forerunner of the Freedom Football Conference was the New England Football Conference. Two of the current eight teams in the FFC were members of the former league. They were Plymouth State and UMass-Lowell, two of the biggest powerhouses in Division III football. Last season UMass-Lowell went undefeated during the regular season winning all ten games. They qualified for the NCAA playoffs but were ousted in the first round.

The league has an interesting combination of old and new as some schools have over 100 years of football history such as Norwich. While others like Stony Brook have fielded a varsity team for just eight years prior to 1992.

The FFC is rather unique in that the divisions are not grouped by location rather the type of institution it is. There is a public school division and a private school division. Stony Brook is appropriately grouped in the public division. The other teams in that division are Plymouth St., UMass-Lowell and Western Connecticut State University.

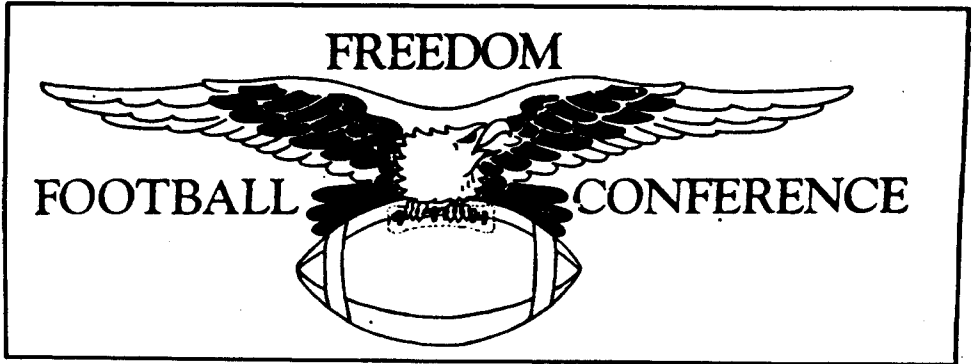
The private division is made up of three academies. Norwich University is made up of the Military College of Vermont and Vermont College. The other two academies are the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut and Kings Point which is on Long Island. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Massachusetts) is the other private school in that division.

The Patriots schedule consists of games versus all of the team in their division and two from the private division. This year the Patriots play Coast Guard and Kings Point. There is a special provision for Stony Brook and Kings Point to play every year. They same provision applies for schools which are close in proximity.

The Patriots and Kings Point have developed a rivalry having played them for four consecutive years with each squad taking two games.

The Liberty Conference will continue this season without Stony Brook and Kings Point. Pace, Iona, C.W. Post and St. John's will be joined by Wagner and Marist in a new NCAA I-AAA league.

The Freedom Conference will be one of the toughest in the nation according to many sources. "The league



figures to be one of the nation's better Division III conferences," said Lou Desloges the Head Coach at Plymouth State. Stony Brook Head Coach Sam Kornhauser agrees. "It will be very challenging to be in one of the best Division III leagues," said Kornhauser. "It also different because our kids don't know the opponents as well."

The name Freedom Football Conference was selected by the Sport Information Directors of the eight institutions. "If you think about it, Freedom Football Conference is a very fitting name for a league in this part of the country," said Plymouth State Sports Information Director Mike Moffett, the first FFC publicist, in the league's media guide. "From the pilgrims, to the Sons of Liberty, to the Underground Railroad to Freedom, right up until today, the northeast has often been at the forefront in maintaining the principles of freedom and liberty that our country stands for."



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Women's Cross Country

PREVIEW

"We could be one of the best cross country teams ever at Stony Brook."

— Head Coach
Steve Borbet

well as depth."

All NCAA regional performer, and the team's top runner from last year, Delia Hopkins, returns for her junior season. In addition to her NCAA honors, Hopkins is a two-time All CTC and PAC performer. Nicole Hafemeister, Stony Brook's number two runner from a year ago, is an All-ECAC performer as well as a two-time All CTC and PAC runner. "Delia and Nicole have personal bests of 19:47.56 and 19:38, respectively," added Borbet. "Both women should improve in the year ahead and run well under 19:30."

The team's number three runner from a year ago is Luci Rosalia who ran a best of 20:06 in 1991. "Luci was selected as our top freshman runner last year," said Borbet. "She can run with both Delia and Nicole." The team's fifth through eighth runners from a year ago will also be returning in 1992. Farah Merceron, a two-time All PAC performer has a personal best of 21:18.56. Sophomore Carey Cunningham was an All PAC runner in her freshman year with a personal best of 21:11. Vanessa Rose, also a two-time All PAC performer, has run a personal best of 21:01.1.

Other runners who missed all or part of last year's cross country season are Erin McEvoy returning from a knee injury, Jen Ianuzzi, returning from an injury and Laleña Heske who participated in the outdoor track season last year. "Erin is a very talented runner that we need to stay healthy this year," said Borbet. "She can easily run with our top three returnees when healthy."

Three cross country runners from Suffolk County have transferred to Stony Brook and are expected to have an immediate impact on the success of this year's team.



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The Patriots running in last year's Stony Brook Invitational

Kristen Dempsey, a transfer from Rhode Island, Erika Dobler, a transfer from Farmingdale, and Jeanne Ciullo, a transfer from Lehigh, will be in her first year at Stony Brook. "Kristen has two years of eligibility remaining and can run very close to 18:00," noted Borbet. "She gives our team a legitimate front runner who I expect to improve the times of all the five runners we have grouped together around the twenty minute mark. Erika and Jeanne can both run under 20:30 and I expect them to be able to score for us in meets as well. When these transfers are added to the many freshman who will be joining the team, I expect an addition of both quality and depth that will improve our unit a great deal."

Out team goals are to capture the Stony Brook and Kings Invitionals as well as the PAC Championship," concluded Borbet. "In addition, we should finish in the top five the CTC, ECAC and NCAA Regionals. If the women work hard over the summer, we could be one of the best cross country teams ever at Stony Brook."

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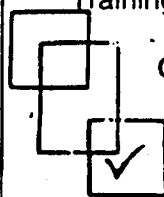
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Kornhauser has high expectations for 1992

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The inside linebackers are solid with seniors Michael Benedetto and King Wilson stuffing the middle. Sophomore Rich-

ard McConekey and transfer Craig Amarando are currently holding down the outside linebacker positions. They are helped by freshman LB William Dewitt and runningback turned LB Florville.

The secondary is once again led by senior DB Scott Schuster who led the team in interceptions last year. He will join a mix of youth and experience in sophomores James Saladino, Marc Phillips and Sean Van Slyck along with transfer Dennis Marte.

The area that most concerns the coach is the kicking. The team always puts an emphasis on special teams, however freshman punter Jeff Heck hurt his back over the summer. The kicking duties will be shared by senior Richard Black and Billy Justensen.

Scott Schuster and Leroy Sanders will return kickoffs and punts.

The first game is against Pace University whom the coach described as a good first game opponent. Stony Brook defeated Pace last year 14-10, but they are much improved. They are led by All-Conference quarterback Matt Coleman who throws and runs exceptionally well. He is complemented by a good corps of wide receivers.

For Stony Brook to win, the coach feels his team will need to take advantage of all opportunities given to them, score a lot of points and control the ball, keeping it out of Coleman's hands.

Game time is set for 1 p.m. at Patriot Field.



Statesman/Chris Vacirca

A view from below: Kicker Rich Black boots a field goal during practice, while holder Jeff Heck looks on.

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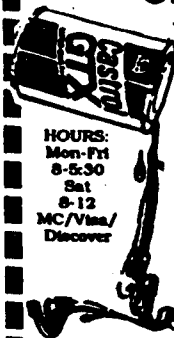
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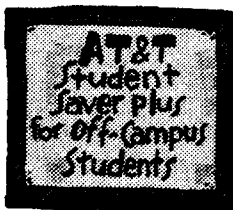
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Six Stony Brook Patriots make history

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dozen coaches over the five years. "The assistants have always been changing but we've always had Coach Ryan," said Laviola. "Ryan has been great, she always treats us with maturity and respect, just like when we were adults." She added that even when they were in their freshman season the Patriots garnered the respect of Ryan which meant a lot to the then teenagers.

All through the rough times there have always been fun times. There laughing has been medicine for the bitter defeats. "There have always been lots of laughs and fun all through the years," Peterson said.

All of the fun will be put on the side burner when the Patriots take to the field for their opener Saturday versus Lehigh, at 1 p.m. at University Field. "After this (season) that's it," Peterson said. "We definitely have the maturity to have a winning season, this is what we worked up to," Lavery said.



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Team goals come first for volleyball star

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

She may only stand at five-foot-seven-inches but she is bigger than life on the volleyball court. She is one of the most dominating players in Division III. But Stasia Nikas speaks first of team goals and second of personal goals.

The senior had her most outstanding season last year leading the team in kills on her way to being named a second team All-American. Even though her personal goal is to make the first team of national stars, the Stony Brook team comes first and foremost. "Before I become a First Team All-American, I want to make the Final Four," Nikas said. For the past two seasons Nikas and her teammates have reached the regional finals and been stopped short of the Final Four by one game each year.

Volleyball

Team goals are first and foremost according to Nikas. "When you're serving you want to set personal goals such as zero errors," said the outside hitter. "But to cover the blocker is a team goal."

Nikas said that the Patriots have a team strong enough to reach their goal, but the Patriots' fate is in their own hands, in their mentality. "It's mental now, not physical," said Nikas. "We have team meetings and talk about what goes into the matches. We have a team motto of 'It's a team thing.'" She added that when they are together they are able to share their thought and open up to become more of a team.

"We have to focus on focusing ourselves," said Nikas. "The playing part is awesome, we're all solid no question."

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The Patriots season gets its long awaited start next Wednesday at Molloy, a strong Division II school. Then the Patriots travel to St. Louis for their five-match tournament at Washington University. The competition features five schools who made it to the final 16 teams in the Division Championship. "It's not going to be easy but we've grown together as a team and going to go at them," Nikas said.

In looking forward to the remainder of the season

Nikas said she doesn't want to, "cross any bridge that hasn't come yet," but the Patriots tough matches will come against Juniata, who they have never beaten, and Rochester Institute of Technology. Nikas added that Hunter is always a great match even though the Patriots have won seven of the eight last games.

Nikas said that Head Coach Teri Tiso has the magic to put the team in top shape at the end of the season. "Coach makes us shine just in time for states and nationals."

Women hope to string together a post-season invitation

By Jason Yellin
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Second-year Head Coach Paul Dudzick is looking forward to a repeat performance of the 1991 tennis season in which the Patriots recorded an 8-1 record. With that mark in 1992 Dudzick believes that the Patriots could qualify for the NYSWCAA Championships in Syracuse.

Women's Tennis

"Our goal is to play well enough to get invited and play in that tournament," said Dudzick.

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"We have a very strong team and should be right up there right through the lineup."

The Patriots are still in the process of tryouts for the 1992 team. Only eight or nine Patriots will be on the final roster. Of those players six will play singles. There will also be three doubles teams.

Tanya Woelfe will be returning as the number one singles player this season. "She is the dominant player of the group," Dudzick said.

Two other players who were strong holds last season will be back and striving for top spots on the team. Perri Greenblatt compiled a 14-2 mark last season and worked her way up to second singles. She looks even better than last year according to Dudzick.

Eileen Hoy, who spent last season as both the second and third player in singles has been terrific according to the coach.

The team has been playing challenge matches to determine the roster and several players have impressed Dudzick with their play. Michele Korniewicz, a freshman from Staten Island is a real competitor. "She should really challenge for a top spot," Dudzick said. Another player who has had a strong showing so far is Alica Rugge, a graduate of North Salem High School.

The Patriots schedule has increased in difficulty this season. The Patriots have matches with two tennis power-



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One of the tennis players warming up last season

houses scheduled. "SUNY-Albany and New Paltz will be challenging," Dudzick said.

The Patriots pre-season schedule opens with a scrimmage against Hofstra next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The Patriots regular season opens on Monday Sept. 14 at Hunter. Their first home match follows against New York University on Saturday Sept. 19 at 12 p.m.

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Cross of new and old sets Pats in motion

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The 1992 University at Stony Brook men's cross country team is returning only three varsity letter winners from a year ago but with the addition of many talented transfers, the Patriots are expecting to have one of their finest seasons in recent years.

Returning letter winners from a year ago are sophomores Jason Clark, with a personal best of 27:27 for five miles, John Pikramenos, with a best of 27:12.66, and Neal Levy, whose personal best is 28:59.64. "All three of these runners have improved tremendously over the past year," said head coach Steve Borbet. "Both Jason and John are ready to run under twenty seven minutes, and Neal could run as much as a minute faster than his five mile personal best."

Also returning from last year are Mike Brecher and John Grossfeld, as well as high school 800 meter county champion Dan Tupaj, who missed virtually all of last year's cross country season with injuries. "Dan was an All County performer in high school who could be a factor if he runs in the mid 27:30's," noted Borbet.

"Transfers will bolster this team from an average team to a very good one," said Borbet. "We are adding five transfers, all of whom I expect will contribute and score for us in all of our meets." Pat Riegger, a junior college All-American from Suffolk CC has a five mile best of 25:50. "Pat ran

15:37 (5K) and 32:50 (10K) after transferring to Stony Brook in January," noted Borbet. "Pat is a real leader both on and of the track who should become one of Stony Brook all-time best harriers."

Another top notch cross country runner is Ken Graham, who transferred to Stony Brook from Iona. He has a five mile best of 27:40 over a tough Van Cortlandt Park course, was an All State runner in high school, and is expected to run under twenty seven minutes this year. Jim Dolny joins the Patriots from Albany where he was the number five runner for the sixth place team at the NCAA Championships. He has run 26:50 for five miles and was also an All State runner in high school. Also on the list of talented transfers are Victor Rugg, a transfer from

Men's Cross Country PREVIEW



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Action from last year's meet at Sunken Meadow

James Madison, who was the Suffolk county 1600 meter champion in high school and is expected to run under twenty seven minutes, and Eric Keiser, a transfer from Pennsylvania, who should improve on his best of 28:05.

Leading a talented group of freshmen into Stony Brook are All Suffolk County performers Rory Manning (Sachem), Chris Graham (Bayport), Scott Scheffer (Longwood), and Mike Rose (Bayport). "In addition to our quality transfers, we have added a strong freshman class as well," added Borbet. "These four runners in addition to freshman Yariv Pomeranz, Deepak Chopra, and Lester DeLeon give our 1992 squad both talent and depth."

"With a group of six runners capable of running under twenty seven, and six or seven others who could run under 28:20, we have the potential to run with some of the top Division III schools in the Northeast," concluded Borbet. "We have the potential to win the Stony Brook and King's Invitationals, and the PAC Championships. We can also place in the top three at the CTC, ECAC and NCAA Regional meets. Exactly how good we will be this season depends on the work we have done over the summer, and if we can run as a team this fall."

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— Head Coach Steve Borbet

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Patriots seek success on the gridiron

By Craig Blenman
Statesman Staff Writer

"I'm really excited about the upcoming season," says Head Coach Sam Kornhauser.

The 1992 season sees the Stony Brook Patriot Football team playing in a different conference from last year, the Freedom Football Conference. Last year, an unprecedented three teams from the league entered the playoffs.

Football

Kornhausre has ties to one of the schools in the Freedom Conference. He used to coach at Norwich University in Vermont.

The Patriots finished last season on a high note, winning their last three games. That success is fresh in the minds of the returning players, helping to raise their self-confidence. They then will enter the new season looking to pick up again where they left off last year.

The three game winning streak carried over into the summer, when the team defeated the older Amsterdam Crusaders in Holland. The final score was not as important as the players personal development. The coach feels that the players not only became closer friends with each other, but with the coaching staff as well. This was a rare opportunity not usually afforded to him on the practice field.

The new year should be interesting with the addition of a large number of freshmen and transfers who are doing well in summer camp and fighting for starting positions.

Freshman running back Chris Delmadge stood out most notably in last Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage; however, the coach will bring him along slowly behind senior runningback Billy Justesen.

The coach has the good fortune of depth at various positions. Junior quarterback Kevin Walsh, whom the coach described as being much more mature and improved physically, (He reportedly lost 15 pounds) is back to lead the offense. he has an outstanding wide-receiver corps to pass to, as well a sophomore tight ends Brian Wilson and Brent Spineo.

The offense will mainly consist of the same plays as last year, diversified by many changes in the offensive formations. The team's depth at the receivers, running backs and tight ends will allow them to shift new players in and out and confuse their opponent's defense. Also, new



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Kornhauser directs his troops during Monday's practice.

formations such as the "run and shoot" and double tight end sets, along with a new blocking system similar to the NFL Cincinnati Bengals and New York Jets should give

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Photo by Bob O'Rourke

Pats from top left: Jennifer Cavallaro, Debbie Egger, Denise Laviola, Chris Foley, Chris Cleary, Lana Peterson and Heather Lavery.

Six kickers make their mark

By Jason Yellin
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They are the first. The first six in university history to play four years of Division I athletics at Stony Brook. This half dozen women soccer players will make history when the 1992 season is completed, but right now they are focused on this season.

Seniors Jennifer Cavallaro, Chris Foley, Debbie Egger, Heather Lavery, Denise Laviola, Lana Peterson, are survivors.

Women's Soccer

"When we came to the Division I program four years ago there were 22 freshman, but now there are just us six," said Laviola. "We have gone through a lot of changes and accomplished a lot along the way," added Egger.

The one thing that the four years of work show is dedication and determination. "Now we play like it is second nature," said Peterson. "We don't worry about getting along." In 1988 practices were more psychological but today they are more technical, concentrating on the game at hand and not their teammates and coaches, according to the group.

The Patriots players have many memories of that first

season but the one that sticks out in their minds were "hill repeats." The players said they would run for miles when they were freshman up and down hills. "We ran three miles every day before practice," said Lavery. "But today we see how much that work means to increase our fitness level."

In games the Patriots reminisced about the early blowouts in their history. They lost big to Boston University, 9-1 and Rutgers, 7-0. "It's always been all blood sweat and tears," said Egger. "But it's hard to lose when your busting your butt and then to talk about your record."

The Patriots have also had their share of heartbreaks, losing games in overtime or shootouts. "Most of the losses were one goal games or lost in overtime," said Foley, who was in goal for many of the defeats. "We seemed to be playing 120 minutes instead of 90 minutes."

In practice the players are seeing things today that they never thought would happen years ago. "We've worked up to what we have done," said Foley. The players all agree that they have come a long way and have greater comprehension of the task at hand.

As for the coaches, the half dozen have seen a half

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