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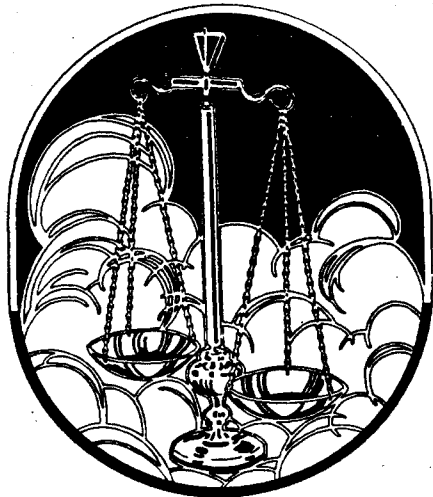
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Activities Fee: *Mandatory or Voluntary?*



Students' referendum to decide fate of mandatory fee

By Jana Katz
 Statesman Features Editor

A referendum calling for the end of the \$146 student activity fee on a mandatory basis, could cut Polity funding to over 140 student organizations, this Wednesday.

The activity fee is voted on by referendum every four years and administered by the SUNY Board of Trustees. If the referendum fails, the mandatory student activity fee will become a voluntary payment and Polity will lose the bulk of its annual \$1.4 million.

"[If the referendum is not passed] campus life will be gone — eliminated," said Polity President David Greene.

"I've been encouraging students to vote against it," said former Commuter Student Association President Richard Cole. "At Stony Brook, it is too high."

"Many people don't have the money to pay for

such a fee," said Commuter Senator Keith McLaren. It should be a choice, he said. "This way students would give money because they would pay it to the [specific] organization they want."

But supporters of a voluntary fee question what is done with the money. The vote on the referendum is determined less by the student activity fee and more by

what Polity is doing, said Senator Ary Rosenbaum. "They've been doing a lousy job the past three to four years."

Polity's books aren't open enough to the public and it is difficult to find out where the money really goes, said Cole. "I've asked David on several occasions to show me Polity's books, but he still hasn't."

The money goes to student clubs that would otherwise not be funded, said Greene. "We get \$1.3 million just from collecting the activity fee," he said. "I don't think there is any place where we could get that money from." Currently Faculty Student Association (FSA) used to give \$50,000 a year for programs but now only offers \$10,000 to \$15,000, said Greene. "They only fund traditional events," Greene said. "Like, Roth Quad Regatta."

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

A Sports Open House, sponsored by the Suffolk Seagulls of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, at Kings Park High School Gymnasium, 7:30 p. m. For more information call Dawn Cookler at 543-4500, ext. 253.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Lecture: "Imag(in)ing Virginia Woolf," Featuring Brenda Silver of Dartmouth College, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Part of USB's Interdisciplinary Feminist Studies Colloquium Series. Room E4340, Library. For more information call 632-7765 or 632-7690.

The Alternative Cinema at Stony Brook Presents "Tangos: The Exile of Gardel" at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at the Stony Brook Union Auditorium. Admission is \$2. For more information call 632-6136.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Polity Elections, Undergraduate students vote for student government treasurer,

freshman representative, Stony Brook Council and referendums on the mandatory student activity fee and funding for the New York Public Interest Research Group. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Javits Lecture Center for commuters, and residential dorms for campus residents.

Open Microphone Poetry Reading with Stony Brook graduate Bill Capozzi at the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library, 120 Main Street in Setauket, 7:30 p.m. All readers are welcome. For more information call 941-4080.

Wind Ensemble Concert at Staller Center, will include works by Rossini, Bach, Chance, and Holst, conducted by Bill Link. 8 p.m. For more information call 632-7330.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

USB's Student Research Support Program, "Fifth annual Long Island High School Science Competition Workshop." Sponsored by the Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology Education. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. For information call 632-7075.

Statesman On the Air, a weekly news-magazine radio show written, produced, and hosted by the staff of Statesman. Live with listener call-ins at 5 p. m. on WUSB-FM, 90.1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

"The Nerd," a comedy sponsored by the North Fork Community Theatre. The shows will be held on Oct. 31, and Nov. 1, 5, 6, 7. For information on show times and tickets call (516) 298-4583.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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Meet the Polity Candidates

By Vincent Grasso
Statesman Staff Writer

Freshman Representative

Barton J. Rivera, a member of the Earth Action Board and also the Philippine-American League, said he wants to encourage environmental awareness on campus through his influence as Polity freshman representative.

Rivera, was involved with his high school newspaper. Breaking down cultural barriers by using his own cultural awareness is one of his goals, he said.

Another way he plans to promote cultural awareness is getting students who have not yet mastered English to interact with other students with the same ethnic background who have mastered the language. "I believe people are different and that doesn't mean we have to be afraid of those differences," said Rivera. "But maybe we can try and understand those differences to make a better future for freshman."

Also, Rivera said he wants to promote better relationships between commuters and residents. "They have a strained relationship," he said. Although Stony Brook should be a mixture of both groups, the commuters and residents on campus are two separate groups, he said.

Rich Ries said that while Polity focuses on cultural diversity, it is not doing enough. "As much as they're reaching out, they must embrace and unite as well," said Reis. "There is lots to improve."

Ries' background includes managing a foodstuff store and teaching Karate. Currently he is involved in his building

legislature, the Japanese Club and the Fencing Club.

Ries said there were several issues the freshman representative should address. One issue he wants to tackle in Polity is environmentalism. He stresses the need for recycling bins on campus. "I am absolutely adamant about consciousness for the environment," he said.

The administration's inefficiency is another issue he says he feels strongly about. "Red tape bugs me," he said. He said that little things such as getting meal cards and hooking up TVs were made difficult because of red tape.

"I would like to make a difference like no freshman representative ever made. I have an open mind and an open heart," Ries said. "I am open to anyone else's ideas yet still take the initiative."

James Coffey, a College Republican, and commuter senator, said that not enough students know about the government on campus.

"I'd like to bring back the government to the students," Coffey, said. A very limited number of students are involved, but that is changing due to the Polity Pride Series, a campus-wide project to get students more involved with activities on campus, he said.

Coffey was a member of every extracurricular club at high school, he says. "Experience is what counts," he said.

"I think that it's important for student's to look closely at the candidates and what they have to offer to them," said Coffey. "I would like to see candidates elected based on their qualifications."

Nelson Tajong, a Polity senator, said the biggest problem facing freshmen is the fact that they don't act as a collective group. The freshman class must speak in a "united voice," he says. Freshman socials or freshman cookouts could be possible solutions he cited.

Tajong, is a member of the African Students Union, sings in the Stony Brook Choir and plays intramural football. He said that his experience for this position is derived from his role as Benedict College senator. "I know which doors to knock on," he said.

Freshmen don't get much consideration from Polity,

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On the Ballot . . .

The fall student government election ballot is brief. Most Student Polity Association positions are elected during the spring elections, but the treasurer and freshman representative are elected in the fall contest, which will be held on campus Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Residents vote in their residence halls, commuters vote in Javits Lecture Center.

Treasurer: The chief financial officer of the the \$1.4 million undergraduate student government, the treasurer oversees the budget for student activities run by Polity. He or she signs all government checks and submits a suggested annual budget every fall. Com-

muter Senator Corey Williams, who was appointed acting treasurer last week after former senator Fred Baptiste resigned, is running unopposed.

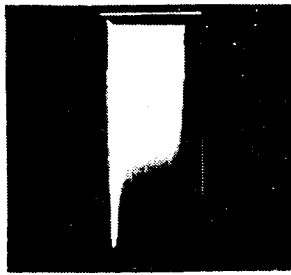
Freshman Representative: The freshman representative is the last officer to be elected to the corporation's highest body, the Polity Council. Five new students are running for the position.

Stony Brook Council: This group, made up of community members appointed by the governor, administrators and faculty of the university, also has one representative appointed by Stony Brook students. The seat is alternated each year by the graduate and

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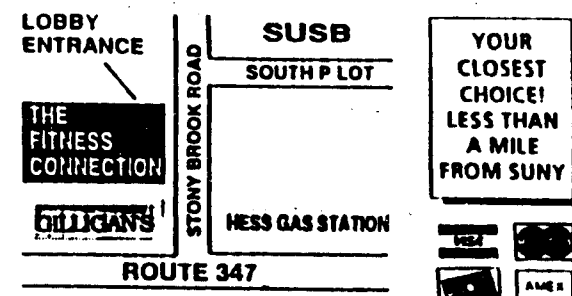
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\$146 activities fee up for referendum

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The little amount of publicity the referendum has gotten, seems like just another political move by Polity, said Rosenbaum. Commuter students maybe get \$3 to \$4 out of the whole fee, he said.

The students activity fee should be on a voluntary basis, said Cole. "Commuters don't get the same benefits that residents get."

Rosenbaum said "[Polity is] trying to sneak [the referendum] in and they'll get the vote that they want." He explained that the voting statistics will imply 75 percent of students wanted the activity fee, so it passed. "Wrong," said Rosenbaum. "Seventy-five percent of the ten percent of the people who bothered to vote will decide the vote."

Another point given by supporters of a voluntary fee is that they want to expand student groups to more of the students. "Eighty percent of students aren't involved in clubs," Cole said. "These groups can exist without the fee by charging for membership." Groups funded by the activity fee receive money regardless of what they do to earn it, said Cole. "There are no guidelines as to what they do with it," he said. But, if the groups charged dues, they would have to work for membership, and bring in

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— Richard Cole
Former President, CSA

new members.

But many Polity funded organizations might no longer exist said Greene. "If it's made voluntary, then my opinion is that no one is going to pay."

Bonfire burns toxic waste

By Chris Vacirca
Statesman Photo Editor

In a potential safety hazard, Environmental Health and Safety burned waste at the Homecoming bonfire Friday night.

Environmental Health and Safety later on admitted they were wrong in burning a sofa and a love seat. Several hundreds of people looked-on while the burning sofa and love seat released harmful gases into the atmosphere.

"[The people overseeing the bonfire] screwed up," said Leo DeBobes, assistant director for environmental health and safety. "They were wrong entirely."

"It is not okay to incinerate trash, only wood," he said. "The people involved certainly should have known better."

"This badge says I know what I am doing," said Officer Greg Perricone of Environmental Health and Safety, when he lit the sofa and love seat as part of the firewood in the bonfire.

The traditional bonfire is normally made from waste lumber such as pallets, which are used to transport materials using a forklift, but the sofa and the love seat were next to the waste lumber and they were added to the pile waiting to be burned.

The sofa's tag said: the fabric was made of a 50/50 percent blend of polyester and acrylic, the padding was foam, and the backing of the sofa was made of fiberglass. Depending on the type of foam, large amounts of padding from sofas give off harmful fumes when burned.

"The concentration would not be enough to harm anyone," said DeBobes. "There would be no environmental impact unless this [burning] were done on a regular basis."

The officer, who was aware of the sofa and love seat in the pile, poured several gallons of gasoline on the pile then and lit the pile on fire. As a result, a thick, dense cloud of black smoke rose from the lumber pile into the air. "[The cloud] is just going to go up and go away," said Perricone.

Marburger expressed his support of the officer's action. "[Perricone] is the guy who knows," he said. "I guess it's the concentration that counts."

"What is really needed to be made clear to people is that pollutants don't go away, they add up," Polity President David Green said. "I am an environmentalist and this is evident that we need more on environmental policies and education."

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POLITY ELECTIONS

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he said. "I understand the problems freshman have to face because I had to face them too," said Tajong. "Whether they are the food, or anything else."

Bettina Lee, a freshman representative candidate, did not return repeated requests for an interview.

Stony Brook Council

Polity Senator **Michael Lyons**, a candidate for Polity president last year, said, "I feel that I can use the experiences I was lucky enough to have here as a guide to affecting positive change for Stony Brook students."

I'm not going to sit on the council just to lend a student's insight into the Board of Trustees' decisions. But rather will actively pursue and demand the positive change that the students want and need."

Lyons is a Polity senator, member of the Programs and Services Council and on the Student Union Advisory Board. Some of his past experience includes serving as an executive board member on the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council and treasurer of his fraternity.

Treasurer

Corey Williams, who is running unopposed for treasurer, is currently a commuter senator and sergent-at-arms of Polity. Williams was a resident student until this fall semester, was a resident assistant last year and is a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

Williams could not be reached for comment.



Rick Ries



James Coffey



Corey Williams



Michael Lyons

Barton Riveria, Bettina Lee and Nelson Tajong could not be reached for photos.

... Ballot

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undergraduate students; this year, undergraduates choose. The council makes large policy decisions for the university and advises the university president and the state on university matters. Polity Senator Michael Lyons is running unopposed for the seat.

Mandatory Student Activity Fee: State law mandates that student governments ask their student bodies every four years whether their student activity fees should be mandatory. The \$146 fee funds Polity's \$1.4 million annual budget, which supports more than 140 campus clubs and organizations, including cultural and special interest groups, several newspapers and a campus radio station. If students reject the mandatory fee, paying the fee would be voluntary, predictably making the student government's budget smaller and eliminating many programs it sponsors.

Funding for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG): The student advocacy group currently receives \$6 per student every year, part of the student activity fee. The ballot on Wednesday will ask students whether to renew NYPIRG's \$54,000 annual budget for another four years.

- David Joachim

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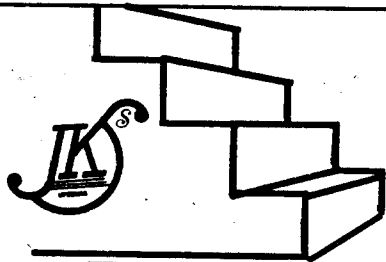
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Editorial

Vote Yes to Keep Activities

Stony Brook students will get a chance Wednesday to do something that many Americans wish they could do: take apart their government.

The chance comes in the form of a referendum that asks whether student taxes levied by the state to fund the student government should be mandatory. The now-mandatory fee pays for more than 140 student clubs and organizations, part of the undergraduate student government's \$1.4 million annual budget.

You would think a chance to disassemble an unpopular student government would have been the topic of discussion before the week of the election. But Polity, in an attempt to stifle growing support for a voluntary fee, did not announce it would be on the ballot until last week, leaving little time

for debate. It was not careless; it was a plan to coax the electorate into accepting the status quo.

Don't fall for it. *Statesman*, which receives about 5 percent of its budget through the student fee, wants to see the mandatory fee passed, but not through ignorance. Opponents of the mandatory fee have some good points that are worth exploring before casting a ballot.

Opponents say that commuters and residents do not get equal use from the fee. Commuters, they correctly point out, make up half the Stony Brook student population, but are not given the proportion of the Polity budget they deserve.

Opponents also point out that cultural and special interest groups on campus — which are intended to unite and educate the community about their cultures and interests

— have been slowly moving toward exclusion rather than inclusion. Many groups have increasingly made it difficult for anyone outside their ethnicities or ideologies from participating and events are geared only toward their groups. Some clubs, for example, don't widely publicize events and meetings, and some meetings are even run in the clubs' native languages, leaving out many students who want to learn about foreign cultures.

But the answer to these problems is not abandoning the fee — which would essentially cripple the student government — but changing the ailing system that favors residents and encourages the exclusionary policies.

With reservations, *Statesman* endorses a yes vote for the mandatory student activity fee for another four years.

NYPIRG deserves to survive

In the basement of the Union, shoved into a corner is an office shared by several organizations. Behind the sign cluttered windows is the central office of the New York Public Interest Research Group Inc., but will still be there next week.

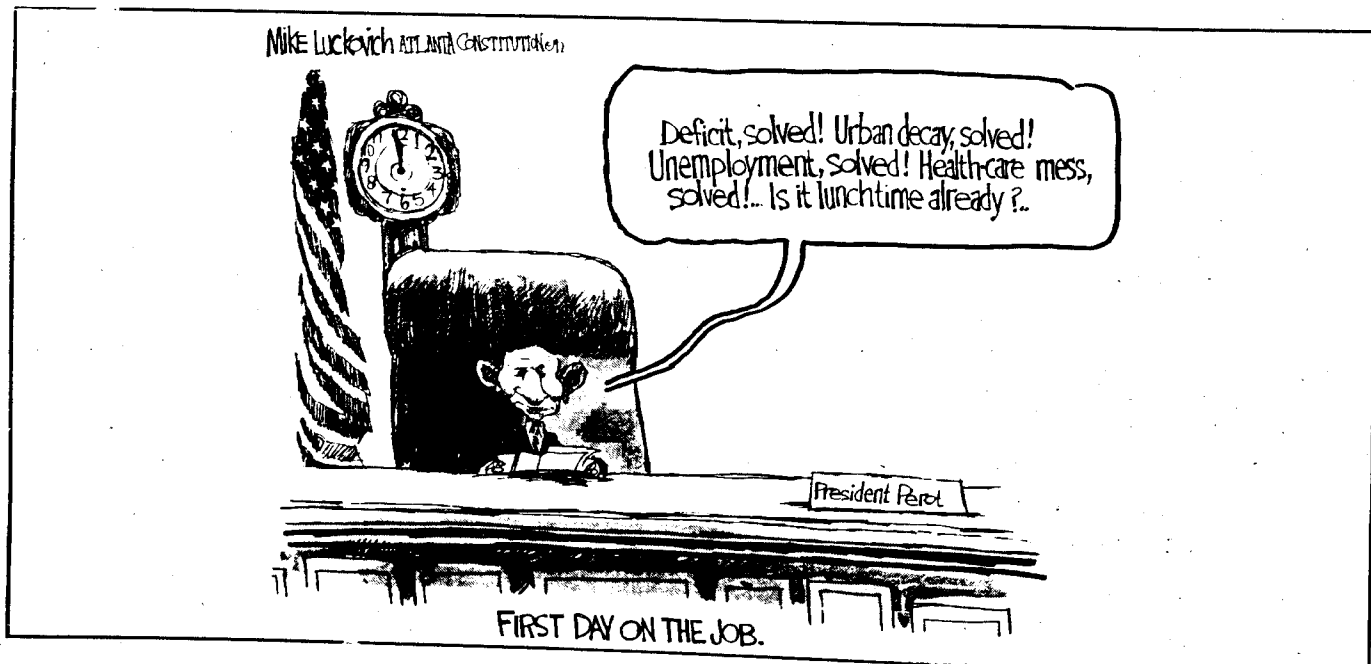
NYPIRG will put itself on the block when it places the \$3 referendum on the ballot this Wednesday. The referendum is

taken every three years and provides for most of NYPIRG's funding. Although NYPIRG does solicit donations, most of its budget is financed by the referendum.

The \$3 is a small price to pay for the services NYPIRG has provided for this campus and for the state as a whole. NYPIRG has provided a voter guide where the state Senate and Assembly

candidates give their responses to pertinent issues, it attempts to pass legislation in favor of the college student body and for the benefit of the whole community.

NYPIRG has proven its worth many times in the past and we would like to see it do so in the future; therefore, *Statesman* endorses the approval of this referendum.



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Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, October 26, 1992

Homecoming concert blast bombs out

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Sports Editor

Deafening music, poor attendance and lack of publicity were just three of the problems that made the 1992 Homecoming concert a complete bust.

Four groups, all of whom are on the borderline between backlot bands and superstardom performed at the old gym Saturday. The four groups also featured a wide diversity of music and brought in listeners of different backgrounds. The Soup Dragons, an English pop band were the featured performers, followed by Black Sheep, a rap group on the verge of a platinum album. Two other bands, James and Tom Tom Club rounded out the quartet.

Black Sheep came out and performed first before the dreary audience. Dres, the lead singer, attempted to get the crowd riled up with the traditional rap bellows of, "Everybody so ho!" and "When we say yeah, Say yeah!" They responded only half-heartedly. "The crowd was small, but the crowd up in the front was happening," said Dres, with a smirk on

his face. They sang their popular songs "The Choice is Yours" and "Strobelight Honey." "These groups really draw different types of people," said student Jeremy Rossen. "I wonder why they put one concert with all four of them."

Black Sheep was accommodating as they came out into the lobby and signed autographs for fans while answering questions. "Black Sheep was the best of the four," said fan Alvin Haworth. "They came out and talked to us but none of the other groups did."

The group James came next. That followed the first of three 20 minute breaks between the different acts. James used lights and technotronic techniques to change the look of the stage. A snowflake design was shown in lights on the stage in a rainbow of colors. At first glance the stage lights were entertaining but quickly lost their sparkle as the same design was shown over and over again.

Next up came the Tom Tom Club, in what was the low point of the night. The group fronted by three females seemed to put everybody to sleep as everyone quickly found their seats during the Tom Tom Club performance. That even prompted the trio to tell the crowd, "You

"You know, if you want to get up and dance you can."

—Tom Tom Club

know, if you want to get up and dance you can." The crowd reaction demonstrated the entire mood for the evening. "The amount of people on their feet during the Tom Tom Club could be counted on your fingers," said freshman Alex Bard.

Soup Dragons, the featured act, came out last and used video screens behind them to enhance their performance. They performed most of the songs from their debut album, *Howired*. Many of the fans in attendance came out on the rainy night to see the Soup Dragons. "I stayed around and endured to the end just to see Soup Dragons," said Joe Menendez, an avid fan.

Overall the concert was a complete flop and the fans voiced their disappointment with the show. "It seemed as though there was one security guard for every fan in the seats," said Janie Sicarelli, a sophomore. "It was the worst concert I have been to and I've been to a lot of concerts at a lot of colleges."

These sentiments were felt by many of the fans as they left quickly at the conclusion of the concert. The concert's unsuccessful showing and lack of enthusiasm on the students' part combined with the cancellation of the Billy Connelly comedy show set for Friday night made up for an overall Homecoming failure.

Momma, I Hear Voices echoes in Staller

By Aaron Swartz
Statesman Staff Writer

In Staller Center's Theater III, one woman performs on stage alone. But in her mind ten different women exist, and they emerge to tell the audience their personal thoughts on abortion.

The woman on stage is Valerie Clayman, and her one woman performance piece is *Momma, I Hear Voices*. She wrote it. She produced it. And in about 40 minutes she presented it, showing all sides of the abortion issue.

Above her, wire hangers ominously hung, reminding the audience of their harmful role. On her right, a wooden cross hung silently, and behind her is a painting of a naked woman standing firmly with her legs apart and her arms reaching upward. Through her stance she seemed to be proclaiming her strength of womanhood, and the control she has over her own body.

One of her roles is a woman who, almost humorously, remarks that she is only having a growth of cells removed before it gets too big, a woman who has had one before and can attest to the fact that, "it feels like they're ripping the inside out of you."

And another who, while holding a cross, cries out, "Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not kill. Is that what I'm doing?"

Nowhere in the piece is the audience bombarded with pro-life or pro-choice statements. However, it is evident that the underlying theme is pro-choice, only



Valerie Clayman takes a powerful stance in her performance of *Momma, I Hear Voices*



Valerie Clayman, puts on makeup in her one-woman performance at Staller Center.

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CAMPUS VOICES

By Rebecca Phielan

Question of the Week:

What was the best part of Homecoming?



"Moonlight basketball in Kelly Quad"

Chad Sherman, 21
Class: Senior
Major: History

"The extra hour of sleep."

Caroline Alexander, 18
Freshman
Biochemistry



"Losing my voice at the Black Sheep concert."

Branden Kelly, 18
Freshman
Undecided



"Larry Gallo's lamp."

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A one-woman show

By Aaron Swartz
Statesman Staff Writer

Valerie Clayman isn't screaming pro-choice in anyone's face, nor is she waving pro-choice signs in the air.

These are not her outlets of expression. Instead she chooses theater to voice her feelings about abortion.

As a senior in the Department of Theater Arts, several years ago Clayman began writing an abortion related play, but found herself setting it aside. However, in December of last year she had a renewed interest and started working again on a new script for a one-woman performance piece, *Momma, I Hear Voices*.

Clayman found that there was a lot of preliminary information to gather before pen could come to paper. "I read and did a lot of research on abortion, especially the history of illegal abortion in the late 60's, before Roe vs. Wade," she says. Once the information was gathered she started the script and realized the enormity of it.

She was working completely alone.

"I had to do everything myself, such as the marketing and the press releases. It was very stressful," she says. "So much of myself was invested in this piece. It's a lot scarier than working through someone else's words."

Clayman's advisor, Debbie Mayo, a professor in the Department of Theater Arts, was thrilled with the piece. "I was very pleased. She was able to launch such a controversial piece so successfully. It was wonderful how she was able to put herself in many women's shoes," she says. Mayo explains that Clayman did it all on her own. "I basically was only an enthusiastic receptacle. She would leave copies of her script for me to read and I would give her feedback," she says.

Clayman explains that difficulty also arose from being both actor and playwright. She had to concentrate on both improving her performance as the actor and

continuously rework the script as the writer.

Finally, Clayman decided to recruit a director, one role she could not play. "It was hard to stay disciplined with no one to answer to. This is why it was good to have Dennis. He helped show me things in the script I didn't know were there," she says. Dennis Trainor Jr., Clayman's director, is also a senior. This was his first time as a director, and he found it to be a great opportunity. "Val was great to work with. She needed to be pushed towards the end, and I was there to help her and act as a sounding board," he says.

Momma, I Hear Voices, is a compilation of ten different female characters and their personal experiences and feelings regarding abortion. Clayman's goal was not to say pro-choice or pro-life, because, according to Clayman, what may be right for one person may not be right for another. "I wanted to make people see abortion in a different light, not just as an issue. Everyone argues right and wrong. I'm trying to explain that abortion is not just an issue, it's about individual experiences," she says.

In the piece Clayman builds on those experiences showing that every woman has different thoughts on abortion. Some women are in denial, some try to act like it's nothing out of the ordinary and some think that it is plain wrong in following their moral and religious beliefs.

"If two women who had an abortion sat in the same room, their experiences wouldn't have been the same," Clayman says.

Through her hard work, Clayman brought the play to reality. "Abortion is something I really feel passionately about, and willing to put myself on the line for, which is always scary," she says. "It is possible that people will walk out but I don't take it personally. It proves that they're thinking." But Clayman's performed in Staller Center this past Wednesday through Sunday and no one walked out.

Ten sides of abortion in performance

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Clayman chooses not to shout it in anyone's face.

Clayman's performance was truthful and real. It is apparent that she is feeling the anger and pain of many real women when she jumps on the table and angrily screams about the women in the clinic who condescendingly tells her that all this could have been prevented if she had just used a condom. At no moment does she seem like an actress playing a role; she was the role.

The piece ends with Clayman laying on her back in an abortion position. As she lay there, the sounds of vacuuming noises are combined with a baby's cries and a man's laughter. This odd combination of sounds could send a chill up anyone's spine, and it did.

Momma, I Hear Voices is a serious piece that forces the audience to confront abortion. The performance wouldn't let anyone brush it off with the idea that they don't agree with a pro-choice piece. It touches every side of abortion and reaches out to every audience member. *Momma, I Hear Voices* took the audience on the abortion issue ride with no getting off until the end.

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We, the undersigned faculty members, hereby register our support for the chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group at SUNY Stony Brook.

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Letter

Student Activity Fee is Beneficial to Students

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to encourage all students to vote to keep the student activity fee MANDATORY. There are many reasons why students should vote to KEEP this fee MANDATORY but I will only discuss the very important ones. I know this might seem strange to many students because the President of the student government is usually fighting against fees. However, I assure you that this is one fee that ALL students truly benefit from.

Before I get deep into the discussion I would like to ask the student readers of this paper WOULD THEY PAY THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE IF IT WAS VOLUNTARY? I think it is safe to assume that very few students, if any, would pay the student activity fee if it was voluntary.

This is the only fee that students control. Every dollar of this activity fee is used to benefit the students on this campus. Unlike university fees, students decide how to spend this money. If students want a new program or club on campus they come to Polity and if the program or club does not exist or does not duplicate the purpose of some other program or club it is funded through this fee. Also, every year students come together to decide how this money gets allocated.

Secondly, without this fee there will be little to no activities on campus for students. Even before the recession SUNY did not allocate money for student activities. What are our chances of getting SUNY to allocate money for students activities now? Without

this fee the campus would be dead. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THIS CAMPUS WOULD BE LIKE IF THERE WERE NO ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS? When brainstorming for ideas on how to promote the MANDATORY student activity fee I thought about informing all of our students about a week of no activities on campus and then asking Intramurals, Leges, COCA, SAB, Cultural and Special Interests, Academic clubs, etc. not to plan any activities for one week. Of course, this would have been very drastic so I discarded this idea without discussing it with anyone, but could you imagine having no activities on campus for one whole week.

Thirdly, this fee enables many students to do better in their studies and gain needed exposure in their areas of interests. For example, SAINTS (Scholastic Achievement Incentives for Non-Traditional Students) is an organization that exists to aid students in academic achievement by fund-raising for scholarship. This organization also maintains a test bank. A few times a year, SAINTS sets up mock examination sessions to better prepare students for the MCAT, GREs, etc. Also, the executive area of Polity will be offering a tutorial service to our students this year. This is just to demonstrate that activities are not only social they are also academic related.

Fourthly, the activity fee provides opportunities in several different areas for work experience. The New York Public Interest Research Group offers internship programs that a student can receive credit for. In addition, BlackWorld, which is also funded through the mandatory student activity fee offers students credit toward graduation. WUSB 90.1, the campus-based radio station, offers students very valuable experience in radio broadcasting. Also, SASU, the New

York State student advocacy group, offers students internship credits for working in Albany and affecting policies that affect students on this campus as well as across the state. These credits also count toward graduation. So students get valuable work experience and credits toward their degrees.

Further, for many students this fee provides opportunities for exploration. One might learn things about his or herself that they didn't know before attending an activity sponsored by one of approximately 150 organizations that are supported by this fee. I know 10 students who had strong desires to sing in a chorale and after attending a concert sponsored by the Gospel Choir joined the choir and have been there ever since. There are several good things to know about the Gospel Choir: 1) it is made possible by the mandatory activity fee 2) you can get three credits that count toward graduation for being in this choir 3) this choir has been in concert at several different schools 4) you need not have sung elsewhere to be a member.

Lastly, all concerts, comedians, Post-Leg events, movies, etc. that most students are used to attending on campus are made possible through the activity fee. The concert during Homecoming featuring The Tom Tom Club, Black Sheep, Soup Dragons and The James was also made possible because of the activity fee. Students would not be able to enjoy these things on campus if the activity fee didn't exist and wasn't mandatory.

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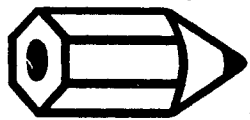
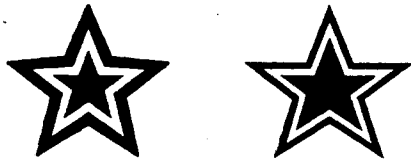
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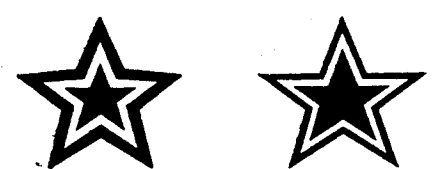
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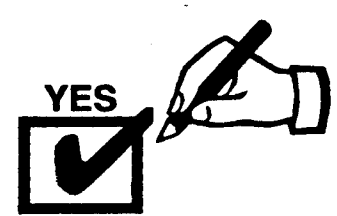
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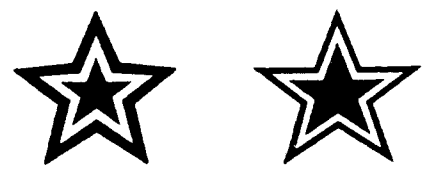
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Returnees lead Pats charge

ROMP from back page

Miki Callahan was the offensive star for Stony Brook in her first start of the season. She scored on a cross from senior Jennifer Cavallaro at 9:03. Miki Callahan also scored at 12:55 on a pass from senior Debbie Egger and again at 20:15 for the natural hat trick and a 3-0 Patriots lead. "It feels really good to be back," said Miki Callahan, who was playing in just her fourth game since returning from a leg injury. "This was my first start in four games and I made the most of it."

Head Coach Sue Ryan glad was to have Miki Callahan and several other teammates back on offense and contributing to the win. "Our biggest infusion came from the injured players," said Ryan. "To have Miki (Callahan), Jen (Cavallaro) and Annya (Callahan) back really gives us depth and we are such a different team with depth."

Stony Brook's onslaught continued just before the close of the half as senior Denise Laviola netted a Heather Lavery pass for the 4-0 lead. Less than two minutes later at 41:28 sophomore Rebecca Aig scored the first of her two goals on the day. The Patriots carried a whopping 5-0 lead into the half. They had registered their most goals of a game in one half, all at the expense of St. Peter's keeper Chrissy Steirch.

Ryan discussed with her team during halftime and after the game the combination of keys to the romp. "It is a different feeling when you recognize that you are a better team," said Ryan. "The whole complexion of the game and team changes. Players go out there and do things they would never do in a close game, they get real comfortable." Miki Callahan voiced the same sentiments. "Obviously we can do what we need when we get opportunities," said Miki Callahan.

In the second half the scoring parade continued Egger scored on an unassisted shot from 18 yards out midway through the half to bring the score to 6-0. Aig registered her second tally of the day on a pass from Cavallaro at 28:42 for the closing score.

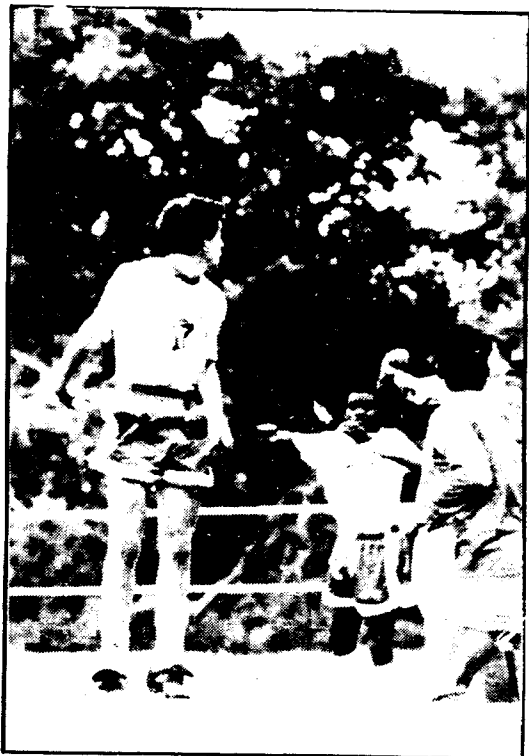
"To have Miki, Jen and Annya back really gives us depth and we are such a different team with depth."

— Head Coach Sue Ryan

On the day seven different Patriots added to their seasonal point total, which is also far in a way a Patriot record for the 1992 season. "Everybody is real happy after a game like this," said Ryan. "Players can say I contributed with a goal or an assist everybody helped."

Ryan said that this type of win can propel the Patriots into bigger and better things for the final three games of the 1992 season. "This can spark us for the next three games," said Ryan. "It really helps to have this sweet taste in your mouth from victory."

The Patriots play their final road contest of the season on Wednesday. They travel to Villanova to re-match the Wildcats at 7 p.m. Earlier this year at the Patriots home tournament the Patriots tied the Wildcats 0-0 in the championship of the event.



BINGO!

The men's soccer team lost a tough 1-0 contest to ranked Binghamton (12-3) on Saturday. The Patriots gave up the only goal at 11:05.

Keeper Corey DeRosa registered seven saves. The Patriots record is now 6-8-2. They play William Paterson on Wednesday at 3:30.

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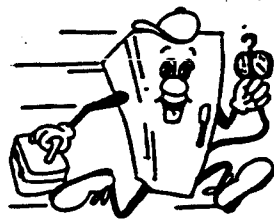
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18 Mariners sink Patriots at Homecoming

By Craig Blenman
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Patriots continued their downward spiral during Saturday's Homecoming game in losing to United States Merchant Marine Academy, 28-7.

After beginning the season undefeated winning their first four games, the Patriots (4-3) lost two consecutive road games and one in front of a record setting home crowd of over 2900 fans.

The game began as a defensive showcase because of the ineptness of both teams' offenses. After a scoreless first quarter, the Mariners (5-1) began to put together many successful offensive series, while Stony Brook's offense remained... well inept. The Mariners used their All-American candidate Wes Stearns as the major force on the ground attack. Senior Stearns galloped for 133 yards of offense. Drew Beers, was also an intricate part of the rushing game. The junior gained 62 yards and scored the Mariners final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Mariners opened the scoring the second quarter. Senior Craig Perciavalle, who completed 14 of 18 passes on the day, hooked up with Scott Volkert from eight yards away at the 2:40 mark of quarter number two. Seven minutes later the Mariners scored on another pass play. This time from Perciavalle to sophomore all-purpose player Kevin Feighery for six yards. Feighery also caught the Mariners third score in the third quarter from 25 yards out.

The Patriot receivers struggled to get on track. Which was evident from sophomore quarterback Timm Schroeder's statistics, he only connected on 14 passes with 32 attempts, and failed to display his usual mobility. He was sacked twice and intercepted twice.

The rushing game produced a net of 26 yards for the game. The offense as a whole, although they played hard, showed no intensity.

The loss could also be attributed to a number of non-calls by the officials. One in particular was an intentional

Football

Kings Point: 28

Patriots: 7



Statesman/Chris Vacirca

The look on quarterback Timm Schroeder's face says it all as he listens to Head Coach Sam Kornhauser.

grounding call that was not called on the Kings Point quarterback. Although obvious to everyone else in attendance, there was no call leading to one of four Mariner touchdowns.

Stony Brook head coach Sam Kornhauser was obviously disappointed with the loss. "We played hard but lost to a very good team."

Outstanding contributors were sophomore wide receiver Leroy Saunders who caught five passes for 72 yards and senior Orazio Bucolo who had eight for 79. Running back junior Lenny Catalano scored the only touchdown on a six yard run.

The defense had several standouts, who racked up a high number of tackles. This resulted from the fact that the Mariners snapped 78 plays from center, compared to the Patriots 50. Junior linebacker Richard McConekey, wearing injured defender Mike Benedetto's number 90, piled up 17 tackles, three of them for a loss of yardage. King Wilson, a senior linebacker, totalled 11 wrap-ups for the Patriots.

The Patriots face Freedom Football Conference foe Western Connecticut, away, on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 1:30 p.m. Their next home game is against conference opponent Plymouth St. on Nov. 7.

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Exhibition helps Pats gear up for 1992-93

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

The Patriots hockey team is focused on victory again for the 1992-93 season. "We'll pick it up (the trophy) and hopefully win it again," said Mike Stillwagon. Coming off of a strong post-season showing in 1991-92 the Patriots season gets underway this weekend. Last Saturday they played an exhibition game with Seton Hall. The Patriots showed some flare and fire power in the contest but lost 7-5 at the Hidden Pond Ice Rink in Hauppauge.

Hockey

Seton Hall:	7
Patriots:	5

Brian Johnson scored the opening goal at 1:05 into the first period with an assist from Geoff Hulse and Eric Wuss. Seton Hall retaliated with two goals in the next 11 minutes.

The game came back within two minutes with two scores to take the lead. Lou Megna and Ray Buckman assisted newcomer Phil Molnar with his shot on net to make it two all. Adrian Jackson soon put the Patriots ahead again, 3-2, with his goal assisted by Mike Stillwagon and Steven Yarborough.

The second period is where the action and the penalties on both sides picked up. The Patriots scored seven minutes into the second period as Hulse scored his second marker of the night. The goal culminated an excellent series for the Patriots in which Hulse took a pass from Johnson to net the goal. The period ended with the score tied at four all.

In the third period did themselves in by taking many costly penalties and the Pirates outscored the Patriots 3-1 in the period for a 7-5 final score. Brian Karp scored a consolation goal for the Patriots with just 31 second to make the score more respectable. Hulse earned his third point on the night with an assist.

The Pats looked good overall according to several players. They are playing a

more skilled and a more physical game. "This was our first real come together," said Karp. "It was experimental, and overall it was good." Other players also replied to the game by saying that it was a practice and they were just seeing how everyone worked together in a game atmosphere before they hit the real thing.

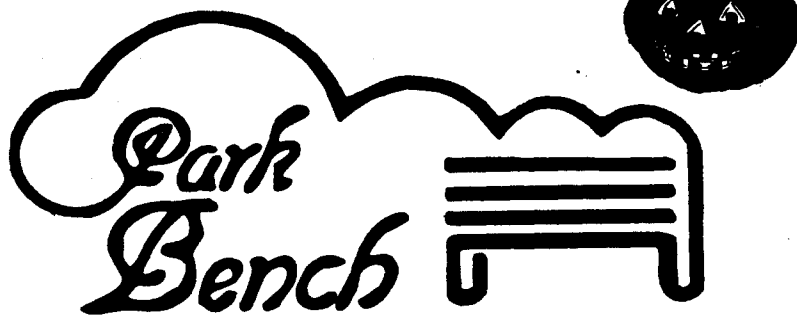
Feisty defenseman Stillwagon explained problems that the Stony Brook defense. "Billy Mauer missing [this game] hurt us," said Stillwagon. "There was confusion with substituting in different lines. It was sloppy but it wasn't too bad."

The players, as well as the coaches, have been working harder to prepare for their season which begins this Saturday, Oct 31. The game time is 7:15 p.m. on their new home ice in Hauppauge which is seven miles from campus, only 10 minutes away. To encourage fans to root for the Pats on a holiday as the team take on their opponents, the team is sponsoring a "Best Costume" contest. Between the second and third periods, the best costume will be decided on and the winner will receive \$100.

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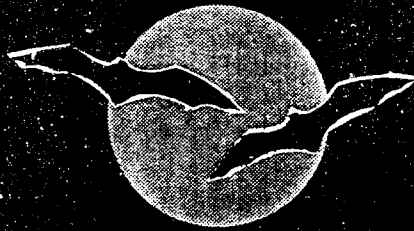
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V-ball spooks foes in Halloween tourney

By Marco Aventajado
Assistant Statesman Sports Editor

It was a change of pace for the Patriot volleyball team as they played in the Elizabethtown Halloween Tournament. All the matches were two out of three sets for the first time this season. Being a tournament comprised of ten teams from five different states, it would have taken them to Halloween night if the games were played three out of five sets.

Volleyball

In the end Stony Brook won the tournament championship by beating Bates College (ME) in three sets 14-16, 15-11, 15-8. "The first set was sort of our wake-up call," said freshman Maura Gormley. The game featured a big comeback by the Patriots in the second game when they trailed 10-1 in the second set. "We had a lot of slow starts and a lot of comebacks," said sophomore Tina Salak, characterizing the whole tournament. Senior outside hitter Stasia Nikas and sophomore middle blocker Janna Kuhner were named to the All-Tournament team. "We were struggling in the beginning but working with each other and playing our own game made us win it," said junior Denise Rehor.

The tournament featured a "grudge match" to the Patriots when they played SUNY-Cortland in the semifinals. The Patriots played the Red Dragons in the semi-

finals of the tournament last year when Stony Brook got beaten in four sets 12-15, 15-13, 15-8, 16-14. "It [last year's game] was really motivating for us when we played Cortland," said junior Kristin Smith. The Patriots won this time around in straight sets 15-9, and 15-13. This game also featured a comeback for Stony Brook when they were down 9-2 at one point of the game.

In the fifth round pool play of the tournament, Stony Brook played Gettysburg College (PA), Eastern Connecticut University, and Waynesburg College (PA). "We were shaky in the first day but we pulled together to win," said Kuhner depicting the Patriots play in the tournament. The Patriots played the Bullets of Gettysburg on the first day of competition and won in three sets 15-17, 16-14, 15-5. "We were sort of the comeback kids, they [Gettysburg] were really tricky," said Gormley. Nikas had 24 kills and eight digs for the Patriot team.

The team faced Waynesburg and swept them 15-1, and 15-5. Rehor had 18 assists in the game for Stony Brook. They played Eastern Connecticut last but also beat them in straight set 15-12, and 15-7. Stony Brook has won the previous two games, all in straight sets.

The Patriots have the Stony Brook Classic on Saturday, Oct. 31, as their next assignment. Western Connecticut and Upsala (NJ) are expected to play in the mini-tournament. Both teams played the tournament last year and both lost to Stony Brook. The Patriots won over the

Elizabethtown Halloween Tournament

Pool A Play			
Patriots d. Gettysburg	15-17	16-14	15-5
Patriots d. Waynesburg	15-1	15-5	
Patriots d. ECSU	15-12	15-7	
Semifinal			
Patriots d. Cortland	15-9	15-13	
Championship			
Patriots d. Bates	15-11	14-16	15-8
All Tournament Team			
Stasia Nikas		Janna Kuhner	

Colonials of Western Connecticut in straight sets 15-5, 15-8, and 15-6. Stony Brook also played the Vikings of Upsala College and beat them in four sets 11-15, 15-7, 15-6, and 15-3. "After last year, we've heard that they [Upsala] had become better and we don't know what to expect," Smith said.

Patriots roll a lucky seven in romp

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Sports Editor

After a season of tough losses and key injuries the Patriots women put together a very sweet treat for themselves and their parents by routing St. Peter's College 7-0 on Parent's Day, yesterday. The stats for the game showed the Patriots dominance. Along with outscoring the Peahens 7-0 they outshot them 44 to 7. "This type of win can really boost our ego," said sophomore forward Miki Callahan. "We deserve this for all the hard work we have done and all that we have taken."

Women's Soccer

Patriots: 7
St. Peter's: 0

For a change, from the usual this season the Patriots had an easy time of defeating an opponent. The win was just their third and raised their record to 3-10-4.



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Sophomore Miki Callahan scoring her second of three goals in the Patriots blowout over St. Peter's

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