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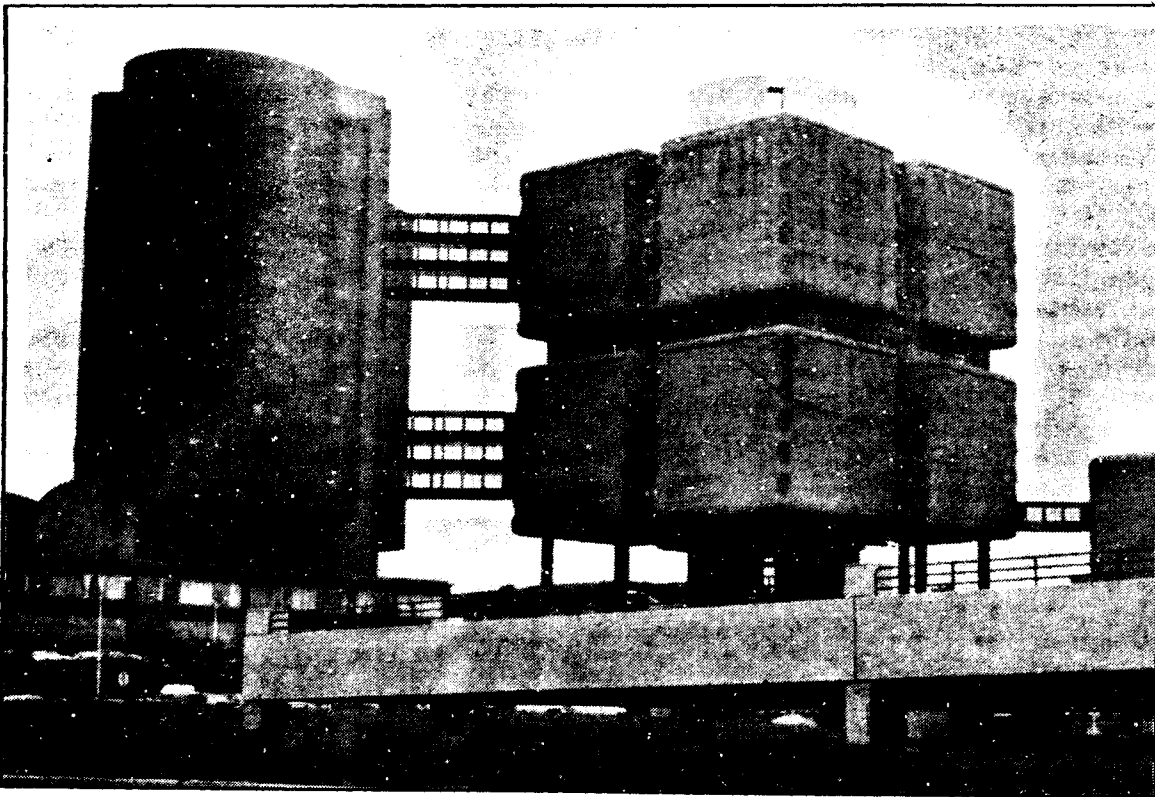
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Sexual Abuse



University Hospital, the scene of Tepper's misconduct.

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University Doctor Indicted in Misconduct Charges

By Krista A. DeMaria
 Statesman Staff Writer

A doctor doing his medical residency, specialized training, at University Hospital has been indicted by a Suffolk County grand jury charging him with official misconduct and third degree sex abuse.

According to the district attorney's office, Dr. Patrick Tepper, 33, of Queens, was indicted for sexually abusing a 32-year-old female patient while doing an admitting exam on or about July 1, 1992.

"Right now the case is moving through the system," said Drew Biondo, spokesperson for the district attorney's office. "Tepper faces a maximum of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine if convicted of the two misdemeanors."

The crime of official misconduct was committed during the course of the defendant's official functions as a public servant, committing an act with intent to obtain a benefit which constituted as an unauthorized exercise of his official functions, according to the district attorney's

office. The charge of sexual abuse in the third degree was committed because the defendant subjected to sexual contact without the victim's consent.

Doug Little, spokesman for University public safety, said that campus police was not involved.

The office of public relations at university hospital made a public statement in regards to the indictment. "About four months ago a physician in training was accused by a patient of inappropriately touching her during an admitting exam. [The woman had been scheduled for back surgery.] The deputy chairmen of the Department of Surgery immediately investigated the allegations and the resident was removed from patient care duties pending psychiatric evaluation and the comple-

tion of the chairmen's own investigation. The resident was permanently reassigned from patient care."

"The matter is in the courts and it would be inappropriate to comment any further," said Michael Gold, Director of Public Relations at the University Hospital.

Tepper, a native of Chile, and his Hauppauge attorney, Raymond Perini, could not be reached for comment.

At Tepper's arraignment on Wednesday November 4, he surrendered his passport to Suffolk County Court Judge Morton Weissman in lieu of bail, according to the district attorney's office.

Biondo told Statesman that he is unsure of whether or not Tepper will practice medicine again. "It's up to the medical board if he practices medicine again, it is hard to say," said Biondo. "We would be interested in hearing from any other patients of his though."

Biondo explained that because the charges involved sexual offense, that the information released remained in the confines of the public statement with no elaboration. There has been no trial date set yet.

POLITY BRIEFS

MPB to define minority criteria; SCOOP restructured

By David Lee and Jana S. Katz
Statesman Staff Writers

A heated discussion on the decision to refuse Hillel Student Club's entry into the Minority Planning Board, a Polity organization funding underrepresented groups on campus, lasted for two hours at last night's Polity meeting.

Hillel application to the MPB was refused last month because Hillel hasn't had enough of a rapport with other cultural organizations nor have they shown an adequate amount of desire to bridge gaps, said Joann Perou, treasurer of the MPB.

But Hillel argued they were refused entry because MPB said they were not a minority organization. Also, Hillel has shown their interest to help the university to come together, said Keith Babbich, former president and spokesman of Hillel. "We want to be on the MPB so we can build a bridge [of communication], rather than further burn one."

"MPB is there to bring minorities together," said Hagai Yardeny, a Hillel member and editor of *Shelanu*, a monthly Jewish student newspaper sponsored by Hillel. "We can work together."

The problem Hillel had with MPB's decision was that the by-laws of MPB are ambiguous and unclear, said Babbich. "I think I have shown the council itself doesn't know what the by-laws are," he said after Ernesto Isaac, MPB chairman pronounced that the by-laws were unclear and would be revised. "The reason that Hillel went to the MPB is because we do want to work together with the MPB."

MPB will be reforming their by-laws. "Why hasn't Hillel filed an official appeal if they wanted to join MPB?" asked Perou. "[Hillel] has done nothing, but inflame the public's ire." Perou said that Hillel handled the decision by the MPB poorly by going to the campus media and not informing the public directly. "Is this a campaign that



Hillel representative speaks to Polity Senate last night.

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will go through the press or are we really going to work to build bridges?" she asked.

Last week, both *Shelanu* and *Statesman* had articles that covered the controversial decision by MPB, but they misrepresented the issue, said Perou.

"The lies that have been perpetuated after the meeting are ridiculous," said Polity President David Greene. "This [controversy] will obviously polarize this campus because it's garbage."

Over 40 speakers argued their viewpoints on the definition of a minority group. "I don't want to argue semantics, what I'm just saying is that we are coming to the same conclusion," said Greene, during the arguments in which speakers shouted at

each other and ten people were called out of order, some more than others. Vinny Bruzzese was asked to leave after being called out of order three times.

Polity finally made a motion to have the MPB define the criteria of a minority group. The motion passed by a 25 for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

SCOOP, the student cooperative, consisting of the Rainy Night House, Hard Rock Cafe and Harpo's plus catering and a small audio-visual lending operation, is being restructured. SCOOP is now in debt for \$21,000 to \$28,000 to vendors and the plans are still in the works. FSA, which runs the Loop and Stony Snacks met with SCOOP representa-

tives to decide their management structure. However, no decision was made on whether FSA should manage SCOOP, for a \$14,000 management fee. "It's actually a reimbursement of their time," said Greene. But he said, "My feeling is that Polity is going to give away \$28,000 and not know what is happening with it."

The reason for the necessity of FSA's management skills, according to Greene is because a professional management is needed. However, questions raised included, why Polity should pay FSA to run a student organization. FSA's management defies the idea of a student run organization, said Crystal Plati, Polity sophomore representative.

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Judiciary board investigates commuter elections

By Krista A. DeMaria and Andrea Rubin
Statesman Staff Writers

The results of the commuter college election, which was held on Nov. 16 in Javitz Lecture Center, have been declared temporarily invalid by the Judiciary Board of Polity, due to the poor advertising and short notice of the elections.

According to Polity, the Monday election, which was only open to commuters, had only 91 voters when commuter students make up approximately half the student population.

Vinny Bruzzese, former university senator, ran for president, but according to the polity results, lost by one vote. Bruzzese said that the election should have taken place for two days or at least had a run off because the results were so close. Freshman Jim Coffey, the elected vice-president before the injunction, went with Bruzzese in front of the judiciary board to contest the results of only the presidential office of the election, but the board placed an injunction on all positions, said Coffey and Bruzzese.

"I don't think it's fair that the whole race is enjoined, just the presidential race should be," said Coffey. "I feel the current state of commuter college would be disrupted, and everything that is being done will have to be done again."

Junior Imran Syed, the elected president before the injunction, said that he was angered by Vinny's actions and is confident that if he needs to re-campaign, that he will be victorious. "I'm most qualified," said Syed. "I don't think Vinny has a right to run for anything."

Bruzzese, who resigned from his university senate seat just two weeks ago, was elected as a write-in senator in Monday's election. Richard Cole, former commuter

college president, resigned with Bruzzese and also was selected as a write-in senator in the election. Both said they would have accepted the position if the election wasn't under investigation.

Freshman Erika Abel, elected treasurer, and freshman Jennifer Van Essendleft, elected secretary, both agreed that the injunction should only affect the office of the president and the investigation should not include the other positions elected.

Junior Nancy Belson, who has been the chairman for the judiciary board for two years, said that the board decided to investigate because there was not enough campaign time and individuals who wanted to run never got the chance to sign up.

According to Belson, if they decide that the election was run unfairly than the current results will be null and void and there will be new elections; but if they decide the election is fair than the results will stand as they are now. "Once an investigation is done the board will come to a very objective decision," said Belson. "We are not hard core politicians like there seems to be in Polity."

Polity Vice-President Jerry Canada, who worked on organizing the elections, said they were run fairly and the judiciary board made a just bad decision. "I really have to question the objectivity of the board," said Canada. "They never came to me and that seems to be a very biased opinion."

Poll watcher Rebecca Warman said that she sat in Javitz Lecture Center, from 9a.m. to 5p.m., to ensure the legality of the election. "I can understand Vinny being upset about losing by one vote, but I would not have the election enjoined when the election was run fairly and as

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Commuters write in resigned officers

By Krista A. DeMaria
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After former Commuter College President Richard Cole and former University Senator Vinny Bruzzese resigned from their positions just two weeks ago, they were back in Polity Senate after the Monday commuter election.

The results of the election, in which only 91 commuter students voted, is pending an investigation conducted by the Judiciary Board of the Student Polity Association.

Cole, who states in the Oct. 29th issue of *Statesman* that he would not be involved in Polity, had been voted in as a university senator without campaigning for the position.

"I didn't ask to be elected, but a write-in campaign had been organized to elect me to a university senate seat," said Cole. "If the elections weren't in investigation, I would have accepted the position as Senator."

Cole said he was voted in because he has the guts to fight for what he believes in. "I was elected to act as a stick in the wheel of corruption," said Cole. "I wouldn't be there [senate] long, because I would get kicked out."

Cole's resignation, according to the October 29th issue of *Statesman*, was due to personal forms of racially bias conduct. Cole said that his feelings have not changed about working with Polity. "I can't work with David Greene," said Cole. "I can't work with someone I don't trust."

Bruzzese, who contested the commuter col-

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L.D.F. Accident Kills SB Graduate

Recent Stony Brook graduate Eran Weichselbaum was killed last Thursday in an apparent training accident while serving in the Israel Defense Forces. Weichselbaum, who graduated in May, had returned to Israel to complete his military service. He had volunteered to serve in a special unit whose work was classified. Few details are available regarding the accident at this time, but tragically it claimed the lives of five L.D.F. soldiers.



Weichselbaum attended Stony Brook from 1988 through 1992, graduating with a B.A. in Physics. In 1988 he co-founded Chaver, the Jewish Student Association, and later served as its president. He also served for three years on the Hillel Student Board. From 1989 - 1992, Eran was an organizer of many Israel programs on campus, particularly the annual Israel Independence Day Celebration. He also served as a personal host to Israeli Consul General Uziel Svirer during his visit to Stony Brook last spring. Eran was also a member of the Sigma Beta Honor Society, the Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society, and Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his parents, Samuel and Chava Weichselbaum, a brother Yehonatan, and two sisters, Liora (also a Stony Brook graduate) and Adit. He will be sorely missed by his many friends here at Stony Brook. May his memory be a blessing to us all, and may he rest in eternal peace.

M. P. B.'s Decision: Unjust

On October 21, the Minority Planning Board voted against allowing Hillel, the Jewish student club, to become a member of M.P.B. The Board decided that Jews are not a minority, but a religion. The discussion included these notable points:

"How do we know that you don't have a hidden agenda?" "You have Ruth Hershkov off while we had to fight to have Morris Lisher King, Jr. Day off." "Jews are already over represented on campus." "We don't know anything about them." These statements were all raised as the minutes of a B.A. discussion were being read. The idea of a "hidden agenda" implies a deliberate effort to mislead the Jewish people. Implications that leads to such negative other kinds of extreme violence, as seen in Nazi Germany. There, Jews were accused of having a "hidden agenda" by the Nazi regime. This "hidden agenda" allegedly included an attempt to control Germany through economic domination. During the difficult economic conditions in Germany in the 1930's, the Nazi regime found the Jewish community to be vulnerable, and an easy scapegoat. As the Jews were accused of having a hidden agenda, Nazi programs began to destroy their communities. By convincing the German

MINORITY PLANNING BOARD.



people that the Jews are "hidden agents," legitimized the attacks which were being conducted. This resulted in the destruction of one third of the world's Jewish population. Each Heshvan is the Jewish New Year. This is a religious holiday, with no religious or political overtones. The decision to remove Jews from the High Holidays is no way demonstrates a minority. The Jewish community makes up less than 20% of the campus population. Roughly 2,500 students are represented by our organization. This cannot be considered over-representation by itself, or by comparison (see listing of M.P.B. clubs). Considering the lack of knowledge as to who Jews are, a responsible student leadership should conduct some research before making a decision based on opinions.

Hillel was also challenged because of its opposition to a program last year that featured Dr. Shalom Hershkov of the House of Israel. The program was both planned and Hillel, along with some other groups, held a personal vigil prior to the lecture. A difference of opinion regarding a particular program should not constitute a reason to deny participation to a truly democratic organization.

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Rally sends off volleyball team

By Jason Yellin
Statesman Sports Editor

For the first time in Stony Brook's history a women's team has reached the NCAA Semifinals, it was also the first send-off in front of the Indoor Sports Complex, yesterday morning.

The nationally ranked women's volleyball team was presented with university support for reaching the "final four" of volleyball.

After crowds of nearly 1,000 people each day came to the NCAA Regional matches last weekend the volleyball team received more cheers. The Patriots were met by chants on the steps of Indoor Sports Complex as they gathered to leave for St. Louis, Missouri, the site of the NCAA Semifinals.

The rally featured music, speeches from school dignitaries and cheers of, "U S B" and "Lets Go Pats." The athletic department was treated to an outpouring of support.

Sandy Weeden, the women's director of athletics opened the ceremony. She began with a memory of when the Patriots played in their first NCAA Tournament three years ago at Juniata College in Pennsylvania. "I knew the only way we would be successful was to host at Stony Brook," said Weeden. "Hosts make the difference for us making plateaus. It was great to see the support at the matches," she said. "It is a thrill and honor to have our university be recognized."



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Sheri Montegari and Sara Helmer celebrate during Tuesday's send-off.

Weeden brought out the, "mastermind behind the program," Head Coach Teri Tiso to speak next. "It was great to see the placerocking," said Tiso. "I knew we would

do it. I don't think there is a team that worked harder than us."

Student Polity President David Greene spoke about the student organization sup-

port of athletics and the height of school pride. "The rally really shows school pride and it is beneficial and gets people concerned with what is going on at Stony Brook," said Greene. "Stony Brook has strengthened its commitment to athletics and Polity has strong commitment to support to the teams." Greene closed his speech with confidence of a win. "Victory is made of scarlet and gray," he said.

Provost Tilden Edelstein made the comparison between the Olympic Volleyball and the Stony Brook volleyball. "We have the Olympic Volleyball year going on with our Olympic year at Stony Brook," said Edelstein. "We are going to be rooting like hell."

Vice President Fred Preston congratulated the team, while looking forward to the future of Stony Brook athletics. "Stony Brook has a long reputation of priding itself on academics," said Preston. "Now we are committed to developing our fine athletic program."

John Ramsey, the athletics chairman spoke on behalf of University President John Marburger, who was in Albany taking care of university business. From Marburger's written statement Ramsey read that he is looking forward to another such message after the finals. His letter also said that the success of the volleyball is to be credited for visibility to Stony Brook.

"It was an awesome, awesome incredible feeling," said Tiso.

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Campus recycling grows; education follows

By Vincent Grasso
Statesman Staff Writer

The university will be adding more recycling bins to the main mall in January.

The recycling program will be expanded in the academic mall next semester and possibly into the dorms next year, said Jim Fabian, administrative staff assistant at Central Services. The initial expansion cost of the academic mall will be approximately \$5000. To continue expanding into dorms may cost anywhere between 5,000 and 50,000 dollars, he said, some of which will come from the Office of Student Affairs.

However, these costs will only pay for more bins and an increased pick up schedule, he said. NYPIRG is working to educate students about how to recycle, what to recycle and the importance of using available resources, said Rachel Hallum, an intern at NYPIRG and coordinator of the Environmental Fair held in the Fireside Lounge. The environmental fair, hosted by NYPIRG in the student union on Tues., attempted to introduce opportunities for

more recycling. NYPIRG sorted through garbage bins to find out what recyclable material was being thrown out, said Hallum. Glass, aluminum, tin, plastics number one and two, (two kinds of plastics) and paper in the offices were found in the garbage said Hallum. All of these materials are able to be recycled here, she said.

They discovered that 75% of the garbage was recyclable. "This figure shows the need for more recycling bins on campus-which is happening this year," said Hallum.

NYPIRG wants to obtain student support in the form of letter writing to lawmakers to pass the ESPA (Environmentally Sound Packaging Act) said Hallum. This act would force industry to make their packaging recyclable, reusable, or made of recyclable material.

"The importance of this is we as a community are doing our part to recycle, the towns are providing facilities for recycling and now it's industries turn to support our efforts and use those recyclables," Hallum said.

Commuter election results held up

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a favor," said Warman.

According to Canada, the reason they had the elections was to make the commuter college board active again after the resignation of several officers and senators. "It was done in the best interest of the students," said Canada.

The reason for the controversy, said Warman, is because the commuter college does not have any bylaws that state the rules of the election. "They have no election bylaws so there is no rule about there being a run off because the election is so close and there is no rule

saying how long the campaign is supposed to be."

Warman said that usually the commuter college elections take place in legislature meetings, but commuter senators wanted them to be held in Javits Lecture Center because they felt more students would vote. "They didn't have any less time to prepare than if the election was during leg," said Warman.

Belson said that the judiciary board wants to work with the commuter officers to create bylaws, but no decisions will be made until after an investigation.

Belson said, "The investigation will take less than a week."

Cole and Bruzzese reelected to CSA

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Correction

The headline "Jews Are Not A Minority" from the November 16 issue inaccurately described the article.

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Editorial

Vague Minority Definition Causes Problems

"[The Minority Planning Board, MPB] does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic origin, sex, religion or sexual orientation," provided one is an undergraduate, activity fee paying, full-time student at Stony Brook University when claiming membership, as per its governing bylaws.

In addition, any request for a Polity-funded organization seeking affiliation will be decided by the General Body. In other words, we as undergraduates can proudly say that as individuals, all of us have a voice in determining MPB's agenda, but for a group to be affiliated, we must be funded by Polity and woo a General Body which reviews our petition. Pretty straightforward so far.

A look through the bylaws, however, does not define the term

"minority." This is a major loophole. Does "minority" mean numerical minority? Ideological minority? Racial minority? Representational minority? What, therefore constitutes majority? All of us can claim minority status in one way or another under this definition.

Hillel Student Club is a Polity recognized Jewish student cultural/religious organization which applied for affiliation under MPB. Decisions are made, according to Ernesto Isaac, chairman of the Minority Planning Board, by a vote amongst the member organizations, who vote as independent factions. Hillel's petition was rejected due to several small reasons being cited, including some which potentially could not justifiably exclude Hillel from MPB's fold,

according to the present set of bylaws. Therefore, the entire vote should be questioned regarding the board's interpretation of bylaws which are so vague, that almost any cause can be included, should it petition.

However, at last night's Polity Senate meeting, the ambiguity of the bylaws was exhaustively discussed, and steps are being initiated to modify them. "It [the bylaws] is very vague," said Isaac, chairman of the Minority Planning Board. The MPB should be commended for recognizing this major shortcoming in their legislative documents, and use this opportunity to adopt a document which defines "minority" to their satisfaction, clearly, concisely, and specifically, so as to avoid conflicts as such in the future.



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Defend Self, Don't Offend Me

To the Editor:

This is in response to Mr. Craig Blenman's article, "Cole Speaks out of Knowledge and Ignorance," which appeared in the Nov. 16, volume 36 edition number 21 of the *Statesman*.

Mr. Blenman's article had great potential but made a wrong turn somewhere. I feel the wrong turn was in comparing the oppression of our two peoples. Jews and Africans have been suppressed all over the world through out history, including this country. You (Mr. Blenman) used an old anti-Semitic remark yourself, that implies that Jews are not quite human, that we have horns on our head. I am not very sure where that fable came from but it is a very discriminative remark. "Mr. Cole, your horns are showing."

Jews haven't been discriminated against in the United States! Isn't that somewhat contradicting Mr. Blenman? I would like you to know that every Jew in this country


in some form or another has experienced true anti-Semitism. One of my personal experiences was on my Bat-Mitzvah day when I saw swastikas carved in the side door of my temple. I felt angry and hurt. I could go on, about how I personally was blamed for Jesus Christ's death or how many times I was told that Christmas is so much better than Chanukah and that I should convert to celebrate it. Your remark on how Jews are not oppressed in America is absolutely false. And your statement that "Jews have no rational reason to explode" does anyone have a rational reason to explode! I personally have suffered and struggled because of my Judaism.

There is a comment in the article in question that states: "They (Jews) have no consistent examples of police brutality to daily, hourly and by the minute torture you mentally, physically abuse you and publicly laugh in your face at your inability to receive justice." And he is right in the fact that the police do not abuse Jews in the same way some police abuse the African American but Jews are

mentally and physically abused by others in America. Jews have always in some form or another been treated as an outcast in society. According to some, Jews were the cause of the Stock Market Crash in 1929 and are the cause of the recession in 1992. We have been accused of trying to control groups and organizations. We have been accused of losing wars on purpose to promote "our goal." (Can someone please tell us what this "goal" is because we don't know?)

I respect your point of view on most things but comparing the two peoples' struggle and oppression will not get you anywhere. It is my opinion that most peoples have had some form of oppression at some time in this country and many still do. I respect and honor your cause, so don't discredit mine. One word of advice: defend yourself and your ideas if you wish but don't offend me or my ideas.

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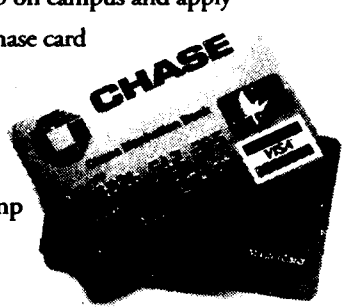
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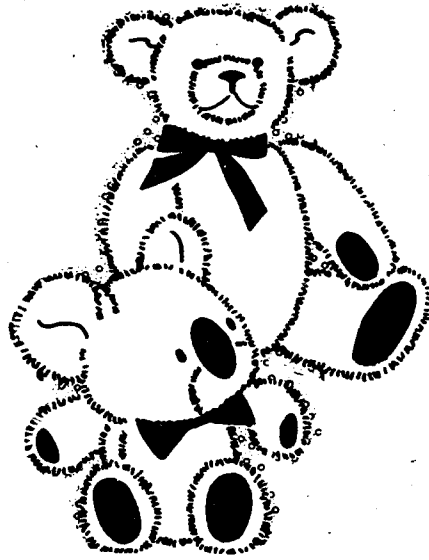
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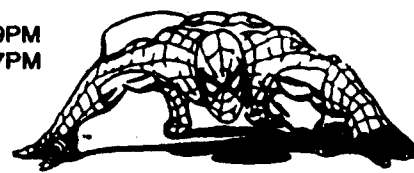
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10 Key to hoopsters lies in guards

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to the season for the Pats, which seem to be their strength. Head Coach Bernard Tomlin unveiled his "trapping" full court press in the pre-season. This kind of defense, if implemented properly, creates many turnovers for their opponents. Also, it is conducive to the fastbreaking style that the Pats hope to play. However, for it to be successful, the players must relish the role of defensive stoppers.

The guards, key people in the defense, move their feet well and consistently rattle the opposing guards. The team is led by Bunche, whose defensive prowess and intensity is contagious to the rest of the team. Smith, who led the team in steals last year, hounds opposing ball carriers into turnovers.

The front court players, particularly Vincent Farmer who combines height and speed to deflect or intercept cross court passes, are the last line of defense in case the press fails.

If freshman Joe Kirch gains more confidence and looks to take the open shot as well as run the offense, he could prove to be the competent back up point guard that Smith has lacked his entire collegiate career.

Luc Baptiste and Michel Lamine, two talented, agile and strong big men, have to begin converting easy baskets around the rim. Ricky Wardally, last year's rebounding leader, needs to concentrate more on drawing the foul instead of waiting for the referees to call it.

The overall talent, competitive practices and preparation of the coaching staff should propel the Patriots throughout the season. The team is very optimistic about the year. According to Smith, "Coach Tomlin has dedicated himself to guiding us to the NCAA."



Emeka Smith pulls up for a shot last season.

Pats win first

SWIMMERS from back page

Danin also picked up first place in the 200 individual medley. Larry Sullivan and Michael Rodriguez also took first place in the 100 freestyle and the 200 butterfly, respectively.

Palagiano, the team's long distance swimmer, added to his wins the 500 freestyle. In the race Palagiano outraced his nearest competitor teammate Joe Whelan.

On the diving side, newcomer Jason Weed took an impressive second place in the one meter diving event with veterans Dan Tesone and Larry Sawyer taking third and fourth. In the optional diving event though, Dan Tesone placed first.

Last Saturday, Stony Brook participated in the Metropolitan Swimming Conference along with 13 other colleges. The Pats placed first among the Division III teams and third overall. Kulchinsky, Danin, Whelan and Sullivan teamed up to take the Patriots only first place. They recorded a time of 3:25.1.

The diving team surprisingly performed well with tough competition. Tesone and Sawyer took first in the three-meter optional diving event. In the three other diving events the Patriots placed second.

The Patriots continue the season with an away meet against Trenton Saturday at 2:00 pm.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Smith ignites Pats to NCAA Semis

By Mark Peterson
Special to Statesman

Watching the women's volleyball team defeat Juniata College in the NCAA Regional Final, held in the Sports Complex last weekend, one couldn't help but notice the impact junior Kristin Smith made for Stony Brook.

Smith ignited the Lady Patriots with solid play defensively and offensively in the first game of the final, and essentially took Juniata's best hitter out of the game.

"Kristin touched the ball so much that Juniata stopped hitting to her side," said Stony Brook Head Coach Teri Tiso. "That was a major factor in our win because [Christy] Orndorff, one of the best hitters in the country, was totally taken out of her game."



Kristin Smith

Smith, who wasn't happy with her own play on Friday, put things together on Saturday. "I wasn't really blocking well against RIT," said Smith. "Saturday was better though, I touched the ball a lot and kept it in play for us."

According to Tiso, Smith has been a key player all season long. "Kristin has been my secret weapon all year. Whenever a team keys on Stasia [Nikas] and Janna [Kuhner], Denise [Rehor] can set a ball the other way and Kristin will be there. She also doesn't need to hit a lot of balls to stay warm, we set a ball to her and she'll put it away."

Smith also recognized the crowd for helping Stony Brook stay focused. "They were really supportive, and we love to perform," said Smith. "Friday night we were a little tentative because we were expected to beat R.I.T., but Saturday we went with the attitude that we had nothing to lose."

The Lady Patriots will play UC-San Diego Friday night in the first match of the NCAA semi-finals for the right to move on to the championship game against the winner of the second semi-final match between Calvin

(MI) and defending champion Washington University. "We're going in with the same attitude that we had against Juniata, that we have nothing to lose," Smith said. "We're going in to win."

Last weekend, the Lady Patriots also tied up a lot of loose ends from earlier in the season, but there is one string still hanging. "This weekend we avenged all our losses from earlier in the season, the only team left that we have to beat is Washington."

Last Week:

Junior Sara Helmer and sophomore John Pikramenos each turned in outstanding performances and were VIP/Statesman Co-Athletes of the week last week. Helmer led the volleyball team to the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championships as she totaled 36 kills and 11 blocks including 12 kills and two blocks in the team's 16-11, 15-14 title game victory against RIT.

Pikramenos led the men's cross country team to a third place finish, their best ever, at the ECAC Cross Country Championship. He finished 7th overall in a time of 28:03 over the muddy, five mile course.

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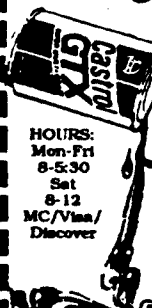
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Athletes of month named; football concludes

By Debra Whittmore
Special to Statesman

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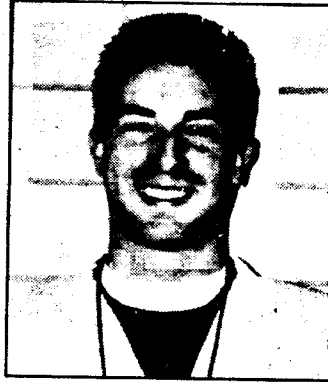
The winners for the month of September are senior Paul Ferrantino and Maura Sullivan.

Ferrantino is 22 years old and a double major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics along with Computer Science Engineering. In the intramural department he is involved in football, volleyball, soccer and wiffleball.

"After four full years of working in the intramural system I can honestly say that it has given me the strength and perseverance to survive at this university," said Ferrantino. "I encourage all to get involved. Just do it for fun."

Sullivan is in her second year in Medical School. Over the past years Sullivan has played volleyball, indoor and outdoor soccer and intends to play basketball this year. "I can't live without athletics," Sullivan said. She has played soccer, volleyball and basketball in high school and volleyball in college.

The intramural flag football season has wound down. Cajun Crew captured the independent division with a thrilling overtime victory.



Paul Ferrantino



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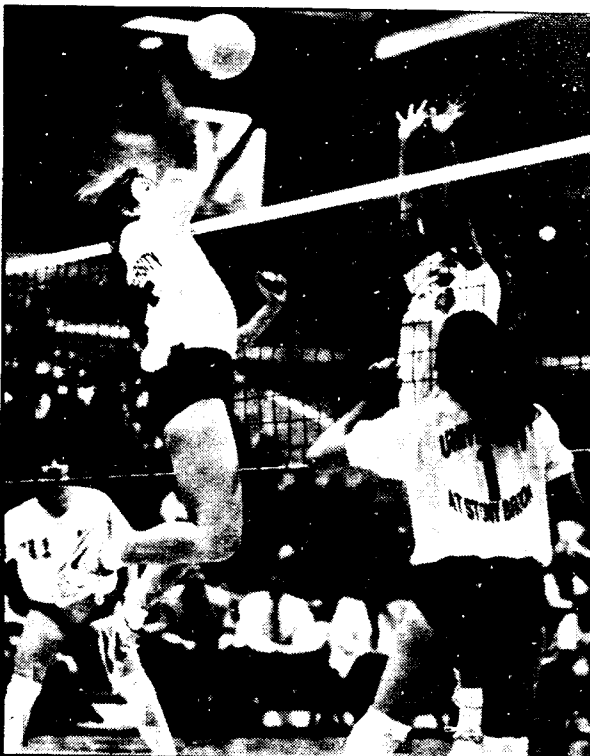
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BOO-YA: Sara Helmer goes up for a kill against RIT
Statesman/Chris Vaccira

By Marco Aventajado
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

Well it's off to St. Louis for the Patriot volleyball team as they play for the national semi-finals. Stony Brook will face the University of California at San Diego on Friday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m. in one of the semi-final games. The other game in the card matches host Washington University (MO) against Calvin University (MI) at 8:30 p.m..

Volleyball NCAA PREVIEW

The Patriots will try to avenge their loss to the Tritons in the NCAA regionals last year when they defeated in straight sets, 15-10, 15-2, 15-9. Stony Brook has not faced UC-San Diego since then. "Even though they graduated a lot of players last year, you can't base anything on that," said Head Coach Teri Tiso.

UC-San Diego lost five of their six starters last year to graduation when they were runner-up to Washington University. "It's going to be a battle of the outside hitters," said Washington University Head Coach Teri Clemens. The Patriots have come a long way since relying exclusively on their outside hitters earlier this year.

Stony Brook came to this juncture by way of their win over Juniata College (PA) last weekend. The Indians were second in the nation before losing to the Patriots in straight sets 15-4, 15-2, 15-13. While UC-San Diego advanced to the semi-finals through a straight sets win over Menlo

University (CA) 15-8, 15-13, 15-3.

The Patriots will try to contain junior Laura Kranz who is the leader in kills with 324 and digs with 303 for the Tritons. The team also relies heavily on sophomore Jennifer Cross and freshman Amy Crotty, the team's leading setter.

The Tritons went through some early season growing pains before coming together for their championship drive. They had early season marks of 2-7 and 6-14 before the Tritons captured six of their last eight matches. They enter the semifinals with a season mark of 12-18. "In the nationals, records don't mean anything," said Tiso.

The Tritons have a rich history of performing well in the NCAA Tournament. They are making an unprecedented 10th trip to the "show". UC-San Diego has won the national championship a record six times and has been runner-up three times including last season.

Stony Brook comes to the semi-final game against the Tritons winners of 17 straight games dating back to the October 10 when they lost to Rochester Institute of Technology in a five set thriller. In the span the Patriots have only lost four sets.

Washington University was not a surprise choice to host the 1992 championships. The Washington Field House, which gained prestige last month for hosting the first presidential debate, has hosted record-setting volleyball crowds in each of the past three championships. Last year, 3,423 fans jammed into the arena to watch the host Bears rally from a 2-1 deficit to defeat the defending champion Tritons.

Emeka plus returnees will add up to victory

By Craig Blenman
Statesman Staff Writer

The fast breaking style that the Stony Brook Patriot men's basketball team hope to have will be keyed by the play of point guard Emeka Smith.

Men's Hoops PREVIEW

Smith, a senior liberal arts major, is back to run the team. After graduation, he hopes to be a math teacher which goes along with his propensity of breaking statistical records. He is Stony Brook's all-time leading scorer with 1,815 points. He was a honorable mention all-american last year and attributes his success to "hard work and sacrificing his social life." He is looking forward to testing his skills against

top competition in Division I opponent Hofstra, as well as showcasing his talents at Madison Square Garden against Old Westbury.

The upcoming season should be an interesting one. With the addition of two veterans, from the 1991 team, returning to add firepower to last year's nucleus, Emeka, the team's captain, looks to once again be "NCAA bound."

Vincent Farmer and Curtis Bunche, from the last Patriot team to make it to the NCAA tournament, will be very important factors during the season. "With Vince and Curtis, teams can't show us junk defenses. They have to play us honest," Smith surmised.

Defense and intensity will be the key

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Privateers walk the plank

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The Patriots opened their season with an easy victory over the Maritime College Privateers. Stony Brook used a total team effort to defeat

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Privateers by a score of 128-102, with the Patriots taking first in nine out of 11 competitions. "The meet against Maritime was a great start to the season. I hope that the rest of the season goes just as well," said freshman swimmer Rhys Filmer.

The Patriots pulled ahead in the

very first event by taking first and second place in the 400 medley relay. The combination of Marc Danin, Joseph Morawski, Marc Sutera, and Zach Buck put the Patriots ahead of the second place team also from Stony Brook by almost 25 seconds.

In a very exciting intra-team competition, Captain Marc Palagiano and Justin Kulchinsky swam side by side for most of the 1000 freestyle. In the final 200 with Palagiano trailing by several strokes he jetted ahead and won by a narrow three second margin.

Danin brought his teammates to their feet as blew away his opponents and broke a Stony Brook school record for the 200 backstroke. The new Stony Brook record is 2:00.32.

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19	20 Volleyball at NCAA Semifinals vs. UC-San Diego, 5:30 p.m. WOMEN'S HOOPS vs. COAST GUARD, 7 P.M.	21 Volleyball at NCAA Tourney, 3rd Place at 5 p.m., Final at 8 p.m. Men's Hoops at Frostburg Tourney	22 WOMEN'S HOOPS vs. DREW, 1 P.M. Squash at Williams Weekend	23	24 Women's Swimming at St. Francis, 5 p.m.	25