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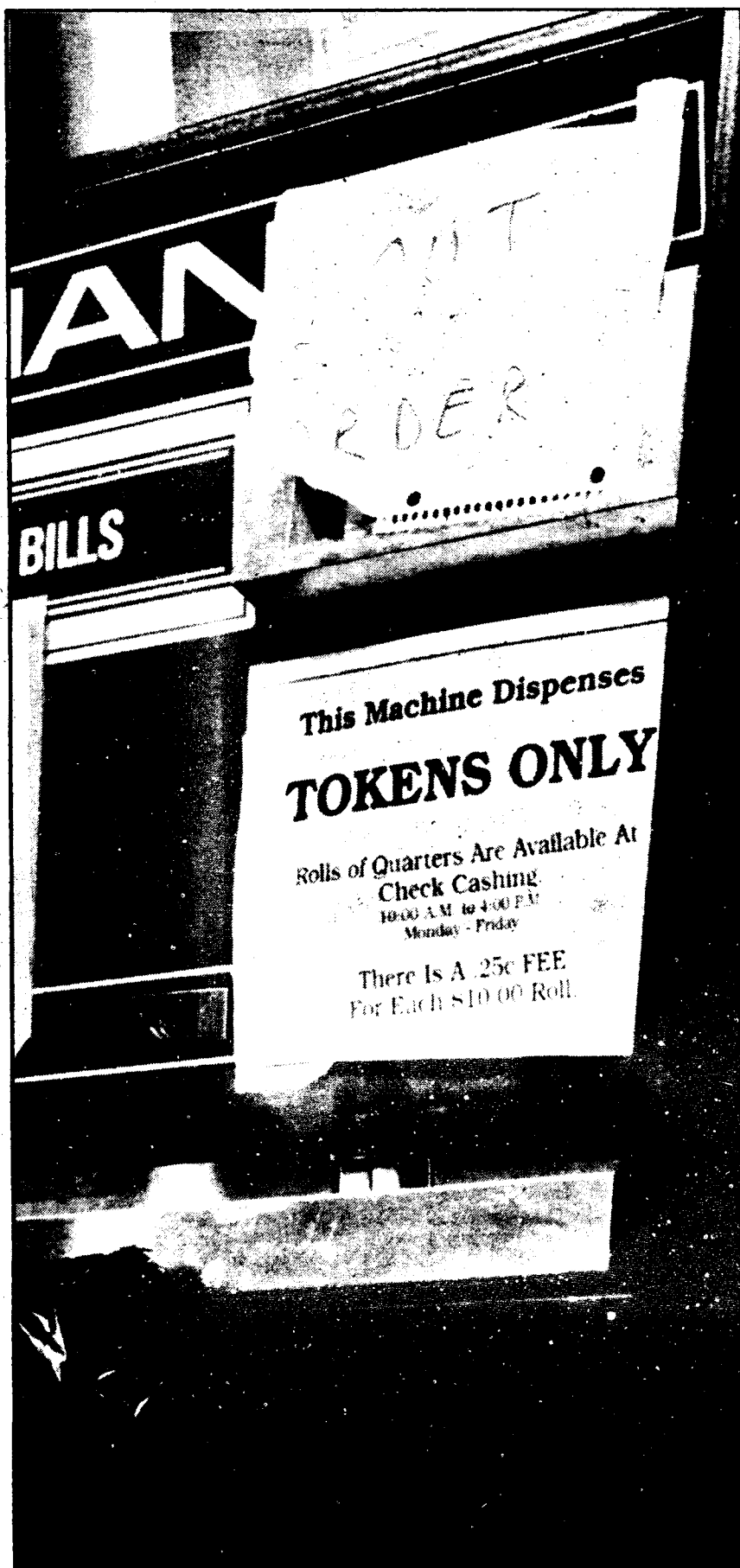
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Change machine in Student Union arcade was one of the 20-plus vending machines vandalized over the weekend.

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Vending Vandals

Heavy damage forces university to offer rewards

By Andrea Rubin
Statesman Associate News Editor

Vandals caused thousands of dollars in damage to campus vending machines over the weekend, forcing the university to offer rewards in an effort to limit the looting.

The estimated cost of the damage is more than \$3,000 and according to Ed Cmiotek, soda and vending contractor for the university, this cost is above average. "It's basically just one machine a week [that gets vandalized]."

A \$500 reward offered by the Faculty Student Association is being given to anyone who has information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person defacing or stealing from vending machines in any building on campus. A second reward is \$100 for any information on the vandalism that has been taking place in the Amusement Center in the union basement, according to Sandra Spinelli, contract administrator for FSA.

The vending machines have always been targets of attacks, but lately vandal-

ism has become a major problem, said Public Safety spokesman Doug Little. "It has become more frequent than we desire," he said.

This weekend alone over 20 machines were damaged. Cmiotek said that some machines had their doors ripped off, others had the glass broken but the majority suffered electrical damage. The most damage was caused by "some kind of chemical mixture that damages the machines," he said.

Tom Hearty, 32, a worker at the Amusement Center, said that he has seen machines that have been ruined by the chemical mixture. "People think that when they do this they are going to hit

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Little Annoying Things Mean a Lot

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT, OR THAT IS HOW THE saying goes. I am beginning to believe that more and more as the days pass. It is no longer the big things — the car breaking down or losing a friend to a petty argument — that annoy me. It is that nickel-and-dime stuff; the stuff that, when it accumulates without control or desire, make me want to tear my hair out and cross the days mercilessly off the calendar in hope that this ritual will bring graduation here more quickly.

Although this was originally intended to be my April Fool's Day column, there is quite a bit of seriousness here. The issues discussed here may seem like small things individually, but like bacteria and viruses, the additive effect causes severe breakdown in the system with time.

In classrooms and on the roads are various bar promotional ads which are tossed about without consideration. This is common littering, pure and simple. Efforts should be made to hold these establishments accountable for the cleanup cost of this unlawful and highly careless form of advertising.

On the subject of advertising, I resent the massive amounts of menus, advertisements, newsletters, and flyers shoved underneath my dormitory room door. True, I take advantage of many of the services offered by these ads, but I don't want to be considered a subject chained to the floor of a platonian cave with no choice but to view this endless stream of pitches aimed at us by the hawks off campus who just want our money. I live here. I don't want my room of all places to be some giant billboard in the same fashion as the old Carol

Burnett sketches which hold the actress captive to jingles and pitchmen with every object she picks up in her house. There are other consequences of these litera-



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Adam Kaminsky

ture drops. The material makes its way back into the halls, and students are subsequently billed for cleanup. Believe me, it has happened. Solicitation in the dorms is illegal. Look it up in the conduct code. If we still want the services offered by advertisers, let them either buy space legitimately in publications such as this, or create an amnesty space in each building with racks and boxes for various literature to be placed, out of harm's way. Those who do not comply with this arrangement will have charges pressed, and will be forced to pay restitution. This could mean more money for dorm legislatures, leading to more activities for students, without straining Polity's already allegedly thin \$1.5 million budget.

Walking along the academic mall, I see several rocks with unintelligible Greek letters on them. Next to them, I see scrawls on the side of buildings carrying other cryptic messages. One is considered graffiti, the other, art. I say they are both graffiti. Having taken several geology courses showing that there is beauty in bare rocks, and being able to identify different rocks like some can identify different models of cars, I ask why some swelled-headed organizations need to make their presence public to the point of intrusiveness. Does Polity advertise like this? Does the FSA? Do the various student groups outside of fraternities and sororities see it appropriate to advertise themselves so ostentatiously? Of course not. Fine the frats. They are not above the rest of us. Let them do as part of their

community service a comprehensive clean-up of the community in which they live, especially after they befouled it themselves.

Outside the realm of advertising, there is a small courtesy being corrupted into an act of stupidity. It is holding a door open for somebody forty paces behind you, and watching the poor shnook charge at the door as if it is his fault for being so far behind. You can see the smile on this "Samaritan's" face grow wider as you get closer to the door. I always say, "go ahead" to somebody who extends this "courtesy" to me because I don't like to run, nor do I want to let this deed go unnoticed should it be genuine. The answer I seem to get is some grimace suggesting that I ruined the person's fun. People like this should be slapped. Or for real fun, hold the door for somebody who is at least fifty feet away from you, and slowly close it in his face as a symbol of defiance, as he sheepishly tries to enter after running that distance. Walk away real fast afterwards!

Yes, these annoyances are individually too small to make a difference in one's life, and they don't even comprise the full list. However, as stated before, we all run into these (and other) peeves every day. This is what ruins our quality of life. It is subtle, subliminal, and only noticeable well after it takes place, or is compounded so as to pool its severity. Call me a complainer. Call me rigid. Fine. But I have the same complaints about the quality of life here that you have, but at least I am addressing this issue, and trying to do something about it. If you have any similar annoyances or solutions you would like to mention, by all means, send them to *Statesman*. The door is and has always been open. Don't just criticize without intent to correct. Put your money where your mouth is, and let's all make this school a better place.

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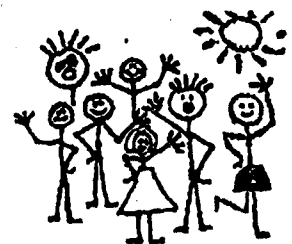
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'Teach-In' fights budget cuts

By Vincent Grasso
Statesman Associate News Editor

Polity and NYPIRG sponsored a "Teach-In" in the student union bi-level yesterday to educate students about the effect of SUNY budget cuts and to urge students to call and write their state representatives.

"Most students would not be going to college if it weren't for state schools," said Judith Wishnia, a professor in the women's studies department.

Wishnia spoke to a handful of students about her experiences teaching at Stony Brook and the ways it has changed in the years since she started here full time in 1978. She said in the past 10 years Stony Brook has lost a total of 1,400 full time faculty members. Wishnia added that despite what seems like a "good" year as far as budget cuts and tuition hikes, there is much to be made up for the cuts in the past. This year the academic sector is still taking a 1 percent cut. "Even though we are taking only taking a 1 percent cut this year, so much damage has been done that every little bit hurts," she said.

Jerry Canada, Polity vice president, said he can understand from an undergraduate's point of view. He said that the three most important aspects of a state education are affordability, accessibility, and quality. "Right now all three are lacking," Canada said.

According to Wishnia, the budget crunch is two fold. It is costing students more and more, and the quality of education is watered down. She said that when she began, it was possible for a teacher to get to know their students. Today, with classes numbering between 200 and 250 students, you lose the one on one relationship between

students and teachers, she said. "Now if a student has a problem writing a paper, I tell them 'Go to the writing center' whereas I used to tell them to come to my office," said Wishnia.

In addition to the tuition hikes, Canada pointed to the numerous fees, such as the student activity fee, the bus fee and the medical fee, that keep going up. "All these fees go up and the students bear the brunt," he said.

Professors at the program said that because of tuition hikes and cut classes they have had to resort to unusual methods to decide which students stay in the class and which one's do not. "One teacher had a bunch of straws and said to the students to pick. Whoever got the shortest lost," he said.

Canada also said that because of the large classes teachers can't assign challenging work. He said even as a junior, taking 300 level classes, he hasn't done a term paper in the past year. He also said that the university should look over its priorities. The school does have plans to go to Division I sports, build a new student union and other projects. "The dorms at Harvard are horrendous, but their education is great," he said.

One student who was a victim of the budget crunch was Pajarita Charles. She would only have had three semesters left before graduating if she had not been forced out of school by the rising cost of tuition. Charles said that now she cannot ever go to school full time because she must work full time to pay for school and living expenses. "I'm still paying off last semester so I can reregister in the fall," she said. "I used to think education was a right."

POLITY BRIEFS

Athletic Fee on Ballot

In another step towards Division I athletics, John Ramsey, acting dean of athletics, addressed the senate in an attempt to have the money allocated for sports by referendum made a standard fee. He said this move is necessary to conform to NCAA bylaws.

According to Ramsey, if the school decides to go Division I it will reach that point around 1999. "A few years ago, no one had heard of Seton Hall," he said. He said that by improving our athletic program, Stony Brook could reap many benefits.

Ramsey said a good athletic program would enhance the quality of student life. He added that it would promote interaction between students and teachers, who would come to the games. But, Ramsey said, the going will be rough. "We will suffer a period of losing while we build up our program," he said. The motion passed unanimously.

Students Oppose Arming

A majority of senators reported that their legislatures were against arming, after last week Polity Vice President Jerry Canada asked that they take a vote in their legislatures to determine how their constituents felt on the issue. The vote was a preparation for the open forum to be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the fireside lounge with University President John Marburger. From the votes, Polity will prepare a statement to present at the forum.

— Vincent Grasso

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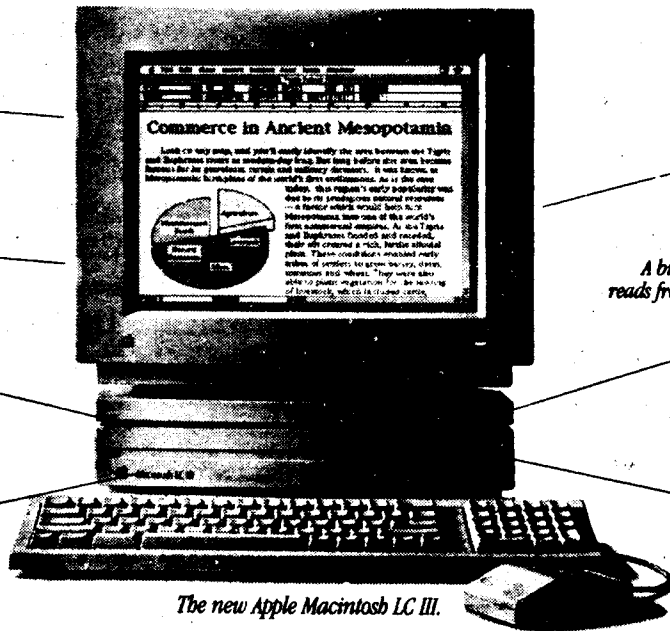
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Heavy vandalism threatens machines

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jackpot but it doesn't work like that," he said. "It's a stupid thing to do especially for college kids."

If the vandalism does not stop, FSA may have to help pay the repair cost, said Cmiotek, who is owner of Kristen Soda Distributors and partner of Stony Brook Vending, the two companies that own the machines. He said that if FSA does not help bear the brunt of damages, some machines will have to be removed. "The Kelly B candy machine has already been taken out," he said.

Anyone caught vandalizing the machines could be charged with criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, and if money is taken from the machines, it is a felony. "Depending on the amount taken, it could be both a felony and misdemeanor," said Little.

FSA has set guidelines for witnesses interested in claiming their reward. Witnesses must be prepared to sign an affidavit, and there will be only one reward available for incident. Also, the reward will only be given after the conviction or restitution of the case.

Machines in both the residence halls and academic buildings have been looted. "Almost every candy machine is out of service because of vandalism," said Spinelli.

Cmiotek said that machines in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, Life Sciences Building, Psychology A and residence halls all had to be repaired early this week after the vandalism occurred. "Almost every candy machine in every dorm was hit," he said.

Both Little and Cmiotek said that the key to ending vandalism is student involvement. "Students need to take a little bit of interest," said Cmiotek. "nobody even cares."

The university is effected by the crimes and Little said everyone is being punished because of a few vandals, including students being forced to pay extra fees and higher prices in order to cover the costs of the damages. "It's very important for the community to help," he said. "They're ruining a good time."

Kitchen appliances stolen

In Stimson College a microwave worth \$300 and the \$100 counter top that it was anchored to was stolen from the floor three kitchen. The theft occurred on Sunday morning.

POLICE BLOTTER

A 1983 red Volkswagen was broken into through a \$100 vent window on Sunday. It was parked in the Irving/O'Neill College parking lot. A radio speaker was stolen worth \$400.

Michele Walz

An \$200 MTX kickerbox was stolen on Saturday after 11:30 p.m. from a 1988 Mitsubishi. While it was parked in the Administration garage the front driver's window was broken causing \$100 in damage.

Three textbooks and \$3 were stolen from a 1989 Ford on Saturday while parked in the Roosevelt Quad parking lot. The driver's side window was broken causing \$100 in damage along with the \$290 for the books.

A 1985 two-door Isuzu had its drivers side window broken on Saturday. It was parked in the Toscanini day care center parking lot. The window cost \$100 and nothing was stolen.

Approximately 20 people were near Benedict College at 1:30 a.m. on North Loop Road last Friday with five of them throwing snow and ice. A 1991 Acura Legend was hit on the right front fender causing \$800 in damage. No one was identified.

A glass window was broken in the Social and Behavioral Sciences building last Thursday by an unknown person. The Power Plant boarded up the window which cost \$250 to replace.

Money was stolen from an unsecured locker in the basement of the Indoor Sports Complex. It occurred last Wednesday and totaled \$65 cash.

A 220 volt Lincoln electric welder was noticed stolen last Tuesday from the university grounds garage. The \$475 welder was last seen March 12. During normal shop hours the garage is unsecured.

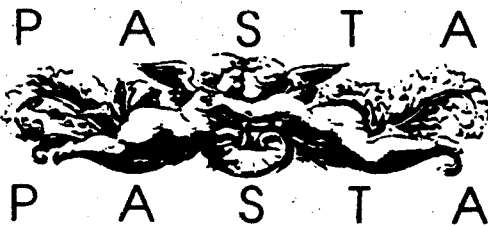
An \$125 Milwaukee electric hand grinder was stolen last Tuesday from the Sewer and Treatment plant. There was no forced entry.

A wallet containing \$85 and credit cards was taken from a jacket on March 12 at 1 a.m. The jacket was left alone in the union ballroom. No one was seen taking the wallet.

A door in the mechanical room in the Light Engineering building was forced open last Tuesday causing damage. The basement door split and broke and the Power Plant responded.

A 1987 Ford pickup had its driver's side view mirror broken last Tuesday. It was parked in the G and H Quad parking lot and incurred \$75 worth of damage. Nothing was stolen from the car.

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Editorial

Arming Decision Should Not Be Delayed

March 22 was a day marked with daggers and bullets on many people's calendars. It was the day the two-and-a-half year long discussion about the arming issue was to end with the proclamation of University President John Marburger.

Alas, the day has passed, and still there is no decision. The latest word is that the decision would not be made until after the next University Senate meeting in mid-April. With this plan, the University Senate can resolve whether or not it is for arming our police officers.

There are a couple of points we need to consider. First, Marburger set a deadline of March 22 to have the decision on whether or not to arm. That decision was to have been made after approximately two weeks of grace from the deadline set for input, so as to allow him

ample time to digest the information. A deadline is a deadline.

Secondly, the University Senate tabled discussion of this topic to the next senate meeting, which is scheduled for mid-April. After two years of procrastination, the senate finally is seeing the urgency in discussing this issue, albeit too late for it to do any real good. After all, how much can be said in just a couple of hours that will make a difference? The University Senate is down-playing the deadline saying it wasn't really concrete so as to buy time to discuss the issue.

We mustn't forget that Marburger also said that polls, opinions, or petitions will not sway him in his decision. The university senate's resolution should therefore be a moot point, not to be factored into the decision. Besides, the

resolution will occur way after Marburger's deadline for input. Do we see another case of faculty superiority here?

It is imperative that the decision be made without further delay. Two years is more than enough time for any parties concerned to voice their opinions and a consensus to be reached. The constant delay and reconsideration should not be allowed to fester more than it already has.

Bureaucratic sluggishness is almost never productive. It causes a backlash of inefficiency in all departments which do their work in a timely manner, and which are dependent on the laggard department. In this case, the campus police has been on tenterhooks as a result of the university's constantly changing the terms of the agreement.

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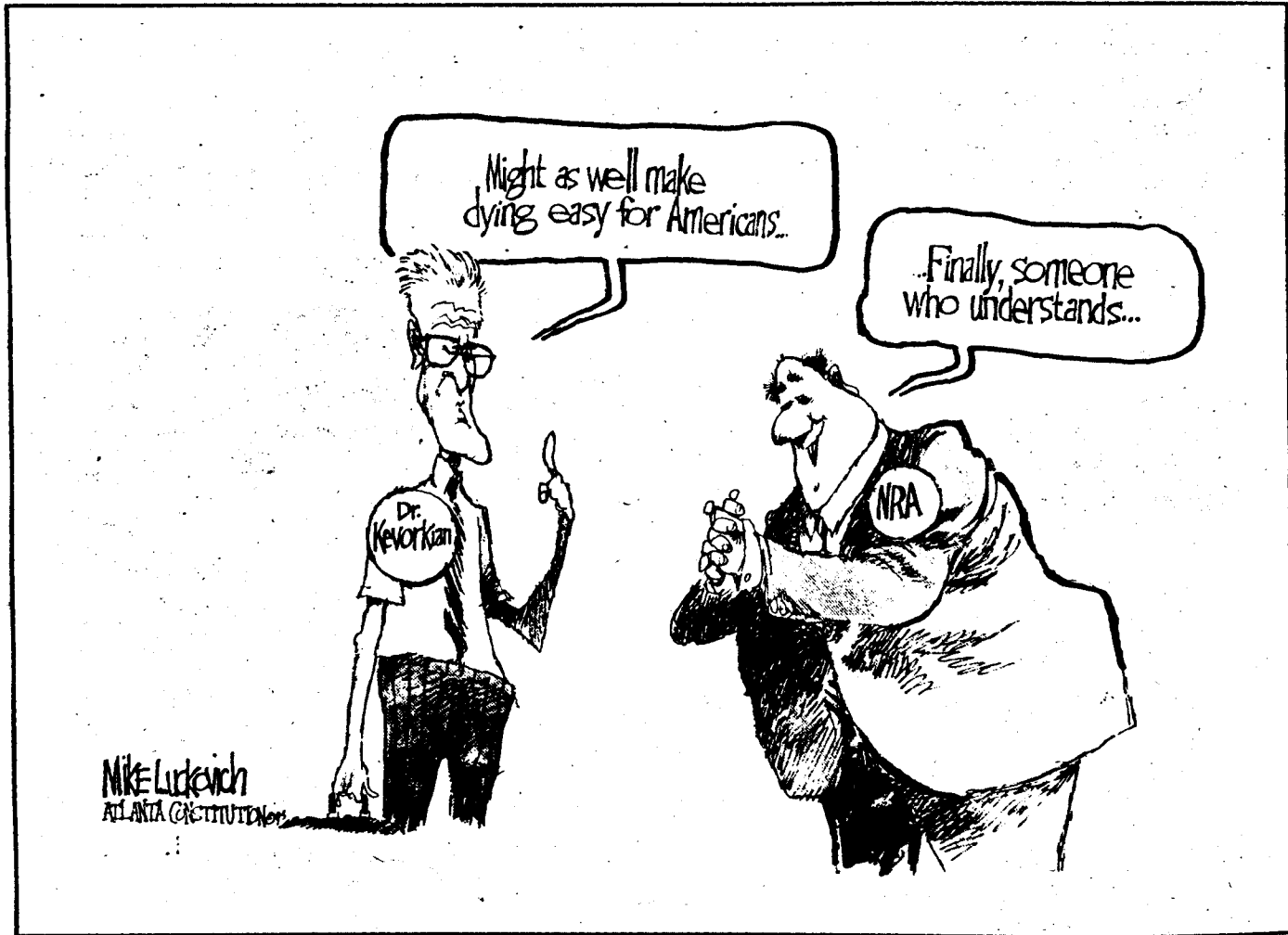
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Letters

Don't Use Activity Fee for Fare

To the Editor:

The issue of the bus fee has recently come to the forefront of many people's minds. This may be largely related to commuter interests, but now has the opportunity to become a campus-wide issue on referendum. The uproar this has caused between Polity factions should not cloud the issue and make the facts unclear to voters.

The referendum would decide whether Polity reserve funds should be used to finance the campus bus system, thereby making the current \$25/semester bus fee unnecessary. The bus fee, admittedly, hits most commuters and few residents. But this is not a commuter/resident issue; it is a rider/nonrider one. A per-ride fare is the most fair and the most appropriate for the upkeep of the bus system (please note that this issue differs from that of the mandatory student activity fee, in that the s.a.f. funds are used for human activities, not maintenance of physical items). There are many who say, "I am forced to park in South-P and ride the bus in order to attend classes; therefore buses should be subsidized." Well, I live more than 300 miles away and am forced to live on campus in order to attend classes; the same line of reasoning would show that student activity money should pay for my room and board. The student activity fee is for Polity clubs, organizations, and events. The buses are part of the campus structure, similar to the academic buildings and parking lots. For Polity to contribute student activity money to this end would involve a lot more than just another club voucher.

Others say that there is a huge Polity reserve from which the money could come. Think about this, though. For Polity to give away its accrued reserve would only be

a quick fix, and a largely temporary solution. Once the reserves are depleted, riders are again forced to pay a fare. But by then you'll have graduated, right? Wrong. By investigation long-term solutions now, such as advertising on the bus sides, the money could be put to use within your stay here. Albany students pay \$50 for a parking sticker, flat out. Here at Stony Brook, there is still a chance to get outside assistance for at least part of your fees. If you are angry about paying for a bus ride, then it is up to you to act on it, not up to the student activity funds to provide for you. And as always, please *think* about what an issue means to you and to the campus before you check off "yes" on a ballot.

Barbara Cohen
Senior

Diverse Views Welcome

To the Editor:

Is it just my imagination or are we currently in the middle of some sort of "Prague Spring" here at Stony Brook when it comes to the expression of alternative opinions and ideas? In the five years that I have been here at Stony Brook, virtually the only opinion you found in the campus newspapers was the ultra-left dogma of liberals and radicals who have traditionally had a strangle-hold on the campus media, student government, and activities, and have just as traditionally excluded and ignored sentiments of students to the right of Abbie Hoffman. (Oh, come on...)

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But in this recent semester or so, I have actually noticed a much greater expression of more mainstream, more open-minded, and even (who would believe!) right-of-center opinions and arguments published in campus media, in *Statesman*, the *Stony Brook Review*, and elsewhere. Ideas traditionally suppressed by the leftist grip on campus power have finally started to come out into the open. Even the pro-life movement and campus Christian groups, the usual targets for censorship and exclusion, have finally begun to refuse second-class student-ship. While I certainly cannot claim to support these latter groups, as an extreme advocate of freedom of expression — no matter what — I find the new environment heartening.

But why? Does it have something to do with the election of a half-decent Democrat as president, with jubilant liberals feeling less threatened and thus relaxing their vigilance on the campus media? Or maybe the fall of Communism around the world has left former Marxists still blinking their eyes in sad bewilderment, looking for guidance (Has anyone ever heard from Mitch Cohen and the Red Balloon youth lately??) Or maybe most students have just gotten so damn tired of the left-wing rhetoric that it has begun to thaw out their apathy a little, and brought new viewpoints into the sunlight.

I hope it is the latter. To anyone out there who sometimes wishes they spoke out more often against the liberal propaganda that is thicker than the L.A. smog here at Stony Brook, remember, all that is required for the few to prevail, is for the many to do nothing. He who remains silent, is assumed to consent. It is never right, but it is always true.

Todd M. Smith

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Your handwriting is as unique as your fingerprints. It can reveal your deepest feelings, your secret desires. It is perhaps the most accurate *instant* indicator of your character. Today, more and more large companies are using handwriting analysis to screen job applicants and promote middle and upper management in order to exploit to the fullest their best attributes. We asked graphologist Carlos Pedregal to explain the subtle links between penmanship and personality, and if you wish, to analyze *your* handwriting too.

BY DAVID NIMMONS

You'd best mind your p's and q's when you sit down with Carlos Pedregal. The first clue comes as he looks up from the handwritten page he has been studying intently, on which I have jotted several lines. Those lines, and my first name, are the sum total of what I have given him to go on. Then he smiles, his eyes shining with the confidence of a sleuth who has just solved a particularly fascinating case. "How nice to know you," he says. "Shall we begin?"

For the next ten minutes, I sit, at first smirking, then unbelieving, then astounded, as this man whom I have never met explains me to myself—in intimate and perceptive detail. With an occasional glance at the page before him, Pedregal sketches an in-depth, concise, un-sparing portrait of the person I have spent thirty-two years trying to fathom and whom he has known for all of five minutes. He highlights the independence that has helped me succeed as a writer and the impatience that so often gets me into trouble. He pinpoints my rigid (I prefer *strong*) sense of justice and the unfortunate, rash judgment it can engender. He notes the people-oriented intuitiveness every one of my friends has remarked on, my tendency toward blind loyalty, even the emotional volatility known to only a few of my most trusted intimates.

It is the sort of psychological profile one might expect from one's mother or mate, or from a shrink who has spent months listening to you at \$120 an hour. But not from an utter stranger, a boisterous fellow alternating machine-gun English and French and punctuating his points with great belts of laughter. With an unsettled feeling, I realize I have given this

man a paragraph, and he has read me like a book.

The Spanish-born psychologist dismisses my astonishment. "Writing is simply gesture frozen on paper. We all analyze gestures every day. When you meet a person, you notice how they walk, stand, carry themselves. Are they fluid and calm or jumpy and anxious? Are they aloof, assertive? Do they cringe and draw into themselves? Writing simply freezes gesture on paper, then I systematically analyze the results." He shrugs a good-natured Gallic shrug. "C'est logique."

Pedregal has performed such feats every day for thirty-five years. A man of letters in every sense, he was trained in Spain as a social psychologist and continued his studies in Argentina, Brazil, and France, tracing the subtle links between penmanship and personality. Today he enjoys a reputation that spans three continents. He has been consulted by corporate and private clients in a dozen countries and has analyzed "oh, several hundred thousand" samples of handwriting.

Not surprisingly, the man has a sixth sense for script. Where the rest of us might see a lowly grocery list, Pedregal's trained eye sees a written Rorschach, rich in nuance and psychological portent. "The movement of writing is dictated by the brain—the organ that controls how you think, feel, react, and respond to your environment," he explains. We are all given much the same starting point: the rules we learn in school about how each letter should be formed. As we mature, we distort and revise, overlaying our own distinctive neurological patterns, personality, and temperament. "The surprise is not that our writing reflects the emotional and cogni-

tive patterns of our brain," says Pedregal. "The surprise would be if it did not."

Clearly, Pedregal is a scientist of script. Yet not long ago, few Americans would ever have put the words *science* and *handwriting analysis* in the same sentence. Had we bothered to ponder it at all, we would have ranked handwriting analysis somewhere between alchemy and divining with chicken entrails.

Our friends in Europe know better. There, graphology has been an accepted discipline at least since the Renaissance. A century and a half ago, the great German philosopher Goethe wrote, "In every man's writings, the character of the writer lies recorded."

Since then, European experts have lost no time in elevating handwriting analysis to a social science. In Germany, the German-American Chamber of Commerce reports that more than half the major companies require handwriting samples of their top executives. In France, some 85 percent of the companies are reported to use handwriting analysis, and a recent survey in Paris showed that eighty out of the top one hundred companies require writing samples in their hiring process. In Israel, 60 percent of the businesses, and a majority of the collective farms, or kibbutzim, use writing samples for employment or membership. Do they know something we don't?

Probably, says New York management consultant H. Peter de Lisser. "This is clearly a practical science. I use it if I'm hiring. It tells me if these people are deceitful or open communicators, how they make decisions, if they are detail-oriented or intuitive problem-solvers. Let people kid all they want, but it works."

For more and more American companies, this is no kidding matter. A recent survey by *Nation's Business* estimates that some four thousand American companies

have used graphology to screen employees, determine job suitability, and even decide upon promotions. These aren't just innovative, entrepreneurial outfits, mind you. Among the companies that have been reported to use graphological testing are Firestone, U.S. Steel, Royal Tire, Bell Atlantic, Honeywell, Renault, H & R Block, General Electric, and Thrifty Rent-a Car. Even staid Lloyd's of London routinely analyzes the handwriting of its bonded employees who handle large sums of money.

Pedregal has been a consultant to more than two hundred corporations in France, Spain, Switzerland, Brazil, and the United States on matters ranging from executive hiring to employee theft. He recalls the highly successful tour operator in Spain who asked for help in locating the right person to head their marketing division. Pedregal was ushered into a room with writing samples of the leading eighteen candidates. Next to the pile of samples, Pedregal was riveted by a hand-jotted note lying on the desk. "The writing showed immense competence and promise, intelligence and ambition waiting to be tapped," recalls Pedregal. "I knew this was their person."

The CEO burst out laughing. Pedregal had selected a note scrawled by the office messenger, Esteban, a boy of nineteen. Astonished, the psychologist reanalyzed it and reiterated his conclusion. In an unbelievable testament to Pedregal's reputation, the CEO called the boy in and promoted him to head the public-relations and marketing department on the spot. A few years later, Pedregal was called back to the company for a meeting with the CEO. When he entered the corner office, there was a new face—the very same Esteban, who, two promotions later, had replaced the former CEO and was running the entire company!

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Another time, Pedregal was called to a chemical factory near Paris, where a good employee had a bad personality problem. She was among the company's most capable and innovative chemists, but something in her personal style was crippling her entire department, and her co-workers were showing signs of stress, absenteeism, and reduced productivity. Could Pedregal find a solution in her handwriting? "One look at her characteristic writing screamed out what the problem was," recalls Pedregal.

The central portion of the letters was oversized and grandiose compared with the upper and lower parts, suggesting a large ego and strong need for recognition.

Her writing showed that she attached great importance to abstract things, such as her title and standing in the company. She viewed herself as very important and underappreciated. He recommended giving the woman an impressive title, new business cards, and a (very public) promotion. Management gave her a visible promotion, threw a lavish party, and watched as over the next six months the department doubled their productivity, and errors and absenteeism fell. "I just recommended what her writing demanded," Pedregal says, smiling.

Nowadays, it isn't just business that wants to read between the lines. Handwriting

experts have long been used in courtrooms and banks to authenticate signatures, and today, graphological testimony is admissible in court in nine states. Recently, the American Association of Trial Lawyers even started to sponsor seminars showing lawyers how to use graphology to help select sympathetic jury members. Marriage counselors are using it with couples, and psychiatrists have used graphological "second opinions" to help them manage troubled teens. Even Uncle Sam has gotten into the act: the marines and the I.R.S. have both been reported to use writing samples. Last year, in a testament to the growing respect for graphology, the

Library of Congress quietly reclassified it from the "occult" section into "psychology." That growing respectability has created an elite rank of between ten and fifteen thousand handwriting analysts across the country, trained in places such as Chicago's International Graphoanalysis Society, the University of Miami, or New York City's New School for Social Research.

As in any true science, there is much art in the practice. "What counts is not the specific and rigid details of how a given letter is formed," explains Pedregal. "It is not just how you dot your *i*'s and form your *m*'s that determines the overall analysis. One looks at the gestalt, at the cumulative spirit of the writing." Unique among graphologists, Pedregal has developed his own method of coding and classifying the myriad elements in each writing sample. "Your writing, like your personality, is composed of thousands of individual elements, and every person has a bit of everything." A person may be both passive and aggressive, emotional and cerebral, he explains. The graphologist's task is to filter the graphological noise in order to focus on the dominant core characteristics that shape and drive one's personality.

What fascinates Pedregal most are not the techniques but the human stories he can see between the lines. Four years ago, he received a letter from a mother in the South who had adopted an abandoned five-month-old girl. Pinned to the baby's blanket had been a note scrawled on a brown supermarket bag, bearing her birth date and name and asking someone to take care of her. From this scant trace, the woman hoped Pedregal might learn something about the child's biological mother, so that one day she could share the information with her daughter. He went to work, knowing his effort would be a little girl's only link to her lost mother. "Reading it brought tears to my eyes," recalls Pedregal. "The writing showed a girl obviously young and withdrawn, a terrified young woman whose inability to relate to society made her feel isolated and lonely. No trace of confidence, no meaningful emotional connection in her life. I hope knowing this will help her daughter to understand some of what her mother was going through."

Listening to his words, I finally understood what it is that inspires Pedregal and the other high priests of penmanship. Perhaps they understand that theirs is the most precious science of all: a way to help us better understand ourselves and each other. Now there would be a brave new science, indeed.

NOTE: If you are curious about finding out more about yourself, this is your chance. The usual cost of a graphological analysis is over \$100, but by special arrangement it's being made available to students in college newspapers for \$12. Each handwriting sample is individually analyzed by Mr. Pedregal and his staff, who have analyzed the writing of over one million people worldwide. They will prepare a complete and confidential report describing your personality characteristics.

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Fraternities: More Than Paying for Friends

By Alex Barkan

WHEN I SPEAK TO, OR HEAR STUDENTS TALK ABOUT fraternities and sororities, the conversation always ends with the same slogan, "I don't want to pay for friends." Other famous slogans include, "This is not for me," and, "All you do is drink." The stigma that unenlightened people attach to fraternities and sororities is as old as the primitive attitude that some people portray towards culture and tradition they don't understand.

To be a successful member of a fraternity requires more than just paying your dues. It requires a considerable amount of dedication to your fellow members and to the fraternity you spend eight weeks pledging to. Many people complain that their grades slip when being part of a

fraternity. It is easy to blame the fraternity and hard to blame yourself. I know many members of different fraternities that are on the Dean's list every semester, yet they still find time to be devoted to their organizations.

To maintain a fraternity on campus requires lots of effort, ingenuity, uniqueness, and most of all, brain power. Every fraternity on campus is strong in its own way. May it be through their rush, pledging, community service, student awareness of certain topics, etc. As for the social aspect, show me one community in this country that does not partake in social events and I'll show you a liar.

Being students only once in our lives, we owe it to ourselves to explore and learn as much as we can in the short time we are here at Stony Brook. Being part of a fraternity is part of this learning experience. We have been around for as long as this great country has. If something has been around for more than two hundred years, obvi-

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ously it is doing something right. There is nothing negative about any fraternity on this campus. All are trying to portray a positive image to both the campus community and the community at large. For some strange reason the same people who have everything bad and nothing good to say about fraternities are the same people who know nothing about what a true fraternity is. There are 26 fraternities on campus. I am sure there is one for you.

Alex Barkan is president of the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council

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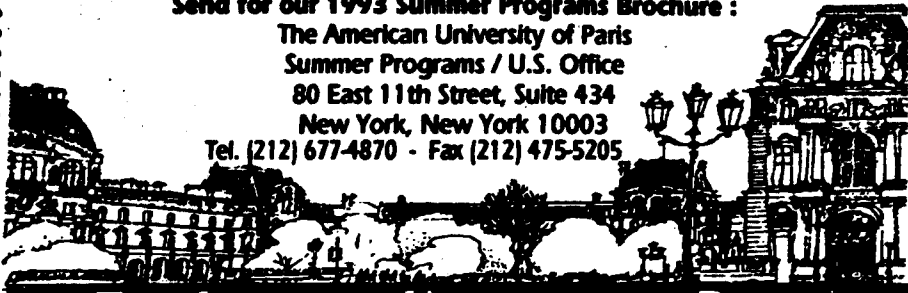
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STONY BROOK STATESMAN THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1993

Dalland's talents keep Pats in crease

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

The Pats lacrosse team, with goals set at making the Top 20, must show a tremendous amount of skill, determination, speed, and character.

Lacrosse team members and the coach said the personification of these standards is senior Kevin Dalland. Playing either the midfielder or attackman position, Dalland gives complete effort in each game that he plays. Assistant coach Brian McCormack, who played lacrosse himself at Cornell, for the third year is concentrating on the Stony Brook defense. But even with these focuses, it is hard not to notice an all around player such as Dalland. "Kevin really hustles," said McCormack. "He is really good."

Dalland started playing lacrosse in high school. He was a baseball player when a teacher, who coached lacrosse, urged Dalland to play. With his speed and lacrosse on the rise, he seemed to have a better chance than in the more competitive baseball. Dalland is modest about his play. "The team is versatile. We all give a hundred percent each practice," he said. "Because all of the positions are always subject to change, everyone had to work hard. It's competitive."

Dalland, in the short time that has elapsed in the season, has been a great contributor on and off the field. He has, on numerous occasions, caused the possession of the ball to transfer over into the Patriots hands. Dalland is also known for starting many fast breaks that lead to goals, although he has only scored one goal himself. "Kevin has control over the ball and keeps composure," said McCormack. "Opposing defenses have a hard time closing around him."

Dalland's teammates Lou Ventura and Paul Leva were surprised to see him on the Patriot field. Dalland attended Plainedge high school which was a rival of Ventura and Leva's Elmont. But they were glad that he was on the right side. "Kevin is a great guy. Speed is such a positive in lacrosse and he has it," said Ventura. "He also



Dalland in a fast break against Lehman earlier this season

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possesses leadership qualities."

"Kevin is a true asset to the team, a real great guy," said Leva. "He is real low key, humble. Kevin keeps things in perspective and I can always ask him for advice or an opinion. He can give constructive criticism, but he always has something nice to say."

"He helps out all over the field," said senior goalie

Spallone. "He has great speed." Leva could only agree about the wide range of Dalland's talent. "Kevin is the most effective player on the team," he said. "He is so versatile."

"We are taking one game at a time now," said Dalland. "This year is our toughest schedule." The team will be facing Colgate at home at 2 p.m. Saturday. Dalland said, "We are not taking them lightly."

Patriots squash opponents, finish with 15-12 record

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

Finishing with a team record of 15-12, the squash Patriots once again come out of the season victorious.

The team, that plays a schedule that includes competition from Divisions I, II and III, once again made a mark for itself with a match record of 133-110 and a game

record 475-386. The team faces very powerful competition such as Yale, Columbia, Fordham and Navy.

Sophomore Scott Winokur, in his second year of competition showed tremendous ability with a record of 15-12, in the first seeded matches he finished 3-4 and in the second 12-8. Gavin Appel finished with a record of 13-7 in the his first seeded

spot.

Ali Bukhari, also in his second year of competition, worked hard this year to improve his level of play and his position on the team. Bukhari achieved a record of 11-15. Junior Craig Appel, from Kitwe, Zambia, ended his season moving as far up as the second seeded game record of 8-15 to leave his record at 13-14.

Bob Snider, the Stony Brook head coach, was the founder of the the intercollegiate squash program in 1966. In the years that Snider has been here, his team has received top honors.

The team will be losing two seniors, Dave Bennett and Bukhari, but don't anticipate a change in level of play for next season.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Wardally saves the best for last

By Kenneth Kortright
Special to Statesman

Senior Ricky Wardally of the men's basketball team scored a career high 28 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in the team's 66-56 loss to Jersey City State College in the ECAC Metropolitan NY/NJ Championship game in Jersey City, New Jersey last Tuesday. The championship game completed what Stony Brook head coach Bernard Tomlin referred to as, "a very good season despite all of the adversity this year." For his performance, Wardally was named *Statesman/VIP Athlete of the Week*.

"Jersey City State College is a lot like the elite teams in the Skyline conference," said Tomlin. "Ricky was a lot more focused during our practices. It led to his

success in the playoffs."

Wardally, who averaged 14.8 points and 7.4 rebounds per game during the regular season, averaged 20.6 points and 10 rebounds during the tournament. "He did what was expected of him," said coach Tomlin. "Being a senior and playing in his last collegiate basketball game, Ricky gave 110 percent, not only in the championship game, but throughout the playoffs." Wardally completed his four year career at Stony



Ricky Wardally

Brook with 1175 points and 678 rebounds and was a member of the 1989-90 ECAC championship team his freshman year. He would have liked to leave Stony Brook with another title. "I just didn't want to lose," said Wardally. "I wanted to come home with a championship and I tried to go all out and do that."

Despite a second place finish in the ECAC championships, it was a good way for Wardally to end his career at Stony Brook. But Wardally wanted more than just a career game. "I don't care about those high numbers. I just wish we won the championship, even if I scored only ten points," he said.

"Ricky had a lot to do with our success during the post-season," said Tomlin. "His play during the tournament was inspirational."

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Players: 'Expect Blowouts'

Hardballers claim best lineup in years

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

After the baseball team's opening game and two other postponements due to weather conditions, the Patriots starting line will take the field. Working six days a week, the team has battled to overcome the snow and rain to become the team that they want to be. When one thinks of baseball they are bound to recall bright sunshine, dirt flying after a slide into third, and



Poor weather has prevented the Pats from hitting ...

balls flying high into the sky. On Monday, the team went out to the Patriot Field for practice only for the second time. The Patriots have yet to step upon the infield soil because the only thing they would feel under their feet would be wet, slushy mud.

The game that was scheduled fourth will now be the season opener. The starting line-up for the game has been finalized and junior Mark Eads will be the starting hitter. Eads, who is regularly an outfielder but also pitches when the need calls, has speed and solid hitting ability working for him this season.

Another outfielder, Scott Shermansky, a rightfielder, will be up at bat second for the Patriots. Senior Shermansky is said to be the best outfielder on the team by many of his teammates. Batting third to bring in the quick drive for the run will be second baseman Ken Kortright. Senior Kortright finished last season, in which he played 14 games, with a RBI total of nine. The team MVP from last year, Jason Greco, will be up at the plate fourth. Great things are expected from this senior who plays in the outfield.

Dave Marcus, a sophomore, will be on deck as Greco bats. Marcus will be the starting catcher, who many of the teammates can only use "outstanding" to describe. Sixth on the hit list is freshman Eric Haag. Working hard to win the first base position, Haag has consistently been giving the team his best from day one. Evan Karabeles will approach the plate next to show his batting abilities which have improved even more into this season.

Junior Adam Karol will be batting eighth. Karol will be starting as a centerfielder player. Last up at bat will be senior Artie DellaRocca. This shortstop, according to his teammates, is the anchor of the infield.

Although exact schedules have not been worked out for the pitching staff of the Patriots there are four starting pitchers that are prominent now. Sophomore Mike Robertson seems to be a favorite for opening game at this point. Drew McDowell, who took off a year, and Bill Wilk, who did not play last spring, are now back to play for Stony



... and running into their promising season.

Brook with built up talent. Freshman Tim Lynch also has shown himself to be up the skill of the veterans. Senior Barry Liebowitz has also taken on the responsibility of the stopper of the pitching staff.

The pitching staff will be important to the team this year. "Good hitting and good defense is just a part of Stony Brook's past," said Wilk. This leaves the pitching staff full of responsibility.

"The pitchers have really good depth," said Greco. "Last year, we won by two points or so. This year we can expect more blowouts."

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