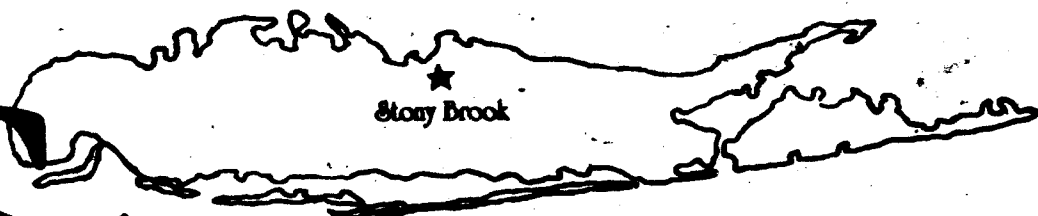


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Movers unload Joe's Baldwin piano into the Educational Communications Center yesterday, where it will be stored until the Staller cleanup is completed.

His Baby Grand

Billy Joel gives drenched arts center custom Baldwin piano

By Patricia Huang
Statesman Staff Writer

His baby grand's been good to him, and now he hopes it'll be good to Stony Brook's drenched arts center.

Singer, songwriter and Long Islander Billy Joel donated his nine-foot concert grand piano yesterday as a replacement for one of the university's three concert pianos destroyed last month when a water main burst flooding the Staller Center with over one million gallons of water and mud.

Piano & Organ Company, was brought to the university yesterday from the musician's Amagansett home.

The piano, custom built for Joel by the Baldwin Piano & Organ Company, was brought to the university yesterday from the musician's Amagansett home. See JOEL on page 5

Do You Really Deserve That 'A'?

I REMEMBER THAT AS FAR BACK AS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and as recently as high school, if I received a 70 on an exam, it was cause for great concern. "Will I be able to still pass the course with a decent grade?" was the question I was constantly asking myself. Through most of my school years, 75 meant passing by the skin of your teeth — no exceptions, no excuses.

After entering college I was surprised to see students prancing about triumphantly after receiving grades as low as 60, or even lower. It was later explained to me in painstaking detail that most classes here are graded with respect to themselves, and not to a fixed standard of 90 or above meaning grade A, 80-90, a B, and so on. This means that in a given class, only a fixed percentage can receive any letter grade, with the majority being allotted C, slightly less gaining D or B, and even smaller percentages receiving an A or [gulp] F.

What does all this signify? Plenty, if you read into the data. Gil Bowen, associate registrar, was kind enough to provide a list of figures showing percentages of undergraduate students who hold certain grade point averages (GPAs). The numbers given were, that out of 9,689 undergraduates from class U0-U4, 3,399 (35 percent) had GPAs 3.0 (a B average) or above; 4,975 (51 percent) had grades above the mean 2.69 (B- score); while only 178 (or an insignificant 1.8 percent) had

GPAs below a 1.0 (a D, the lowest passing grade).



THE EAGLE'S EYE
Adam Kaminsky

On the outside, it seems all well and good that our student body is excelling, with 51 percent achieving a B-minus or better, and that nobody is failing. It is good for the university to trumpet this achievement, and it really boosts students' self esteem. But *are* we excelling, or has somebody just tweaked the numbers to suit the university community's level of commitment?

How can we truly call ours an institution of education if we apportion grades by statistical method (somebody must excel, somebody must fail, and everybody else must be Joe Average), and the statistical method dictates that more often than not, an excellent grade is a 60? I wouldn't want a doctor who knew only 60 percent of a procedure, but anyway graduated at the top of his class, operating on me! A 60 means you know 60 percent of the work. If that is the top grade in the class, the person who received that grade should just be considered less of an idiot than his peers.

The fact that too many students here and at a fair percentage of other schools are being given something for nothing by curving grades drastically upward has far reaching nationwide consequences. Why has it become so difficult in the past ten or so years to be accepted to a professional graduate school (e.g. med

How can we truly call ours an institution of education if we apportion grades by statistical method?

school, law school, etc.)? Part of it is because every Tom, Dick, and Harry claims to have a B average. According to their respective schools, they are correct in stating that. But there is no way to differentiate between an uncurved B and a curved B, unless you use standardized tests like the GRE or MCAT. Wait, those tests have been scorned because of their inherent racism and elitism. Nah, they are just trying to separate the truth from the lies. White students get curved just as much as black or Latino students, and scratch their foreheads in disbelief in much the same way when they

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Senator moves to impeach president

A volley of charges were hurled at Polity President David Greene at last night's Polity Senate meeting by Richard Cole, calling for the senate to investigate and possibly impeach Greene.

"My record stands for itself," Greene told *Statesman* before the vote, which denied a request for an investigation.

The tally for the vote was 13 in favor of the impeachment investigation and 14 against. In order for the investigation process to begin, the senate would have needed a 75 percent vote in favor of impeaching Greene.

Cole accused Greene of misconduct and dereliction of duties. "There has been a lack responsiveness to true student issues [by Greene]," said Cole. Cole also alleged that Greene actually lived in South Carolina, but used an aunt's address in Brooklyn to receive the in-state fee. He said that Greene had shown his South Carolina license to Senator Michael Lyons and other senators. But Greene refuted the charges and said that all the university required to establish New York State residency was to live in the state for one year.

The long standing feud between Greene and Cole may have lead to the charges. At last week's Polity meeting, Greene distributed copies of charges that had been brought against Cole.

— Vincent Grasso



David Greene

Commuter officers booted

By Krista A. DeMaria
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The Commuter College executive council lost their office positions and their senate seats after they refused to comply with recommendations made by the Internal Affairs committee following an investigation ordered by the senate.

President Vincent Bruzzese, Vice President Jim Coffey, Secretary Jennifer Vanessendelft and Treasurer Erika Abel, who are the commuter council members who lost their offices and senate voting privileges at last night's meeting, said the decision and motion was unfair.

During the March 3 senate meeting senior rep. Alphonso Grant motioned to vest full authority in Polity Internal Affairs on the investigation of commuter college in regards to the validity of their elections and separation of powers.

Moshe Aronov, chairman of the five member internal affairs board that investigates the inside conflicts of Polity, said he was not allowed to talk about the decision and preferred not to comment.

According to the motion, there were three provisions that had to be met:

- Eliminate commuter college officers who are holding more than one position, executive or senate, on the grounds that their is no separation of powers.

- Follow Robert's Rules Order in the case of proxy voting. In order to conduct a proxy vote it must first be in your constitution. However, there is no clause in the commuter college constitution that allows proxy voting



Statesman Chris Vacirca

From left, Coffey, Bruzzese and Abel before they were removed last night.

yet they have solicited and upheld proxy voting.

- The executive committee is the only body that can appoint senators, and by precedent no other legislature has that authority.

"As far as I know commuter college is a leg," said Grant. "They don't allow their executive body to serve as senators."

Commuter council members said they refuse to meet the provisions or to recognize Internal Affairs decision. "We will never comply with that decision," said Bruzzese. "We will run as usual."

But according to Polity Treasurer Corey Williams their budget of approximately \$14,000 will be frozen today. "They'll get it back as soon as new elections have been conducted," he said. "But let's look at what they're

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Joel in a Staller Center state of mind

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"I feel that it is very important to support piano study as well as classical concert performance," said Joel in a prepared statement. "It is especially meaningful for me to support this effort here on Long Island."

The Feb. 21 water main break, which caused an estimated \$4 million in damages, left one Baldwin piano in the recital hall, valued at \$150,000, floating in a murky lake and the torrents forced two other Steinway pianos to float 20 feet before they were wedged in a doorway. A rare pipe organ valued at \$500,000 was also damaged.

"Stony Brook is especially grateful to Billy Joel, who immediately recognized our loss and made this very generous gift," said University President John H. Marburger. "It will enable our students and the greater Long Island community to continue to enjoy the strong tradition of excellent music performances at Stony Brook."

Although many others have donated money and offered support, Joel's piano is the first donation of any equipment or instrument to the Staller Center, according to Carole Cohen, vice president for university affairs.

"I thought that he was just buying one for us but it

turned out to be his own," said Chadd Merrigan, a first year masters student in piano performance who played Joel's piano yesterday. "I couldn't get over the fact that he had given it to us. The generosity is unparalleled." According to Merrigan, the piano has a bright sound which suits the studio it is currently housed in, but he added that the piano will have to be adjusted when it is moved to the recital hall.

Another student, Kathleen Boyd, who also had the opportunity to play Joel's piano yesterday, said that she was moved by the gift. "It was really generous of him and when I was playing, I was touched by it... we had been in such dire straits."

Damage to equipment and instruments caused by the flood, which affected the Staller Center's lower levels and two large theaters, disrupted performances and programs in art, music and theater.

Until the center's facilities can be restored, Joel's

piano, distinguished by its historic serial number as the 300,000th built by Baldwin, is being housed in a recital hall in the Educational Communications Center.

The concert piano retails for over \$50,000, said Cohen, but she added, "That's the regular price. It's worth a lot more. It's Billy Joel's."

Since the flood, the university has received an outpouring of offers to help cope with the loss, officials said. Steinway & Sons of New York City and Frank & Camille are two piano companies that have come to Stony Brook's aid by loaning concert grand pianos free of charge. Others have helped by offering to hold fund raisers and benefit concerts. The moving of Joel's piano was donated by the Bates Brothers of Valley Stream, a job which would normally cost at least \$500.

"Having Billy Joel's piano here adds a special touch," said Marburger. "I think anyone who lives on Long Island has to be a fan of Billy Joel to some extent."

Commuter Polity officers removed

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doing with the money."

Abel, who has handled the commuter budget since the October elections, said if there are re-elections she is unsure which position she would run for. "I'm so sick of Polity that I'd rather be treasurer," she said. "But I'd also like to stop these attacks in senate."

Other council members said the fight is far from over. "If the Polity council does not leave CSA [commuter college] alone I will be unrelenting in my attacks on what I feel to be the corrupt day to day operations of Polity," Bruzzese said.

Coffey, whose proposal for impeachment is now moot because he is not in office, said he just wants to convey commuter concerns. As vice president he was the chairman of commuters and the only council member designated to be a senator, but because the commuter council did not comply with the provisions of the motion he was removed with the rest of the council. "We will make a new constitution that will make all commuter council members senators if they desire," he said. "If I am the only senator I'll feel a little pressure."

In the meantime the council has chosen to run commuter college as if they were never kicked out of their positions. "This is not a legal mandate," said Bruzzese. "If they want to remove us from office without Polity judiciary board than they'll have to remove us physically."

Judiciary Board chairwoman Nancy Belson said she expects the case to come to the board, but right now is unsure. "It will come to us if it gets out of hand," she said.

Polity President David Greene said that the commuter college constitution needs to get in order. "They need to operate in sound manner of integrity," he said. "They will have to have general elections to run."

The Polity council is giving commuter college 30 days to organize and publicize an election. "These people don't meet commuters needs," said Williams. "I hope the right people get into office."

Polity Vice President Jerry Canada said the people who are there now aren't accomplishing anything because of the fighting. "I think the whole senate is fed up," he said. "And I know if they have elections the same people will just run again and the whole thing will make a 360 degree turn."

But Bruzzese is not planning on organizing any election. "If Dave Greene wants it so bad than let him organize it himself," he said. "As far as I am concerned I am still president."

The commuter council said they are not backing down, but Canada said he wants see some compromise to get the work done. "I go in to the meeting expecting the unexpected," he said. "A house divided cannot stand."

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STONY BROOK STATESMAN THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1993

Editorial

Don't Guess About Statesman, Get the Facts

If you read *The Stony Brook Press'* letter to the editor in its March 8 edition, you have a lot of questions for us at *Statesman*. Questions about "corruption, deceit and lies." And we're eager to answer them.

But not here, at least not all of them. We're not going to waste your time or our space defending ourselves against every grossly irresponsible and inaccurate charge — especially when the writer and the paper don't even have the courage to name the accuser or the professionalism to check facts.

We will tell you this much: Stony Brook undergrads provide about 10 percent of our operating budget, and for that we're not only grateful, but we're willing to open our books for any and every reader concerned that we're doing you a disservice.

For those of you not willing to come down to our offices for lack of time or energy, these brief examples

may give you an idea about how off-base the writer was:

- The unnamed "*Statesman* writer" says that while we claim to be student-run, the paid staff runs the paper. Truth is, only undergraduate students, as mandated by our bylaws, can hold corporate offices or editorial board positions. Students make all policy decisions, all editorial decisions, all major business decisions and are even the only ones allowed to hire and fire employees. The paper's employees do indeed perform services for the business end of the paper, but they are accountable to the student board members, their employers — just like Polity, which unarguably is student-run.

- While the writer claims our annual budget is \$400,000, we brought in less than half of that last year — exactly \$189,435.

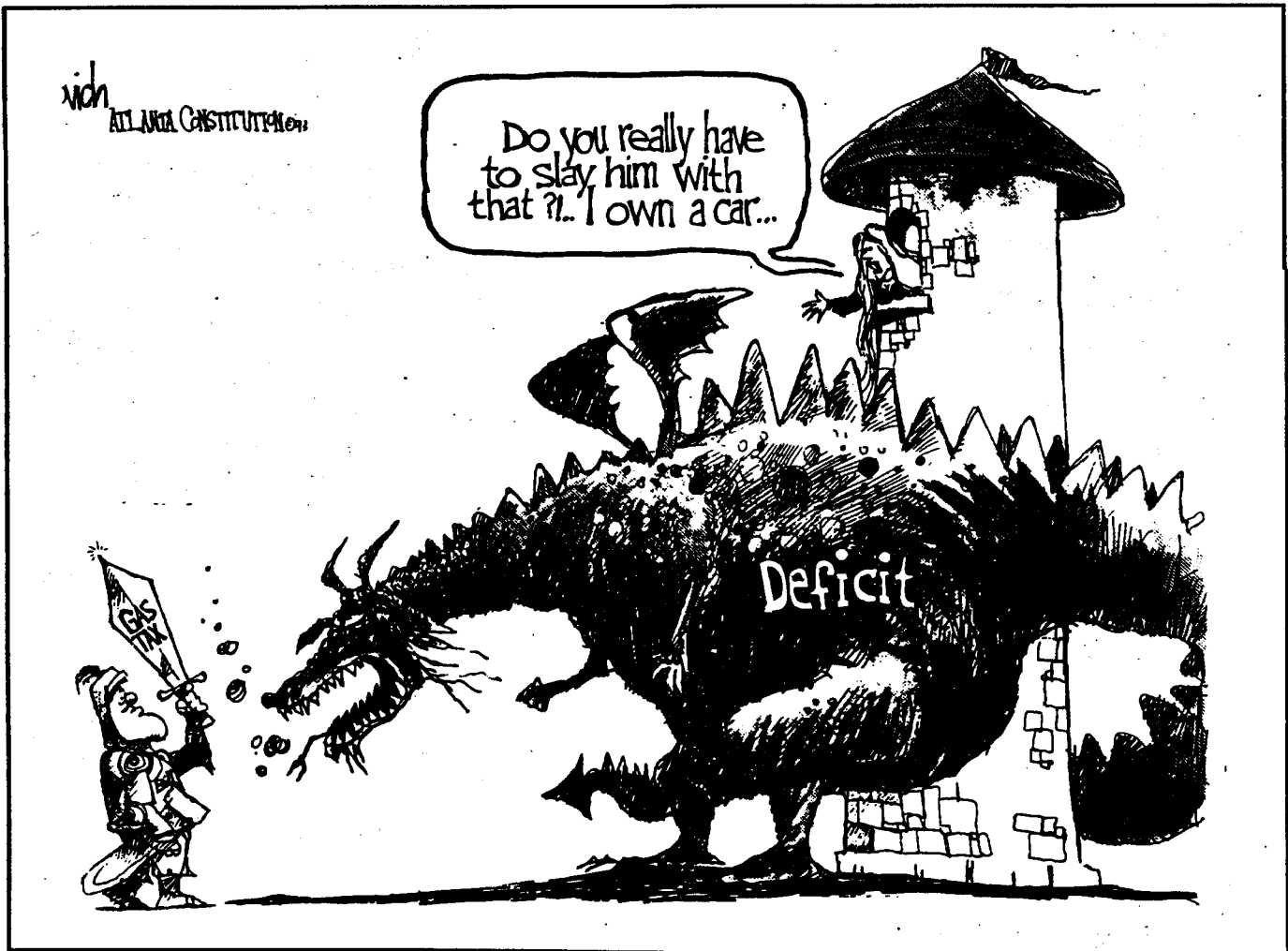
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Commuter College Is Selfish

To the Editor:

I am a full-time student who pays an activity fee for the use of "activities" here on campus. I attend senate meetings throughout the semester and have consistently seen only one thing — the selfishness of the commuter representatives. They are only concerned with themselves, and I am sure that they do not keep the rest of the commuters posted on the meetings because if they did, they would surely be thrown out of office. They are not concerned with the issues, but rather annoyed that they do not have the support to get themselves elected to the presidency so they consistently have to oppose who do. I think they should move on to the real world—people starving, killing, and helping, not throwing the well-liked homeless out of the lounge just to get their name in the tabloids. These are the same people who claim to be out for the greater good!

Recently they have asked that the senate put on the referendum \$285,000 to pay for the state's on-campus bus system so that the commuters would not have to pay \$25 a semester to ride the bus from South P-Lot to the academic mall and back. If they are truly for the students they would see that this is approximately \$67 for each commuter student currently enrolled at the University. If they are allowed this, then their budget should reflect it by stating that they have used up all their funds. They receive \$21,000 as it is, and only a select few decide where the money goes. My opinion is that they pocket it, only it doesn't show in the way they dress!

Who in the world is going to check off a box on the ballot for \$32.61 anyway? Cole couldn't even get 400 votes, never mind 2/3 vote from the students on a \$32.61 ticket. Even they know this is impossible, yet for the sake of arguing they do it anyway. Nobody even cares to hear these people talk anymore at these meetings because all they do is vote yes for themselves and no for everyone else on campus. They totally disregard everyone but themselves. Anyway, does anyone even know the academic

standing of their elected reps? Does the campus know that Cole is awaiting a campus Judiciary hearing? Or that he and the rest of his "clan" also threaten the witnesses of this case not to testify, as witnessed by myself. This sole fact alone has compelled me to write this letter.

There are many who feel that if they stand up for their rights as students, or people for that matter, that they will definitely lose their support on the voting table as a result of defending themselves in the name of enjoying college like our parents' generation has. It is this student's opinion that the commuter college should re-vote their officers to better represent the needs of all, not the needs of merely themselves.

Joseph Abutel
Irving Senator

Polity's Only Concern: Power

To the Editor:

Anyone that takes the time out of their busy schedule to get involved in student politics here on campus will inevitably end up asking themselves, "How did things ever get this way?" At first student politics seems like a good way to get involved in extracurricular activities. But after a very short while the people and the process all seem very sophomoric. There are different factions within the student government who are fighting against one another as if their very lives depended upon the outcome. These fights become so personal that people's cars are "keyed," people receive prank and harassing phone calls at home, physical altercations occur and official charges are levied against those involved.

Why does all of this happen? I thought that student government was supposed to exist in order to represent the students to the administration and the state, to help student clubs get organized and funded, and to provide social and academic programming. But what actually happens is different cliques are formed and these student government

leaders cater to those they feel are "on their side." There have been numerous complaints, by myself and many other people, that Polity does not have any equity in its actions. These complaints have been made because those people in power within Polity actively work to isolate those people who do not agree with every little thing that they do.

The situation has gone farther than this. Current Polity president, David D. Greene III, has taken active offensive measures against other members of the student government. Mr. Greene has been coaching people, in particular Mr. Adam Turner and Mr. James Coffey, on how to harass various members of the Commuter Student Association. Mr. Greene has made claims that he has "a file on Richard Cole," which he will share with anyone interested in helping kick me out of the student government and/or school.

I first got involved in student government with hopes of being able to help some of my fellow students. I quickly learned that student government was not about this, but about power. Despite my feeling that this was wrong I stayed involved and tried to make a difference. Other people who got involved saw the mess and decided that it was not worth their time and energy to be involved. So they quit, leaving student government with one less interested voice.

If people are going to have respect for their student government all of the buffoon-like behavior must go. This includes my own, but also the despicable behavior carried out by David D. Greene and the rest of the Polity executive council.

Richard Cole
Commuter Senator

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wonder why they've not scored as highly as expected, even with a supposed B average. Without going off on a tangent, you can now see that this racism crap is largely unjustified.

But it may not be that all the students are just a bunch of dim bulbs who cannot score a decent grade on anything. Many professors and departments write tests which purposely include extraneous or advanced material to gauge how well students apply what they have learned. This is not entirely fair, although the motive seems reasonable. It is rather dejecting to receive a sub-average grade on anything, whether it is assigned an A or a Z. People would

much rather get honest 100s on tests than rely on insane curving policies which make their lackluster performances look like masterpieces. We were not brought up to believe that 60/100 is a decent percentage in anything, except batting averages.

Curving is not a policy implemented solely in Stony Brook. But steps must be taken to ensure that students be brought up to tried-and-true standards nationwide, and not that the standards be brought down to the students. We must make having a C average at least semi-honorable again. We must also not hesitate to fail a relatively large number of students previously protected by huge curves. Only then will true learning take place, and not rote memorization which is completely erased after the test has

been returned.

Statistics has managed a way around the old adage that numbers cannot be B.S.'ed by devising a system so foggy that it makes any figure seem front-row-center. But it is not the statistician's fault. Statistics is a discipline very much different from traditional mathematics, much like English and Spanish use the same letters, but cannot be interchanged. Just because something looks good in statistical jargon and method doesn't mean it will "fly" in arithmetic method. Don't be fooled. Evaluate your performance on your own yardstick. While you have no choice in accepting the grade assigned to you officially, you can fairly assess your own abilities, and adjust your true "grade" accordingly.

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Paul Schultes tries to fight off Lehigh's Mike Sweetman.

Lehigh surprises Patriots

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Patriots would never be that close again in this game. Schafer lead the day with three goals and an assist while Sommese scored two. Midfielder Chris Chamberlain, who had two goals against Michigan State, was kept to only one goal.

"We overlooked Lehigh for the Princeton game, and after the Michigan game everyone was a bit too cocky," said freshman defensive middle Pat Delaleu. "We have to take one game at a time."

"It was the worst lacrosse we have ever played this year," head coach John Epsey said. "All the hoopla over Princeton hurt us. Their attack schooled our defense, it was a miserable exhibition all around."

Attackman Nat Sweetman of Lehigh had three goals and an assist for the day and his teammate Jeff Jenkins added a couple. The duo seemed to be unstoppable for the tough Patriot defense.

Attackman Schafer who had four points for the day

"It was the worst lacrosse we have ever played this year."

— Head Coach John Epsey

said "We were looking too far ahead, we didn't come out ready to play. We can only learn from this loss, and take each game one at a time."

The Patriots will go into the Princeton game at .500, a win or big loss could dramatically set the tone for the remaining season for the lacrosse team. "Princeton is the defending NCAA Champs. They beat Johns Hopkins," said Delaleu. "They are going to be a very tough team to beat."

After the disappointing loss to the Engineers, the Patriots will host defending National Champion Princeton University at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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Pats advance to ECAC finals

Despite all oppositions faced this year the 1992-93 Stony Brook basketball is taking it is one step further than they did last year.

Last night, the Patriots took on Trenton State and won, 55-51, to advance them into the ECAC championship finals to face Jersey City State, which beat Staten Island in the other semi-final last night.

The score was tied in Trenton at 25 at the half before senior forward Ricky Wardally scored the first eight points after halftime and then scored again at 3:46. At this point Stony Brook jumped ahead of Trenton and never lagged behind again. He also finished with a career high of 23 points. Wardally was also named to be a member of the 1992-93 Skyline Conference All-Star Team on Monday.

The Patriots are No. 4 seed; Jersey City was seeded No. 2.

The game to decide who the ECAC champion will be takes place Saturday night at Trenton.

— Robyn Sauer

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Pats watch Dutchmen from penalty box

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Staff Writer

The Pats choked and found themselves in the penalty box watching their own team fall under the skates of Hofstra.

The 5-2 loss was handed to the Pats whose defense players spent a lot of time in the penalty box. The Patriots will be able to make a second attempt if they beat C. W. Post this weekend in the playoffs.

Hockey	
Hofstra:	5
Patriots:	2

The all rookie offensive line of Scott Kendrick, Chris Garafalo, and Jason Musengo seemed to have been the veterans of Stony Brook hockey this past game having the

Consistency marks runners' win

The men's track team showed the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference that Stony Brook is a well rounded team with only three first place finishes and yet, achieving the fifth place status.

In the ECACs this weekend in Lewiston, Maine the Patriots came through with 53.5 points. This prestigious championship is basically the meet that all the teammates work for the whole season.

Roger Gill received the honor of being named the Patriot MVP of the meet when he took part in the only three first places for the team. Gill established a new university record in the 400 meters when he won first place with his time of 49.27. This time also qualified him for the national Division III NAAs. Gill also finished in first place in the 200 meter dash in a time of 22.52.

Gill, Chris Paul, Dan Paj and Jerry Canada placed first in the 4x400.
— Robyn Sauer

most shots on the net and the only two goals. Kendrick's first goal which occurred at 14:03 in the second was not counted because when the referee arrived at the goal the puck was no longer in the net.

In the beginning of the third period when Hofstra was leading by five, Kendrick scored two goals to try to set the tone for a come back. His first goal was unassisted at 19:21 and the second was at 15:09 assisted by both Musengo and Garafalo. "We focus on passing and skating, it's our style of the game," said Kendrick. "We just stay out of the box."

The penalties piled up when 4:38 into the first period, captain Eric Wuss took two interference penalties which expanded to include a ten minute misconduct for not taking his penalties quietly. Only moments later, captain Bill Mauer was put in the box for high-sticking.

The team was left with only four defensive players and Hofstra was leading by five when at 1:59 in the second, junior defenseman Vic Dezelic was disqualified from this game and possibly the next. "What should have been a two minute penalty became a game suspension," said Dezelic.

Defenseman Mike Stillwagon said the fall of the tight defense definitely contributed to the loss. "Going from five men to three is definitely going to hurt," he said. "I know the referees have to set the tone but they went overboard."

Junior Defenseman Craig DeMaio looked at the loss without focusing on the penalties. "Except for a few flashes of intensity and skill, we played poorly," he said. "The whole first half we really just played dead."

Stillwagon said the game started off bad and just stayed that way. "The first three goals in the game were not planned, spectacular ones," he said. "We made the first mistakes and we knew whoever messed up first would lose."

The Patriots will enter the first round of playoffs against C. W. Post this weekend. "They are going to come in ready to play," said Kendrick. "We beat them twice. They will not want to lose again. We must be up to the challenge."



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Capt. Eric Wuss watched game after his ejection.

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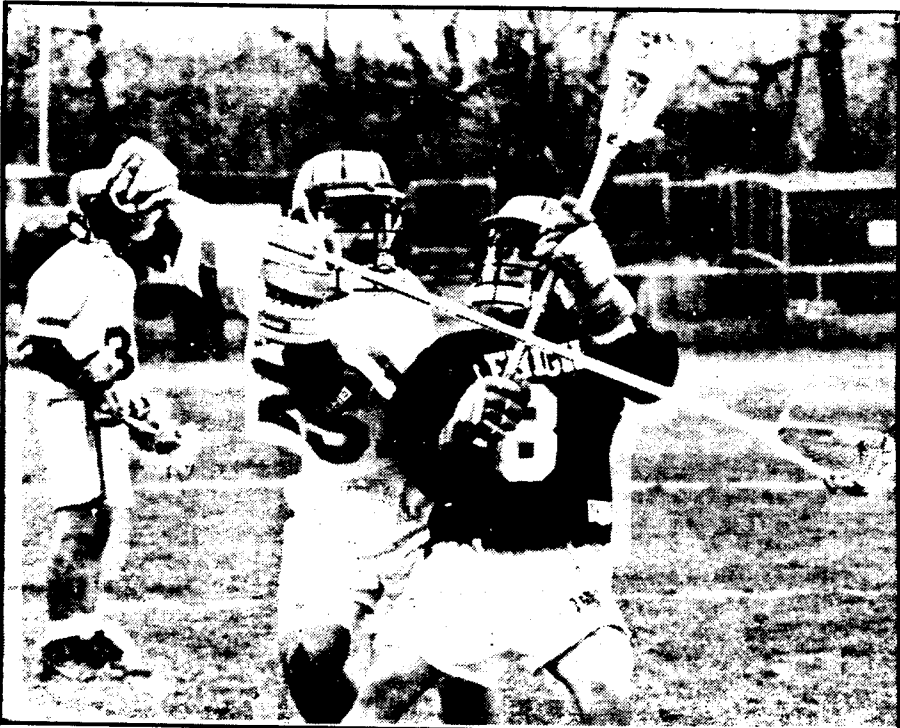
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Mike Bocchino defends Lehigh's Jeffrey Jenkins Wednesday.

Statesman/Chris Vacira

Top 20 hopes slim after loss

By Dave Fallace
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook lacrosse team has now brought their chances of being a Top 20 team to an almost null existence which many players blamed on the overwhelming emphasis put on the Princeton game.

The Patriots lost in front of a home crowd 13-7 to Lehigh, a team which the Patriots consistently defeated in the past. The Lehigh Engineers opened their

season with a 8-5 loss against Michigan State; a team which the Patriots defeated 9-7 last Wednesday.

"The team had been very loquacious about the Princeton game," said junior defenseman Mike Durgey. "We were not focused for Lehigh."

Lehigh started the game out by scoring the first four goals, giving the Engineers a early lead. Lou Ventura, off a feed from John Schafer, started the scoring off for the Patriots. A minute later, James Sommese, assisted by Ed Havel, scored, bringing the score within two. But the

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Lacrosse

Lehigh:	13
Patriots:	7

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