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The spring break crowd at Daytona Beach, Fla.: "The cops up here suck."

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Collegians Do Not 'Party Smart' More arrests, less vandalism during break

By Amy Hudson

The College Press Service

The elaborate efforts to discourage vacationing students from drinking alcohol seem to be failing.

Despite an intense campaign urging collegians visiting Daytona Beach, Fla., to "Party Smart," police there made arrests in record numbers, and students didn't show any signs of slowing their alcohol intake.

At South Padre Island, Texas, the preferred spring break spot for the western half of the country, revelers got their fill of alcohol either by skipping across the border to Mexico where the drinking age is only 18 or simply staying in South Padre Island, where police resources stretched to the limits.

Daytona police made arrests – mostly for disorderly conduct and illegal drinking – in record numbers. Last year, 1,898 were arrested during a five-week period.

This time around, police have arrested 4,117 from March 2 through March 23. During the first two weeks of break the Daytona Beach Rangers, a special deputy group, arrested an additional 2,200 people for having open containers on the beach.

Since Easter fell late this year, students are expected to continue descending on Daytona and other hot spots through the third week in April, leaving plenty of time for more arrests.

The burgeoning arrest totals haven't fazed police. "There've been no major problems," declared Daytona police Sgt. John Power, "although we've had a lot of minor violations."

The only incident of note was a March 6 fight between two students – one from St. Francis College in Pennsylvania and the other from West Virginia University – and four or five local men who beat the visitors up during an argument.

While the police may be satisfied, many

students say they're angry about the crackdown on alcohol. "People should be able to drink on the beach," complained Steven Polansky, a sophomore at St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida. "The cops up here suck."

"Ponch and John are everywhere," added vacationer Christopher Stainton. "You can see (police officers) on every street."

The huge show of uniforms notwithstanding, collegians apparently got all they want to drink.

Journalism students at Ohio University, Northwestern University and Columbia University conducted an informal survey of 50 collegians vacationing at Daytona Beach. Fifty-nine percent of them said that, after hotel and travel expenses, alcohol was their number one expense.

Another 26 percent said they were spending most of their money on food. Ten percent cited recreational activities as their main expense, while 4 percent said they spend more on souvenirs than anything else.

"I'm sure lots of alcohol's been consumed," admitted Daytona Beach ranger Joe Waller.

Daytona officials, citing the lack of tragedies and destruction of property that plagued last year's affair, insist that everything's going great.

"So far, things have been going very well," maintained Suzanne Smith, executive director of the Spring Break Festival Task Force. The city organized the task force to prevent a repeat of last year's free-for-all break, in which 400,000 collegians alit on the four-mile stretch of beach, snarling traffic, urinating on lawns and tearing up public and private property.

The task force adopted the "Party Smart" theme and sent out a message to collegians around the country begging them to behave this spring break. It now hands out blue

plastic wristbands – emblazoned with the "Party Smart" phrase and, apparently without a trace of irony, the Budweiser logo – to students. Smith, mindful of the approximately \$120 million in revenue the spring breakers provide, already is claiming a victory.

"Daytona Beach is very much interested in having college kids come here. We like it and we want it."

At South Padre Island, where police are averaging 30-40 arrests a day, officials also believe their anti-drinking efforts are working. "Things have been fairly hectic, but nothing out of the ordinary," said police Capt. Tommy Atkinson. "We're not clamping down on anything. We're simply answering calls."

Hordes of students in South Padre Island simply cross the borders into Matamoros, Mexico, in search of cheap beer. Last year, University of Texas students Mark Kilroy was murdered and dismembered during a side trip to Matamoros.

Mexican officials started a voluntary sign-in program for spring breakers as a means of keeping track of who's there, but few students are signing in.

Meanwhile, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agents are stationed at the border to arrest anyone under 21 who crosses the border with alcohol in hand.

South Padre's Atkinson, for one, says an excursion to Mexico isn't worth the risk of being arrested upon returning to the U.S. or finding a worse fate in Mexico.

"They don't need to go to Mexico to drink," Atkinson says. "They can drink right here. Where there's a will there's a way."

(David Fekke, a reporter at the Avion, the student paper at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, contributed to this story.)

Polity discusses HSO boycott

By Peter Parides

"It is clearly a political move to divide the black community." That is how Hatian Student Organization president Allain Moise described the Food and Drug Administration's ruling that excludes Hatians and Sub-Saharan Africans from donating blood.

According to a March 24 article in the *New York Times*, the FDA ruling stems from a belief among medical scientists that Hatians and Africans are a high-risk AIDS carrying group.

Students opposed to this ban argue that Hatians and Africans do not compose a high risk group and that the ban is discriminatory because it unjustly excludes these two ethnic groups.

Moise, reading from the article, pointed out that of the 121,645 AIDS cases in the United States as of the end of January, only 1,962 of these are immigrants from Haiti. Furthermore, of 24,383 New York City AIDS cases, 550 (less than 1%), are immigrants from Haiti. "There is no scientific evidence to hold up this (FDA ruling,)" said Moise. "You can judge for yourself. No one knows exactly where AIDS comes from. It (the FDA ruling) is a cover-up."

Dwayne Andrews, commenting on this point, said "AIDS is not concerned with where you are from. Geographic area should not put you in high risk."

Joe Lafleur, also from the HSO, stated that the Hatians were singled out for discrimination. "If this were any other ethnic group, it would not be tolerated. If this were against the Jews, you would raise hell...The Jews have the economic power," he said.

The HSO brought this matter to the Polity Senate in the hope that the Senate would pass a resolution calling for the repeal of the blood donating ban. "Polity represents all the students of this university. If Polity is so, it must take a stand," said the HSO president.

Polity Vice President Dan Slepian opened the issue for discussion with the following, "There is something we can discuss here. The reason they think that they are being discriminated against is simply the country they come from."

The main point of contention was the the HSO's boycott of the blood drive on April 4. Moise, commenting on that incident said, "We will boycott every single blood drive until after Hatians and Central Africans are taken off the restricted list. "When one people are attacked...it is each person's right to oppose it as he wishes. This is not our only or first means to turn the FDA ruling. We are fighting at every level," said Moise.

Many senators resented the manner in which the boycott was conducted. There were several allegations that HSO ralliers harassed blood donors by shouting at them and calling them racists. "Those people had a right to give blood without being accosted," said Tracy Peers. "If it wasn't for that action, the gym would have been filled with a whole hell of a lot more people," she said.

Chris Savio added, "You're killing people now with this (the HSO's conduct)."

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AROUND CAMPUS

Compiled From University News Services

USB Grad Holds Landscape Photography Show

When developers turn farmland into housing, the land changes and the landscapes takes on a different character. Photographer Ed Bridges, a 1987 graduate of the University at Stony Brook, takes those changes as his subject.

An exhibit of Bridges' landscape photographs depicting suburban America will be on display from Monday April 16, through Tuesday April 24, at the student Union Gallery at Stony Brook.

Bridges has observed the design, composition and development of suburban areas across the country, and particularly on Long Island and Staten Island.

In conjunction with the photography exhibit, County Legislator Steven Englebright (D-Setauket) will present a slide lecture on Thursday, April 19, at Noon in the Union Gallery. Englebright's talk will focus on patterns of development on Long Island, and the implications of development on open space and the environment.

Union Gallery hours are Noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment. For additional information, call 632-6822.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 16

"Edward Bridges: Landscape Photographs"

Local photographer and Union Crafts Center instructor show includes photographs concerned with ecology and the environment, depicting suburban areas that have been designed, composed and developed. Noon - 5:00 p.m., SB Union Art Gallery. Until April 24. Admission is free.

Humanities Institute Film Series

North American Women Directors, (double feature), "Craig's Wife" (1936), directed by Dorothy Arzner, and "The Outrage" (1950), directed by Ida Lupino. Co-sponsored by the Humanities Institute, the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council, the Port Jefferson Village and Theatre Three. Tickets are \$3. 8:00 p.m., Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. Call 632-7765.

Tuesday, April 17

Student Activities Board Comedy "Sandra Bernhard Live!"

The star of her own one-woman Broadway show and frequent David Letterman guest appears at the University. Tickets \$15, \$11 for USB students. 9:00 p.m., SB Union Ballroom. Call 632-6464.

Eighth Annual Ceremony For Undergraduate Excellence

Awards ceremony will feature opening remarks by Frederick R. Preston; keynote address by Egon Neuberger; and President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

delivered by President John H. Marburger. 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts. Admission is free. Call Patricia Long, 632-7028.

Men's Baseball

Hosts St. Joseph's College, 3:30 p.m. Athletic fields. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 18

Humanities Institute Faculty Colloquium Series

"Mixing Black and White: Historical Attitudes on Interracial Marriage," Tilden Edelstein, provost. 4:30 p.m., Room E-4341, Melville Library. Admission is free. Call 632-7765.

Coffee House Event

Fannie Brice Theatre, 8:00 p.m. Featuring musicians performing in a coffee house-type setting to raise funds for Earth Day demonstration on Wall Street on April 23. Sponsored by Red Balloon, SACA, and the El Salvador Committee. Admission is free, with a donation of \$2 suggested.

Thursday, April 19

Poetry Reading

Given by Ray Freed, Spring 1990 poet-in-residence. 7:30 p.m., Room 239, Humanities. Admission is free. Call 632-7373.

The Wellness Program

"Stress Management" - will help determine the best individual strategies for coping with stress. Open to USB faculty and staff. Noon - 1:00 p.m., EAP Office, 105 Nassau Hall. Call 632-6136.

Friday, April 20

COCA Film

"An Innocent Man." 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. and midnight, Javits Lecture Center. Tickets are \$1.50, \$1 for USB students.

Student Polity Association Concert The Mighty Lemon Drops - New music from England.

Tickets are \$12; \$10 for students at the door, \$8 in advance. Tickets are available at the Union Box Office and at Ticketmaster locations. 8:00 p.m., SB Union Ballroom. Call 632-6464.

G-Fest

Events include wacky olympics, a pit hockey tournament, battle of the bands and barbecue lunch. Admission is free. Call 632-6760.

Saturday, April 21

Staller Dance Series

The Toronto Dance Theatre - Canadian dance troupe's 20th anniversary. Tickets are \$20, \$18, \$16; \$10, \$9, \$8 for USB students. 8:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center for the Arts. Call 632-7230.

Sunday, April 22

Earth Day Event

"The Greenhouse Effect and Global Change" - Lectures, videos and panel discussions will take place from noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Marine Sciences Researches Center; tours of the center will follow. Admission is free. Call 632-8230.

ACROSS THE NATION

Compiled From The College Press Service

Nine Out Of Ten Students Admit They've Plagiarized Papers

As many as nine out of ten students have plagiarized a paper sometime during their college careers.

Miami of Ohio University Prof. Jerold Hale and two colleagues surveyed 234 students, and found that 91.2 percent of the students admitted to having committed at least one of four academically dishonest practices in connection with written assignments.

Of those, 74.2 percent failed to cite a reference for paraphrased or quoted material, 44.2 percent passed off another student's work for their own, 40.8 percent failed to note a word-for-word quote as a direct quotation, and 39.9 percent used misleading references to hide plagiarism.

The results echo a survey released by Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management in early March that found about 30 percent of the nation's college students have cheated on term papers or exams.

In addition, 43 percent of 5,000 professors told the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that today's undergraduates are more willing than their predecessors to cheat to get good grades.

The root of the problem, Miami's Hale says, is the intense pressure placed upon students to achieve academically.

But not all students say that justifies cheating.

'Nude Olympics' Kaput at Purdue As Other Colleges Dare to Bare

While Purdue University authorized the arrest of students who participated in its now-banned "Nude Olympics" in January, students at the University of Pennsylvania are trying to establish an annual streak through the Philadelphia campus's Quadrangle.

About 20 males, wearing nothing but their socks and tennis shoes, shouted "get naked" as they ran through Pennsylvania's campus Feb. 12.

Although this is the second consecutive year students have streaked through the quad, a university spokesman denied it's become a Pennsylvania tradition.

"This was just a spontaneous thing done by a group of students," said spokesman Carl Maugeri. Penn has no rule against streaking.

Purdue does. Hoping to end a circus-like atmosphere and the potential health hazards involved in naked students dashing through the frigid January nights of Indiana.

Other schools are more relaxed about the issue. In 1988 the University of Texas at Austin officially recognized the student group NUDE, which sought to promote a clothing-optional lifestyle.

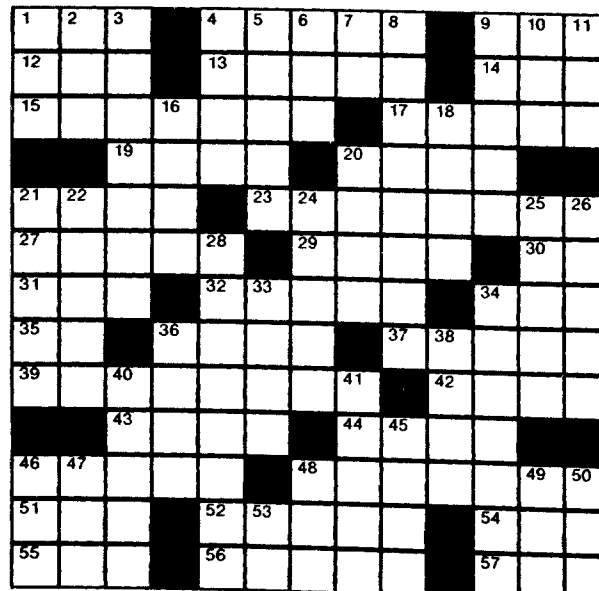
The group, which sponsored trips to nude beaches, naked volleyball tournaments and hot tub parties, disbanded last spring because of lack of membership.

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HSO at Polity meeting

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Moise, replying to these allegations, said, "I didn't see anyone from our group harrasing anyone. I don't accuse anyone of racism. You can say it, but there are no facts."

Tom Pye, responding to this statement, said, "If HSO organized the rally, they are responsible for everyone involved."

Rachael Boatwain, commenting on the situation, said, "We are not here to try to keep you from giving blood. We are here to tell you it is wrong."

She also stated that according to Polity's Constitution, any particular group of students cannot be excluded from a Polity-funded event, such as the blood drive. "We paid for it...we can't be excluded," she said. "We're not sure about that," replied Slepian.

Some senators agreed that the FDA's restriction is discriminating against Africans and Hatians unjustly. Mary Grace Fisher said, "AIDS is a fear. Everyone is scared to death of getting it. People are terrified...the U.S. is trying to grab at straws."

Slepian added his own view on the matter. "This is discrimination. I have a problem with the way (the boycott) was done. They should have come to Polity. I want to pass a resolution. We need to target the FDA's restriction."

Slepian then read a resolution which stated that Polity "recognizes that the classi-

fication of risk groups perpetuates discrimination." The resolution also "calls on the Red Cross to revise its literature concerning AIDS" so that Haitians and Africans are not classified as high-risk groups. It further states that individual behavior, not geographic location, causes high AIDS risks.

Slepian brought it to a vote stating "If the motion is not passed, I will form a commission and appoint a chairman tonight." The motion was carried by the Senate. There were nineteen votes for it, and seven votes against it. There were seven abstentions.

In other matters, Slepian announced that the University Senate is very pleased with the progress of the Faculty Member of the Week column that appears in *Statesman*.

Slepian further announced that appointments are now being considered for the Student Activities Board. Slepian stated that he wants to canvass the whole campus to fill these positions. More information can be obtained in the Polity suite.

Election changes are currently being considered. Some of these changes include electing the Treasurer in the Spring, adding voting machines to cast ballots, and eliminating the runoff.

Community Day, which invites any and all organizations to attend, will be held on Saturday May 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information can be obtained from Dan Slepian.

Censorship charged

By Eric F. Coppolino of the *New York State Student Leader*

BROCKPORT—State University of New York at Brockport student government president Chris Nicholas has attempted to shut down the *Stylus* student newspaper less than one week before campus elections, claiming that the weekly newspaper is \$600 in the red.

Nicholas said that last Thursday he instructed the Brockport Student Government (BSG) business office not to process purchase orders for the *Stylus* based on his mid-year estimates of the newspaper's financial situation.

Editors of the newspaper say Nicholas's action is a "blatant attempt at censorship" that stems from a disagreement over an issue in the ongoing student government election campaign over which Nicholas and the *Stylus* editorial board disagree.

Elections are scheduled to start Wednesday.

The newspaper is continuing to publish on its own advertising revenues.

"It's has absolutely nothing to do with censorship," Nicholas told *New York State Student Leader* Thursday night.

He said that *Stylus* editors were trying to "grasp on anything they can" in claiming that censorship was a motive for his actions. Nicholas also attacked the newspaper's "negligence" and blamed its "bad accounting" accounting for his actions.

The paper, which recently won first place in a major Northeast region student newspaper comeption sponsored by the Gannett Corporation, generates a majority of its \$40,000 annual budget through advertising.

Stylus Executive Editor John Dahlia said that Nicholas' attempting to close the paper for an estimated \$600 shortfall mid-year was "ridiculous" because neither bills nor advertising revenue for the year have been completely calculated.

The paper estimates its uncollected advertising revenue from this year at

over \$5,000 and generates over \$800 a week in ad revenue.

Most student newspapers take up to 90 days to collect payment from an advertiser after an ad is published, and are not considered in the red until the year's final accounting is finished some time during the summer.

The newspaper's editors say that comments made by Nicholas last week revealed that his intention was to close the paper down just before the election in order to prevent the publication of certain articles and the newspaper's endorsements of candidates.

"He (Nicholas) told us that if we didn't back him on certain issues he would 'do what he had to do,'" said Dahlia.

According to Editor in Chief Tim Nekritz, the *Stylus* questioned a presidential candidate's campaign position that student opposition to the parking fee could stop the fee from being implemented.

Nekritz said the candidate, who is reportedly being supported by Nekritz, claimed that if students opposed the fee in a referendum being conducted with the BSG elections this week, the fee could be stopped on the Brockport campus.

But Nekritz said that the College Council was planning to take action implementing a parking fee Wednesday night while elections are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

According to Nekritz, after the *Stylus* raised this issue at the candidates' forum Monday night, Nicholas went to the newspaper office and complained to the editors.

Nekritz said that Nicholas "stormed out of the office" after the discussion, telling him, "You do what you have to do and I'll do what I have to do."

Nicholas denies having made the comment.

Earlier the same Monday night, the BSG board had voted unanimously to increase the newspaper's budget allocation by \$9,000 to help cover the cost of larger issues earlier in the year. The *Sty-*

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State Report

By Eric F. Coppolino of the New York State Student Leader

Chancellor to Meet With Student Leaders in Utica

Chancellor Bruce Johnstone and other top SUNY officials are planning to meet with student government presidents from across the SUNY system this weekend to discuss issues of "statewide concern."

All incoming and outgoing student presidents and vice presidents have been invited to the meeting which will be held at the SUNY Institute of Technology in Utica. Student affairs professionals from across the system have also been invited to attend the meeting.

The press and public will be excluded from most portions of the conference, according to Johnstone, to give the student leaders opportunity to discuss their issues privately.

According to invitations mailed to student governments across the system the administration is planning to discuss issues related to state-wide student governance, including the Student Association of the State University Inc. (SASU) and its officially recognized counterpart, the Student Assembly.

SASU is a non-profit corporation founded in 1970 to represent the interests of students to SUNY Central and the state legislature.

The Student Assembly is the official state-wide student government created by the SUNY Trustee in 1974. The Student Assembly president is automatically a voting member of the SUNY Trustees and oversees a \$70,000 state budget line designated for the organization.

SASU has effectively controlled the Student Assembly since its creation, with SASU's officers doubling as offices of the Student Assembly.

The discussion comes at a time when Chancellor Johnstone is becoming increasingly disturbed by SASU's control of the Student Assembly.

In a March 20 letter to SASU/Student Assembly President Judith Krebs, Johnstone wrote, "The Trustees and I made it very clear last year that we would no longer allow the independent, private-organized and financed group, unquestionably effective as a political lobby but representing only a small number of SUNY campuses, to substitute for, and effectively to thwart, the Trustee policy calling for a broadly based and fully functioning Student Assembly."

SUNY officials said that no "official business" of the Assembly would be discussed at the meeting, despite the presence of a quorum of the Student Assembly. In his letter, Johnstone said that Krebs would be invited to the meeting but he noted that it was "not a convening of the Student Assembly per se."

200 Students Seize New Paltz Library in "Study-In"

NEW PALTZ— More than 200 students, irate about budget cuts to the SUNY system and a proposed tuition increase, took over the SUNY New Paltz Library last Wednesday night in a "study-in" organized by Student Association leaders.

Commenting on the gesture, which was admittedly symbolic, SA President Jason Black said that the budget crisis has "come to the point where students must keep the library open themselves."

The takeover received extensive coverage in local media, which Black said was the intent of the action.

"If students on every campus did something like this, state officials would

never be able to get away with wanting to cut the budget and raise tuition at the same time," Black said.

"That's what they're trying to do, and it's outrageous," he said, adding that use of the media would be the best way students could put pressure on politicians involved with the issues.

Students planning to take part in the protest began entering the Soujourner M. Truth library at about 10:30 p.m. and collected in the library's main study area. Most of the students actually brought study materials to the library and worked until the giving up the building at 2 a.m..

No arrests were made, and top administrators from the college, including vice president for the student Affairs David Eaton, remained in the library with students discussing issues facing the New Paltz campus and the State University as a whole.

In a written statement, organizers of the protest also said that they were also objecting to the lack of any full-time people of color on the library staff, which they said was ironic considering that the library is named after a black educational and anti-slavery activist.

They also took the opportunity to mention their disdain with the library's closing hours, asking for an extension by several hours.

NYPIRG Organizes Actions At '1000 Points of Blight'

NYPIRG, the student-directed environmental action group, conducted state-wide actions March 31 and April 1 at the sites of environmental devastation across the state.

At Love Canal in Niagara Falls, the Buffalo State College chapter protested the proposed resettlement of the abandoned neighborhood, which surrounds a massive dioxin dumpsite. The state hopes to have the area declared safe for habitability so that it can recuperate millions of dollars it has invested in buying out homeowners.

In Albany, students demonstrated at the site of a proposed coal burning electric plant, and in Brooklyn the action focused on an existing incinerator and at a hazardous waste dump site.

In Binghamton, students focused their action on a newly discovered Superfund site.

New Paltz, the local NYPIRG chapter protested the use of foam packaging, including a protest at New Paltz Village Hall and at the local McDonalds.

"The idea was to hold coordinated events statewide to call attention to environmental devastation within New York State," said Margo Peckham, NYPIRG's stateside chair-person.

New Paltz Reneges Action on Writer After Threat of Supreme Court Suit

NEW PALTZ— A provocative columnist whose Feb. 22 "Soul on Ice" column allegedly slammed a college administrator was relieved of campus disciplinary action when his lawyer threatened to take the college to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dean for Student Affairs Karen Pennington filed bias-related harassment charges after interpreting a remark student Rance Huff made in his column as about herself.

In the column, Huff remarked about an "Uncle Tom/pseudo-black woman" getting involved in student affairs.

Pennington, who is black, was not

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"Students of the 70's were more revolutionary"

—Richard Porter

Faculty of The Week

By Tracy A. Peers

The faculty member of the week chosen by the Chemistry Society is Professor Richard Porter. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University, then attended the University of Illinois where he received his Phd in Physical Chemistry.

He joined the faculty at Stony Brook in the fall of 1969 when the university was still undergoing construction. Stony Brook has grown and changed in a number of ways since he became a part of the community. He recalls, "There was a feeling of comradeship between students and faculty back then." Porter also feels the university has matured greatly since then.

"The students are much more polite now and they also tend to be a bit more conservative. Students of the 70's were more revolutionary," said Porter.

Professor Porter enjoys teaching a great deal. His favorite classes to teach are Thermodynamics, to first year graduate students, and Physical Chemistry, to undergraduates. He says, "It's exciting to work with upper division students who have focused their major in science; they are the

most eager students".

He feels that the best faculty comes about when the faculty members are involved with research, scholastic activity, and teaching undergraduates because it ensures "hands on" experience resulting in better learning for students.

"We do a considerably better than average job for a research university," he cites, in reference to the Stony Brook faculty.

Another main concern of his is course evaluations. "Students should take course evaluations very seriously," said Porter. Improving education will benefit both students and faculty in our growth towards excellence."

Exploration rather than memorization should be emphasized more, according to Porter. He also feels that both "students and faculty should seek each other out more." He invites all students to the Chemistry department to explore the new things that are happening in science. "I am pleased to be a member of the Stony Brook faculty," he commented.

Congratulations, Professor Porter, on being recognized Faculty of the Week.



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This lame student attitude toward buying the State's pricey product was apparent last week when only a handful of students showed up for what was to be a powerful demonstration, protesting the State's proposed budget cuts and tuition hike.

SASU said that it had planned to make a powerful statement by spelling out "NO CUTS" with human bodies. Unfortunately, only the first leg of the letter "N" could be formed. Not a very powerful message.

Statesman's only question to students is, Where were you? Don't you care about the probable decline in the quality of your education along with the possible \$600 raise in

tuition? Obviously not.

Though we've already voiced our opinion on the subject, it may be helpful to word it simpler: You will lose necessities such as professors, teaching assistants, public safety officers, and quite possibly, full academic departments! And you will be paying up to 50% more for this! It doesn't seem too complicated.

What students *must* think about is that without our *own* backing, how can we expect non-students to support us in this most important battle?

Also, looking through the eyes of the policy-makers, it is obvious that all they see in us is a bunch of students who are unconcerned

about our own well-being, and unregistered potential voters who have little say in their efforts to be re-elected. If you were a politician, would you bother addressing a student issue? It's doubtful.

Organizations such as NYPIRG, SASU, and Polity are working night and day to beat this. But they can only do so much. Without your support these would-be powerful organizations are powerless.

The rally has been rescheduled for May 2. Considering the fact that the State budget was supposed to be in by April 1, let's hope we're not too late. For it is easy to predict that students will complain after the damage is done.

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VIEWPOINT

Polity Elections: Same Game Every Year

An open letter to newly elected Polity Officers.

Congratulations! All of your campaigning and empty rhetoric has paid off and you've secured yourselves seats in Stony Brook's student government, an accomplishment that will look great on a resume.

As a junior, this is the third wave of campaigning that I've witnessed, and I hate to admit it, but we've heard it all before:

"My goal is to make a more united campus." (Michael Lapushner *Statesman*, 3/19/90)

"The most important thing Polity as a whole can do is to advocate student rights on both the state level and the university level." (Dan Slepian, *Statesman*, 3/19/90)

"I'll be representing the students. A vote for me is a vote for them." (Karen Wilson, *Statesman* 3/19/90)

These are just a few, and I'm sorry for leaving some of the other good ones out.

Now, since I've been here the campus has not united as a whole, in fact, student apathy has increased. When 2,000 out of 12,000 students show up to vote, there is

something wrong.

Granted, Polity advocates student rights, however, as students and "tenants?" our rights are repeatedly violated by the administration and the all powerful Div. of Campus Residences. Did anyone hear about the housing deposit increase last semester? I doubt it. But that was alright, I'm sure everyone had an extra \$200 sitting around.

I also can't help but wonder how many times and to what extent the Common Area Damage policy has been abused since its implementation. Res. life states that damage other than normal "wear and tear" will be billed to those responsible and if an investigation fails to find the culprits, the bill is passed off to the hall or building.

Now, I know we are all very busy with our studies, but if you take a walk through any non-meal plan building, the words "wear and tear" take on a new meaning. Most of the buildings are less than 30 years old but the repulsive conditions of them lead you to think otherwise. Res. Life will claim it is because we are careless and irresponsible, however, you may find it interesting to know that Res. Life

spends an amazingly small fraction of its budget on what they call normal "wear and tear," and the buildings are neglected. As a result, what is actually normal wear and tear is, in many cases, conveniently being called vandalism.

Last spring in Whitman college, a pushbar to one of the front doors of the building fell off. A week later a sign was posted stating that the building was to be responsible for the damage, estimated at \$980 (the price of new doors). Prior to the damage neither door locked nor functioned properly. When I saw the sign I figured, what the hell, at least we'll get new doors. One week later a new pushbar was installed on the door. Although the building paid \$980, no new doors were installed. Since that time the doors are still in bad shape and don't lock properly. I'm sure this scenario has occurred elsewhere on campus. However, no one dares to question it. Why?

Maybe it is because we are trained at such an early age that authority is not something to be questioned, and that institutions like Res. Life (which is a corporate entity) are serving us in our best interests, which they claim to do. This

blind faith and lack of questioning is probably why we are in the midst of an environmental crisis, why we still carry out blatantly imperialistic foreign policies and why election after election we vote for the best dressed man. As a result, superficiality and mediocrity prevail. These words best describe our generation and it isn't very funny to me, but someone out there must be laughing.

This article was not written with the intent to offer political advice to the new Polity officers, because I think the course of events next semester can easily be predicted: Polity will focus on the popular issues at the time, while the administration, FSA and Res. Life do whatever the hell they want.

Remember, every four years the university is refurbished with a brand new crop of undergraduates. I want to make myself believe that things will be different this time, however, you can be sure that when March rolls around next year things will be the same and we'll here all the campaign babble that we heard this year.

(The writer is an undergraduate)

LETTERS

Blood Donors Aren't Racists

To the Editor:

On April 4th, what should have been a beneficial, life giving event where Stony Brook students could show their school spirit and dedication to humanity, turned into a racial, name calling disaster. I'm speaking of Stony Brook's semi-annual blood drive. I was excited about giving blood as I bet many of my fellow students were too. As I tried to enter the gymnasium I was met by many angry black students who were beating drums, changing and shouting "Racism." As I stepped through the doorway, I was actually called a racist. I was giving up my time to be subjected to needles and discomfort, but the end result would be worth it because maybe my blood could help save the life of an accident victim or a hemophiliac. I didn't deserve to be called a racist and neither did anyone else who was unselfishly giving of themselves for a stranger in need.

Because of the AIDS virus, high risk donors such as people from Haiti, were not permitted to donate their blood. This may not be right and maybe the system of accepting blood donations can be changed to accommodate these people, but the name calling and drum beating served no purpose except maybe to show the immaturity and selfishness of a group of people trying to get their own way. If anything, this protest discouraged students who were qualified to donate, from giving.

In conclusion to all of you students who shouted "Racism" and prevented other students from giving blood, I hope you think about the people who may die because of lack of blood in the Long Island Blood Banks. These people may be your friends or a member of your family. Satisfied?

J. Jeanne Currie

HSO Accused of Murder Attempt

To the Editor:

On April 4th, 1990, this campus held the only blood drive on Long Island. The blood from this drive would be used in surgery. Many lives hang in the balance. The blood drive saves many lives with the blood they provide. However, many lives might have been lost, thanks to the Haitian Student Organization. On this day they held a boycott/protest in front of the gym, where the blood drive was being held. In this protest, they accused the FDA, the Red Cross, and the Stony Brook campus of being racist. In fact, several members called at least 3 donors racists, one of whom was me.

When I went in to donate blood, one member was proudly screaming to the rest of the group that the Red Cross was "crying" because they had only gotten 300 pints of blood by 5:15. Well, I would like to congratulate the over 300 people who ignored the cries of "not one drop." These people gave up time to help fellow human beings, not to spread paranoia.

I admit that the HSO has a point. Not all Haitians and Central Africans have AIDS, in fact very few do. However, the saying "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" comes to mind. Another way to show how ridiculous this protest was is to ask, "how many hemophiliacs protest at Blood Drives?"

These days, the fear of AIDS keeps many people from donating blood. These foolish protests do nothing but reduce the blood supply.

And one last point to those who did give blood. If any of you felt you were harassed either vocally or physically, please leave a note in my mailbox in Polity. I'm sure a written apology from HSO will appear in *The Statesman*. If not legal repercussions may be taken. Several of us do not take being called a racist lightly.

Paul A. Miller

HSO Boycott Is Justified

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to your editorial, "Blood Boycott Is Hurting Wrong Group" (*Statesman* April 7).

The argument of the piece turns on the claim that the Haitian Student Organization had no right to boycott the Stony Brook Blood Drive because doing so caused harm to those in need of blood. The claim rests on the assumption that supporting a humanitarian cause overrides all other considerations, including the fact, admitted by you, that the cause itself in this case promotes racism.

Your own argument reveals the tension--one might even call it a contradiction--in your position. On the one hand you say that "if a group feels that a particular policy in the structure of that drive is harmful to them, then by all means they should do whatever they can to fight for their satisfaction." On the other, you counsel "prudence and responsibility" for the boycotters, and generally denounce them for disrupting the drive. You can't have it both ways. If the boycotters are enjoined to "do whatever they can," it's scarcely consistent to complain when they have found an effective means for achieving what you concede is a laudable end: the elimination of racial bias from the Stony Brook Blood Drive.

The pervasiveness of racism in the United States persists in part because non-whites consistently refuse to acknowledge its existence and power, but also because even those who do tend to draw a line when it comes to utilizing tactics that go beyond persuasion or mere verbal protest.

It's no good preaching to striking transit workers that they are harming urban commuters; they're quite proper counter-claim is that they have no other means of securing decent working conditions and salaries. Similarly here, the racism of the Blood

Drive organizers obviously won't yield to rational suasion--I say obviously, since there would seem no sound empirical evidence for excluding Africans and Haitians from the blood donor population.

The only solution to this impasse is to lift the racist restrictions. Until that happens, the HSO has, as you yourself say the right to employ "all means" to bring about this end.

Michael Sprinker Professor of English

The Purpose of Protests

To the Editor:

As an employee of SUNY at Stony Brook, over the past seven years I have witnessed a number of student/staff protests. It wasn't until the most recent protest by the Haitian students of their exclusion as blood donors on Wednesday, April 4, 1990, that I question the validity of such actions.

Protests are meant to send a message, promote awareness of issues and hopefully prompt change for the better. In their desire to promote awareness of what they considered an unjust practice, the lives of many innocent individuals had been placed in jeopardy.

Whether intentional or not, by the end of the day almost one day's blood supply for the NY area hospitals had been lost. During their protest was thought given to cancer patients in need of platelets, surgical/trauma patients in need of blood and hemophiliacs in need of clotting factors? The FDA mandated exclusions of Haitians and for that matter, other individuals known to be at high risk for carrying the AIDS virus, is not a capricious one. It is meant to safeguard the national blood supply and prevent the spread of AIDS.

While protesting is an important way for groups to convey their feelings and concerns to society, I think it's very important for them to consider the lives that may be affected. Peggy Infantino

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The speakers are Eugeni Lysik, scenic artist; Sergei Gnedovsky, theater architect; and Vyacheslav Efimov, chairman of the Technical Commission of the Soviet Center of Theatre Arts.

Lysik is a graduate of the Department of Monumental Design at the Lvov Art College and serves as chief designer at the Opera and Ballet Theatre in Lvov. He is known for his distinctively modern sets as well as his use of Ukrainian folk art in stage designs. He has designed scenery for Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*, Prokofiev's *War and Peace*, Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, and many other operas, ballets and dramas.

Gnedovsky holds a doctoral degree from Moscow's College of Architecture. He is head of the Cultural Planning Department at the Giproteatr State Institute of Design and has written over 30 articles on the history of theater architecture and contemporary practices in theater design. He is involved in theoretical research as well as practical projects in stage technology.

Efimov, technical director of the Moscow Art Theatre since 1976, is a graduate of the Moscow Art Theatre (MAT) Drama School. He chairs the Technical Commission of the Soviet Center of OISTAT, the international institute for theater technology. His work

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Stylus Censored at Brockport

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lus would otherwise have been forced to run smaller issues through the end of the year to compensate for the earlier larger ones.

Tuesday morning, Nicholas vetoed the \$9,000 budget increase because he said that several board members decided, after the unanimous vote, it wasn't fair to increase the *Stylus's* budget when it would not normally increase the budgets of other organizations mid-year.

Then, Thursday, Nicholas said he determined that the paper was \$600 "in the hole" and decided not to process any more purchase orders.

He compared the *Stylus's* situation with the ongoing federal savings and loan crisis, explaining that he saw no reason to "bail out" the newspaper.

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mentioned in the column, though she was present in the meeting to which Huff was referring. Pennington is the administrator assigned to oversee the Student Association Senate.

The college originally threatened Huff with a range of punishments from a warning to expulsion from the college and scheduled a disciplinary hearing.

The college also reportedly ordered Huff to print a retraction, which he has refused to do.

Huff's attorney, Russell Schindler, said

that he was so bothered by the college's actions that he could not even allow a disciplinary hearing to take place.

Schindler said he called the college and told them that if they did not cancel the hearing, he would get a court order barring it from being held. He also mentioned that he would take the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary, commenting recently that he would take any First Amendment case that came his way.

Shortly after Schindler contacted the college, the charges against Huff were dropped.

To pay or not to pay?

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but should probably be about 10,000 per year (the maximum eligibility for college athletes is 5 years) with a maximum of 50,000 dollars to be contributed to the fund. The student would only be able to receive the money upon graduation. This would mean that athletes might not be so quick to leave school to enter the NBA or NFL drafts. Players who are "guaranteed" to be superstars and receive tremendous signing bonuses could leave early or without a degree (and therefore without the fund) because they will not be financially affected. This will cause the fringe athletes to stay in school, get their degree and then take a crack at the professional sports field. If they make it, great, but if they don't they have a degree and several thousand dollars to help make the rocky road to success somewhat smoother.

The student body of division one schools is predominately upper class. Why should the financially disadvantaged student-athlete be forced to do without a leather coat or

stereo even after the university makes millions at his or her expense? The aforementioned plan is only a rough sketch of a solution, but it would encourage cooperation between the athletes and the universities. The school would enhance their reputations and increase graduation rates while the students would earn a degree, thus affording themselves the chance to succeed in today's competitive society. Also the "plan" will substantially reduce rules violations by boosters, schools and students alike.

When properly administered and governed, college athletics are to the benefit of all parties involved. The NCAA must re-establish the university as a learning institution and it must review and revise its draconian rules and regulations. The student-athlete is currently being manipulated by powerful organizations who unfairly decide their fate. The sports fan hopes that the powers that be make things better for everyone involved, before any more disadvantaged youths are misled and destroyed.



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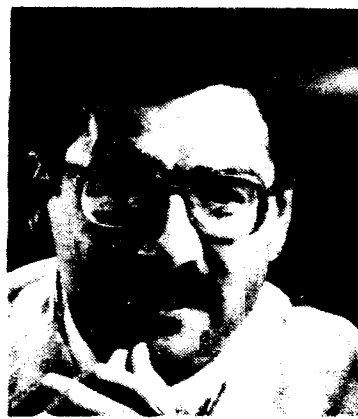
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THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

Play for pay for student jocks?

By Brian Robinson

In the age of billion dollar TV deals and ubiquitous popularity, colleges and universities are enjoying the spoils that come along with successful sports programs. New computer rooms, more academic scholarships, Trump-like assests sheets and so much more are the direct results of big time NCAA Division I athletics. The students benefits academically, financially, and socially from the few hundred "student athletes" who comprise the major sports teams. Also the beneficiaries of athletics revenue are obviously the schools themselves. While the school enjoys increased popularity, it is also stuffing it's coffers full of dead presidents in all denominations. These rewards are the result of a zero-sum effect, which in essence states that when somebody gains, someone, directly or indirectly loses. In case you haven't already guessed, the athletes are the big losers in this exploitative and ever increasing political arena.

The Division I athletics are often lower middle class (whether black or white) kids who are from financially strapped families. A scholarship to a top university is quite an appealing thought, but unfortunately it is not as good as it seems.

The graduation rate of student-athletes is shockingly low and while it differs from program to program, the truth at some universities is a bitter pill to swallow. The schools care first about what's doing on the court and lastly about what's going on in the classrooms. The athletes make money for the university only while in school, so they are encouraged to concentrate on sports not classwork. This makes perfect sense, at least from the school's narrow point of view. But when considering that less than 1% of college athletes even get a shot at playing in the pros and only a small percentage of those athletes are able to make a living in professional sports, the main thrust of the curriculum must be geared towards graduation and education, not sports.

There exists innumerable loopholes available to athletics which allow these select students to get by without actually doing the work required of the general populus of students. Among these are faculty fraud and leniency, university "rules" and other illegal and immoral activities. The students are partly to blame, but who is wiser, 18 year old inner city youths or 55 year old professors and administrators who have Phd's and other letters attached to the back of their last names? In other words, if the university faculty and administration wanted to stop these improprieties they could. Sadly inherent in these systems are mountainous bureaucracies and old boy networks who understand, less study time turns into more practice time which in turn eventually produce an ignorant money making entity more commonly known as a division one sports team.

Although the situation seems infinitely problematic, there are several solutions to substantially reduce the current amoral disease running rampant on our campuses.

First, order all faculty to no longer engage in classroom fraud. Any professor or administrator found guilty of such wrongdoings would be subject to termination by the university and or the NCAA. Any university caught concealing these illegalities would be subject to the death penalty. This means no sports for two years and upon resumption of the sports program a limited amount of scholarships available for athletes. This can temporarily ruin or destroy a sports program. Just ask SMU. They recieved the death penalty after committing rules violations, and after one year back have gone from perennial top 20 team (before the penalty) to a team struggling to compete with any division one school.

Secondly, give the students a reasonable allowance which is tied to their grade point average. For example, if they maintained a B average throughout the semester, the student would receive 120 dollars per week. This may be a lot by some standards, but for the financial contribution athletes make to the school, it is more than fair. All athletics would receive the same "allowance" regardless of status and/or ability. Also, the money given to students would not differ from school to school so as to avoid a bidding war for the player, thus avoiding turning the college arena into a semi-pro league. Once again, since the university is first and foremost a learning institution, the students would have to concentrate on schoolwork, because if they fail to meet the requirements of the "allowance structure" they would be ineligible to play sports and therefore unable to collect their monies.

Lastly, a fund would be established for the student athlete. The funds contribution would be made by the students respective university. Once again the amount of the fund would be uniformly set by the NCAA so a bidding war will once again be avoided. The amount would be up for debate

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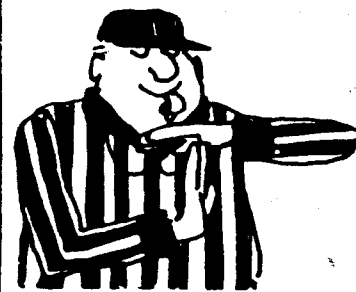
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McMurray takes two at meet

by Ken Iichuk

Pat McMurray won the 1500 meter run and the 3000 meter run, to lead Stony Brook's mens outdoor track team to a first place finish at the Stony Brook Quadrangular. The Patriots finished the meet with 125 points, defeating NYU, who were a distant second with 82 points.

McMurray, a transfer from Miami, (Ohio) University, was pleased by his performance. "My times were much better than expected," he said. "The 1500m time (4:08) was my best by one second. I had only planned on going between 4:10 and 4:14."

In the 3000m race, McMurray finished in a time of 9:17, which also a good time for this early in the season. "I usually don't run two races like that, and both were pretty good. I'm running well for this time of the year."

McMurray, a history major, says the miles he's put in at practice are going to pay off. "I feel good, and I've been putting in 80 miles per week. I'll drop to 40 by the end of the year, and that will bring my times down."

The season ahead looks bright for McMurray and the rest of the Patriots. McMurray feels it could be a record breaking year. "I would like to break the university 5000 meter record, and break four minutes for the 1500m." But he won't be the only one breaking records. "The team is larger and more enthusiastic than last year. There are a lot of potential school records that can be broken."

The University at Stony Brook VIP/Statesman Athlete of the week of March 26 is:
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Junior Pat McMurray led the men's outdoor track team to victory in the Stony Brook Quadrangular by capturing two events. McMurray won the 1500 meter run in a time of 4:08.9 and captured the 3000 meter run in a time of 9:17.3. The men's team finished the meet with 125 points, far outdistancing second place NYU, who had 82 points.



Break up the Pats!

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The Patriots laxmen capped an unbelievable week by defeating the U. of California-Berkeley, 9-7. Tony Cabrera added five goals in the victory. The Pats improved their record to 8-1 with three victories on the West Coast.

RAVEN'S EYE VIEW

By Eddie Reaven

Derby trio in spotlight

April traditionally brings the start of baseball, the ending of the NCAA basketball season, the NFL draft and the NHL championship. But, amidst all of this, the road to the most exciting two minutes of sports occurs.

The Kentucky Derby, held on the first Saturday in May, has its actual beginning in the previous month. All of the major prep races, save one or two, are held in April. The contenders rise and the pretenders fade during this time.

Mister Frisky, born and raised in Puerto Rico, takes his 16 for 16 record into the Run for the Roses next month. Bought for a mere \$15,000 by a construction worker as a present for his wife, the three-year old colt took the Santa Anita Derby, California's major prep for the Derby. With that victory, Mister Frisky broke Citation's 42-year old record for the longest unbeaten streak in horse racing history.

Seventeen horse have entered the derby unbeaten. Only four have emerged unscathed, the last being Seattle Slew in his 1977 Triple Crown season. Mister Frisky, although highly favored, has two main challengers standing in his path.

Summer Squall appears to be the Puerto Rican invader's main competition. He proved that he is worthy of comparison with a two length victory in the Blue Grass Stakes, defeating highly regarded competitors in Unbridled, the Florida Derby winner, Land Rush, a D. Wayne Lukas trained colt, and Shot Gun Scott, the Fountain of Youth stakes winner.

After an impressive second place finish in the Swale stakes to top sprinter Hou-

sebuster, coming after a six month injury layoff, Summer Squall took the Jim Beam stakes to regain his standing among three-year olds. Saturday's performance proves to the horse racing world that maybe the Derby should be run first before declaring Mister Frisky the winner.

New York will have its first legitimate Derby challenger in Champagneforashley, who is undefeated in five starts. With a 12 1/2 length victory in the DeWitt Clinton stakes on Friday, Champagneforashley shattered the existing stakes record by two seconds. Two seconds?!? He could have been pulling a tractor and still won by a mile.

The only blemish with Champagneforashley is that he hasn't taken on the top challengers for the Derby. But next week, after only eight days rest, he'll take on the other top New Yorkers in the Grade I Wood Memorial, NY's top prep for the Derby. Unfortunately, the Wood's last winner to go on to win the Run for the Roses was the immortal Secretariat in 1973, seventeen years ago. And it's not because they didn't run, it's because they didn't run well.

So, while the rest of the sports world has been tossing and turning, the world of horse racing has slowly fallen into place. The big three, along with up to 17 others, will meet to decide who will wear the blanket of roses on that first Saturday in May. With only one loss between them, Mister Frisky, Summer Squall and Champagneforashley will have to add another to prove which one is greater.

Patriots destroy others at meet

Special to Statesman

The season opener was very successful with the Patriot men easily defeating four other teams. Stony Brook finished with 125 points, NYU 82, Queens 22, Lehman 18, and Brooklyn finished up with four.

Men's Track

With a thin crop of sprinters and hurdlers, the team showed its strength in the weight events, as well as the middle and long distance events. Double winners for Stony Brook included Paul Laurent, who won the long jump (20' 9 1/3") and the triple jump (43' 5/14"). Justin DiGiorgi won the shotput (43' 11 3/4") as well as the hammer throw(99'7") and Pat McMurray had a fine meet, winning the 1500 meter run in 4:08.9, and the 3000 meter run in 9:17.3.

Other winners included Mike Pellerito in the discus throw, who threw it 135'4", missing the school record by four feet in his first college competition. Scott Petritsch led a 1-2 finish in the 3000 meter walk, finishing in 15:52.0, with Mike Roth second in 16:55.3.

Anthony Mercaldi won the 400 in 51.8, with Mike Satz winning the 800 in 2:00.7.

Stony Brook swept the relays, taking the 4x100 with a team of Paul Laurent, Scott Mesmer, Ed Papo and Paul Gersfeld, with Gersfeld coming from behind on the anchor leg in 46.3. The 4 x400 meter relay squad of Mercaldi, Papo, Gersfeld, and Louie Petropoulos ran a 3:32.1 for the victory.

The team will travel to Williamsburg, Va. for the Colonial Relays next weekend. Several university records could be broken after the fine showing this weekend.

Lady Pats, led by Lenchner, take opener

Special to Statesman

In the season opener, the Lady Patriots continued where the indoor squad left off, defeating NYU, Lehman and Queens College. Sarah Lenchner won three events, including the long jump, the triple jump, and the 100 meter hurdles. Claudette Mathis won the 1500 meters in 4:45.3, and Sue Minnick won the 100 meters in 12.8.

Women's Track

Dara Stewart was second in the 100m and third in the 200m. Nicole Lambros was second in the 400m, and Meegan Pyle finished second in the 400 intermediate hurdles. All these performers qualified for the ECAC Championships in May.

In the 3000 meter walk, Margie Nawrocki and Natalia Fujimori placed 1st and 2nd, respectively. The team will travel to Williamsburg, Va. for the Colonial Relays next weekend.