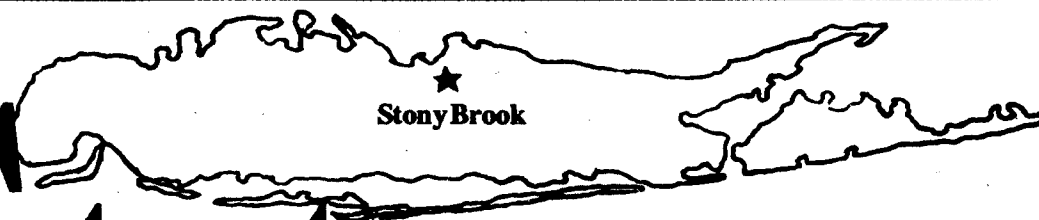


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Steven Englebright at his Setauket home last night

Englebright Takes Assembly Seat

USB Prof Squeaks
Special Election

By Raymond Iryami
Statesman Editorial Page Editor

In a battle between two Stony Brook alumni, Democrat Steven Englebright beat Republican Peter Pitsiokos to become the representative of the state's 4th District — which includes Stony Brook — in the New York State Assembly Tuesday.

The seat previously belonged to Republican Robert Gaffney, who resigned last November after he was elected Suffolk County executive.

20-Year USB Veteran

County legislator Englebright, a geology professor at Stony Brook who gathered 51 percent of the vote, has been an employee of the university for more than 20 years, according to his legislative aide, Bob Clifford.

"Englebright hopes to be named to the Higher Education Committee, which deals with the SUNY's future," said Clifford.

Cutting SUNY 'Ridiculous'

Englebright, who ran on a "Save Our Schools" platform, said he believes that education — particularly SUNY — is an integral part of our society, especially in the current state of economy. "The problem now is that confidence is lacking in the economy," Englebright,

a Setauket resident, told *Statesman* last night. "It would be ridiculous to cut SUNY, the one institution which induces confidence in the community.

Englebright, who will now vote on SUNY issues in the Assembly, said he does not favor a tuition increase. "The dream of the State University system was for an affordable and high quality education," he said. He added that his instinct over differential tuition is that it does not make sense.

University President John Marburger said Englebright can help SUNY. "Mr. Englebright believes in the value of the SUNY campus to the community," he said.

Englebright's political ability should not be underestimated, Marburger said. "He's not just another fresh-

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"The dream of the State University system was for an affordable and high quality education."

— Assemblyman-elect
Steven Englebright

Englebright grabs Assembly seat

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man Assemblyman," he said. "He's been in politics for a long time, and he's well known throughout the state."

Winner Had Name Recognition

The election, which was decided by fewer than 900 votes, reflected the nature of the candidates, according to John Springer, a spokesman for Pitsiokos. "We knew it would be very close," Springer said. "Englebright had the advantage because he had the name recognition. But the very high turnout reflected how hard we worked," he said, referring to the 11,000 voters who participated.

But the Englebright office had a different view of the turnout, which brought 20 percent of registered voters to the polls. "The turnout was very light," said Clifford. "Special elections don't attract much interest." But he said the election was close because of voters' lack of interest. "Special Elections are very volatile," he said.

Election a Repeat of 1983

Englebright and Pitsiokos ran against each other in 1983 for the Suffolk County Legislature, with Englebright pulling out the victory.

Professor Howard Scarrow — whose list of previous students in his New York State Politics course includes Pitsiokos — said that Pitsiokos should not be counted out of state politics. "As sure as I am that the sun will rise tomorrow, you can bet that Pitsiokos will run for the County Legislature seat now vacated by Englebright," Scarrow said. "Every time you run, you get more name recognition."

Scarrow, who has followed the political careers of both men, agreed that Englebright's name recognition was the key to his success. "Roughly two-thirds of voters in the Assembly district are the same as those in Englebright's County Legislature district," he said.

Englebright will be sworn in March 24 in the Assembly Speaker's chambers in Albany.

(Clyde Cook contributed to this article.)

Former student arrested; cars stolen, vandalized

A 1981 Monte Carlo was reported stolen from the North P-lot Monday at 8:30 am. The vehicle was recovered after it was found burning on a road in Setauket.

A fight between two students who were arguing over the use of a pool table in the Student Union pool room left one student injured Monday at about 3:45

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pm. The victim was **William Bongiorno** taken to University Hospital for cuts on his facial area and received stitches.

A 1989 Volkswagen was broken into in the Union parking lot Monday at about 5 pm. A Kenwood stereo was stolen and the driver's side window was destroyed. The property damage and property stolen is estimated at \$600.

A black 1981 Toyota truck was damaged due to an explosive planted in the vehicle in a Dreiser College parking lot last Thursday around 1 am. The hood of the truck buckled and Public Safety officers smelled gun powder when they arrived at the scene. The suspect fled the scene and no reports of injuries were filed.

A 1986 Toyota truck and a 1986 gray Volvo both had their driver's side windows smashed and stereo systems stolen Sunday at about 10 am and 7 pm respectively in the University Hospital garage. The

damages and property lost are valued as high as \$1,300 and \$1,500 respectively.

A former student was arrested for trespassing on university property last Wednesday. The student — who had received a letter of suspension Jan. 3 that prohibited him to be on university grounds — had been told not to return to the university. Public Safety arrested the man, who police would not identify, at 8:30 pm when he was found loitering in a Langmuir College kitchen area.

The tires of a 1981 Volvo were slashed and the muffler system was destroyed in a Dreiser College parking lot last Wednesday at about 8:30 pm. The damage was valued at \$200.

A 1987 Dodge Charger was stolen from the Roosevelt Quad parking lot last Wednesday at 11 pm. The car was valued at \$4,000. No one witnessed the theft and Public Safety has no leads.

A white 1986 Honda was vandalized in a Whitman College parking lot last Tuesday at about 3 pm. The driver's side window was smashed and a Kenwood stereo system was stolen. The value of the damaged and stolen property is estimated at \$350.

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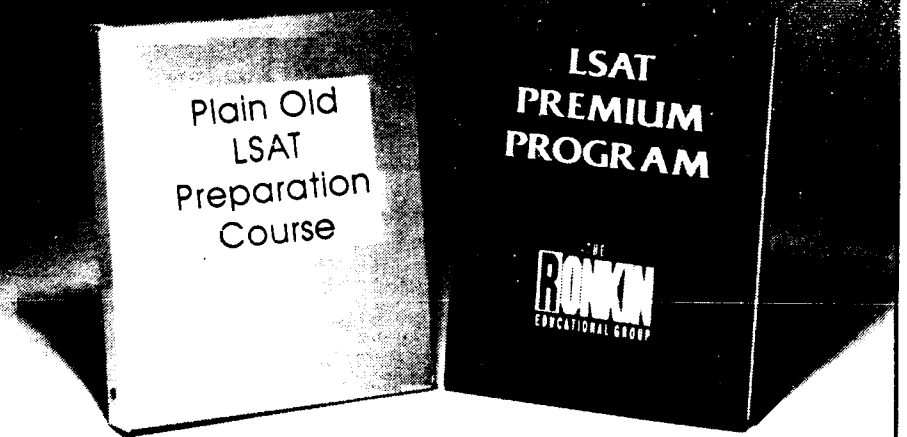
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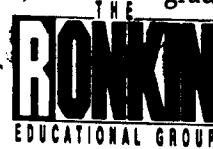
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POLITY BRIEFS

Senators: Don't fund political student groups

By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

Several Polity senators at last night's Polity Senate meeting challenged the legality of the student government's funding of interest groups, including the Student Association for the State University (SASU), New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) and United States Student Association (USSA).



Statesman/John O'Keefe

Magpantay rebuts senators at last night's meeting

denied allegations that these groups are leftist. "They are student run and student owned," he said.

But Polity's tax exempt status does not prohibit the corporation's funding of these groups, said Treasurer David Greene. "Basically, what Polity's doing is fine. Some people need things cleared up for them," he said.

The issue was argued during most of the meeting, until it was tabled for discussion at next week's meeting. "The issues of what we fund are not issues in this forum," said President Dan Slepian. Slepian told the senate that NYPIRG, SASU and USSA should not be persecuted because they represent different views. "College Republicans are on this campus," he said. "I don't like College Republicans. That's too bad for me."

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Meal plan price hike?

Food service officials say increase imminent

By Darren B. Davis
Statesman Managing Editor

Miscalculations in cost and payroll projections will force a raise in meal plan prices as soon as next semester, food service officials said yesterday.

Officials would not speculate about the amount of the increase, but the new meal plan price — now \$763 for the most expensive plan — will be released before the end of the month.

"I think absolutely [there will be an increase]," said Kevin Kelly, executive director of the Faculty Student Association (FSA). The amount of the increase will be determined by the FSA Food Service Committee, a group of staff members and students that will review ARA's proposals.

"There may be a little sticker-shock, but I still think it will be the most competitive," Kelly said.

"At this time we have submitted proposals to the [committee] and they are in review," said John Rainey, director of dining services for the Automated Retailers of America (ARA), the company that began campus food service last September.

Proposals range from keeping the meal plan service in its current form with a substantial price increase to reducing certain aspects of the plan, including declining balance and the cash equivalency program, with a slight price increase, Kelly said.

"ARA proposed that they would not take a profit for the first year," said Kelly. But recent income numbers show ARA has taken a substantial loss since it has taken over, he said.

Unforeseen losses include: off-campus pizza delivery, which has cost ARA more than \$100,000 so far; underestimated food costs; and shortfalls in cash sales and catering services.

Declining balance service also posed a problem. "We didn't expect students to use all of their declining balance," said Kelly, "but they did."

Richard Wueste, assistant vice president for institutional services and food service committee chair, introduced the idea at a recent committee meeting that ARA may have knowingly "low-balled" its operating costs, according to a source close to the committee. Low-balling is the intentional under-pricing of services in order to win a service contract.

The low-ball question, however, was dismissed by

"There may be a little sticker-shock, but I still think it will be the most competitive."

— Kevin Kelly,
FSA executive director,
on a meal plan price hike

several members of the Food Service Committee at the Feb. 10 meeting. "If we feel that ARA came in way too low, we have the opportunity to bring someone else in," said Kelly. But because price bids usually pull costs lower than normal, "this year students got a better deal."

Food Service Committee members are seeking the most efficient proposal with the least amount of price hiking.

"I'm doing my best for there not to be an increase," said Polity President Dan Slepian, a member of the committee who predicted a sharp price increase.

"It's either cut services or increase prices," said Kelly. "I think the best would be a combination of both."

"I think the best thing we could do is allow the board [Food Service Committee] and the process to do what it is intended to do," said Rainey.

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Long Island doctors unveil new findings

By Jason Didner
Statesman Staff Writer

Several Long Island researchers presented new medical findings at an American Heart Association conference last Thursday at Stony Brook's Health Science Center.

Ten scientists, representing seven Long Island hospitals, presented the results of research in cardiology and related fields to more than 60 members of Long Island's medical community. Most of the studies focused on diagnosis and treatment of heart disease — the number one killer in the United States — which will cause one out of every two deaths on Long Island, according to the American Heart Association.

"All the work that's being done is important work," said Dr. Thomas Biancanello, University at Stony Brook Hospital's director of pediatric cardiology, and a co-chairman of the conference. "Most of what is being presented today is in its early stages. It's just a small sampling of the work that's being supported in the American Heart Association."

Dr. Mitchell Lefland of Stony Brook Hospital researched a unique method of diagnosing heart conditions in heart attack victims. He said stress testing at a higher-

"The reason there is so much money is that there's so much good science going on around here."

— Terri Kivlowitz, executive director, American Heart Association

than-conventional level of exercise intensity identifies heart conditions that would go unnoticed by easier testing.

Dr. Sharanjeet Singh of North Shore University Hospital presented his discovery that a scanning device — previously used only to diagnose adults — can now be used to diagnose the severity of heart disease in children. Singh said he tested Positron Emission Tomography scanning on children between nine months and 17 years of age and that "high quality images were obtained in all patients."

Dr. Olakunle Hakim of Nassau County Medical Center presented a finding based on a study of rats that victims of one type of heart attack, myocardial infarction, may safely exercise as soon as a week after the attack. He said

early exercise following heart attack does not stimulate the dangerous enlargement of the heart, known as "remodeling."

A study by Stony Brook researchers revealed that an experimental drug called milirone can reverse the effects of remodeling immediately after a heart attack, according to Dr. Praveer Jain.

Dr. Lance Parton of Stony Brook's department of pediatrics said that a new protein may be responsible for preventing the breakdown of fibrin, a protein which is excessive in lung disorders.

Executive Director Terri Kivlowitz of the American Heart Association said Stony Brook ranks among the largest recipients of American Heart funding in the State of New York. "The reason there is so much money is that there's so much good science going on around here," she said.

Dr. Biancanello and his co-chairman, Dr. Peter Cohn, director of adult cardiology at Stony Brook, said the state budget cut to SUNY proposed by Gov. Mario Cuomo will affect the quality and volume of research conducted at Stony Brook. "It will definitely have a negative effect," said Cohn. "I can't estimate how much." Biancanello said, "I think [the effect] will be significant."

Senators dispute political groups' funding

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Slepian, who is also a member of the Faculty Student Association (FSA) Food Service Committee, told the senate that a decision concerning proposed meal plan increases will be made within the next month. "What I'm

looking at is other alternatives," he said. But he said he wasn't able to discuss the issue in depth because much of the subject is confidential. "I'm going to vote the way you direct me to vote," Slepian told the senate.

Polity is sponsoring a town meeting tonight at which University President John

Marburger and vice presidents Fred Preston and Glenn Watts will face students in an open forum in the Student Union auditorium at 8 pm. Meal plan increases, tuition hikes and the SUNY budget will be discussed, among other issues, said Slepian. Polity will sponsor three other town meetings in March, said Secretary Wendy Wohlman.

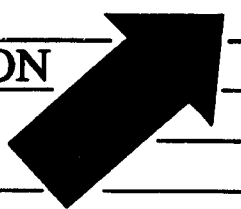
The senate passed a motion by Cole itemizing Polity's stand on commuter issues. The motion expresses concern about poor safety conditions in the South P-lot, where commuters park, the lack of Public Safety at night, and "our continuing concern over the unfair bus-pass situation," the resolution states.

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Uncle Georgie: Mr. Education Hypocrite

IT'S 1992. THE COLD WAR IS OVER, THE Soviet Union exists no more, Japan bashing is in vogue, Pat Buchanan is a serious contender for the Republican nomination, and our tuition is going to rise once again. Once upon a time raising tuition in SUNY and CUNY schools was not a feasible way to close a budget deficit, but now the predictions of the critics of the last tuition hike have come true. Once the tuition was raised it would be easier for the government to raise it more each semester, thus making the cost of a public education unattainable for many that could have afforded it just two years ago.



TONES OF SEDITION
Dwayne Andrews

It is amazing that under the "education president" the budgets for educational programs and schools have not been sufficiently increased. Even now Bush is giving minimal tax breaks to the public with money saved due to the peace dividend. Uncle Georgie needs to get a clue. Instead of sending cargo planes to the former republics of the Soviet Union why doesn't he just send the SUNY system a plane full of financial aid so that education can remain a right and not become a privilege. How can Bush and the rest of our corporate leaders that he took to Japan with him expect to keep up with the Japanese

when our education system is underfunded, understaffed and the morale is low?

The students of America, and more specifically New York, seem to be on the low end of the totem pole when it comes to budget cuts. We don't vote and most of the people who do vote have other concerns that might supersede the problem of cuts in school funding. Also, many of the people who do vote and have real political clout can send their children to exclusive private schools where they do not have to worry about cuts in funding. Thus the elite stay elite and the poor and middle class keep sinking. This is why this year's presidential race is focusing on these groups, because they are disenchanted with the political system and they need a politician who will champion their cause.

Oh Mario?
Let's forget about Cuomo because he wants to raise our tuition also to make ends meet. A raise in tuition does not mean an increase in services or classes. More than likely SUNY students will be paying \$800 more for less class sections and larger classes. This means that some professors will give more multiple choice and short answer tests in order to keep up with

the loads of exams they have to grade. Feel cheated yet? If you don't consider the fact that there is no guarantee that financial aid will be increased to cover the rise in tuition and financial aid does not cover the fees (present and soon to be initiated) that students here must pay.

In a time where administrators are talking about retrenchment, why not have these high-priced officials give back some of their salary to save some faculty members. We could start with President Marburger, who is a brilliant physicist and lives in a house provided by the University (hint: this means no rent to pay). Surely he can afford to give back a portion of his salary to help cover the deficit. We could work our way down the line, because why should union members and faculty be the only people to feel the pinch of the budget cuts? Even if this is a short-sighted and small sum of money that could be raised it is a symbolic gesture — the Administrators are telling the faculty, students and staff that these are tough times, but we are all in this together.

It is outrageous that the tuition at the University might be doubled by this time next year. It is also a dangerous sign of things to come. If there is no lid put on our tuition, right now it is rising infinitely faster than the inflation rate; a public education might be a thing of dreams for many future students.

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Editorials

Home Town Boy Can Get Things Done in Albany

The election of Steven Englebright to the New York State Assembly, a man who has spent nearly half his life associated with the Stony Brook campus, is promising news for members of the campus community.

It's ordinarily hard to predict what a politician will do once he is elected. However, we, his constituents, can work to ensure that he serves our best interests. Much of what happens on this campus results from what happens in Albany. It is encouraging to know that someone who is aware of the lifestyle and problems in Stony Brook is the one who is representing our interests in the Assembly — instead of politicians whose only recollections of Stony Brook are from campaign trips here.

But we should not sit still and wait for him to deliver. If he keeps his promise by helping the campus and he is sincere in his attempt to

fight for us, he'll need all the support we can give him. But if it becomes apparent that Englebright has become part of the system, which seems eager to impose severe cuts to SUNY, we should be aware of this too.

A Stony Brook alumnus has made it to Albany and we should be proud of him. Certainly, those students who are aspiring to be politicians can take note — even though Englebright says was not interested in a career in politics at the time he was in college.

As far as Peter Pitsiokos goes — the other Stony Brook alumnus, who Englebright edged in Tuesday's special election — it's clear that he has plenty of time to pursue a career in politics and he may very well be successful. When the time comes, we can express our pride in his career as well.

But for now, the focus is on Englebright. Gov. Mario Cuomo

and the political establishment deserve honorable mention for all of this.

Why? Because once Robert Gaffney's seat in the Assembly, which was vacated when he was elected county executive last November, had opened up, the governor had the option of calling a special election to fill the seat, or leave it vacant until the general elections in November. He deserves credit — not because he chose to call the special election, but political observers agree that it is amazing the election took place so quickly. Most did not expect it to occur until sometime in the spring, which would mean we would be without a representative for an entire semester.

Congratulations to Englebright for his victory. Let's hope he remembers the people who put him where he is as he serves our state in Albany.

A Cheap, Logical Remedy to a Serious Waste Problem

There is new Stony Brook paraphernalia making its way around campus. But unlike the usual T-shirts or sweatshirts, this one is not overpriced.

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According to Kevin Kelly, Faculty Student Association (FSA) executive director, who along with the Automated Retailers of America (ARA) co-sponsored this program, the proceeds of the sale of these mugs will go toward a project that aims to increase recycling in the dorms. In essence, the use of thermal mugs will be promoting

Earth-awareness, a knowledge we should all take time to grasp.

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Laxmen unveil key arsenal for 1992

By Dave Fallace
Statesman Staff Writer

A lot has changed since the Native Americans started a tough and grueling game — a sport which was aimed more towards battle than fun; a game in which women spectators were permitted to whip their husbands, so they would play harder; the oldest known game on the North American continent.

The French gave it the name which is used today. The sticks players wield resembled a French bishop's crosier or staff, hence lacrosse.

The game which is said to be "the fastest sport on two feet" is taken seriously here at Stony Brook — one of two Division I programs on campus. Every year Head Coach John Espey takes great leaps in trying to improve the team.

Lacrosse PREVIEW

And perhaps, this will be the year the Patriots go top 20 in the nation.

This year's competition will be as tough as last year's. Though the Patriots will not be playing North Carolina — the National Champions — this season as they did the past season, they will be playing some of the other juggernauts of the lacrosse world.

Stony Brook will be facing off against the likes of the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, Michigan State, Georgetown and Princeton.

The Patriots have some weapons that may help their chances against these top-of-the-line opponents. Returning goaltender Rob Serratore, winner of the 1991 Statesman/VIP Athlete of the Year award and North Carolina's Best Opponent Award, should solidify the defense. Serratore set a 1991 Division I record for most saves last year as he recorded 35 against number one North Carolina.

Midfielder Paul Leva, whom some refer to as "the cannon" because of his tremendously hard shot, looks to maintain his versatility at a demanding position as well.

Other players highly noted by Espey are middies Rob Walker, Lou Ventura and Kevin Dalland — the fastest on the team; attackmen Tony Cabrera, Joel Insinga and James Sommese; and defenseman Paul Schultes and Greg Freeland.

"This year's team has a lot more depth," said Espey. "And it's a lot more competitive than it's ever been."

Dalland, whom Espey said was his best player, is looking forward to the upcoming season. "I think we are a better team because we are more mature this year," Dalland said. "We have a lot of returning players. I believe we will break the top-20 barrier."

The Patriots will prepare for the start of the season with two scrimmages. They played Hofstra yesterday afternoon and will square off at Adelphi Saturday.

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On the rebound

Patriots look to end 2-game skid at Skidmore

By Aimee Brunelle
Statesman Staff Writer

The Patriots women's basketball team goes on the road tonight to face a strong Skidmore College squad. The Pats, who are looking to rebound from two losses in the Marymount Tournament are going up against a 16-7 team that has won its last eight games.

Women's Basketball

PREVIEW

Head Coach Dec McMullen, who is back to rejoin his team for their final two games after being sidelined, is working with his team to get a consistent defense. "At the Paterson game, we were ferocious," McMullen said. "Paterson never knew what hit them. But at the tourney, we had absolutely no defense. There was a total breakdown."

McMullen feels that the Patriots can beat Skidmore providing they play intensely — better than what their record might indicate. "Right now, a win or a loss is not important," McMullen said. "We just want to end the season on a positive note, which we will do by playing good defense. We need pride in our defense."

Meanwhile, Skidmore will be looking to put Stony Brook to the test as they have two players - point guard Deirdre Passarello and forward Michelle Milot - averaging 14 points per contest. Skidmore's assistant coach Michael Fraser feels that they can give Stony Brook a



Statesman/John O'Keefe

Becky Aponte fakes opponent

tough game. "We have a variety of different arsenals," Fraser said. "We can hurt Stony Brook on the inside or outside. We're not taking Stony Brook lightly, as they do have a lot of good quality players. We're going out to play the best game we can."

Stony Brook finishes off the season Saturday afternoon when they travel to Clark.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Gill sprints way to first

By Tony McMullen
Special to Statesman

Sophomore Roger Gill of the men's indoor track team, in helping the Patriots earn first place at the Wesleyan Invitational last weekend, was named the Stony Brook VIP/*Statesman* Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 10.

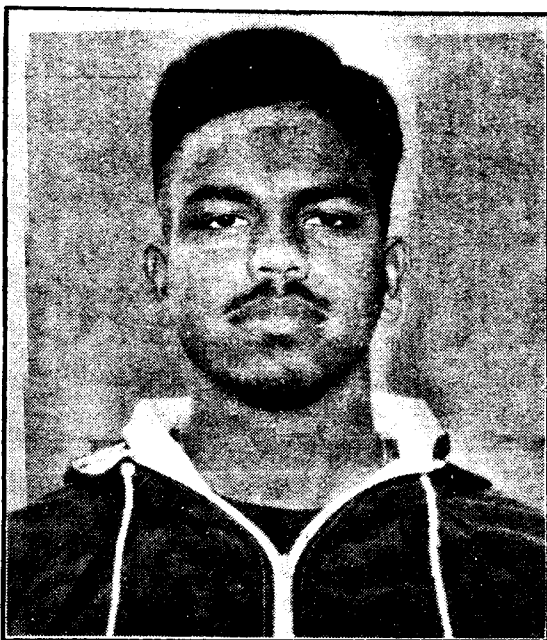
Gill, of Jamaica, NY, won the 200-meter and 400-meter sprints and anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay team. In the process, Gill qualified for the ECAC Championships in both the 200-meter and 400-meter with winning times of 22.6 and 51.0 seconds respectively. By qualifying for the ECACs, Gill will defend his 1991 400-meter indoor championships and look to improve upon his second place finish in the 200-meter event.

As the current university record holder in both the 200-meter and 400-meter events based on last year's performance at the ECACs, Gill would seem to be Stony Brook's best hopes for capturing another ECAC championship title. However, a mid-season bout with bronchitis has hampered Gill's chances to repeat. "After being told not to practice for two weeks, the doctors cleared me to practice in late January so I am just getting back into form," Gill said.

Head Coach Steve Borbet concurs, "He is just starting to look like the Roger of old."

Gill's return to his old form in such a short period of time has a lot to do with his new training regiment. "In addition to our afternoon practices, I started running long distances in the morning to strengthen myself up," said Gill.

Gill hopes that his additional workouts will help him regain his All-American stride from last year and achieve his pre-seasonal goal of qualifying for the



Roger Gill

indoor nationals in the 400-meter. Borbet attributes Gill's recent success to a solid work ethic. "Roger has a lot of natural talent," Borbet said, "but it is his hard work which has got him to where he is now."

Despite only having three meets left to qualify for the nationals, Gill has not yet begun to feel the pressure. "When it comes time to race I just put everything aside and concentrate on the race at hand," said Gill. "The only thing on my mind is winning the race."

Win may lead to playoffs

ECACs from back page

been shooting," Tomlin said. "Remembering the game, we did do a better job with our shots."

According to Tedesco, Manhattanville will be keying in on Smith, Wardally and guard Michael Francis. For the Patriots, the focus should be on sophomore guard Brian McDonagh, who is the Skyline Conference Player of the Week for a second week in a row, and Bob Kasmire, who is one of Manhattanville's mainstays at forward, Tedesco said.

The Patriots are hoping to maintain their hold on second place in the Skyline and a victory against Manhattanville this weekend may give them home-court advantage in the playoffs.

"It should be another tough game," Tedesco said,

"Our guys are not the same team as two months ago. They've improved with games under their belt."
—USB Coach Bernard Tomlin

"especially at [Stony Brook's] home court; they beat us at ours."

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Patriots aim to conquer CTCs

By Laney Biffer
Statesman Staff Writer

The time, date and place have been set. Only miles separate the men's and women's track team from the CTC Championships scheduled for this weekend at New Haven, Connecticut.

Both teams will compete against 37 schools, ranging from Division I to III. And for the Patriots, the outlook is positive due to their performances in the past. Head Coach Steve Borbet anticipates the men to place in the top five and the women to be top 15, this after the men and women placed first and third respectively in the Wesleyan Invitational this past Saturday.

Anderson Vilien, a member of the Stony Brook Express, feels that the team is strong. The sprinters, middle distance runners and rookies are a strong force. When

asked about how they interact with opponents at meets, Vilien said, "We don't have time to make friends. The team comes first."

Vilien took first place in the 55-meter dash and the long jump at the Invitational. This same event at the All-Comers Meet in December qualified him for the Nationals as well as the ECACs.

Roger Gill, another Express, qualified for the ECACs by coming in first in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash at the Wesleyan Invitational. He also ran the 4x400-meter relay with Jerry Canada, Vilien and Chris Wilson. "I felt good about the Wesleyan Invitational," said Gill. "It showed that we are getting into shape and getting ready."

Other men's ECAC qualifiers were Wayne Mattadeen, Canada, Dan Tupaj, Wilson, Dave Briggs, Hank Shaw, Jason Clark, Pat Riegger, John Pikramenos and Mike Pellerito.

Dara Stewart from the women's track team felt good about the Wesleyan Invitational as well. "I ran the best of all at this meet," said Stewart. She is looking forward to mimicking or bettering her mark at the CTC Championships and aspires to qualify for the Nationals one day. The two events that she has a chance to qualify for the Nationals in are the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash; she has already qualified for the ECACs in those events.

As far as sportsmanship is concerned, the women's track team have it all. "The runners root and cheer each other during every meet," said Stewart.

Connie Morawski also qualified for the ECACs in the 55-meter high hurdles; Demetria Ramnarine in the 500-meter run and Delia Hopkins in the 1,000-meter run and the 1,500-meter relay.

Both teams will try their best at the CTCs this weekend, and then it's off to the ECACs on March 7.

Indoor Track

Men's Basketball

PREVIEW



Statesman/John O'Keefe

Luc Baptiste battles for offensive rebound against Tech defender last week

End of the ride

Pats to host last regular season game

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The roller coaster ride for the Patriots culminates Saturday night as they tip off against Skyline Conference opponent Manhattanville in their final regular season game.

The men's basketball team is looking to finish off strongly, after a demanding transitional year that saw three players relinquish their positions midway through the schedule and witnessed the unexpected departure of two frontliners from the Championship squad.

And then there was the coaching switch. Bernard Tomlin was inserted at the helm only seven days prior to the official start of practice, following former coach Joe Castiglie's three-year suspension for violating NCAA rules.

"Our guys are not the same team as two months ago," Tomlin said. "Some guys were not capable of playing the way they are now. They've improved with games under their belt."

With an entire season under their collective belt, the new-look Patriots can finish at 16-9 and 7-4 in the conference. And although the Pats will not make the NCAA tournament, they can conceivably earn a first-seed bid in the ECAC tournament.

According to Men's Athletic Director Sam Kornhauser, the team will learn its post-season status on March 2.

Another team vying for one of the eight ECAC playoff berths is Manhattanville. In their match-up earlier this month, the Patriots defeated them 69-64.

"Emeka [Smith] and Ricky [Wardally] were the big difference in that game," said Ralph Tedesco, head coach of Manhattanville. "Stony Brook outscored us inside and outside. Rick gave them an inside dimension and Smith did a great job as point guard controlling his team."

Although Stony Brook was able to penetrate the strong Manhattanville defense, the Patriots surrendered 16 turnovers. "We have to be more careful with the ball," Tomlin said, "but you consider that we were away, in a strange court."

Manhattanville failed to capitalize on the Patriots' mistakes. "We created a lot of turnovers," Tedesco said, "but we didn't hit the shots when we needed them."

The Pats did, however, hit the key shots. They averaged close to 50 percent from the field, and although considered just fair by most teams' standards, the total is better than what the Patriots have done all season long.

"Our shot percentage [at Manhattanville] was better than we had

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