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Residents of suite 212 in Dreiser College left their possessions when they fled last Tuesday night, including this teddy bear

# After the Fire

By Jason Didner
Statesman Assistant News Editor

Campus officials addressed issues concerning residents who were affected by last week's fire at Dreiser

College in a meeting at Tabler Caf-

eteria last Wednesday night.

Representatives of the Division of Compus Residences and the Office of Student Affairs also informed students of changes in living arrangements and procedures for property damage. Officials said that A-2, the wing where the fire broke out, will be off limits for the re-

mainder of the semester.

Dallas Bauman, director of Campus Residences told Statesman that residents will probably not be able to recover compensation from the university for damage to personal property. Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, advised students to tell their parents that their household insurance will reimburse them for damaged belongings and that insurance companies often pay quickly.

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# 'Everything They Owned Was Burned'

Campus groups come to aid of fire victims

By Darren B. Davis and Jana S. Katz Statesman Staff Writers

he victims of the Dreiser College blaze sat in the Polity suite last Thursday afternoon, visibly shaken and with little relief in sight. They lost everything they owned to the fire that gutted a dorm room. Even the clothes on their backs were not their own — clothes they had been wearing since the fire.

One student sat silent, staring at the floor. "Her friends tried to shake her and she wasn't responsive," said Dan Slepian, president of Polity, the undergraduate student government. She was taken by ambulance and treated for shock at University Hospital.

The student was later released, the shock having subsided, but the reality of the situation lingered. "Everything they owned was burned," Slepian said. They had no clothes, no money, not even a toothbrush. All of their possessions either burned or were washed away with the fire that ripped through a Dreiser room last Tuesday night.

"I really don't know what the university has done for them," he said. "In my eyes the university should be pampering them. Instead they had to come to

Polity."

By Friday, \$1,100 was raised for the victims. The money was donated by the Student Polity Association, the Faculty Student Association (FSA), and the Department of Student Union and Activities. "I wanted to get them a sum of money to basically help them with the necessities," Slepian said.

The occupants of Dreiser 212 were not available for comment.

\$1,100 breaks down into \$400 from Polity, and \$350 each from FSA and Student Activities.

FSA provided the students with at least a day's worth of free laundry services by removing the coin slots from the building's washing machines immedi-

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### A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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### MONDAY, MARCH 2

University Senate Meeting, Javits Lecture Center room 109, 3:30 pm.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Support Group, 8 pm at the LGBA office 145A, Student

Noon-time Concert Series, Free concert featuring music by graduate music students at the Staller Center for the Arts, 12 pm.

"Women in Under-represented Areas of Government: National Defense, Armed Forces and Intelligence," Paula Scalingi, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, House of Representatives. Political Science Colloquium at the SBS building, N-702, 3:30 pm call 632-7667.

Touching in the Right Places, Ann Fauvell reads excerpts from her short stories at the Peace Center, Old Chemistry from 7 to 9 pm.

Alternative Cinema at Stony Brook, Wedding in Gallilee at the Union Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 pm \$2 admission.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

Open Poetry Reading, Long Island Poet Billy Capozzi hosts an evening of open readings. Students and community members are welcome to sign up. 8 pm, Poetry Center, Humanities floor 2. Call 689-3574.

Noon-time Concert Series, Free concert featuring music by graduate students at the Staller Center for the Arts, 12 pm.

"The Depopulation Delusion and the Political Personality in Enlightenment France," The History department sponsors this lecture, as part of a series of public lectures on culture and society in the 18th century. Carol Blum of the Department of French and Italian speaks at 4:30 pm in the Humanities Institute - Library, E4341.

Contemporary Chambers Players Concert, Graduate students in the Music department perform at 8 pm in the Recital Hall at the Staller Center for the Arts.

"Women in Music," First of a two-part series in honor of Women's History Month, featuring Stony Brook women and their careers in music, produced by Elizabeth Keathly. W-USB, 90.1 FM at 11 am and 1 pm.

"Not a Love Story," A film about pornography and media violence with a discussion

 $led \, by \, Marci \, Lobel, assistant \, professor, psychology. \, Javits \, Lecture \, Center \, 105, 8 \, pm.$ 

Polity Senate Meeting, Undergraduate representatives meet to discuss student issues at the Student Union 223, 7 pm.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

Bisexuality and Women in the Gay Community, LGBA-sponsored seminar with guest speaker. 8 pm, Student Union 223.

The Anchoring Problem in Seeing Black and White, Dr. Alan Gilchrist of Rutgers University's psychology department hosts. 12 pm., Harriman 249.

"Roosters." The story of a contemporary Chicano family by award-winning West Coast woman playwright, Milcha Sanchez-Scott. Theater I, Staller Center for the Arts. Performances Thursday thru Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 2 pm Tickets are \$6 and \$8. Call 632-7230.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Art Exhibit, University Art Gallery at the Staller Center for the Arts features Julius Tobias from 12 pm to 4 pm The exhibit will continue until April 16.

Men's Hockey, The Hockey Club plays NYU at 10 am in Long Beach.

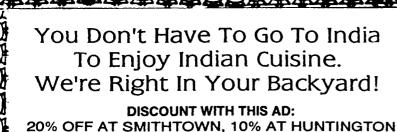
Indoor Track, Men's and Women's teams compete in the ECAC championships at New London Connecticut, 3 pm.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Indoor Track, Men's and Women's teams compete in the ECAC championships at New London Connecticut, 11 am.

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# Vet home probe reveals violations

By Krista DeMaria Statesman Staff Writer

Stony Brook's new veterans home kept disorganized records and gave improper patient care to several patients, a health department inspection revealed last week.

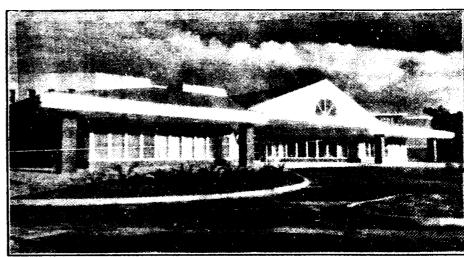
The home was accused of failing to attend to a patient with heart problems, who died on Jan. 8. Administrators allegedly also failed to prevent disease control, including an excessive spread of a flu-like infection among several patients. The New York State Department of Health has told Statesman that the investigation was prompted partly from patients complaints of this viral outbreak.

But several of the home's faculty and residents are disputing these allegations, characterizing the problems as nothing more than clerical.

Results of the Jan. 28 inspection were released to the public Friday, but the Long Island State Veteran's Home, which opened last October, received the results on Feb. 18. The home had 10 days to review and respond to the accusations developing a plan of correction that the health department must approve, according to Dan Forbush, university spokesman.

"On December 27 the department officials came to the home for a routine inspection," said Deborah Schreifels, a veteran's home spokeswoman. "Because of minor problems they were going to come back the following week." Irwin Lamm, the home's former administrator, postponed the inspection and told them he would complete the report, she said.

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The Long Island State Veterans Home located on the East Campus

# Commuter election results rejected

By Jason Didner Statesman Assistant News Editor

Polity Executive Director Stressoir Altemis declared the election for five commuter senate seats void last Friday, after investigating a candidate's complaint of "unfair" procedures.

"In [Altemis'] investigation he stated that since Commuter College had no election by-laws, it was his opinion that Commuter College should have a re-election," said Clyde Cook, chairman of the Commuter College election board.

After tying with write-in candidate Keith McLaren for the fifth senate seat, Joanne Morabito filed a formal complaint with Altemis. "It came to my attention that certain individuals in Commuter College were fabricating and spreading slanderous rumors that hurt my credibility in the eyes of voters," she said. "They would doubt me and my character. They said there were other motivations for my becoming a senator than concern for my constituents, which was utterly false."

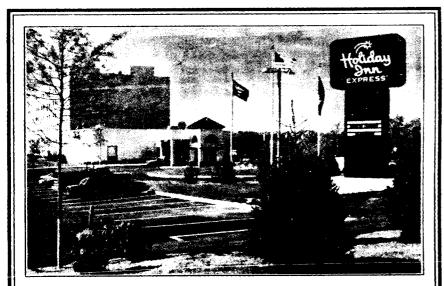
But several representatives of Polity felt it was a fair election, which should not have been reversed. "I feel that [the election] is completely fair," said commuter Senator Richard Cole, "and that the election is being re-done is scandalous." He called re-election for all chairs a "waste of the candidates' time." He said that all the candidates not

affected by the tie "could better use their time to represent their constituency, rather than having to spend their time going through the whole electoral process they just went through."

"I saw nothing but proper behavior on the part of everyone connected with the election," said commuter Senator Ron Nehring. "A strong showing by a write-in candidate is not abnormal for a commuter college election."

The senate — the most powerful legislative branch of the student government - consists of undergraduate

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HE SMELL OF AMMONIA SMACKS MY tired nostrils as I stumble to the bathroom in Benedict College. The muck I usually feel un-

der my feet every morning is replaced by a burning sensation from the gallons of bleach in the showers.

I must still be dreaming.

No, it looks like the Division of Campus Residences finally has come to its senses. The campus dorms are looking cleaner, common area damage is being repaired, and emergencies are now handled like routine tasks.

Walls of childish graffiti in the dorms are covered with fresh paint. Doors that were hanging off their hinges for months have been magically re-

paired. The custodial staff, with the help of new carts and cleaning supplies, seems to have power-washed the entire bathrooms and polished the floors to perfection. Maintenance staff can actually be seen picking up garbage outside the dorms, something at least I have never seen in my three years at Stony Brook.

I guess the leaders in the division simply realized that students deserve to live and learn in a clean environment. I guess they decided to take all that money they collected for common area damage and use it productively.

But then again, I could be wrong. Maybe all this beautification stuff has something to do with those bigwigs from the State Dormitory Authority who have been touring the campus for the last week. Nah, that would be cynical. That would be untrusting.

Well, cynicism can sometimes be productive. And in this case, it's unavoidable. If the terrific display of maintenance in the past week weren't so efficient, it would be nauseating. Everything, including response to an unscheduled fire that charred a dorm room in Dreiser College last week, has run like a well-oiled machine. But don't get too excited. It'll probably only last until tomorrow.

That's when the Dorm Authority big shots leave. And soon after, they will file a report with SUNY Central Administration about the conditions of the dorms — buildings owned by the state, but run and maintained by the

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Division of Campus Residences, according to Dallas Bauman, assistant vice president for the division.

News Views

The division is an independent entity that is responsible for the upkeep of the dorms. The Dorm Authority periodically inspects the buildings to ensure the longevity of the buildings' lives. But the efforts to beautify the campus have nothing to do with the Dorm Authority's visit, Bauman says.

"The concerns that the Dormitory Authority would have are much more than we can dress up," Bauman said last night in response to accusations that the division is putting on a show for the Dorm Authority, which last inspected the Stony Brook dorms three years ago. He added that the state is looking for violations of

safety codes, fire codes and other, more serious matters.

Then why the big show? Why the extraordinary efforts to make the place more sanitary and attractive? Bauman says there's no such effort. It's just routine maintenance.

Yeah, and my shower always shines. My hall's floor is always polished. And all the common area damage money is routinely used to fix the damage for which it was collected.

Undoubtedly, if the Dorm Authority inspected the dorms every month, the division would be broke. The division's administrators seem to have gone all-out to provide an image that the dorms always are spotless. They may be fooling the Dorm Authority, but they aren't fooling everyone.

Many students have noticed the beautification effort and associate it with the SUNY visit. In fact, this column came at the prompting of several campus residence staff members.

OK, there's not much we can do now except sit back and enjoy the show. Few of us will ever see such an efficient display of maintenance, especially from the Division of Campus Residences. So let's savor it. I suppose I'll just forget about all the money that is being thrown into the project and hope it isn't reflected on my next bill.

Residents should put this cynicism aside and just enjoy the rare luxury of a clean bathroom and shiny floors. You may not see it again — at least for another three years.

# USB welcomes Westinghouse Science winners

By David Lee Statesman Staff Writer

Stony Brook displayed its prominence in the science community of Suffolk County by hosting a reception for winners of the Westinghouse Science competition Monday night.

Suffolkhada strong showing this year with four finalists and an unprecedented eight semifinalists from one school, said Eric Koop, chief deputy executive of Suffolk County. Koop also said that this great amount of winners clearly indicates "how well the students are doing in this county [and] it bodes well for Suffolk county's future."

"Stony Brook and Brookhaven Laboratories are the two major research centers in Suffolk county," said Lester Paldy, co-director of the Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

"[I]t is very appropriate to allow students to take advantage of the facilities...for many students this is their first experience with college professors and laboratories," he said.

The Westinghouse Science competition is a nationwide contest sponsored by the Department of Energy. From the thousands of applicants this year, only 300 were semifinalists and 40 were declared finalists. Each of these

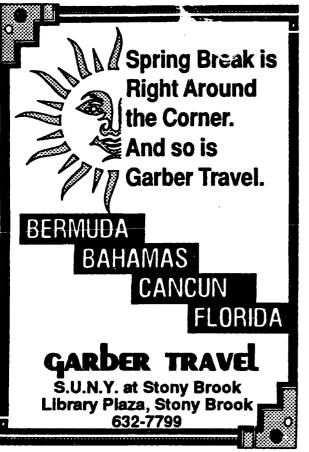
students will be awarded a one-time scholarship reward which will be used in the future to further their education, said Paldy.

State University at Stony Brook was proud to note its contributions to the science field, said Paldy.

Paldy said that two of the semifinalists of the Westinghouse attended the summer research program at Stony Brook and another was mentored by a professor on campus.

"In biology, chemistry, computer science and math-

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# GSO: Match scholarships with tuition

By David Lee Statesman Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Organization last Wednesday demanded that tuition hikes be matched with graduate scholarship increases.

In a resolution initially passed by the University Senate last month, the GSO said "that increases in graduate tuition in SUNY should be matched by increases in tuition scholarship funding for funded graduate student affected by the tuition increase."

Graduate students are expecting tuition increases of at least \$500, said Fans Haffmans, GSO secretary.

"We understand consoli-

Monica McTigue

dation and cuts will have to occur," said Monica McTigue, president of the GSO. "However, any plans to reorganize Stony Brook should be done through the use of proper channels," she said, referring not only to tuition scholarships and graduate support, but also to the academic reorganization plans suggested to remedy the budget crisis.

Haffmans said a comprehensive plan comprised of two parts is being "discussed at the dean's level," in order to meet a \$12 million cut. Essentially, the plan would "consolidate divisions and departments and cut graduate assistance by \$1 million," said McTigue.

"It seems the plans are only being discussed by the upper echelon of the university," said Haffmans. "The short term policy will force the chemistry, ecology and evolution, philosophy, economics-economic theory, psychology-biopsychology, sociology and the electrical engineering departments to have one half the amounts of offers of support using the university funds . . . Everyone is asking what will happen to the graduate schools."

Haffmans said teaching assistants (TAs) and graduate assistants (GAs) would not receive as many tuition scholarships, although their stipends would be cut. He said, "If the TA/GA lines of a department are cut, you can be sure it's on the moratorium list."

The academic reorganization is further confused due to the lack of a vice provost for the graduate studies, who would head the Graduate Center, said McTigue. "The graduate school normally oversees [the several graduate programs], academic grievance procedures and normally has a say in TA/GA lines," said McTigue. However, since the resignation of the previous vice provost at the end of

last semester, no one has occupied the post. "We need someone in the vice provost job to clearly set the TA/GA lines," said McTigue.

"In order for Stony Brook to maintain its status as a major research university . . . the GSO is opposed to reducing the number of TA's and limiting the amount of TA's allowed into each department," said McTigue.

"The graduate school is without a head... Everyone is asking what will happen to the graduate studies," said Haffmans. "Currently the graduate school is not represented in high level discussions regarding the future of the university."

# Students, staff after the fire

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But not all students were satisfied with the degree of service the university offered them. "They're not trying to reimburse anybody" for damaged property, said Andre Allen, a sophomore who lived next door to the suite where the flames broke out. He said his personal belongings were damaged by water and smoke.

Tabler Quad Director Ed Crist announced that the vendors of the building's washing machines will remove the coin slots from the machines temporarily to allow residents to wash their smoke-damaged clothes

But Allen called this offer "ridiculous." He said, "A whole wing of people have to wash their smoke-damaged clothes in one day?"

Students also said relocating was a difficult task. Brian Walker, who lived on the affected hall called his move "very stressful," because the new room that was assigned to him and his roommate already contained

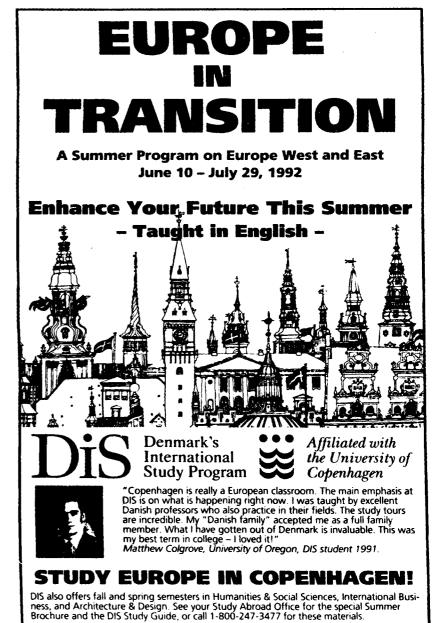
somebody's belongings, which lead Walker to believe that the room was already inhabited. "It was hectic," said Allen of his relocation. "There weren't many rooms available in Dreiser. I heard an hour after our move, there were very few rooms in Tabler." He said several students had to relocate to Roth Quad.

But Tabler Quad Director Ed Crist said there are "several spaces identified and it will be a real easy task to find a place where you're more comfortable."

Officials praised residents and staff for handling the crisis responsibly. "You helped very, very much in keeping it to a dull roar," Crist told students. "All the students and all the staff are all to be commended," said Preston. "If they had not done the right thing at the right time, someone would have been [seriously] injured."

"It was great the way the staff handled it before I got out there," said Crist, who arrived on the scene 15 minutes after the fire broke out. "I told them what to do, but they were doing it already. It was amazing."





# Commuter election nullified

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student representatives from each of the residence halls and 20 commuter college senators.

Cook said the election was run properly, and that "this could be interference on the part of Polity because someone they wanted to be elected wasn't elected or because of a tie with a write-in candidate . . . There definitely is no ballot-stuffing in a commuter election."

Cole said Polity President Dan Slepian's call for the investigation was the product of "the Slepian political machine rearing its ugly head. If [Morabito] had won there wouldn't have been any investigation into the election."

"Had I come and made a complaint to him, I don't think in a million years that he would have had the elections looked into the way that he did," said McLaren.

Slepian denied these allegations. "If any candidate

would have complained, there would have been an investigation," he said.

Slepian said the decision to declare the election void was not his own. "I completely removed myself from that decision," he said. "I just knew that if I got involved with it, people would complain that I had a political agenda, so I removed myself from the whole issue."

Slepian also told the Polity Senate last week that he removed himself to avoid a conflict of interest.

Although McLaren condemned the reversal of the election "at the snap of [Slepian]'s finger," he said the reelection will greatly improve his chances of winning a seat, because a re-election will enable him to petition for upgrade in status from write-in to ballot candidate.

The new election will take place after Cook and the executive board of Commuter College write by-laws outlining commuter election procedures and the executive board of Polity approves the by-laws.

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# Vet home probe shows negligence

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"Mr. Lamm did not tell anybody about the problems [and] he assured the advisory board that everything was okay," said Schreifels.

After Lamm registered the complaint the health department immediately responded to his audit and almost directly preceding this incident Lamm was reassigned to St. Albans Veterans Home, Schreifels told *Statesman*.

"There were management problems, operational problems, and they made changes," Schreifels said.

According to Dr. Martin Liebowitz, vice president of the Department of Medicine, Lamm's reassignment may have coincidentally been associated with the inspection.

"The hiring for the home was done early," Liebowitz said. "New leadership was required."

Liebowitz was a major contributor to the plan of correction and said that the plan concentrated on three particular areas of improvement: evaluation, documentation, and structural improvement.

"Evaluations such as eyes, hearing, dental work, and skin [of the patients] were delayed," Leibowitz said. "An explanation for this is that everything was coming about for the first time."

Liebowitz said one serious problem within the home is communication. "Coordination between departments could go more smoothly and this will be corrected."

The third area for improvement involved structural problems, according to Liebowitz.

Liebowitz was more concerned with the public knowing that the home gave wonderful care and that, as far as he was concerned, there was no evidence of neglect or abuse, he said.

"In my opinion the care has been excellent," Liebowitz said. "In terms of the doctors' care we will continue to provide the same."

Liebowitz told Statesman that the facility has the capacity to hold 350 beds, but at this point only treats 60 patients

only treats 60 patients.

"When the home was first opened the official approval was for 60 beds because we decided

to open it gradually," Liebowitz said.

The Department of Health has ordered the home to leave the remaining beds unfilled, Liebowitz said.



# Professor: American Jews still liberal

By Tara Maria Statesman Staff Writer

CUNY Professor Henry L. Feingold argued that American Jews are still politically liberal in a lecture at the Poetry Center of the Humanities building, Thursday.

Feingold said there is much significance in Jewish Liberalism because there is not much else that differentiates American Jews from other Americans. "[There is] very little else that differentiates Jews... besides their political behavior," said Feingold, professor at the CUNY Graduate Center at Baruch College, in a lecture entitled, "Are American Jews Still liberal?"

Feingold offered the definition of liberalism as "a constellation of ideas that are considered conflicting between Egalitarianism and Libertarianism." He said poll estimates indicate that American Jews still identify with liberal politics.

"Liberalism," he said, "is the engine of American Politics," because, "Liberalism puts [issues] on the agenda," he said, referring to help and support for suppressed peoples and causes. And, "the University is the motor of liberalism, "he said.

Feingold said that Jewish liberals tend to be further to the left compared to other, more conservative liberals. But he said this was not always so. Feingold traced the trend of increased liberalism of Jewish people to events including the social justice movement of the American Jewish "Wealth doesn't affect Jewish political behavior."

— CUNY Professor Henry L. Feingold

Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Depression

"The Depression radicalized Jewish Liberalism," said Feingold, "because Jewish groups could no longer support those in need, [and] the Jewish community went on welfare." And it was at that time, that Jewish Americans became acquainted with the issue of the welfare state, he said

Even today, though Jewish Americans receive among the highest incomes, they still place great emphasis on maintaining social welfare. "Voting isn't affected by economic positions," said Feingold. "Wealth doesn't affect [Jewish] political behavior."

Some of the Jewish communities' positions on issues include the support of more entitlement projects, the support of planned parenthood institutions, strong support of pro-choice, support for gay rights, and opposition to the censorship of pornography, according to Feingold. They are also strongest in favor of peace and, "although they're in favor of cutting defense," Feingold said, "they were very supportive of the Gulf war." He attributed this to a support of Jewish security.

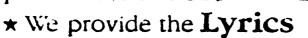
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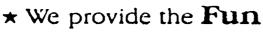
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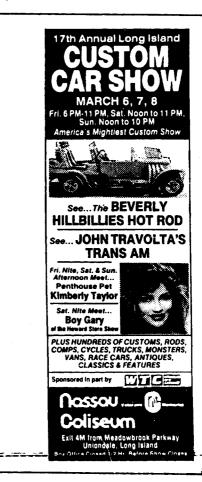
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# Westinghouse winners honored

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ematics we have close to 50 professors involved in mentoring in some form," said Albert Carlson, co-director of the Center, referring to the numerous programs the Center has established to assist young students in the sciences. "Stony Brook is devoted in its pursuit in the search for excellence and achievement," said Paldy. "We have a summer research camp for high school students, ongoing seminars throughout the year for teachers and students. . . and a hot-line," he said.

More than 100 students were able to take advantage of the summer program during its four years of existence, said Paldy. "Such activities will bring highly qualified students to Stony Brook so that they can take advantage of our facilities. They will bring a contribution to the community and to the nation," he said.



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### **Editorials**

# Groups Give Students Break from Real World

tenants burned out of their apartments have no right to ask for landlord reimbursement. In the real world, people are told to go on, pick up the pieces and try to make due. In the real world, it's everyone for himself and herself.

So welcome to the real world. Last week, we were all baptized into reality - when several of our campus neighbors were victims of a blaze that forced them to relocate. Our friends lost most, if not all, of their belongings without hope of getting any of it back. They need our help. They need our sympathy. We can offer both. But the university cannot offer relief.

Because campus residents are bound by the same laws as the apartment tenant, the complaint

In the real world, uninsured that the university should financially reimburse students for losses and damages is ludicrous under legal standards. This is not to say that the university does not care. It just cannot care the way the victims may want it

> But because campus residents are bound by the threads of community, it is the university administrators' and students' moral responsibility to help in any way possible. After all, the victims could have even been anyone one

Polity has led the way in assisting those who have genuinely suffered. Our student government has established a relief fund that totalled \$400, followed closely by the Faculty Student Association and

the Student Activities Board with \$350 each. This is what university community means. These groups should be commended for their generosity and concern.

The university, however, has some explaining to do. Sure, the university is not legally bound to help the students, but neither are Polity or FSA. In that huge pile of university funding, there must be a couple of bucks for these poor students. After all, the university had enough money handy to spend \$5,000 last semester to fix a goofup of the student directory. Is this less important?

Perhaps the university should re-evaluate its priorities. Until then, the students can rely on the organizations that cared enough to

# A Few Hints to Tackle Midterm Madness

It's that time again for perennial crammers to inject the second-effort shot as Stony Brook students approach the dreaded second semester midterms.

That's right. Now is your chance to make up for those pathetic first semester grades and futile first semester voyages to midtermland.

Remember last semester at about this time, when you sat in the end hall lounge with most of your hall - cramming at 4 am for the exam that began at 8 am? We're giving you a warning - start

studying right now and maybe, just instead of studying.

Other helpful pre-exam hints: Explore the library. Feel motivated by the hundreds of others who look so intellectual and diligent with books in front of their faces, chewed-out pencils in their hands and spiral notebooks blaring flourescent yellow.

Take time to eat. During midterm madness, you may not get a chance. It's time to stock up on those carbohydrates, fiber and other yummy but nutritious foods.

Plan ahead. Set a schedule. maybe you can be sleeping at 4 am Budget your time wisely and know when you should be studying for what exam. This may leave you some time later during exam week to pal around with friends, alleviating some of the midterm stress.

> And most importantly, find out when what exam falls on what day or this entire editorial would have been all for naught.

> Most importantly, take it easy. Don't overemphasize these tests' meaning. It's only another test. It's not the end of the world.



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# Stony Brook examines women's history

By Marc Raskind Statesman Staff Writer

EWRITING HISTORY CAN'T BE done. Undoing the past treatment of women is too late. But are women still oppressed? Today, in America ideas are still being learned. At Stony Brook, Women's History Month is supplementing the teaching.

Thru a Congressional resolution, the month of March was deemed Women's History Month across the United States. Former Stony Brook professor, Connie Koppelman, is now the head of Women's Studies at Stony Brook. She got the idea to bring Women's History Month to Stony Brook after attending a conference at Rutgers University a few years ago. Koppelman said she wasn ot happy with the lack of information available at the university about women's history and women's issues. "I

wanted to make students more aware about the issues and concerns of women," she said. "I also wanted students to know about the Women's Studies and programs offered by the university."

There are many different reasons why people get involved in woman's issues. Megan Perillo, a 20 year old Political Science major and Dr. Koppelman's assistant said, "I decided to get involved because I felt there were so many famous women I never heard about and most people never learned about that played a vital role in our country's history. I thought I could reach other woman and teach them about these great people."

Perillo went on to discuss why many women refuse to support these programs and speak out for women's rights. "Women are afraid to admit their feelings about where a women's place in society is because they are afraid of being called a radical feminist."

One way anyone can get involved is by learning more about the women of today and the accomplishments

of the women of the past. The Women's Studies minor at Stony Brook is geared towards just that.

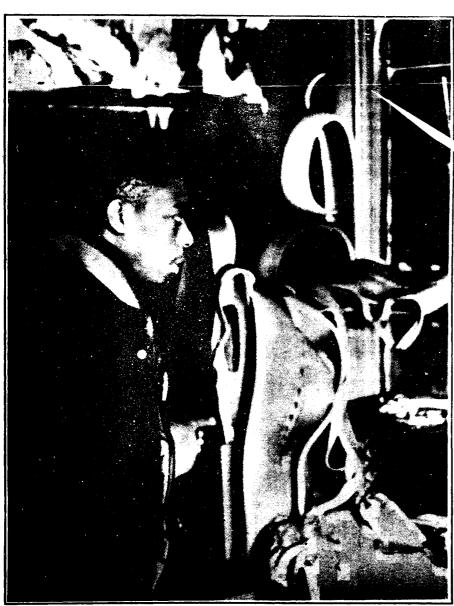
Melissa Weintraub, a senior History Major and women's studies minor took it, "To learn more about myself and to get a new perspective about history that was not male based," she said.

Throughout the month many events directed towards the understanding of women's history will be held. The departments of Art, English, History, Religion and Theater will be participating in the programs.

The health fair on the third is just one such event. Organized by the Allied Health Professions in order to make women more aware of their bodies, potential health risks, and preventive medicine, it's being held in the Student Union Bilevel, 11am—6pm.

Later that day renown novelist Ann Fauvell helps usher in the month's events by reading excerpts from her short stories

# Fire victims get help from campus groups



Statesman/Michael Lyons

Resident assistant Sedgewick Jeanite surveys damage to Dreiser room next door to dorm charred by fire last Tueday

VICTIMS from front page

ately after the fire. "The only damage [to my suite] was smoke," said sophomore Candace McKenzie, a third-floor resident on the A-wing. "I had to wash the clothes in my closet twice."

The American Red Cross is also involved in relief efforts for the students. "The Red Cross has a mandate to provide assistance to victims of a disaster," said John Fox, Whitman College residence hall director. The Red Cross gives vouchers, called dispersing orders, that enable the victims to purchase essentials such as clothes and food at cooperating stores. These orders are grants and are not expected to be paid back. Four of the victims have received these orders so far.

According to officials, Swezey's department store has made offers to assist the victims hit hardest. Some local dry cleaners also offered special rates to students with smoke damaged but salvageable clothes.

Even with the provisions being made for the victims, they may never recuperate from the loss of their personal belongings. "There's no state insurance for that sort of thing," said University President John Marburger.

Dallas Bauman, assistant vice president for the Division of Campus Residences confirmed this.

"In most instances students are to go through [their parent's] homeowners insurance," said Al Devries, assistant director for the division. Many students affected by the fire were not covered by homeowners insurance, Slepian said.

"Paul Chase [assistant vice president for student affairs] has indicated that he may be seeking some funding to help," said Marburger.

"As I understand it, there are going to be some fundraising events," said Bauman. "The Campus Residence staff has offered support to those involved.

But there are students who feel that the victims are not getting the assistance they need. "We've been living in this country for only two years. We don't have homeowners insurance," said Lee Young, a freshman living on the first floor of Dreiser A-wing. The carpets in Young's suite suffered enough water damage from fire hoses that they had to be thrown out.

According to Bauman, the structural damages to Dreiser will be dealt with through state insurance. "[The] Dormitory Authority carries insurance on the building," he said.

"My guess is that the funds will be available to rebuild," said Marburger.

Many students who witnessed the events surrounding last Tuesday's fire said official reports were inaccurate. Despite officials' claims that fire trucks arrived on the scene in three minutes, students said the response took at least 20 minutes. "The firemen came in three minutes? That was a joke," said Robert Cardone, a B-wing resident. "We were sitting for half an hour before they showed up."

"It took at least 20 minutes for the fire department to get here," said Chris Pellegrini, another B-Wing resident. "By that time it was really going."

The fire originated in Dreiser College room 212A at approximately 11:30 pm. Although the exact cause has yet to be established, it has been determined that it may have been an electrical appliance that shorted out. Due to the extent of the damages, the exact cause may never be uncovered.

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# CAMPUS VOICES By John O'Keefe

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## **Question of the Week:**

If Hollywood was going to make a movie about your life, who would you like to play the part of yourself?



"John Travolta. He's my idol. He's funny, sexy, and he can dance."

Carlo Gabrielli, 18 Class: Freshman Major: Biology

"Whitney Houston. She has a great body like I do. I like her hair and she has a great personality."

Carmen Mendez, 18 Freshman Nursing





"Danny Devito, because he's so damn good looking."

> David Dale, 21 Senior Math

"Little Richard. We're both outwardly gay and he's got style."

Brandon Rush, 24
Senior
Computer Science



If you have a question you would like to see in Campus Voices, send it to room 075, Student Union, Zip #3200.

### **ADVICE**

### DEAR MICHELE:

I have a problem. My teaching assistant asked me to go out with him. The problem is, I don't have any feelings for him and I have a boyfriend. I'm scared to say no because if I do I'm frightened he'll be unfair in grading me. What should I do?

Student in despair

### DEAR DESPAIR:

I don't care what kind of student you are, no one should ever put themselves in an uncomfortable situation in order to get

an A. Tell him no. Tell him you have a boyfriend. Tell him how it is unethical for a student and teacher to develop a relationship. If this problem persists, consult a higher authority. It may be true that "Where there's a will, there's an A," but remember, the will should be yours, not his.

### DEAR MICHELE:

I would like to begin by saying that I'm part of a close-knit group of girls who I adore dearly. They're so close to me that I would often call them my sisters. I recently discovered that several months ago some of them approached and propositioned my boyfriend, well, ex-boyfriend at the time, but we had only broken up for several days. Now I discovered that she did more than proposition him, and although no clothing was taken off, something between them did happen. I'm now torn between my friendship with her and my relationship with her boy-

Michele, a student at the State University at Stony Brook, is not a licensed counselor. All letters on sensitive subjects are reviewed by professional counselors at the Student Health Center in the infirmary. The opinions expressed are her own.

friend. Please advise.

Lilly

### DEAR LILLY:

This is definitely an unfortunate situation. Those girls whom you adore are out of line. I personally

thought it was common knowledge that it is not cool to go with a friend's ex-boyfriend, especially when it is a recent break-up. Well, what's done is

TELL MICHELE

done. Your next step
now is to put everything on the table
between this friend

and your boyfriend. Get everything out in the open, keep no secrets about your feelings, and from there things might seem a little clearer. Keep in mind, you are not in the wrong here, so don't be shy to let your friend and boyfriend know it.

### DEAR MICHELE:

Help! I have a big problem. I hate (with a passion) my organic chemistry lab. However, I need this for my major. I get nervous attacks whenever I think about this retarded class that I'll never need again in my career. How do I overcome this overbearing, unwanted stress in my course load without dropping my major?

. Thank You, Anti-Chemistry

### DEAR ANTI-CHEMISTRY:

If you're taking this for your major I'm assuming you're pursuing a career in the health profession. I hate to break it to you, but if this is true, you will most certainly need some sort of laboratory skills in your future. There is an anxiety workshop that the chemistry department offers. Contact Professor Marjorie Kandel for more information. This may help you overcome the stress in your course load. Good Luck!

# Got a Problem?

Don't try to handle life's complex problems by yourself. Write Michele at Student Union room 075, Campus Zip #3200.



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# JUST FOR KICKS

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# Roosters opens eyes

By Marc Raskind tesman Staff Writer

STRUGGLING Spanish family must come to grips with the return of their absentee father in Milcha Sanchez-Scott's Roosters, which opened last Thursday night at the Staller Center

Galla, the father of this Chicago clan was never there for his family. His return causes a great deal of problems in the lives of this group. Galla's son, Hector, always tried to be different than his father, but soon learns he is what he hates so much about Galla. Hector's sister Angela, a pure, untainted adolescent, is the only character who is able to rise above her family's situation at the end of the play.

Galla's main source of income is the raising of prize roosters for cock fights. Live roosters were used. in the production This created some controversy with animal rights activists, but it was resolved without any harsh confrontations. The use of live roosters brought a feeling of realism to the play.

The entire cast performed well. But the characters of Angela, Juana and Chata

were exceptional.Fifteen-year-old Angela was played to the hilt by third year theater major, Maria Jose Loor.

Yeidy Rivero, a Stony Brook graduate student, played Juana, the overworked mother of Angela and Hector. Her acting was excellent. Very true to her character, she had a mother's tired look about her throughout the play.

The funniest character was Chata, played by Madeline Fuste. Her timing was excellent, adding to the humor of her

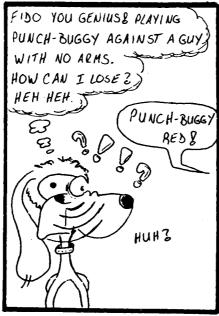
Upon entering the theater, the quality of the set is immediately noticeable. The costuming was also terrific and added life to the entire play. Although the portrayal of the characters Resentment and Rancor left something to be desired and the ending was left unclear and never resolved the main story line.

Sanchez-Scott's other plays include City of Angels, Evening Star, and Stone Wedding. She has received many awards including the Vesta Award and the Le Compte du Nouy prize.

Although there are flaws in this production, they are overshadowed by the acting and by the energy the characters emanated.

HEY GOOBER WANNA PLAY) PUNCH-BUGGY ? (WHATS THAT Z ITS A GAME WHERE WHENEVER YOU SEE AN OLD VW BUG YOU YELL









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# A Real Plan of Economic Action

By Jim Genova

ORLD CAPITALISM today finds itself in the deepest crisis since the 1930s. With the failure of banks and the number of bankruptcies at epidemic proportions, the American worker finds him/herself at the mercy of a heartless and ruthless system. General Motor's Christmas present to it's workers was 75,000 pink slips and a brutal whipsaw campaign against the workers of the plants in Arlington, Texas and Ypsilanti, Michigan. "Official" unemployment level is listed at 7.1 percent translated as 9 million people. This does not include the more than 1.5 million people who are so discouraged that they are no longer looking for work. Add to this the more than 3 million people who are homeless, the 30 million who are "officially" listed as underemployed, meaning working at minimum wage or with standard of living below the poverty line. This all adds up to an enormous crisis which Bush regards as a blip in the long period of "overall prosperity." These 43.5 million

Jim Genova, a member of the Communist Party USA, graduated from Stony Brook in 1990 with bachelors degree in history and philosophy.

# Take over the private universities and provide free universal education for all.

people do not feel like a blip!

When the nation is hurting and people are demanding action the president answers with a capital gains tax cut, a real estate investors tax credit, and a call for the workers to "work harder." The Democrats respond with a hearty pledge to cooperate with the president to pass his murderous budget by March 20.

It is clear that this system is bankrupt and offers nothing to the people except demagogy about the Cold War. The Communist Party USA has worked out a sound economic plan to cure the ills of the present and future crises. This plan includes: cutting \$200 billion from the military budget, postponing payment on interest to the federal debt (this will yield \$300 billion), taxing all income over 100,000 dollars a year at 100 percent, and ending tax gifts to the large corporations, real estate firms,

banking industry, and others.

We need a sane national banking system. Nationalize the banks! We need health care for all. Nationalize the hospitals and abolish the insurance companies using this money and money form the military to fund health care for all free of charge. Take over the private universities and provide free universal education for all. The existence of these outrageously priced private institutions is based on the racist premise of education for only the wealthy.

In the areas of housing and public works, an emergency board of reconstruction should be set up to oversee a major public works program which will rebuild our infrastructure, provides good jobs, and housing for all. Congress should enact an economic bill of rights! This includes a right to a decent paying job, access to housing for all, health care for all, education for all, and a safe and clean environment to live in. These are all fundamental rights and should not be treated as luxuries for the wealthy few.

As for the myth that "Communism is dead," millions of people have rallied around the newly formed Russian Communist Workers Party and are everyday rebuilding Socialism in the former Soviet Union. The Red Army has formed Soldiers

and Sailors Soviets and have pledged to preserve the Red Army against the forces of counter-revolution led by Yeltsin and Gorbachev. The Trade Union Confederation has passed a resolution at its recent meeting declaring it's uncompromising support for Socialism and for the preservation of the USSR. They have also formed Workers and Peasants Soviets to carry out this aim. On the weekend of April 18-19 this year there will be an All-Union Congress of Workers, Soldiers, Peasants, and Sailors Soviets to set up a new Soviet Government. At the Feb. 9 demonstrations throughout the country the union leaders called for general strikes to fight "privatization, counter revolution, and imperialist intervention." Already oil, transit, space program workers, coal, and steel have responded with job action and strikes. A conference of collective farmers responded in kind with a call to strike against Yeltsin's impoverishment program.

In Poland, at present, there is a general strike of the Communist-led unions and the Solidarity-led unions against Walesa's privatization schemes. Walesa and Yeltsin have recently cried to their benefactors in the West that the "Communists are going to return soon if you don't bail us out." I say good riddance to the counter-revolutionaries! In the USA we just recently concluded our 25th convention, where workers from all basic industries, from health care to steel and coal, reaffirmed their commitment to Marxism. Leninism and to our working class. Membership is up and response to our program is increasingly favorable. We call on all workers and students to unite and fight this economic genocide of our people.

### Letter

### NYPIRG Clouds Issues

To the Editor:

Several issues were brought up in "Looking Left and Right," [Feb. 24] that I believe need to be looked into more closely.

The passage in the Statesman article asking "What's left wing about these issues?" is a prime example of how groups like NYPIRG attempt to cloud the issue. The issue is not what topics these groups choose to look at, but the solutions they propose to solve them. The issue of education is one of concern to everyone, regardless of their placement on the political left-right scale. But depending on one's placement on this scale, one will have different ideas on how to resolve the problems. NYPIRG currently has a project in which they claim that standardized tests are discriminatory against minorities. This is a position supported by the left and opposed by the right. In my review of the literature on this subject I have 1.34 been able to come across a single scientific study which can demonstrate that these standardized tests are discriminatory in

NYPIRGhas also taken strong stances against nuclear power. This is a position supported by the left and opposed by the right. There have been a mass of studies completed, even by anti-nuclear scientists, which demonstrate that nuclear power is a low level risk. In fact when cost benefit analyses are done concentrating on environmental impacts, many scientists agree that nuclear power is the most environmentally advantageous method of producing electrical power currently available on a large scale. It was due to the exaggerated fear in the people of Long Island which was fanned by groups such as NYPIRG that led to the closing of the Shoreham nuclear power plant. NYPIRG

also deals with several other issues on which their solutions could be considered left of center.

An important point which I feel was not stressed enough in the Statesman article is the fact that the court did say that NYPIRG has to spend as much money on campus as is contributed by the students here. I feel that this is fundamentally impossible, unless NYPIRG receives substantial funds from outside organizations other than student governments. I say this because NYPIRG has a large office in New York city. Someone has to pay for this office; and it can not legally be us via our activity fees. Someone has to pay for their lawyers; and it can not legally be us via our activity fees. Someone has to pay for all of the "research" done by NYPIRG, much of which is done off of this campus; and it cannot legally be us via our activity fees. Also each school which gives money to NYPIRG gives a different amount per student (Albany gives \$3, Stony Brook gives \$6), and has different numbers of students enrolled. According to Mr. Potter NYPIRG redistributes the money collected in its general fund equally to each of the member school. This means that a school like Stony Brook is loosing money because we give more money than other schools.

Finally I feel the article in the Statesman was missing an important point in the fact that Mr. Potter is not even a student here at Stony Brook. He is an outside agitator. A hired political gun. I was always of the understanding that Polity groups were supposed to be "of the students, for the students." Potter has never been a student here at Stony Brook and has never paid a student activity fee here at Stony

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The Stony Brook equestrian team finished second overall with 26 points in its first show of the semester last Sunday.

Westbury and Adelphi at Sweet Hills Stables in Huntington, witnessed the C.W. Post team take first place from Stony Brook with 32 points.

This finish leaves the Stony Brook team in first place in Division XI, with 159 points to C.W. Post's 136. Hofstra is in third place with 130.

All of the team members did an exceptional job, especially sophomore Tina Goldkind, who is now the team's High Point Rider by having consistently placed high in her class at every competition this season.

In Sunday's show she took second place in Class 6A — Open Equitation on the Flat — and third in Class 9B — Open Equitation Over Fences - earning the team and herself a total of nine points. "I'm glad I could help the team uphold its reputation," Goldkind said.

Darlene Mokson, competing in Post's campus stables.

Class 3B — Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter — took first place, earning another seven points for the team. Christine Dornicick, who rode in Classes 4B Novice Equitation on the Flat and 7B — Novice Equitation Over The event, hosted by Old Fences — took fourth and second, respectively for a combined eight points. Andrea Silverman rode for the team in Class 5 — Intermediate Equitation on the Flat —and earned two points for fifth place.

> Several team members who were not point riders, and whose score did not go toward the team's combined score, still managed to distinguish themselves in their class.

In Class 1 — Walk-Trot — Lynn Nelson (1B), Marjorie Rockoff (1C), and George Molina (1D), all took first place — earning seven points each.

Class 3 had Regina DuBord (3A) and Maria Scarpinato (3C) each coming in first. Monique Genchi won first place in Class 4C and Lisa Decker took first in Class 6B.

The next show will be held at 9:30 am on March 8, and will be hosted by the second place team, C.W. Post at

# Jimmy debut a hit

SOMMESE from back page

Farmingdale, "Sommese adds a new dimension of confidence and experience to the attack," Cannella said.

As Fairfield looked to avenge the Patriots from the difficult loss last April the Patriots won 21-7 — their endeavor fell short. The Patriots dominated from the very first face-off. In a total team effort, the Patriots played a solid game both offensively and defensively. The Patriots' coaching staff, headed by Espey in his fifth season, said the performance was a good one and "the right way to start off the season.'

Sommese concurred and added the

win was a good way to adjust to playing on a Division I team. "Today's opener was a good experience for me," Sommese said. "I had a lot of questions about the field, the crowd and the way the team would play in a game situation. Practice is a lot different than a real game situation. Basically, the team's effort and performance gave me the answers I was looking for."

The Patriots, along with Sommese, are looking forward to next week's contest as they travel to Lehigh and Princeton in two weeks. And for the new attackman on the Patriot block, the two games present him with opportunities to repeat Sunday's spectacular feat.

# Patriots kill Stags

LAX from back page

Senior Rob Serratore saw virtually no shots in the first as the Patriot offense capitalized on its sustained pressure in the Stag zone for a better portion of the first half. Transfer Joe Spallone exchanged with Serratore in net to start the second and both combined for 14 saves.

"The game was a good opener and it was a strong warm up," Espey said after the game. The coaching staff and the players will now concentrate their efforts on performing well against the more powerful teams. The Patriots are scheduled to faceoff against Lehigh and third-ranked

"The game was a good opener and it was a strong warm-

**USB Coach John Espey** 

Princeton in two weeks. The team returns home to Patriot Field to meet Providence March 21 at 2 pm.

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# Subpar season promises better '92-'93

By Aimee Brunelle an Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's basketball team had a disappointing season, finishing off at 10-15 in the ECAC. Leading the Patriots this year was sophomore Joan Gandolf, who along with sophomore Cathy Crean, were named captains for next year's squad.

Gandolf — the only Patriot to start in all 25 games — led the team in scoring, rebounds, minutes played and assists. She averaged 13.2 points, 14.3 rebounds and 30.9 minutes played per game while handing out 43 assists in the season.

Senior Jessica Arnold, who missed five games because of an ankle injury, had the second highest average of 9.0 points per contest. Freshman Erika Bascom, averaging 8.8 points a game, led the team in blocks with 18. Freshman Shannon Hunt, who started in 22 games, led the team in field goal percentage, shooting 44 percent, while averaging 8.5 points. Freshman Kim Douglas led the Pats in steals, with 52, and averaged eight points a game.

Head Coach Dec McMullen was disappointed with a few aspects of his team's play, but was pleased with others. "The inconsistency of our defense, along with the outcome of our record and our field goal percentage [35 percent] was disappointing," McMullen said. "However, I was pleased with the improvements we made. We ran a lot more, and started talking on defense. Our foul shooting improved through the season also."

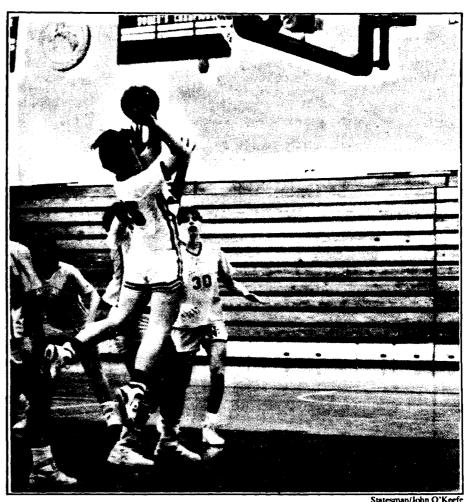
Arnold — t he only starter who won't be returning next year — feels the team did well. "We came together a little too late and our record showed it, but I think we did pretty good," Arnold said. "We gave the freshmen a lot of playing time and experience this year."

The freshmen were the story of the team this year. With nine of 14 players in their first year of collegiate ball, Stony Brook had the youngest competing team in the ECAC. Arnold felt the freshmen pulled through this year. "Considering the pressure that was put on them, they did really well," Arnold said. "With a little more work, they will be a very strong team next year.'

McMullen agreed with Arnold. 'Overall, the improvement was good with the amount of freshmen," McMullen said. "The freshmen were a step hesitant and thought instead of reacting.

The Patriots have a lot to look forward to next year. With 12 returning players, they will bring a lot of experience back. Gandolf feels that the team will be looking towards the state title next year. "We have a good shot at going to states because we'll have a veteran club," Gandolf said.

McMullen said the team's intensity should improve next season, with the experience. "Twelve experienced players will make a heck of a difference," said the head coach. "The intensity will be up because they could see they were a step away. I'm really looking forward to next year.'



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Becky Aponte (25) takes a short jumper from inside the paint

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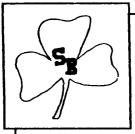
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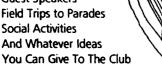


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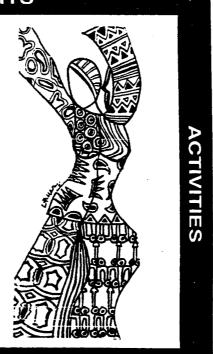
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# For Pats, Key to ECAC Title is Heart

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John Starks of the New York Knicks is one player who has more heart than talent.

His road to Madison Square Garden was via a stopover at a Safeway supermarket, where he worked as a stock boy

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several years ago.

John Vanbiesbrouck of the New
York Rangers is another such player

who feels stronger than he plays. His 1986 Vezina Trophy and his current hot streak with the Blue Shirts belie his number 72 ranking in the '81 NHL Draft.

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Starks and Vanbiesbrouck know that heart, intensity, desire and emotion will compensate for height, speed, accuracy and statistics.

The Patriots of the men's basketball team have the

capacity to vivify this belief in a couple of weeks as they participate in the annual post-season dance, the ECAC tournament.

Earlier in the season, the Patriots were criticized for having seemingly gone through the basketball mo-

tions, without having given life and blood to the motions. They were criticized for having seemingly given up on themselves and having seemingly abandoned the concept of effort.

The criticisms were valid. I, myself, questioned the team — while trying to justify lack of heart as lack of experience.

But in a game on Feb. 11, the Patriots showed me that inexperience is a state of mind and that something called heart can actually translate into victory.

USB shellacked Kings Point, 76-45 and triggered what became the team's longest winning streak of the year — four straight to close the season at 16-9.

And it wasn't the overwhelming offensive output by the Patriots that was the difference in the game, or for that matter, the season. It was the heart, intensity, desire and emotion they characterized that proved to be the difference between home-court advantage in the ECACs and no ECACs at all. "A lot of people were saying we were quitting on ourselves," center Luc Baptiste told me after the Pats had just humiliated the Mariners. "People said we weren't putting out effort and we haven't really played with emotion."

Prior to the match-up against Kings Point, Stony Brook had been losers of three of their last four games. In the three losses, the Patriots were outscored by their opponents, 236-169, leaving them only three games above .500 at 12-9.

And then they sunk the Merchant Marines. The Patriots swaggered their way to the lane as if to say they were good and they would not be denied. They managed to maintain intensity and focus against a team that finished winless in the Skyline Conference and had come into the contest with a futile 2-19 overall game record.

The Patriots subsequently defeated New Jersey Tech, Staten Island and Manhattanville. In the wins, they illustrated the in-your-face brand of basketball — intimidating their opponents and setting the stage for a possible first-seed berth at the ECACs.

The '92 Patriots may statistically be weaker than the squad of a year ago. But if they are to develop rhythm for the dance, they must first tune the instruments of heart, intensity, desire and emotion.



Statesman/John O'Keefe

Captain Emeka Smith prepares for shot

## HAPPY BERTHDAY

Men's Athletic Director Sam Kornhauser will receive a call today from the governing members of the ECAC to tell him that the 1991-'92 men's basketball Patriots have earned a berth in the ECAC tournament, presumably as a top-three seed.

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# Laxmen gun down stags in opener

By Dave Fallace esman Staff Writer

The season-opener was a blowout for the Patriot lacrosse team as newcomer James Sommese had four goals and four assists in a 20-4 rout of the visiting Fairfield Stags yesterday

afternoon. The attack unit, led by Sommese, John Patriots: Schafer and Mike Feinstein combined for 10 goals

Lacrosse

20 Fairfield: 4

and six assists. Sommese's first goal was off a feed from Schafer, a senior and returning starter from last year. The three would help and feed each other throughout the game.

"The defense was tough," Sommese said, crediting the defense for the team's strong offensive output. "They played hard and they were not intimidated."

Feinstein had four goals and one assist while Schafer added two goals and an

Head Coach John Espey said that attackmen Sommese and Feinstein are "good finishers" in that they are able to score and finish a play. Other scorers from attack were Chris Chamberlain with one goal and an assist, Tim Kolm and Louis Santini with two and one assists respec-

Leading the midfield was Junior Kevin Dalland who had two goals and three assists. Dalland, who assistant coach Greg Cannella says is "very consistent," proved he was invaluable throughout the game as he scored two goals and dished out three

Five other players who were key performers last season also had good games. Midfielders Lou Ventura and Rob Walker had two goals each to go with two and one respective assists. Paul "The Cannon" Leva also added two goals. Dave Fritz had a goal and Tony Cabrera, returning from last season's shoulder injury, had an assist during the game.

The defense, as Sommese confirmed, played well. The unit only surrendered four goals — one in the first half as Stony Brook led 10-1.

Junior Greg Freeland made his strong presence felt as he attacked several Fairfield players. He complemented the efforts of Mike Bochino, Jim Sicilian, Paul Schultes, Gary Yerkes, Mike Of, Brady Clouser and Andy Denning.

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Mike Curatolo (34) races upfield with Tom Mullooly (16)

# Sommese's red and grey debut a hit

**By Brian Duffy** Statesman Staff Writer

Yesterday marked the start of the season for the Divis lacrosse team. It was also a day in which history repeated itself as the Patriots shellacked the Stags of Fairfield for a second straight season and a newcomer named James Sommese made a successful red and grey debut.

Sommese, a junior attackman, gave a complete effort in the victory as his ability

- along with his skills - allowed him to Michael Feinstein, another player who put the ball in the net four times directly and four times indirectly. Sommese, a transfer from Farmingdale In College use his natural scoring touch to notch four goals and four assists.

The recipients of Sommese's fine passing plays were Mike Feinstein -twice John Schafer and Chris Chamberlain.

The entire attack unit was instrumental in the season-opener win and Sommese was a big part of it. "Along with teammate delivered a fine performance, the two are fighting for the top attackman position," aid Head Coach John Espey of yesterday is star performer.

Offensive assistant coach, Greg Cannella, spoke of Sommese as a team leader who "could possibly be one of the best attackmen ever to play at Stony Brook" due to his two-years experience at

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