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## Reflections on Suit After Appeal Loss

By Jeanne Kane

It's been ten years since work was begun on a sex-bias suit brought against SUNY Stony Brook by 34 current and former female employees of the university.

In June 1977, the plaintiffs were granted class certification which stressed sex discrimination with respect to "recruiting, hiring, termination, job assignment, promotion, (and) compensation...." Six years later, in August 1983, a decision was handed down in favor of the university. The plaintiffs appealed, and on July 3, 1984, the court, again, dismissed the case.

For some of the women involved with the suit, optimism lingers with defeat. Rhoda Selvin, assistant vice provost for Undergraduate Studies, said "no doubt the situation for women has improved" on this campus. She attributed much of the improvement to changes within the university administration and said that a consciousness had been raised by the suit.

University President John Marburger said, "I think it was the right decision and it was obvious from the previous decision that the appeal didn't have much of a chance."

Another plaintiff in the case, Judith Wishnia, associate professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, said that "because of the suit and a new administration, which is much more sensitive" to women's issues, "many more women have been promoted and hired."

"More women are getting salaries" comparable to men, Wishnia said. She said that because of the improved conditions for women, "the whole university

has benefited."

But, Wishnia said, "Long-term women employees are still underpaid. Women are still mostly at low-level" job positions. There is "still a lot to be done," she said.

"It is critically true that there are not enough women in higher positions in American universities and Stony Brook is not alone," Marburger said. But, he said that of all groups which have experienced discrimination in the job market in the past, "Women have made the greatest strides at Stony Brook."

According to Wishnia, "Some of [the plaintiffs] will pursue" their own independent suits against the university, charging discrimination on the basis of sex. Selvin expects Joe Garcia, a law partner in the firm representing the women, to meet with the presiding justice, Judge George Pratt, on Sept. 19 to discuss pursuing individual cases with the plaintiffs.

Rose Zimbardo, professor of English and a plaintiff in the case, said that she was "happy to have been a part of the class action suit," but will not pursue an independent case. Fifteen years ago, "I was hired at \$4,000 less than my male colleagues and was far more qualified," Zimbardo said. But, "that would not happen today," she said. Now, instead of recompense, Zimbardo is concerned with "more pressing" issues, such as cultural enrichment and low-cost housing.

The plaintiffs have monetary concern of their own today. According to Selvin, "At least \$50,000" in legal fees have to be paid. It is not certain how the debt will be dealt with but, Selvin said, they are "working on a fund raising campaign."



Rhonda Selvin

## Last Minute Funds to Benefit Students

By Ron Dunphy

Stony Brook's financial aid department has received \$56,000 for distribution among its 600-700 matriculated part-time students. However, the money will not be made available until the spring semester. The department will not be able to deliver the names of eligible recipients before next week's state-wide financial aid request deadline, according to Jack Joyce, director of Financial Aid.

The department has yet to notify undergraduate students of the recent budget amendment because of lack of time. Applications could not be printed up until the end of last month, because the allocation, a request by Governor Mario Cuomo, was a last minute addition to the 1984-85 budget. When the budget was passed, the \$11 million was included in the budget, but the details of the program were not put in order until August.

According to Joyce, the eligibility guidelines for aid require a part-time matriculated student to have accumulated at least six credits towards his major, have good academic standing, and to also have been eligible for a federal Pell Grant. The student must submit copies of his 1983-84 state and federal income tax returns to Financial Aid. Students who have declared independence, must not exceed a yearly income of \$15,000, while the parents of dependent students must not surpass an income of \$22,000, said Joyce.

As many as 100 students could have their entire tuition paid for by aid, said Joyce. Those taking the 11 credit maximum in the spring semester could receive \$495 if they apply, while students registered for the minimum 6 credits could qualify for \$270. "We are currently setting up a mechanism to get information to prospective students," said Joyce.



Jack Joyce, director of Financial Aid.

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## News Digest

# Lawyer Replaces Zaccaro

New York—A negligence attorney has been appointed guardian of the elderly woman's estate once entrusted to John Zaccaro, husband of Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro.

Zaccaro, a real estate developer and manager, was ordered removed last week as conservator of the \$1 million estate of Alice Phelan because he had taken two loans from it totaling \$175,000 for his real estate business.

Although Zaccaro paid both back with interest, and said the loans helped the estate, state Supreme Court Justice Edwin Kassoff removed him as manager of the estate and on Wednesday appointed Stephen O'Leary Sr., an attorney with an office in Jamaica, Queens to inspect the assets. O'Leary has practiced in Queens for 37 years and specializes in negligence cases.

A conservator manages the business affairs of an estate when people are not able to take care of the estate themselves. Guardians are appointed to determine the need for a conservator or to inspect a conservator's work when he finishes it, resigns or is removed.

Kassoff, citing Zaccaro's business experience, appointed him two years ago to take care of Mrs. Phelan, who is in a nursing home, and her estate which included cash, bonds, jewelry, coins and stocks. The judge gave O'Leary two weeks to meet with Zaccaro and his attorney, City Councilman Morton Povman, to file a final accounting of the estate.

O'Leary said he did not know why he was selected to be the guardian. "I don't know why. The judge called me and asked if I would accept the assignment and I said I would," he said. He added, "I am not involved in politics. I am a working lawyer. I'm a professional and try to conduct myself that way."

Zaccaro has two other conservatorships pending. One is for Virginia Treacher, the widow of actor Arthur Treacher. She died in July leaving an estate valued at less than \$100,000. The other, for Sarah Schwiebert, is valued at nearly \$500,000.

Povman said Zaccaro is considering resigning from the conservatorships to devote more time to his wife's campaign and to his business.

## A Farewell to Genocide?

Washington—Sen. William Proxmire says his 17-year-old battle for ratification of a treaty outlawing genocide will soon end in victory if President Reagan and the Senate's Republican leadership press for action.

"Whether the treaty gets that shot it deserves in these closing weeks will determine whether the administration deserves the credit for winning its ratification," the Wisconsin Democrat said yesterday in the 2,993rd Senate Speech he has given in support of the treaty.

The administration announced its support for the 35-year-old treaty on

Wednesday, but Proxmire said in an interview. "The big question is whether the leadership will schedule it" for a Senate vote. Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., could not be reached for comment Thursday afternoon. A Republican source, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the GOP leader was believed to be undecided whether to schedule action.

Congress is scheduled to adjourn Oct. 5 and has an array of budgetary and other matters to act upon before then. "Time is short," said Proxmire. "The agenda is already crowded. But with Reagan Administration support the treaty deserves a shot."

## U.S. Veto on Lebanon

United Nations—The United States yesterday vetoed a Security Council resolution demanding that the Israeli army in southern Lebanon remove "obstacles to the restoration of normal conditions in the areas under its occupation." The vote was 14-1.

The resolution called on Israel "to respect strictly the rights of the civilian population under its occupation." It demanded that Israel open all roads and lift restrictions on the movement of people and goods and the operation of Lebanese government institutions.

Warren Clark, the U.S. representative at the council, cast the veto and said, "We cannot be a party to an unbalanced solution which takes a one-sided, myopic look at only one part of the problem."

"We believe it is unrealistic and unreasonable for the council to address the question of foreign forces in southern Lebanon and humanitarian and security problems there, without dealing with these same problems in all of Lebanon," he added. He referred to Syrian and Palestinian forces that control much of northern and eastern Lebanon.

Lebanese Ambassador Richid Fakhoury, who introduced the draft resolution through council-member Malta, said after the vote that his country "deeply regrets the opposition of a friendly superpower, the United States, to a resolution limited to humanitarian aspects." He thanked the council members voting in favor for "feeling the human tragedy" of 800,000 Lebanese living under Israeli occupation and "inhuman practices."

Aryeh Levin, deputy Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, said the area under Israeli occupation has been kept free of the bloody turmoil and upheaval plaguing the rest of Lebanon. "In the month of August, for instance, not one Lebanese was killed in the south. But according to Lebanese police sources, some 215 were killed elsewhere in Lebanon," Levin said. He described charges of Israeli mistreatment of Lebanese citizens as "patent nonsense." Israel invaded southern Lebanon in 1982 to drive out Palestinian guerrillas who staged attacks on Israeli border communities.

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# Senator Javits at Home With Foreign Policy

By Michael Chen

While Jacob Javits no longer opposes presidents from the speaker's podium in the Senate, his presence is still felt through legislation he authored two decades ago. Describing the War Powers Resolution as one of the most important things he has done, Javits spoke before 200 people Wednesday afternoon in the Fine Arts Center about his experiences and his views on foreign policy.

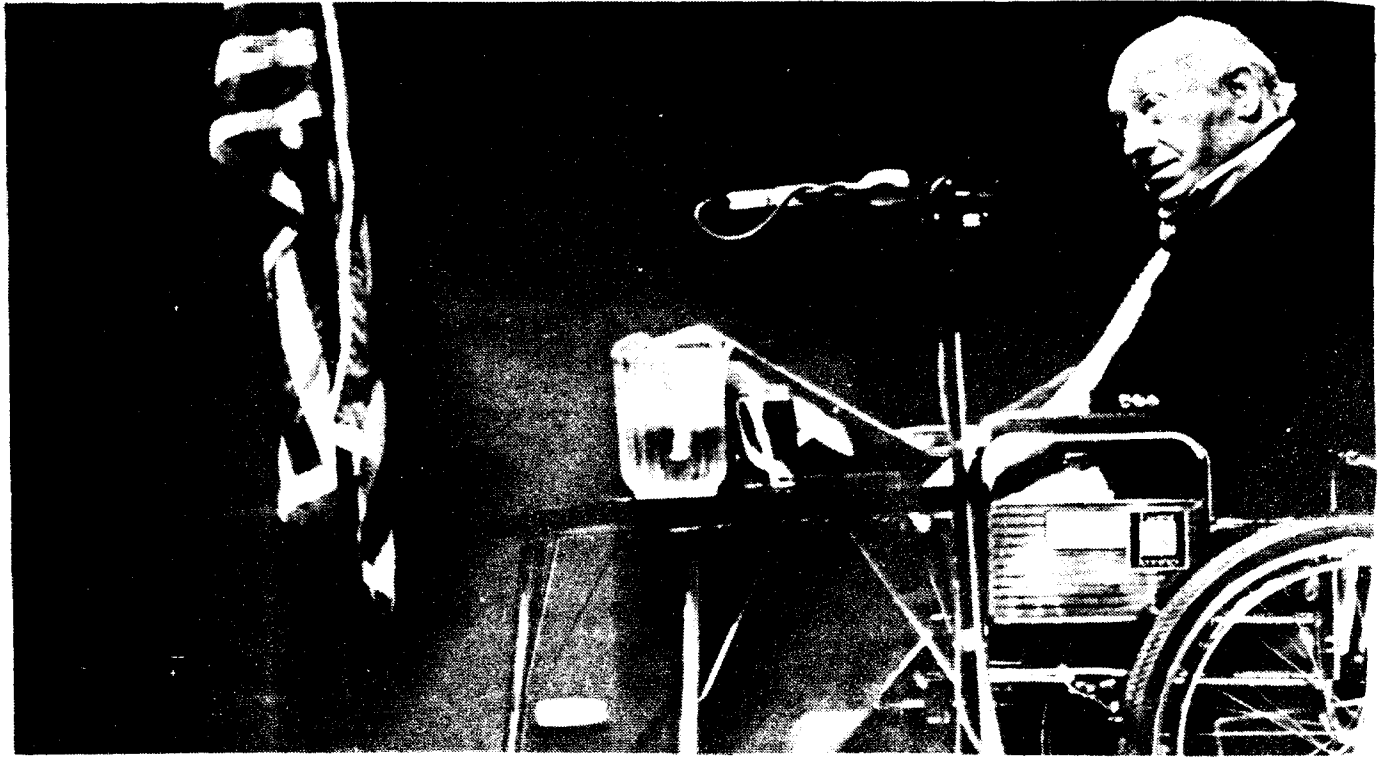
The War Powers Resolution, which gives Congress control over the stationing of the nation's armed forces troops when they are involved in a life-threatening situation overseas, came to national attention last year when U.S. marines were stationed in Lebanon.

The threat to invoke Javits' resolution was used during congressional debates last year to pressure Reagan to withdraw U.S. troops from Lebanon.

Though Javits has been a lifelong Republican, he belongs to its progressive wing and has openly criticized mainstream Republican ideas. "I have never been inhibited in opposing presidents and I won't be inhibited in opposing Reagan if he's wrong."

Javits has spoken out against Reagan's foreign policy in the recent past—especially in the areas of nuclear arms negotiations and Central American affairs. He said that there are currently only six or seven Republican Senators in the progressive wing and "they are very much underrepresented, even for the good of the party itself."

Part of the problem in dealing with other nations, Javits said, is not that we are unable to understand each other but that we cannot see each others' capabilities.



Former Senator Jacob Javits spoke about Foreign Policy and the War Powers Resolution at the first Distinguished Lecture Series presentation of the semester, given at the Fine Arts Center on Wednesday.

"The United States and the Soviet Union are like two ships passing each other in the light," said Javits. "We have great difficulties with totalitarian countries like the Soviet Union over human rights—they consider human rights things such as jobs, health care and education..."

Javits felt that the failure to achieve a "mutuality of understanding with the Soviet Union has been a problem with

the Reagan administration. "The current 'Cold War' between the United States and Soviet Union is the greatest threat to world peace," said Javits. The present administration, observed Javits, has a greater [tendency] to resort to force."

Concerning Central America, Javits supports the use of existing diplomatic and treaty agreements to resolve the

conflicts in that region. He specifically mentioned the Organization of American States (OAS), the Rio Pact (an alliance of North and South American nations to fight off attack by forces from other continents) and the Contadora nations in Central America as not being given the opportunity to act effectively.

"We seem determined to overthrow the government of Nicaragua because it is communist," Javits argued that "insisting on human rights...must be our goal."

To better illustrate foreign policy, Javits recited a list of what he considered are its major objectives. These included maintaining peace, safeguarding the nation against aggression from outside forces, and establishing a climate of freedom, and the guarding of its vital interests. Recent changes in world foreign policy, Javits noted, involve a trend toward what he called regionalism.

In response to an invasion of a nation by a "gangster group", Javits said surrounding nations can and should request help from a stronger nation. Javits noted that in the case of Grenada last year, the United States did not act until there was a request from Grenada's neighbors. Javits also noted that the invasion of the Dominican Republic by the U.S. did not take place until after "the OAS invited us to deal with it."

When November comes along, Javits said that he will be voting for Reagan. While he did not list many specific reasons in support of Reagan's re-election, he did describe the forces that elected Reagan in 1980 as a "continuing majority in this country which was formed in 1980...and voted against what they considered inadequately evaluated expenditures for welfare and entitlements. They were a majority and still are."

## PSC Funds Requested

By Stephanie L. Hyde

Last night, there was an emergency meeting of Polity's Program and Services Council (PSC) to take care of the financial needs of clubs needing money within the next two weeks to get started or take care of events already planned.

PSC is a programming organization that gives money to small clubs and events. This year they will be allocating \$30,000. Last year there were approximately 60 PSC recognized clubs ranging from things like the Body Building Club to the New York State Stock Exchange Club to the Micro Computer Users Group.

The emergency meeting was attended by several groups represented each by one spokesperson, who came before the PSC to request money. Those asking for money were expected to state why and when they would need the money, exactly—even by providing dates and exact figures to the dollar.

The representatives of the four groups were asked to return the following day with further details of their proposals.

The meeting was chaired by Dennis Callahan, vice treasurer of Polity. In the earlier phase of the meeting, Callahan announced his pending resignation as chairperson of the PSC, introducing Linda Sugrue as the new chairperson.

Since there were not enough PSC members available to attend the meeting, class representatives from the sophomore, junior and senior class were present sitting in as proxy, so there would be enough people for

quorum. Eric Levine, junior class representative said, "PSC gives a chance for new clubs and smaller clubs to get started and for those people interested, a chance to get involved."

The clubs represented were the Photography Club, Scuba Club and Table Tennis Club. One club, the New Campus Newsreel came prepared with a budget proposal for more than the emergency two week period, and was asked to come back at another time as it was an emergency meeting only. One club that had no problems at all with the PSC committee was the Table Tennis Club. Hunter Colby, president of the club, had this to say when asked his reaction to the way the meeting went when it was his turn to give forth his budget proposal: "I didn't feel as though I was on trial which is what I feared. I was happy to see familiar faces which lended confidence to what I was saying. The questions asked were direct and I was prepared and able to answer them."

After the meeting, a few people gathered outside Polity discussing what had taken place in the meeting. The question was asked if having an emergency meeting indicated disorganization on the part of PSC, suggesting that the clubs should not have had to be inconvenienced, but should have had enough money already. Danny Wexler, senior class representative answered with, "It would seem to me that since PSC had to have an emergency meeting that they are truly committed to assisting all of the clubs that really wanted to get going early in the semester to provide services for the students here on campus."

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## Editorial

# ERA Would End Sex Discrimination

This summer, a district court dismissed an appeal by 34 current and former female employees of the University who claimed that Stony Brook had been discriminating against them on the basis of sex. The women claimed that they were not being paid as much as their male counterparts in the same jobs. The appeal was of an August 1983 decision which ruled in favor of the University.

Despite the fact that she feels that more women are getting salaries comparable to men's salaries, Judith Wishnia, an associate professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and a plaintiff in the suit, said she feels that "long-term employees are still underpaid."

University President John Marburger said that while it is true that there are not enough women in high-level positions in campuses country-wide, that women "have made the biggest strides at Stony Brook."

While the University has been making "strides" in hiring women to executive positions (for example, the recent hiring of Texan Patricia Teed as vice president for University Affairs), most women at the University cannot boast of a position or a salary that is pulled in by high-ranking males in Administration.

The suit may finally be over (although individual cases may be filed but the question of equal rights and equal pay remain. While we are not taking a position in the suit, or its appeal, we are, in this election year, coming out in favor of an issue that has not died, although it appears severely comatose: the passing and signing into law of the equal rights amendment (ERA).

The ERA, perhaps the most misunderstood proposal of our time, is a two-paragraph statement which would make it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sex. President Ronald Reagan has called the attempted amendment redundant, and said there are laws already in place to prevent against discrimination on the basis of sex.

However, despite the fact that there are laws in effect, it is apparent that they are ineffective. Although women bring home more pay today than ever before, they still do not even approach what males earn in salary, often in the exact same positions.

Men and Women have been painted a bleak picture of the ERA by its opponents. Women have been told that it will put them into army fatigues, and men have been told it will tie an apron onto their waists and give them dishpan hands. What both sexes fail to realize is that an end to sexual discrimination will bring both sexes to an equal level without forcing them to exchange roles in society.

Men, as well as women, could benefit from ERA. Men suffer a different kind of sexual discrimination, especially in custody proceedings during divorce cases. Custody of a couple's children almost always goes to the mother without fair deliberation on who would be the better parent for the child. If adopted, the ERA would apply to men when discriminated against because of sex.

Equality is stated as a "held truth" in the Declaration of Independence, yet it is, 208 years later, still far from the fact. Now is the time to lobby both Reagan and Democrat Walter Mondale on the proposed amendment. It is also the time to lobby our local and state legislators to push for its reintroduction and passage.

The passage of ERA will not result in miraculous overnight changes, but perhaps, one day, suits such as the one denied appeal in July won't have to be filed at all.

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## Letters

# On Expressing a Viewpoint

### To the Editor

Is America being stepped on?  
Late last semester, Matthew Gaglio, an undergraduate student at the university, submitted a viewpoint entitled "America is Beautiful" to *Statesman*. It was a well-written piece about America and where it stands today; how it has developed over its short life span, and how it has been blessed above and beyond every other country. This article was rejected twice in a period of six weeks. When asked as to why the article was turned down, Mitch Wagner, the editorial page director, said it was because of grammar. When Gaglio asked for the article so that he could make the necessary corrections, he was told that it had been thrown out. Gaglio then re-created the article and double-checked for grammatical errors. When resubmitted, it was again rejected. This time, Wagner said, "It could not be used because Gaglio used poor reasoning."

In the view of how the general

public takes America for granted, I believe that this viewpoint should have been printed. There is no question as to whether or not Gaglio's reasoning was correct. It was desired that a viewpoint be expressed in writing. If the reasoning was inane, the author would have been scoffed at and not the editor. Why, then, was the article not printed? Each week, in *Statesman*, there are viewpoints written by Mitch Cohen, a resident radical leftist who submits articles that are anti-America. Yet, this pro-American article was held in abeyance for six weeks. I feel that this is evidence of discrimination. The situation was brought to the attention of Dr. John Marburger, President of the university, who referred Gaglio to Dr. Frederick Preston, vice-president for Student Affairs, who then referred him to Dr. Robin Rabii, Exec. Director of Polity. We are presently awaiting his replay.

Again, Gaglio asks, why was his article not printed? Wagner said it was because Gaglio's reasoning

was wrong. Who is he to say what reasoning is correct? Viewpoints are supposed to be printed on a first-come, first-serve basis. How does Cohen get to have an article in every other issue? Is *Statesman* a leftist paper? How is it that there is seldom a pro-American viewpoint printed? Is not the newspaper run by the students for the students? Should not the public be aware of both sides of an issue? Does *Statesman* only print what it agrees with? Is *Statesman* a school newspaper or a tool of its editors? Why should *Statesman* be allowed to discriminate against a conservative viewpoint? It demonstrates a contradiction of the freedom of speech and freedom of the press which is guaranteed by the first amendment of the Constitution. Is this the America that Gaglio so highly praised or have we unknowingly been surrounded by an iron curtain?

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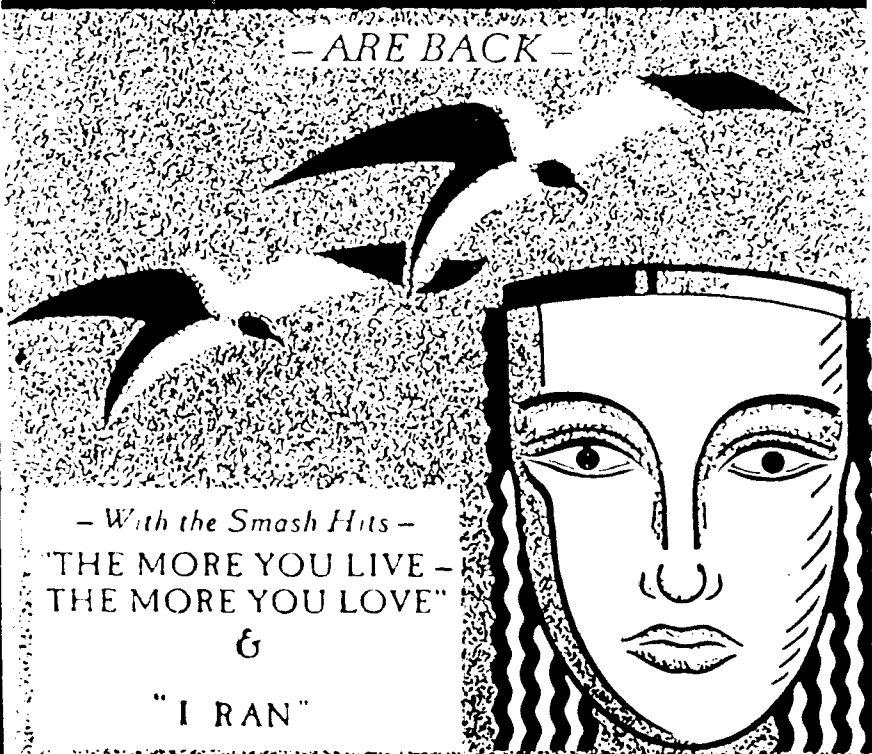
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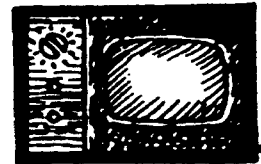
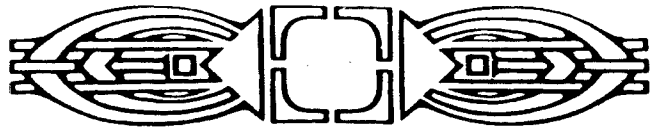
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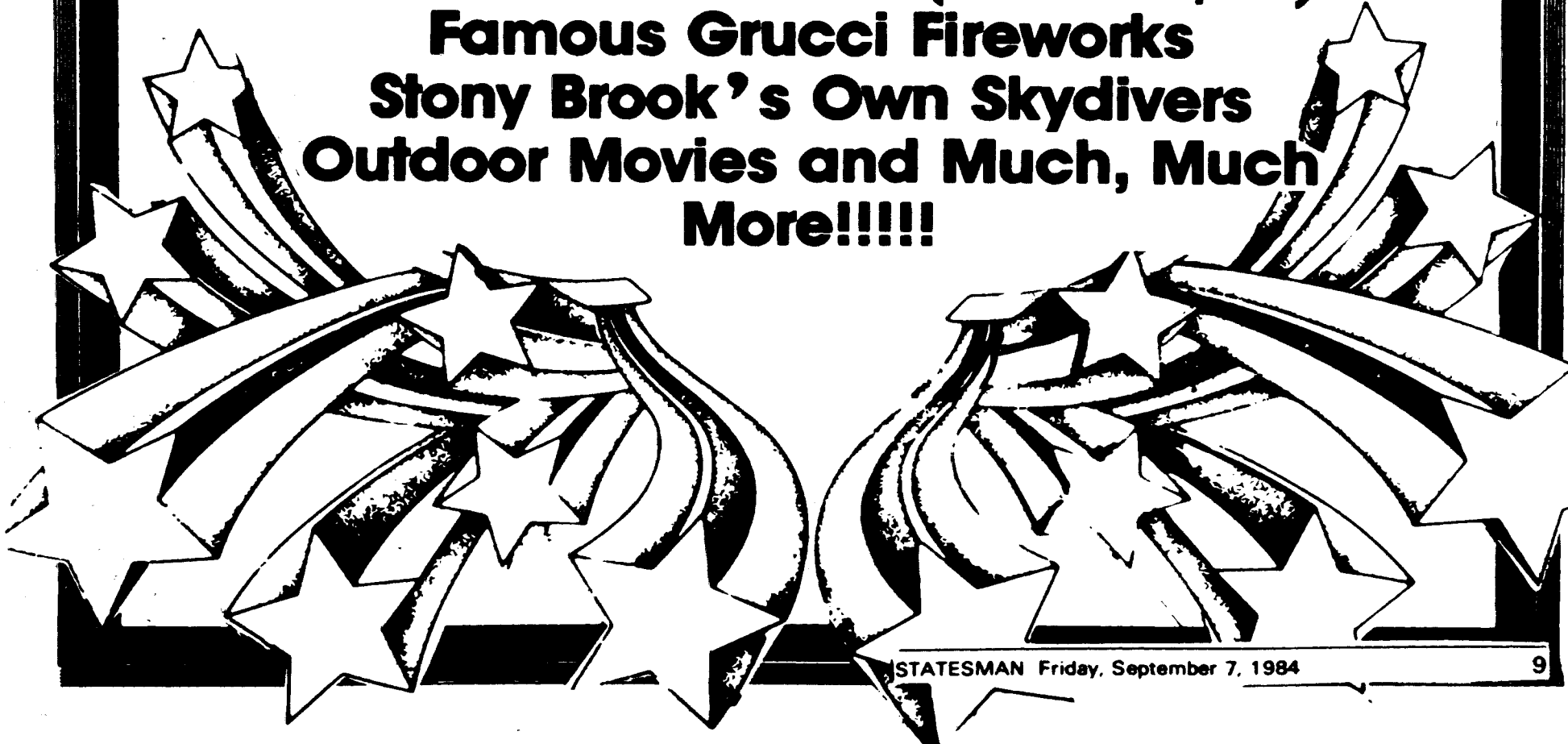
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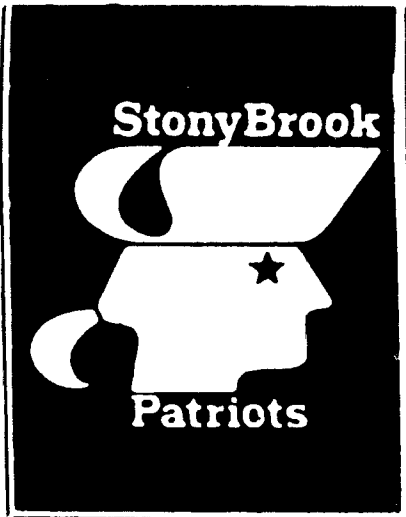
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# Statesman SPORTS

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## Tennis Players Ready For Season

By Jim Passano

As the 13th of September draws near, the women's varsity tennis team is gearing up for a swinging season under the guidance of their new coach, Rich L'Hommedieu.

L'Hommedieu joined the Stony Brook staff last fall when he coached the men's tennis squad to a 7-3 season. He is now working on preparing the women's team for their first match, which is against Division I ranked Fordham University.

As of the team's third practice, yesterday L'Hommedieu has only one player returning from last season's squad, Chris Goodman. Goodman, now a senior, was ranked as the team's number one singles player last year and is looking towards another good season. "I think we'll do well this year despite some tough matches. We not only play other Division III schools, but several Division I's as well," she said.

In fact, Stony Brook will play three Division I teams. They are St. John's, Fordham and Concordia, which is their last tournament before the New York State championships on Oct. 25. These competitions will continue until Oct. 27.

Despite the fact that L'Hommedieu has almost a totally new squad of players this year, he is optimistic about the coming season. "The team looks



Stony Brook player Lisa Pissano in practice yesterday (left) while Chris Goodman confers with her new coach, Richard L'Hommedieu.

good. We have a lot of talent and although there will be several tough matches, we should do well," he said.

Many of the teams that the team will play have a lot of depth, according to Goodman. "A lot of the teams we'll be playing are Division I, with several members on the team playing on full scholarships," she said. The Patriots do have experience to fall back on. Lisa Pissano, a senior Political Science major, played on the 1982 Patriot squad and Deidre Ettus, a transfer student, played a year on the St. John's team. Also, others have played several years of high school tennis.

L'Hommedieu believes that the team can come away from 1984 with a few good wins. "The girls look sharp and they're hitting the ball well. I hope to have 11 players or more to work with, but for now the ones I'm working with are doing a good job," L'Hommedieu said. The team will have a good chance, according to Pissano. "We play three Division I teams, but we have a lot of talent and may be able to beat them. We have always done well against the other Division III teams," she said.

The Patriots will find out how tough the competition is going to be this season when they travel to Manhattan on Sept. 13.

## Women's Soccer Team Gearing Up

By Jeffrey Eisenhart

The Stony Brook women's soccer team will open their 1984 season on Saturday, when they will travel to Manhattanville College, for the Fall Fields Festival.

This year, the Patriots will be led by a new coach. She's Terry Febrey. Febrey is a former all-American fullback at SUNY Cortland. Coaching on the college level is nothing new for Febrey. A former assistant coach at Cortland, as well as the head coach of Babson College, Febrey will now head the Stony Brook program.

What will the 1984 squad be like? According to Coach Fe-

brey, "we have a young team in the developing stages. The 1984 Patriots will be young, as 13 of the 19 players will be either freshmen or sophomores.

*"We have a young team in the developing stage."*

Among those returning include Anita Lago, C.C. Rice, Barb Fee, Dorothy Going, Cherie Christie, Ellen Luciano, and Deidre Law. Coach Febrey also has high hopes for freshman, Karben Horch.

The 1984 team will be up against a tough schedule. Among the Stony Brook opponents will be Adelphi, Rutgers, Skidmore, Siena and Vassar, as well as a home opener with St. Johns on Sept. 15.

Coach Febrey promises her team to be "as competitive as we can."



## All Dressed Up With No Place To Go

By Denise LaVopa

The beginnings of the 1984 Patriot soccer season didn't get off to a good start yesterday, when the Hunter College team failed to show for the game.

Hosted by Stony Brook Patriots, the game was contracted for 3:30 PM, but apparently the contract remained unsigned by the visiting team. "The contract was delivered last May," said Paul Dudzick, the director of the Men's Athletics Department. "But it seems they [Hunter] don't have an athletics department that operates during the summer."

The game was verbally scheduled, but Charles Brown, the Hunter College athletics director forgot about the game until last week.

Although the department had enough notification to make the game, the soccer coach felt his squad lacked the practice needed to play a successful game.

According to Dudzick, "the game will not be scheduled again for this season."

The Patriots will, in reality, start their season Saturday when they travel to SUNY Binghamton.