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Biology Linked to Sex Preference

Research Team Cites Evidence That May Prove Popular Theory

By Jim Passano

Scientists at Stony Brook have recently completed a research study that contains what may be the first evidence to prove that homosexuality and heterosexuality are partially biological in nature.

"We have evidence that suggests there may—underline 'may'—be a biological aspect to sexual orientation of homosexual versus heterosexual partner preference," said Brian Gladue, the senior author of the study, and a behavioral biologist, in an interview published in *Newsday* on Friday.

The theory that sexual orientation is partly biological in nature had been generally believed for several years before Gladue, current director of Psychoendocrinology Research at North Dakota University, began the study with the aid of Stony Brook professor of psychology and behavioral sciences Richard Green and Ronald

Hellman, a Brooklyn Psychiatrist.

"There is an ongoing controversy about how much of one's sexuality is learned, and how much is biologically determined," Gladue told *Newsday*. "We can't answer that question with a study like this," Gladue added.

Despite the fact that the research doesn't show that male and female hormones cause sexual orientation, Gladue and his co-workers were the first to discover that when subjects are given a single shot of estrogen, there were varying patterns of sex-hormone response to the primary female hormone. It was discovered that the chemical response to the hormone injection on the part of homosexual males fell midway on a scale for the response of heterosexual males and females.

The researchers were reportedly used 45 volunteers for the study, which took place on campus in 1982 and 1983. All of the subjects used were between the ages of

21 and 37, and were in good health.

When the study was completed, it showed that the hormone estrogen lowered the male testosterone levels. It also proved that the effect of the estrogen affected the homosexual males for a longer period of time than heterosexual males.

Gladue told *Newsday* that the study was different from previous ones because others had tried to make simple comparisons of sex-hormone levels in the blood system. "We're not just looking at blood levels, we're challenging the brain and the neuroendocrine system," Gladue said.

According to David Woods, director of University News Services, this study was part of a larger project that Green had been working on for several years as a Stony Brook faculty member. Green declined to comment on the project when contacted by *Statesman*.

SUNY Task Force: Give Sports Scholarships

By the Associate Press

Albany, N.Y. — Athletic scholarships could be offered for the first time by the nation's largest public university system if the State University of New York Board of Trustees accepts a special task force's recommendation.

The tradition-breaking move for the SUNY system is to be discussed tomorrow along with other possible changes in the way 24 of the 29 state-one rated SUNY campuses run their intercollegiate athletic programs.

In addition to permitting athletic scholarships for the first time the Quality of Student Life Task Force appointed in November 1982 by SUNY Chancellor Clifton Wharton has also recommended policy changes that would enable campuses to elevate their teams to NCAA Division I status.

And the task force recommended that control of intercollegiate athletic funding be taken away from student governments and transferred to faculty and administrators.

SUNY Board Chairman Donald Blinken said late last week that he didn't expect the trustees to make a decision this month on the recommendations because of their controversial nature, but he thought a decision could come as early as October.

"I'd be very loathe to predict which way it would go," Blinken said.

Currently, the SUNY board has a written policy specifically prohibiting athletic scholarships at all of its campuses. Under the task force proposal, scholarships based on a student's athletic abilities would have to be funded from non-state sources, such as admission fees to sporting events or alumni gifts.

The task force said that if individual



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schools within the SUNY system wanted to elevate the status of their teams, athletic scholarships may be necessary to make them more competitive. NCAA rules prohibit athletic scholarships in Division III sports.

Currently, only three SUNY campuses have Division I sports programs: men's soccer at Oneonta, women's soccer at Cortland and men's baseball at SUNY-Buffalo.

While athletic scholarships, alone would not permit any of the SUNY campuses to field a Division I caliber football team to rival Nebraska, Notre Dame or even Syracuse, they could make SUNY teams more powerful in other sports where competition for star athletes isn't as great.

Officials at some campuses, such as

SUNY-Albany, have already been discussing the possibility of elevating their basketball teams to Division I status.

Norman Hostetter, SUNY's associate vice chancellor for educational services, said there were no major plans by any of the campuses to elevate their teams to Division I. He indicated it was unlikely a Division I football team could be created anytime soon because of NCAA rules such as a requirement for a team's stadium to hold 30,000 fans. No SUNY campus has a stadium with the capacity he said.

However, SUNY-Buffalo officials have expressed an interest in going Division I with their football team, although no details have been worked out.

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Another recommendation by the task force would establish campus boards of athletic control over which faculty and administrators would hold at least 51 percent of the vote.

The board would be allowed to establish an athletic fee for the support of intercollegiate athletic programs, such as equipment purchases and transportation. Currently, student activity fees fund those programs. The maximum annual fee is \$100 per student, and student governments at each campus control its allocation.

The student activity fee would continue to be controlled by student governments, but it would be used primarily for programs other than intercollegiate athletics.

In its report, the task force said colleges wishing to compete in higher NCAA division sports must be able to commit substantial funds to be competitive. Athletic directors have complained in the past that large amounts of time are devoted to persuading student government leaders to fund athletics at reasonable levels.

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Reagan Says Security Not Deficient in Blast

New York — President Reagan denied yesterday that deficient security allowed a suicide terrorist to explode his truck bomb outside the U.S. Embassy annex in Beirut last week, killing at least nine people, including two Americans.

"About 75 percent of all the work that had to be done had been completed," Reagan told reporters. "Anybody that's ever had their kitchen done over knows it never gets done as soon as you wish it would."

The president, in New York for a speech Monday to the United Nations, was questioned by reporters about the truck-bombing in Lebanon on Thursday as he posed for photographs with President Paul Alfonsin of Argentina. Acknowledging that security measures were "not quite completed," Reagan nevertheless said, "The same thing had happened in the other place - someone determined to kill himself exploding an automobile..."

The president said he was not thinking of sending additional Marines to strengthen security because American servicemen are not permitted to guard the outside of the compound. For the same reason, he said he had acted correctly in withdrawing on 80-man Marine security detachment from Bei-

rut. "There was no need inside the compound for a detachment of 80-Marines," he said.

Reagan said steel gates that were to guard the embassy annex had not been installed, "but we moved into that building because it represented more safety than the one we were in. "We had the blocks up, he said, apparently referring to concrete blocks that are supposed to slow down vehicles.

Reagan said the street could not have been blocked off in any event because it was a residential area to which people needed access. However, he said, there was a checkpoint, and the terrorist driver was stopped and fired upon "when they began to step on it...and they got just short of the building - the corner of the building - and they detonated it."

Reagan said he was awaiting a report from Richard W. Murphy, assistant secretary of state, who was sent to Beirut to investigate the situation. Few hours before the president spoke, U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick refused to rule out U.S. retaliation against the forces responsible for the embassy. But Mrs. Kirkpatrick and other participants in television interview programs warned that officials first must be certain which of the many terrorist around in the Middle East launched the attack.

Cuomo Too Cautious, Says NY Comptroller

Buffalo, N.Y. — Governor Mario Cuomo is being overly cautious in resisting pressures for an immediate cut in the state's personal income tax, Comptroller Edward V. Regan said Saturday.

"Governors and legislatures don't like to commit themselves. I'm trying to commit them," Regan said in an interview following a speech to the 5th annual meeting of the Business Council, the state's largest business lobbying organization.

Cuomo said Friday night "I hope that we can go to tax cuts next year." But he added that he would delay his decision until the state's financial picture becomes clearer. "We have to do it in a business-like fashion despite the temptations of this election year," Cuomo said.

The governor got a generally favorable reception from business leaders, most of whom stood to applaud before and after his Friday night address. Business Council President Raymond T. Schuler said, "Cuomo is responding to the needs of the business community." Cuomo touted his economic record and said a report last week showing a "brain drain" from New York from 1975 to 1980 was overblown "old news" that does not reflect the current situation. He called it the "Rip Van Winkle report."

Regan generally praised Cuomo's record but said his "one source of contention" is that state spending this year

grew at twice the rate of inflation. "I am concerned if it were to develop into a pattern," he said.

The Republican comptroller favors a small cut in New York's 10 percent personal income tax this fall as a signal of the beginning of a multi-year series of cuts that would gradually lower the maximum rate to 0 percent. Regan noted that Cuomo has projected a year-end surplus of \$124 million. Senate Republican leaders - traditionally optimistic - have said the surplus could go as high as \$500 million.

Any surplus should be divided evenly between tax cuts and a reduction in the state's debt, which this year necessitated a spring borrowing of \$4.3 billion, Regan said. Interest on that debt amounts to \$250 million, "and there is not a socially redeeming nickel in that entire payment," he said.

Income taxes were clearly prominent in the minds of Business Council members. Guest speaker Harry Reasoner of CBS's "60 Minutes," a Connecticut resident, drew the loudest applause of all Friday night when he said, "I am not a New York resident, partly because of the taxes."

But Cuomo stood up next to defend his cautiousness. He said he could propose an immediate cut of the income tax to 9 percent, and "that would get me a temporary bit of adulation from the business community, but it would also be terribly imprudent."

NYPIRG Wants You to Exercise Your Rights

By Jeff Leibowitz

One need only set foot in the Stony Brook Union these days before being approached by one or more students asking, "Have you registered to vote yet?"

These students are part of a movement headed by New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) whose goal, according to project coordinator, Lisa Bergman, is to register 2,500 students at Stony Brook to vote by an Oct. 4 deadline. The drive is also aimed at registering 100,000 of the 400,000 unregistered students statewide.

The movement began at the start of this semester and thus far 1,600 students have been registered by the 62 NYPIRG members involved. This is the sixth year that NYPIRG has conducted a voter registration drive, but according to staff members it is by far the most successful. Last year's total after two semesters was 1,800 registered voters as compared to this year's 1,600 in less than a month.

NYPIRG is not alone now in the movement, as they have formed coalitions with other organizations such as the Student Association of the State University (SASU), Alpha Kappa Alpha, a statewide sorority with a chapter on campus, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) and Hillel, a chapter of B'nai Brith. These groups are supporting the voter registration drive both financially as well as through volunteer work.

Curtiss Leung, a NYPIRG member who has played an active role in the drive said, "If everyone who could participate in the political process would, there would be a much greater concern as to what issues are, followed by a greater sensitivity to them by the politicians." Troy Oeschner, the organizing director for SASU said that voter registration "is key to pushing the SUNY student agenda. The SUNY student agenda includes: low tuition, increased financial aid, as well as a stop to the proposed raise in the drinking age." Oeschner said SUNY Albany has registered 5,000 of its 10,000 previously unregistered students.

David Hill, president of the GSO said his group is

involved because in elections politicians pay attention to people who vote and students have been known not to vote in great numbers in past elections. So, Hill said, politicians don't give student issues the attention they deserve.

Hill recently attended a meeting held in Oregon for the United States Student Association (USSA), which is the largest single lobbying group in the country. The sole purpose of that meeting was to discuss the significance of and the process by which to get the student vote.

David Segal, a member of the Hillel student board, said his involvement is due to his belief that the most effective way students can voice their opinions is through the political process. He said, "We hope that through these efforts student issues will not just be heard, they will be acted on."

Stony Brook dormitory residents cannot vote at their Stony Brook address, but must vote via an absentee ballot. At the recent Sept. 20 NYPIRG meeting, coordinator Neil Rosenstein mentioned that at other schools, such as SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Fredonia, students won the right to vote on campus without an absentee ballot. This makes the process easier for students, and the schools proportionally have more student voting. Rosenstein mentioned that getting students to vote on campus without an absentee ballot will be an issue that NYPIRG will address in the future.

NYPIRG has five committees involved within the campaign. The first is a "Community Committee" which will go to key areas where people do not usually vote and try to get them registered. "Public Outreach" involves going to classrooms and speaking as well as writing articles and letters to various publications. The "Dormitory Committee" will go to the dorms on campus and try to register people there. The "Tabling Committee" are the 30 button-clad people seen in the union who recruit people from the crowd. The final committee deals with "National Days", such as Oct 1,



Dave Hill

when a final effort will be made to register as many students as possible.

When asked if there were any issues they personally believe will be affected by registering students in large numbers, NYPIRG members mentioned a variety of subjects. Junior Norma Dimidjian felt that water treatment and other environmental issues are of major concern. Lori Howa, a chemistry major, mentioned issues such as, "Toxic Victims Actions to Justice" which would allow victims of toxic waste poisoning to wait three years after discovering a toxic-caused disease before bringing a lawsuit against the manufac-

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Unique Program With Community Emphasis

By Elizabeth Rand

The Federated Learning Communities (FLC) program is, according to its director James B. McKenna, a "valuable way for students to experience the process of building a community around a common effort."

The program was established in 1977 for the purpose of "improving the effectiveness of student learning, teaching quality and in the process to create genuine communities of faculty and students."

Roughly translated, this means that students who elect to take one of the FLC programs offered each year will get the chance to work together in ways that aren't generally available in the rest of the academic curriculum. The emphasis here is on the group experience and the benefits that students can derive from taking the same exact classes.

These classes are made up from three different academic departments and are taken for a total of nine credits. In addition it is necessary to take a three credit program seminar which will meet once a week (usually Tuesday evening) for two and a half hours. This course is responsible for tying together the subject matter of the other three courses and is geared toward group discussion. Lastly, a one credit "core course" is taken in which the faculty members who are teaching in the program "make interdisciplinary presentations on the

theme." This is a total of 13 credits, leaving the student to elect one more class if he or she wishes. This class will not be considered part of the FLC experience.

The first program, back in 1977 was called, "World Hunger." The idea was to study that issue from a number of different courses and departments. Some of the topics studied were international economics and political relations, the biological aspects of food production, and the philosophical views of the issue at hand. Other programs have been called, "Technology Values and Society," "Social and Ethical Issues in the Life Sciences," and currently, "America in Transition." The next program "International Relations," will begin September of 1985, but it is still possible to sign up for the second half of "America in Transition," a program which began this September and is based on the changing nature of American society. Students taking the program are currently enrolled in three courses relating to the topic of American transition. They are *The American Presidency* (POL 320), *Origins of American Society* (HIS 380) and *The Radical Novel in America* (EGL 320). Next semester, the three related courses will be *Contemporary Society* (SOC 302), *American Legal History* (HIS 379) and *The Science Establishment* (INT 224). In addition is the three-credit program seminar and the one-credit core

course. By participating in one of these programs, a student can earn and academic minor on the theme of study, if he or she is involved for the entire year. Most of the courses can be applied toward distribution requirements as well.

Because the courses are drawn from a number of departments across the university, McKenna feels that it is really a "special set of learning opportunities." As he put it, "Stony Brook is full of good, small communities, but FLC is unique in the sense of an academic community that involves a number of departments."

For undergraduates, the danger of a large university is that an education can in a sense become "too private, personal and individual," said McKenna. Attending classes, particularly if they are large lectures, and going home to study are activities which center around the individual. They become, in a sense, "passive experiences." FLC, McKenna believes, encourages students to learn from each other through contribution—whether this be sharing notes or ideas. "Working as a team is geared toward the real world and FLC is an excellent preparation for this" a no one works alone when they become part of a firm or corporation. Most work assigned to anyone in today's job market is centered around the group project or effort. "The FLC experience, if it works, makes the stu-

dent better able to learn from the large courses. You learn how to learn and become more sophisticated about what goes on in a classroom." By seeing how other students experience a lecture and getting to really know the faculty members who are involved in the teaching of the courses offered, a student becomes, "more sensitive to the art of communication," said McKenna.

Do FLC students actually perform better than their counterparts who are not involved in such a program? Yes, says a study performed during the 1979-80 academic year, in which an outside evaluation was done to show that FLC students average one grade point higher than students who happened to be enrolled in any of the courses that FLC students are taking, but aren't part of that program. So, for instance, if a history major were taking HIS 380 to fulfill his or her major requirements and an FLC student were taking the same course to fulfill program requirements, the FLC student would, according to the study, obtain one full letter grade above the History major—and "A" as compared to a "B", perhaps.

Funding for FLC initially came from a three-year federal grant. The, in 1980 it became part of the regular university budget.

Last year, a special committee was set up to review FLC and their report

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New Machine in HSC Can Help Detect AIDS

By Cathi Antonelli

The first step in the detection of the fatal disease AIDS—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—has been made simpler and more efficient thanks to a computerized machine installed four years ago into the Clinical Immunology Department in the Health Sciences Center. The machine, called a Coalter Electronic Unit, gives an accurate diagnosis of the presence of AIDS and other rare blood disorders. It gives the diagnosis in a matter of hours, while other methods can take days or longer.

According to JoAnn Thomas, a lab technician in the department, the machine is being used "not only by University Hospital, but by other area hospitals, as well. They send us their tissue cultures, and we send them back a complete diagnosis and analysis of the disease. We're able to process these cultures as soon as they're received and that saves a great deal of time."

Thomas has worked in the department for two years and finds her work interesting as well as challenging. Said Thomas, "We've picked up the AIDS antibody in all categories of people, from a tiny baby to an entire family. Since AIDS has such a varying incubation period, anywhere from one month to three years, it is essential to diagnose it as soon as possible for the patient's sake. With the Coalter, it's done more quickly and

accurately than previous methods."

The machine resembles an over-sized Xerox machine, with virtually a hundred buttons and blinking lights. It works by "identifying cell units that have a certain type of antibody," explained Thomas. "A highly charged laser beam intersects a fluid of cells, determining a cellular population by size and density. It then tells which cells within that population have a particular type of receptor, such as that found in AIDS. Another repulsion of laser cuts the cells in half, sorting them out for further analysis or culturing. We then classify the cells to give an accurate diagnosis of exactly what the disease is."

So far, very little research has been done on AIDS "simply because we do not yet understand how it evolves," said Thomas. "Until we overcome that obstacle, further research is useless." Right now AIDS has a 100 percent mortality rate, and there's no cure on the horizon. There has been a recent finding in France of antibodies in AIDS that are common to a virus. If that finding is sound, there's a possibility of a vaccine containing antibodies that could combat the virus.

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turer. The present law allows only three years after the wastes have been dumped, and often the symptoms of a toxic disease do not appear until after three years.

Sophomore Tracy Bickel felt strongly about nuclear disarmament and, "Getting Reagan out of office," she said. One of the more common concerns was battling tuition increases Governor Mario Cuomo has proposed for SUNY students in the past. Rosenstein said that state senators will have pressure from students on this

issue.

Some of the students who were recruited by the Union "tablers" had comments as to the drive. Transfer junior Maureen Sullivan said right after registering. "I think it's great what they're doing. I mean, otherwise I probably wouldn't have gotten around to it."

Sophomore Chun Lei Chen was asked how he felt right after registering. He said, "Actually I feel very proud. I've been here five years now. Having a part in the political decisions or at least in the voting process

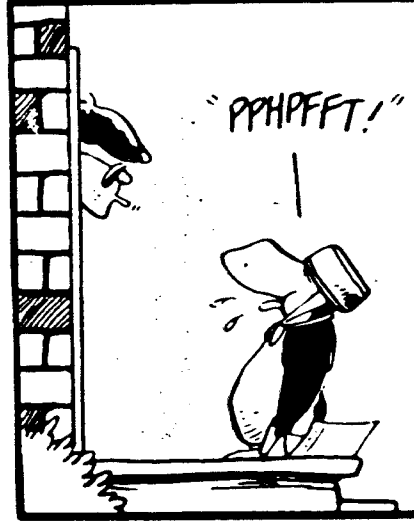
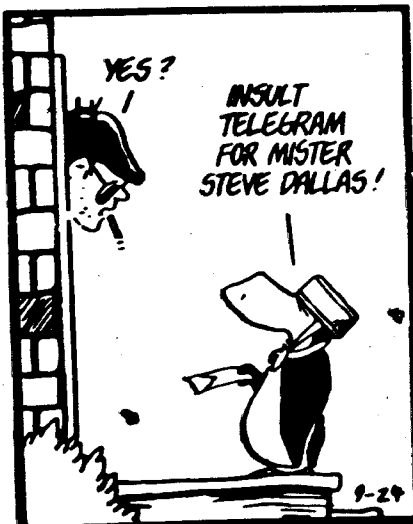
gives me a feeling of being involved."

Freshman Dusty Clina said, "This is a real convenience. I would just like to say to people that you have other options besides registering as a Democrat or a Republican, that maybe you should check out, like the Communist Party."

Rosenstein said his reason for partaking in the drive is to integrate students into the political process through an informed vote and convince them that we do make a difference."

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



FLC Program

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was very positive, recommending its continuation. It has also become a model for reform at the University of California at Davis, the University of Tennessee, Dennison University, University of Maryland, Roland's College and various other community colleges across the country. Said McKenna, "It is an idea that works here and at other campuses, too."

There are an average of 50 students participating in each year's program and the recruiting of people into these program seems to be done largely by word of mouth. They are usually not recommended for freshmen as most of the courses are on the 300 level.

Students involved in this year's, "America in Transition" seemed to be quite impressed with their choice. Sophomore Barbara McLaren says she became involved because she "enjoys discussing what [she's] learning" and that she, "can't voice [her] opinion in a math or science class." She plans to major in one of the sciences, but dislikes the impersonal atmosphere of those kind of classes. So far, for her, the program provides a positive, alternative around the drudgery of distribution requirements.

For Junior Joe Miller it "helps with the background and understanding" of her political science major. He feels the work he is doing in the program is "more challenging" and he enjoys the way it is able to tie the subject matter of three courses together.

"Stimulating conversation brings out emotional issues," says Junior Stephen Grollman, who took the program because he is interested in an "alternative education." FLC "integrates material and synthesizes it—emotions are brought out from this."

Among the faculty that have been and are involved with FLC are Marvin Levine, Chairman of Psychology department, Rose Zimbardo from the English Department, John Truxal from the Electrical Engineering Department and Eloy Carlson from the Biology Department.

Lee Miller from the Philosophy Department is currently the "Master Learner" of "America in Transition." The Master Learner is selected for each program from among outstanding faculty or extremely advanced Stony Brook graduate students.

The "Master Learner" and the "Mumford fellow"—a student chosen in a University-wide competition between graduate students—both attend classes with the undergraduates and are responsible for holding the program seminar. They serve, according to the 1983-85 Undergraduate Bulletin, as those who are able to "bridge or mediate between the specialized knowledge of the faculty and the needs of the students."

Those interested in becoming a part of one of these programs can pre-register in November and join "America in Transition" already in progress, or wait until September of 1985 for "International Relations." Either way, the program pleases many students and earns them better grades according to the 79-80 study.

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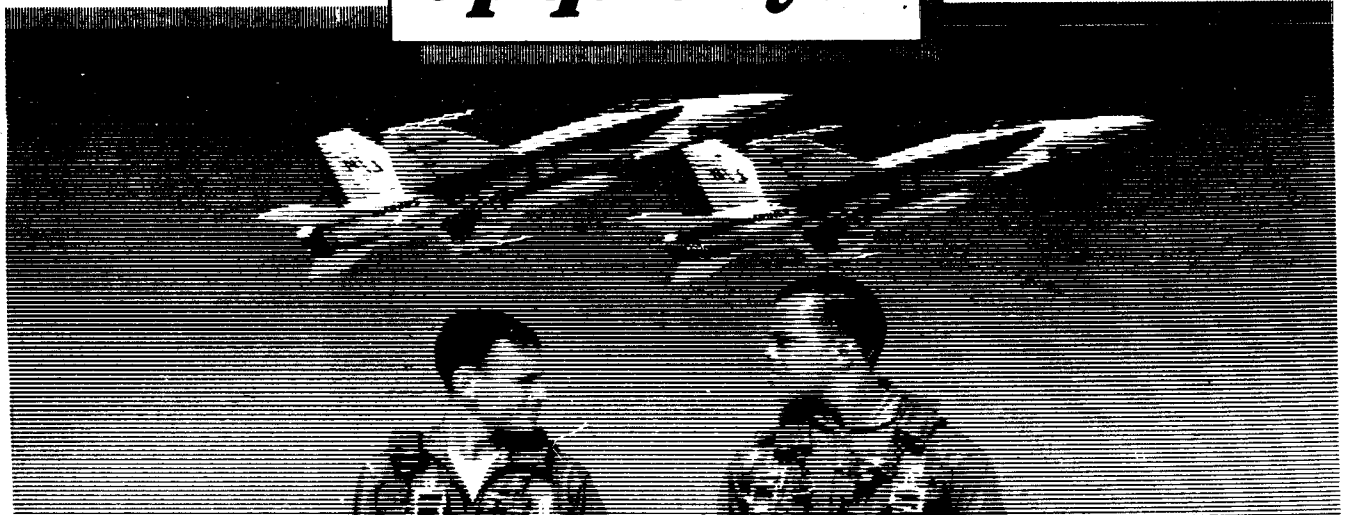
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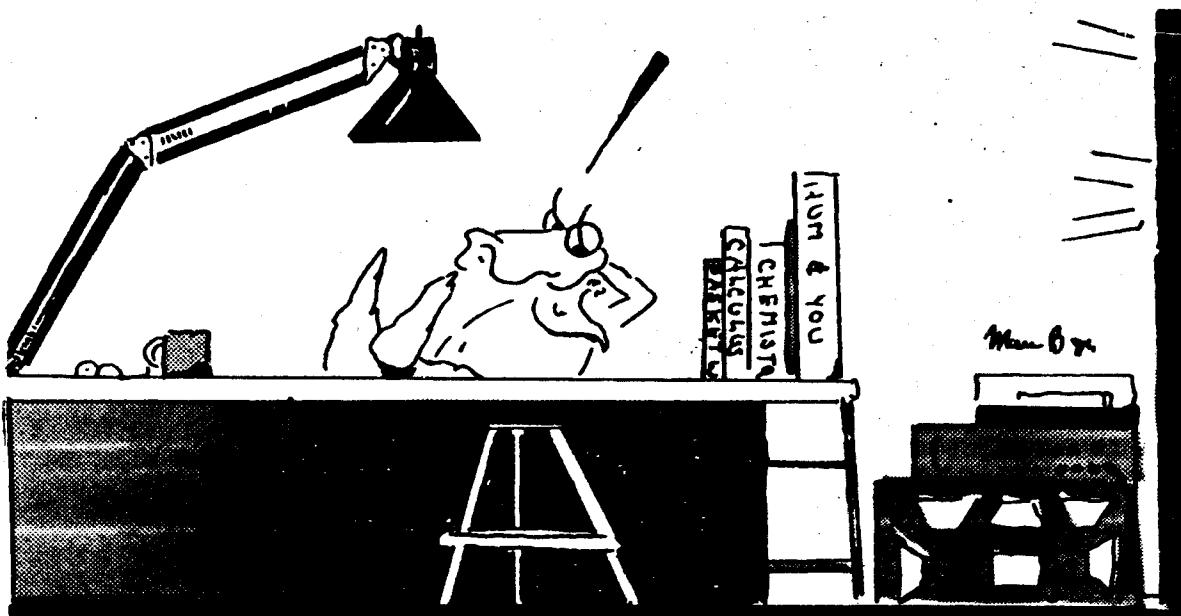
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This year, Polity is laying out the elections on Monday and Tuesday. We believe this is beneficial to the student body because it will give commuters who only come to school for Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday classes an opportunity they may have missed in past elections.

Polity positions being voted for are Vice-President, Treasurer, Freshman Representative, Building Senators and SASU Delegate. There will also be voting on some constitutional revisions. Some of the issues the candidates will be dealing with include student apathy on campus, the mandatory meal plan, arming public safety with mace, and improving the voucher system. Another improvement sought is improving Polity relations with students, minorities and administration.

We feel that Polity officials may be more responsive to the cries of the student body if they get a sincere sense that the students are genuinely concerned with specific issues.

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—Letters—

Why America Has Become Great

To the Editor:

Regarding the essay entitled: "America is Beautiful, Not to Mention Blessed," written by Mr. Gaglio and Ms. Dinunno in your Viewpoints section of Sept. 19, I have some comments to the authors.

First of all, if one is going to write an essay about the beauty of our country, I'm all for it. But there was not one thing in the essay that supported your viewpoint of the beauty of our country. You point out in the first paragraph that America was "blessed" by some "divine entity," but you never give one example of how you think we've been "blessed," or how this makes America beautiful. Instead, you used this as a platform (as has been done so many times in the past by T.V. evangelists, not to mention the Moral Majority) to feed everyone your religious preachings. I think a more fitting title for your essay would have been: "Religion in America is Beautiful, Not to Mention Blessed."

In the last paragraph you write: "...if we deviate from this which we know is Right..." In all of my ignorance, I must say I know what is "Right" and I sincerely would like a response from the two of you telling me and the student population

here at SUSE exactly what is "Right" and what isn't. I, for one, will be very interested in what you have to say.

In conclusion, this country has become so great, not because of any "Right" formula for a nation's success, but because we've had leaders of great integrity and responsibility who remained *independent* and *individual* in their thinking. I think it is a timely and important statement to say that it is these characteristics, not one's charisma, religion, or social calendar that makes a great leader. Thank you.

Edward Bridges
Undergraduate

(Editor's Note: Editors at Statesman and not the authors of Viewpoints are responsible for writing headlines for articles.)

Soccer Mishap

To the Editor:

I read your recent article concerning the problem between our soccer team and your soccer team [Sept. 7]. I feel that in the interest of accurate journalism, before an article of this nature is printed, you should contact the parties involved to determine the correct reason for this miscommunication.

Last winter we received a note from Stony Brook that our scheduled game for the 1984 season was to be cancelled because of conference commitments on the part of Stony Brook. Since that time I have neither spoken to or written to the Stony Brook athletic director of soccer coach until August regarding a soccer game for the 1984 season. In mid-July, we received a contract dated June 29 for a game to be played Sept. 6. Since I and my assistant athletic director at Hunter College are the only ones who schedule contests, I realized that this contract came from "left-field."

During mid-summer, after a two week vacation, I called Mr. Dudzick and questioned him about this contract. Although he signed it, he said he knew nothing about it and stated to me that "that's what you get when you let your coaches do the scheduling." I then mailed the contract back to Mr. Dudzick unsigned.

It is standard procedure to follow-up on unsigned contracts with other schools to make sure these things do not occur. It is certainly not Hunter College's responsibility to honor a contract that we never agreed upon or even talked about.

Please get the facts straight.

Best of luck to you and the Stony Brook soccer team for the 1984 season.

Dr. Charles Brown
Director of Athletics
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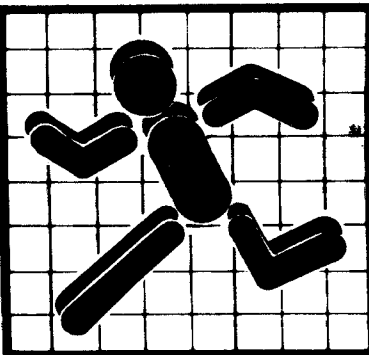
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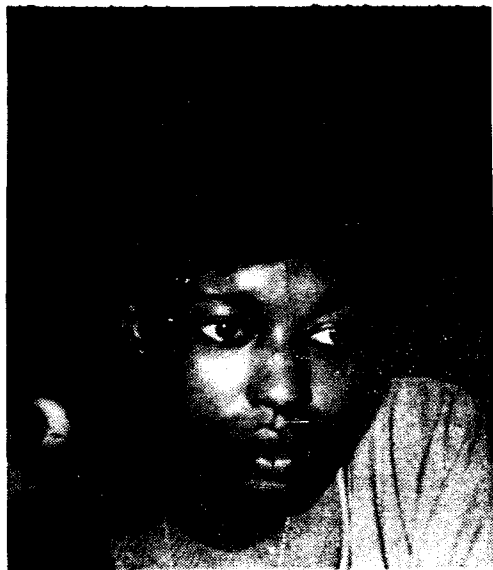
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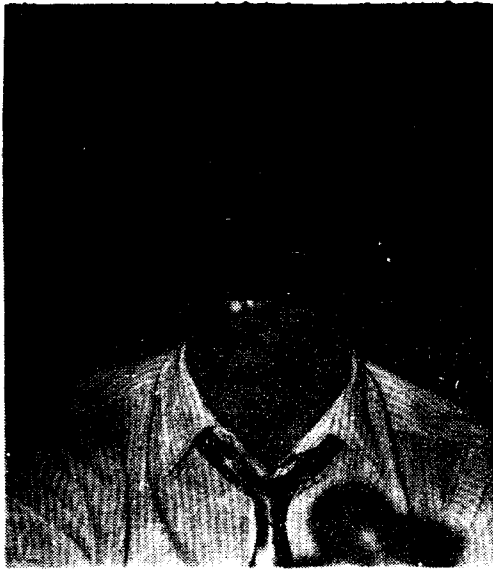
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Three Vy for Vice President Position Anderson, Burby and Yearwood Debate on Campus Issues During Program



Joyce Earwood



Steven Burby



Statesman Photos/Steve Kim
Belina Anderson

By Howard Breuer

The untimely resignation of Polity Vice-President Andy Koff at the beginning of the semester, has caused the search for a new Polity vice president. With the voting scheduled for today, and tomorrow, three candidates for the decision consented to debate relevant student issues on campus radio station WUSB last night.

Belina Anderson, a senior, has served as Freshman Representative, Sophomore Representative and Polity Secretary. Anderson is opposing Stephen Burby, a senior, who has worked as a Director on the Community Service Unit (CSU) and other campus organizations, and Joyce Yearwood, a Sophomore who is involved with the Caribbean Club and other student clubs and organizations.

"Polity has been a popularity contest for the past few years," Yearwood said in an opening statement. "New people are needed to go forward into the Polity legislature in order to make a difference. The present day Polity is geared too much toward beer drinkers and not enough toward minority interests."

Both Yearwood and Anderson were vehemently opposed to any sort of mandatory meal plan on campus. Burby also agreed with students' rights to be free to eat as they please, but also said that DAKA had been "making great strides recently," and that dormitories could be segregated according to eating preference.

On the issue of chaining off some entrances to the campus during nights, Anderson stood alone in disre-

garding the chains as a valid idea. "Every time something like this is presented, the students feel the greatest inconvenience."

Anderson also condemned the past administration of Polity as being at war with itself and very incohesive, even though she had been a member of that administration.

"Polity was started by a group of clubs who decided to work together to better serve the students," responded Yearwood. But in past years Polity has not been responsive to the needs of the students and unless this changes, Polity can never be effective. Belina has had a lot of experience, but that hasn't helped her that much.

Some people have an antipathy for her (Belina)," Burby charged in an interview prior to the debate. "This (antipathy) will help both of us (himself and Yearwood). Experience from areas of life other than Polity have given us suitable training for this job."

When asked for their biggest gripes during the debate, Anderson blasted the Senate Operation Policy. "The operation policy should be changed," said Anderson. "Senators have to attend their leg meetings."

Burby charged resident students with having an apathetic attitude toward the dormitories, which he said were consistently deteriorating.

Yearwood was distressed over a "gap" between minority students and Polity. "There should be more minority students in Polity. The minorities need to be encouraged."

There was a wide range of opinions over the fate of a student's weekend

activities at Stony Brook. "SAB should sponsor more weekend activities," said Anderson. "There should be lots of weekend trips, like ski trips, in order to improve the quality of student life."

Burby also agreed that more things should be done on weekends. "The whole campus has to get involved," he said. "Everybody should go to the home football games, but nobody does. We need a sense of pride in Stony Brook to be established."

"COCA is the best activity on campus for weekends," said Yearwood. "There shouldn't be any more of the student's funds used for weekends."

The money could be used for other things."

Tighter holds being placed on the campus distribution of alcohol, has been proposed by President John Marburger. The three candidates each addressed this issue.

"No," said Anderson. "It should not be tightened."

"There should be restrictions," said Burby. "Drinkers must be responsible."

"There should be no restrictions," said Yearwood. "The whole campus need not be punished because of the bad things that a few people would do intoxicated."

Frosh Reps, Amendments Also Highlight Voting Days

The freshmen representative running today are Danny McLaine, Evette Edwards and Deirdre Kennedy Sparacio.

Freshmen representatives will sit on the Polity council and be involved in the decision making process with the other class representatives and executive members.

Aside from voting on Polity candidates for office, students will also be voting on Polity constitutional amendments.

Students will decide whether or not to append Article II, which states any part-time matriculating undergraduate may elect to pay full activity fee and be a

member of Polity."

Students will also vote the removal of Article X from the Polity constitution. According to Polity President Rory "Hawkeye" Aylward Article X is a rule which provide for freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior class presidents. The practice has ceased to exist, according to Aylward.

Finally, the removal of budget articles XII, VIII, and IX and the insertion of "Poor Brian's Budgeting Procedure," will be voted upon. According to Aylward, this action will make the "currently successful" budget procedure of exiting Treasurer Brian Kohn constitutional policy.

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Candidates Want to Finish in the Money

Drobenare, Ramos and Maryanopolis Race for Coveted Polity Treasurer Position

By Mitchell Horowitz

Neal Drobenare, a Stony Brook sophomore, has held a string of Polity positions prior to this year as he vies for the office of treasurer. Drobenare entered Polity last year as Freshman representative, and in his first year also served as an assistant treasurer, university senator, and co-chairman of Polity's dorm cooking task force. A former member of the SCOOP board of directors, Drobenare currently O'Neil College Legislature's treasurer.

"I am not particularly happy with the way the treasury treats people... the treasury limits where we can buy things and (there) are problems with re-imbursements (to students)," Drobenare said. Drobenare mentioned that his main goal as treasurer would be to "make the Polity treasury run like a business (and) go out of my way

to help people."

"It takes a week to get a check from the Polity treasury...I want to professionalize Polity (and speed the process up)," Drobenare added. He also stressed giving clubs more freedom, providing price breaks for clubs (at stores that are frequented), expanding the role of the treasury and providing better representation of students needs.

Drobenare also mentioned working closely with the Faculty Student Organization— FSA. "I would sit on the FSA board...we have got a chance to make improvements by working closely with them...we must take the lead in controlling FSA."

The treasury is the heart of Polity...it has to serve as (efficiently) as a bank...it has to serve as the base for all of Polity," Drobenare concluded.



Neal Drobenare

By Mitchell Horowitz

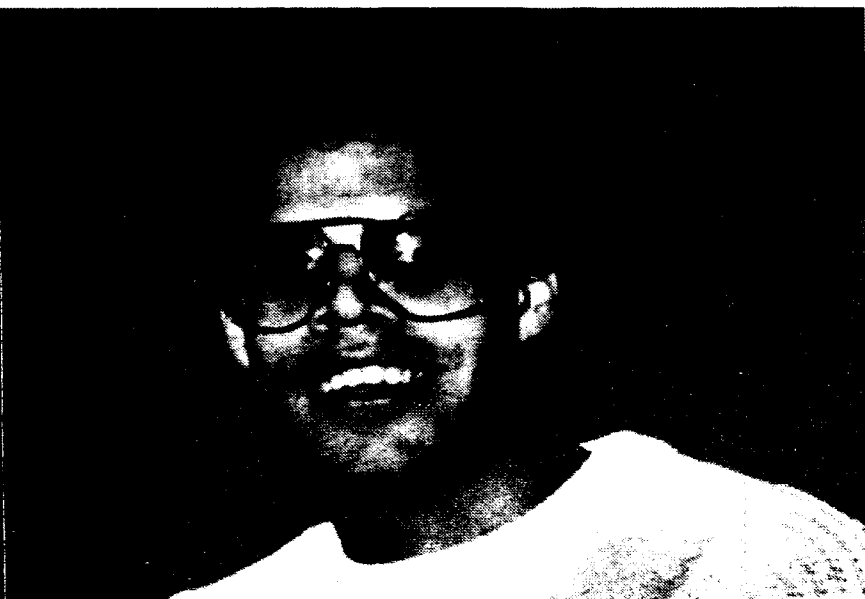
"A helping hand" is what candidate Luis Ramos thinks the Polity Treasurer should be. Ramos, a senior here, said he wants to make the treasurer position a spokesperson for students and clubs rather than someone that stands in the way of the financial dealings of clubs.

Ramos served on Polity in his Sophomore year as Equal Opportunity Officer, which entailed overlooking the budget process to assure that it conformed to the Polity constitution. "I had the experience of overseeing the budget process itself (and it gave me) an aura of experience... it is not easy for just anyone to step into the treasurer position (because) of

all the technicalities involved," Ramos said.

Ramos noted that one of main goals was to speed up Polity's current voucher system. He said that when someone lays out personal money for something, Polity should be much quicker in appropriating that money back to the individual. He also mentioned that Polity should end current restrictions on where students can purchase products for Polity-sponsored activities.

"Polity is a little bit to aloof...it has to be more outgoing," Ramos said. "Treasurer should be someone people can go up to when they need help and they (immediately) get it."



Luis Ramos

By Mitchell Horowitz

"The human touch" is what Chris Maryanopolis describes his key to running Polity successfully as treasurer. Maryanopolis, a junior, is currently Billing manager for Statesman and has previously been involved with on-campus advertising organizations.

"I feel the biggest problem with Polity is a lack of communication with the students... I think the (budget process) should be explained more," Maryanopolis said. He stressed accessibility of the treasurer as a way to improve

ment. "I want to help out the students as much as possible... I'll simplify matters as much as possible and be more involved with the administration to have students rights protected."

"I have no specific changes... I would just simplify things as much as I could and make it as easy as possible to get your money," Maryanopolis said. "(I want to) improve on the same system, if the system is changed every year it will never have a chance to grow and improve."



Chris Maryanopolis

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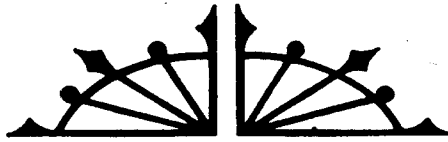
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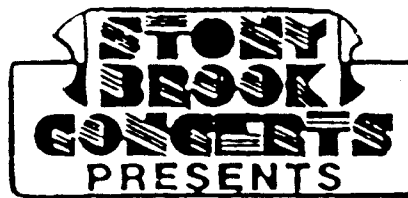


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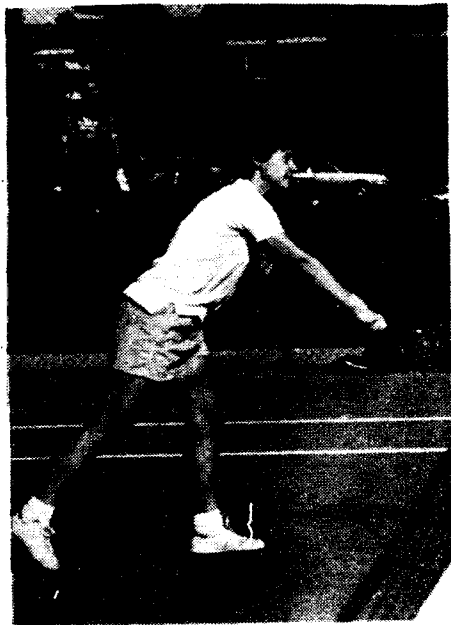
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Pat Women's Tennis Team Takes First Win

Loses Close Match to Siena 4-3, Then Swats Russell Sage For 6-1 Team Victory

By Jim Passano

After dropping yet another match this season, the Stony Brook women's



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Stony Brook women's tennis player Sharon Marcus in practice. This weekend, Marcus extended her singles winning streak to four matches.

tennis team came swinging back to win their first competition Saturday. On Friday, the Pats lost a close one to Siena College, but they can back the next day to clobber Russell Sage College, 6-1.

In the competition against Siena College in Albany, the Pats played five singles and two doubles matches. They were victorious in three of the singles games, but then dropped the two doubles matches.

Deidre Ettus made her return to the team, playing her first match of the season Friday. In first singles, she defeated Sue Maserjian in straight sets. The final score was 6-4, 6-1.

Chrisse Goodman, who had previously been playing the number one spot, clinched a second singles victory. She defeated Mary Flynn to give her a two match winning streak. Goodman — who was described as "so consistant" by Christine O'Rourke, a Siena player — was just that. She overcame Flynn in straight sets as well, 6-3, 7-6, including a 7-4 second set tiebreaker.

Normally, Lisa Pisano would have been playing in the number three spot, not that Ettus is able to play having missed the first three matches because of foot injuries. Earlier in the week, however, Pisano injured her wrist and was not at either match this weekend. Erika Iten played that position instead,

as she had been doing this season because of Ettus' injuries. Iten encountered difficulty with her opponent, Sharon Tuthill. Iten won the first set, 6-3, but then lost the next two sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Extending her winning streak to three matches, Sharon Marcus defeated her opponent Mary Ann Braggy in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. In fifth singles, Lisa Treyz won a first set tiebreaker, before going on to lose in three sets. She was defeated by Lynn Nash, 6-7, 6-1 and again, 6-1.

Stony Brook went into the doubles competitions leading 3-2 for the match. Unfortunately, they were not able to win either. In first doubles, Debbie Gruskin and Michele Caputo challenged Siena's Chris Connelly and Donna Rulli. They lost the first set, 6-1, and bounced back to take the second, 6-4. But, in the third and final set, they came up short, 6-1.

In second doubles, Marcus paired with Sharon Nathanson, who was playing her first match of the season. They took on a second doubles team of Laurie Burton and O'Rourke. Burton and O'Rourke came out on top, however two sets. The final score in that battle was 6-3, 6-2.

Saturday, the Pats came bouncing back against Russell Sage College in Troy — sweeping the singles and split-

the doubles to win 6-1.

Ettus again won first singles, overcoming Susan Getchell in straight sets. The score: 6-0, 6-2.

Goodman extended her streak to three matches by beating Russell Sage's Sue Van Wagener in two sets, 6-1, 6-0. Iten evened out Friday's loss by taking the third singles, 6-1, 6-2. Marcus came out as a winner once again by defeating her opponent Lisa Brodeur in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. Treyz completed the singles sweep by winning over Colleen Miller, the team captian, with identical 6-2 scores.

Stony Brook's one loss came in the first doubles competition, as Gruskin and Caputo were put down in two sets, 6-3, 6-4.

In second doubles, the Pats came back to win. With almost no break between her fifth singles match and second doubles, Treyz joined Nathanson on the court for the match, which they won 6-2, 6-1 over Lisa Ferrara and Kris Strutten.

After the win, Marcus commented about the team's experience thus far this season. "We're gaining momentum as a team and also are becoming a fiercer challenger," she said.

Coach Rich L'Hommedieu feels optimistic about the remainder of the season. He said, "We're gonna be on a roll now."

Soccer: Spirits High Despite Loss to Kean

By Jeff Eisenhart

The Stony Brook Women's soccer team played one of their most "ama-a-azing" games of the season on Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately they were defeated at home by Kean College, 4-0.

Madelyn Palko of Kean scored the first goal and the eventual game winner with only 3:49 into the contest. Moments before halftime, Robin Wright, unassisted, nailed a corner kick that gave Kean a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second half Kean picked up right where they left off. Laura Mednitz gave Kean a 3-0 lead when she scored off a goalie kick with 4:28 gone by in the second half. At the 26:00 mark Paulko ended the scoring for the game when she booted home a goal off a goalie kick.

The Patriots had a tough day offensively. They managed only five shots on goal compared to Kean's 26 shots on goals.

The brightest spot of the Patriots was the play of goalie, Alie Sanders. Sanders was a defensive gem as she turned away 20 shots in the net.

Despite losing, Coach Terry Febrey was very pleased with her team's play. "Every goal we set we accomplished... We played an amazing defense."

The emotion level ran high among players. For even though they lost, they're showing was nothing like the 9-0 loss they had received from Kean earlier in the



Members of the Stony Brook women's soccer squad in a recent practice.

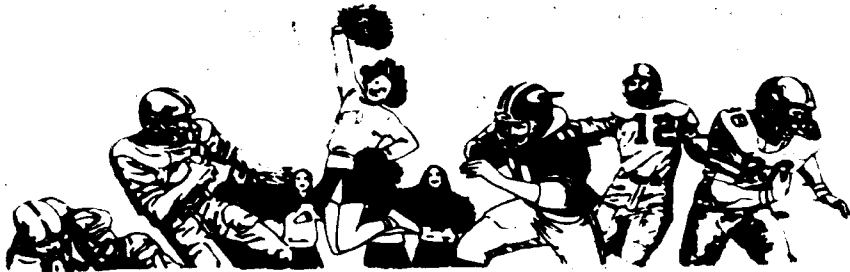
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season. Instead a feeling of accomplishment and optimism was felt by team members. "We played an excellent game, defensively and offensively," said Cheri Christie. Another player, Fredda Gordon believes "we'll be doing better in the coming games." While

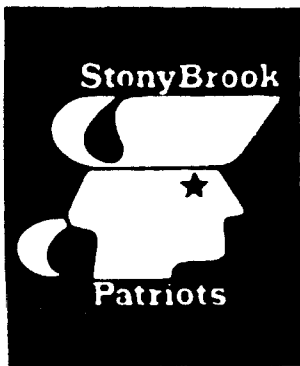
teammate Vinnette Anderson claimed "for a second season team we are doing good."

The loss dropped Stony Brook's record to 1-4, while Kean moves up to 3-2. Stony Brook's "ama-a-azing" women's soccer team will be playing their next game against a tough Adelphi squad on Wednesday at 3PM.

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Pat Football Loses Second Game

By Jimmy Gilligan

The Stony Brook Patriots suffered their second loss of the young season Friday night. This time, they traveled to New Jersey where they fell victim to the Devils of Fairleigh-Dickinson University, 36-8. Coach Sam Kornhauser put it best: "it was a disappointing loss."

The trouble for the Patriots began early, as the Devils began their dominance by scoring on their first possession of the game. Only three minutes and forty-five seconds into the game, Devil's quarterback Mike D'Ambrosio connected with receiver Greg Rutter on a 53-yard-pass to put Fairleigh-Dickinson on the scoreboard. Devil's kicker Greg Cassidy then topped it off with the first of his three extra points.

The Devils quickly regained possession when the Patriots' Ralph Tuckett fumbled the kickoff return. Fairleigh-Dickinson wound up with the ball on their own 18-yard-line. Although they were unable to score this time, they capitalized on Stony Brook's poor field position on their next possession by forcing them back into their own end zone, scoring a safety. Suddenly, it was 9-0 in favor of the Devils.

The Devils scored again early in the second quarter with 10:19 left in the half. They used a well balanced mixture of rushing and passing to score on a six-play, 37-yard drive. Already the Patriots were down 16-0.

On their next possession, the Devils once again took advantage of their excellent field position. With the help of a Patriot penalty, the Devils managed to increase their lead to 23-0, when running-back Walt Buczek scored Fairleigh-Dickinson's third touchdown of the game.

Before the half was over, the Devils put another seven points on the board as quarterback Brian Gordon connected on a 43-yard pass to Tony Baglio. The Patriots went into the locker room at half-time trailing by a score of 30-0.

Although the Patriots played a good second half, it was not enough to overcome the thirty-point deficit. The Stony Brook defense sparkled in the second half, allowing the Devils only 12-yards in the air and coming up with two interceptions, courtesy of defensive back Chris Clay.



Statesman: Robby Schwach

Chris Brown went down under a mass of Hofstra defenders during the season opener.

The Pats didn't fare much better this past Friday, as they lost to Fairleigh Dickinson 36-8.

Up until the final seconds of the game, the entire second half was all Patriots. After being in the Devil's part of the field and failing to score on three previous attempts, the Patriots took measures that led to their first touchdown of the game. On a five-play, 47-yard scoring drive, running back Jorge Taylor crossed the goal-line with Stony Brook's first touchdown of the season at 12:36 into the third quarter. Quarterback Paul Ryan then connected with Mark Funsch for the two-point conversion and the score now stood at 30-8.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Devils only managed to get off one play before Chris Clay executed his second interception of the game. The Patriots seemed to be gaining momentum from these two superb plays, but a delay-of-game penalty and a sack, which brought with it an eight yard loss, quickly put an end to Stony Brook's hopes of any further scoring. With only 28

seconds left in the game, Fairleigh-Dickinson cornerback D.J. Nickles intercepted a Paul Ryan pass and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown. Devils' kicker Greg Cassidy missed the extra point and the final score was 36-8.

According to Coach Kornhauser "We didn't play well in the first half. We've got to make the transition from a club team to a Division III team and I don't think we've made that transition yet." Although their record now stands at 0-2, the Patriots can take pride in their play in the second half. During the third and fourth quarters, their team spirit and camaraderie was quite evident.

The Patriot's next challenge will be on Saturday, Sept. 29, when they travel to Massachusetts to play Lowell University.

Men's X-Country Race to Victory Wins Their Second Invitational Meet in Two Team Outings

By Jim Passano

The men's cross country team won their second invitational tournament this past weekend when they traveled to Briar Cliff Manor for the King's College invitational meet Saturday.

Seven other teams competed in the five mile race, which ran what Coach Gary Westerfield described as "a hilly 'road' course." Stony Brook, which finished with a 55 point first place standing, entered 12 runners into the competition. Also competing were runners from Adelphi University, SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler and C.W. Post College. In addition to those schools were Monmouth College, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Pace University and Wagner College.

Frances Burdett, from C.W. Post, was

the first finisher of the race. His winning time was 25:26. Steve Brown was the first Patriot across the finish line; Brown won third place with a time of 26:36. Sophomore Pat Hardman finished fourth with a time identical to Brown's. The other top finishers from Stony Brook all came in within 1:03 of Brown's finish time. They were Jon Pahta (12th), Gary Paperno (16th) and Dan Ricenda (20th) with a time of 27:39.

Other Patriot finishers included Charles Ropes (26th), Wilco Legendy (27th) and Gerry O'Hara (30th). The remaining three runners for Stony Brook finished between 35th and 47th place. They were Ray Roderiguez (35th), Bill Oehlein (41st) and Mike Dunlop (47th).

When the scoring was complete, Stony Brook had its 55 point victory, followed by a 76 point second place finish by Adelphi. Third place was taken

by SUNY Maritime with 97 points, closely followed by a 99 point C.W. Post score. St. Thomas Aquinas finished three points behind fifth place Monmouth College, which earned 117 points. Pace earned 166 points for seventh place and Wagner finished eighth with 172.

Westerfield has been pleased with the team's performance so far this season, commenting that "this is our second invitational win in as many outings." He also noted the 1:03 separation time between the top five finishers, saying, "That is a good ranking."

Trophies were awarded to the top 15 finishers, which did include three Patriot runners. Stony Brook's next contest will be this coming Saturday, when both they and the women's cross country team travel to Old Westbury for the New York Institute of Technology invitational meet which starts at 11 AM.



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Pat Hardman