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## Binghamton Students Suing Over Meal Plan

By Tim Lapham

Two SUNY Binghamton students are planning to sue the university for forcing them to be on the Marriott Corporation-run meal plan.

The two students, Andre Nobles and Michael Hunt, said that they are upset at being forced to support Marriott Corporation, which has ties in apartheid South Africa. Binghamton Student Association Attorney Richard Aswad has been hired to take the case to court. Nobles is vice president of the Black Student Union at Binghamton.

"It's not a question of money," Hunt said. "It's a question of principle. It makes me nauseous to give [the Marriott Corporation] my money."

Ricky Boyd, former president of the Black Student Union said the students did not want the matter quietly dropped. "We want to draw attention to the moral problem and legal question of how students can be forced to pay for their meals," he said.

Binghamton university policy requires that all students living on campus have at least a 10-meal contract. The cost of this contract is \$1,024 a year. The Binghamton administration attributes this policy to health and safety factors.

Binghamton University President Clifford D. Clark said that most dormitories are not designed to accommodate cooking facilities. The policy serves to protect the dormitories from the hazards of cooking, he asserted.

Clark also said that he did not know of any school where a voluntary meal plan has succeeded. Vice President for Auxiliary Services William R. Root said that Stony Brook was the only school he knew of that had tried it.

Stony Brook had an all-voluntary meal plan which ended because of problems in 1983. In that one year, according to Root, there were more than 80 dormitory fires that were attributed to use of the cooking facilities.

Robert Francis, vice president for Campus Operations, said that the number of fires was an important issue in Stony Brook's decision for the mandatory meal plan policy, but it was not the only issue.

"The move to the mandatory meal plan was for many

reasons, including the health and safety reasons, dietary concerns, and academic reasons," he said. "The time involved in the gathering of food, storing it, serving it and cleaning it up is better spent by studying and other academic activities."

The actual number of fires cited by Root covered more than one year, Francis said. "The average number of fires on this campus per year is about 45," he said. "About half of them are attributed to cooking."

Binghamton does have a few buildings for students who don't want to be on the meal plan. Students who want cooking privileges are given the option to live in one of three buildings which have cooking facilities.

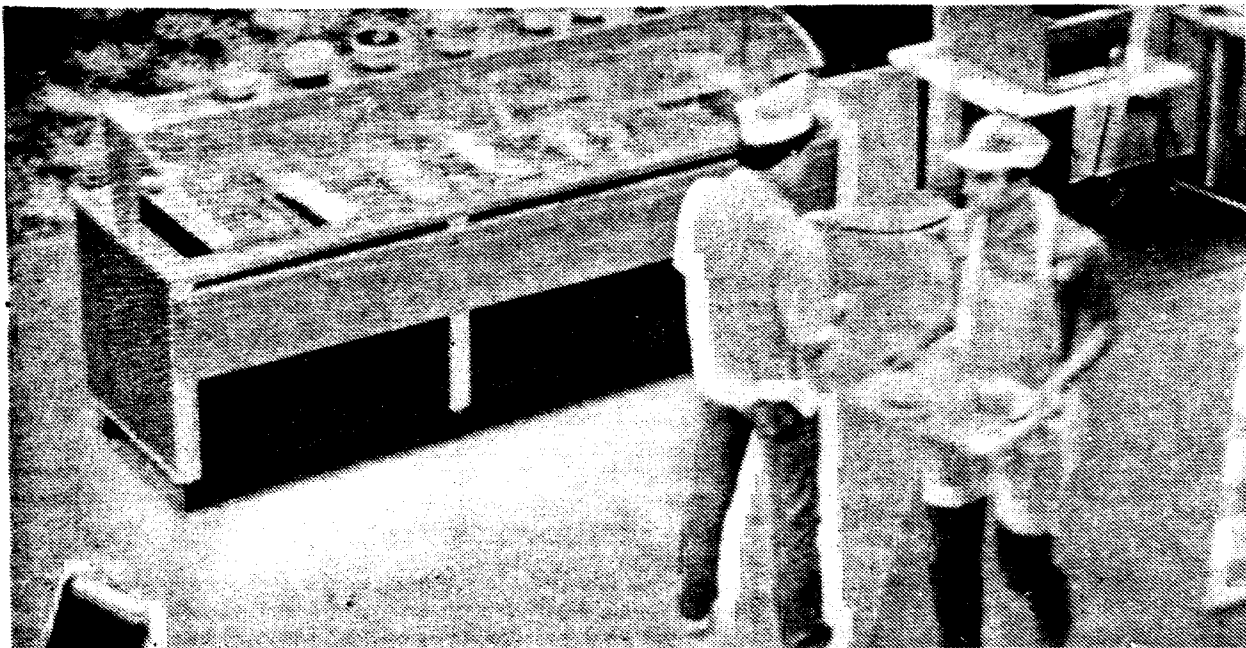
Hunt and Nobles, who live in a non-cooking building, do not want to move. They believe that the univer-

sity has no right to force them to move so that they can exercise their political right to boycott Marriott.

"Moving is not the point," Hunt said. "The point is that people are forced to pay money to a private corporation which has ties to South Africa. We are conscientiously opposed to [the government of] South Africa and therefore, to Marriott."

Aswad said that the students have support from a variety of campus organizations, including the Black Student Union, the Latin American Student Union and the Caribbean Student Association. "I'm sure anyone who is on the side of justice would be on our side," Nobles said. Aswad said he believes that they have a strong case against the university.

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Statesman Sondra Mateo  
Two Binghamton students plan to bring suit against the Marriott Corporation in protest of its dealings with South Africa. The Binghamton cafeteria (shown above) is run by the corporation under its food service contract with the school.

## Profs Tell Of Women's Movement In Cuba

By Patricia Hall

The position of women in society has been an important issue for American women since the 1960's. However, the United States is not the only nation where women's roles have been a topic of discussion; it is not confined by things such as geography



Statesman/Doreen Kennedy  
Barbara Weinstein

or political ideology. Recently a group of women scholars, including two professors from Stony Brook, had a chance to study — first hand — the women's movement in Cuba.

For nine days during intersession, Barbara Weinstein, an associate professor of History and Judith Wishnia, an assistant professor of Social Sciences visited Cuba with a group of seven other women scholars and journalists studying the position of women in Cuban society. The trip was sponsored in part by the Federation of Cuban Women, which is the Cuban equivalent to the National Organization of Women in the United States. Wishnia said about 82 percent of the Cuban women belong to this organization.

"The thing that most stuck out in my mind was how much progress women have made in Cuba and how self assured they are," Weinstein said. "There is far more consciousness in Cuba for improving the political and economic situation of women

in Cuba than in any other Latin American country."

Although both Weinstein and Wishnia said that it is hard to compare the state of women in Cuba to the state of women in the United States, both agreed that the women of Cuba had made large strides in the 25 years since the Communist Revolution. Both noted that in Cuba, there is a larger proportion of women in technical fields, such as engineering, and also a larger percentage of women in the political system than in the United States.

Another point mentioned by Weinstein, is that in Cuba the women's movement itself encompasses all women, whereas in the United States and other Latin American countries, it is concentrated amongst the upper and middle class women.

According to Weinstein, a reason why the women's movement has made such strides in Cuba is that "in the U.S. the women's movement sees itself in an adversary position with

government and established authority, whereas in Cuba the women's movement sees itself working in cooperation with government. It is not a dissent group as often is in the U.S."

One thing that the Cuban government had done to aid the women's movement is to establish a "family code." According to Wishnia, the family code is a government code that states that men should share the housework with the women. "They (the government) are striving to make men help," Wishnia said.

According to Weinstein, there is virtually no violence against women (as in rape and wife beating) in Cuba, whereas in the United States this is a very severe problem for women.

However, one area that Cuba still trails the United States is issues of sexuality. "In the area of lesbian rights they are far behind many other countries," Weinstein said. It is also looked down upon in Cuba if a woman is single or does not have

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# British Tighten IRA 'Squeeze'

London- The British and Irish governments are tightening their squeeze on the Irish Republican Army, hoping to pinch off money from rackets, kidnappings and holdups that police say are the lifeline of the guerrillas' bloody campaign to unite the Emerald Isle.

The Irish Republic's seizure last Wednesday of \$1.64 million in Irish pounds in a secret IRA bank account in Navan, near the Northern Ireland border, was the most spectacular operation so far in the crackdown.

The funds were frozen after the government in Dublin, capital of the Irish Republic, rushed emergency legislation through Parliament giving it powers to seize money suspected of being used by the IRA. Justice Minister Michael Noonan said the cash represented proceeds from guerrilla kidnappings and extortion over the last year. He said it was laundered through banks in Switzerland and the United States and then deposited in the Bank of Ireland under fictitious names.

"Financially this will have a crippling effect," said a senior police officer in Belfast, capital of British-ruled Northern Ireland. "But the IRA regards kidnappings as the best and most effective method of raising cash quickly. We have no doubt they'll try again." The officer cited security reasons for insisting on anonymity.

Yesterday, the IRA sent a statement to Dublin news organizations saying, "The money seized by the Dublin news organizations did not belong to the Irish Republican Army." It offered no elaboration. But officials noted the wording did not rule out ownership by individual guerrillas.

Discovery of the alleged war chest seemed to confirm the government's worst fears - that Irish companies have circumvented the authorities' hard line and paid ransoms for their executives to the IRA through foreign subsidiaries.

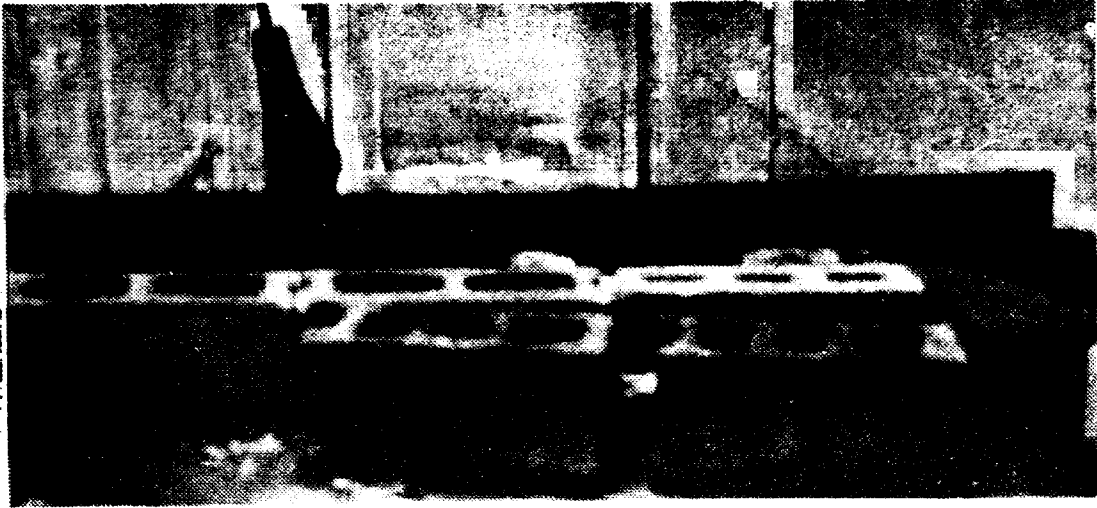
Recently tightened security at banks and post offices has curbed armed robberies both north and south of the border. In the republic, armed troops ride shotgun on big payroll deliveries.

In the north, a special police task force, known as C-19, is at work trying to shut down alleged guerrilla fund-raising rackets. More than 100 people, including businessmen, have been arrested since the unit started its crackdown two years ago.

The overwhelmingly Roman Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule in two-thirds-Protestant Northern Ireland and merge the province into the heavily Catholic republic. They also want to topple the Dublin government and set up an all-Ireland socialist state. The movement's finances are difficult to pin down. But British and Irish intelligence officials estimate the IRA, and its legal political front, Sinn Fein, need around \$2.2 million a year to operate.

Ulster police spokesman Dave Hanna estimated that extortion, drugs, protection rackets, tax and welfare frauds and construction industry rackets have netted the guerrillas about \$11 million in the last decade.

The IRA and the other groups, including the outlawed Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force, also control amusement arcades and slot machines, often installed in bars at gunpoint.



Statesman Patricia Hall

Members of the Science Fiction Forum, located in Hendrix College were forced to take drastic measures when two pipes burst causing serious flooding. Members hastily constructed a makeshift dam to prevent seepage into their five thousand volume library. Hendrix RHD James Nobles stated that he was first made aware of the situation Saturday at 11 PM and immediately contacted Physical Plant.

# Goetz Defends Subway Avenger

New York- Bernard Goetz, who admitted shooting four youths on the subway in December, yesterday attended the arraignment of a man charged with murdering one of two men who tried to steal candy from a subway newstand.

Goetz said he sympathized with Andrew Frederick, 24, and believed Frederick acted in self-defense. Frederick interrupted the robbery attempt, and allegedly stabbed the man after being attacked with a bottle.

Goetz said he came to the hearing to show support for Frederick, a father of two who has no police record. Frederick, charged with second-degree murder,

broke into tears after he was released on personal recognizance by Criminal Court Judge Albert Crane.

Frederick intervened last Thursday when two men tried to steal candy from a newstand on a subway platform in downtown Manhattan, police said. Frederick reportedly told the men to quit stealing and got into a dispute with them.

One of them, Felix McCord, 28, struck Frederick with a bottle and then was stabbed to death during an ensuing struggle, police said.

Goetz told reporters before the hearing that he came to Frederick's side because "to my knowledge...there was a dispute with the store owner. Mr. Frederick reprimanded them for what only can be considered socially unacceptable conduct.

"Their reaction should have been one of shame. Instead...one of them evidently struck Frederick with a bottle... He stabbed one of them and killed him. To me that is clearly self-defense. But if they do, I don't see how a jury possibly can convict him."

Goetz has said the youths he shot accosted him, asking for \$5. A grand jury indicted him for illegal possession of a weapon, declining to charge him with assault or attempted murder.

The Congress of Racial Equality, which supported Goetz' action, has retained two attorneys to represent Frederick. CORE spokesman Roy Innis said he was "certain the grand jury will be sympathetic with Andy Frederick as they have been with Bernhard Goetz. I think this really inspires other citizens to stand up and really send a message to criminals that no longer is the public going to be an easy prey."

Goetz greeted Frederick after the hearing, saying, "The people...want fundamental change and the political leadership will have to show the guts to do that fundamental change." The Frederick case next goes to grand jury.

# Javits' Condition Worsens

New York—Former Senator Jacob Javits, long ailing from a progressive nerve disorder, developed severe breathing problems and was rushed to a hospital yesterday, where he was reported in fair and stable condition with a possible lung infection.

The 80-year-old Javits who has motor neuron disease, "was acutely ill on arrival due to conditions arising from his pre-existing chronic condition. He was since been stabilized," said Jed Golden, a spokesman for New York Hospital.

Javits was admitted to the hospital's intensive care ward with "pulmonary complications," Golden said. Doctors later determined Javits probably had a lung infection but Golden declined to elaborate.

Last night, Javits was being treated with an intravenous antibiotic to improve his breathing. "He is

conscious, alert and in good spirits," Golden said

Javits represented New York in the U.S. Senate for 24 years, from 1956 until he was unseated by fellow Republican Alfonse D'Amato in 1980.

He suffers a progressive muscle and nerve disorder similar to that which killed baseball star Lou Gehrig. Although the disease has reduced Javits' ability to move, associate say that he remains intellectually sharp.

Louis Cafiero, a spokesman for the city's Emergency Medical Service, said paramedics called to Javits' midtown residence at 10:43AM found the former senator stricken with pulmonary edema, in which the lungs fill with liquid. They treated Javits by administering oxygen and assuring that his breathing passages were clear, said Cafiero.

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# Arts & Sciences Senate Seeks More Leadership



Statesman/Doreen Kennedy  
Homer Neil

By Denise LaVopa

The members of the Arts and Sciences Senate met last Monday to continue discussions on the possibility of a structure change within the department. The change would be the creation of a dean of The College of Arts and Sciences.

The "Resolution of Substantive Concerns" was unanimously passed by the University Senate on Dec. 10. This resolution stated that the committee recognized there are problems with the present structure of the college that require immediate attention. The resolution further stated that "there is difficulty organizing and sustaining interdisciplinary programs." Both problems, according to the resolution, stem from the lack of strong leadership in and for the college.

The current structure consists of four divisions, each headed by a divisional dean; Biological Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts, Physical Sciences and Mathematics and Behavioral Sciences. The purpose of the College of Arts and Sciences who would represent the divisions as a whole.

According to Provost Homer Neal in the "Provost's Statement on the Organization of the College Arts and

Sciences," some University Senate members felt that a new deanship would be a "symbol of unity" as well as "consolidate the overall academic mission of the college." These arguments managed to persuade 30 percent of the chairpersons and directors while the other 70 percent felt that a single dean would not be able to keep the same level of expertise that each of the separate deans possess. It is also felt that a single dean would not be able to maintain the "close working relationships that currently exist between divisional deans and departments," Neal said.

Neal also stated in his report that although it is clear that there are existing problems in the current structure, it should be maintained and that "major steps must be taken within its context to address the issues raised in the Resolution on Substantive Concerns of the Arts and Science Senate."

During last Monday's meeting it was decided that a "task force" would be set up to study ways in which to enhance the present system. According to Judith Wishnia, secretary to the University Senate, the faculty praised Provost Neal's decision and all in all it was a good "give and take" discussion.

## Ecology Prof Lectures On Nitrogen Fixation

By Stephanie L. Hyde

Dr. Barbara Bentley, associate professor of Ecology and Evolution gave a lecture Wednesday night at Stony Brook, entitled "Nitrogen Fixation in Tropical Rain Forests". The lecture was sponsored by the Long Island Chapter of the Association of Women in Science, (AWS). Bentley is a tropical biologist who has done extensive field work in Costa Rica and just recently returned from Venezuela where she was conducting research.

Bentley described her work and also showed slides of actual field work done by her and her colleagues. There were also diagrams from which Bentley chose different facts relevant to the lecture on which to elaborate.

A summary of her lecture includes its being based around the study of nitrogen fixed by epiphyllous microorganisms on the surface of *Welfia georgii* pinnae being transformed to the host leaf.

Rates of transfer from the experiment conducted—an experiment that was worked on over a long period of time could account for 10-25 percent of the nitrogen content of the leaf. This data represents the first time that direct transfer of nitrogen from free-living nitro-

gen fixers can occur through leaf surface. "I'm fairly certain fixation is not some magic property of the leaf," Bentley said at the lecture. "There have been lots of studies done on plants. When leaves are exposed to light and you wash the leaf, you will get glucose in the washing."

Bentley is the charter president of the Long Island Chapter of AWS, and also the present outgoing president. The primary goals of the organization are to facilitate communication among women scientists of Long Island, to recognize the achievements of women in science and to promote and support equal opportunities for women in scientific professions.

Bentley received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, where she did her work in Systematics and Ecology. She has been a tropical biologist for twenty years and loves the work. "In the field you can do everything right there," she said.

Dr. Bentley is also the associate vice provost for Graduate Studies. She pointed out to those present at the lecture that though she is an administrator, she is also a scientist and enjoys recognition of this part of herself with those who enjoy science as well, which she said was one of the reasons for giving the lecture.



Statesman/Debra King  
Barbara Bentley

## Stony Brook Students Lobby Tomorrow In Albany

Two busloads of students are scheduled to leave from Stony Brook to Albany tomorrow to attend the Student Association of the State University's (SASU's) coordinated Lobby Day.

Eric Levine, the Junior Class Repre-

sentative said that approximately forty students have registered to attend so far. Last year about fifty students from Stony Brook attended.

Danny Wexler, the senior class representative, has collected approximately

three hundred letters in his on campus "Stop 21" campaign. Wexler will be presenting the letters to officials Wednesday.

"We want to put a little pressure on the legislators to make them realize that

students have the power to vote. They should keep their best interest in mind," Levine said.

Itinerary Plans were not available at press time.

—Jeff Leibowitz

## Two Students To Sue SUNY Binghamton

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Clark, however, said he is confident that the university policy will hold up in a court of law. The university is sued at least 100 times a year, and in most cases, according to Clark, the university has won. He said he felt that their policy is based on safety factors only. "[The policy] is based on reasonable criteria," he said.

Hunt and Nobles do not agree with this. The feel the university has a vested interest in keeping it.

The university does receive a fixed commission of about \$90,000 a year from the food vendors, but the money is fed back into student services, Clark said. Part of it is used for the textbook discount in the bookstore, according to Root. Part of it is also

used to support Root's office and staff.

"It's like the trickle down theory," Nobles said. "By the time it comes down to the students, there is nothing left."

Both Hunt and Nobles purchased the meal plan last semester. This semester, however, they are refusing to purchase the plan. They have been notified about this obligation, but no action had been taken against them. Root said Hunt and Nobles will be placed on a delinquency list.

The Binghamton Office of Residential Life has told Hunt and Nobles that the only way they can get off the meal plan is to move to one of the three buildings with cooking facilities. They both said they won't go.

## 'Tar Baby' To Play At The United Nations

A student production from Stony Brook is headed for off-Broadway — for the United Nations building in Manhattan.

"Tar Baby" will be presented Tuesday, and is sponsored by the UN African Mothers for the Crises. The production is an anthology created and directed by Professor Glenda Dickerson of the Department of Theatre Arts. Called "a paradigm for our time," "Tar Baby" represents "the voice of the woman of color raised in ensemble," Professor Dickerson said. The production was given an extended run last fall at Stony Brook and will be repeated March 5 on campus for a Third World women's conference.

The United Nations performance was

arranged at the suggestion of V. C. Gbeho, the ambassador from Ghana to the U.N. Ambassador Gbeho had attended a fall performance of "Tar Baby," in which his daughter, Anita (Kiki) Gbeho, has a role.

The cast also includes Dickerson's daughter, Anita Dickerson, who is a student at Gelinus Junior High School in Setauket.

Other Stony Brook students who are members of the cast of "Tar Baby" include Denise Keyes, Denyse Holgate, Lesleigh Irish, Sharon King and Dianann Kelly. Along with these performers will be Vincent Brooks, Quita Nelson, and Elsa Erikson who are production crew members for the play.

## CAMPUS NOTICES

**VETERANS:** Do you know about all the benefits and services to which you are entitled? Are you wondering how Affirmative Action programs affect you as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran? These and other important questions will be discussed at a meeting open to all members of the Stony Brook Community who are interested in veterans affairs: Tuesday, February 26, 5-6pm, Room 223, Student Union. Sponsored by the Office of Veterans Affairs.

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# Famine Spurns Student Interest

By The College Press Service

Washington, D.C.— The famine in Africa has inspired an unprecedented number of students to inquire about joining the Peace Corps in recent weeks. More than 12,000 prospective recruits — as many as 8,000 of them college students — have called the agency since Jan. 10th, when it launched an appeal for workers with agricultural-related skills to help combat the famine in Africa. Nearly a month after the recruitment drive was launched, calls were still coming in at three times the normal rate. The interest has been so strong that the agency may meet its

recruitment goals for the first time in 24 years, Peace Corps officials said.

"It's incredible what we've created," said press officer Ron DeFore. "We're breaking all records, both for quantity and quality." DeFore acknowledged the unprecedented response is almost entirely attributable to widespread publicity in recent months of the extreme conditions across much of Africa.

"The most common reaction to our pitch used to be 'Gee, I didn't know the Peace Corps was still around,'" DeFore recalled. "Now, it seems we've reawakened the American population as a

whole to the fact that the Corps is still alive. This byproduct in public awareness is going to benefit us for years to come. It may start a whole new trend." DeFore estimated that nearly 70 percent of the volunteers for the agriculture assistance programs. This year, the agency is trying to fill 600 positions for the spring and summer programs in that division in Africa.

"It's most likely we'll fill them all," DeFore said. Moreover, DeFore said the agency may even be able to send more volunteers to its programs in South and Central America, and Asia and the Pacific.

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According to Pat Long, assistant to the Vice Provost, in the past few years most of the awards have only had about four or five applicants. "Many well qualified students don't think that what they've done is exceptional, when it is," Long said. "It's important for students who think they are qualified to bring themselves to the attention of their department." This year many of the awards have had only one applicant or nomination from their department, according to Long.

Applications for these awards, at the most, require a letter outlining the achievements relevant to the award and some support letters from faculty or staff members. More complete descriptions of these awards are available at the Center for Academic Advising, Library E3310.

—Patricia Hall

## Women In Cuba Studied

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children. "The U.S. is more effective in validating alternative lifestyles of women," Weinstein said.

"There are still problems with sex roles. It takes a long time to eliminate that sort of thing," Wishnia said. She further stated that although women are being integrated into jobs that they were previously excluded from, men on the other hand are not doing work that was previously a "woman's job." There is still a problem regarding women's rights about what is verbally discussed and what is reality. Wishnia related a story that was told to her by a Cuban government official. He had told the group that "I'd divorce my wife if she made me cook."

Although women in Cuba still do have problems, "they are aware of it and working on it and not denying it," said Wishnia. "I think in general, in Cuban society, there's more respect for women and their accomplishments. What's respected here [in the United States] is money."

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# Editorial Standing Up To Fight Injustice

Binghamton students Andre Nobles and Michael Hunt say they are planning to file suit against their university, which they say is forcing them to be on the meal plan that is run there by the Marriot Corporation. Noble and Hunt are refusing to pay money that goes to Marriot, which they say has ties to South Africa.

Because Nobles and Hunt live in a meal-plan building, the university is asking them to move to a building that has cooking facilities, which they refuse to do. "Moving is not the point," Nobles said this weekend. "The point is that people are forced to pay money to a private corporation which has ties to South Africa. We are conscientiously opposed to [the government of] South Africa and therefore, to Marriot."

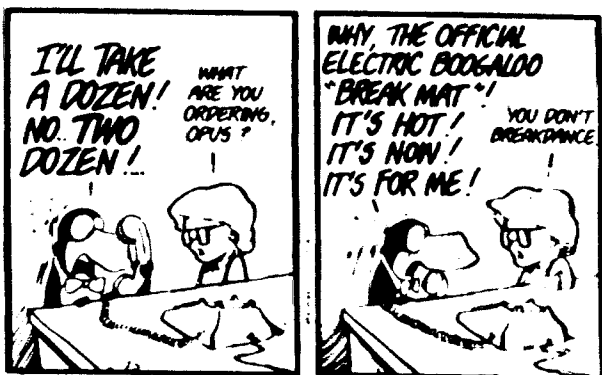
They are to be commended for two reasons. The first is that Nobles, who is vice president of the Black Student Union at Binghamton, would take a stand at all, considering his position as a student representative there. Also, Hunt's stand shows a commitment rarely seen in the student body at Stony Brook. Here are two students that are willing to stir up dust because of what they feel is an unjust situation.

Secondly, opposing companies that have interests in South Africa is a noble, yet somehow futile gesture. Unfortunately, we don't believe their lawsuit stands much chance of succeeding. Opposition on such a small scale is hardly more than more than a nuisance to these multi-million dollar companies, yet the actions of Hunt and Nobles serve to remind us all that there is so much more we could be doing to help fight injustice.

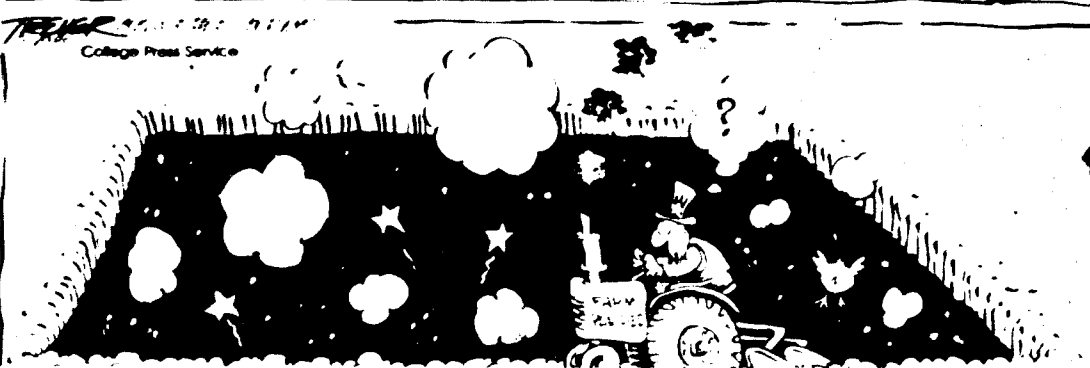
The Binghamton administration's attempts to force these two students to relocate or pay their \$1,024-per-year meal plan bill seems misguided, especially since Binghamton University President Clifford D. Clark seems to think a mandatory meal plan is more in order. This rings ever so subtly to the situation here at Stony Brook.

"The time involved in the gathering of food, storing it, serving it and cleaning it up is better spent by studying and other academic activities," said Robert Francis, Stony Brook's vice president for Campus Operations. Francis seems to think he knows how students should best spend their time, but does he eat DAKA food seven days a week?

## BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed



## Letters

### Mail Woes

To The Editor:

If this letter reaches the pages of print it will be one of the few miracles of receiving a piece of mail at this university. Is it expecting too much to ask for a service provided by the U.S. government to also be expanded onto this campus?

Obviously so. How many times has that check been lost in the mail? Or that letter been misplaced? (For three months???) Funny how certain items always find their way to the mail box. Such as the semester bill or the notice that you've just lost your housing. Maybe the problem lies with the communication between the mail service and the post office at Stony Brook. After all the only way there is to find out if that package is sitting in south campus is when the small slip of paper asking you to pick up your package is put in your mail box saying how it's been sitting there for the past two weeks. Is this considered notification from the mail room that your package has arrived?

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Sincerely two of the many mail-less students

Sueshi C'Spielman  
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### Editorial Slanted

To The Editor:

As Shoreham last week began low power testing it was of course only to be expected that *Statesman* (Feb 18) should give us some fresh examples of its sloppy and slanted journalism, with the usual anti-nuclear rhetoric, falsehoods and allegations. Although there are plenty of people right here on campus, who are experts on nuclear power, who know Shoreham well, not a single one of these did *Statesman* ask for an opinion. We

have several professors in the Physics Department, in Technology and Society, and of course President Marburger himself, who chaired the Marburger Commission and who certainly knows the Shoreham issue in all its various aspects. Instead, *Statesman* balances the rantings of Rosenstein and Leotta only with a couple of statements by some NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) officials.

Mr. Rosenstein of NYPIRG naturally reflects the opinions of Mr. Anti-Nuke himself, Ralph Nader, who by now is thoroughly discredited in scientific circles. As usual, the evacuation plan issue is blown up out of all proportions. As for Mr. Leotta, who heads something called the Statewide Toxics campaign I would recommend that he rather concern himself with the problems of toxic pollution from oil and coal fired power plants. This is going on right now and demands attention. Why not call for LILCO to start burning low-sulphur oil immediately? But that is not very popular with the rate-payers, who prefer acid rain to higher utility bills. You get more attention by screaming against nuclear power.

As to the *Statesman* editorial, which almost looks as if it were taken right from Mr. Willmott's Suffolk Life, I would like to point out the following. Although there certainly were problems during the construction period the plant as it now stands has passed all the quality control tests required by the most stringent testing agency for nuclear power plants in the world, the NRC. All around the world such plants have by now been working successfully and safely for decades, with much less in the form of built-in safety features than Shoreham. As for the back-up diesel generators, these have successfully passed all the required tests. Obviously, you are not concerned with giving your readers correct information but want to arouse them emotionally against nuclear power. The allegation that *Newsday* supports Shoreham because of LILCO's advertising is of course ridiculous. *Newsday* has often taken critical stands against

LILCO and is so dominant on Long Island that LILCO has nowhere else to go with its advertising. Rather, *Newsday*, *The New York Times*, most LI politicians, the labor, business and science communities, all support the opening of Shoreham for the obvious reason that we need it now, in order to add needed capacity and reduce the use of oil.

Finally, a few words about the double standards of nuclear power opponents. Perfection is required from nuclear power, but we never hear a word of concern about the thousands of people in this country alone, who die annually from coal mining and respiratory diseases contracted through the mining and burning of coal. Never a word about the many workers and sailors, who each year lose their lives in accidents connected with the extraction, transportation and refining of oil.

I think the campus community has a right to expect better reporting and information on this issue than the kind of one-sided propoganda *Statesman* provides, particularly since we have so many right here among us, who can give it.

Per Alin  
Assoc. Prof., Hist. Dept.

(Editor's note— Associate Professor Alin's letter was written last Thursday, before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission appeals board unanimously overturned the low-power license for Shoreham, and before State Supreme Court Justice William Geiler ruled that LILCO's evacuation plan would illegally usurp government power.

We stand by our editorial because we are concerned about the future of Long Island and the adverse effects a nuclear reactor (even a "safe" one) would have on the Island. These two decisions show we are not alone.

As for Alin's reference to the NRC as "the most stringent testing agency for nuclear power plants in the world," we ask him this—how could the NRC grant a low-power license by a 4-1 vote, only to have its own appeals board unanimously reject that license?)



## Viewpoints

# In Defense of Smaller Class-Higher Grades

By Irwin Kra

I was delighted with your story about "Smaller Calculus Classes and Higher Grades" and your editorial "Keep Math Lec Size Down" in the February 15 *Statesman*. However, I must add some observations.

1. In general, small classes are to be preferred to large lectures. There is no need, as your editorial correctly points out, to launch a massive study to verify that students prefer the more intimate atmosphere of small classes.

2. The Department of Mathematics, as well as the Office of Undergraduate Studies, are committed to increasing the number of courses taught in small sections. The only question is availability of the needed resources.

3. Our changes last semester involved also MAT 131 (the *faster (not more difficult)* version of Calculus I) as well as MAT 132 (Calculus II) as well as lecture/small recitation sections format. The small recitation sections were indeed kept small (no more than 25 students). In the past these recitation sections would go as high as 60 or more. Many of the MAT 131 sections were taught by undergraduate assistants--under the supervision of faculty members.

4. The performance of students improved in MAT 125, MAT 131 and MAT 132. In all of these courses the method of instruction in Fall 84 was more appropriate (because, among other things, of smaller classes) than the one used in Fall '83. We did not have the resources to change the format of MAT 120 to one I would like to see. There was no improvement in student performance in MAT 120. Now, the point that must be made is that four different, independent-minded and responsible faculty members were in charge of these courses. Thus, the "standards" for each of these courses were independently arrived at.

5. Grading policy for each course is decided by the

course coordinator after reviewing the exams and the grades of all the sections. The review usually includes a meeting of the staff of the course, where various opinions are presented. The proposed ranges for the various grades are discussed and the coordinator makes a *recommendation* to the staff. The final decision about grades is always that of the instructor in the section who signs the grade roster (this means the instructor of the lecturers in a course taught in lecture/recitation format). The standards suggested by the coordinator are likely to be regarded as too tough by some instructors and too lenient by others. The Undergraduate Director and I make sure that responsible and experienced faculty members are appointed as course coordinators. I value their judgment much more than the judgment of the more inexperienced lecturers. In any case, each instructor is still free to follow his or her conscience in assigning course grades, and to raise the issue of appropriateness of standards in departmental committees rather than in off-the-cuff remarks to reporters.

6. Apparently, there are those "who do not buy it"--referring to last semester's results. There is nothing for sale. For a number of years we have a large failure rate in elementary mathematics courses. We argued for additional resources to try different modes of instruction. Last year we got additional resources. The mode of instruction was indeed changed and performance improved dramatically. Those are facts. The factors leading to the improvement may include:

- (a) Smaller sections
- (b) Smarter students
- (c) Better instruction
- (d) Different grading policy
- (e) Fewer drop-outs (i.e., fewer students giving up in the middle)
- (f) Better advising about what course is appropriate for the student

I do worry slightly about the possibility of lower standards, but only slightly. I also worry, at times, about standards being too high. The faculty of the Department of Mathematics have *never* in the past been accused of undue leniency. It is common opinion that mathematicians are very hard-nosed about standards. They are almost automatically excluded from many juries. I have seen nothing to change this impression. Perhaps it should also be mentioned that any change tends to improve performance slightly. A change is normally accompanied by a regeneration of a feeling of excitement about what is being done, and hence, performance by all tends to improve.

7. Finally, your editorial complained that more small sections also means more sections are taught by TA's. I am trying hard to maintain a reasonable mixture of TA's and faculty teaching Calculus. The issue is again resources. More advanced courses can only be taught by faculty. Many of our graduate students are excellent teachers, and *some* of them will clearly do a better job in the classroom than *some* faculty members. With additional resources, inexperienced graduate students would not teach during their first year at Stony Brook (they would be used as graders and trained as teachers) and faculty would be assigned only to courses "that they love to teach" and to as small or as large a group of students as is appropriate to the course level and the teacher's style of instruction. Unfortunately, society does not believe students (and faculty) should have such luxuries.

P.S. Professor M. Dusa McDuff, who was course coordinator for MAT 125, Fall 84, is indeed on sabbatical this semester and hence is not participating in this dialogue. I am happy, however, that she will be back in the fall. (The writer is the chairman of Stony Brook's Mathematics Department.)

# Health Care System In Need of Reform

By Ari Knoll

As a recent American Medical Association report, citing a three hundred percent rise in medical malpractice claims over the past decade, has merited the attention of policy makers and concerned citizens. Americans have not suddenly become dramatically more aware of their legal right to compensation for torts, rather many have come to demand perfection from medical practitioners and, aware of the huge sums awarded to others who have sought legal recourse, they are prepared to sue for even a slight fallacy.

Technological advances have augmented the realm of medical treatment and narrowed the acceptable margin given for physician error. It has also been argued that attorneys see malpractice cases as lucrative and encourage them by offering to take legal fees on contingency. Many victims of medical malpractice are well justified in holding their physician liable; however, the extent of the litigious behavior is deleterious to our economy and to the ordinary consumer of medical care.

Though medical malpractice is generally regarded as a lesser component of the rising cost in health care, it is indirectly largely responsible for the rise in some of the more predominant components. The direct contribution of medical malpractice results from the increase in physician and hospital insurance premiums. Most of this cost is passed down to the consumer and is eventually absorbed by third party coverage (health insurance supplied by the government, employee benefits, or the individual consumer). The indirect contribution are those costs resulting from the medical

practitioner's desire to avoid additional insurance premium costs or penalties and the stigma that is associated with it. The principle indirect cost is the tendency of medical practitioners to engage in "defensive medicine." This means the practitioner either echews conducting potentially worthwhile treatments, at times avoiding risky patients altogether, or goes to the opposite extreme by providing patients with non-cost effective procedures. Because third party coverage will usually reimburse the patient for most prescribed treatments, physicians will usually opt for the latter. The fear of being sued also lends itself to the tendency of physicians to specialize and not infringe on other physician's specialties, as well as to reduce their reliance on cost effective physician aids for performing mundane tasks. All of which again results in higher costs.

Controlling these costs is one of the more difficult tasks policy makers face. The reason why government financing of health care costs are so worry some is that they represent expenditures that add

to the budget deficit, but do very little in the way of our nation's economic growth. A solution for the aspect of the problem caused by malpractice costs would be to have individual patients and physicians determine amongst themselves the extent to which a physician would be liable for malpractice, adjusting the physician's fee accordingly. Pricing standards would be set by government actuaries, and physician review boards would be enhanced in order to maintain a strong incentive against malpractice where patients are minimally insured.

The basic obstacles to creating this sort of system are entwined in the causes of the market failure that besets our nation's entire health care system. Third party coverage for both physician and patient needs to be reduced in order for patients and physicians to respond to cost incentives. Also, the public would need to be better informed of the types of medical procedures available and the risks and potential benefits involved. The public would depend on hazard insurance in order to cover the larger

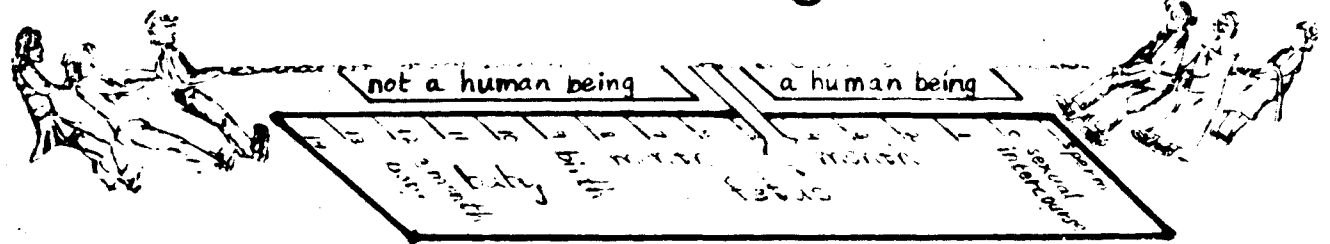
expenses.

The public's health needs should remain one of our government's highest priorities, and in my opinion, it should remain our highest priority. However, in order to correct past inefficiencies, policy makers will need to drastically reform the nation's health care system. In doing so, they must be wary of sacrificing those reimbursement programs that enable all members of society to have access to adequate care. By reducing certain inefficiencies in the health care system, especially those caused by medical malpractice, our economy will be stronger and our government will be in a better position to assist in America's broader health care needs.

(Ari Knoll is an undergraduate majoring in political science and economics. He is a former editor of the *Shining Star*.)

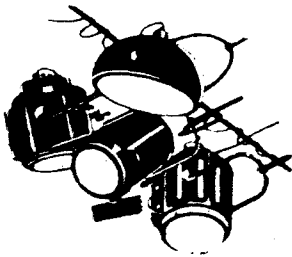
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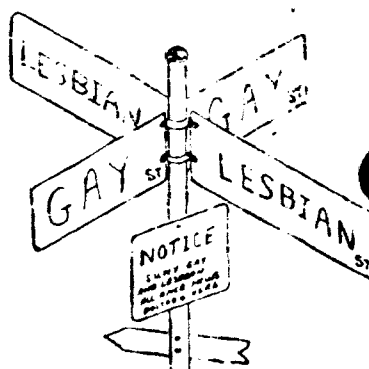


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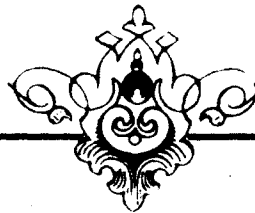
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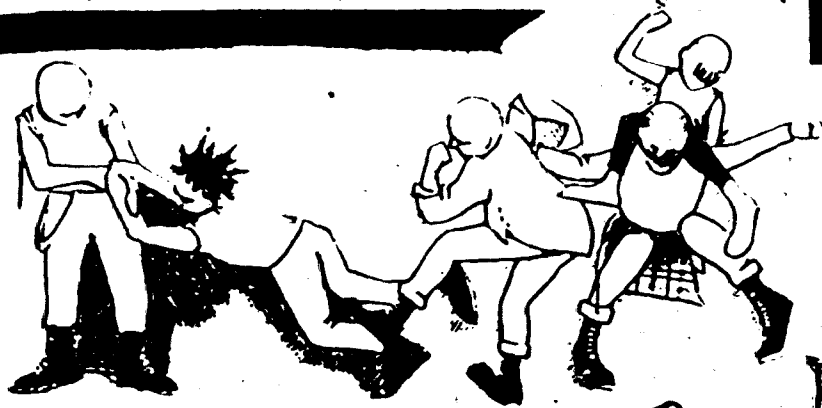
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# Radioactive Wastes Threaten Nuclear Research

By The College Press Service

Washington, D.C.— A number of colleges in recent weeks have said they're worried governmental foot-dragging could leave them holding the radioactive bad by the end of the year.

Rising costs and the lack of a place in which to dump the low-level radioactive waste they generate in campus research could mean some colleges will have to halt all their nuclear research after January 1st, 1986, some college officials fear.

"We don't want to shut down research," said Charles Bockelman, Yale's deputy provost, "but it's a threat."

About 40 campuses that have some sort of nuclear engineering, nuclear medicine or licensed nuclear research are facing the same threat.

The number of students and faculty members affected may be much larger. Stanford, for example, has some 300 nuclear lab experiments going on at any one time, the Stanford News Service estimated. Even some biology and chemistry classes that use and need to dispose of some low-level radioactive isotopes could be threatened.

The reason is a new law meant to force states and regions to set up their own radioactive waste dumping grounds, and to stop shipping all their wastes to Nevada, Washington and South Carolina, which host the nation's only large nuclear waste dumps. But if the states and Congress don't start moving more quickly toward creating new dump sites, colleges conducting nuclear research will have no place to dispose of radioactive waste.

"Universities don't have large areas to store waste like nuclear power plants do," explained Sue Gagner, spokeswoman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). "They want to get rid of it as quickly as possible." But no one has actually established new dump sites for the schools.

State legislators have yet to find new radioactive waste sites for the universities of Arizona and West Virginia, despite intense lobbying from educators there. "There's no place where people won't be upset by [having a dump next door]. Radioactive waste is a most unwelcome neighbor," Bockelman understated.

In Texas, where the University of Texas system produces 70 percent of the state's low-level radioactive waste, a two-year legislative study has just narrowed the site location to South Texas.

Nationwide, nuclear power plants generate about 60 percent of the waste. College and government labs and industry produce the rest of it, Gagner said. If the three current dumps in Beatty, Nev., Richmond, Wash., and Barnwell, S.C., do turn away waste from other states, "states without compacts or sites of their own will have no place to go with their radioactive waste," Gagner warns.

"We're concerned about what will happen if these sites are closed to us," Yale's Bockelman said. "The federal government is trying to set up the regional pacts, but the politician worry about it," he noted. "Radioactivity is a frightening concept to people."

There's a lot with which to scare people. Yale produces 500 30-gallon drums of liquid radioactive waste and 750 drums of dry waste per year, Bockelman said, largely through the medical school and the biological science department. "Disposal has been a problem since the first radioactive experiments began at Yale 20 years ago," he added.

"It's big business," declared William Properzio, the University of Florida's director of environmental health and science. "Any research institute has to deal with this. When a researcher designs an experiment, the cost of disposal has to be written into the proposal."

While the NRC regulates most campus nuclear research, it leaves disposing of the resultant waste—and payment for it—up to the schools, Gagner explained. The NRC also grants licenses to campuses, added Donald Turner, West Virginia University's radiation health technician. "The licenses specify disposition of radioactive waste, and we're sent a list of companies that handle the waste," he said.

Other waste-handling companies can process the waste for transport, Turner commented, but, for the time being, they can bury it only at one of the three existing dumps. Some schools get around the current

regulations by storing certain kinds of radioactive waste themselves.

"With a half-life of 65 days or less, we decay it here," Turner said. "After we wait 10 half-lives, the radiation is one-one thousandth of what we started with, and we can just put it in the trash without violating EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards."

"In recent years, cost of disposal has increased by a

factor of three," added James McLaughlin, UCLA's radiation safety officer. "Cost varies depending on the burial cost, and goes up because of federal regulation on burial sites."

Federal regulations change rapidly, he continued, "because of the terrible misbehavior of the industrial sector. But universities generate considerably less waste than industry."

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# JV B-Ball Drops A Close One To New Paltz

The Stony Brook junior varsity basketball team dropped another close contest Saturday night at home to the Hawks of New Paltz, 68-65. Although the Pats led 39-37 at the half, Stony Brook was unable to snap the Hawks seven-game winning streak.

Winning the tap, New Paltz proceeded to move downcourt and only 37 seconds into the contest Anthony Allen picked up a rebound and put the Hawks on the board 2-0. New Paltz overran the Pats for the first minute and a half, but were only able to convert on two possessions. Allen again scored at the 19:04 mark with a short jumper to put the lead

to 4-0.

Todd Parrish opened the scoring for the Patriots off a pass from forward Dennis Heslin. Shortly after Heslin was charged with an offensive foul, giving away the ball and an opportunity to tie up the game.

For a large part of the first half, both teams traded baskets. Then with less than five minutes remaining, the Hawks had built up a nine-point lead, 29-20. Stony Brook was not to be denied. With 39 seconds on the clock, the Pats went on a four-point scoring spree that put them on to 39-37 at the end of the

half.

New Paltz opened the scoring and tied the game early in the second half with a score by Mike Magget. Andrew Gottlieb put Stony Brook back on top 41-39 with a layup. The score remained fairly close throughout the second half, but the Pats were in foul trouble with almost all of their seven-man squad having three fouls. With less than two minutes remaining, Quincy Troupe was called on a charging foul. Rather than tying the contest at 62, Hawks' forward Warren Sims went to the line and converted both shots of a one-and-one.

Stony Brook didn't give up and with

47 seconds on the clock Bedel Saget scored to put the game within reach, 64-62. Gottlieb was called for a foul and Megget went to the line and shot two to put the score at 66-64. Gottlieb went to the line for Stony Brook after being fouled by Allen. He converted on one shot to make it 66-65. With eight seconds left Saget fouled Megget in an attempt to get the ball back. He hit both shots to make it 68-65, the final score.

Heslin was the high scorer for Stony Brook with 24 points; 16 from the field and 10 points from the line.

-Jim Passano

# Womens Basketball Falls In Semi-Finals

The Stony Brook Patriots women's basketball team, seeded sixth in this year's State Championships, reached the semifinals Saturday before falling to a tough University of Rochester squad 70-53 in Rochester.

The Patriots advanced to the semifinals after a tough double-overtime win in a contest against the Manhattanville Valiants, a team they lost a close game to earlier this season. After two overtime periods, the Pats came out on top 77-76.

Stony Brook was leading the Valiants 28-26 at half-time, but Manhattanville outscored them by two in the second half, forcing the first overtime period. Both

teams scored 10 points in the first overtime, but the Pats bested the Valiants in the second, 7-6.

The Pats were paced by team Co-Captain Michele White, who scored 33 points, 17 of them from the foul line. Lisa White, her sister and co-captain as well, scored 18 points and had five rebounds. Donna Lundy was the high rebounder for the Pats with 14, and teammate Sue Hance had 11 boards. Linda Sullivan had 12 points in the contest.

To reach the semifinals, Rochester defeated Alfred University 73-40 in regulation time. In the contest against Stony Brook, Rochester wound up on top 70-53. Although Michele White was the game's high scorer

with 18 points, it was not enough as Stony Brook trailed 29-20 at the half. Rochester's Christine Rodak paced her team with 17 points and Jeannie Sullivan had 19 rebounds.

Lisa White had 10 points for the Pats and Lundy and Hance each supplied 10 rebounds in the losing effort. Stony Brook winds up their season with an overall 16-9 record. Michele White winds up the season with a total career 1024 points, making her only the fourth woman in the history of the team to achieve that mark.

-Passano

# Redmen Go to 19 Straight With 88-83 Win

Syracuse, N.Y.- Chris Mullin took his customary role of team scoring leader as No. 1 St. John's defeated Syracuse 88-83 Saturday, while Willie Glass, a sophomore just coming into his own, enjoyed a rare day on Mullin's level.

Mulling scored 23 points and Glass 22 as the Redmen toyed with the seventh-ranked Orangemen while winning a school-record 19th straight basketball game.

St. John's emerged from the contest before 34,485 in the Carrier Dome with a 24-1 record and a 14-0 slate in the Big East Conference. The Redmen could become the first team to survive the Big East regular season undefeated by beating No. 2-rated Georgetown Wednesday and Providence Saturday.

Syracuse fell to 19-6 and 8-6 with its second straight loss. Both players affected high-scoring Rafael Addison of Syracuse, who was assigned to guard

Mullin when the Orangemen played man-to-man defense but drew Glass as his defensive shadow. Whether the strain of watching Mullin, who had 16 points at the half, was too much or whether Glass broke Addison's concentration, the results were the same: the Syracuse star shot two of 11 in the first half while St. John's was opening a 41-30 lead.

"If you push a shooter out, you're gonna start him thinking. I think I did a pretty good job," said Glass, who blocked two of Addison's first three shots from the 10-foot range.

Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim said, "Raf probably had his first bad game since the beginning of the year, 14 points but only five-of-17 from the floor for a usual 54 percent shooter. 'I was shooting the same shots I usually get. They just weren't falling,' Addison said. 'We didn't play well at all—we really let our-

selves down.'"

Coach Lou Carnesecca credited Glass with "an unbelievable job" after Glass scored the game's first basket and slam-dunked a loose ball for an 18-14 St. John's lead which interrupted a series of ties or two-point leads early in the game.

Meanwhile, the Redmen's Walter Berry, ballyhooed on a par with Mullin, was virtually unheard from in the first half with two points but scored 14 after intermission to keep the Redmen out of reach. Boeheim, who drew two technical fouls for vehement protests, said his team's poor shooting - 33 of 74 for 45 percent to 33 of 55 by St. John's - crippled its comeback attempt. "We have got to shoot the ball better to win against anybody. I think basically our offense let us down today," he said.

"They [St. John's] just have that little extra experience and edge." "They are getting real steady play," he added.

Dwayne "Pearl" Washington scored 20 points to pace the Orangemen, who had dropped an 82-80 overtime decision to St. John's earlier this season, and

reserve forward Wendell Alexis contributed 18.

The Orangemen were down only four points at 26-22 with 9:27 to play in the first half but then went more than eight minutes before anyone but Washington could score. In that span, the flashy point guard sank three baskets - two on coast-to-coast drives - but also lost the ball twice on fast breaks.

After his second turnover, Mullin jammed an assist from Mark Jackson, and St. John's went ahead 37-28 with just under two minutes left in the half. St. John's reserve Ron Stewart helped the Redmen break out of a six-point lead with a three-point play with :03 left. It put St. John's ahead 31-22.

Jackson scored 11 for the Redmen, including a clutch, 20-foot jumper with 5:40 remaining in the game to carry the Redmen to another 12-point lead and a 10-footer with 4:32 to play to put his team up 2-60. Washington sank a layup at the buzzer, bringing the Orangemen as close as they had been since the first seven minutes of play.

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## Basketball Ends Season In Style

### Borbon Plays Last Game, Unless Playoff Bid Comes In

By Jeff Eisenhart

What a difference a year makes. Last year, the Stony Brook men's varsity basketball team ended another disappointing season with a 10-14 record. The basketball program, which five years earlier had flourished, seemed to be slowly dying away. A necessary coaching change had to be made, so Dick Kendall was dismissed and assistant coach Joe Castiglie took over.

This year under Castiglie, a revival has taken place. The Patriots have won more games than any other Stony Brook basketball team in the last four years.

On Saturday night, the Patriots clobbered the New Paltz Hawks 101-69, to end their regular season with a 16-10 record. The win moved the Patriots one step closer to a possible Eastern Collegiate Athletic Confer-

ence (ECAC) playoff bid.

"I've got a feeling we're not done yet," says Castiglie. The Patriot coach and his squad will find out Monday night when the ECAC will pick four teams from the Metropolitan area.

The game also brought an end to the collegiate playing career of Captain Tab Borbon. Borbon, a senior, who played on the varsity for four years, briefly reflected back on the season and his past. "It's been a very satisfying year. More than the last three," he said.

"It was Tab's last game and we were really up for it. If we beat them convincingly we felt we might get the bid. It made it all worthwhile," said Kurt Abrams.

The Patriots were up for the game. They came out fast and furious as they jumped out to a 8-0 lead within the first two minutes of play on two baskets apiece from Dave Burda and Frank Prantil.

New Paltz never even got a chance to get anything started. The Patriots ran their lead up to 26-6 following an Eljay Scott lay-up with 13:18 remaining in the half. By the halftime intermission, Stony Brook held a 49-31 advantage.

The second half was a blowout. Stony Brook assaulted their visitors with a lightning-quick fast break that excited the home crowd. The big question was "would the Patriots hit the 100 point total?"

Dan Lowell answered that question loud and clearly as he put the Patriots over the century mark with a basket off Ray Rath's missed foul shot with 13 seconds left to play.

"After the St. Thomas Aquines game we knew we're really good," Burda said. Burda owned the boards as he pulled down a game high 25 rebounds, as well as leading all scorers with 27 points. Borbon, who played his last home game, went out in style with 15 points, 14 rebounds, and five steals. Abrams and Prantil added 14 and 12 respectively.

The excitement wasn't only on the court this season.

it was also in the stands. Josh Einbinder, Danny Singer, and Gil Caicedo are the founders of the Dave Burda fan club. Whether they were playing the trumpet to lead fans on a charge or leading the cheerleaders to start the crowd on the wave, they revived something sorely missed at Stony Brook home games (long dash) school spirit.

These three live on the same hall with Burda in Stage XII. They began in midseason with only themselves and finished up with a whole section. Barry Nussbaum, a friend of Burda's, came in with friends from Brooklyn every home game.

Some of their antics have included holding up nude posters behind the opponent's basket while a player was shooting foul shots, or yelling at opposing players then simultaneously put a newspaper over their face. And on Saturday night, they sung the national anthem.

Why do they do this? "We enjoy cheering on the team and getting the crowd going," said Einbinder. "We want it like it's a Division I game...it psyches up the team and gets them going," says Singer. But Caicedo believes that "sometimes I feel I have a moral obligation to do this. And I also just want to have fun," he added.

Next year they promised to return with even a larger following. "I'm very pleased with everything that happened this season," said Coach Castiglie. Now the season lies on a decision from the ECAC. With a whole team except Borbon expected to return, the future looks promising for basketball at Stony Brook. Under Castiglie and his staff of Jerry Wiesmann and Michael Atkinson, a good feeling has returned to this team.

"The big difference between this year's team and last year's is we care for each other on and off the court," says Maurice Gainey. "It's like we are one big family."

What a difference a year makes.



Statesman/Richard Perlin

Tab Borbon played his final game scoring 15 points, grabbing 14 rebound and had 5 steals as the Pats won 101-69.

## Hockey Loses Tough One, 6-4

By Jim Passano

The Stony Brook men's hockey team dropped their record to 11-4-2 Thursday night with a tough 6-4 loss to Southern Connecticut State College.

Southern Connecticut opened the scoring in both the first and second periods, but the Patriots opened the third. In the first period, after the Southern Connecticut goal, Chris Panatier, assisted by Kevin Cavallo tied up the contest with a short handed goal. Southern Connecticut scored again, but the Pats bounced right back and tied it at 2-2 on a goal by Patriot Danny Gilliam.

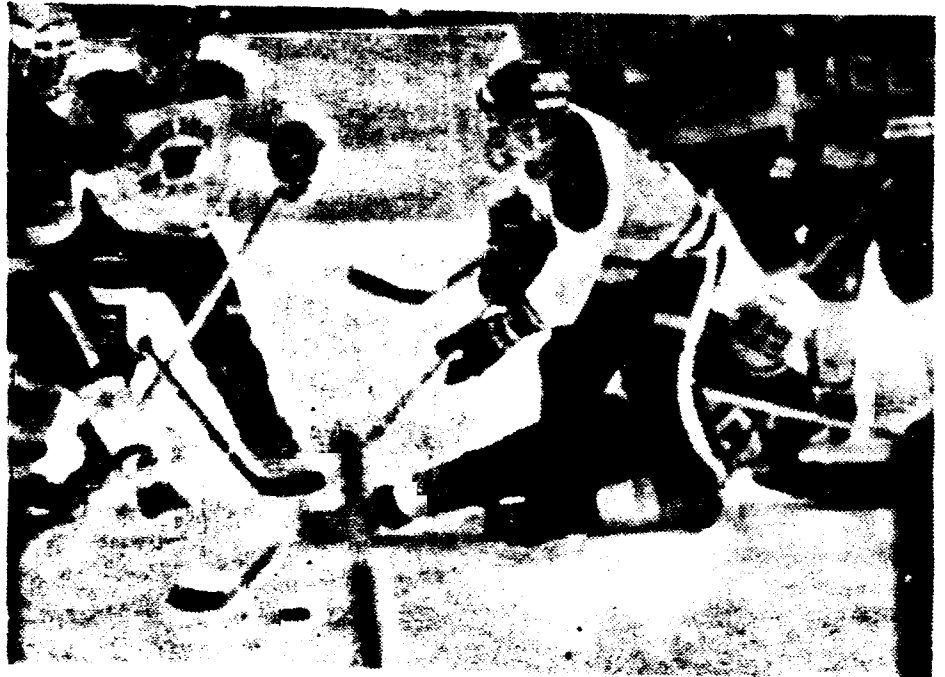
Twenty two seconds into the second period, the Southern Connecticut squad again took the lead. In what Coach George Lasher called a "poor second period" on the part of Stony Brook, Southern Connecticut was able to pick up three unanswered goals.

In the third period the Pats came roaring back. Two goals put the Pats in reaching distance of their rivals. But in their efforts to make up the goal, Lasher said, "they took too many chances" and Southern Connecticut picked up their final score. For Stony Brook Scott Sher-

wood raced up the wing and fed to teammate Courtney Kwas, who made it 5-3. During the scoring run, Southern Connecticut exerted a lot of pressure which got them two penalties.

During the power play, Sherwood moved to the point and fired. His shot was stopped but Marty Schmitt picked up the rebound and put it in to make the score 6-4. The Pats then put strong pressure on Southern Connecticut, but to no avail. Their opponents picked up the final score to put Stony Brook down 6-4.

With only one game left in the season, the Pats will finish third in their league, qualifying them for a playoff berth. In the first round, Sunday night, the Pats will be taking on a tough Wagner College squad. According to Lasher, the team "will have their work cut out for them," but he is hopeful for a win. He will be looking for solid goaltending from John Mundy and an all-out effort from the rest of the Patriot squad. If they defeat Wagner, they will then go on to challenge the New Jersey Institute of Technology, whom they bested 5-2 in December. So far, the Pats are the only team to beat N.J.I.T. this season.



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The Pats ice hockey team dropped their season record to 11-4-2 with a 6-4 loss.