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Grads Off Strike, Settlement Appears Near

By Mitch Horowitz

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Senate on Wednesday urged striking graduate teaching assistants to return to work, as meetings between GSO officials and administrators the day before produced a wage and benefit agreement.

The agreement, which includes raising the stipend floor, providing a child care subsidy, and creating guidelines to regulate stipend distribution, was documented in a joint GSO-administration memo on Tuesday. The GSO Senate will vote Thursday whether to formally accept the terms of the agreement. "I assume it will pass," said Ralph Schnieder, GSO work action coordinator.

The senate's 24 to one vote Wednesday ended a three-day graduate student work stoppage that had cancelled a number of classes and prompted concern over whether final grades would be filed in graduate-taught classes.

Teaching Assistants (TAs) in English and philosophy began striking on their own last Thursday and the GSO Senate voted the next day to endorse a campus-wide strike. TAs in about 15 departments were off the job the following Monday.

Class schedules appeared to normalize Wednesday afternoon as a number of TAs returned to teaching. "The administration really bargained in good faith and so we're prepared to go back to work," Schnieder said.

The administration bargained "because they were forced to," GSO President Chris Vestuto said. "This has been an unprecedented situation as far as we know."

University President John Marburger said he didn't believe the meetings between GSO officials and administrators were bargaining sessions. "That certainly was not the spirit I entered the meeting in and not the feeling I had when I was there. I felt it was two groups working out their problems."

Highlights of the agreement were:

- A hike in the minimum \$6000 yearly graduate stipend to \$7000 in the Fall 1987 semester and a hike to \$7300 in the Spring 1987 semester. The GSO had originally asked that minimum stipends be raised to \$8000. Also included in this agreement was an understanding that it is the administration's "intent" to make stipend levels competitive with other major universities in a three-year period.

- An in-house subsidy of \$50,000 to the campus day care centers in the 1987-1988 fiscal year to help "low income families associated with the university" meet child care rates. It was also agreed that the university should shoot for



John Marburger



Chris Vestuto

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keeping child care rates below 10 percent of the income of graduate student parents.

- GSO input into the distribution of money from the state's long-term Graduate Research Initiative grant. The GSO will also have input into guidelines regulating the distribution of yearly stipends.

- A task force to propose a health care plan for graduate students by September.

The vote on formally accepting the agreement was put off until Thursday so that GSO senators would have a chance to present it to their constituents in the academic departments, GSO officials said. "Everybody understands I think that if the reaction is negative the strike could be started again," Vestuto said.

"I am utterly convinced the strike did more harm than good to these negotiations," Marburger said. "The university does not respond well to irrationality. It's not a good strategy, it's very unfortunate it was used. It's a conventional strategy, an obvious strategy to use."

Marburger added that "among the graduate students the quality of thinking, ideas, and willingness to discuss prob-

lems was extremely good.

"All through this process, with only one exception, I've been very impressed with the graduate student involvement. The only exception was the condoning of the work stoppage."

It was also agreed in Tuesday's meetings that the administration would not take disciplinary actions against graduate students who participated in the work stoppage. The University Senate on Monday had unanimously urged amnesty for graduate students.

Vestuto said graduate students consider it extremely important to have a say in the guidelines regulating stipend distribution. Under a new "decentralization" plan, deans are given the responsibility of setting stipend levels; GSO officials have repeatedly complained that this system leaves the door open for abuse.

"The trigger for people to walk in the first place ... was the decentralization without accountability," Vestuto said. "If those guidelines don't look like they're going to [alleviate] the problem, a lot of people are going to be really mad."

Shaps Takes Polity Presidency in Run-Off

By Mary Lou Lang

Polity Vice President Gerry Shaps was victorious over O'Neill Legislature President Brian Levitt in Tuesday's run-off election for Polity president, receiving 56 percent of the vote to Levitt's 44 percent.

Shaps received a total of 1149 votes and Levitt received 892 votes. Shaps received more than Levitt in most of the polling areas. Shaps won his largest share of votes in Gray and Irving Colleges, winning 97 votes and 120 respectively in those buildings.

Levitt received his biggest support in Benedict with 108 votes, and in O'Neill, with 105, although Shaps trailed him there with 104 votes. In commuter polling places: the library, Union and the Lecture Center, there was fairly equal support for both Shaps and Levitt.

"We were both going tooth and nail with this. I commend Brian for campaigning as hard as he did," Shaps said.

As president of Polity, Shaps said he would like to "restructure our whole system of providing programming for campus."

Shaps said that he will see to it that more events will take place on weekends. "I want to make more centralized programming to

involve the whole campus ... and be able to provide more services."

Shaps said that he would like to have events such as "Battle of the Quads" and "International Culture Fest," to get the whole campus involved in activities.

Another goal which Shaps said he would like to accomplish is an increase in the quality of dormitories, roadways and facilities on campus. "I am fed up with the total lack of forethought of students when administration passes their policies. With the constant hikes in fees and the decline in services ... we see nothing in return," Shaps said.

Shaps said that he is going "to let them [administration] know that for the short time we are here we can't wait any longer, we want things done now."

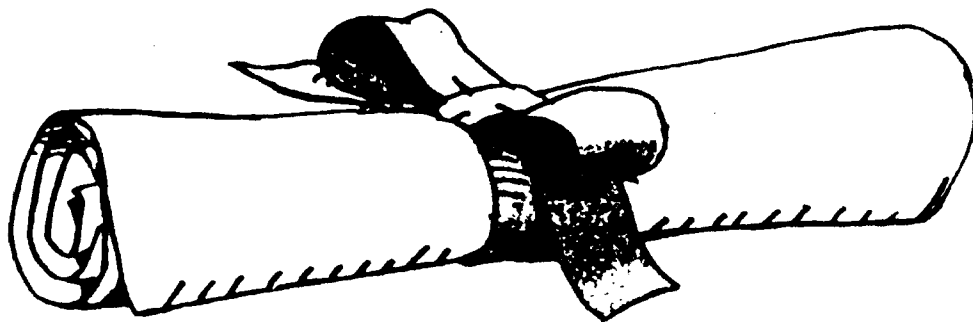
In regards to Polity, Shaps said he predicts a "very aggressive and productive year" forthcoming. He added that the students must get involved in Polity and support the government in its pursuit of goals.


Shaps said that he is planning a large recruitment of students for next year. He said that he will start by introducing incoming freshmen to Polity at summer orientations.

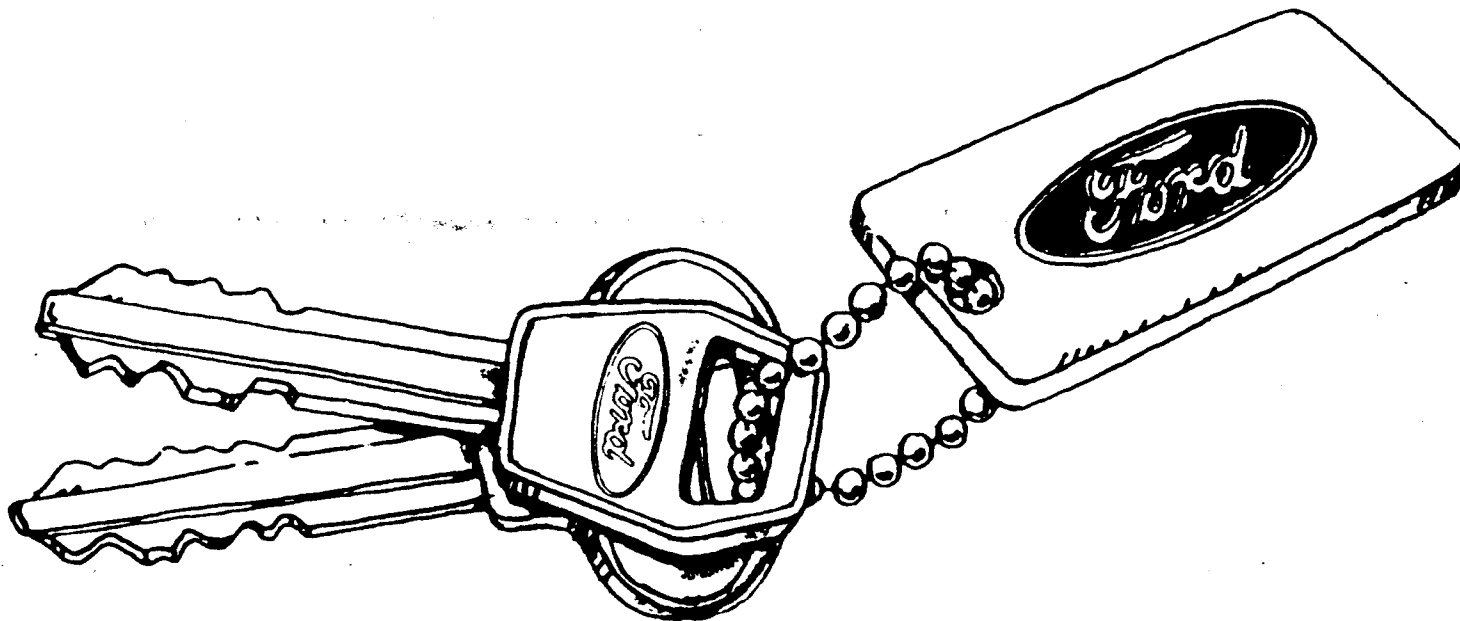


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Zoologist Speaks on 'Quirkiness' of Evolution

By Amelia Sheldon

"We are here by the sloppiness of structure which is the essence of creativity," said Jay Gould, a professor of Zoology at Harvard, who lectured on evolution to a full house in the Fine Arts Center main stage Tuesday night.

"We see everything in light of our expectations," said Gould, stressing that it is necessary to leave certain biases man has created and grown comfortable with behind in order to understand evolution.

"The necessity to keep ourselves at the center of the world" prevails, Gould said, even in light of Freud's theory that every big step taken by science contributes to "the cosmic dethroning of humanity."

"We must break through biases of expansionism, determinism, and progressivism if we are to see the world as it is," Gould said. He said there is a "paradox" in attempting to link these myths with evolution and the "terrible truths" of Darwin. Gould said that the idea that nature's goal is to create a well-harmonized world and that the evolutionary path is a progressive one leading to the creation of well-adapted organisms cannot be correct.

On the evolutionary pathway Gould said, "If it were progressive, all processes of creativity would be lost." Many times "striking examples" are listed as evidence of the Darwinian theory in textbooks. These examples, he said, are the exception; "unusually does evolution move to this optimal stage... organisms can't reach optimal form fast enough." "Sloppiness and redundancy is necessary for us to evolve," said Gould, pointing out that there are many reasons to believe that this "redundancy and quirkiness" does exist in the evolutionary process.

Multiple utility and not the "one to one matching of structure with function," is one

of the keys to the success of evolution, Gould said. Considering the ever-changing state of nature those organisms "would be struck dead in their path" whose structures could not be "co-opted and altered to emerge for a different usage."

Gould cited the example of bird wings as the result of "a quirky, lucky, fortuitous structural shift." The wing, he said, arose originally as a device to increase heat retention in the small dinosaurs that are ancestors to today's birds.

The arrangement of the three human ear bones — the hammer, anvil, and stirrup, — came about, not for the express function of hearing, but arose from previous parts of the jaw, he said. "Current optimability gives little idea of predictability that [these three bones] would have been converted to the hearing bones of the middle ear from jaw bones," Gould said.

Another factor in the success of evolution is what Gould called the "principle of the parts left over." In this principle, the parts that are "nonadaptive side consequences later become utilitarian parts," Gould said. Some of the best functioning devices, such as the human ear bones, arose from "funny little bits and pieces left over."

Hierarchy adds to the creative potential that lies in the natural world, according to Gould. "Today there is a new evolutionary theory which is the replacement of... Darwin's theory about the organism coming out of and through struggle," Gould said. The new theory is an expansion on Darwin's ideas that "recognizes simultaneous selection can work on the [level of the] organism, genes, and species," said Gould. He pointed out that all three of those categories have the same set of characteristics that allow for natural selection: individuality, stability,

death point, and offspring that are similar to themselves. Gould said that if we assume that selection takes place on more than one level "it gives an explanation for complexity," and allows "upward and downward causation and passage of effects."

Further possible explanation for the complexity of man and other organisms higher in the evolutionary scale is neotony — the retention of youth — explained Gould. "The

enormous slow down of human growth [as compared to other mammals] extends the period of childhood learning" and expands the amount of time the organism is in the juvenile state of flexibility, said Gould.

"The path of any evolutionary image is quirky, unpredictable," Gould said. The evolutionary process could have "ended up with another set of creatures that could be explained, although totally different."



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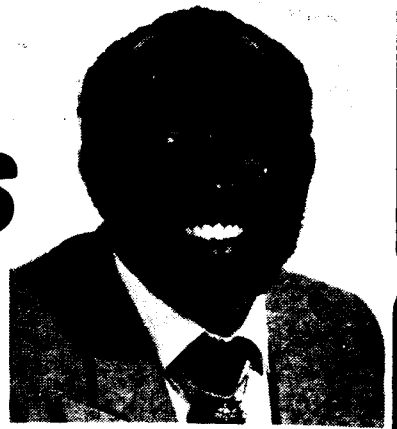
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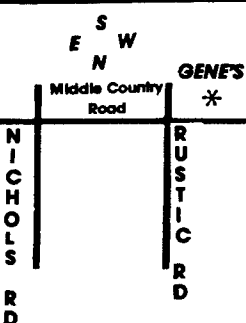
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Campus Looks At Shooting

By Mary Lou Lang

"I was there to dance, to have fun," said Ronald Parrish, who was one of two youths hospitalized after being shot outside a party in Tabler Cafeteria Saturday night.

The shooting of the two teenagers is still being investigated and three armed men suspected to be responsible for the shootings have not yet been apprehended, according to Suffolk County police.

Parrish, 19, of Coram was shot in the leg and his friend, Victor Frederick, 19, also of Coram, was shot in the arm after the party came to a close. As of Wednesday both Parrish and Frederick were discharged from University Hospital, where they were treated for their wounds.

A fight that broke out between Parrish and one of his alleged assailants had ended the party, he said.

Parrish said that while he was not frisked before entering the party Saturday night, crowds have been frisked for weapons at other campus parties he has attended. The previous parties, Parrish said, had been sponsored by campus organizations and fraternities. The Black Women's Weekend committee sponsored the party at Tabler.

April Ali, the treasurer of the committee, said that she does not think anyone was frisked before entering Saturday's party. However, she said that at other parties she attends on campus, metal detectors are used to check for weapons.

According to Altemis Stressoir of Alpha Sigma Phi, the fraternity has used metal detectors for parties "to ensure everyone's safety because a lot of people are coming from the city."

Kim Moore, of Black Women's Weekend committee, said that frisking is not a "common practice" at parties on campus, but "lately is has been practiced at some parties."

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Claudia Benamou
Senior, Age 21
Psychology

"It's so easy for outsiders to get onto campus. I makes me feel unsafe because they come here and they have a party and they go to parties; they go off edge and they do crazy things sometimes and people get hurt."



Christine Brass
Freshman, Age 18
Psychology

"I don't feel very safe on campus, especially at night. When you want to go to the library, if you don't go with a bunch of friends, it's very scary."



Angela Gilchrist
Freshman, Age 18
Electrical Engineering

"I don't feel safe on campus, because I never see Public Safety and I really don't think they do anything constructive."

This week's question:
How safe do you feel on campus?



Lionel Lauture
Junior, Age 21
Sociology

"Considering the recent incidents that have happened during this weekend, namely the shootings going on in Tabler Quad, my feelings of safety have changed on this campus. And I feel that Public Safety should increase their numbers to provide better safety for the students."

Michele Reed
Freshman, Age 19
Biology

"I do not feel safe on campus. I think the security system here is very lax."



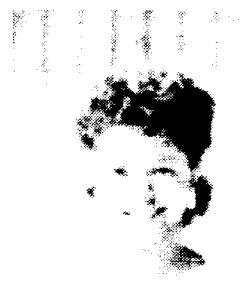
Robert Bruier
Sophomore, Age 19
Liberal Arts

"I feel quite safe when I'm walking around campus and as far as the shooting is concerned, it's an unfortunate incident that probably could've happened anywhere."



Colleen Lundgren
Sophomore, Age 19
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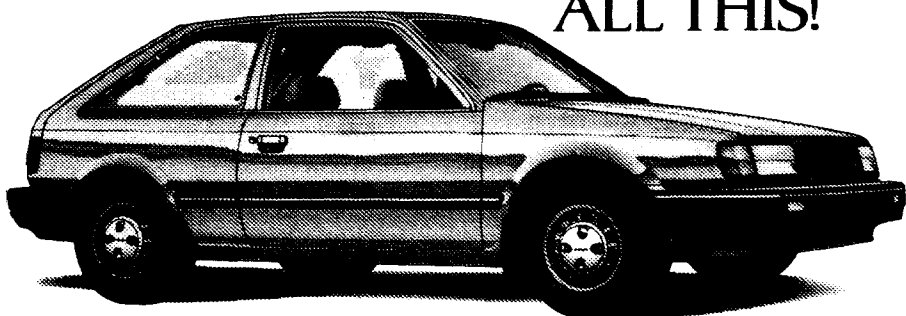
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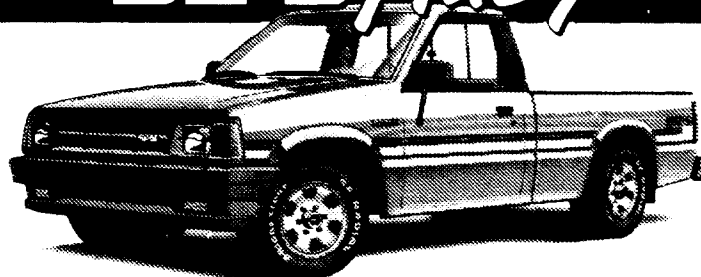
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'Nemo' Graffiti Is Boring and Miserable

Last weekend some person or people decided to spiff up the campus, particularly Tabler Quad and the academic mall, by spray painting "Nemo" and Nemo slogans all over the place. The sad thing, aside from some inconsiderate dullards slopping up the campus, is that most of us will have to look at this Nemo graffiti until we graduate. The party responsible for the spray-painting excursion has contributed to the physical breakdown of this campus and made dorm life just a bit more drab.

Pulling college visual pranks is nothing new and it is not always something bad. The painting of some campus rocks by fraternities is a harmless stunt and it does add a little cockeyed tradition to this place. Semesters ago some students spread purple foot prints through the academic mall. This had a sense of humor about it and added some fun to campus. The pro-Dube graffiti was unattractive, but understandable in the context of the frustration that was felt on campus.

The Nemo graffiti, however, is pure vandalism. It mars academic buildings, signs, and residence halls and it is miserable to look at. There are some easy guesses (one in particular) at what party did it. But speculation is useless, the paint has dried and people responsible are probably basking in their giddy unconcern.

The graffiti treats the campus to some wonderful, imaginative, funnies like: "Nemo Kicks Ass" and "Nemo Country." The graffiti reads like it was written by people who have never laughed at anything but a beer joke in all their lives. In fact, the vandals, in their jubilant delirium, might hang this editorial up on their dorm doors in tribute to their bovine sensibilities. Perhaps after they read it they'll even dig deep into their imaginations and make silly calls to the newspaper and hang up. This seems about the pace of people who would

mar their community with repetitive, self-absorbed splotches.

Perhaps the vandals thought they were immortalizing themselves in an a la "Kilroy was here" fashion. Maybe they thought they were actually

adding to campus tradition. The whole thing really isn't drawing any laughs — it's boring and ugly. Thanks to these careless cretins the campus is a little more drab and a little more unattractive today.

Slobs' Redemption...

"Operation Metamorphosis," a campus clean-up blitz planned for this weekend, will offer students an opportunity to make a positive difference in the looks of Stony Brook's campus, while having some fun at the same time. The project, which will include a barbeque and bands for the volunteers, deserves the support and participation of all students.

One campus resource every student uses is the campus itself — the grounds and buildings. It is about time the campus received some respect, especially in light of the recent mutilations it has been forced to suffer at the hands of mindless dolts with spray cans. Perhaps those who volunteer their time to the program to clean graffiti, paint concrete, and pick up litter will prove that some people care about how the campus looks.

Administration has coordinated and funded the landscaping that is changing the face of the aca-

demical mall (not to mention encroaching on Marburgerville). Students may not have the massive monetary resources necessary for such a renovation, but they do have the time and energy resources to make a sizeable difference in the looks of the campus. (Just think of all the time and energy that went into the "Nemo-izing" of Stony Brook.)

Volunteers will gather on Friday at 1 p.m. in the Fine Arts Plaza to begin the festivities. Friday's cleaning and painting will be focused on the main campus, whereas Saturday's efforts will be focused on the residential areas. The festivities following the campus renovation will include good food and live bands. Operation Metamorphosis offers a unique opportunity for Stony Brook students to turn their potential into a real, tangible change in campus life. Only students can make it a success.

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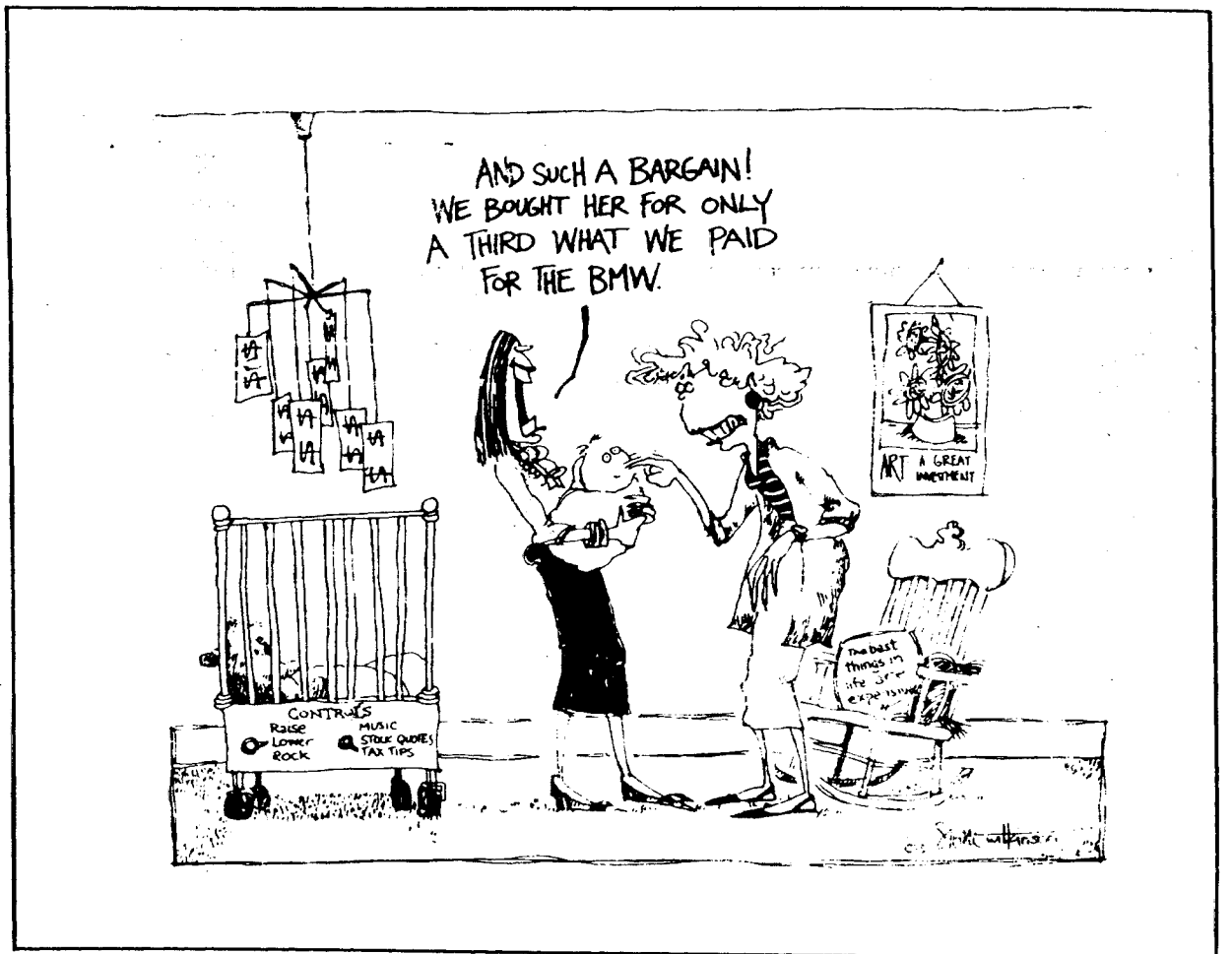
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Lecture Center Fire Fiasco Caused Illness

By Regina Good

I am writing to express my concerns about the adverse health effects caused by the Javits Lecture Center fire last September. As a student who attended classes there four times a week I can assure you that I, and many other members of the campus community experienced severe reactions to whatever it really was that we were exposed to.

I began going to the doctor in October after weeks of experiencing severe headaches, dizziness, a burning throat, irritation and blurriness of the eyes, chest pains, burning sinuses, nausea, severe fatigue, hearing problems and weight loss. I had realized that something was wrong in the Lecture Center because it was impossible to sit through a class without having to pull the neck of my sweater over my nose to be able to breathe. However, I had no idea that it was actually the air in the building that was making me so ill because no one in administration was considerate or concerned enough to inform the students of the possible dangers existing there.

During the time from the fire through December of last semester I went from a

size nine to a size four. I've spent over one \$1000 on doctor bills and to date I have neither regained my weight nor my health.

What amazes me the most and leaves me in a state of frustrated disbelief is the fact that Chemistry Professor Ted Goldfarb advised Robert Francis on October 7 that there was a good possibility that dioxins were present in the Lecture Center as a result of the fire. And in spite of this warning and a meeting two days later with representatives from the entire campus community who urged the closing of the building for tests, Francis not only allowed the Lecture Center to remain open, but waited six months to conduct the recommended test for dioxins.

As an officer of the state, Francis is obligated to exercise reasonable care — these actions, in my opinion, do not constitute reasonable care. It is only common sense that tells me that since testing wasn't done immediately after the fire, our university officials can only speculate when they reassure us that no one suffered long-term health effects from exposure to the toxic environment that existed after that fire.

I informed Francis after the second lecture center forum that my health has been seriously altered since the fire and that the side effects, either short or long term, were not only frightening, but totally incapacitating. I felt that it was a violation of my rights to be subjected to such an unhealthy atmosphere in order to continue my education. His answer was, "You had a choice, no one forced you to enter the building." I find that response to be in total contradiction with the attitude I would expect from a university official who appears to hold the future of thousands of people in the palm of his hand. Surely, if he found that a professor was endangering the students in any way, he wouldn't simply tell a student that he has a choice to stay or leave the class.

Francis, along with University President John Marburger, has apologized for the situation and has stated that if the situation arose again he might do things differently. What if a *different* situation arises? Must we all bear the brunt of his poor judgment each time a new situation arises that he has never dealt with before? I would have expected more com-

petent judgment from someone in his position. I don't feel comfortable knowing that Francis has so much trouble recognizing a serious situation. Despite complaints from basically the whole campus community, he took it upon himself to determine the fate of so many people by failing to exercise the sensible precaution of closing the building, even for a short time, to perform tests.

A number of students are retaining a Manhattan law firm to file class action suits on behalf of the students who suffered from the affects of sitting in classes in the lecture center last fall. The law firm is interested in students who had any health reactions, especially those who sought medical treatment. I understand that the Polity hotline is collecting the names of these students for use in the case.

Francis said that his conscience is clear. He sleeps nights knowing that he did the best he could. If this is the best he could do, perhaps it would be in the best interests of the SUNY system to find someone who can do better.

(The writer is an undergraduate.)

Use HELP to Protest Poor Dorm Conditions

By Rick Luca

Residents of Stony Brook in almost any quad can testify that there are many problems in their dorm buildings. The list is long and detailed, and includes such complaints as lack of toilet paper on weekends, lack of shower heads, corridors with virtually no lighting, fire alarm boxes without the pre-alarm covers, and closet doors which are still unhung. The entire list could perhaps fill this entire page, and more.

Considering the money students pay to be "privileged enough" to receive campus housing, it is not an unreasonable request to be provided with the basic rights of living. It seems that students are often ignored with their complaints. This should not happen. This university would not be at the educational pinnacle that it is at if it did not have the students to make it work. It is an injustice towards the students that the administration flatly ignores the comments and complaints which are made. It is not my intention to hold any one person

responsible for the many problems with Stony Brook dorm life. Rather, it is to unite the residents through a newly formed student organization called HELP (Housing, Environmental, and Living Problems), whose objective is to raise the current standard of dorm life to where it should be.

HELP is officially recognized by Polity, and is now appealing to all students who live on campus to stand up for what they deserve. The short term goal of HELP is to build up its support from the students. Once HELP has a sufficient following, it can begin to peacefully fight for the living rights of residents.

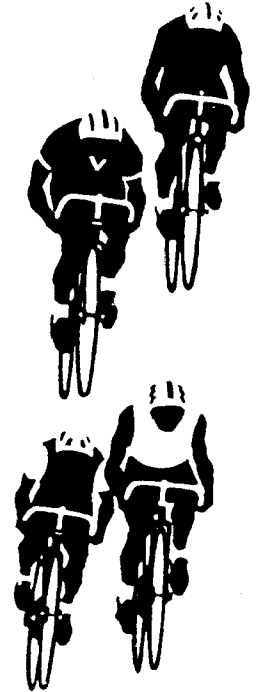
HELP co-presidents Esther Lastique and I, have designed a student representation structure to fairly represent each building on the entire campus. Each building will have a representative to attend a weekly HELP meeting, which will be held monthly. The duty of the hall representative is to report any complaint of the other hall members to the building representative. This

person will in turn report at the weekly meetings. This structure of representation will allow all students to voice their complaints to HELP and to actively participate in improving their dorm life.

Members of the HELP committee have already started to appeal to the various building legislatures for allocations to the HELP budget. Acquiring proper funding is essential for the success of this organization to run smoothly.

The key to the organizational success of HELP is in student support. The meetings will be held every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the O'Neill College Fireside Lounge (G-Quad), and will be open to anyone interested in helping HELP to be a success. I urge all fellow undergraduates and graduate students to work through HELP to fight for a better living environment here at Stony Brook.

(The writer is a co-president of HELP.)



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To the Editor:

As graduating seniors in the psychology department, we are deeply disappointed in the lack of recognition on the part of the department of our graduation. Since we have all worked hard for the past four or more years to achieve our degrees in psychology we feel that we at least deserve some small cerem-

ony in recognition of our achievement. We do not feel that this request is too great since many other departments in the university are holding individual graduation ceremonies. It is an insult to all of our work in the department to be denied a graduation ceremony due to lack of space. Since the university is able to accommodate the huge general graduation ceremonies outside, it is difficult to believe that

no space on campus is available for our much smaller group. The gymnasium or even an outdoors spot would be preferable to the total disregard of our achievement which we now face. How disappointing for our relatives and friends who are traveling from far away to honor us in our graduation if they were to discover that our own department is denying us that special day.

Therefore we feel that a small ceremony recognizing each individual graduate, with faculty and the dean of the department present is deserving of our, and any graduation class.

Deena Berezow
Geri Spatz

Dorm Insufficiency

To the Editor:

Now, you have heard the dormitory experiences of our SUNY students. The reality is, students have gotten a bum deal.

We hate to say, "we told you so", but... "We told you so." When the idea of self-sufficiency was first introduced, students resisted it.

"It goes against the mission and philosophy of public higher education," we cried. "Without the state subsidizing the cost of the residence halls, room rates will skyrocket and limit our accessibility." The limitless power given to our administration made us cringe, and we saw our basic rights being taken away right in front of our eyes.

The stories students have told show that our fears have come to life. But, as we expressed, we are not without hope, and see the solution before us.

The ability of self-sufficiency to function for everyone's gain demands a new relationship between the student and the university. The same autonomy SUNY has given to the individual campuses must be passed down to the students on these campuses. We have outlined several steps towards adopting tenant rights that are needed to continue the philosophy of self-sufficiency.

To begin with, just as SUNY has given each campus greater flexibility and choice with our individual budgets, so much students be given this freedom in our living arrangements. This requires that no mandatory living policy be allowed on any SUNY campus. Such a policy is hostile to the free market forces self-sufficiency is supposed to release so that the dorm environment can be more satisfactory to its occupants.

Secondly, the independent decision-making process of self-sufficiency showed a placement of confidence in the individual campuses to act responsibly. The current existence of dormitory licenses rather than leases fails to pass this independence on to the student. Therefore, only if students are given their rights as tenants will self-sufficiency be fully articulated.

Thirdly, if the cost of the dorm is to be placed solely on the student, we will demand that these dorms be habitable. We will not tolerate the degrading conditions in which many of our dorms are now found.

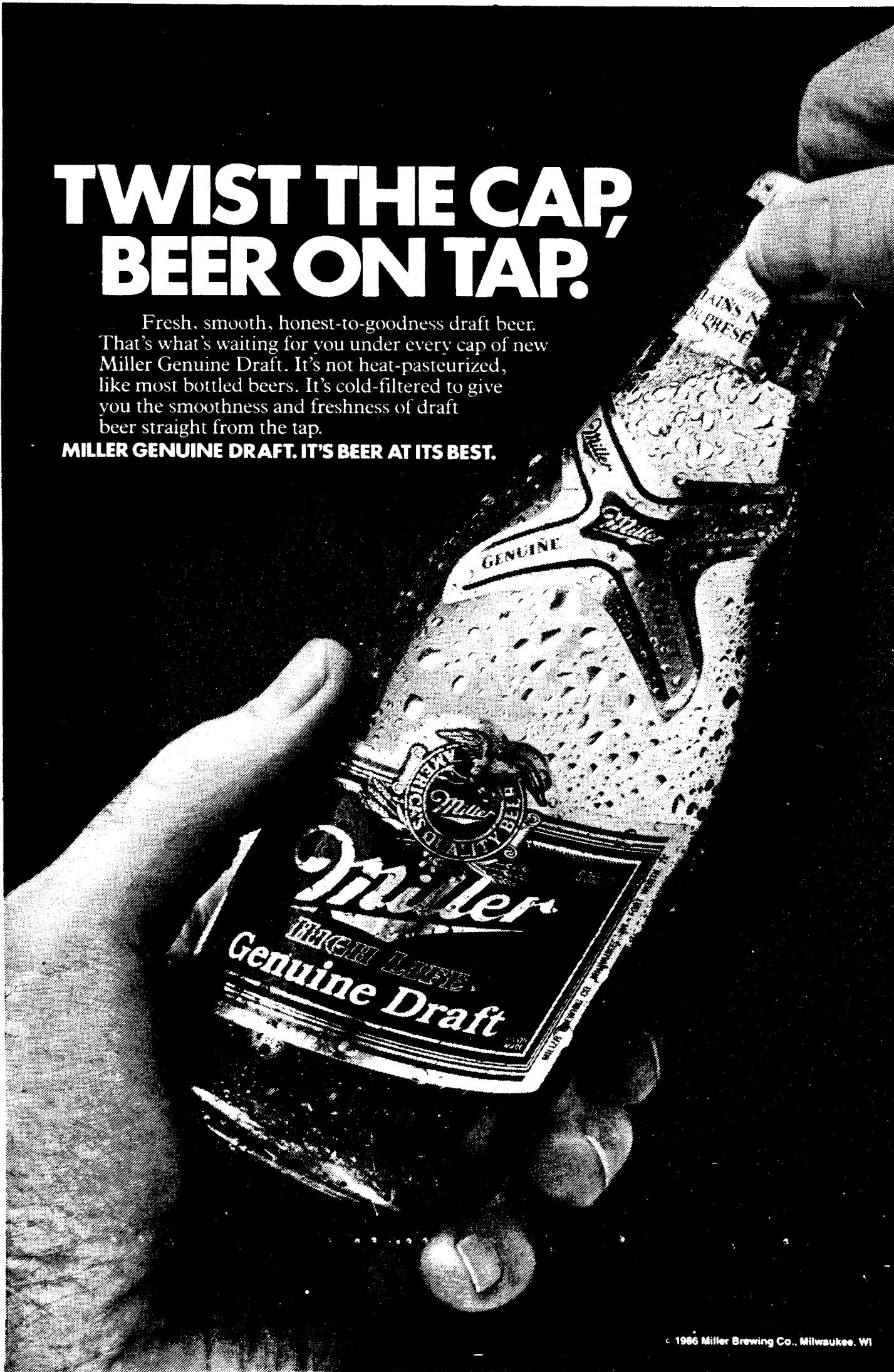
This is just the beginning of the changes that must be made if self-sufficiency must not be at the expense of the rights of SUNY students. As our slogan states: "If we must pay — we should have a say."

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Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, May 7, 1987

Statesman Honors Top Athletes

By Jeff Eisenhart and Scott Finkle

All the games stopped Wednesday night as the Stony Brook University Physical Education department and *Statesman* took time out to honor those players and coaches who contributed their time and effort to giving the sports program a winning reputation.

This annual event was sponsored by the Stony Brook V.I.P. Booster Club and the Stony Brook Foundation. The ceremony was composed of the varsity letter ceremony, the team most valuable and most improved awards, the athlete of the week honors, and the *Statesman*/V.I.P. athletes and coaches of the year awards.

In a close contest for the male athlete of the year, All-American football player Chuck Downey edged out Charlie Bryant, all-star basketball player and All-American Chris Scaduto of the lacrosse team. "I feel really honored to win," Downey said after the ceremony. In 1986, Downey had award-deserving credentials. The junior kick return specialist electrified the home crowds many times by leaving opponents in the dust with his lightning moves and blinding speed. This past year he was number one in the NCAA Division III with a 31.2 yard average on punt returns, which stands as an NCAA record. Downey set an NCAA record with five kick return touchdowns last year. He also set an NCAA record with six return touchdowns.

Downey was named a Pizza Hut All-American in 1986, and he has one immediate goal regarding his football playing for the future. "I have to get faster," he said.

The *Statesman* female athlete of the year went to a woman who didn't lack in achievements. Michele White captured the award for the third time in four years. In 1986-87, White became the first woman basketball player to capture All-American honors at Stony Brook. The senior hoop sensation also became the first Stony Brook player, male or female, to score 2,000 career points, while she became the all-time leading scorer in school history, with 2,183 points. "All-American was my biggest thrill, but this is a

close second," she said.

"It took me totally by surprise," said a stunned men's swimming coach, John DeMarie, as he accepted the *Statesman* male sports coach of the year award. His swimming team was 8-0 in conference dual meets this year and an amazing 16-0 in the last two seasons. Their only loss of the season came at the hands of Division I Fordham University. His team set seven new school records and also had five swimmers qualify for the NCAA championships.

Women's basketball coach Declan McMullen, in his fifth year at Stony Brook, was recognized as the women's sports coach of the year. McMullen guided the Patriots through their best season and has compiled an impressive 91-42 career record at Stony Brook. "To win an award like this," McMullen said, "the team has to perform. It should have been a team of the year [award]."

The following are the awards for each team's most valuable and most improved players:

Team	Most Valuable	Most Improved
Horseback Riding	Karen Wagner	Paul Hicks
Baseball	Craig Cipriano	Dan Melore
Men's Tennis	Peter Mentis	Nick Russell
Women's Track & Field	Sue Yarsinske	Claudette Mathis
Men's Track & Field	Peter Lucke	Charlie Ropes
Women's Softball	Rosemarie Molinelli	Ellen Chang
Lacrosse	Marcel Fisher	David Janas

(Adam Lewis also contributed to this story.)



Statesman/Susan Hodes

Statesman Sports Director Scott Finkle presents the *Statesman*/V.I.P. male sports coach of the year award to men's swimming coach, John DeMarie last night.



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Statesman Sports Editor Jeff Eisenhart presents the *Statesman*/V.I.P. male athlete of the year to All-American football player Chuck Downey.

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