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Police Blotter

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March 1

6:19 a.m. Suspicious person found in SBS room 109N. Male subject found sleeping in a ball in the corner of the room.

February 28

12:28 a.m. Drugs confiscated in Langmuir C 107. RHD reported smells of marijuana intertwined with incense. Officers confiscated a small amount of it and the students were referred.

12:50 a.m. Cidex, a hazardous chemical, was spilled. Fire safety notified and area evacuated. Janitors responded; spill contained and cleaned.

1:50 a.m. Domestic dispute in Keller College. Boyfriend beaten by his girlfriend. Boyfriend does not wish to be interviewed or file a report, cites embarrassing circumstances.

2:02 a.m. Petty larceny in Keller College. Ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend dispute over property. Domestic incident form completed. Individuals in question told to share. Situation mediated.

7:04 a.m. Suspicious person found in the central receiving dock underneath the Melville Library. An alleged homeless man was seen rummaging through paper bundles and garbage.

11:53 p.m. Suspicious vehicle reported in the Inner part of H Quad. Report of male driving recklessly in circles through the inner quadrangle.

February 27

9:17 a.m. Accident in Veteran's Home garage. Woman fell and injured herself.

February 26

3:17 a.m. Calls for assistance at the main gate. Roommate in a daze couldn't locate his friend.

5:37 a.m. Individual attempted unsuccessfully to enter the university at the main gate. A fake USB ID card was confiscated and the individual was sent away. Order maintained.

February 25

7:50 p.m. Medical emergency. An individual was reported to have shards of glass in one eye. Transported to University Hospital via SBVAC.

February 24

12:14 a.m. An RA requested assistance after she smelled marijuana in the halls.

February 23

12:41 a.m. Aggravated harassment. James College student received threatening phone calls.

1:54 a.m. James College student reported hostile individuals pounding on and shouting obscenities toward the general direction of the door.

2:09 a.m. Loud party reported in Baruch College. RHD responded and the party was broken up. Partygoers were detained after they tried to take their drinks with them outside the room.

3:18 a.m. Several individuals barraged RAs in Amman College with snowballs and debris. Suspects taunted RAs after being written up, but fled upon arrival of police.

10:29 a.m. Long Island State Veterans Home camera failed to operate. Officer responded and plugged camera back in.

4:16 p.m. An individual in Toscanini College reported "scary" and harassing phone calls.

February 21

10:38 a.m. Violent and disturbed patient at the University Hospital pulled multiple fire alarms. Shortly thereafter individual escaped from the tenth floor.

11:01 p.m. Individuals in Melville Library started a small fire in a garbage can, allegedly to keep warm. Officers responded and fire was extinguished, to the chagrin of individuals in question.

February 20

8:05 a.m. Unknown persons in Hendrix College unloaded fire extinguishers in the hall. Janitors responded.

Blotter of the Week

11:01 p.m. Individuals in Melville Library started a small fire in a garbage can, allegedly to keep warm. Officers responded and fire was extinguished, to the chagrin of individuals in question.

12:42 a.m. Harassment in Irving College. Suspects trying to get into a victim's room, rattled handle and poked their heads in. Shortly thereafter they fled the scene.

1:29 a.m. Multivehicle accident. Sanger parking lot was the scene of a massive 4 car accident. Two of the vehicles were allegedly involved in a race. Minor personal injuries to all involved.

DMV On Campus

The Department of Student Union & Activities has invited the Department of Motor Vehicles to come to Stony Brook as a convenience to the students, faculty and staff. They will be available for transactions in the Student Activities Center main lobby on the following dates: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 13, 14 and 15 and again on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17, 18 and 19.

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USB Overseas

SB Offers Four Exciting Summer Study Abroad Programs

By HILARY NAT
Special to the Statesman

As summer approaches, many students are unsure of what they will be doing. For those of us who are undecided about our summer plans, Stony Brook offers four exciting summer study abroad programs in Tanzania, Italy, Spain, and Oklahoma that students can participate in. The duration of these programs are four to five weeks and students can earn Stony Brook credits that can fulfill DECS and other major requirements. Students who enroll in these programs not only take courses, but also take part in various site seeing trips and cultural excursions.

Stony Brook's program in Tanzania is directed by Professor Arens of the Anthropology Department and his teaching assistant, graduate student Kabando Wa Kabando. The courses being offered are ANT 310 Ethnography, ANT 311 Immersion in Another Culture, and ANT 477 Readings in Anthropology. Students also have the option of doing an independent research project. In addition to these courses some of the program's events include spending a week in a community center in the region of Mount Kilimanjaro, spending time in the city of Arusha by Mount Meru, a six-day safari to the national parks such as the Serengeti, visiting the International Tribunal, and spending one week in the community of Mto wa Mbu where the trip's director conducts his field research. In addition to these excursions students participate in various humanitarian projects such as planting trees to encourage reforestation and bringing computer equipment over to increase technological education.

Another program for those interested in Anthropology is held in Anadarko, Oklahoma for three weeks. The program is geared so students

can gain a greater understanding of Native American culture. Undergraduates can take the same courses offered in Tanzania but these courses are angled towards an anthropological understanding of Native Americans instead of Africans. Students also receive guest lectures from local Native Americans. Some of the program highlights include hiking in the Wichita Mountains, touring "Indian Country", and attending local Native American cultural events where participants can learn Native American dances. The application deadline for this program is April 1, 2001.

For those interested in going to Europe, the university has programs in Leon, Spain and Rome, Italy. Unfortunately participation for the Spain program is only open to Spanish teachers wanting to improve their language skills but eligibility for the summer in Rome program is open to all Stony Brook students. Some of the courses offered in Rome, which are conducted in English include FSI 210 art of Italian renaissance and FSI 299 modern Italy. In addition a variety of language courses are offered from basic to advanced, so students need not any prior knowledge of the Italian language. On the weekends, trips around the country are taken to places such as Venice, Florence, Padua, Sienna, Assisi, and the Island of Capri. This trip has been directed by Professor Mario Migone of the Italian Studies Department and has been going on over twenty years. This is Stony Brook's most popular summer abroad program that has an application deadline of April 15, 2001.

Alfredo Varela director of the Study Abroad Office strongly encourages student involvement in these programs. "As students

enter the job market, things are happening to make the world smaller and more competitive," she said. "Long Island students are now competing with students from other countries for jobs. Sometimes its not so much a question of knowing a foreign language but more of the fact that companies need people who have the skills to deal with other cultures and can fill in cultural gaps."

Sophomore Hilda Ding who is going to Tanzania this summer said, "I have always wanted to go to Africa, and this is a great opportunity to go at a good price."

Besides the terrific price, senior Julie Block who went to Rome last summer said the experience of traveling to another country was an eye opening experience.

For those students who are interested in the study abroad program but do not think they can afford it, Varela assures, "financial aid can be applied to these trips." There is a scholarship available for participants of the Rome trip to apply for in addition to other private scholarships that might be available for participants of the other trips.

To obtain information or applications for these programs or other study abroad programs the study abroad office is located in room E5340 of the Melville Library. The study abroad office conducts information sessions about these programs on Wednesday's during campus lifetime but students are also encouraged to stop by anytime when the office is open which is Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM and Friday's from 9am-11am. Students can call the office at 631-632-7030 or e-mail any questions to studyabroad@sunysb.edu.

"Money Makes The World Go Round" Acclaimed Investment Author Speaks on Economy

By KAREN RICE
Statesman Staff

Acclaimed author and award-winning playwright Barbara Garson spoke to Stony Brook students, faculty and staff, last Thursday, in the Earth Space Sciences Building, for the second part of the Provost's Lecture Series. The event was free and open to all.

Garson's lecture, entitled "Money Makes the World Go Around: One Investor Tracks Her Cash Through the Global Economy from Brooklyn to Bangkok and Back", was based on her recent critically acclaimed book of the same name. The book, now available in the campus bookstore, was called a minor masterpiece by Publisher's Weekly.

The Stony Brook Women's Studies Program and the Group for the Study of Working Class Life co-sponsored the lecture in honor of International Women's Day, which was the same day as the event.

Garson has authored three other highly successful works. Her play, "MacBird," sold over half a million copies, while her two classic books about the working class, "All the LiveLong Day" and "Electronic Workshop", help readers understand low wage and woman workers.

At the beginning of her hour and 15 minute lecture, Garson explained the inspiration behind her book. She explained the difference between today's

economy and the economy of the 1950's. She said saw the birth of a global village, the information superhighway and electronic banking come from an age of capital regulation.

"I was determined to find out what it is," she said of the today's economy. She said that in order to better understand the economy she must "Follow capital around the world."

Garson began her research by taking \$27,500 from her book advance and invested in a small town bank in Upstate New York. Garson said the town, which resembled "Its like Its A Wonderful Life," was the most wholesome she could find.

Garson explained that she sought out the most wholesome town she could find, to avoid corruption. "I wanted to know how money works, not how a mean guy could screw it up," she said, "I wanted to know the basics."

However, the town she chose, just as she planned, had no place to put her money. "Everything was already built, it was a mature economy," she said,

"They had nothing to do with my money and they passed it along-as I knew they would-to a correspondent bank, Chase."

Chase then invested her money in Mexico.

a growing economy. However her money had not been there long when it was involved in a peso crash. "It was a fluke," she said.

Her account then traveled to South East Asia, where it was invested in an oil refinery in Taiwan. "My money went to South East Asia. They were experiencing an exciting boom," she said.

Garson commented on how her lecture, held on International Women's Day, had a great deal to do with women's accomplishments in today's economy. She described a 17-year-old Tai girl named Squirrel, whom she met outside an oil refinery selling fresh fruits and vegetables to the workers.

"Squirrel had a Cinderella complex," Garson said. Squirrel left home to make her own way, and even refused to support anyone but herself, "I'm not going to send money home." Garson recounted of the girl. She said this was great self sufficiency, and an accomplishment for a working class woman in a developing country.

Garson concluded that today's economy could use improvement, and that the solution may lie in going back to the values of the 1950's and 1970's, when there was more regulation.

"Bring back capitalism," she said, "They need regulation for their own sake. We need to put back capital controls. It's like a-stop me before I kill

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The Saga Continues

Impeachment Process Pending Further Investigations

By PAUL O'FLAHERTY
Statesman Staff

The Polity Senate voted to reconsider its Feb. 22 vote to impeach three Polity student officials at its weekly meeting Wednesday night. Senate then formed another investigative committee to consider "new evidence" regarding the Student Polity Activities Board and to recommend action to the Senate.

Wednesday's meeting lacked the drama of last week's where more than 140 spectators showed up in response to the impeachment of Polity president Jonnel Doris, Polity treasurer Renee Johnson and SPAB chair Andy Auguste. Less than 60 spectators attended this week. Little noise was heard from the gallery and most left early after the vote to reconsider the

impeachment.

At the previous week's meeting, a senator motioned to reconsider the impeachment but Senate never voted. The Senate resumed discussion of that issue this week. Before the vote, Kaedrea Jackson, Polity vice-president and Senate chairperson, informed the Senate of the consequences of the vote. "If the motion to reconsider passes, then we're going to look at the motion for impeachment again," she said.

Twenty-three senators voted to reconsider. Seven voted against.

The senate then discussed the original motion to impeach. Several senators recommended forming another investigative committee to reweigh the evidence, consider new evidence, and make

recommendations. Andrew Murray, commuter senator and president of Commuter Students Association explained. "The committee found a few things that appear to be anomalies," Murray said. "SPAB has said they have an explanation for them." Chris Balk, another commuter senator said, "It's just the same old committee with new evidence." Thirty-three senators voted to form the committee with six voting against.

Later in the meeting, the Senate allocated \$42,286.25 with a breakdown of \$15,000 to senior activities; \$10,000 to the Polity Council for "conferences, forums, and programming;" \$5,000 to the freshman banquet; \$4,000 to SPA event staff for training; \$3136.25 to

Polity for the United States Student Association conference; \$2750 to the Capoeira club for "workshops and campus events"; \$1700 to Elections for the purchase of new voting software; and \$700 to fund a pre-med student's attendance at an American Medical Student Association conference.

Polity's budget for the current academic year is \$2.2 million. The \$86.50 per semester student activity fee paid by full time students furnishes most of Polity's budget. These allocations come from the "audit budget." The audit budget is a surplus in student activity fee collections from greater than expected student enrollment. The total audit budget is \$278,818. Polity has allocated the bulk of it.

The Universe is Reborn

Stony Brook Professor Lectures on the Birth of the Universe

By GENE TULMAN
Statesman Contributor

A mature audience gathered to witness Professor Thomas Hemmick's presentation on recent advancements in recreating the birth of the universe. He combined an avid speaking style with graphic visual aids in an attempt to effectively relate some of the more complicated ideas that the contemporary world of physics has to offer.

A fair amount of academically inclined individuals, including an almost nonexistent turnout of Stony Brook undergraduate students, gathered in a lecture hall of the Earth Space and Science (ESS) Building on Friday night.

Following an applauded introduction by the chairman of the Physics Department, Dr. Hemmick delved almost immediately into the topic. Having summarized the current model for the evolution of the universe, he proceeded to develop a number of insightful analogies of nuclear particles to college students. Comparing recreational student activities to particle interactions, he endeavored to explain some of the pertinent theoretical constructs of nuclear dynamics.

"I thought his analogies were excellent, he made things simple and then he went into more complex things, and then back to simple and more complex. So, I thought the way he structured it was very well done," said a local educator, Pam Bankey, while reflecting on Dr. Hemmick's instructional style.

Through the use of computerized slides, Professor Hemmick went on to describe the ground breaking heavy ion collision research that is currently taking place at the Brookhaven National

Laboratory (BNL) in Long Island.

Holding a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, as well as a faculty position in the Stony Brook Physics Department, Dr. Hemmick is one of the leading experimental scientists at BNL. He is particularly interested in the innovative Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC).

This new particle accelerator is 3.83 kilometers in circumference and currently includes the Brahms, Star, Phenix, and Phobos projects. RHIC is unique in the fact that it can collide ions (atoms whose electrons have been stripped away) as heavy as gold nuclei.

"[RHIC] can collide nearly any nuclear species on any other nuclear species, so it's very flexible," said Dr. Hemmick.

Professor Hemmick described the intense conditions that are required to recreate the theorized state of matter that was present for approximately 10 microseconds following the Big Bang in terms of extreme density and temperature. This harsh environment probably allowed for rearrangements of such elementary particles as quarks and gluons, which are theorized to make up the protons and neutrons of an atom's nucleus.

"We presently believe that the quarks should become deconfined, not isolated but deconfined, and that we have a new state of matter," pointed out Dr. Hemmick. This new state of matter is called the Quark-Gluon Plasma, and can probably be achieved with the use of the RHIC.

By employing sophisticated

analysis techniques of momentum, density, and temperature of this "plasma," scientists may be able to gain greater insight into the origin of the universe. Professor Hemmick expressed his confidence about this experiment by claiming that "if we can do it, we can make a little universe right in the laboratory."

The reality of applying the results of this experiment towards completely understanding the birth of the universe may be still premature, considering the fact that RHIC was first utilized only in the late summer of 2000.

The initial data is not yet fully explained. However, the RHIC projects will resume later this year, with the intentions of promoting newer

levels of scientific knowledge.

In the meantime, scientific tools, such as RHIC, can be used to motivate and educate the next generation of researchers.

"I teach earth science at high school and we teach the Big Bang theory, and I like to be up on what's going on with the latest research in the area," says a local instructor, Linda Horowitz, while referring to the significance of Dr. Hemmick's work. "I can bring it to my classroom and I'll even bring it down to a lower level than what he gave us."

In this way, experimenters like Professor Hemmick can ensure that the endless loop of scientific research is well maintained into the future.

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Editorials

Something to Fight About

Last week, various campus organizations sponsored a talk called Women, Freedom and Social Movements given by four extraordinary women who have already had quite a life and by no means are they through.

Jane Bai, Kathleen Cleaver, Esperanza Martel and Laura Whitehorn spoke to a small and intimate audience which for the most part held onto their every word. They spoke about the numerous social movements that they engaged in from the Civil Rights movement, to speaking out against the war in Vietnam to protesting South African apartheid and police violence. For just about all of the women, their struggles began during their college years.

After each woman had a chance to tell her tale of bombing the police benevolent association, getting involved

with the Black Panthers, fighting to end racism and seeking justice throughout the world, the floor was opened up to the audience. One person asked what, in these women's opinions, is different for the college aged person now compared to when they were in college? She wanted to know why it seemed that their generation had so much to fight for while these days, college students are so apathetic?

The female revolutionaries responded that it is a sign of the times. They had a war to protest against, we have computers. They had to fight blatant racism, we have MTV. There was something in the air that promoted fighting for what you believed in. Now we can just surf the Internet to find a cause to join.

There may not be a war threatening us, and blacks and whites are free to eat in the same restaurant but are the problems

these women sought to end solved? No, they are not and we have all but abandoned the fight that began long before we were born. So what will happen when they are gone? Will there be enough people to continue the fight to right the wrongs? Will there be a person like Esperanza Martel to fight on behalf of the victims of U.S.A. military action in Puerto Rico? Will there be another Jane Bai to fight for justice for those in prison?

Instead of focusing on what really needs our attention, we instead choose to fight amongst ourselves. Whether it be in school, in Polity Senate or on the streets. We need to follow the example of these women and others like them, the examples of people who can weed out the nonsense and find a cause to believe in. We have to stop fighting amongst ourselves and strive to leave a legacy that these women have helped leave for us.

Letter to the Editor:

Questioning Polity Actions Nothing New

Dear Editor,

There have been a lot of buzz words stirring in the air since the student government senate voted to impeach it's president, treasurer and chief officer of it's programming department (SPAB). Members of Polity Council (the veritable head of Polity's executive branch) have become downright Clinton'esque, in adopting the mantra that their persecution stems from "a lack of constructive dialogue." Even the Statesman jumped in on the spin-cycle. Recent editorials have been critical of the impeachment process. They lambasted readers critical of their editorial position (decidedly anti-impeachment) for avoiding accountability for their statements.

As always the centrifugal spin from "pro" and "con'sters" force the issues from their center. Certain favored terms if repeated enough dissolve all other ideas out of reality. "Accountability" and "constructive dialogue" are two terms we have been hearing however, that are actually good ideas, deserving to rise above the general buzz. The reader should take these concepts into consideration when finally making up his or her mind about the facts as they are

presented by Polity Council, Senate and Statesman.

For the most part Statesman's coverage has been fair. One glaring error in its reportage of the many developments was in adequately describing what really happened at the February 28 Senate meeting. What was perceived to be a very large and angry crowd of Stony Brook students rallying against the impeachment, it turns out was a group not actually very representative of our student body. Most of those in attendance were members of fraternity and sorority groups, which have collectively taken on the cause of exonerating their friends in SPAB. Several of those in the so-called gallery that night admitted to me that they weren't even Stony Brook students, but were just there at the behest of friends.

Nevertheless, the buzz created by the meeting has swayed public opinion to favor dropping the planned trial for considering the key allegations of the impeachment. Now it seems most senators are willing to simply give the offending parties a quick slap on the wrists, a veritable shrug of the shoulder and hope for in return a toothy promise not to do it again.

If that is the actual will of the student body then so be it-the

issue should slide if the wear of the response does not meet the level of the crime. If however, the senate believes that by dropping the trial they would have done the responsible thing, played the role of magnanimous consensus builder, that they are somehow building a conciliatory atmosphere in which better cooperation and openness can thrive-they have another thing coming. Throughout the entirety of its existence, Polity's executive branch and all its appointed appendages (such as SPAB) have abused and bullied to get its way at the literal expense of the student body and the senate. Though fairness prevents us from prosecuting individuals for the crimes of their predecessors, reason dictates that an underlying systemic flaw must constructively allow these abuses to continue indefinitely. New senators should be aware of what past senators have known. The abuses will continue and there is apparently nothing they can do to stop it.

The following is a small sample of Polity executive abuse from the last 7 years. All of these incidents are on record either in print or in Public Safety documents:

SPRING 1995

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A History of Polity Abuses

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President Crystal Plati is indicted in senate for her role in allocating a sizeable contract for NIA Inc., to consult and train members of 3TV. NIA folded as a company before it rendered any services but was still paid by Polity. It was later established that NIA was fronted by David Greene, a former Polity president and friend of Plati.

-Statesman requests Polity records involved with the NIA deal, citing public open record laws. Council refuses the request claiming Polity is not a public institution and therefore not subject to open record laws. Statesman sues for the records, beginning a year-long litigation.

SPRING 1996

President Annette Hicks and several other council members spend a weekend at a luxury resort in Colorado using funds in the Polity budget designated "council projects."

Statesman wins a landmark decision in which it is ruled Polity is in fact a public institution because it collects fees on behalf of the university. Though the judge rules council must release all NIA records, they never fully comply.

FALL 1997

SPAB (then known as SAB) schedules controversial City College professor Leonard Jeffries to speak on campus without giving notice to the general student body. Members of the Stony Brook Hillel are outraged that student funds are used for the event.

SPRING 1997

Vice-president Monique Maylor is cited for rampant abuses in her campaign to become

president. The citations ranged from over spending limits for advertisements and ripping down other candidates posters. A phone mail message was sent on her behalf to the campus community suggesting her opponents were racists.

Maylor and several other council members are reported in public safety records as having ambushed and terrorized an opposing candidate for election in his dorm room.

SPRING 1998

Then out-going president Monique Maylor is impeached for misappropriating Polity funds for a birthday party in her own honor.

Public safety record shows in-coming president Anika Gibb's boyfriend assaulted a WUSB DJ with a tazer gun after the latter made critical comments about Gibbs.

SPRING 2000

Council member and soon to be president Calvin Coleman and several other individuals assault an opposing presidential candidate.

FALL 2000

SPAB funds 5 individuals to attend a conference, for which three luxury double-bedroom lodges and two single bedrooms are leased. Two of these individuals stayed for an additional night after the close of the conference.

SPRING 2001

SPAB is cited for submitting three signature cards for their records, tripling the allowed number of students with the power to allocate student money. In addition, wide spread irregularities are discovered in their minutes

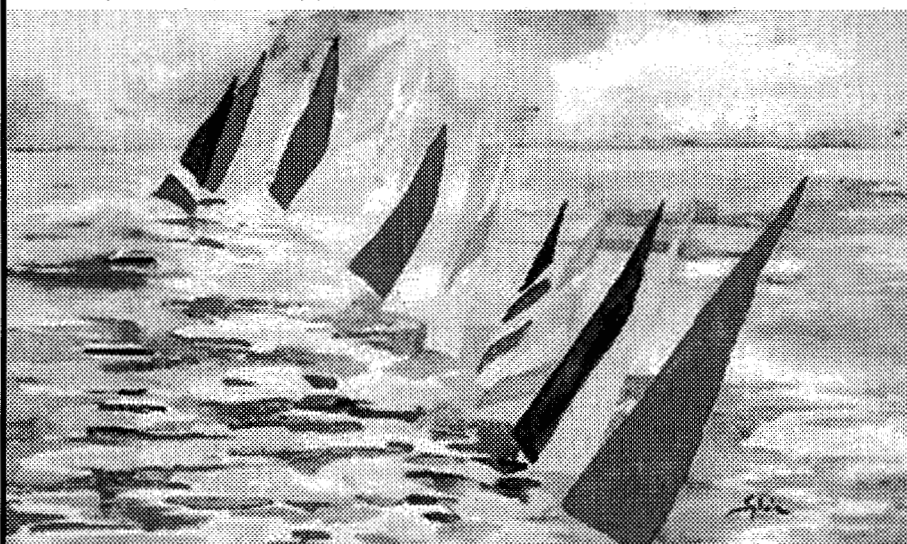
suggesting improper allocations made to individuals and erratic meeting times that effectively hamper public access.

All the above incidents (excepting the Maylor impeachment) have come to pass with very little if no inquiries made about them within the Polity system itself. That is little surprise because it has always been the long-term plan for those involved in these incidents to stir up acrimony within the one body that can lay down punitive action. Year after year members of Polity council try to pinpoint members of senate for bickering and for trouble mongering and labeling large blocks of senators (such as the commuter student senators, CSA) as somehow out of touch with what is best for the government. The less senators believe they can trust each other's motivations for inquiry, the more that can be gotten away with.

Cohesive organizations are those able to transmit information accurately about a wide variety of topics to most of their members without major losses or distortions. Polity senate is uniquely responsible for disseminating information about it's own activities for the student body and for it's own proper functioning. A trial for considering evidence of possible wrong doing is one such process of communication. This process is supported by the principles of accountability and constructive dialogue. The evidence at hand demand either exoneration or indictment. To preempt that process would be Polity politics as usual.

Sincerely, Dave Chow

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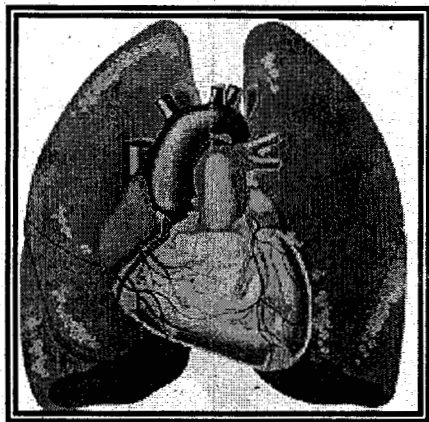
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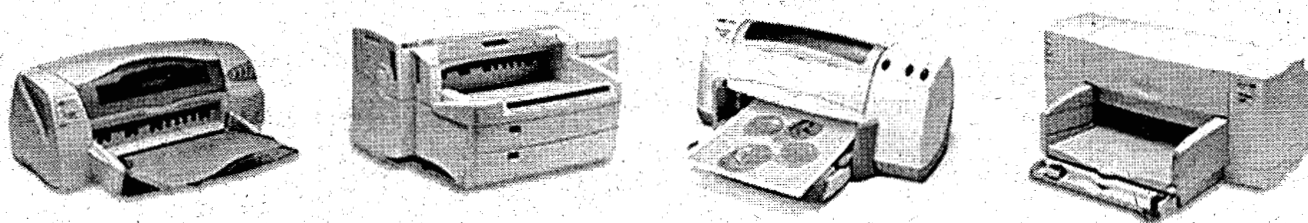
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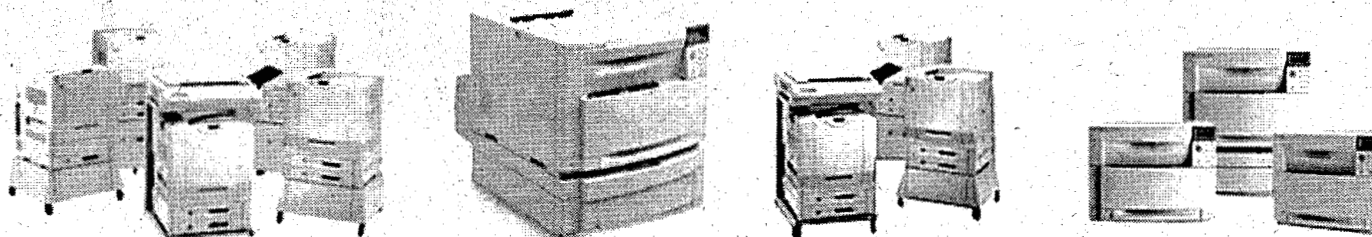
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Sports

A Program on the Rise

Coach Macarchuk Rejuvenates Men's Basketball Team

JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
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After a devastating and disheartening inaugural season, the Stony Brook men's basketball team began their second year as a Division I Independent, with more questions than answers.

Who would take over the point duties for Steve Pratta? How much could they get out of a former Big East prospect with one year of eligibility left? Would the freshmen be able to withstand the rigors of a 28 game season? One thing was for sure: the Seawolves and their tittering fan base could hardly afford another 6-23 season.

Then one by one head coach Nick Macarchuk and his men slowly began posting answers. Answers that not only surprised students and university officials, but also exceeded their own lofty expectations. When the smoke had cleared from the Seawolves' torrid run at home, USB was 13-1 at the Sports Complex. The 1977-78 team that won 14 games only bettered this season's home-win total.

"It moved a lot faster because a lot of people stepped up and did more than we thought they could do. Getting a Leon Brisport makes the [turn around] process speed up a lot quicker than it would," said Macarchuk. "But all five freshmen have had a lot to do with the 17 wins that we have had too. We also cut our schedule back a little bit and that seemed to help."

Stony Brook, which finished the year tops among all independent universities, had a 17-11 record that included a sweep of both SUNY rivals Albany and Binghamton. Such a feat was even more special because it was against Albany that the Seawolves guaranteed themselves their first winning season in nine years, when they edged the Great Danes 63-62 at home.

Although they played a much easier schedule, the Seawolves still faced some rather stiff competition, especially on the road. The Seawolves played and lost to three top 25 ranked teams on the road.

"No one wins on the road. It's very, very difficult to win on the road," said Macarchuk. "If you win on the road and you win at home then you're Stanford, then you're UNC or Duke. Even your best teams go on the road and lose."

However, this year there was a significant improvement in their level of play against the top tier programs. Whereas last year Stony Brook was out of the game from the tip off, the 2000-2001 version of the men's basketball team gave quite a scare to several big time programs.

Stony Brook posted *quality losses*, if there are such things, against Big East powerhouses UConn and Rutgers on the road, and to future America East rivals Hofstra at home. However, before they packed their bags for the Big Dance, otherwise known as the NCAA tournament, the Seawolves treated them to some tenacious play.

UConn, who was national champions just two years ago, was given all it could handle by Connecticut native Josh Little, who turned in his best game of the season. The senior guard was a lethal 6-7 from beyond the arch, as he blew up for 22 points against the Huskies.

An even closer look at this season reveals that Stony Brook played better than their 4-10 road record lends one to think. USB lost three overtime games on the road by an average of 3.7 points. A lucky bounce here or a favorable call there, and the Seawolves could very well have been 20-8 or better.

One thing is for sure - such heartbreaking losses and trips to inhospitable environments, such as Cole Field House in Maryland and the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City, have forced the young Seawolves squad to mature quickly over the past two years.

"The way you win on the road is that you have a good team, and you have an experienced team. You cannot go on the road with young players," remarked Macarchuk. "When the freshmen eventually become juniors, now they're hardened, cagey veterans. Then you take them on the road and if they're good, you can win. We're still a little ways from that."

In spite of their road woes, the Seawolves went on a tear towards the end of the season, winning 8 straight and even flirting with the notion of a National Invitational Tournament bid. Coming off of last year's abysmal showing the word NIT wasn't even in the vocabulary of anyone in the Athletic Department. So taken aback was the collegiate basketball community by Stony Brook's miraculous turnaround that there was talk of the former Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, Nick Macarchuk, being nominated for National Coach of the Year.

Macarchuk was quick to share credit for this year's success. "Whenever you have any success as a coach it is always because of other people, especially in a sport like basketball," he said. "In our wildest dreams we never thought we could accomplish what those guys have accomplished this year."

Though the loss of four seniors from the squad, in particular Leon Brisport, will leave a large void in the box score, Macarchuk is hoping that his battle hardened freshmen, along with junior transfers Patrick Spidler and Larry Jennings, will take up some of the slack.

This past year's senior class, of Brisport, Little, Rob Hartman, and Chris Balliro, was responsible for slightly more than half of the teams overall production: 38.3 points, 16.8 boards, and 6.4 assists per game. After graduating Brisport, the Seawolves' only true low post presence, USB will be forced to play a totally different style next year. Fans who were used to seeing DJ Munir walk the ball up the court, set up and execute the half court offence will be surprised. A flashier, quicker Seawolves squad, which will rely heavily on transition baskets and good jump shooting, will don



D.J. Munir shown here taking the ball to the hole, as he did on numerous occasions throughout the season.

the Stony Brook colors next season.

"It will be interesting to see the make up of our team next year and how the team will play," said Macarchuk. "We certainly won't play the same way next year. We're gonna try to press a little bit more and try to run a little bit more; try to open the court up."

Another development this year was Stony Brook's joining of the America East conference, along with Albany. The Seawolves will now be eligible for an automatic ticket to the Big Dance. Beginning next year, the Seawolves will play in the America East South where they will face fierce competition in the form of Delaware and Drexel. Fortunately for USB, conference powerhouse Hofstra, which will be making its second consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament, is in the America East North.

Conference play will be a new and difficult experience for Stony Brook and most likely, their record next year will reflect that. Nonetheless, the opportunity to play continuously against tougher opponents and the ensuing TV exposure will improve the program, as Macarchuk will be able to lure more highly touted recruits each year.

In their sophomore season, the men's basketball program had what looks likely to be the first of many solid years at the Division I level.