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By Andrea Rubin
 Statesman Associate News Editor

I-CON's move to independent status seems to have paid off.

I-CON, which is the biggest science-fiction convention in the northeast, attracted more than 4,000 people all together in its twelfth annual fair, according to according to I-CON student vice president Scott Withington. "We haven't finished counting receipts but from the size of attendance it's almost guaranteed we made money," he said.

The group became incorporated two weeks ago, and Withington says this is the most major change that the convention has gone through in the past year.

"The incorporation provides a greater continuity including a board of directors," said Withington. The board is comprised of alumni and student members. The incorporation insures that the school can not be responsible for any financial loss.

I-CON X lost \$50,000 in 1991 due to mismanagement, which almost caused the convention to be cancelled. But I-CON XI made \$1,400, and the improvement continued this year. "[Attendance] was at least 75 per cent up over last year," said Withington.

Success of the convention was due to precautions that Withington said were added this year. Television advertising was utilized, including commercials on Long Island and New York City cable systems, and a Pennsylvania PBS station.

In addition, there was more time for the club to prepare. According to Josh Justic, comics coordinator, the group has been planning the event since September.

The convention took out one million dollars in liability insurance for the first time because they wanted

"I think it's going to prove to be one of the most successful I-CONs yet."

— Student VP
 Scott Withington



The trading floor of I-CON XII in the Indoor Sports Complex.

Statesman / Chris Vacirca

I-CON, Inc.: *First independent convention draws 4,000*

to ensure that they were covered if any injuries or thefts occurred. "We took it at the recommendation of the Polity lawyer," said Withington.

The convention has not had much loss due to thefts, but this year Withington said there may have been more than usual. "We heard a few rumors that things were stolen," said Withington. "We'll wait for the full analysis."

There was virtually no chance of losing money,

said Withington. The final announcement of money earned will be made next Tuesday, and the profits will go towards next years conference.

Aside from a few guest cancellations, there were no major problems said Justic. "I've heard no complaints," he said.

Withington agreed that I-CON ran smoothly. "I think it's going to prove to be one of the most successful I-CONs yet."



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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events Monday, April 19, 1993

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Advance Registration for Fall semester begins. (Schedules for undergraduate and graduate students announced prior to registration.)

Exhibit. "Mountains Around About: Jerusalem in Israel Printmaking from the '70s and '80s." Union Art Gallery, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

March of the Living. Lisa Hauser will present a slide show on her trip to Poland and concentration camps. Room 236 Student Union, 1:30 p.m.

Holocaust Commemoration. Memorial service to remember the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Union Auditorium, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Cultural Festival Opening Week Ceremony. 7 p.m.-2 p.m. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union. Call Natalie Gaynor, 632-6828

Cultural Festival Film. "Mississippi Masala." 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. Free. Call 632-6828.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Cultural Food Festival. "Taste of the World." A diversity of foods, cultural dance performances, Earth Day exhibits, and music. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fine Arts Plaza (rain location: Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union).

Asian Heritage Night Culture Show 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Features a fashion show and cultural dances. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. Call 632-6828.

Contemporary Chamber Players. "Meet the Composer"- Charles Wourinen. 8 p.m. Studio A, Room 143, ECC. Call 632-7345.

Slide Show & Lecture, "Meaning of Cultural Diversity and Contemporary Israeli Art in the Middle Eastern Reality." Ami Steinitz, Open University of Israel. 8 p.m. Co-sponsored by B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation and Student Union and Activities. Room 236, Stony Brook Union.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Flea Market 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-level.

G-Fest Carnival (through April 25). 6 p.m.- 10 p.m., Thursday and Friday; noon-

midnight. Saturday; noon- 6 p.m., Sunday. Infirmiry Parking Lot.

Third Annual Cultural Extravaganza Cultural talent show featuring singing, dancing, modeling, cultural skits, and poetry reading. 7:30 p.m. Union Auditorium.

Cultural Extravaganza Sponsored by Balaam Mu Tau and Zeta Delta Phi. 10:00 p.m.- 2 a.m. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Caribbean Day Festival 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Music, dancers, steel band, exotic foods. Sponsored by Caribbean Student Association. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union.

Roth Quad Regatta 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. Wind or paddle powered, hand built cardboard boat race. Roth Quad Pond.

G-Fest Carnival 6 - 10 p.m. Infirmiry Parking Lot.

C.O.C.A. Film. "Home Alone II." 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Room 100, Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50; \$1 with SBID.

Caribbean Cultural Show 7-10 p.m. Display of Caribbean culture via skits, dance, song and comedy. Sponsored by Caribbean Students Association. Union Auditorium.

Caribbean Night Party 10 p.m.- 2 a.m. Sponsored by Caribbean Students Association. Union Bi-Level.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Latin Block Party Noon-6 p.m. Barbecue, comedians, dancing. Tabler cafeteria.

G-Fest Carnival Noon-midnight. Infirmiry Parking Lot.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Caribbean Students Barbecue Noon. Behind Gym, Sports Complex. Sponsored by Caribbean Students Association.

Gospel Choir Spring Concert 4-11 p.m. Location to be announced. For information, call 632-6828.

G-Fest Carnival Noon-6 p.m. Infirmiry Parking Lot.

C.O.C.A. Film. "Home Alone II." 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Room 100, Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50; and \$1 with SBID.

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SENIOR REP

Natacha Vincent

Next year's senior class may come back in the fall semester with a year of activities devoted to it, at least that's what Natacha Vincent says is going to happen.

"I want seniors to come back in the fall with activities that benefit them throughout the whole year," said Vincent, who is running unopposed for senior class representative after her only opponent announced plans to withdraw. "From what students have told me it should be a senior year, not just a senior week."



Vincent, who is presently SASU delegate, commuter senator and a member of three committees within Polity, said her experience has given her the edge because she gets input from students everyday.

"I've come in contact with literally at least 1,000 students who know me," she said. "They also know they can contact me anytime."

In her different positions she has conducted work-

shops, spoken at meetings and managed to get views of many student organizations. "My experience has improved my communication skills," she said.

"I'll fight my best to get what students want."

As for giving the seniors what they want, Vincent said she is ready to start and has already looked into some programs. "I want a committee of 10 people to count on," she said. "The goals I have set are going to take a lot of work."

Vincent said she wants to start with getting student input about commencement. "I've already spoken to the director of commencement," she said. "If elected I'm not going to wait until the fall to start working on it."

Vincent said she also want to set up more job fairs and mentorship programs where the seniors can advise the less experienced undergraduates.

"I am willing to work for you [students]. . . ." she said. ". . . you have to be willing to work for me too."

— Krista A. DeMaria

Candidate to withdraw

Larry Gallo, who petitioned successfully as a senior rep candidate, told *Statesman* last night he would withdraw from the race today.

He blamed time constraints for the decision and said he will still be active in the senior committee. He plans to run for IFSC president.

— Andrea Rubin

JUNIOR REP

Sandi Hui

Sandi Hui is intent on bridging the communication gap between the university community and the surrounding community. "I don't see many people from Stony Brook caring what goes on outside the university and vice versa," says Hui. "There seems to be something bitter there."



Hui sees the solution as a mutual effort by both sides. "I think the community should support the University more," she says. "Likewise, the students should get out more. The campus doesn't have to be so confining." As Junior Class Representative, Hui would encourage polity members to attend Town Meetings.

Hui, 18, is no stranger to leadership roles. In high school in Astoria, Queens, she was secretary of her senior class government and currently, she is Leg President of Gray College.

While she doesn't consider herself a politician, Hui has learned how to deal with polity and the administration. As a member of her legislature, she has worked on the polity voter registration drive and as a freshman, she was on the academic affairs committee.

In addition to more interaction with the community, Hui would like to see the students involved more with each other. "I'd love to see some more fun events on campus," she says. "We need to boost morale."

Hui is also interested in her classmates' futures. "We need more career development programs," she says. "Junior year is the hardest but it's also the time to start thinking about our careers. I'd like to give juniors a hand."

But no matter her positions or goals, she is not just out for some prestige. "I'm doing this for the students, not for myself," says Hui. "I'm not into politics; just helping people."

— Andrew J. Avril

Sheila Rios

Sheila Rios doesn't think students have enough control over the direction of the university. "We just don't have enough input," she says. "Student's pay so much to go here and yet they have so little control."

For example, Rios says, if there is an activity students want on campus, they have to ask the permission of the administration. "But if the admin say no, that's it. The students have no say and I want to change that."

Rios also finds that administration doesn't ask the students what they need. "They just say, 'This is what you get and that's it,'" she says. "Administration doesn't care about students."

Rios, 20, is from Bay Shore, where she is the leader of a local youth group of people 13 to 25 years old. On campus, she is involved with Minorities in Medicine and C-STEP. She is also the receptionist in the polity office so she feels she has a good grasp on the workings of the organization.

In addition to the administration's non-interest in the students, Rios would like to see the students become more involved with what polity is doing. "They know about the main issues in Polity," she says, "but there are so many other things being discussed and decided that the students aren't a part of."

Another issue Rios would like to address is student body morale. "The student's aren't really into the school," she says. Rios is a transfer from Johnson and Wales University(sp?) in Rhode Island and says she has seen from a different perspective how things could be done. "I'd like to boost student spirit and make people proud to come to Stony Brook."

Rios says that she will really listen to the students. "I think I have an open mind to what the students need. If they say, 'I think the campus needs this,' I'll get on it."

— Andrew J. Avril

(Sheila Rios was not available for a photo.)

SOPH REP

Joseph Fraioli

Joseph Fraioli stays on campus every weekend and he wants more students to join him.

Involvement is the most important issue to

Fraioli and he said that he wants to change the way the university is like Death Valley. He said he is going to keep students here by having a pizza night along with COCA movies, and activities such as a casino night. "I want to give resi-



dents a reason to stay and commuters a reason to come back," he said. "A lot of the faculty and student leaders can't help but get frustrated at [events] turn out."

Fraioli is Greeley College legislature president, captain of an intramural soccer team, Pre-Physical Therapy Association member, and involved with WUSB. "I'm really involved," he said. "I go to basketball games, football games, meetings and workshops."

Another issue that he said he would like to focus on while sophomore representative is recycling. He said that although there are recycling receptacles, it is the law and not enough is being done. "It's one of the reasons I don't plaster the campus with my posters," he said.

Fraioli said that he would be a good representative because he has the experience from Greeley and he attends senate meetings so he has a good grasp of what is going on. While petitioning he gathered a list of complaints he wants to work on. In addition, he said that he is willing to give students his room phone number so they can get in touch with him to express ideas or problems. "I want to be there for the students," he said.

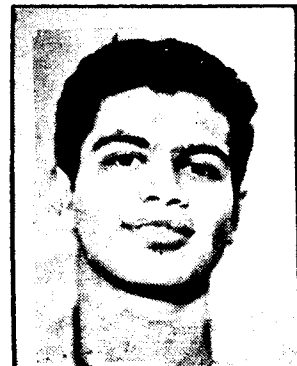
— Andrea Rubin

Raj Jadav

Raj Jadav wants to use a newsletter to keep students informed on what's happening in Polity.

Jadav said he wants to get students involved,

and educate them on where their student activity fee money is going. He said he would publish a newsletter which would be distributed to students and inform them on any changes being made in Polity. In addition, the newsletter would also



ask for issues that they want addressed in senate meetings. "A lot of students don't what Polity is or when elections are," he said.

Because people do not know enough about the universities clubs and organizations, they do not get involved, according to Jadav. He said a lot of students want to get involved they just don't know how.

Jadav, who came to the United States from India approximately three years ago, is a member

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MEET THE POLITY CANDIDATES

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of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and a committee to try to organize a men against rape group.

Another issue he said he wants to concentrate on is the student activity fee. He said some of the money is being wasted and could go to better uses. "I want to think about forming a sophomore committee to help with the newsletter and help go through student opinions," he said.

He said he approves of the athletic fee being separated from the student activity fee. "I want to put my opinion there to allocate money to get to Division I," he said.

Jadav said he is open-minded and honest which makes him the most qualified for the job. "I like people being honest with me," he said. "If they don't like the way I'm doing anything they should let me know face-to-face."

— Andrea Rubin

Ryan Mitola

Ryan Mitola believes he knows the recipe for success. Mitola is running under the platform of student interaction, student programming and student involvement. "Involvement is the key issue to getting things done," he said.



Since he came to Stony Brook, Mitola has gotten involved in the rugby team, intramural sports, and the freshman committee. "I just got involved this semester," he said. "Last semester I adjusted to Stony Brook and observed."

Polity members such as Corey Williams and David Greene motivated Mitola to get involved. "They talked to me one on one and got me interested," he said.

During this semester he went to Albany when SASU and USSA had administrative conferences. Mitola said he learned how to organize a committee and a lot about the issues affecting Stony Brook. In addition Mitola worked on the freshman committees Multi-Cultural Mind and Body Convention, held on April 1. He said he wrote letters to companies and students, organized a table in the union, and helped with advertising. Mitola said this is an example of how things get done when students interact. "We all did different things but we all worked towards a common goal,"

he said. "It made me realize all the things you can do."

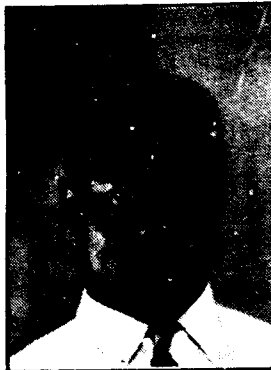
Mitola said that he knows a lot of the students on campus and this will help him educate them, an issue he feels is the best way to help get students involved. "If you get students to interact the more apt they will be to want to accomplish things together," he said. "There is a lot of enthusiasm and talent that is not tapped in this campus."

— Andrea Rubin

Nelson Tajong

Nelson Tajong said he wants students to get more for their money.

Tajong said that students pay too much money to go here but don't get enough in return. He said he wants to improve student life, and make it more fun for them. He believes that too many students just go to class and go home. "A large part of learning takes place out of the class," he said.



Tajong is a Benedict senator, member of the African Students Union, the Stony Brook Gospel Choir, SAINTS, and the careers in science technology and entry programs. He was the chairman of the budget subcommittee but said he stepped down because his schedule made doing the job impossible. "I've made contacts with influential people in student government," he said. "I can cut through the bull."

One important issue Tajong wants to deal with is having each cafeteria serve a specific ethnic meal each night. He wants cafeterias to provide more, such as Chinese, Caribbean, and Italian food nights.

Tajong said that he wants to decrease the price that clubs and organizations pay to rent out the union. "They already pay the student activity fee," he said.

Since the current freshman class will spend more time at the university than any other group, Tajong said they need a representative who can adequately represent them. "They need a strong rep who doesn't just know what the problems are but knows how to deal with the problems," he said. "A lot of people get into office and realize things can't be done."

Tajong said he is most qualified because he is dedicated and already has a plan. "I have a firm grasp of what needs to be done," he said.

— Andrea Rubin

SASU REP

Adrienne D'Achilli

Communication and organization is Adrienne D'Achilli's key to success, and she says those qualities are the ones that would make her the right student for SASU delegate.

Junior D'Achilli transferred to Stony Brook from Dowling College, where she was involved in public relations and the business association. She has spent one semester as assistant project leader for NYPIRG, and one semester as project leader. She is also a member of the pre-law society. Her experiences with these organizations have made her believe that student empowerment is most important. "I believe in fighting for higher education," she said.



But D'Achilli wants to fight for a lot more than higher education. Her other concerns are financial aid, making herself accessible to the public and working for the disabled. "I'm all for it if it's going to help the campus," she said.

Although she said it is difficult to get student opinions with so many students, she wants students to contact her and express their feelings. "I'm always open to student opinions," she said.

Student participation is also important to D'Achilli. "Students [should be] more involved," she said. "It is their school." One way she would go about doing this is getting in touch with the students. "Different things have brought me in contact with the students," she said. "I'd like to speak at different club meetings and try to outreach to the students."

D'Achilli said her experience with NYPIRG helped her learn skills she would need as SASU representative. "I am a very organized and motivated person," she said.

— Krista A. DeMaria and Andrea Rubin

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Budget, amendment items also on ballot

By Andrea Rubin
Statesman Associate News Editor

Candidates aren't the only items on the Polity ballot Wednesday. Student voters are being asked to add new items to the student activity fee.

If all referendums pass, the student activity fee—which funds all Polity clubs and organizations—will be \$139.50 next year. It is currently \$152.50. The savings would come from removing the athletic fee and making it a new, separate fee.

The following is a list of proposed referendums approved by the Polity Council last week. All referendums last three years. All dollar values represent annual allocations per student:

• **Separate Intercollegiate Athletic Fee (\$30)** — The NCAA requires the universities to control the athletic funding. By having the athletic fee as part of the activity fee, Stony Brook is in violation of this rule because the

activity fee is an unstable source of funding since every three years students can vote to cut the funding

If this referendum passes, the student activity fee would decrease by \$24 per year, but a new fee of \$30 per year would be established. This would cost students an additional \$6 per year. A cap of \$60 was set, and if it passes, the fee will not have to be renewed and will be in control of the athletic department.

• **Statesman (\$2)** — This allocation is a renewal of a three year referendum. The money would help to maintain the 12,000-copy-circulation for each edition.

• **SPA Security (\$5)** — This allocation would go to subsidize costs of providing security for Polity club sponsored events. If it passes, clubs who hire Polity security would pay less for the service because a percentage of the referendum money would go to pay these costs.

• **SBTV (\$5)** — This item was on the ballot last year for \$10 and failed. This money would go towards equip-

ment cost and setting up direct lines of communication to broadcast. The bylaws are already in place, and it would be completely student run.

• **USSA (\$1)** — This is the oldest student run organization in the country that lobby's the federal government. They are asking for a 50 cent increase to pay for a regional coordinator who would be the link between the university and Washington.

• **SASU (\$4)** — This allocation is a renewal of a three year referendum. SASU lobby's within the state for the betterment of the SUNY system.

• **PSC (\$5)** — The function in the past was to give funding and representation to new clubs and organizations. PSC wants to expand to include separation for student enterprises and possibly funding an IFSC community program. The allocation would allow more than \$20,000 to go to both the enterprises and IFSC.

• **Rugby Club (50 cents)** — This club, founded two years ago, was on referendum last year and failed. If it passes, the money would go towards travel expenses, equipment and rugby dues.

• **Ice Hockey Club (\$2)** — This allocation is a renewal of a three year referendum. The club was 1992 Long Island Champions.

• **Shelanu (\$1.50)** — This is the monthly Jewish-community oriented newspaper. It is the publication's first time on the referendum ballot.

• **Patriot SportsSignal (\$2)** — This new all-sports-paper is asking for the money to expand its circulation and athletic coverage.

There also are two constitutional amendments on the ballot:

- Make SASU and USSA reps senate members.
- Establish a standing committee within the senate that would be responsible for taking political action such as letter writing and lobbying on behalf of the university.

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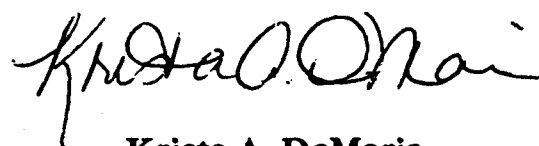
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Editorial

Support an Independent Athletic Fee

Athletic programs are the most apparently visible showcase any school has to offer. The new athletic fee, created to help us move towards Division I, would enhance the university by joining the students, faculty and community to share in the athletic achievements and losses.

One cannot travel around the country carrying awards and other achievements as advertisement for a school's accomplishments in much the same way an athletic team can. When you think of Notre Dame do you think of their English department or their football team?

This university has an inferiority complex. You see most people walk around with sweatshirts from other schools, but the creation of a strong sports program would advertise our school. . . it's called school pride. Students seem to want to leave as soon as possible and sever all ties with their alma mater, and everybody seems to "end up" here, rather than strive to attend such a fine institution as ours, grossly maligned by those without a knowledge of our well-publicized global achievements.

Part of the reason can be attributed to our rather weak

athletic department. We are about to embark on a journey of epic proportions. This Wednesday, students have the opportunity to change the face of our school forever, and we feel, for the better, by voting to separate the Intercollegiate Athletic Fee from our Student Activity Fee.

The present fee is \$24 per year, and is attached to the student activity fee. In addition to this, a six dollar increase is being sought. This new and independent \$30 (maximum) fee is considered "seed money," as once this new and expanded athletic program takes root, it will generate its own income and a hefty profit. That in itself is a major benefit, but here are others:

- Our degree will increase in value. Nothing warms the mind of an admissions officer than a well-known name in many disciplines, athletic as well as academic.
- Our spirit will skyrocket. People will have something other than politics about which to talk and argue. It will create a bright new conversation piece to be added to an otherwise dull puzzle.
- Facilities will improve. With the money expected to be gained by

higher attendance, better quality play, and more community involvement, equipment for use by all can be purchased and maintained to higher standards.

Statesman sees this move to let the present athletic fee stand on its own, with the modest increase of three dollars per semester over the present \$12 per semester, as the welcome of one of the biggest opportunities for advancement this school has ever seen. We should not work against it for the benefits stated above, and for personal satisfaction in being the agents that vaulted your school into stardom.

Get Out and Vote

Regardless of your stance on any of the candidates or referendum items, we urge you to get out and vote in Wednesday's election. It's one of the rare times anybody here cares what you think.

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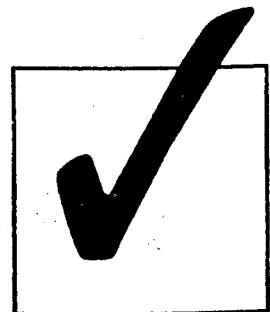
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Experts say compromise is the key.

When mates pray separately

By Ilana Beckerman
Special to Statesman

Hands shaking with anxiety, she prepares to eat Christmas dinner with her boyfriend's family. While everyone is saying grace, she tries to remain discreetly silent. After dinner, Tracie Rosenson and her boyfriend head to her house to eat again, but this time to celebrate Chanukah.

This is just one of the problems that can occur when people of different religions come together in a relationship. Many students have had to deal with these difficulties and have varying positions on the role of religion in relationships.

"I've had a Catholic, Italian boyfriend who said to me that the Jews killed Jesus," says Rosenson, a 21-year-old majoring in English. "He was so positive of this that, even when I showed him that the Bible says differently, he still insisted on blaming my entire religion for crucifying Jesus. Also he was always telling me that I was going to burn in hell for being a Jew. It's rather obvious why we broke up."

However, this experience didn't cause Rosenson to stop dating people of other religions. "Now, I'm in a long term relationship with another Catholic, but things are a lot different," she says. "We respect each other's beliefs and make compromises that accommodate both. We're not always successful, but we love each other so we keep trying."

"I think individuals are more important than religion," says Adam Mandelbaum a 19-year-old Anthropology and History major who is currently involved with someone of his own religion, Judaism. "To me it wouldn't have made a difference what my girlfriend's religion was, but to my family it's very impor-

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Frustration in computer lab

By Annette Deinzer
Special to Statesman

Darren Roberts typed on a computer in the computer lab at the campus library, he stared intensely at the monitor mumbling to himself, as his fingertips tapped away. When he asked a fellow student for help, the student was happy to assist him, but as the student reached for the computer keys, Roberts jumped up quickly.

"No! Don't! Don't!" Roberts yelled. "Oh my God, if you lose my work I'm gonna die!"

These were not the words of a paranoid man but of a student whose behavior was based on frustration. Frustration stemming from having to rely on an overcrowded, understaffed computer room.

There is simply not enough computers to accommodate student need, said Nancy Duffrin, the coordinator for instructional computing. "There are approximately 60 terminals at this Sinc Site," said Duffrin, who estimates that 10,000 students use the Sinc Site on a monthly basis.

The computing center doesn't have enough employees and limited staff has a lot to do with the students frustration, said Duffrin. "An additional part of the problem is staffing," she said.

According to Duffrin, in the fall semester of 1992, nine of the employees at the Office of User Services, who helped faculty, staff and students with computers, lost their jobs because of budget cuts. "There's not as many people to help and do the same jobs," Duffrin said.

As a result there are three full-time employees and a part-time secretary who work in the Sinc Site. There are also a number of student assistants.

Roberts, a 26-year-old science interdisciplinary student, uses the computer room frequently. "The Sinc Site is very hot, cramped and non-ventilated," he complains. "It's a very frustrating place to do work. Often I've had to wait two hours for a computer that's going to lose my work...." he says. Roberts explains that there have been times when he has followed all the instructions, continually saved his work, only to find that when he goes to print, he's work will have disappeared. "I'll moan and complain to the employees... and they say there's nothing they can do. It's not easy to get help," he says. "I wish this school would budget it's money better to facilitate the students more."

Duffrin sympathizes with the students. "I think it's very frustrating for students to stand on line. I suggest that a student does not wait until the last minute to get an assignment done," she says. "Also, it is better to go to the Sinc Site during the morning hours and on Thursday and Friday evenings. Saturday is especially good for getting work done because the room is not as busy."

Duffrin stresses that the staff is there to help. "One thing we do daily is to help students retrieve disks and their files from the trash," she says. "Sometimes disks go bad. There are times when we can retrieve it partially, totally, or not at all. When we're successful in doing this it's very satisfying. When it's not retrievable it's frustrat-



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The computer lab in the library has 60 terminals for an average 10,000 students a month.

ing. When our users are happy, we're happy. When they're sad, we're sad."

Fred Brown, a 25-year-old cardiorespiratory science student, has found it difficult at certain times to find a computer available. He explains his aggravation at, "trying to meet deadlines but you don't have the tools to complete the job."

Brown says that, "I find myself in a dilemma because... I sometimes have to cut a class in order to complete the job, but then I fall behind in my other classes."

Students have become increasingly dependent on the use of computers because their classes require them to do so.

David Titus, a 34-year-old undergraduate student, works as an assistant at the Sinc Site. "The problem is not in the Sinc Site itself. The problem is the demand for it," he said. "You have more classes that demand word processor quality work at the college level and not enough computers. What the Sinc Site should be is a place that you go to get some of your work done, but not all of our work."

Titus agrees that at certain times there are not enough personal computers to meet the students demands. "There could be several ways to solve this problem. One way would be to have a policy where students can purchase a Macintosh or a IBM compatible directly through the school. I know there is some sort of loan available to buy a computer but no one seems to know how to get it."

The busiest times to try and use a computer in the Site are when students are doing their mid-terms and the end of the semester.

On a busy day, it is not unusual for students to have to sign their names on waiting list for a computer. Augusto McIntosh, a 23-year-old student majoring in biology said, "The computers... are fine. But very often it seems to be crowded and it doesn't seem like there's enough computers." Students are working under tremendous pressure and deadlines to get their work done. "To be honest there have been times when I've had to miss a class," said McIntosh. "However, it's not because of the Sinc Site itself. It's because I waited till the last minute."

CAMPUS VOICES

By Andrew J. Avril

Question of the Week:

How far behind are you in your studies?



"I can't even catch up. I'm totally screwed. I'll be here for the next 10 years."

Carolyn Kim, 20
Class: Sophomore
Major: Undecided

"That's a stupid question. Too far."

Tami Shine, 22
Senior
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"I'm actually on time And they're even real classes."

Jerika Giwner, 19
Sophomore
Multi Dicipinary Studies

"Does last semester count?"

Christina Casillo, 21
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REVIEWS



Paramount Photo

The idyllic marriage of David (Woody Harrelson) and Diana Murphy (Demi Moore) is challenged by a wealthy financier who offers them a million dollars to spend one night with Diana.

Indecent Proposal decent

By Linda Schramm

Special to Statesman

Let's put the moral issue aside. *Indecent Proposal*, which opened on April 7, isn't really about the proposal itself. Why a married woman accepts an offer to sleep with another man for a million dollars isn't the most interesting aspect of the film. The viewer went to the movie knowing that she does "it", but the intrigue enters when the the husband and wife *both* agree to the agreement. The audience anticipated the break up or make up, but in the end the outcome was exciting and so was the movie.

What's most fascinating about the picture is the affect the proposal has on the characters. Diana, played by Demi Moore, and David, played by Woody Harrelson, truly believed that their marriage could survive, just as long as the two of them act as if it did not happen, and forget about it. They agree to never talk about it. It isn't soon after the fact that they realize this is impossible. David comes to the point where he says that he can't pretend like nothing ever happened. In his mind, he keeps seeing Diana with John Gage, the billionaire who makes the proposal, played by Robert Redford.

It takes David until almost the end of

the picture to realize that when people who love one another hurt each other, it isn't forgetting what happened that will see them through it, it's forgiving them.

No one walks away unaffected, including John Gage. From the start he's our villain. While his role doesn't really change from that of a dirty old man, he does have some redeeming qualities, few as they are. At one point in the film, Diana says to Gage, "I hate you", and his reply is that "you only wish you hated me", which is true. Diana, as well as the audience truly wants to hate him. It's much more comforting when there is someone who is just evil, whom we can hate and blame. You just don't walk away hating him because he did care for Diana, and in his own sick way, he came across as being quite charming.

The film itself is wonderful in the sense that it really makes you think. Especially about your own life, your relationships, your values. While most of us can not relate to being propositioned with cash, the question of can we be bought arises. While those who are a bit more self righteous can stand and say, I can't be bought at any price, you have to wonder. Why are we with the people we are with, what sold us on them? Looks? Charm? As John Gage says, everything is for sale, it's just a matter of finding its price.

Coverdale / Page a winner

By Ary Rosenbaum

Statesman Staff Writer

Few records of the past year have been surrounded by more hype and rumors than *Coverdale/Page* recorded by former Whitesnake vocalist David Coverdale and ex-Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page. While the new disc fails to live up to the highest standards that these veteran rockers have created over the years, it's far from their worst effort either.

The hard rocking songs of *Coverdale/Page* help bring back classic English blues and rock back to the forefront of the heavy metal movement. The pair have constructed a delicate blend of old and new music, presenting a series of classic-guitar driven songs that seem to thrive on unexpected vocal nuances and state of the art musical and recording technology. Jimmy Page, always one of the most innovative forces around both on stage

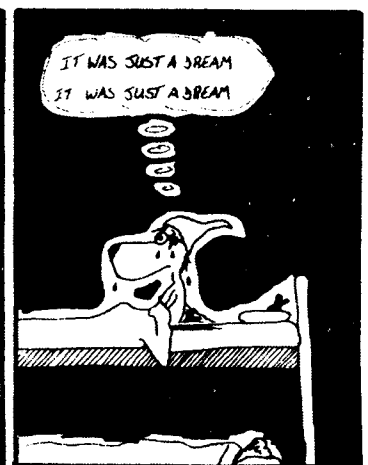
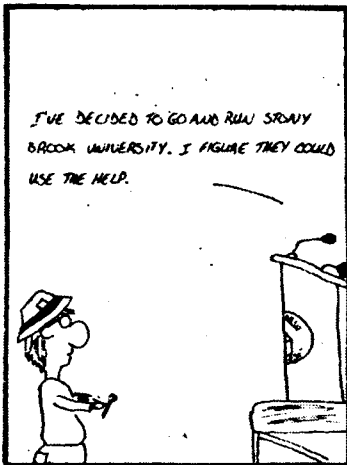
and in the recording studio, has once again proved his legendary status by helping his new band instantly attain a sound designed for the 90's.

The album is filled with excellent songs. Jimmy Page's renowned work as guitar legend is fully evident on songs like "Shake my Tree;" "Pride and Joy;" and "Feeling Hot." The gems on this album are "Take a Look at Yourself;" and "Pride and Joy." "Take a Look at Yourself" is a ballad that is not guitar driven. "Pride and Joy" is the most blatant Led Zeppelin rip-off, but is still a great work of music. "Over Now" is a perfect example of the English blues/rock that Coverdale/Page are masters of.

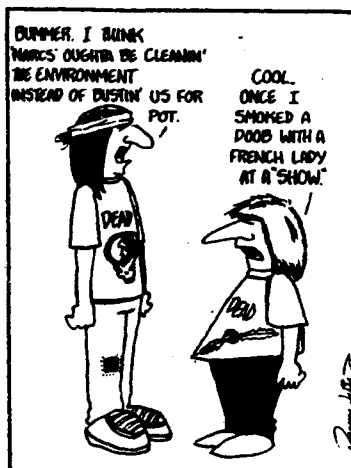
Will the tandem of Coverdale and Page make everyone forget Led Zeppelin or Whitesnake? Probably not. Overall, *Coverdale/Page* is a very good album. Fans of Led Zeppelin, Whitesnake, and blues-rock should pick this album up. *Coverdale/Page*, the self-titled debut album of the English tandem is a winner.

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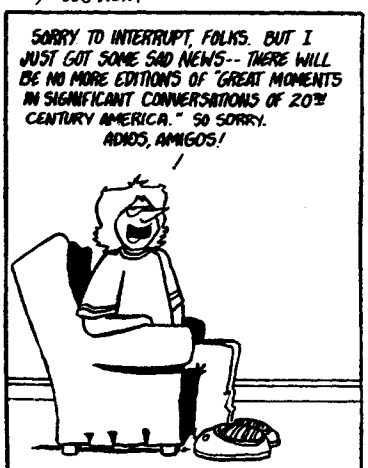
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BEE'S WAX



By BOB WEAR



Interfaith couples learn to cooperate

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tant."

Bringing someone of a different religion home to Mom and Dad resulted in a major problem for one student. "My parents would barely even speak to her. Every time she asked them a question, they would look at her like she was a creature from another planet," says a 20-year-old Psychology major and a Political Science minor who wishes to remain unidentified. "Finally, I took pity on her and just brought her home. She never spoke to me again and I don't blame her. I've learned to keep my dates far away from my family."

"I'm a catholic and my boyfriend's a Methodist," says Joanie Sexton, a 23-year-old English major. "You wouldn't think this would cause major problems, but it definitely did. He used to constantly down-grade my religion and, when I would defend it, he would question the seriousness of my faith. Ironically, when our relationship was having problems, he would go to my church to try impress me."

The director of the Inter-Faith Center and Hillel, Rabbi Joseph S. Topek, says, "For some students, dating someone of another religion isn't an issue and for a lot of students, for whom it is an issue, they don't do it because they don't want to start a relationship with someone of

another religion."

"I advise students to try and think carefully about the issue and about what it might mean in terms of their future," says Topek. "Things will come up later that they didn't anticipate. They start to confront questions like if she wants to celebrate Christmas and he doesn't want to, if he wants the baby circumcised and she doesn't understand why and he can't really explain...why he wants to do these things when it wasn't important to him before. Suddenly, they're faced with all these decisions that they were never faced with before. Ultimately, it can cause a strain, but students are adults and they have to make their own decisions."

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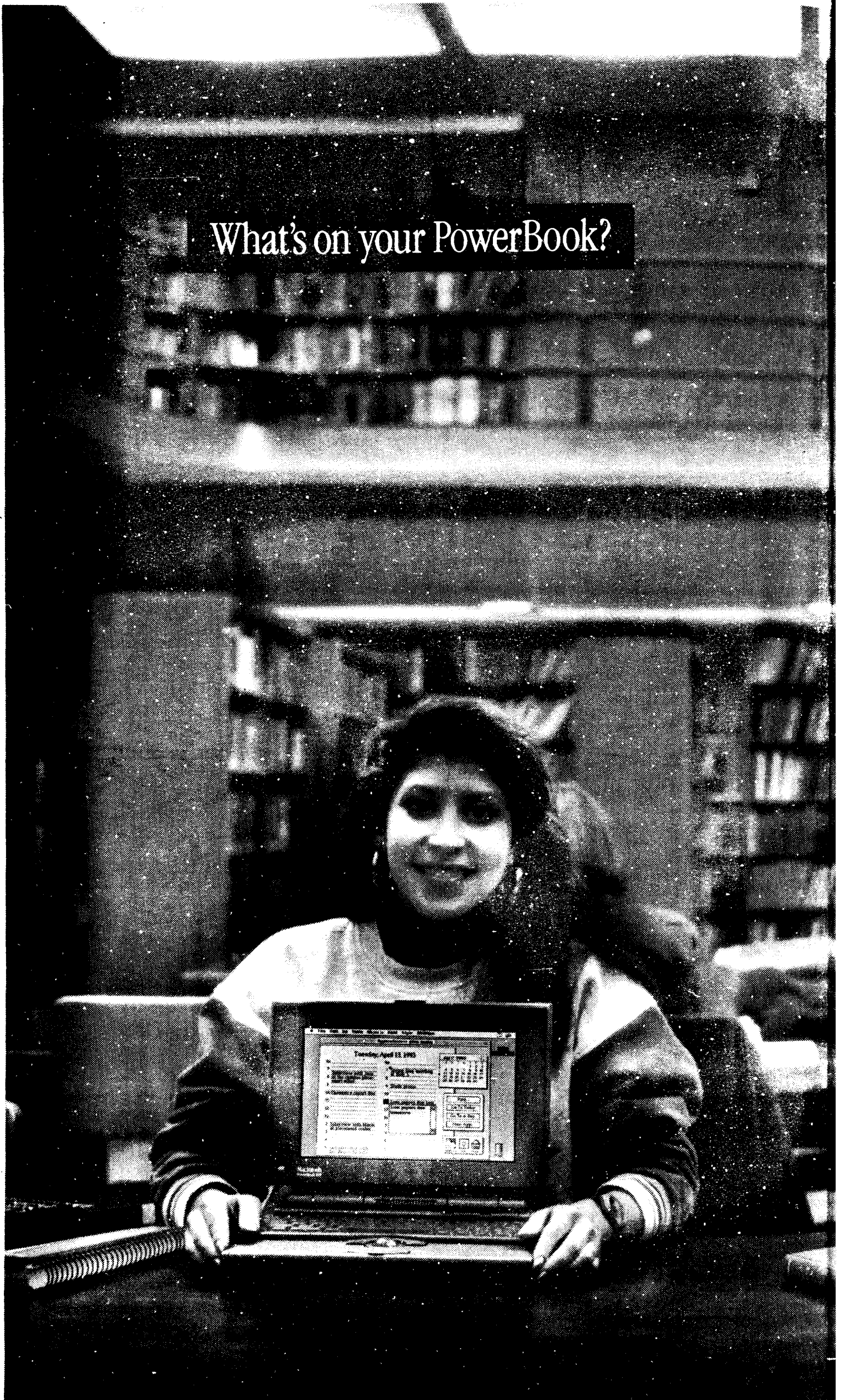
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Two warriors clash at the Medieval Live Action Guild, part of the ICON-XII convention over the weekend. Two teams fought their way around campus. No one was hurt or killed.

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A weekend of Asian heritage

By Dini Nair
Special to Statesman

An Asian celebration has come alive on campus when the first annual Asian Heritage Week began last week.

The week emphasizes the brilliance of the Asian Culture. "It is one week to show what the Asian mystic is all about," said Salil Akhtar, a junior and one of the Fashion Show coordinators.

One of the events of the week is Asian Expo '93 featuring a fashion show and cultural performances by the various Asian clubs. The fashion show will be promoting various Asian designers and will be modeled by various Asian students. "It is all about showing that Asians can be beautiful and talented and not just book smart as they are usually perceived," said Amy Moon Yun Chang, choreographer for the fashion show.



Choreographer Amy Moon Yun Chang

Many of the Asian students are proud to finally see a week in which the Asian culture is promoted. "There is black history month, women's history month, why not Asian? So we thought we would start low with Asian Heritage Week," said Sophomore Miulina Ng, who also coordinated the fashion show.

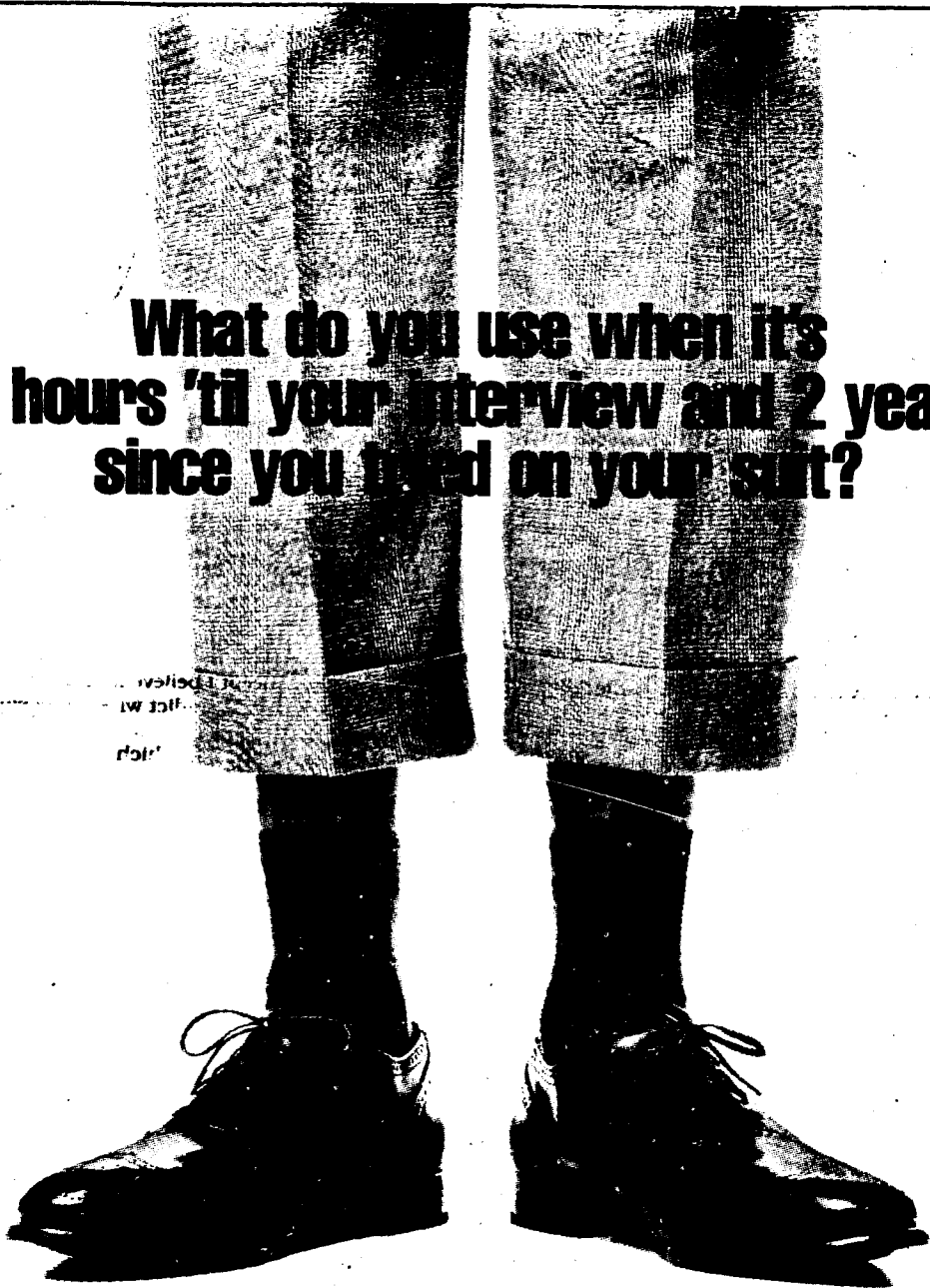
The week is being sponsored by the Asian Club Officers' Roundtable and Network. ACORN is an organization of six Stony Brook Asian clubs, who have joined together to form an Asian solidarity. "It is a club to express our culture and be proud of it," said Suja Varghese, vice-president for the organization.

The theme of the week is past knowledge for future generations. "This means that we must never forget our past or our traditions even though we are in a different country and this isn't just for our generation but for the generations to come," said Chang.

The students who are participating in Asian Expo '93 want to express their individual culture and learn about others. "At first I got involved because I thought it would be fun, but now it has become a learning experience because we all get together and learn about each other," said Sophomore Abigail Dela Cruz.

Asian Expo '93 is Wednesday at the Student Union Auditorium from 7 pm to 10 pm. There is a free party afterwards for all in the Union Ballroom. "If you want to see what the Asian culture is all about, check it out," says Akhtar.

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CREATIONISTS RESPOND TO ACCUSATION

On Thursday, April 1, 1993, at 7:00 PM at the Javits Building, Rm. 100, a spirited but cordial debate was held on the topic: "The Theory of Evolution is not Superior to the Theory of Special Creation". Dr. Elov Axel Carlson, PhD., from the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, SUNY at Stony Brook defended Evolution, and Dr. Duane Gish, PhD., from the Institute for Creation Research defended Creation. After the completion of the formal debate, the audience participated in questioning the two speakers. During this exchange, a Professor from the Department of Ecology and Evolution asked Dr. Gish a question relating to transitional forms in the fossil record and after Dr. Gish's reply, stated "I absolutely question your honesty.... You do this all the time! You shouldn't do this! Shame on you!"

In the interest of defending the honor of Dr. Gish and setting the record straight, the following exchange is printed verbatim from the video recording of the debate, along with a full documentation of Dr. Gish's statements. The nature of the allegation far exceeds the legitimate polemics inherent in a debate and merits a public response. The Professor's name, although known, will not be printed in an effort to prevent hard feelings. A video of the entire debate is available upon request.

Professor from the Department of Ecology and Evolution (after asking a prior question, then stating what he felt were examples of transitional forms in the fossil record): "Why do you ignore all these things and claim that there are no transitions, when there are literally scores and hundreds of such things that are published?"

Dr. Gish: "I'll answer your second question, first. Even evolutionists question whether these things are transitional--what they mean. Ask Colin Patterson, senior paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History. Ask him what he thinks about these things. He's sitting in one of the greatest collection of fossils in the world at the British Museum and he said he didn't know of a single transitional form either among the living or among the fossils."

Professor: "I doubt he said that to you. I question, I absolutely question your honesty!"

Dr. Gish: "He said that in a letter!"

Professor: "If he would have said this to me--I've been with him in offices. You do this all the time! You shouldn't do this! Shame on you!"

Dr. Gish: "I ask for time--I ask for time to respond to that! Colin Patterson published a book called *Evolution*. He invited comments from the readers. A friend of mine wrote to him and said, 'Dr. Patterson, why in your book have you not given examples of actual transitional forms? Why at least didn't you have an artist illustrate what you think these things looked like?' He wrote to my friend and said this, 'You're right. I do not have examples of transitional forms in my book, but if I had known of any, even among the fossils or the living, I certainly would have included them.' He said, 'You suggest I should have an artist illustrate these things, but where would he get the information from? I could not honestly provide it and wouldn't that just be artistic license?' That's what he said in the letter and I can show you the letter. He did say that."

Professor: "I'm sorry--I'm going to stop. I think there are such examples and, I'm sorry, I think you are being intellectually dishonest."

The following is a copy of the letter dated April 10, 1979, and referred to by Dr. Gish. The letter is from Colin Patterson, an evolutionist and senior paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History, to Luther Sunderland, an engineer and creationist.

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Date 10th April 1979

Dear Mr Sunderland,

Thanks for your letter of 5th March, and your kind words about the Museum and my book. I held off answering you for a couple of weeks, in case the artwork you mention in your letter should turn up, but it hasn't.

I fully agree with your comments on the lack of direct illustration of evolutionary transitions in my book. If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them. You suggest that an artist should be asked to visualise such transformations, but where would he get the information from? I could not, honestly, provide it, and if I were to leave it to artistic license, would that not mislead the reader?

I wrote the text of my book four years ago. If I were to write it now, I think the book would be rather different. Gradualism is a concept I believe in, not just because of Darwin's authority, but because my understanding of genetics seems to demand it. Yet Gould and the American Museum people are hard to contradict when they say that there are no transitional fossils. As a paleontologist myself, I am much occupied with the philosophical problems of identifying ancestral forms in the fossil record. You say that I should at least 'show a photo of the fossil from which each type organism was derived.' I will lay it on the line - there is not one such fossil for which one could make a watertight argument. The reason is that statements about ancestry and descent are not applicable in the fossil record. Is *Archaeopteryx* the ancestor of all birds? Perhaps yes, perhaps no: there is no way of answering the question. It is easy enough to make up stories of how one form gave rise to another, and to find reasons why the stages should be favoured by natural selection. But such stories are not part of science, for there is no way of putting them to the test.

So, much as I would like to oblige you by jumping to the defence of gradualism, and fleshing out the transitions between the major types of animals and plants, I find myself a bit short of the intellectual justification necessary for the job.

Thanks again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Patterson

This letter is published in a book authored by Sunderland entitled *Darwin's Enigma*, 1984, pp. 89-90. Sunderland was assisting the Bureau of Science Education in conducting a study for the New York State Board of Regents, on how origins should be treated in revised Regents Biology Syllabus. The book is a compilation of taped interviews he conducted with officials in five Natural History Museums: Dr. Colin Patterson in London; Dr. Niles Eldridge in New York City; Dr. David Raup in Chicago; Dr. David Pilbeam in Boston; and Dr. Donald Fisher in New York.

This letter is also referred to in an article entitled "Agnostic Evolutionists", by Tom Bethel, *Harper's Magazine*, February, 1985, pp. 49-61.

Mr. Bethel conducts a candid interview with Colin Patterson, refers to Luther Sunderland, and quotes from the same letter. This article is available at the library.

The charge regarding Dr. Gish's honesty is refuted and the questioner is now informed.

Of additional interest is the back-pedaling Patterson has been doing as a result of his candid statements made in the late 1970's and early 1980's regarding evolution and creation. In the *Harper's* article quoted above, Tom Bethel refers to Patterson's revealing remarks in a 1981 address given at the American Museum of Natural History, and the "fall-out" that occurred in the aftermath. In recalling the address given 18 months earlier, Patterson told Bethel (pp.52), "I really put my foot in it. I compared evolution and creation and made the case that the two were equivalent. I was all fired up, and I said what I thought. I went through merry hell for about a year. Almost everybody except the people at the Museum objected. Lots of academics wrote..." He goes on to tell Bethel that he regarded the theory of evolution as "often unnecessary" in biology, and that "in fact, they could do perfectly well without it."

However, in other publications and as recently as 1992, Patterson has attempted to put the best light on his blunt statements. In an article written in the anti-creationist publication, *National Center for Science Education Reports*, v.12, no.4, entitled "Colin Patterson, Cladistics, and Creationists", by Eugenie C. Scott, Patterson states that the American Museum talk was given to "specialists...specifically in the field of systematics", was taken out of context, and that he was in no way questioning the general theory of evolution.

To what degree Patterson was questioning "the general theory" at the American Museum talk, and in interviews later with people such as Bethel, is open to conjecture. He said he was not. It would seem that not only Bethel, but also "almost everybody except the people at the museum" misinterpreted his remarks. In any case, the real issue is what the senior paleontologist at the British museum, an evolutionist, said about the fossil record! What about Patterson's letter? Was that written to "specialists"? Does he now know of any real transitional forms, living or fossil? Can he now honestly provide information to visualize such transformations? Can he now "lay it on the line"--one such fossil for which he can make a watertight argument? Does he suddenly feel that statements about ancestry and descent are applicable to the fossil record? Are such stories part of science?

The fact that an evolutionist such as Patterson has made these honest observations underscore the true nature of the fossil record. The absence of authentic transitional forms, living or fossil, combined with the inability to realistically imagine what these creatures would look like, argues forcefully against evolution and directly corroborates a significant prediction of creation. This is the real reason people who claim that there are "scores and hundreds" of transitional forms react with such hostility. An evolutionary interpretation of nature requires these unimaginable transitions. Paleontology does not provide them!

We encourage you to watch the debate, read the letter and articles, ask questions, and investigate further. This is the true nature of both academic freedom and the scientific enterprise.

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Arming Is the Only Answer

To the Editor:

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The decision has been delayed long enough. Summer is rapidly approaching and soon students will be going home. But maybe that is the way the administration wants it. At the open forum on the arming issue, students were afforded the opportunity to give their views to President John Marburger.

In his opening remarks he admitted that full arming is unrealistic. Why? Because he is against arming on the grounds of "principle." The debate around this issue is an illusion.

That is why the decision has been continually put off. There is a strong sentiment for arming and the administration is biding its time. A decision will not be reached this semester. Or rather, the decision that has already been reached will not be revealed this semester.

Kieran Curley
Senior, History

Athletic Upgrade Will Enrich Campus Life

To the Editor:

David Burner's April 13 opinion in *Statesman* ["Will Big-Time Football Benefit Campus?" *Statesman*, Tuesday, April 13] certainly stands out as a classic illustration of the old axiom, "A little knowledge is dangerous."

It's difficult to understand how Mr. Burner crammed so much misinformation on a single page concerning "Big-Time" college athletics, especially as it pertains to Stony Brook. Rather, as it doesn't pertain to Stony Brook.

I can reveal to you recently discovered family papers that prove conclusively that it wasn't Meade that defeated Lee at Gettysburg, it was Patton! Furthermore, the reason he didn't press his advantage and end the war at that great battle is that his tanks were low on fuel and besides, Lee had superior air power.

Lee later trotted into Appomattox on his faithful steed Snowball to meet Grant and surrender his army. Noble to the bitter end, Lee at least had the satisfaction of knowing that Patton, his tormentor at Gettysburg, would not be on hand to witness the event. By this time, Patton had been relieved of his command by Truman.

Now that I've had my fun with distorting history as Dr. Burner had with his letter on "Big-Time Football at Stony Brook," let's return to reality and correct some, but I assure you, not all of his errors on Stony Brook athletics:

- Stony Brook's [Division] I-AA football program will be non-scholarship as at Georgetown and St. John's University. Hardly "big-time."

- Mr. Burner refers to a Division A stadium, whatever that means. I assume he meant well-constructed and aesthetically pleasing. If he meant an N.C.A.A. Division I-A stadium, that would require 30,000 seats, or about seven times the amount planned for Stony Brook.

- Yes, we will continue to bring streams of qualified student-athletes to campus from all cultural groups. That's bad?

- Intramurals will suffer? Do you really believe more than 4,000 enthusiastic intramural participants would tolerate that? Unlikely.

- Declining support for women's athletics? Ever hear about Title IX [a Federal law requiring equal number of sports, funding, opportunities to be coached, etc.]? It's been in all the papers.

- Even better, how about an \$800,000 salary for a coach of a non-scholarship program in a stadium four percent the size of the Rose Bowl?

- If we upgrade our athletics program, Mr. Burner maintains, many fine professional schools will turn their backs on our qualified graduates forever. Gosh, David, I didn't know that.

- I guess my favorite paragraph from Mr. Burner's letter was devoted to doom and gloom, i.e. scandal, crime, rowdyism, disturbance of a pastoral community, etc. I kept getting flashbacks to Burgess Meredith's "Music Man," with Robert Preston scaring the local

folks with his fearful warning, "Yes my friends we've got trouble, trouble, trouble; right here in River City..." Lighten up, David.

I hope this sets the matter straight concerning David Burner's many errors on Stony Brook athletics. While I'm at it, I might as well remind all undergraduate students to vote "yes" for the separate Athletic Fee on April 21. I assure you, Stony Brook's fine academic reputation will not be harmed and your degree will increase in value as Stony Brook becomes better known through its higher profile program in intercollegiate athletics.

C'mon David, life's too short. Jump on the bandwagon and become a Patriot! No sense causing all this "trouble, trouble, trouble."

John Ramsey
Associate Professor, Physical Education

To the Editor:

Let me begin by agreeing with Prof. David Burner that big-time football is not in the best interest of Stony Brook. But whoever said that Stony Brook was going to host a Division I-A football program?

As Prof. Burner indicated there have been some horror stories regarding the abuses in Division I-A football. However, as in most things in life, there is the good side and there is the bad side. I like to believe that most universities follow the rules, and the cheaters and exploiters are in the minority. I wonder if Lou Holtz at Notre Dame, Joe Paterno at Penn State, or Bill Walsh at Stanford could be accused of any of the injustices listed by Professor Burner?

However, my reason for responding to Prof. Burner is that he has been misinformed. Stony Brook will field a football team without giving athletic scholarships. We will compete in Division I-AA, and similar to St. John's and Georgetown, any aid a student receives will be based on need, as has always been our policy.

We should also look at the positive aspects of a successful athletic program. Fifteen years ago schools such as Duke, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Boston College, Georgetown, and Villanova were considered to be good schools academically. However, at that time, it was more difficult to gain admission to Stony Brook. Today, the situation has been reversed, and Stony Brook has the lowest academic requirements for admission on the undergraduate level of any of the schools listed above.

Essentially, each of these schools achieved success athletically. With athletic success came a huge increase in the number of applicants to each school, and the schools became more selective in their admissions, opting for the more academically qualified student. This, in turn, attracted a more prestigious faculty. It should also be mentioned that the money generated by their success benefitted not only the athletes, but the

entire student body. It was used to build an addition to a library, new dormitories, and increase the salaries of the various faculties.

Let me conclude by addressing the issue of a stadium. Hopefully, it will be an artificial surface surrounded by a track, and contain lights for evening events. It would be the home of men's and women's soccer, football, lacrosse, and men's and women's track-and-field teams. The artificial surface will permit competition in any weather without fear of damage to the surface, and lights will allow more flexibility in scheduling.

There is also a possibility that with a stadium, Stony Brook would be a site for one of the events of the 1998 World Games. These games are expected to attract 3,000 athletes from 60 countries and be telecast for more than 100 hours to 80 countries. Can a stadium be beneficial to the Stony Brook campus and community academically, economically, and in image and prestige? I believe the 'yeas' have it over the 'nays.'

Richard F. Laskowski
Dean of the Division of
Physical Education and Athletics

To the Editor:

It was very disturbing and alarming to read a negative article written by a current university faculty member regarding the university trying to attain Division I status. While everyone is entitled to their opinion, I feel that the article lacked both substance and merit. I believe this is no more than a viewpoint on the part of some narrow-minded pseudo-intellectual types that have tried to stifle the growth of the university and community as a whole for years.

Being a formal physical educator and having first-hand involvement in intercollegiate sports in the past, I feel the role of athletics in university life is often given a back seat to academics, while it should be shared equally and be given the same priority. I have been on the local scene for the last 15 years and it is very refreshing to see a more positive attitude towards intercollegiate athletics at the university. Whereas Stony Brook University in the past has often been slandered by many malicious associations, it is nice to see a renewed optimism in school spirit giving way to a more positive reputation as a whole for the university and the community as well.

The innovative and hard working staff and administrators of the Men's and Women's Physical Education Athletic Department should be commended for their "pursuit of excellence" in trying to provide the very best in their students' academic and athletic life. Good luck in going for Division I status.

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Opinion

**SASU Needs
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By Jonathan Gottlieb

HISTORY IS MADE QUICKLY IN NEW YORK STATE POLITICS. In a span of less than a year, we have seen major events in the history of the New York State student movement. Specifically, we have seen an extreme turnaround in the welfare of the organization which best represents the interests of SUNY students. SASU [Student Association of the State University] has been through some lows recently, but with our remarkable victories on behalf of New York State students, SASU as an organization has returned to be recognized as one of the finest student-run, student-funded, student advocacy organizations in the country.

SASU hit its low point in June of last year. A meeting was called to discuss the future of the organization. It was suggested that SASU be shut down. Several people, however, were offended at this suggestion, and decided that the revitalization of SASU was not only necessary, but possible. Your esteemed President David D. Greene III and Diego Munoz,

President at SUNY Albany, were convinced that SASU could be an effective and powerful organization if a few, simple things got done. I was not convinced. Binghamton University students remained as members, but with a careful eye towards the effectiveness of SASU.

Now it is nine months later and I am convinced. The energy and talent that Glenn Magpantay, SASU president, and Maureen Doebbler, SASU Executive Vice President have lent to the organization have made it once again into a force in New York State politics. The amazing budget work that SASU has done, which has included many postcard, letter writing, fax, and phone drives, as well as extensive lobbying, has been rewarded in the kindest budget that New York State students have seen in years.

The victories that SASU, in coalition with NYPIRG, as won in just one year on behalf of students make up a long list. The first victory of the year was when SASU ensured that the New York State Board of Trustees did not recommend a tuition increase for SUNY. One of the most recent victories ensured was the guarantee from the legislature that students would not continue to be battered by tuition hikes. No Tuition Hike!!! SASU also got full restoration to the State's withered Tuition Assistance Program. All cuts proposed to TAP this year have been restored — in other words, despite the governor, you will get the same amount of financial aid next year that you got this year. I'm sure that you have all heard about the many other victories which SASU has won.

The point is that all of this would not have been possible without the involvement of Stony Brook students. The victories that were won this year are only the beginning. With the continued involvement of Stony Brook students, we can work towards getting a just amount of money going to education for New York students. We can work toward making our campuses safer and more accessible. Vote to maintain membership in SASU. It could be the best thing you do all day.

Jonathan Gottlieb, the student government president at Binghamton University, is a member of SASU's Board of Directors

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Heidi Epstein hits a two-run homer to put the Pats ahead to stay.

Pats squeak first win

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

The women on the softball team came out with their first win in a doubleheader after a three game losing streak.

The Patriots took on Staten Island on Saturday in a doubleheader to split the games. The victory game's final score was 13-12 and the loss was 25-11.

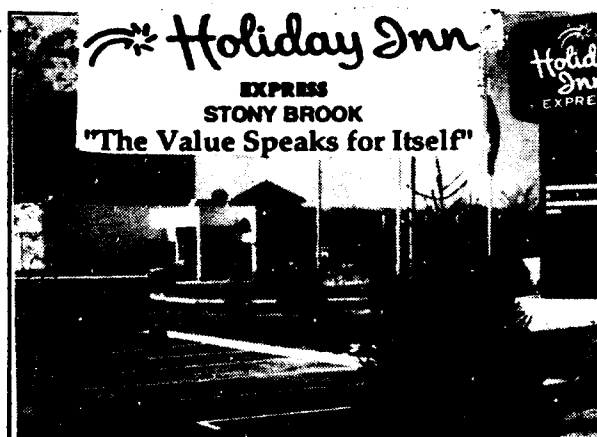
The softball team has had to adjust to many necessary changes this season, including coaching changes and player changes. The weather, which forced the team to practice indoors, also created more hurdles for the team to overcome. But the team has kept its head high and its confidence.

With a loss against Hunter College, last week and two against William Patterson, on Thursday, the team went into the weekend games with hopes that this would be the time to gain at least one on the win side. And they did.

The first game was a game for fans who love cliffhangers. The women challenged every good hit or play that Staten Island put out with an equally good one when the Pats went up to bat.

Heidi Epstein led the team to the first game victory. In the fifth inning, she hit a two-run home run to give the Patriots the lead. Stony Brook once again scored when she made the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Chris Maranga also proved to be an outstanding player with two doubles and one run scored.

The second match-up of the day showed tired Patriots and a vengeful Staten Island team. But, although they are not looking over the loss they are happy to have the win.



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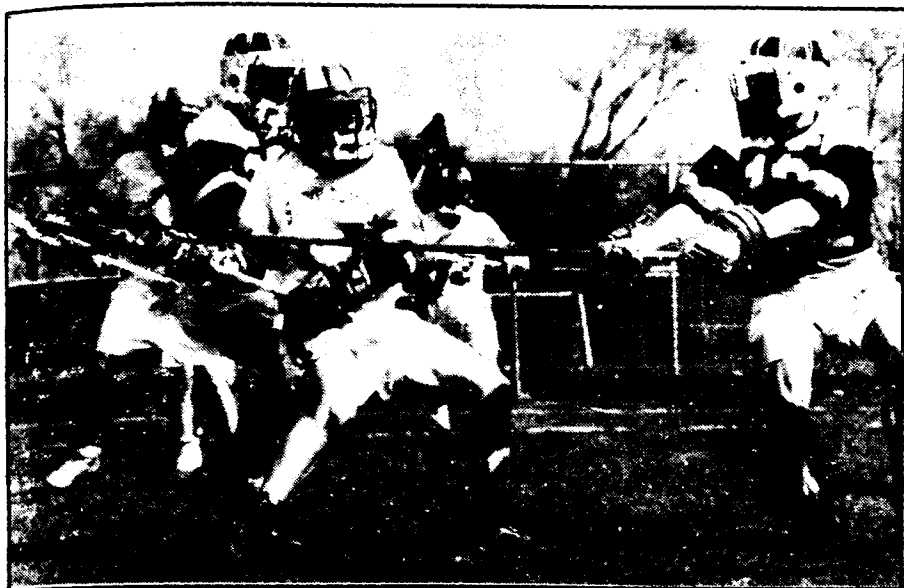
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Statesman / Chris Vacirca

Chris Chamberlain fights to keep possession against New Hampshire.

Laxmen lose pair at home

LOSSES from back page

pions with uncertain expectations, but the loss was definite with a final score of 18-7.

Princeton attackman Kevin Lowe scored or assisted more than half the goals for the Tigers, bringing the Patriot morale down. But Clouser said he felt physically down because of the rough game the day before. "It took something out of us," he said. "We were sore."

The Tigers are currently in the number two position, while the Patriots have lost any hopes for a Top 20 position.

Team members felt the overall effort was good, but again they came out fighting too late. "Aside from the beginning, the effort was plenty good," said Chamberlain.

"Everyone went in with a good attitude."

Sommese and Kevin Dalland each scored two goals against Princeton. A testimony to Patriot talent would be the seven goals that the defending champions gave up. Midfielder Steve Suarez agreed the team played well.

The team now looks ahead to their Thursday game at 4 p.m. against Hartford. The Patriots beat Hartford last year and the laxmen are prepared to face their fight for revenge. "They will be ready to play," said Chamberlain. Sommese said the matchup will be exciting and a game will be one worth watching. "They will give us a competitive game. It's a toss up," he said. "They are going to play hard. All these teams are coming out hard."

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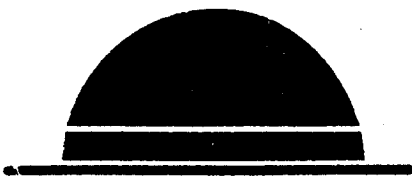
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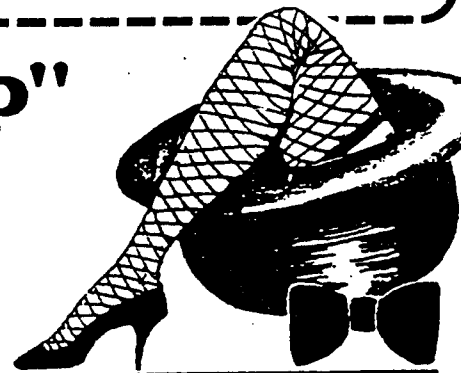
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eads bats to honors

By Mark Peterson
Special to Statesman

Junior transfer Mark Eads led the Patriot baseball team to a 4-3 week with consistent play throughout the week. Eads hit .526 (10-19) with five runs scored, three doubles and three walks, and led Stony Brook to a doubleheader sweep of Oneonta when he was 2-3 with two sacrifices, two walks, and a run scored. For his performance, Eads was named both Skyline Conference Player of the Week and Statesman/VIP Athlete of the Week.



Mark Eads

Eads accomplished all of these stats as the team's lead-off hitter, a role he earned during the fall season. "Coming off the fall, we were looking for someone to put into the lead-off spot," said Stony Brook head coach Matt Senk. "I chose Mark and he really has responded. He's swinging the bat really well."

A transfer from Nassau Community College, where he was a two year starter, Eads has stepped in as one of the team's most consistent hitters. "Last week I felt real comfortable at the plate, trying to make every swing a good one," said Eads. "I've been a

lead-off hitter everywhere I've played so I am comfortable with that too."

"Mark does what he has to do to get on base. He swings the bat well, takes walks and gets hit by pitches," remarked Senk on Ead's success at the lead-off spot. "When I ask him to sacrifice, he's been able to execute. He has done a fantastic job."

Eads has also helped the team with his versatility. He sees most of his playing time as a designated hitter, but has also spent time in the outfield and even couple of innings on the mound. "We're still trying to find our stride offensively, and Mark gives us the ability to try different things," said Senk. "We can put him in the outfield and he's also the only left-handed pitcher we have."

When Eads was looking for a school to transfer to after Nassau, Stony Brook's accomplishment last season (ECAC Co-Champions) was a factor. But Eads isn't looking down the road to the post season this year. "I haven't really set any particular goals this season," said Eads. "I'm just trying to take each game and each at bat, one at a time."

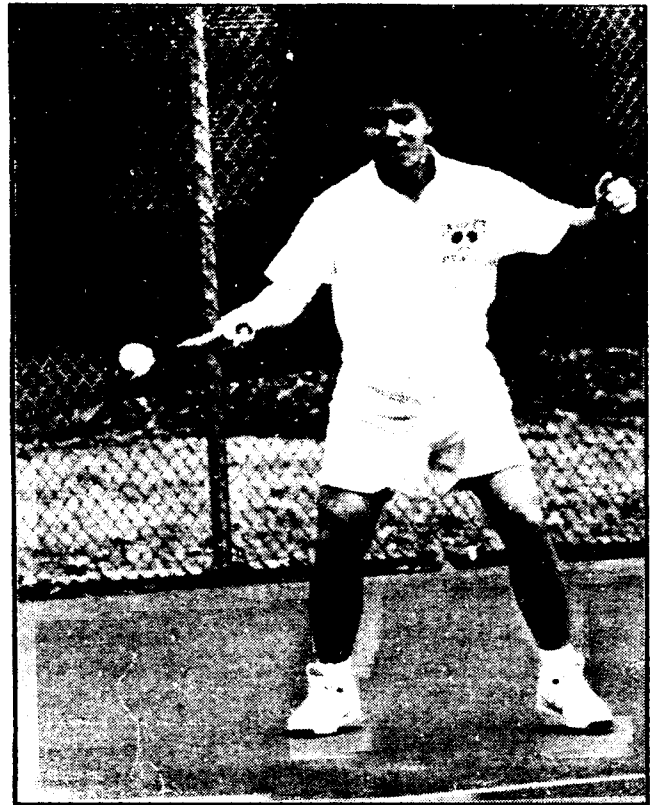
Pats sky high in league

By Seth D. Kaplan
Statesman Staff Writer

Coach Tony McMullen likes talking about Stony Brook men's tennis these days. He knows that his Patriots are a very competitive Division III team that can compete with most Division II programs. After an impressive 8-1 win on the road against Staten Island, McMullen has reason to smile.

Bruno Barbera, the number one seed and team anchor, whipped his counterpart 6-0, 6-0, and teamed with Dejan Novakovic at first doubles for another victory, 6-3, 6-0. Barbera is a transfer student from Bucknell who is undefeated this season. "Bruno is legit," said coach McMullen. "Every time Bruno goes out the team expects him to win because his play is so consistent."

In singles competition Tony Lu, Dejan Novakovic, Ken Maget, Larry Michael, and John Spyropoulos posted victories. Spyropoulos and Remo Moomiaie also won their match at third doubles.



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Tong Lu won his singles match in the last conference.

Keith Neuhs and Naveen Balasubramanyam accounted for the only loss at second doubles.

Next up for men's tennis is SUNY Purchase on the road on Monday. The match versus Adelphi originally scheduled for Thursday, April 15, will be played at home on Tuesday, April 16.

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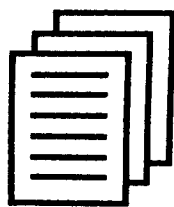
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Hardballers struggle, but break .500

By Seth D. Kaplan
Statesman Staff Writer

The baseball team upped their record last week when they played John Jay College and a split a doubleheader against conference rival Staten Island, with two wins and one loss.

The Pats won the matchup against John Jay at home on Thursday upping their 5-5-1 record. The game showed the Pats strength when they came from behind after the visitors made five runs in the first three innings of play. The Pats put themselves in a tough, familiar position of playing come-from-behind baseball.

Down 6-2 in the bottom of the seventh, the Patriots mounted a ferocious comeback. Outfielder/pitcher Mark Eads, who is having an MVP season, sparked the rally with a three-run triple and Jason Greco singled in another in the five-run seventh. The victory was a close one with a final score of 7-6.

"That's a tough way to play," said Coach Matthew Senk. "We can't keep giving up early runs. That's not the way to play winning baseball."

The Patriots also played a home doubleheader against Skyline Conference rival Staten Island over the weekend. Carrying a one game winning streak, the Patriots said they were confident before game one of this conference matchup.

Catcher Dave Marcus' two-run double in the second jump started the team to a quick 5-0 lead early on. Staten Island came back with five runs of their own. With the score tied at five apiece in the sixth, the Patriots offense caught fire. Eads' game winning two-run RBI triple and an insurance run on a sacrifice fly propelled the Patriots to an

Baseball

Patriots: 7
John Jay: 6

Patriots: 8
St. Island: 5

St. Island: 12
Patriots: 10

8-5 win. Freshman Garrett Waller picked up the win in relief of fellow freshman Tim Lynch.

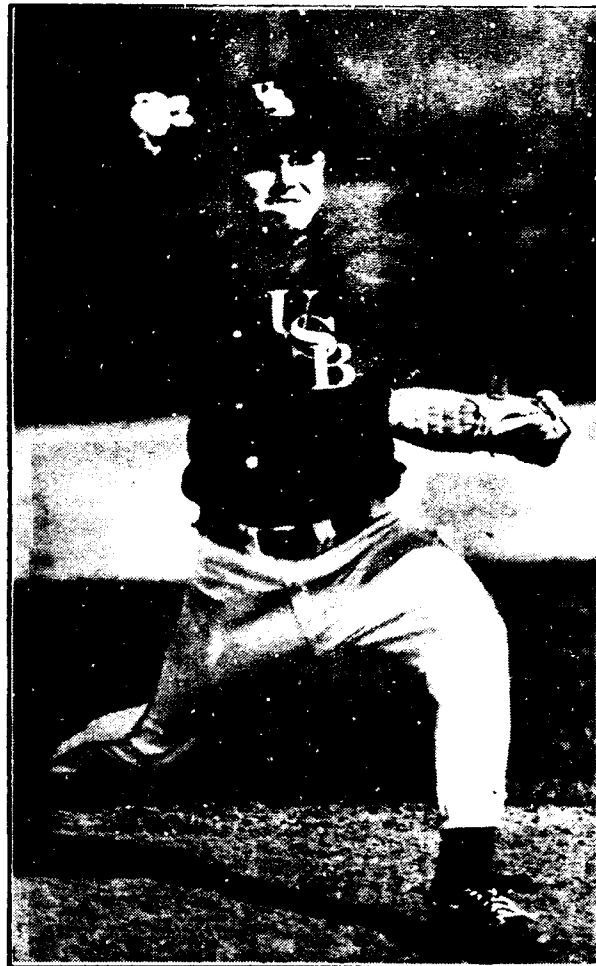
Game two of the doubleheader became a nail biter in the seventh inning, when the Pats lost their 8-5. The team failed to shut the doors on the visitors and lost the game 12-10 in eight innings.

In the seventh pitcher Drew McDowell, in relief of starter Patrick Hart, gave up a solo home-run cutting the lead to 8-6. Mike Robertson came in to relieve McDowell, but was ineffective. A double into the leftfield corner scored two runs to tie the game at eight. With two outs, runners on first and second, Senk opted to intentionally walk Staten Island's hottest hitter to load the bases. The strategy was to create a force out on a ground ball, but Robertson walked the next batter forcing in a run. Staten Island added another run on an infield hit to take a 10-8 lead. The Patriots surrendered five runs in the top of the seventh, and would need to score at least two in the bottom half of the inning.

Freshman Joe Nathan led off the with a double into the rightfield corner. Eads followed with a double into left-center scoring Nathan. The Patriots were now down 10-9 with a man on second. With one out Dave Marcus hit a routine grounder to third, but the throw to first got away from the first baseman. Eads scored from second on the errant throw tying the game 10-10. The tie pushed the game into extra innings, but the Pats couldn't push out win.

Bill Wilk came on to pitch the eighth for the Patriots. He didn't fare any better than the first three Patriot pitchers. Wilk gave up a base hit to left and the game losing two-run home run to right. Stony Brook went down 1-2-3 in the eighth in the 12-10 defeat. "We keep making the same mistakes," said the Patriots' frustrated coach. "Our pitchers gave up big hits when they were ahead in the count, and we left too many runners on base. We didn't get the key hits late in the ballgame."

The Patriots will head out on a six-game road trip starting Wednesday against Kings Point.



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Patrick Hart was just one of the many pitchers the Pats went through in the second game against Staten Island.

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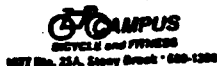
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Goalie Joe Spallone let 28 goals pass him this weekend in two of the laxmens toughest games this season.

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Winning Isn't Everything: *Pats fight hard in losses to champs*

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

The lacrosse team lost two of its toughest matches of the season this weekend to No. 1 Princeton and New Hampshire.

The laxmen were confident going into the New Hampshire game, but their high hopes came down in the first half when at one point they were down seven points without a goal. The Wildcats beat Stony Brook 10-9, after the Pats came from behind to a disappointing loss.

The Pats came out of the sluggish first half with a score of 7-2. "We came out flat the first half," said senior attackman John

Lacrosse

New Hamp.: 10

Patriots: 9

Princeton: 18

Patriots: 7

Schafer. But in the second half the laxmen outplayed the Wildcats. The Pats scored three goals in the third quarter, while holding the Wildcats at a score of seven, and four goals in the last quarter.

Midfielder Louis Ventura made an exciting goal with 49 seconds left, but the Pats still lagged one point behind at the close of the game. Ventura led the team by scoring four goals and assisting James Sommese in one goal. Chris Chamberlain also put two in the net, but the scoring was too late in the game.

Ventura said that the losses come from the late starting games that the Pats perform. "We came out slow. There is no way we can back in a game like that," he said. "We do this every game."

Captain Joe Spallone made 13 saves throughout the game in net. Spallone screamed his halftime pep talk in hopes of a win, but the motivation couldn't pull them out of the first half hole. Although he was disappointed with

the heartbreaking loss, he said he was very happy with the laxmen performance in the second half. "We killed them in the second half," he said.

"We came out slow," said senior midfielder Brady Clouser, who scored in the first half, but said the Pats played better as a team in the second. "We came storming back though."

Assistant coach Brian McCormack felt that the team didn't come into the game as they should have and that once in it they were not able to shoot what was going to make it into the net. "We didn't come in aggressive," he said. "We have to take shots selectively."

The Pats looked back on the game the next day, but Schafer said the team would play on without looking back. "We can't let this effect us," he said.

But the Pats went into the matchup against the cham-

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PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

Home games in **SMALLCAPS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
19 SOFTBALL VS. MOLLOY, 4 P.M. Tennis at SUNY Purchase, 4 p.m.	20 TENNIS VS. HOFSTRA, 3:30 P.M.	21 Baseball at Kings Point, 3:30 p.m.	22 Lacrosse at Hartford, 4 p.m. TENNIS VS. MERCY, 3:30 P.M.	23 Baseball at Adelphi, 3:30 p.m. Track at Penn Relays, 10 a.m.	24 Lacrosse at Boston College, 4 p.m. Baseball at NJ Tech, 12 p.m.	25 Baseball at Upsala, 1 p.m. Softball at Binghamton, 12 p.m.