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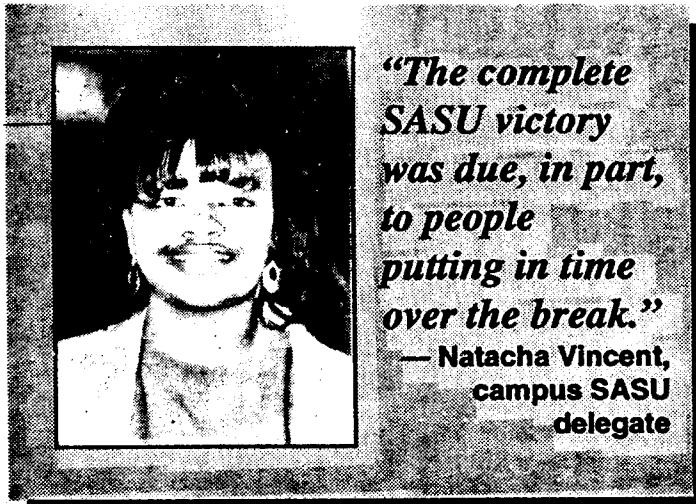
Victory

*SUNY restored \$47 million;
 SASU claims lobbying win*

By Andrea Rubin
 Statesman News Editor

More than \$47 million in restorations were approved recently for SUNY and higher educational financial aid programs by the State Legislature.

The Student Association of the State University of New York delivered four demands on a four leaf clover to the New York State Capitol and Legislative Office buildings on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. More than 600 Stony Brook students signed the



clover postcards in comparison to the 200 cards which were signed last year. By the approved budget, three of the four demands has been met.

The first demand called for upholding the governor's freeze on tuition. According to Stony Brook SASU delegate, Natacha Vincent, the tuition has been frozen for the 1993-94 school year. The Legislature upheld the governor's recommendation to keep tuition constant for next year.

According to SASU president and Stony Brook alumnus Glenn Magpantay students have suffered because tuition has nearly doubled since 1990. Magpantay said that he would like to see students get what they deserve, including an end to the budget cuts.

The second clover asked for the restoration of \$62 million to Tuition Assistance Program for last years and this years proposed cuts. Full restoration of \$24.7 million has been budgeted for TAP. The restoration covers all of the governor's proposed cuts to undergraduate and graduate TAP. According to Vincent, this was a victory for SASU because originally, the governor proposed to cut TAP and keep the

tuition the same or raise tuition and raise TAP. "This will increase financial aid," said Vincent. "It [will help] minor projects that there hasn't been funding for."

TAP was Magpantay's priority. He has said that he would like to see it restored before anything else. "The cut in the TAP program [was] obnoxious," Magpantay said. "This especially affects middle income students who want to learn."

The SUNY base budget, which was also included in the clover campaign, was increased by more than \$50 million. This upheld the governor's recommendation for inflationary, salary and contractual increases from last year's appropriations. But the budget also includes an \$11.8 cut.

The Bias Related Violence and Intimidation Act, the fourth St. Patrick's Day demand, was not passed. The act is to protect students from violence motivated by prejudice and hate and to include a provision mandating inclusive educational programs to pro-actively counter

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Statesman / Chris Vacirca

STILL GOING . . .

The student government elections continued yesterday with a runoff election for sophomore and junior class representatives. The ballots were still being counted at press time. They also featured eight monetary pleas from campus groups, two constitutional amendments and a poll on whether campus Public Safety officers should be armed with guns. Above, a commuter student votes in Javits Lecture Center.

Sneakers and shorts stolen

- A chemistry book and manual was stolen on Saturday from the Hendrix College 1L main lounge. The owner left at 6:20 p.m. for ten minutes and upon return noticed the \$70 worth of books missing.
- A 1985 Audi 5000 had all four tires slashed on Saturday. It was parked in the Kelly Quad paved parking lot and the damage is estimated to be \$500.
- A 1989 two-door Ford had its driver's side window broken while parked on the Stimson roadway. It occurred on Friday and the damage is \$200. Nothing was stolen.
- A special services permit was stolen from a 1988 Jeep on Thursday. The Jeep was in the Health Science Center loading zone around 10 a.m. The permit was \$15.
- A 1978 two-door Chevrolet had both front headlights broken on Thursday. It was parked in the Computer Science parking lot and the damage cost \$100.
- A 1967 two-door Ford had its rear driver's side window worth \$100 broken between last Wednesday at 11 p.m. and Thursday. It was parked in the Kelly Quad parking lot and had a \$90 Panasonic equalizer stolen.
- A 1989 Honda had its passenger side window worth

POLICE BLOTTER

Michele Walz

- \$150 broken Wednesday. It was parked in the North P lot and had a Pioneer stereo stolen worth \$325 and seven CD's estimated to be \$20 each stolen.
- The rear driver's side window was broken on a 1984 Ford while parked in the North P lot on Wednesday. A \$200 Pioneer kickbox was stolen and the back seat was ripped out. The window and seat damage was estimated to be \$240.
- A 1986 Nissan had its rear driver's side window broken on Wednesday. It was parked in the North P lot and had its dashboard damaged and two headlights broken. The total damage was \$200.
- The \$100 rear driver's side window was broken on a 1985 white Buick Regal while it was parked in the Kelly Quad paved parking lot on Wednesday. The steering column was damaged and 14 cassettes tapes were stolen totalling \$150.
- A 1984 Ford had damage to its trunk while parked in the Langmuir College parking lot on Wednesday. The damage is estimated to be \$500.
- A 1985 Chevrolet state pickup truck had its rear driver's side mirror broken last Tuesday. It was parked in the Irving College parking lot and cost \$40.
- The steering column and ignition was damaged in a 1986 Jeep last Tuesday. It was parked in the Langmuir College parking lot. The rear driver's side window was smashed worth \$100.
- One headlight was smashed on a 1978 Datsun last Tuesday costing \$30 to replace. It had been parked in the North P lot.
- Sneakers and shorts were stolen from a locker in the Indoor Sports Complex last Monday. The items were worth \$50 and the lock was \$15.
- All four headlights and the rear passenger side vent window were broken on a 1985 Cadillac. It occurred last Sunday when the car was parked in the North P lot. The damage was \$200.

This report was compiled from the daily bulletin of Stony Brook's Department of Public Safety. Anyone with information regarding campus crimes should call Public Safety headquarters at 632-6350 or 632-3333.

'93-'94 Budget Approved

The 1993-94 proposed Polity budget was approved at last night's Polity senate meeting. The vote was 28 for, 1 against, with 1 abstention. The proposed budget was presented at last Wednesday's senate meeting by treasurer Corey Williams. The budget required a two-thirds vote from the senate to be approved.

A number of amendments were added to the budget before the vote. \$6,800 dollars was returned to the budget of the Minority Planning Board and \$2,600 was returned to the Homecoming committee's budget. The advertising account which comprises \$13,000 in this year's budget was eliminated. The account was used by Polity to place advertisements in the campus media. "I don't feel students should pay for the Polity Page," said Williams. "It should be free."

Paper's Funding Questioned

A motion to deny giving *Statesman* its referendum money passed last week unless it provides Polity with free advertising space was tabled until next week's senate meeting. The motion made by Hendrix Senator Jonathan Hanke would cease the payment of *Statesman*'s \$2 per student referendum that was renewed by the students in last week's Polity election if the paper won't comply.

"I don't feel it is far fetched for *Statesman* to give the Polity Page for free," said Polity President David Greene. "Students should not have to pay for advertising when they pay for the newspapers on referendum," agreed Treasurer Corey Williams.

Statesman was represented at the senate meeting by Editor-in-Chief Krista DeMaria. "*Statesman* can not afford to give a free Polity Page," said DeMaria.

Commuter Senator Mike Lyons asked senators to investigate *Statesman*'s financial records before reaching a decision. "We should find if it is feasible for *Statesman* to give a free Polity Page," said Lyons. "Everyone should find out the status of *Statesman*."

\$47 million restored to SUNY

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prejudice.

In addition to the three demands that were met, the budget included \$14 million to build the new Student Activity Center where Central Hall is. "This gives students another alternative," said Vincent. She said that the union is too overcrowded, and the new activity center should be

completed by 1997 or 1998.

Aid for part-time students was also increased, said Vincent. An additional \$1.13 million was added although it still falls short by \$24 million to grant awards.

The success of the SASU campaign was due to hard work, according to Vincent. "The complete SASU victory was due in part to people putting in time over the break," she said.

Senate Supports Grad Rally

The Polity Senate unanimously endorsed a rally by the Graduate Students Employees Union at last night's meeting. The GSEU rally set for next Wednesday during Campus Life Time is to show support for the union during its contract negotiations with SUNY.

The GSEU represents more than 4,000 graduate teaching assistants statewide. Campus graduate students approved unionization in a referendum last semester and negotiations with the state are pending.

— Ary Rosenbaum

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English lounge gets touch of renaissance

By Rose Chan
Statesman Staff Writer

The English Department re-opened and dedicated the Irving Ribner Memorial Undergraduate Lounge in a ceremony last week.

The lounge, room 288 in the located Humanities Building, has been under extensive renovation for more than a month. Many students complained about the poor condition of the room, and called for the renovation.

Junior Michelle Miller, who is an English major, said that the room was not conducive to studying or relaxing. "The room was dingy and uninviting," she said. "What it really needed was a nice, white coat of paint."

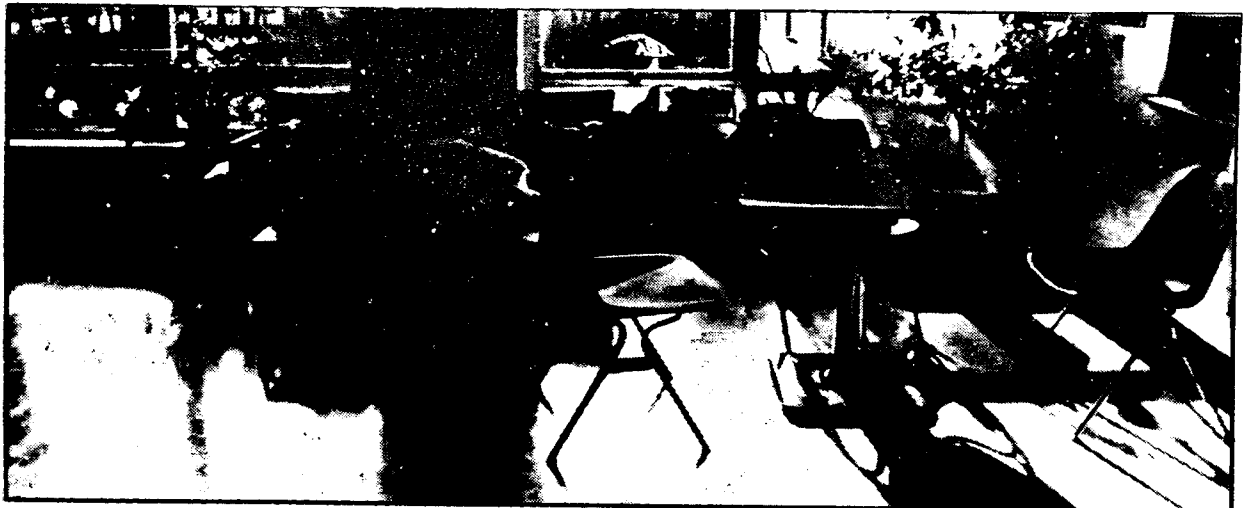
Student concerns had prompted Diane Fortuna, the undergraduate director of English, to take action and improve the lounge. "A student came up to me and asked me if I had seen the room," she said. "It was a mess."

A grant of \$300, from Ronald Douglas, the vice provost for undergraduate studies, as well as, funds from the English Department was awarded towards the refurbishing of the room. Many students and faculty members pitched in and volunteered their time and donated furniture, supplies and painting equipment to restore the lounge. Douglas said that although he did not contribute much, other staff members and students worked together to get the room finished.

"My contribution in helping to find funds to renovate the room was small," he said. "The students and faculty of the department did the hard part by putting in work and thought in turning the lounge into an inviting place."

The room has been dedicated to the memory of Irving Ribner, the chairman of the English department from 1968 to 1971. Ribner, an internationally known Shakespearean and Renaissance scholar, was the inspiration for setting the motif of the lounge.

Students and faculty from the department are planning to use the room as a common place to interact and hold meetings for the English Literary Society and for poetry and fiction reading.



Student enjoys newly-renovated English lounge in the Humanities Building last week.

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2 die in crash after recital

Members of an ensemble invited by the Stony Brook Gospel Choir were involved in a fatal car crash on Sunday night after leaving the university, where they performed in the Student Union ballroom.

Janine McRae, age 39, and Owen McRae, age 23, who were singers in the "J-Cap" Ensemble, created by patients and residents of a drug rehabilitation center located at 177-33 Baisley Blvd in Queens, died when their 1969 Ford van overturned heading westbound on the Northern State Parkway at 11:10 p.m.

The New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations has conducted preliminary investigations that indicate speed as a contributing factor in the accident.

Senior Paulett McIntosh, the concert chairwoman, said the group arrived at the university at 2 p.m. on Sunday

afternoon to sell raffles and prepare for their performance with the student gospel group.

According to New York State Police, the van failed to negotiate the entrance ramp curve and flipped on the ramp rolling over into the westbound lanes of the parkway before striking the cement center divider and overturning into the eastbound lanes of the parkway.

Six other passengers were sent to four area hospitals with injuries ranging from broken ribs to serious back and head trauma.

The Stony Brook Gospel Choir members are planning to sing at the funeral which will be held in Queens, said McIntosh. "We got to interact with them," she said. "The gospel members are really shaken up by this."

— Krista A. DeMaria

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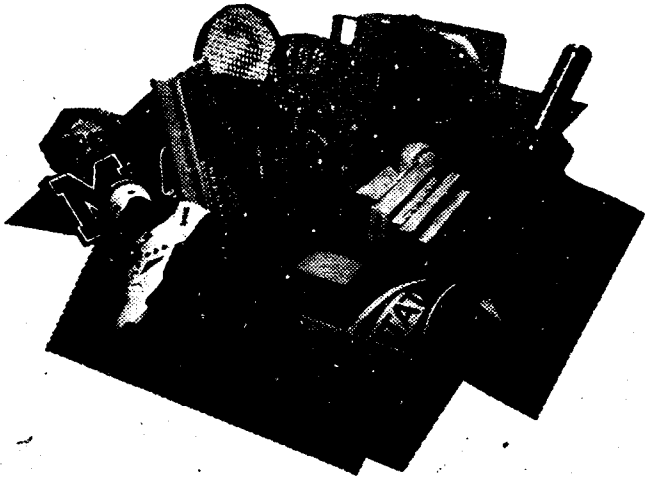
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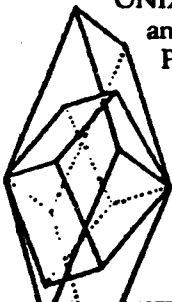
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WE DEPART FROM OUR USUAL CAMPUS TIRADE TO bring you an urgent news flash; that only 18 percent of fourth graders in this country can do math at their grade level, and that less than ten percent of blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans can accomplish such a feat, according to facts published in *USA Today*, Friday, April 9, 1993.

Well, God help this country, which, according to radio personality Bob Grant, is "slipping and sliding toward Third-Worldism." This little nugget just serves as an extra lunge.

It is no surprise, since at present we are so preoccupied with being fair and all-inclusive in our curricula, our classroom environment, and employment habits, that true education takes a back seat to being "fair." One need look no further than former New York City schools chancellor Joe Fernandez's egregious and putrescent "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum which proposed teaching about homosexuality and other invogue topics at the early elementary level. Could the implementation of these tangential goals be at least part of our problem?

For an additional example, Stanford University's marches of a few years ago demanding the abandonment of the Western Culture requirement proved fruitful, so that students wouldn't have the burden of studying racist American history; history which may not be "theirs."

These two examples are representative of what is going on in American schools. It is unfortunate that the school system in this country has lost sight of its purpose, and that is to ensure the academic competence of its children. Instead, our schools have resorted to soul-satisfying bread-and-circuses topics and methods

to ensure happiness within the ranks of muckraking fringe lobbyists who stress compliance with politically correct thought patterns, and de-emphasize critical thinking so as to ensure their prominence in the future. In the process, we have turned our newest generation into a bunch of academic invalids.



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Adam Kaminsky

The saddest part is that these are the kids that

Bill Clinton, Joe Fernandez, and other social do-gooders feel will outperform the Japanese and other foreign countries in the years to come. Yeah, we will outperform them only in Afrocentrism, condoms, and homosexual awareness. To hell with math, science, and grammar. These are subjects in which only whites and Asians are consigned to excellence. But not really, according to the study, which reports that only 30 to 44 percent of Asians and 19 to 32 percent of whites are at grade level in math. Well, let's start clapping our hands. Better yet, let's condemn them for using unfair advantages.

History is relative. Alternative lifestyles are important to recognize. But the concerns and viewpoints presented by proponents of these alternative viewpoints are by no means mainstream, and shouldn't be imposed upon all students equally. Our educational system is already overburdened with incompetence, bloat, and scarcity of genuine teaching materials. Don't add another burden of having to discuss all viewpoints,

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however fringe they may be, just so another group can feel loved. A by-product of this social appeasement, unfortunately, is decaying standards in real-life courses.

If you wish to delve into topics not recognized by the mainstream for one reason or another, study them on your own time at a specialized school. I went to Hebrew school for five years, three times a week, to learn about a subject which public school couldn't discuss, even if it wanted to. There is no reason, with all the free time American students have, why they cannot study pet subjects on their own time, either formally through private education, or if they are impoverished, informally at the local library.

Johnny can add if prodded to do so. It is just that we have distracted him from doing this task effectively. It is not a total loss, but we must work to correct it immediately. Let's get to it, and help reaffirm our country's status as a leader in education.



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Editorial

Growing Campus Needs Its Own Post Office

This university has the population of a small city. With 30,000 people on campus on any given weekday, we are a large consumer of goods and services. Unfortunately, with our size, sometimes these goods and services are far out of reach for a large segment of our population.

Take, for example, the lack of postal facilities on campus. There are three mailboxes — one in front of Kelly Quad, the Student Union, and the administration building — and a stamp vending machine. That's it. There is also a Federal Express box outside

administration, but that works on credit.

True, a full service post office is located in the Village in the mall, but that may as well be on another planet for those without the means to get there. There are many transactions which must be made by the general student population, like sending packages, applying for passports, getting a postmark before a certain time, and picking up C.O.D. orders, among many others. These vital services are just not available on campus, but should be.

It would be great to have a

permanent campus station, but the cost of building and maintaining it on campus would be prohibitive. However, the U.S. Postal Service operates several "mobile post offices" which could be used on campus.

They offer full services, like Express Mail, stamp vending, postmarks, and have capacity for far more transactions than our present system can maintain. They can come here two or three times a week to provide that vital link to the outside world our students and other community members demand and deserve.



Statesman Elections

Elections for next year's editorial board will be held May 12 at 1 p.m. (Campus Life Time) in the paper's offices, Student Union room 058. All are welcome. The deadline for nominations by staff members is May 7. Submissions for nominations can be made in person or may be sent to Krista DeMaria, Student Union room 075, Campus Zip #3200.

Opinion

Intermarriage Hurts Jews

By Ya'acov Saacks

AS A CONCERNED RABBI, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WRITE this opinion, and hope that it will educate Stony Brook students considering interfaith dating and intermarriage.

Intermarriage rates are running at about fifty percent in the Jewish community. Intermarriage has become the most discussed topic in American Jewish life. A few points:

- The issue is not really intermarriage. The issue is whether or not Judaism is important to the Jew. If Judaism is important, no arguments favoring intermarriage are effective.

- Organized Jewish life has for too long depended upon ethnic identity to keep Jews Jewish. Only Judaism can accomplish that.

- To keep Jews Jewish, modern Jews must be given rationally convincing reasons to be Jewish. Going from being Orthodox to being secular, rarely does this.

- With rare exceptions (based upon experience), once a Jew is romantically involved with a non-Jew, it is too late to convince him or her not to intermarry. Therefore, do not date out of your faith, even for fun.

- Jews who intermarry and think that their children will be Jewish are usually fooling themselves. Jews who intermarry and think that they can give their children no religion or two religions are cheating their children of an authentic religious experience. Nothing is more valuable.

- Ideally, non-Jews convert to Judaism because they are overwhelmed by its truth and beauty. However, since few Jews communicate the truth and beauty of Judaism to non-Jews, few non-Jews are given the opportunity to experience Judaism.

Jews should therefore not dismiss conversions that were motivated by a person's love for a Jew. A non-Jew adopting Judaism out of love for a Jew is a bit different from a non-religious Jew adopting Judaism out of love for a committed Jew. And that happens all the time. Loving a Jew is a beautiful way to come to love Judaism, provided, of course, that the born Jew helps cultivate this love.

- Many Jews correctly perceive their parents' objections to intermarriage as racist or elitist. When Jewish parents who have never been concerned with preserving distinctive Jewish values become almost obsessed with preserving Jewish blood, it is racism / elitism. It is therefore racism to equate Judaism with liberalism, tolerance, or some other value, and then object to a child marrying a non-Jew who holds those values. Only objections to intermarriage based on Judaism as a distinctive religious/moral system are not racist.

- Jewish life must make outreach to Jews its primary activity, taking precedence even over funding for the state of Israel. If it doesn't, there will be very few Jews to help Israel in the next generation.

- Intermarriage cannot be stopped, only prevented. And it is fairly easy to do so, by building Jewish schools and keeping religious homes.

Obviously I cannot and do not tell other people how to run their lives. I address myself to those who care to preserve their Jewishness. Those to whom their Jewishness means nothing couldn't care less about what I say. It is to the former I say, "Don't kid yourselves. You cannot intermarry without mortally damaging your own Jewish identity and endangering the Jewish people." As a rabbi, it is my duty to speak out.

Students! Wake up and smell the coffee. Judaism needs you!

You may have troubling questions about Judaism and Jewishness. Perhaps you have not had sufficient opportunity to learn about your heritage, or to understand and appreciate the riches it holds in store for you. I am always on campus, and would be delighted to answer your questions without making a judgment about you. I hope to be speaking with you soon.

Rabbi Ya'acov (Yanky) Saacks is the campus director of the worldwide Chabad Lubavitch movement.

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Bosnia Is Good Reminder of Holocaust

By Joseph S. Toppek

DURING THIS PAST WEEK WE COMMEMORATED the Holocaust. Ceremonies were held in cities and on campuses across the country, including on our own. In Israel, the entire country came to a grinding halt for two full minutes while air raid sirens wailed. The single most tragic example of inhumanity in human history still shakes us to the foundations of our very existence. Indeed, the Nazis' genocidal plan to exterminate every single Jew on the face of the earth was unparalleled in history. Yes, there have been other attempts at genocide, but none that claimed so many victims. Close to 6,000,000 Jews perished at the hands of the Nazis, over one third of the world's Jewish population at the time, and wiped out entire Jewish communities, many of which were over 1,000 years old.

The Jews of Europe had suffered persecution and discrimination for centuries. The Crusades claimed thousands of Jewish lives as zealots swept across Europe on

Rabbi Joseph S. Toppek is director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and Jewish Chaplain in the University Interfaith Center.

their way to conquer the Holy Land. They killed thousands of Jews and Muslims in their quest to banish the "non believers." Jews were often expelled wholesale from countries and forced to flee on short notice, hopefully finding a place that would be more hospitable, even if only temporarily. The most famous example of expulsion was when King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella forced the Jews out of Spain in 1492. Jews could stay, of course, if they simply agreed to convert to Catholicism.

In Europe, Jews were the single most identifiable minority group. Often forced to live in segregated ghettos, they had no autonomy and were at the mercy of the non-Jews in the countries in which they lived. Indeed, Jews were the "others" of European society, subject to centuries of attempted "ethnic cleansings." The task of the Nazis was simplified by this long history of hatred. Myths and stereotypes of Jews as manipulative and money-hungry, religious hatred that portrayed Jews as "Christ killers," and forgeries like the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" allowed the Nazis to get away with their crime. In fact, recruiting non-German Europeans to aid them in their "Final Solution" of exterminating the Jews was not difficult at all.

A recent study of Americans' knowledge of the Holocaust reveals that over 20 percent do not even know that it took place or doubt its authenticity. As the survivors and witnesses to the Holocaust shrink in number it will be even harder in the future years to remind people of the enormity of this tragedy. The importance of Holocaust education is highlighted even more by the situation in Bosnia that goes on at this very moment. Another European "ethnic cleansing" threatens to wipe out the Muslim population of this part of the former country of Yugoslavia, and pitifully little is being done to stop it. The Muslim victims are not even able to defend themselves, as they are subject to the same arms embargo as the Serbs who are trying to kill them. United Nations relief efforts are not getting through Serbian lines and artillery shelling is claiming the lives of hundreds and thousands of innocent Muslim civilians, particularly children. The "no-fly zone" established by the UN is commonly violated by the Serbs, as it is not being enforced. At this time it seems the only way to abate the killing is to use force. Air strikes against Serbian forces, strict enforcement of the no-fly zone, and a lifting of the arms embargo would be first steps. A United Na-

tions coalition force, similar to the one used in the Persian Gulf war, could be used, if necessary, to further protect the Muslim population until a political solution can be found.

Our government has been slow to act during this crisis. Americans have been too reluctant to speak out, despite the horrifying pictures on our television screens and in our newspapers. During the Holocaust, reports of atrocities against Jews were well known both publicly and to government officials, but nearly nothing was done to save its victims. The United States even refused to bomb the railroad tracks leading to the Auschwitz death camp, even though bombing raids against armaments factories were taking place only a few miles away.

A number of Jewish and Muslim groups have spoken out and urged our government to do more, and Israel even took in some of the Bosnian Muslim refugees. I urge you all to add your voices to those calling for a more forceful end to this tragic situation before there are no more Muslims left in Bosnia. I am quite sure that the victims of the Holocaust would be ashamed and horrified at our silence if we fail to act.

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Pats fall to Rutgers in tourney semis

By Edwin Chase
Special to Statesman

The annual Rutgers tournament, attended by 30 Stony Brook Rugby players and about 15 fans in New Jersey, was a first round victory this weekend over Seton Hall with a landslide score of 28-0. However, for the second time in two years, the Rugby Club was stopped in the semi-finals; this time in a heartbreaking loss to host Rutgers, 8-0.

The tournament opened for the Pats on Saturday morning, as the Stony Brook B-Side was eliminated in first-round action by the Rutgers B-Side, 8-5. Although the B-Side's pack seemed to be manhandling the smaller Rutgers pack throughout the contest, they were unable to punch the ball in for a score, despite winning a large majority of the scrum downs and lineouts. Twice they were denied a score when inside the five-meter line, due to a questionable penalty and the superior kicking game of the Rutgers wing.

In the second half, Rutgers-B scored five points on an early try, missing the extra-kick, and a penalty kick good for three points. The Patriot wing, after making some minor adjustments during half-time, put together several impressive drives, one of them ending with a try scored by rookie Billy Gallant. Breaking three tackles, Gallant dove into the try zone, closing the gap to 8-5 with 8 minutes left in the game. However, the Rutgers defense held solid for the remainder of the game, denying several good runs by rookie fullback Anthony Luciano and posted the win.

The Patriot A-Side, with a record of 3-3, began the tournament by spanking Met. New York divisional rival Seton Hall in the first round, 28-0. The first half proved to be somewhat uneventful, as the two packs tried to wear each other down with aggressive rucking and mauling under the glaring sun. Veteran winger, Doug Delisle

scored the only try in the first half. Kicker Mike Bergamini made the extra-kick for 7-0 half-time lead.

The Patriot wing dominated the second half, scoring early and often against the Seton Hall defense. Speedsters Bergamini and Zach Marowitz burned Seton Hall for scores. The latter was achieved on a 60 meter run. "They just looked confused out there," said Marowitz. "There was no way they could stop us."

Rookie prop Tom Avella, whose hard-nosed running style has earned him a slot on the A-Side pack, scored his second try of the year, while Delisle had another try called back because he apparently stepped out of the back of the try zone. Bergamini, whose superb kicking has meant the difference in previous matches, completed all of his extra-kicks for a perfect four for four game.

"This was a great win for us. It firmly established that our skill and hard work will always beat their cheap shots and foul play," said team captain Ian Kantor, referring to an ugly event last fall, when Stony Brook shutout both Seton Hall sides amid multiple fist-fight and brawling incidents. "We simply embarrassed them." Stony Brook played hard in the first half of the semifinals controlling the field position for the first twenty minutes, but coming up short each time they got the ball near Rutgers' try zone. With 10 minutes remaining in the first half, Bergamini was stopped bare inches from a score. Stony



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The Pats practice their tough playing pass and run style.

Brook never got that close again. Just before the end of the half, Rutgers scored the only try of the game, putting them up 5-0 at half-time.

The second half seemed to be an endless cycle of frustration, as Stony Brook could get nothing started on offense and were tagged with a foolish penalty that Rutgers converted for three more points, making the final score, 8-0.

Rugby

Patriots: 28

Seton Hall: 0

Rutgers: 8

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Pats laxmen eye battle against Navy

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Assistant Sports Editor

The lacrosse team is preparing for its game against the United States Naval Academy, the nationally ranked number eight team, on Saturday.

The laxmen have faced tough competition this year due to the rigorous schedule that head coach John Espey prepared. The Pats' record of 3-9 may seem like the team is not playing well, but due to their schedule it was not expected that they would be successful even if they played to their potential. After several winning seasons, including two years ago with a record of 12-1, Espey decided that it was time to include the countries top teams to the schedule. Knowing it was very possible that the Pats would be losing most of the games, they approached the season.

Lacrosse PREVIEW

Ninety percent of high school students in the country are not skilled enough to play for Stony Brook, according to Espey. But the rough opposition is the way for Stony Brook to become known in the sports community. "I knew I had to make up this schedule to bring us to the national recognized level," he said. "You have to work hard to get to the top of the mountain." The players, including the ones that played on the winning Stony Brook teams, understand Espey's choices. "We are going to keep playing the toughest teams until someone riding the pony falls off,"

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Hafemeister earns ECAC bid

By Mark Peterson
Special to Statesman

Junior Nicole Hafemeister led the women's outdoor track team to a first place finish last week at the Stony Brook Invitational. Hafemeister, who was named Statesman / VIP Athlete of the Week for her performance, won the 800 meter race in a time of 2:23.6 seconds and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships. She was also a member of Stony Brook's 4x400 meter relay team that finished second.



Nicole Hafemeister

"Nicole's really starting to run aggressively," said head coach Steve Borbet. "She ran well at the end of cross country, she ran well toward the end of indoor track, now she's turning it on." Her time in the 800 meter race qualified her for the ECACs on Saturday, May 15. "I set a time for myself on Sunday, and I ended up running to that time and qualifying for the ECACs" said Hafemeister.

Hafemeister has been on the go since August, running cross country, indoor track and now outdoor track, but she's not wearing down. "We get a week off in between each season, but I like keeping busy," said Hafemeister. "It forces me to stay on top of things and keep up with my schoolwork." Hafemeister will be transferring to another school next semester to study geology, so she would like to do well on the track this spring at Stony Brook. "I'm going to the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse for a different academic program, but I'm going to miss Stony Brook."

In order to qualify for the NCAAs, Hafemeister will have to knock off about six seconds from the time she ran on Sunday. "My goal this season is to break 2:20, once I get that I'll keep working for the NCAAs," said Hafemeister. "Right now we've been doing mainly strength workouts. I need to start getting in some speed work."

Coach Borbet wouldn't rule anything out. "This [800 meter race] is a warm weather event, and we've had a really cold spring. When it gets warmer, she could knock off of her time."

said senior Paul Leva. "Some big team will fall and we will be there to take their place. The day we stop doing that is the day I forget about lacrosse."

Last year, the Patriots lost to Navy with a score of 11-3. This year Navy looks even better with a record of 8-3, with their only losses to Maryland, Virginia, and John Hopkins. The Patriots lost to Duke in the first game of the season in a game ending with the score of 18-3. Navy beat Duke with a score of 12-11. "They are the best well conditioned team," said senior attackman James Sommese. Being that the academy members are in constant physical training, this is bound to be true.

"We are conditioning a lot," said captain Joe Spallone. "It's going to be really tough." With the understanding that Navy is going to be ready, the Patriots will also be prepared.

If the Patriots are to beat Navy it will cost Navy its playoff spot. "They are in risk," said Spallone. "We must be prepared, both mentally and physically," said Sommese.

The Pats did have trouble with ground balls against Boston College and being that Navy has proved to be very strong in that area the Pats have been practicing hard. Leva will be taking a try at the faceoffs again. The Pats are moving strong towards focusing on Navy shortcomings. They are planing to exploit these areas.

Facing the Pats are Navy's Kevin Farrington, an excellent goalie, Jamie Slough, an outstanding midfielder, and Matt Pawloski who lead the team last season with 15 goals and 20 assists. Eight out of the top 10 players also returned. 76 per cent of the team returned who scored 75 per cent of the goals.

"We must come out, play hard, and not be afraid to get tired because you want to play the whole game," said Leva. The Patriots have a game in front of them that will take motivation and hard work but according to the Patriots, they will be out to play. "We will have to work hard, never give up, and play with pride," said Leva. "But actions speak louder than words, so we will have to perform."



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Dave Marcus has helped the Patriots in their struggle for a playoff berth.

Statesman File Photo / Chris Vacirca

Hangin' Tough: *Win keeps playoff hopes alive*

By Seth D. Kaplan
Statesman Staff Writer

The baseball team improved their record to 9-10-1 on Wednesday by defeating St. Joseph's College 8-2 on the road in Patchogue.

Sophomore pitcher Mike Robertson, out of Kings Park, pitched a complete game for the visiting Pats, giving up nine hits, striking out seven, and walking one batter. Robertson tossed a terrific game for the Pats who have had problems with effective starting pitching for most of the season. "Mike pitched a terrific game," said head coach Matthew Senk. "Four of the nine hits off him were bloop hits. And our defense backed him

Baseball

Patriots: 8
St. Joseph's: 2

up real well. One of the two double plays we turned ended a scoring threat."

The Pats scored all eight of their runs in two innings — four in the first and four in the seventh. Freshman first baseman Santo Ciccarello from Islip had a fine day going 2 for 4 with two RBI. Ciccarello said, "Now that I'm getting the playing time, I have a lot more confidence at the plate."

Senior outfielder Jason Greco from Huntington showed why he is being called one of the most productive hitters on the ballclub. Greco went 2 for 4 with two RBI, and one run scored. "Jason is doing everything we wanted in a clean-up hitter," said Senk. "It seems like he gets two hits in every game."

Senk was happy with the performance of the team this game overall "This was probably the best game we've

played this season. This is how I expected our team to play this year," said Senk. Today, we put everything together. We came up with big hits when we had to, and the defense was solid."

Winning the upcoming games the Pats may have gotten themselves on a roll. If this is to continue the Pats may get their much desired playoff spot yet.

"We've won two games in a row," said Senk. "If we win our last five games, we'll be back in the playoff picture."

The Pats will get the chance to pull to .500 and strive towards the playoffs with a win against Kean College on Thursday at University Field. Senk's team will also face Old Westbury at home on Friday in a doubleheader, and will travel to Manhattanville for a doubleheader on Saturday to close out the season.

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