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Senate to take stand on Gulf Crisis

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The Polity Senate will hold an emergency meeting this Wednesday to discuss its position on the United States military action in the Persian Gulf.

This will be part of a plan to have the University at Stony Brook take an official stand on the conflict, according to Student Polity President Dan Slepian.

And the Senate will address a resolution presented by the Graduate Student Organization, which condemns President George Bush's military build-up in the Gulf arguing that the president has gone beyond his constitutional powers as commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The Senate was unable to vote on the resolution during its final meeting last Wednesday because of a recent order by the Polity judiciary that forces the Senate to give 48 hours notice to the judiciary before considering any resolutions. This ruling is supposed to ensure that senators consult with their constituencies before voting.

On behalf of the Stony Brook Coalition for Peace, graduate student John Nolan urged the Senate last Wednesday to declare Bush's actions in the Gulf as unconstitutional, citing the War Powers Act of 1973.

Nolan said that the president is only allowed to utilize the armed forces "in response to threat of sudden attack," according to the act, "not offensive action."

"The resolution does not say 'pull the troops out'. The resolution's saying 'we, the student body, condemn the military action because it was carried out illegally."



File Photo

The Polity Senate tabled a vote on the Persian Gulf Crisis until this Wednesday so senators could consult with the student body.

"We are telling Bush to uphold the constitution," said Nolan.

Senator Paul Miller disagreed. He believes the president's troop deployment has been instrumental in the release of American hostages, and has intimidated Saddam Hussein effectively.

"At the beginning, Saddam Hussein said he would be sending U.S. soldiers home in body bags," Miller said. "And now he says he is releasing all the hostages."

Miller also cited recent government

reports of Iraqi soldiers committing random acts of murder in Kuwait. "If we are to play hands-off in all human rights issues, we shouldn't get involved in China, we shouldn't get involved in South Africa . . .," he said. "We're talking about human lives."

Miller urged the Senate to support President Bush's actions in the Gulf because "it is necessary to condemn Hussein's occupation of Kuwait."

According to Slepian, if the Polity Senate and University Senate pass the resolution,

he plans to ask University President John Marburger to write a letter to President Bush saying that the University at Stony Brook officially condemns the U.S. presence in the Gulf.

But because the recent United Nations resolution allows the U.S. to use military force if Iraq doesn't withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15, Slepian fears the resolution may be too late.

"We'll see about the situation when we get back from intersession," said Slepian.

State approves tuition hike, aid cuts

By Eric F. Coppolino
Student Leader Press Service

ALBANY — Legislators completed \$1 billion in mid-year budget cuts Friday, racing to leave Albany before news of another revenue shortfall of up to \$500 million became official.

That news, which legislators will have to deal with when they return to session for the final quarter of the 1990-91 fiscal year in mid-January, is expected to be made public today and only means more trouble in the current year for New York's already imperiled public colleges and universities and other state agencies.

And next year, state officials say, is expected to bring far worse economic times for New York State, with a state budget

deficit of up to \$3 billion. The "omnibus budget cut package," which passed at about 4:30 am Friday by solid majorities in both house of the legislature and with virtually no debate, legislates tuition hikes of \$300 per year for the State University of New York (SUNY) and up to \$300 per year for the City University (CUNY).

The unprecedented mid-year tuition hike takes effect with a \$150 impact in the spring semester for SUNY and at least \$100 for CUNY.

Cuts to Financial Aid

At the same time, immediate cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Regents Scholarships, Liberty Scholarships and Empire State Scholarships, will cost every recipient, except some of the very

poorest, \$100 off their state financial aid package.

The proposal to cut financial aid was the idea of Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Students receiving full TAP are the only students whose TAP award will not be cut. About 71,000 students both the CUNY and SUNY systems, whose net taxable family income does not exceed \$8,000 a year, are the only students exempt from the TAP cut.

These same students, however, are subject to a \$100 financial aid cut if they are receiving money from any other state program.

Administrators of the SUNY system are now left to cut about \$135 million out of the current year's operating budget after already having cut \$50 million at the beginning of

the fiscal year. The cuts so far — before Friday's action — have cost the system 3,000 class sections and upwards of 300 faculty and staff jobs.

For the City University system, which has suffered similar devastation, a \$100 per year tuition hike was linked to easing restrictions on Aid to Part Time Study (APTS), which, according to CUNY officials, was included in the legislation. Easing these restrictions — which SUNY and CUNY student advocates have sought after literally for years — will cost taxpayers nothing yet benefit thousands of part time students of both systems.

While senator Kenneth LaValle, the
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Campus Calendar of Events

Monday, December 17

3:30pm at Stony Brook's University Hospital.
Physiology and Biophysics Seminar, "The Molecular Basis of Gamete Recognition in Sea Urchins: Studies on the Sperm Receptor," William Lennarz, chair of the Department of Biochemistry. 4:00pm, Room 140, Level T-5, Basic Health Science Tower. Call 444-2287.

3:30pm at Stony Brook's University Hospital.

Tuesday, December 18

Hillel Foundation Chanukah Menorah Lighting. 5:00pm, SB Union. Call 632-6565.

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Tuition hike, aid cuts sail through legislature

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powerful chair of the higher education committee, has long opposed easing ATPS restrictions he eventually compromised — though one Albany insider said “it must have taken a pitch fork” to move him on the issue.

Sources said that LaValle desire to severely restrict the \$11 annual million program stems from his belief that the funding is abused. As a result of the past restrictions, as much as \$4 million of the funding went unspent each year.

Later Friday afternoon, a top LaValle aide reached for comment said that the senator has long fought for easing ATPS restrictions.

Sources close to the legislature said that the entire effort to raise tuition, most strongly advocated by SUNY Chancellor Bruce Johnstone, nearly fell through the day before the vote because of LaValle's refusal to compromise on APTS.

The SUNY Board of Trustees, meanwhile, is scheduled to formally adopt of tuition hike when it meets in Albany at 8 am Thursday, Dec 20. This vote is merely a formality now that the tuition hike has been passed into law.

Legislators, Administrators Protected
Amazingly, the cut package, according to Albany sources, did not include the firing of a single administrator or manager. The only state workers fired were those coming in direct contact with the people they serve: nurses, prison guards, faculty members, and other non-administrative staff members.

And a five-day payroll lag, which will withhold a week's pay from all state employees until they retire or leave state employment, including SUNY's graduate student employees, will not affect member of the state legislature.

At least one senator — John Scheffer, a Republican from the Buffalo area — said he voted against the budget cut specifically for this reason, and because he did not agree with massive cuts to education.

Legislators, who also rejected any possibility of raising taxes for rich New Yorkers, explained their positions this way in interviews late Thursday afternoon, just hours before the session began.

“A tuition increase is needed to help maintain the integrity of the system,” said Senator Anthony Masiello of New York City, who said he opposed making financial aid cuts at the same time, however.

“Without a raise since 1983, a lot of services, programs and courses” would be cut, and “that diminishes the opportunity for education. But to cut back on aid is more of detriment because poor people will be faced with a little bit higher tuition but no offset in aid.”

Senator Howard Babbush of Brooklyn said he felt that private schools — which receive about \$100 million in state subsidy, or “Bundy aid” every year — should absorb blows before state institutions. Bundy aid was cut about \$10 million this morning as part of the expenditure reduction package, though it has long been held as a “sacred” expenditure for legislators whose sons and daughters attend private institutions.

“I really feel that our main thrust should be to maintain public higher education,” Babbush, whose daughter attends SUNY Albany, said. “I don't see why we have to keep subsidizing private institutions when we have excellent facilities available for our residents.”

He said he remembered a time when New York was so rich, it had to look for educational programs to spend money on, and noted that funds are never set aside for leaner years.

“Several years ago it was a question of rushing to find programs to spend money

on. We gave major infusions. I've never seen money ever saved. We always seem to break even or come out on the minus side.”

Babbush said this is particularly devastating now that there is inadequate funding to pay for basic necessities.

“By taking money from education, you're only going to find yourself in the same problem in 10 or 15 years. You're not dealing with the cause, you're dealing with the effects. We're really short sighted.”

He predicted that cuts to higher education could mean decades of financial difficulty for the state.

Cuts may threaten safety

By Lydia Johnston
Statesman Staff Writer

The Women's Center is concerned that the SUNY budget cuts will affect their plans to build a safer campus.

“With all the budget cuts, it is important that safety not be neglected,” said Sue Bojdak publicity coordinator for the Women's Center. She said the center wants “better lighting, a better walk service and more blue phones on campus.”

The role of the Women's Center is to “educate the campus community about women's issues, advocate women's rights, and to provide a support network for women” said Bojdak, who said the center is geared at increasing safety on campus.

In addition to safety, the center would like to conduct a film series next semester about rape, sexual harassment and battering.

They are also looking to reorganize Victims No More, (VENOM) which is a sup-

port group for sexually assaulted survivors. This will focus on pornography as being exploitive and analyze how it encourages violence against women.

Along with the many other organizations on campus, the Women's Center supports the idea of “Save SUNY”, which they hope will not only protect money that goes not only to safety issues, but to women's studies as well, according to Bojdak.

While the center upholds “everyone's rights”, they are against those groups who discriminate. For example, they are strongly interested in getting ROTC off campus because of their discrimination against women. “Women get in and then it is another story,” said Bojdak.

The Women's Center is open to all, however, they wish to emphasize that they are “here for women.” Yet, men are also welcome. As Bojdak stated, “We are always appreciative of men who support feminism.”

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News Views David Joachim

When President Bush said "This will not be another Vietnam" last week, he meant that the conflict will not linger as did the "police action" in Vietnam. But

one similarity is clear: many American soldiers seem to have no idea why they are being asked to fight Saddam Hussein.

There are those students who have enlisted in the reserves thinking that because the Cold War is over, they would not have to worry about having to partake in actual combat. These people are facing the harsh reality that they may soon have to ship-off to the Gulf in exchange for their college tuition. Maybe they should have gotten a loan.

There are also those students that are still active after serving full-time in the military. They had completed their duty as soldiers during peacetime, and now will be asked to postpone their aspirations as students to perform what they have learned in military training.

Each of us probably knows at least one person in either of these groups. This

means that our friends, hallmates, or acquaintances may no longer be there when we get back for the spring semester. They may be in the sand with a gun pointed at Hussein. Shouldn't we, as their friends, know why they are there?

And as the U.S. invests billions of dollars and commits 400,000 soldiers to the Gulf conflict, we can be sure we are in for a lengthy stay. This, of course, increases the likelihood that a *draft* will be instituted in the near future; a frightening thought as students are no longer exempt. Today, as opposed to 20 years ago, college students are only allowed to finish their present semester before becoming eligible. All the more reason to be informed.

Let's not make the same mistakes our predecessors made in the Vietnam era. Ever since we were young, our generation has heard horror stories about young Americans in the jungle of Vietnam, not

knowing where they were or why they were killing.

Today, in the era of the media, we are given countless opportunities to educate ourselves on world events. Whether it's the Cable News Network or the many documentaries that are shown daily on network television, programs about the Gulf Crisis are aired 24 hours a day. And periodical magazines constantly summarize and analyze the "Crisis in the Gulf." Take a minute and see what's going on.

But it may take actual blood shed for students to start following the events in the Gulf. Who knows, as families in the Vietnam era watched films of combat on the news, modern technology may allow us to actually see live footage of combat at our dinner table. Perhaps that's precisely what we need to open our eyes and see the horrors of war, and understand what a mistake we're making in the Gulf.

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Binghamton bans blood drive

By Sean Springer
Student Leader Press Service

BINGHAMTON— The Binghamton Student Association (SA) met on Tuesday to reevaluate their resolution to ban blood drives on campus, because of what has been called racist policies in restricting Haitians and sub-Saharan from donating blood.

Other schools SA's, such as SUNY at Stony Brook, Brooklyn College, Nassau Community College, and City College all have enacted similar bans.

A motion to rescind the resolution was voted down, and a second resolution was introduced by Angus Johnston was passed, calling for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to change its policies, greater on-campus awareness of safe sex, awareness of facts involved in AIDS and sub-Saharan Africans, and facilitation of such knowledge through the SA Executive Vice President (EVP) Office.

Unknown to the SA, that same day the FDA lifted restrictions on Haitians, but in an effort to make transfusions safer, blood donors will be asked additional questions about their sexual history.

Sub-Saharan Africans will be restricted from centers that do not test for HIV-2, a type of HIV which does not show up on the test for HIV-1, the more common variety found in the United States. HIV-2 is considered rare in this country but the most common version in West Africa, and the test for it is more expensive. This ban will be in place until HIV-2 testing becomes common.

Santa crashes through wall

The Associated Press

Three people remained hospitalized yesterday, after a firefighter driving Santa to a Christmas party at a fire station crashed a fire truck through the station wall.

The most seriously injured, 5-year-old Aaron Williams, was listed in serious condition at University Hospital in Syracuse, along with Denise Brady, 36, who was listed in fair condition at the University hospital in Syracuse. And Kathleen Murdock, 88, was in stable condition at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, according to a spokesman.

Eight other people were treated and released, authorities said.

The truck driver, Richard Chicallo, 27, told police the gasoline pedal stuck, forcing the vehicle to surge forward.

The truck hit two cars parked outside the Moyer Corners Fire Department in the Syracuse suburb of Clay, sending one car through the wall ahead of the truck and into a banquet room, startling 50 people waiting for Santa to appear.

Chicallo and the hired Santa, 25-year-old David Evans, were not injured. Police are investigating the accident. No charges were filed.

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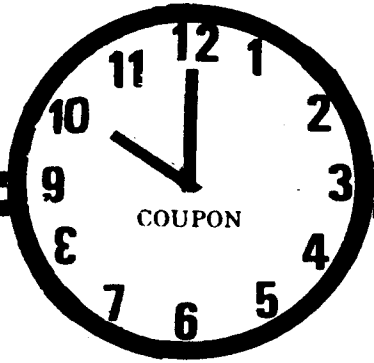
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The Stony Brook Faculty Student Association (FSA), in cooperation with the Division of Campus Residences and the Department of Student Union and Activities, would like to announce the following faculty and refreshment schedules for late evening studying during final exam week.

Stony Brook Union Building- Several second floor meeting rooms will be opened for quiet, late evening studying from Sunday, December 16 through Thursday December 20. The rooms will be open from 7pm to 1am. Coffee for a dime will be available at FSA's Stony Brook Snacks, in the Lobby of the Student Union Building, from 10pm until midnight during those nights.

Campus Residence Lounges- The Division of Campus Residence will be coordinating coffee service, through a grant from the Faculty Student Association, for free coffee and cookie service in each quad from Sunday through Thursday evenings, starting at 8:30pm The schedule of locations is attached.



Name Symbolizes Tradition at Stony Brook

When a child comes into the world, he is given something that is exclusively his, something that sets him apart from everyone else. That something is his name.

Others may have the same name, but to the individual, his name is unique. When he is gone, it will be his name that elicits memories of past accomplishments.

Recently, the editors of *Statesman* felt that the name of the paper was unfit for the current era. Our quest for a new image that would better reflect the Stony Brook campus and community led us to hold a name-change contest. We opened the contest to students, faculty and members of the community.

We received many entries, and took all into consideration. Unfortunately, what we may not have taken into enough consideration was the history and tradition of *Statesman* that preceded us.

Statesman has been a part of the Stony Brook community since 1958. In that time, it has established itself as the longest-running institution on campus. And it has represented tradition on a campus in which tradition is alien.

We also may have overlooked *Statesman's* alumni and the work they had contributed to keeping this institution a part of the campus.

We received many letters questioning our plans to change the name of something that was here for years before us, and will remain for years after. Who gave us the right?

The soul of the paper is comprised of the contributions of a revolving myriad of students. When they are gone, a new staff takes over. The name of the paper is the only item that binds them to their work. To change the name is to rob the paper of its soul.

Yes, a name is just a name. But *Statesman* stands for something more. It stands for the 32 years of past efforts and accomplishments that made the paper what it is today.

If the name is eliminated, the work of the past 32 years is eliminated also. It is as if the paper never existed, nor did the staff behind it. What good would a paper be without its past to grow on?

After a series of meetings, we decided to keep the *Statesman* name alive, but with the subtle addition of *Stony Brook* preceding it. That minute addition gives the paper a sense of identity, but keeps the paper tied to its roots. The soul stays intact.

The current incarnation of *Statesman* is much more than just what we have made of it; to forget that would have been unforgivable. We cannot afford to forget our roots, nor do those whose spaces we now occupy deserve to be forgotten.

We, the current staff of *Statesman*, would like to thank all of those who took the time to enter

our contest. We especially would like to thank the *Statesman* alumni who once again took the time and effort to give their invaluable input and steer us back on course.

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary
statesman *n.*: 1) one versed in the principles or art of government, esp: one actively engaged in conducting the business of a government or in shaping its policies. 2) one who exercises political leadership wisely and without narrow partisanship.



Editor-in-Chief David Joachim (left) presents Gareth Boehning with a certificate for a free one-year membership to Fitness Connection. Statesman/Christopher Reid

Name Change Contest Winner Named

Gareth Boehning, a junior living in Langmuir College, was the recipient of the free one-year membership to Fitness Connection in *Statesman's* Name Change contest.

Although the editorial board of *Statesman*

decided to reconsider a name change, Boehning was selected from a random drawing by the editorial staff.

Statesman would like to thank Fitness Connection and all those who took time to enter.

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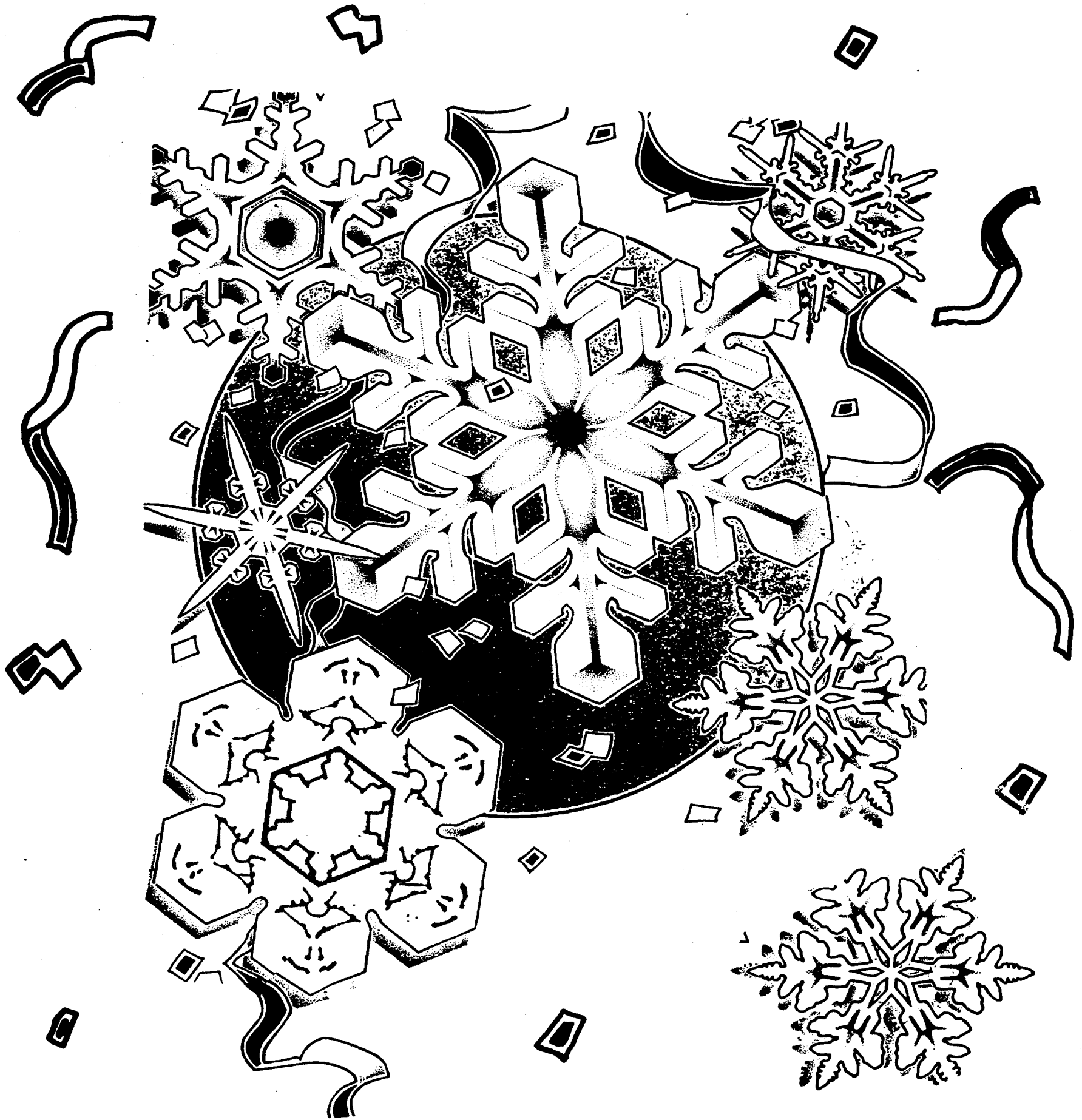
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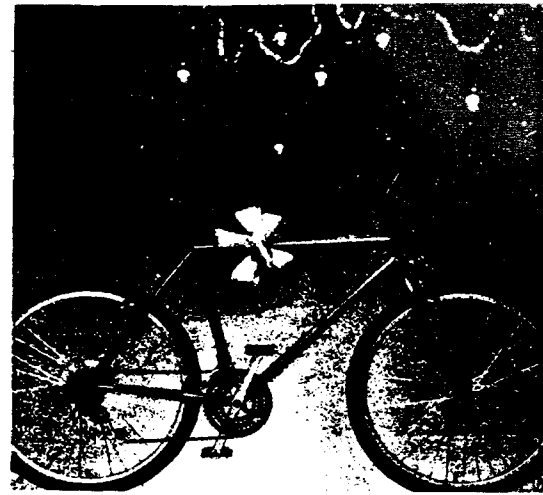
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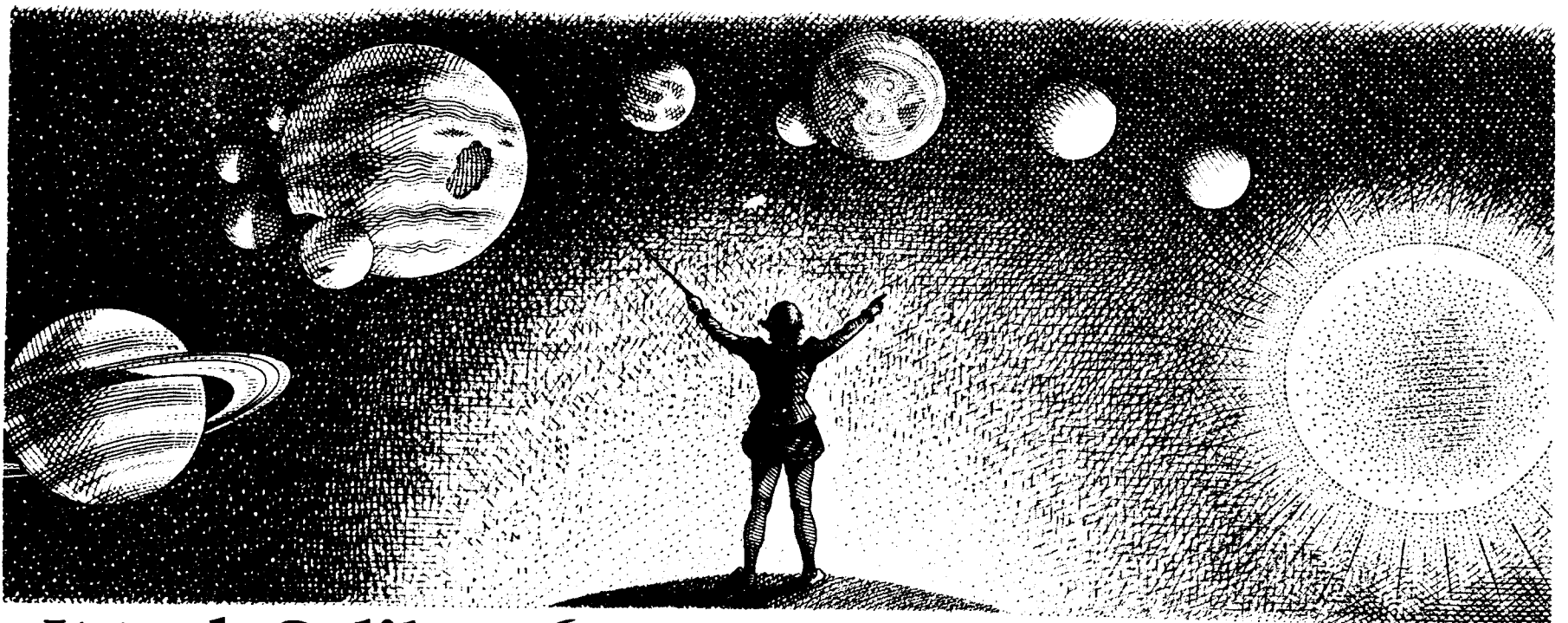


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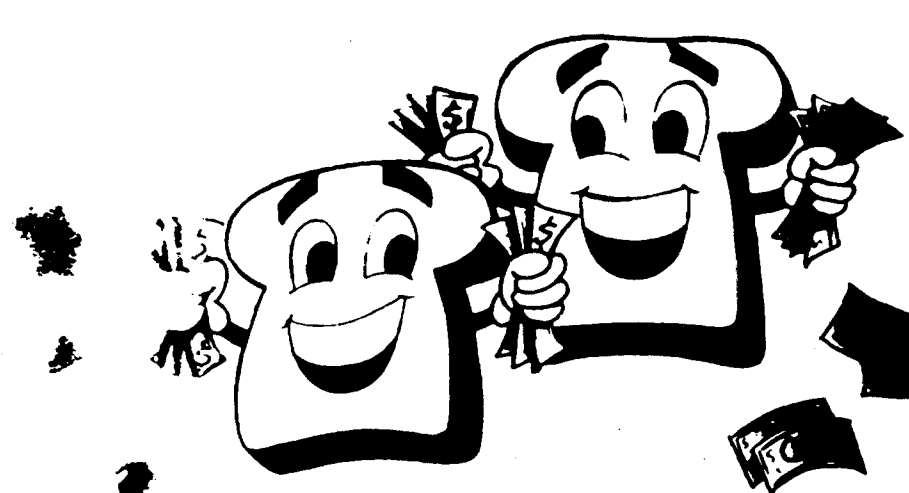
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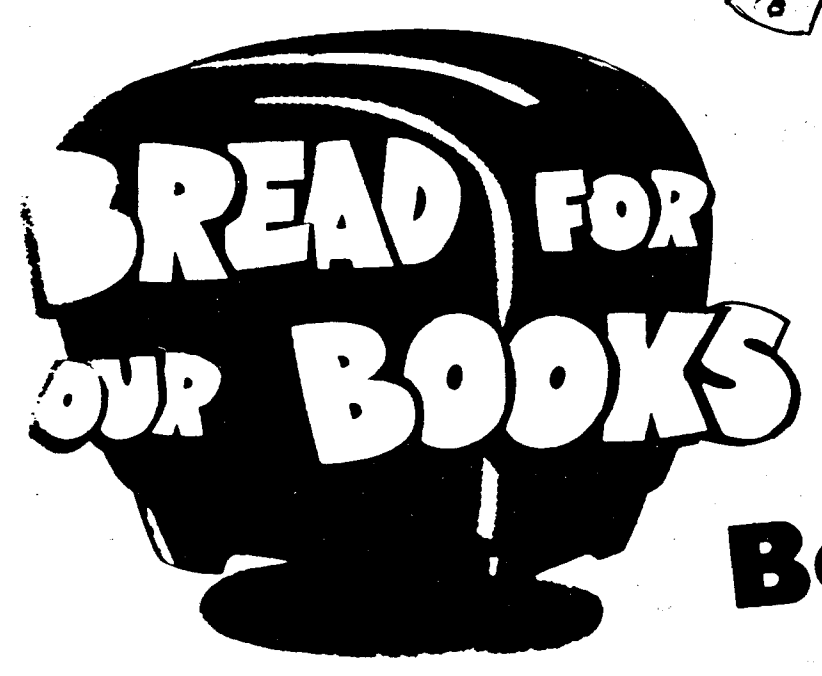
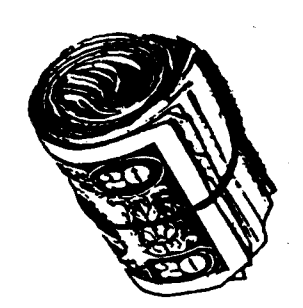
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Writing U.S. servicemen, soldiers are people too

By John Virgolino
Statesman Feature Writer

You have just jumped out of an airplane and parachuted onto a hot, sandy desert swarmed with tanks, fighter planes and over 400,000 soldiers. You return to your tent after a grueling twelve-hour work day and your thoughts focus on family, friends, loved ones and the possibility of dying in combat. You're thousands of miles from home in a desert upholding your duty as an American soldier. Then the two most beautiful are shouted from behind the sandbags surrounding your tent: "MAIL CALL!!!"

"It gets very lonely and depressing out here." These are the words from a letter written by U.S. Marine Scott Holman, currently serving under Operation Desert Shield in the Middle East. While our troops practice and await orders, their biggest problem is boredom. The languor of the desert has made mail a very important factor on both sides of the Atlantic.

In October, Ann Landers published a letter from a mother whose son is also in the Middle East. Using her son's own words, the mother pleaded for people to write letters to the troops in order to help break the monotony.

This was letter was so motivating that one Long Island woman responded to the mother's plea. "I felt really bad, and decided to write a letter," said Karen Renken from Dix Hills. Her first "Dear friend" letter was received by Scott Holman. The following is an excerpt from his response:

Dear Karen,

... I work at least twelve hours a day out here. The living conditions are just enough to get by on. We don't have much free time out here so we work just about all day and sleep all night. We live in tents that are sur-

Dear Karen. 7 Nov 90

Hello and how are you? My name is Brian Scott Holman. I'm in the Marines and I was lucky enough to receive your letter. Me and my fellow Marines thank you for the support we get! I know alot of you don't really know why we're out here but I'm going to try to shed some light on the subject. What I want to do is answer your questions and at the same time tell you some things about myself.

Please return my letter. I would greatly appreciate if you write back. I will try to answer all of your questions if I can. Until next time. Farewell!!!

Yours truly,
Brian Scott Holman

P. S. If you could, please send a picture! I will do the same.

rounded by sandbags so if we are attacked by enemy fire the sandbags will absorb most of the rounds. We don't have bathrooms out here. The Marines built these things called port-o-johns. They are portable toilets. They get to smell really bad on a hot day! Especially when the temperature gets up to 120 degrees. The fly situation is very bad indeed! When you use the port-o-johns you have to fight off the flies! Besides that, they're not bad. If I could be back in the U.S.A. I would right now, believe me! ...

Renken received this letter about three weeks after she originally wrote Holman and "was so moved" that she wrote four more letters that same night.

Renken is not alone in her attempt to help boost the morale of the soldiers in the Middle East. According to Frank Umowski, acting manager of Quality Control for the U.S. Postal Service at JFK International

Airport, an average of 250 to 300 tons of mail is airlifted towards the Middle East everyday.

About two weeks ago, the military asked the Postal Service to help out with the large amounts of mail. In turn, Umowski says the JFK staff has increased by 100 - just to handle the packages headed for the troops. "A good portion of the mail," Umowski says, is transported by the military, but some commercial carriers are also carrying the mail cargo, including Saudi Arabian Airlines.

In terms of the effect mail has on the troops, Umowski says, "It's the greatest up you [the troops] probably can get. To be away from home and have no communications or having a hard time getting communications on knowing what's going on and how people feel. ..."

It is important to consider that the United States is a guest of Saudi Arabia. "You have to respect the countries religious beliefs," said Umowski. Items that go against Mus-

lim beliefs such as; alcohol, pornographic material and pork are things that are restricted.

Packages arriving in Saudi Arabia on commercial airliners must pass through customs and be checked. Umowski says, "it is very important to put declaration forms on packages" so that Saudi Arabian customs officials don't have to open the packages in order to inspect the contents. These forms can be picked up at your local post office. The declaration form is not necessary for letters, only packages.

Meanwhile, back home, those who write letters to the troops find it very gratifying. "I feel like I'm making a difference," said Renken, who has received four more responses since her first letter.

The first letter may be a difficult one, since you are unaware of who will be receiving it. Ann Landers recommends talking about yourself and anything that might be interesting to the troops. Renken also tries to keep things "upbeat and interesting" and even went so far as to spray a letter with a touch of arousing perfume.

There is some concern about the letters getting to the desert or on to a ship. According to Umowski, the military mail "is flowing pretty fluidly" and that it takes about two or three days for mail to reach those involved in Operation Desert Shield. Responses from the desert take somewhat longer, roughly two to three weeks.

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Students have big hearts for Little Flowers

By Lisa J. Volpicella
Statesman Staff Writer

Twelve girls gathered outside their little cottage home next to a big church and were playing catch with an orange ball that could hardly fit around their small fingers.

Children frolic and have fun everyday, but it is different for these twelve girls and the 80 children who live in the Little Flower Children's Home in Wading River.

"It's real nice," said 12-year-old Catrice Butler. "We have fun everyday." Ten-year-old Irene Domenech said, "It's beautiful. It's the best place I ever lived in." Both these girls live in Lourdes Place, a cottage on the grounds of Little Flower.

For most of the children, ranging in age from seven to 14, Little Flower is the best place they have ever lived. "Most of the kids here were either abused or neglected," said Bob Legnon, a recreation supervisor at Little Flower. "Most of the kids have parents. . . whether they are on drugs or drinking, who knows."

Between 11 and 14 children live in each one of the eight cottages on the scenic grounds of Little Flower. There are two cottages of girls and six of boys. "Each cottage is built in such a way, like it's their own

home," said Sister Lee, a nun who runs Little Flower. The kids have a cottage parent and counselor who try and make the cottage as homey as possible.

During the holiday season most children want to feel special and loved. Sister Lee said the cottages are decorated for the Christmas season. "Each cottage parent is in charge of that."

The children get to enjoy the holidays by going to various parties all over Long Island. "Christmastime you have to make up a schedule," said Legnon. "You have to limit the number of places they go to, otherwise they lose the concept."

The children were originally coming to Stony Brook to celebrate with the sororities and fraternities, but their schedule became too hectic and they had to cancel. "If you go day after day it gets to be too much," said Legnon. "They really get wild."

However, students at Stony Brook are not giving up. Members of sororities and fraternities are going to Little Flower to give the children their toys. Other student who live in an off-campus house, better known as the "Road House," are also getting the holiday spirit by having a "toys for tots" party, where all of the toys will be donated to Little

Flower.

"We're just a bunch of good guys trying to brighten the holiday season," said Danny Olenchak, a resident of the "Road House" who is in charge of this party. "When you're away at school you lose some of the holiday spirit because you're studying for finals."

This is the fourth year the "Road House" is having a "toys for tots" party. "A lot of people really get into it," said Olenchak. "We had a couple of people that were really generous last year." In 1989, Olenchak said the "Road House" contributed a couple of hundred toys to Little Flower.

Other students at Stony Brook are also donating toys to some children who are less fortunate. The Albanian society organized a party at Tokyo Joe's where you have to donate a toy, instead of buying a ticket to get in. "We thought it was a good idea to get the whole campus involved," said Giorgio Kolaj, president of the Albanian Society. "Maybe this will give a kid a little spark, a little hope." All of the toys will be donated to children's hospitals, churches and children's homes in this country and abroad. Kolaj just hopes that this will make other people feel as good him.

Little Flower is happy to receive these

toys. They have over 200 children in foster care and each child has to receive at least one gift. "I give them out to foster children, AIDS babies and the children who live here," said Sister Lee. She sifts through the numerous gifts and distributes them accordingly. "You want to get the right sex and age."

Many organizations donate toys to Little Flower. "650 motorcyclists came and gave us a toy from each of them," said Legnon. Little Flower accepts gifts from many different groups. "Any toy left over we use for birthdays," explained Sister Lee.

Most of the money and gifts that Little Flower receives comes from donations. "We are funded by the state, but. . .," Legnon laughed. The children go to a public school, but the school is on the grounds and only children from Little Flower attend the school. "They are very young and most of them are behind in reading, writing and arithmetic," said Legnon. "There are ten in a class with a teacher and a teacher's aid."

These children live in a very structured environment. Legnon explained that they come from unstable homes and that they

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At Stony Brook, driving a bus is all in a student's day

By Darren B. Davis
Statesman Associate Feature Editor

In the past, a bus driver was someone with whom you would normally deal with only twice daily. Now, thanks to a new program instituted by the University here, there's a good chance that your regular driver, or drivers, is in one or more of your classes. Why? Because now a good number of the drivers on campus are students, just like you.

In mid-summer, many students received fliers explaining how they could have an opportunity to earn good money on the comfort of their very own campus. It told of a three-week, paid training program and of flexible hours to fit your needs. It told of the opportunity to drive a commuter bus.

The program, brought about in a financially-trying time for the University, is not just beneficial to the University's budget problems. It also represents an opportunity for students to earn a nice piece of change. At six dollars an hour while training, and eight dollars an hour as a regular driver, the students really make out. Though the idea of students behind the wheel of these huge beasts may frighten some.

"Everybody was really apprehensive about student drivers," said Maureen Dell'Orfano, the motor pool supervisor, but "we really haven't had any problems at all." Sentiments from many of the motor pool veterans sway the same way.

Besides handing out praise for their driving skill, Anne Wider, a driver for nine years said, "It's a pleasure to close up with the fellas, they close up and wait for me too get

going."

It's not all fun and games for the student drivers though. According to student drivers, training for a commercial driver's licence is hard work and the program is strict.

Supervisors also make it a habit to spot-check their drivers at any time, to ensure that they are safe and proper drivers. A clean driving record is also a must for potential drivers.

"We want the best," said Dell'Orfano. "We want the cream of the crop."

Student drivers are also extremely pleased with the program. Though the training program was, according to Brian St. Denis, a 22-year-old senior, "more extensive than I had planned on." He seemed pleased with his driver's position.

Jane Adams, a 25-year-old senior, is also quite happy with her new job. Besides the fact that it is on-campus employment, which suits her needs, she likes to learn new things and this was, "an opportunity to learn a new skill."

Another student who has been driving on campus this semester is Brian Montalto, a 20-year-old junior. Although he thought it was intimidating at first, he "felt the training was excellent." Montalto also pointed out, "They're giving you a skill that you can get good work outside of school with."

The program, in full-swing for the past semester, is apparently working out quite well for all involved. With 20 students currently driving and a new semester on the way, expect to see more students behind the wheel of the bus, not just riding it.

The high price of being cheap

By Pete Mavrikis
Statesman Staff Writer

Can Madonna justify her latest video, "Justify My Love?" Has the bleach-blond finally crossed the line?

When her new video, filmed by Jean Baptiste Mondino, who also directed "Open Your Heart," was first brought to MTV, it was dropped like a sack of potatoes. Due to its sexual content, the station said it was too hot to air.

Many of Madonna's fans were steamed. Although we must remember this is the same woman who wore underwear outside of her clothes and posed in the nude for *Playboy*. And let's not forget the bullet bra she wore during her last tour! Considering this, should we judge her so harshly in her new project?

Together with her real-life boyfriend, Tony Ward, the video brings us to the steamy encounter they have in a Paris hotel. The video displays voyeurism, bisexuality and sadomasochism.

The new controversy Madonna has created has elicited mixed responses from students here at Stony Brook. Diana Shutz, a senior studying liberal arts, stated that, "This is America and it isn't right for her to be censored! It's ridiculous and I hope it doesn't turn out to be like another 2 Live Crew incident."

"It is an eye opener!" says senior Sam Datta. "The video is a great piece of art work and I hope it goes on MTV. Hey, if you don't want to watch it, just flip the channel."

Another defender of Madonna's video, Neal Reich, said that "The constitution is based on free speech and people who don't like it are ignorant."

However, there are people who are opposed to Madonna's new video and support MTV's decision not to air the video.

Lisa Volipicella summarized it in two simple words, "It's disgusting!"



Madonna Sire Records

What about all the media attention that has been drawn to the video in the past couple of weeks. Is it all a publicity stunt to promote the sale of her new album?

Madonna has raised many eyebrows and once again has managed to turn the cameras in her direction. The naughty girl of the music industry has just gotten naughtier.

Stony Brook enters the Albert Einstein Triathlon

TWENTY-TWO PAGES DOWN and only 385 more to go with twelve hours remaining before your final. Impossible, right? Of course it is, so kick back, plan that January ski trip and take your scholastic beating like a man. C'mon and join the rest of us on a reality trip. You know you're in bad shape when even Evelyn Wood has given up on you.

The Funny Bone Otto Strong

Finals week is typically the time when students are forced to confront an English paper, that lethal Calculus exam and a biology lab more extensive than Darwin ever produced. These three tasks are lumped together to form what is commonly referred to as the Albert Einstein Triathlon.

As we all know there will be that one student in every one of our classes who won't be able to complete even the first leg of the competition. Others will still be standing after their Shakespeare masterpiece, although they'll choke on a nasty

derivative on the second leg of the race. However, I strongly doubt anyone will be able to prove Quayle is in fact a *homo sapien*.

Since it's nearly impossible to get all three things accomplished, any student who does must have had either a) "prior knowledge" of the material, b) a "very understanding" professor, c) a roommate who was last semester's triathlete, or the ever-popular d) all of the above.

Hopefully students were able to take advantage of the specials at the Park Bench last Thursday. For those who were unaware of the event, there were two-fers on no-doze all night long. In addition, gorgeous centerfolds from magazines such as *Newsweek*, *Psychology Today* and *Computer World* were on hand to show off their huge . . . brains.

Now if you didn't get a chance to swing by the Park Bench last Thursday, it doesn't necessarily mean that all is lost. There is still another way out.

John Ritter, yes, the guy who starred as Jack on *Three's Company*, has developed a series of self-help study aids that *might* be of some assistance, although I don't see how. Apparently after nearly a decade of turning young adolescent minds into silly

putty, Jack Tripper wants to help you achieve higher grades. What's next, Mr. Furlley taking over Bob Vila's show, *This Old House*.

The tapes open with Tripper sitting in a library, of all places. He's got a serious look and in a confident voice he says, "Where there's a will there's an A." Who does he think he is, Plato. I might have taken him seriously, unfortunately I could not stop laughing. Tripper proceeds to give me a guided tour of all the high school and college airheads (the term students simply cannot apply) who "managed" to raise their index from a "D" to an "A" in all of their handball or basketweaving classes. Notice we never find out how these losers do in a course with books. Nor do we see any pre-med, Doogie Howser types. Coincidence? I think not.

Think about it. You're going to put your academic future in the hands of a man whose biggest claim to fame was dating two girls in the same episode. The only reason this tape probably sells so many copies is because most of the guys feel there's an outside chance Suzanne Sommers might be on it. Why, I have no idea.

The most amusing moments during

finals week always occur immediately after an exam. Students may leave the test displaying any number of looks, however, the comments are always the same.

"Hey Joe, what'd you put for number 39?"

"C."

"Oh, I *knew* that!" exclaims Bart. "But I put B. I knew I should've put C."

The "should've, could've or would've" theory is extremely popular among students like Bart. The way this theory is applied is simple. The more people that use either of the three aforementioned terms right after leaving the exam room, the higher the curve is going to be.

Another popular Bart-type response is, "Why did I put B?"

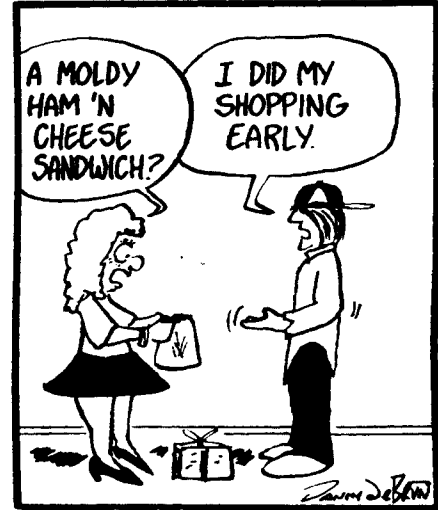
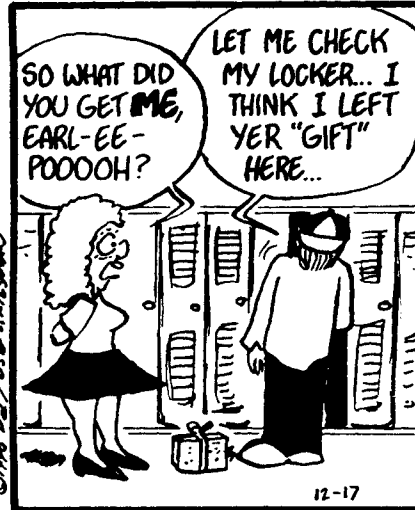
Perhaps the answer to that question lies in the fact that Bart *did* think the answer was actually B. Students, like Bart, are always told to not to change their answers once they put one down on their paper, but do they listen? Sure they do.

"Hey, there's Otto. Ask him what he got."

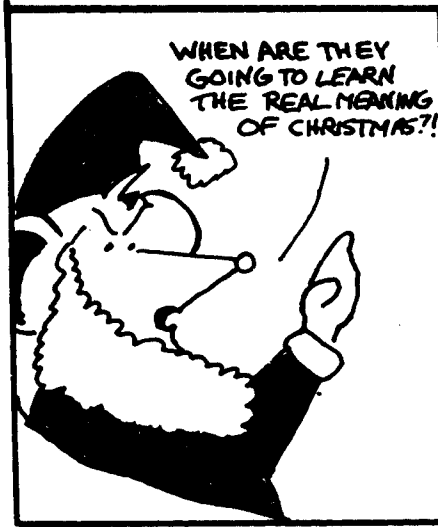
"Hey Otto, what'd you get for number 39?"

"I'm no dummy. I had C. . . but I changed it to A."

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Thanks to all who contributed to SB Magazine. Have a happy holiday. And don't forget to come back in January.



Johnny Depp as Edward Scissorhands. Twentieth Century Fox

Depp successfully cuts through *Scissorhands*

By Glenn P. Warmuth
Statesman Feature Writer

Edward Scissorhands is a fairytale about an inventor (Vincent Price) who creates a young man named Edward (Johnny Depp). The inventor dies before he can finish his creation, leaving Edward with long metal shears where his hands should be.

Edward lives alone in the inventor's mansion until one day when Peg, the Avon Lady played by (Dianne Wiest), finds him and decides that it would be best if Edward came to live with Peg's daughter Kim (Winona Ryder). The movie unfolds as Edward attempts to adjust to suburban life.

Edward Scissorhands was directed by Tim Burton, who directed *Batman*, 1989's top-grossing film. In the past his anarchic style has enabled him to bring many eccentric characters to the screen, such as Beetlejuice and Pee-Wee Herman. He allows his characters to inhabit strange new worlds, however they are always kept in focus and are never eclipsed by their surroundings.

In *Edward Scissorhands*, Burton has created a bizarre, suburban town set in the late 1950's. Most of the characters indulge in the stereotypes of the era. The men work and play golf and the women are depicted as lonesome, gossiping housewives. The characters seem very real, despite their stereotypical nature.

Johnny Depp is excellent as Edward

Scissorhands. He uses his razor-sharp fingers to express a wide variety of emotions. The idea of someone with big scissorhands is unbelievable, but Depp pulls it off beautifully. He never allows his scissorhands to look artificial. The scenes in which he (and his real-life girlfriend) Winona Ryder fall in love are touching.

The film has several excellent performances. Vincent Price is perfect in the role of the inventor. Casting Price in such a role could have caused the film to look campy, but instead it turned out to be a superb decision.

Alan Arkin plays Peg's husband and is very funny as the low-key dad who isn't phased by much of what happens around him.

Anthony Michael Hall's role is somewhat of a casting surprise. In contrast to the characters he played when he was younger, he plays Kim's very tough boyfriend.

The plot experiences some lulls and there are too many shots of Edward using his hands to trim bushes, dogs and women's hair. Instead audiences might opt to see more scenes with the lovers, Kim and Edward.

Overall *Edward Scissorhands* is a clever, exciting and fun film. Tim Burton has created another world for moviegoers to enter. This is a beautiful, yet strange, film with that takes a good look at the way people interact.

Little Flower Children

CHILDREN from cover

need this type of discipline. "They're older and they need a little different kind of attention," said Legnon.

The children at Little Flower only stay for about a year and a half. Most of their parents are either in jail or in rehabilitations, according to Legnon. Some go to a relatives house for Christmas, but the ones who stay at Little Flower stay with their cottage

parent.

"Ms. Barbara and Ms. Tammy are the best cottage parents," said Tahisha Dawson, a 12-year-old who will be spending her second Christmas at Little Flower. "Last year we got a whole bunch of toys, but we want more." A family and nice home to spend Christmas in is all these children ask for. Although children will always be children. "This year I want a walkman," said Tahisha.

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she is ... pink.

her arm rests

she touches... black
... lips.

his face...

she is pink

his face... white

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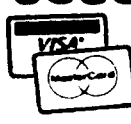
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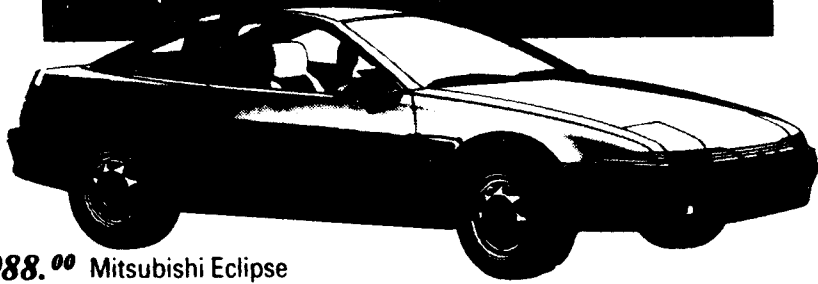
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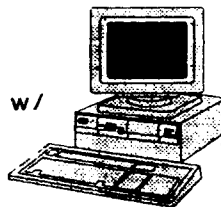
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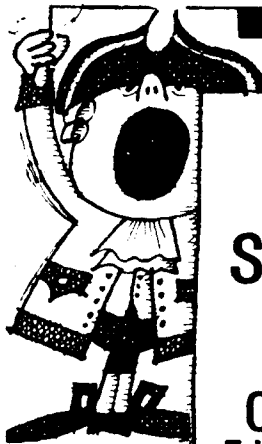
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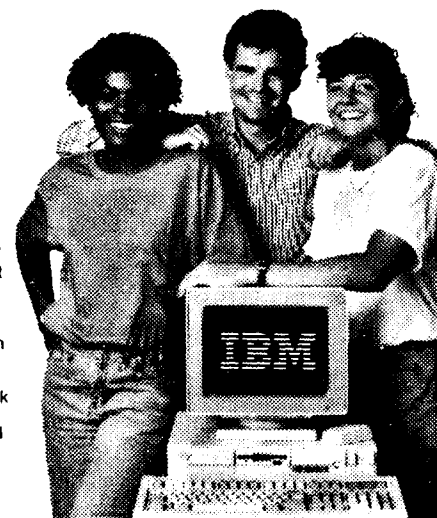
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University Hospital is a bad case of bureaucracy

By Eddie Reaven

In early October, I broke my nose playing for the Stony Brook Rugby Club. After being convinced that it actually was broken instead of only swollen, my girlfriend took me to University Hospital.

After only half an hour (can you believe it?), I was asked to fill out a form. The same amount of time elapsed before I was asked to be X-rayed.

Claiming they were incredibly busy, (there were only four other patients being X-rayed), three hours passed before the results were given to me. Of course, being realistic, a broken nose is of no major concern, especially if there were more serious cases, but there weren't.

After an hour in the X-ray waiting room, a staffed nurse, moments after a security guard proclaimed that every patient could have one guest, quickly ushered all guests back to the emergency waiting room. The claim was that although a guest was allowed, it was only for patients under 17, or for those who could somehow convince the nurse that they were needed, as two of the three patients in the room did.

One hour later, the X-ray technician/doctor strolled into the room, pointed to various patients and said "You're ok, you're ok," before pointing at me and saying "You... crack," pretending to break a stick. I got a nice laugh out of it, not realizing the monetary value of such a horrible break.

After spending two more hours looking at blank walls, I decided to get the diagnosis myself. After a meaningless discussion with the nurse on duty, I found the clipboard with my diagnosis and handed it to her.

The nurse said, "Oh, you can be discharged. You're clean — no break." I told her of the doctor's 'stick-breaking charade' and she said, "Well, he must be wrong!" She then pointed out to me the negative sign by the X-ray diagnosis on the form, but I then pointed out to her the "Fr. nose" in the box marked "final diagnosis." If not for a friend of mine working at the hospital who sent the form back to the doctor, I would have left with a fractured nose and no further treatment. The doctor then looked up at the nurse, then at me, and used all of his powers to turn the minus into a plus. Thank goodness for medical school.

The nurse handed me the instructions for the care of a fractured nose and referred me to a doctor staffed in the Ears, Nose and Throat department of the hospital. I left, more than four hours later and \$500 poorer, with the same diagnosis my rugby buddies had given me.

I called the referred doctor the next morning and was given an appointment exactly one month later. "What if its badly fractured?" I asked the receptionist. "Won't I need an earlier appointment?" She called me back, and told me the doctor wanted to see me in two days.

I went to the ENT department on Wednesday, October 15. Service was surprisingly prompt, and I was led to the doctor by his assistant. Keep in mind no mention of any prices was given.

The doctor, who I shall keep nameless, looked at my X-rays, showed me the point of fracture and said, "It's healing extremely well."

He then put his two thumbs on either side of my nose and applied various degrees of pressure. He did this for thirty seconds and then cleared my nasal passage with a long, Q-tip-like object coated with some gel-type substance.

He then stood behind me and repeated the pressuring process for another twenty to thirty seconds. "Tell me when it hurts," he said.

He told me that my nose was in unbelievably good shape, and then instructed me to

use the pressuring process on my nose three times a day for two weeks. After taping up my nose, I was sent to the billing desk. I told the receptionist to contact my mother's company to get the necessary insurance information.

Two weeks later, my mother called me to ask what the doctor had done to my nose. I told her and she stated that the total cost was \$2,195. The bill was itemized, and under "Manipulative Treatment" was the sum of \$1895. I was stunned, as was my mother.

The next day, my mother called the doctor to question the bill. The receptionist screamed "You'll be billed until you're fully paid!" My mother, a secretary, was again stunned at the rudeness of the receptionist. After demanding to speak to the doctor, she was put on an "open hold" — the reception-

ist merely put the phone down — and heard "Should I lose her?" before being abruptly disconnected.

Being extremely angry, my mother then called the Public Relations division of University Hospital, complaining of the obscenely high price of a simple, non-surgical treatment, and the actions of the receptionist. With a reply of "We'll call you Friday," my mother hung up.

Surprisingly, a public relations officer did call that Friday. When my mother questioned about how a 'University' hospital could refer a non-working, full-time student to a doctor that charges Fifth Avenue prices for non-plastic surgery, he replied "We're a 'training hospital,' so we charge higher prices to cover the cost."

In other words, the students at Stony

Brook, upon using *their* campus hospital, will be charged outrageously high prices for menial jobs, because the hospital trains young medical students.

The whole situation is ridiculous. Patients are not informed of charges as they occur, nor are they given a choice of treatment implemented. When an unknowing patient, not unlike myself, is referred to a doctor in the hospital, the cost is expected to be reasonable. Don't expect anything.

But I have the final say. Since I am over 17 and the bill is *in my name*, I will allow the hospital to garnish my wages to pay for the "manipulative treatment." Find the wages, and they're yours.

(Eddie Reaven is the Managing Editor of Statesman. The views expressed are his own.)

Letters

Their Flood of Complaints

To the Editor:

We are residents of Chapin H1115 and H1117. Our apartments were flooded by the heavy downpour of October 13. The attitude with which the concerning authorities dealt with this event greatly disappointed us. We think that some of the bureaucrats should be held responsible for our property damage and our physical and mental suffering.

What happened that night in H1115 is briefly described below; the situation in H1117 was similar.

At 9:30 pm, rainwater began to enter our living room. We immediately called our coordinator, the Chapin Office and Public Safety, telling them that the situation was very urgent and asking for help (we did not call the Chapin director because his home phone number is top secret). Not long after, our coordinator and the coordinator on duty arrived, but they had no authority to have someone pump the rapidly accumulating water. The only thing they could do was to make more phone calls (some of the calls went to the director because the coordinators are the only ones who have access to the number).

We waited anxiously for the rescuers to come.

An hour passed, nobody came.

At 10:30, the water level outside was so high that water simply leaked through the wall of one of the bathrooms and our bedrooms were in danger.

Still nobody came.

Suddenly, the fire alarm began to roar for some unknown reason. We thought with some relief that the policemen would come soon, since according to past experience, they always respond in a timely fashion to fire alarms. But every rule has its exceptions and they didn't come.

By this time, all three of our bedrooms were completely flooded. Two of us tried in vain to stop the water by blocking the door with jeans and sweaters. The "dam" provided no blockage of the water at all, but it did however, prevent the leaves floating on the water from getting into the room.

At last, around 12:30, someone came. At about 1:30 they began to pump the water. At that time the water in our apartment had been at least three inches deep, and we had been wading in the cold water for more than three hours. Since some of us were not at home, many of our possessions — text books, clothes and shoes — were soaked and damaged.

An hour later, the water receded. If they had begun to pump the water at 10:30, our bedrooms would not have been flooded at all.

At 2:00 am, utterly fatigued, we finally got into bed. But this is not the end of the story.

Just at this time, a strange order came from the Chapin director, who lived less than 100 yards away but never showed up during the entire ordeal! The order said: "Everybody must move out, the building is to be closed 'cause it's dangerous."

What nonsense! How is it that the building was more dangerous when the flood was gone than when it was being flooded? Why didn't this guy have his men do something for us when we needed his help most? How could he know what was going on without coming to the site? Why did he give stupid orders without knowing what was going on? To show his authority?

Moving with our bedding on a wet night at 3:00 am, after fighting the flood for four hours, was not going to be a wonderful experience. That was what this director ordered us to do for no reason. Did we pay our rent to play with a flood? Did we pay our rent to obey stupid orders? Definitely not!

Two of us were dragged out of our beds without knowing what was going on and moved to the so-called "safer place," a crowded sofa in a living room. We have to agree that sleeping in the flooded bedrooms was not a positive experience, but at least we were sleeping in our beds.

Did we pay nearly \$200 to sleep in the living room on a sofa? No way!

We were told after the flood that the director promised to clean the flooded apartments and have a gutter dug to let water drain in case it rained again. The cleaning was done, but it lasted for an entire week, which meant that we had to live in the filthy rooms. As for the gutter, it was totally forgotten. It did rain three days after and again our apartments were in danger. One of us got impatient and dug a gutter, and our apartments were saved due to his effort.

According to the old residents of H1115 and H1117, these apartments had been flooded before, so the Chapin authority should have known this for years, and the problem could have been solved with almost no effort. They did nothing.

We now ask that we be reimbursed for damages occurred and that we be allowed to terminate our current housing contract whenever we desire.

We will hold our rent until we get a satisfactory response from the university authority. No late fee, of course.

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U.S. Style Politics Seeks Justice

To The Editor:

Let me just start off by saying something which might be of interest to David Joachim. The United States' style politics is not threatening to start World War III. Iraq's government is threatening to start a war.

The President of the U.S. has to make his decisions very carefully. He has played a crucial role during this crisis. He has been very patient. No one can tolerate such an act played by Iraq on August 2, 1990 to the present time. That's why the world, united in a quest for peace, adopted a resolution giving Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to get the hell out of there! This resolution should be considered as a deterrent of war. Saddam Hussein is at fault. Only Saddam Hussein, not the U.S.

One must remember that the U.S. Congress is controlled by Democrats. In other words, they are using this type of politicizing as you claim, Dave. A slap in the face for you, if you ask me. Another thing, which I find hilarious, is your claim of the threat of W.W. III. Guess what? Saddam Hussein is all by himself. Sure the possibility of war exists. But not World War III.

President Saddam Hussein has to realize that the world is not bluffing. The world, including the U.S., mean serious business. There are some who say that we are intruding in Middle East affairs, and violating their beliefs. Kuwait cried out for help on August 2, 1990. Saudi Arabia has welcomed our troops in its mission to answer these cries.

One must remember that the U.S. is a nation with a purpose. It was an ongoing mission to bring democracy to the world where it can exist. We will not tolerate naked aggression! As one top leader said, "unprovoked aggression should not be rewarded. Unprovoked aggression should not be permitted to succeed."

Alejandro Mendez

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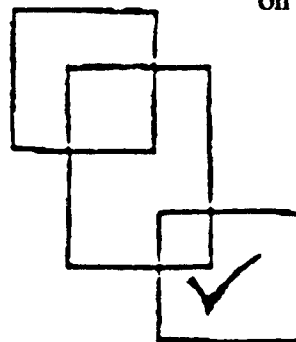
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Support for American soldiers serving in the Gulf

By Cadet Paul Giotopoulos

A number of alarming issues have come to my attention. Issues that I believe the public is being intentionally misinformed for selfish reasons. Some of these issues are the reasons for the US presence in the Middle East, the draft and the ROTC recruiting ban.

First I'd like to explain to those individuals who believe that the U.S. should not be in Saudi Arabia the danger that this thought holds. Consider for a moment that Saddam Hussein's one million-man army had no United Nations force to impede his takeover of Saudi Arabia as he did Kuwait. A man who has used nerve and mustard gas on his own people, a man who holds thousands of international hostages, a man who has made several threats on Israel and the rest of the

world, a man who has considered invading practically all of his neighbors, a man who walked away from an eight-year war that took hundreds of thousands of lives. Is this the type of person that should control over 45% of the world's oil?

This power would allow Saddam Hussein to control the world's economy and finance his army. If you think times are a little shaky now, just consider one man, Saddam Hussein, having the power to send the entire world economy into a recession. Also, those individuals who don't believe that the U.N. presence is necessary in the gulf let me just remind you of an incident that took place about 50 years ago. The incident was World War II. You know, when Hitler tried abolishing the whole Jewish population and tried to take over the

world. The U.S. sat around and watched that one until our borders were finally attacked (Pearl Harbor).

The second issue that I would like to address is the draft. I have seen a lot of fliers on campus saying things like: "Congress wants you" or "College Students can't hide." Well, I looked into this draft thing and I'd like to know where these individuals got their information from because I called several post offices and several recruiting stations and not one of the people that I talked to could tell me anything about the draft. They could provide no information because a draft does not exist.

The third issue is the ROTC recruiting ban. Certain individuals would like to see all military recruitment on campus banned because Congress has passed a law prohibit-

ing homosexuals from serving in the military. For what ever reason Congress passed this law, remember, it was Congress, the people that the public elect, not the members of ROTC. So why is necessary to attack ROTC?

To wrap things up I would like to ask all of you to support the soldiers. Saddam Hussein must be aware of his situation and that he could not possibly win a war against the U.N. forces, but, if for one second, Saddam Hussein believes that the American people could persuade President Bush from abandoning the U.N. sanctions he would surely hold out. Operation Desert Shield is our only possibility of a peaceful resolution, so I say again, support you soldiers.

(The writer is a member of USAR/ ROTC).

A room of one's own? It's easier said than done

By Gami Dadusc

Today I received two things in the mail from the Division of Campus Residence. The first asked me if I wanted to reserve a single-double room for next semester at a price of \$1753.50. It also informed me that, "at any time should I be the sole occupant of my room I will have one (1) week to find a

new roommate or I will be consolidated to another assignment within my residence hall." In other words, should I find myself in such circumstances beyond my control, I will be forced to move all my belongings to a completely new place. This may have come within the outer reaches of my understanding if the single-double requests were

to outnumber the number of available rooms. In this case, consolidation would be considered a solution. However, for this entire semester I have been living in a suite in which one of the rooms has been completely uninhabited. This tells me that the single-double requests are not so numerous that anyone should be forced out of their rooms. It also makes me wonder what tumultuous circumstances would have erupted if either my roommate or I had been given a key to that room, thereby allowing each of us a pleasant single at absolutely no extra cost to the university.

The second lovely item I received was RA Evaluation forms for everyone in my

suite with an even more lovely note attached to it, reading as follows: "It is mandatory to fill this out or you will lose your room assignment." Is Campus Residence deliberately trying to make we already pressured and stressed students feel even more unstable? Do they derive some sort of pleasure from the control they can exercise over us, threatening to take our rooms away at every chance they see? The appearance of the category of "sensitivity" on this form is ironic. Furthermore, receiving an RA Evaluation form (the existence of which shows a concern for the students) along with a threat is completely hypocritical.

(The writer is a Stony Brook student).

Letters

Resources for the Health And Safety of Students

To the Editor:

Your article on stranger vs. acquaintance rape (12/3/90) identified an important issue for the campus community. However, it left the reader "up in the air" about other issues relating to rape.

For instance, where on campus can one receive counseling or treatment for rape? Where on campus can a student obtain information about rape and other health concerns before fear becomes reality? Where can students (not just incoming freshmen) gain access to information about "potentially dangerous situations" that can lead to rape?

The answer to all the above questions: the Student Health Service (Infirmary), which includes the Counseling Center. The SHS, located between the Student Union and G and H Quads, is close to academic buildings and very accessible.

The SHS cares for sick students, of course, but also provides services and information on a myriad of health concerns, including rape. During the year there are pamphlets always available on topics such as nutrition, alcoholism, drug addiction and safer sex. In addition, special videotapes are often presented on timely issues affecting students, such as date rape, drunk driving, and AIDS.

Students may be seen by a physician or other health professional. Call 632-6740. The Counseling Center sees students by appointment. To make an appointment, call 632-6725. EROS, a peer counseling service that provides information on sexual health, is also available to students. Call 632-6450.

Although many students take advantage of what the Health Service offers, many more remain unaware of what help can be found right on campus for wellness and illness concerns. Students should know that they always have health advocates available to them.

Leta I. Edelson
FSA Student Health Plan
Coordinator

HSO Protests Were Peaceful

To the Editor:

Unfortunately Jennifer Schiffman's letter published in *Statesman* on December 10th was published too late to inform anyone on the F.D.A.'s racist blood donor policy or to lecture the Haitian Student Organization on the right code of conduct it should adopt in public.

We have held several protests, here on campus, since the F.D.A. made public its ignorant and incoherent policy, yet we can challenge anyone to come up with the faintest evidence showing the protests were not peaceful or non-violent.

Furthermore, if Ms. Schiffman sincerely wanted to be informed about our goals and philosophy when it comes to public protest, she could have contacted someone such as our Public Relations Officer, Chairman, or President, not bystanders. How did you know who is who? By choosing the appropriate channels, she would have attained a better understanding of H.S.O.'s behavior, and like many other non-blacks and non-Haitian supporters, she could have been among us to make a clear and powerful statement against what was merely unjust, insulting and unacceptable.

Trying to label or insinuate H.S.O. as racist because of an unpleasant answer you claimed having received from one of its members or to judge H.S.O.'s attitude toward Public Safety when you ignored the fact that some have tried to choke one student in the protest, among other wrong doings, is simply irresponsible on your part. Next time, I suggest you ease your emotions and arm yourself with patience and intelligence before you jump to an incomplete and passionate conclusion.

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Rubenbauer takes award

By Bob Orlando
Statesman Sports Writer

Francis Rubenbauer, in leading the men's swimming team to a 2-0 week, captured the athlete of the week award. Rubenbauer finished first in five of the six events he swam.

In a 140-120 victory over New York University, Rubenbauer led in the 200 meter freestyle, 500 meter freestyle, and was on the winning 400 meter freestyle relay team. Also in the week, the Patriots defeated Division I Marist 122-121 as Rubenbauer took first place in the 200 and 500 meter freestyles. He was also on the second-place 400 meter freestyle relay team that clinched the victory over Marist.

If I keep up the hard work, I see a lot of good things happening in the future

Rubenbauer has won every individual competition that he has competed in this year.

"Francis now believes in himself," said head Coach John DeMarie. "Much of his early season success can be attributed to his increased confidence."

"I am concentrating on what I am doing more this season," said Rubenbauer. "It really helped me."

The key race against Marist was the 200 meter breast stroke that preceded the second relay race. The men finished in the top three spots in the breast stroke, four points shy of a victory over Marist.

"We only need four points in the 400 meter freestyle relay," said the head coach, "and I knew we could take second place."

The Oakdale, New York native altered his swimming style last year because the one he was using was inefficient. He decided to watch others on the team, especially 1989-90's fastest swimmer, Nick Cunard.

"My stroke was inefficient," said Rubenbauer. "I needed to build strength and try to become more efficient. I analyzed the members on the team that were strong in my events and I incorporated the right things into my style."

The remainder of the season might prove to be just as pleasing to Rubenbauer. "If I keep up the hard work, I see a lot of good things happening in the future."

Simon sinks 1,000th basket

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Associate Sports Editor

The Stony Brook—Lehman game Thursday night was a far cry from game seven of the NBA championships. Nevertheless, it boasted its share of milestone memories.

At the 8:11 mark of the second half, Patriot forward Yves Simon took an outside shot — good for three — and good enough to clinch his 1000th career point.

Simon's initial thought was, "I hope it goes in, please go in." After the field-goal, he looked over to Charwyu Agard, who assisted on the play. Then he smiled at Coach Joe Castigle, who was saying, "Take it easy." He then let out a sigh of relief. He was greeted to a standing ovation, high fives from his teammates, and of course, the game ball.

Back in 1987, the Brooklyn native never envisioned such a feat. He had just transferred from Long Island University for academic reasons. He did not have any intentions of playing at the collegiate level. But one day, Simon said, "I heard they had try-outs so I decided to go. . . I didn't think I was gonna make it."

Simon indeed made the team. He was inserted at the forward position, as a first-stringer, thereby launching a successful tenure with the Pats.

The senior recalls his first basket vividly. "It was in my first game at a tournament in New Paltz versus Mt. St. Mary's. Scott Walker gave me a pass down the paint. I just made a move and I scored." Simon feels that his first two points is more significant than his career 1000th. "That was

the first. I knew I'd get a lot of baskets. But the first was nice. The 1000th, that was nice too. But I know I won't stop there."

At the start of his last season for Stony Brook, Simon was told by Coach Castigle that he only needed (x) amount of points to reach a thousand. The tenacious forward did not want to hear it, modestly sidestepping the issue whenever he was asked. He took light-hearted ribbing from teammates who assured him every game and every huddle, "We'll look out for you, Si. Don't Worry." And that they did.

At game's end, the 6-5 Patriot was awed by autograph-seekers. "I was surprised. . . wow. . . Number 34, can you sign this? . . . yeah, I was happily surprised." He yielded his first signature of the night to good friend Don Blakeman. He smiles, "It felt good because all that hard work, and the people enjoy it."

Now, after the 1000th monkey has been lifted from his back, he turns his thoughts to the LSAT in February. "Hopefully I do well." The aspiring attorney-at-law can rest knowing that many are pulling for him to ace his test; just as many pulled for him to bank the landmark shot.

He wishes to extend thank you's to Marshall Foskey, Stan Martin, Scott Walker, Tommy Blumberg, James Robinson, and the 1990-91 Patriots.

Of Simon, fellow Pat Vicent Farmer remarks, "He's a positive individual that cares a lot about the team. He loves to win and he's a great leader."

Yves Simon is also a champion.

A frustrating season for the Patriots

The Stony Brook Patriots endured a frustrating season as they played to a second-to-last finish in the Liberty Conference. The Pats ended the season with a record of 1-8-1.

FOOTBALL

The team started off very sluggishly. In the first three games, the Patriots were shut out by Ramapo, Hofstra, and St. John's. The poor offensive performance was highlighted by Joe Moran's injury in the season opener.

The Patriots finally scored in the fourth week of the season, but it was in a losing effort to Iona. The next two weeks saw the squad lose two more games: the first to C.W. Post, 38-7, and the second to Bentley, 13-3.

The Pats finally managed to emerge from a game without a loss on October 22 by tying Stonehill, 27-27, on the road. The Pats lost one more game, a 25-19 affair against King's Point, before returning home for their final game of the season.

In that game, the Patriots finally won one, beating Pace 16-14. With that win, they were able to stay out of the Liberty Conference cellar.

In a season marked by a frustrating lack of offense, coach Sam Kornhauser should be pleased he kept his team out of last place.

—Pete Parides

Giants are in need of a playoff bye

By Tom Canavan
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants may need a first-round playoff bye more than ever.

With Phil Simms out for the final two regular-season games and possibly longer, the Giants could do themselves and their quarterback a favor by beating Phoenix and New England in the next two weeks.

Victories against the Cardinals and Patriots would assure the Giants of an extra week off before beginning their run at the Super Bowl. They are competing with San Francisco and Chicago for two conference championship byes.

Simms suffered a sprained right foot in Saturday's 17-13 loss to Buffalo minutes after the Bills' Jim Kelly injured his left knee. Kelly, too, is out for the regular-season and his playoff status is uncertain.

"All I can give is my best guess," Giants coach Bill Parcells said Sunday. "I spoke with the doctor. This is just a guess at the moment. I think we'll have to wait until mid-week to be more conclusive, but my best guess now is he is out for the regular season and possibly longer."

The injury means that the more mobile Jeff Hostetler will replace Simms, just as Frank Reich will do for the Bills.

Dr. Russel Warren, the Giants team physician, said Simms' injury is located near the middle of the foot.

There was substantial swelling in the foot," Parcells said Sunday, adding that Simms is scheduled on Monday to have a tomograph, an X-ray that shows an organ or tissue at a particular depth.

"It hurts." Simms, who was wearing a cast on his foot when he left Giants Stadium, said Sunday, in a telephone interview. "Last night, every time I moved, I woke up. It's disappointing in a lot of different ways."

Simms left the game after throwing a pass early in the third quarter. However, the injury seemed to occur at the end of the first half when he was sacked by Leon Seals.

"I can't even remember what happened," said Simms, who was 184-for-311 for 2,284 yards, 15 touchdowns and four interceptions this season. "All I know is my knee is really sore. There is nothing wrong with it. Just soreness from getting hit."

Simms had the foot taped at halftime and tried to play. He said he had a little trouble planting during warmups for the second half but nothing compared to the seconds after he threw a sideline pass to Dave Meggett.

A season to remember for ladies

By Sandra B. Carreon and Pete Parides
Statesman Sports Editors

Stony Brook women's volleyball capped the 1990 season with a final record of 38-9; a winning percentage of .822; a streak of 22 consecutive wins; three invitational titles; the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championship; and the second seed in the NCAA Eastern Regional Tournament.

VOLLEYBALL

All in all, it was a tremendous season for coach Teri Tiso's squad, whose 22-game winning streak was highlighted by

championships in the Stony Brook, Hunter, and Binghamton Invitationals.

The Lady Patriots were powered by sophomore Anastasia Nikas, who led the team with a hitting percentage of .358. Sophomore Meghan Dowd, who led the squad with a kill average of 8.5 kills per match, also excelled for the Pats. Sophomore Melissa Axelrod, who led the team in assist average with 16.7 assists per match, and ace average with 1.3 aces per match, was another standout.

The Lady Patriots look to come back strong next season as they are only losing one player, Laura LaRock, who will be graduating in May.

In short, the Lady Patriots enjoyed a season to remember.

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Raven's Eye View Eddie Reaven

1990 has definitely been a good year for the free agent. Portland's Clyde Drexler has become the NBA's first eight million dollar man. John (Hot Rod) Williams, a top sixth-man, was the center of a struggle between the Cavaliers and the Hawks, but he finally signed a staggering \$26-million contract, making him the highest paid player in professional team sports. Not

bad for a guy who doesn't even start.

But basketball wasn't the only sport affected by the million-dollar madness. Baseball, at one time reserved two-million dollar salaries for gods, now has two four-million dollar players and more than 15 three-million dollar earners. Two-million dollar contracts are now reserved for backups. Wasn't it only three years ago that Don Mattingly and Jack Morris fought tooth-and-nail to become the first two-million dollar player?

And baseball didn't help things any by granting 13 players new-look free agency. Three players have already taken advantage of this to enlarge their wallets: Brett Butler, formerly of San Francisco, signed a three-year deal worth \$10 million with the Dodgers; Jack Clark inked a three-year, \$9.3 million deal with Boston; and Oakland's Dave Henderson, who re-signed for more than what he was getting.

Is collusion really necessary? Are baseball players actually making next-to-nothing? Do they need more money to find true happiness? Is Hot-Rod Williams really worth \$26 million, or did he sell his

soul to the devil?

If skyrocketing contracts didn't tarnish the shine of baseball, then Pete Rose's exploits did. The all-time hits leader, after being found guilty of gambling on baseball teams and tax evasion, entered prison for five months.

If that wasn't enough, then George Steinbrenner's dealing with gambler Howie Spira truly created a more enjoyable experience for baseball fans. His banishment didn't seem to help the Yankees though, as their 67-95 record made them the worst team in the American League.

Topping off the great season was Roseanne Barr's memorable warbling of the Star Spangled Banner at a San Diego Padres game in July. Good riddance to the '90 season.

Evander Holyfield floored James "Blubber" Douglas at 1:10 of the third round to win the undisputed heavyweight championship. Douglas was defending his title for the first time since dethroning "Iron" Mike Tyson. Now 270 pound George "The Preacher" Foreman is threatening to put Holyfield in between

two pieces of bread and eat him for lunch. Are they boxing for titles or McDonald's coupons?

The scandals that rocked the NFL locker room appear to have ended, as has the Martin Luther King — Fiesta Bowl controversy. And as for the Steinbrenner saga, who know?

Deaths rocked both auto and horse racing as three horses died at the Breeders Cup, and many others passed away in the breeding shed.

Auto racing lost rookie of the year leader Rob Moroso, veteran racer Rich Vogler and Bill Vukovich III, who followed his grandfather's footsteps by dying on the tar of the raceway.

And if all that wasn't enough, Cincinnati's sweep of Oakland, San Fran's demolishing of Denver in the Super Bowl, and number one Colorado achieving that spot with help of horrible officiating certainly didn't help.

Let's all sit back, relax, and watch 1990 pass into 1991 with big smiles on our faces. And let's hope that the aforementioned events do not continue into next year.

A fine season for the Stony Brook harriers

By Pete Parides
Statesman Sports Editor

The Stony Brook harriers started the 1990 season off with impressive showings in their first several invitationals. Bad weather and injuries took their toll, though, as the Patriots ended their season with a number of disappointing races.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men opened the season with a bang by winning their first two invitationals. At the Stony Brook Invitational, the Patriots outran Division I schools Towson State and Marist for the title. Again, at the King's College Invitational, the Pats surpassed three Division I schools: St. Peter's, Pace, and Monmouth for the hard-fought four point victory. At this second invitational, the team had three runners come in under 28 minutes. Rookie of the year Dave Briggs, in leading the team, was given athlete of the week honors.

At the Patriots' third meet, at Amherst, team leader Pat McMurray ran into some trouble. Leading the race until the last half-mile, McMurray ran off course. By the time he was steered back on track, eleven runners had passed him. McMurray sped up and managed to catch all but two runners for a third-place finish.

The Patriots then travelled to Saratoga Springs for the Union Invitational. The men finished third behind nationally-ranked RIT and Cortland. Coach Steve Borbet believes that McMurray's time of 27:06.5 in the unseasonably warm weather that day proved that he can run with anyone.

After an impressive display at Saratoga Springs, the Patriots took their second consecutive Public Athletic Conference meet championship. All-conference performers at the meet, held at Sunken Meadow, included McMurray, who finished third; Briggs, who finished fourth; coaches' award winner Tony Parrado, who finished sixth; Chris Magnifico, who finished eighth; Mike Brecher, who finished tenth; and Paul Miller, who finished eleventh. The PAC title was the third invitational victory for the harriers.

Even though the Pats were beaten by a few Division I, II, and III schools at the Albany Invitational, held in late October, they ran well. McMurray, for instance, ran the best race any Stony Brook runner has

ever run at Albany. The 25:35 run placed McMurray fourth in the race and got him athlete of the week honors for the second time in the season. Briggs, Parrado, Ken Bristow, Sean Bergin, Dan Griffin, and Hank Shaw all ran personal bests at Albany.

The last Saturday in October saw the Pats place fourth at the Collegiate Track Conference Championships. McMurray, with his 26:20 run, just missed a University record.

November began with the team travelling to Boston for the ECAC Championships. The Pats placed eighth, with Briggs leading the way. His 27:12 run was good enough to qualify for the all-ECAC team.

The final meet of the season saw the Patriots finish a disappointing thirteenth at the NCAA Regionals. In a rainy, cold, and muddy environment, McMurray, leading after four miles, faded at the end. He finished twentieth overall and just failed to qualify for the NCAA cross-country championships. No male Stony Brook runner has ever qualified for the NCAA's.

The Lady Patriots' season began with a surprising second-place finish at the Stony Brook Invitational. The Pats surpassed Division I Towson State, Hofstra, and Marist in finishing just behind Manhattan College.

The Lady Pats followed that impressive show with a fourth-place finish at the King's College Invitational. The Lady Patriots lost to some good teams: nationally ranked Trenton State, Monmouth, and Wagner. Freshman Nicole Hafemeister and Delia Hopkins ran personal bests. Four other runners who finished under 22 minutes were Dedee Meehan, Meegan Pyle, Vanessa Rose, and Diana Kubler.

At the Amherst Invitational, the Patriots saw their leading runner, Claudette Mathis, finish her first race in 19:52.10. With four other runners under 21:41, the Pats took the meet, defeating Trinity College by four points.

The Lady Patriots followed up that victory with a win at the Union Invitational. Mathis had another impressive day, finishing the race in 19:20.9. Hafemeister also did extremely well, finishing with a time of 21:30.5.

The Lady Patriots did not stop there. At the Public Athletic Conference Championships, the Pats took their third invitational of the season.

Following the PAC's, the Lady Pats

finished eighth at the Albany Invitational against some good Division I and II schools. At Albany, Mathis' 18:41.47 run set a University record.

The Lady Patriots closed out the month of October by placing second in the Collegiate Track Conference Championships. It was a team effort as Mathis missed the meet due to illness.

The Pats opened the month of November by travelling to Boston for the ECAC Championships. They placed tenth, with Mathis in front. The team's Most Valuable

Professors beat the so-called experts

By Eddie Reaven and Pete Parides
Statesman Editors

It seems that the professors on campus know a bit more than just academics.

The Guest Professors cruised through the year on their way to a one-game victory over Pete "Sea Hag" Parides.

"It just shows why we're the professors and you're the students," said Dr. Bill Arens, who opened the year with a 7-5 record.

Only one professor ended his week with a losing record, and he happened to be the head football coach. But, despite a 5-7

record, he clinched the victory.

"I feel great," said Coach Sam Kornhauser. "I had a great run this morning, a great dinner — I feel wonderful."

"We would have done better if you hadn't asked the coach to pick," replied Dr. Arens after learning of the victory.

All in all, it was a fairly fine season for Stony Brook cross-country.

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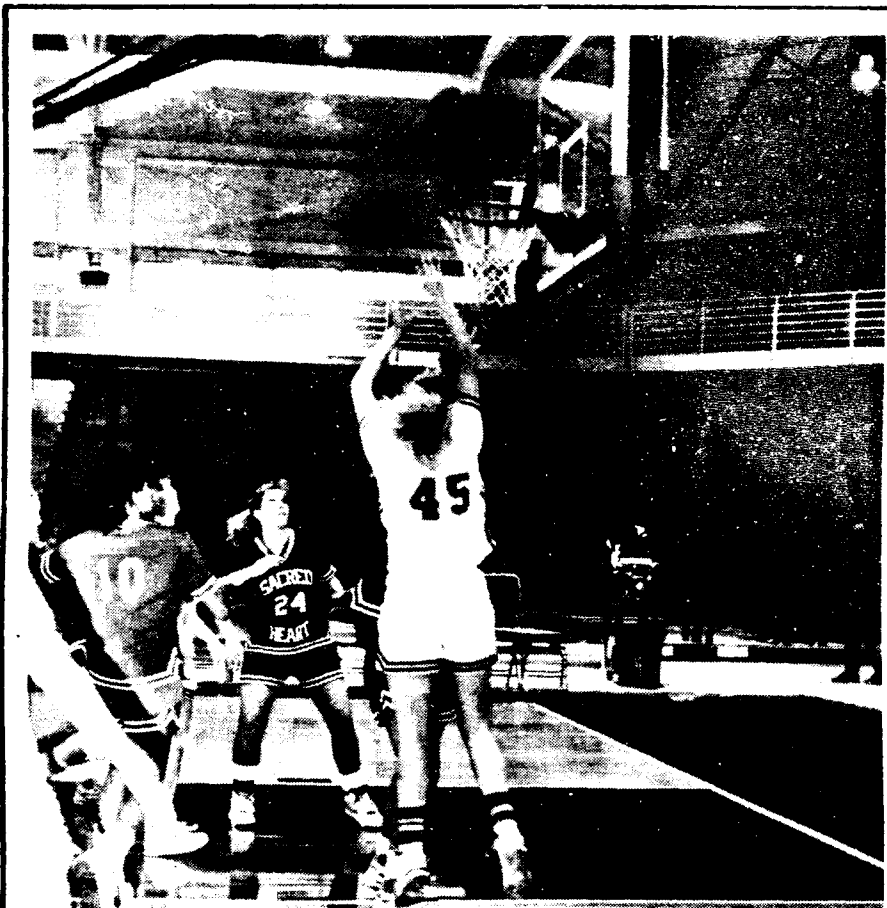
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CRUSHED — The Lady Patriots defeated Division II Sacred Heart, 83-69, Saturday afternoon to increase their record to 7-3. Pictured here is Rita Gallahue.

Ladies perform surgery on Sacred Heart

The Lady Patriots tipped off against Division II Sacred Heart Saturday afternoon and emerged with an 83-69 victory.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Katie Browngardt supplied 28 of the 83 points and pulled down eight rebounds to power her team past the

aggressive opponents.

Although the Lady Pats faced a Division II team, Browngardt felt no marked difference in terms of calibre of play.

The 7-3 Stony Brook squad's next match will be January 12 versus New Paltz.

They do not resume practice until the sixth of next year and welcome a much deserved break.

—Sandra B. Carreon

Pats move to 8-0 with 122-63 win

By Liam McGrath
Statesman Men's Basketball Writer

It would have been easy for the Patriots to take Thursday's contest against Lehman lightly. Undefeated Stony Brook had more talent, experience, and depth than the winless Lancers.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sure enough, Lehman proved easy prey for the Patriots, who destroyed the Lancers, 122-63. What was notable was that except for a few minutes at the beginning of the game, Stony Brook displayed intensity and focus throughout.

"Everyone, all the way down to the end of the bench, played good basketball," head coach Joe Castiglie told his team after the game, in which all 14 players scored.

An Indoor Sports Complex crowd of 600, welcoming the team home after nearly a month of road games, saw senior Yves Simon hit the 1,000 point mark of his career. Charwin Agard had an almost perfect shooting night, and otherwise the Patriots, who improved to 8-0, enjoyed complete domination of Lehman.

At the outset, the Lancers played well, breaking through Stony Brook traps for easy baskets as the Patriots struggled to get in sync. But the Patriots' vaunted defense started wearing down the inexperienced visitors, all freshman and sophomores.

Lehman, now 0-9, actually led 20-19 with eight minutes gone. Then the Patriots put the game away, with runs of 11 and 23 consecutive points on their way to a 61-32 halftime lead. Lehman not only had trouble running its offense, but rebounding the ball and getting over the 10-second line as well. The Lancers committed 16 first-half turnovers under the pressure of the Stony Brook defense.

Meanwhile, the Patriots' balanced attack was led by Agard, who came off the bench for 10 first-half points on his way to a team high 16 for the game. He hit eight of his nine shots from the field, the most spectacular being a skywalking alley-oop dunk. Curtis Bunche, Steve Hayn, Simon and Emeka Smith all had eight points in the half, and Ricky Wardally scored all of his seven in the first stanza.

Simon, who finished with 12 points, five assists, and three steals set up the alley-oop with a perfect lob. He remembered the play as the "turning point" in the game. Well, probably not the turning point — the score was 47-24 after Agard slammed it through — but what showed through Simon's statement was the team's will to concentrate on the game even after it became a rout.

Early in the second half, Simon took a hard charge. This event sparked the Patriots on another run, this one a devastating 38-5 barrage. Forward Vincent Farmer scored nine of his 15 points during the skein, and Simon had seven of his 15, including two three-pointers. His second bomb, which made the score 96-40 with 8:11 left, gave him exactly 1,000 career points in this, his

93rd game as a Patriot.

The game was stopped momentarily as Simon received congratulations from his coaches and teammates and a raucous standing ovation from the Stony Brook crowd. That the milestone came on a long-distance shot was proof of Simon's development as a player. The 6'5" forward, who had game-high totals with 10 rebounds and four steals, said "Two years ago, I had no threes. Last year I worked on it. Now it adds another dimension to my game."

Seconds later, Simon, who played a team-high 27 minutes, joined Hayn, who is himself now only 30 points away from the 1,000 point mark, and the rest of the starters on the bench. Every Patriot saw at least five minutes of action, and four players who had never scored before broke into the scoring column for the first time this year.

Let's get the job done
—Yves Simon

Guard Lewis Howard's jumper pushed Stony Brook to the century mark with 7:15 to go. Vernard Williams, Mike Francis, and Frank Heitmann all had strong performances. Charwyn David hit his only shot, and freshmen Sean Williams and Luc Baptiste scored for the first time at the collegiate level. "I feel like I got a weight off," said Baptiste, who hopes to bring attention to "The Hilltop Posse", of which he, Sean, and Vernard Williams are members.

The bench as a unit shot 24 for 37 from the field, two of three from three-point land, and eight of nine from the foul line for a total of 58 points, nearly the entire Lancers' total. Overall, the Patriots had an excellent shooting night, hitting at almost a 60% clip. At the other end, Lehman was held to 36% shooting. Only Lancer forward Robert Walker, with 22 points, and guard Nelson Baez, with 18, scored in double figures.

The Patriots also enjoyed substantial edges in rebounding (54 to 39) and in steals (17 to five), but the quality that made their performance so overwhelming was the blending of fine individual performances into a supreme team effort. "I liked the way we were unselfish today," said Bunche, whose passing skill has brought a new dimension to this Stony Brook squad.

The Patriots play five of their next six games on the road before school starts in the spring semester, so their mental toughness will be tested more than in Thursday night's game. It was the new 1,000 point man who summed up the team's straight-ahead attitude best. "Let's get the job done," said Simon.

Swimmers off to 4-0 start

By Will Wiberg
Statesman Sports Writer

Just how good is the 1990-91 edition of the Stony Brook men's swim team?

MEN'S SWIMMING

For the first time since 1988-89, the team is 4-0. So far this season, the team has demolished three of its four opponents. They have beaten Albany State University by a score of 143-97; they have crushed New York University by a score of 140-102; and they have destroyed Queens College by a score of 136-88. The other win was a thrilling 122-121 victory over Division I powerhouse Marist College.

"We're better than I thought we were, and I'm quite happy" said Coach John DeMarie. "We have good depth, and have

been cultivating two first-line swimmers in Brian (Seeley) and Frank (Rubenbauer). I feel like we are on track."

The Patriots defeated Marist by winning the last event of the meet. Stony Brook proved that they have the ability to win the close ones as well as put an opponent away early.

In their last victory, Stony Brook routed Queens College. The Patriots captured first place in the first five events and built up a lead of 72-20. Mark Palagiano won the 100 meter freestyle; Rubenbauer took the 200 meter freestyle; Seeley won the 50 meter freestyle, Hainson Wu captured the 200 individual medley; and the team of Mike DeFina, Joe Marawski, Mike McGlone, and Wu took the 400 meter medley relay.

The team will be practicing during the intersession and next swims against New York Maritime on January 9th.