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Victor Rugg was one of many contributors to the Pats' win

Track Posts Firsts at USB Invitational

By Todd Ross

Both the men's and women's track and field teams destroyed the competition as they hosted the Stony Brook Invitational last Sunday at the outdoor track.

The women's squad totaled 162 outdistancing Division I Marist College by 93 points. The Patriots were the favorites going into the race and showed it as they posted seven first places on their way to the title, for the second consecutive season. "We expected to win and what we got was what we were looking for," said Head Coach

The day allowed for more of the Stony Brook competitors to contribute to the team's win. Claudia Puswald set a University record in the hammer throw with a toss of 107'. She also placed second in the discus at 84' 8" and the shot-put at 31' 6.5".

Danielle Modica captured first in the high Please see TRACK on Page 9

Pioneers To Be Inducted To Stony Brook Sports Hall

By Marco Aventajado

This year's select group of inductees to the Very Important Patriots (V.I.P.) Hall of Fame will be en-

shrined this weekend at halftime of the Stony Brook-Navy game, for their trailblazing ways at Stony Brook in the early 1980's

Frank Ross and Janet Travis will be the new faces in the Hall of Fame and will be recognized because of their contributions to Stony **Brook Athletics.**

Travis played five

different varsity sports at Stony Brook. In three seasons for four consecutive years, she lettered 13 times. She received four letters in basketball, and softball, three in volleyball and one each in tennis and field



Janet Travis

She was the first student-athlete to achieve the feat. Travis was two better than Jack Esposito who was an 11-time letter winner. Esposito was inducted in the

Hall of Fame in the 1991.

Travis was a double major, who finished her Stony Brook academic career with degrees in Computer Science and Music. Currently she serves as a systems designer for Grumman Data Systems and is completing work on her dissertation towards her Ph.D in Computer Science.

The next inductee is Ross, a surgeon with the C & C Surgical Group in Plainview, New York. Why should a doctor be inducted to the Hall of Fame? Well today

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Vote For Athletic Fee Passes

By MARCO AVENTAJADO

partment, the referendum to have a separate athletic Athletics and Physical Education. fee passed by the needed 2/3 ma-

jority, 1217 to 527.

Weeks before the vote, coaches and players campaigned hard through rallies in the Indoor Sports Complex and though pledges. Each of the student-athletes took pledges from five nonstudent-athletes that they would vote yes in the referendum.

What the yes vote means is that the \$24 per student per year part of the Student Activity Fee will become a separate fee governed by the department. But the

fee will not be raise steadily by \$6 contradictory to the popular conception.

"The vote shows the support of the students to the After a massive voting drive by the Athletic demove to Division I," said Richard Laskowski, Dean of

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Stony Brook's All-sports newspaper will be on referendum again today. We need your support. A vote of yes will keep the Signal alive. Vote in your buildings or in Javits Hall

The separate athletic fee is mandated by the NCAA which states that the fee should not be part with other funding which could be halted. " [Before] it was part of the activity fee and there was a possibility that funding could have been interrupted and the institution had no control over it, it would be out of its realm," said John Ramsey, Director of Physical Education.

The fee will directly pay for the expenses of the 20 varsity teams, which include officials'

salaries, travel expenses, equipment as well as dues to the NCAA and the ECAC.

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The Stony Brook teams will be home for these games this week:

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Wed. April 28— Tennis hosts Kings Point, 3:30

Thurs. April 29— Softball hosts Montclair St., 3:30 (Doubleheader)

Thurs. April 29— Tennis hosts Mercy, 3:30

Fri. April 30— Baseball hosts Old Westbury, 1:00, (Doubleheader)

Sat. May 1— Lacrosse hosts Navy, 2:00

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NICOLE HAFEMEISTER WON THE 800 AT THE USB INVITATIONAL. Q&A ON PAGE 9

WRITE OFF THE BAT

again we are asking you to vote YES for the Patriot

SportSignal. Student Polity has allowed the Signal to go back on the referendum due to the fact that the Signal was not asking

for \$2.00 per student. That was incorrect. We need your support and now we have the second chance to show that Stony Brook needs an all-sports newspaper.

Vote today in your

Today is the day. Yes building or at Javits. Tell not vote in this referendum your friends, tell your enemies tell everyone!

AN OPENING

COMMENT

FROM THE

EDITOR,

JASON

YELLIN

Last week in Signal only received 46 percent of the popular vote. If this is the true indication

and happens again after today's vote there in all likely hood will not be a Patriot SportSignal any more!

We need you to vote. Yes you, please vote.

Often many people do

as they are still getting over last week's barrage of campaign so every vote will the election the count. We desperately need a vote. For all athletes and intramural athletes and anybody who is interested in Stony Brook Sports Vote YES for the Patriot SportSignal.

> With the athletic fee passed the Patriot SportSignal will be able to grow with the sports department if we receive support.

VOTE YES FOR THE PATRIOT SPORTSIGNAL TODAY.

JSB Intramural News

The intramural department has a busy week ahead. The softball playoffs will get underway this Monday. Although many of the games have been postponed due to bad weather, many teams will be qualifying for the post-season.

The intramural department will be running the annual Golf Tournament open to all members of Stony Brook. The event is set for May 7, a Friday. To enter please contact the intramural office at 632-7168.

The golf outing will be played at Heatherwood Golf Club, which is located on Nesconset Highway in Centereach. The event will include team low gross, longest drive, closest to the pin, chipping contests and a putting contest.

Foursomes must register by tomorrow, Thursday April 29. There is a charge of \$24.00 per member of each foursome.

The Campus Lifetime activities will be in full swing this week as the annual track

meet takes place. Next week a homerun derby will take place, which is one of the more popular events.

The Campus Lifetime series will close out on May 12 with the two-on-two volleyball tournament.

Campus Lifetime May 5— Homerun Derby



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The Patriots won one and lost one on a trip to New England. The Pats cruised past Hartford, 17-6 and were defeated by Boston College, 14-3. Their record stands at 3-9.

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In the fourth installment of Let's Go Stony Brook we are focusing on the Kickline. They are the ones who add excitement to the game.

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The women's soccer team won the Stony Brook outdoor tournament this past weekend. They knocked off St. John's in the finals for the tourney win.

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A Look Ahead To This Week's Action

LACROSSE

The lacrosse Patriots will not have it any easier this week. They take on yet another Top 10 nationally ranked team, in the United Sates Naval Academy. The Midshipmen have recorded a mark of 7-3 through Tuesday. There loses have come at the hands of nationally ranked Johns Hopkins, Virginia and Maryland. They lost to Johns Hopkins in their most recent game, 11-8 in Baltimore.

Navy is led by attacker Matt Pawlikowski. He has compiled 30 points on 17 goals and 13 assists. The second leading scorer for Navy is Jaime Slough with 22 points including 15 goals.

In net Kevin Farrington has a .621 save percentage getting the decision in all ten games.

Last season Stony Brook fell to Navy in the team's first meeting.

Women's Track & Field

Fresh off of their 162 point performance to take the Stony Brook Invitational rather easily, the Patriots will look to see tougher competition at the CTC Championships on Saturday.

The CTC's will be run on the lovely campus of Trenton State College. The meet will get underway at 10 a.m.

Steve Borbet, the team's head coach is looking for a strong showing perhaps one in the top seven or eight teams in the tough field that will include several Division I teams, 25 teams in all.

The team will get hard working effort from all sides in the field events and track event as well.

The team will be at Kings Point for PAC Championships next weekend.

Men's Tennis

7-1. The men's tennis team is aiming for the Metro Conference Tennis Championships, which will take place after a full week of action.

The Patriots will battle Kings Point in a match this afternoon at 3:30. The Mariners are 7-3 led by first singles player Rob Boyanjioff. He has a record of 8-2 in ten matches.

Mercy College, a Division II squad will be next up Stony Brook on Thursday. Yoruyum Daminsky is the first single player. In fact last season Daminsky advanced to the fifth flight singles finals at MCTC's and was crowned champion. This season he has is sights set on second flight.

MCTC's will get underway this Friday.

BASEBALL

The Patriots, who are 8-10-1 entering the week have several games on the docket. This afternoon they play Suffolk rival St. Joseph's of Patchogue in a game originally set for Patchogue. In the game that was played their earlier this year Stony Brook knocked off the Golden Eagles, 1-0 behind the pitching of Drew McDowell.

Friday afternoon Old Westbury come calling to Stony Brook, the Panthers are much improved and have a record well above .500.

Saturday afternoon, Stony Brook travels to Manhattanville for a doubleheader at 12 noon in Purchase. The Valiants are 3-13 and led by John Calvario, a catcher. On the mound Bob Lasbury is the team's top hurler.

Tennis star Yoryum Daminsky of Mercy

SOFTBALL

The softball team will return to action after a week of inactivity on the field. Their games at upstate Hamilton and Binghamton were snowed out.

The Patriots take on Montclair State tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. The Red Hawks have traditionally been one of the better teams in the nation at softball. The Patriots and Red Hawks will square off in a doubleheader beginning at 3:30.

Albany is next to come to Stony Brook. The Lady Danes and Patriots will renews their long standing inter-SUNY rivalry this Saturday afternoon. The teams will meet up in a twin-bill set for 1 p.m.

The team closes out the season with a game versus Division II Southampton on Wednesday May 5.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

On the men's side the Patriots will compete at the CTC Championship in Trenton, New Jersey. The event will be run on Saturday May 1.

Stony Brook Head Coach Steve Borbet is looking for a productive showing in a field of about 25 teams. He feels the Patriots could come up with an eighth place showing and possibly a little higher.

The relay teams will be put to a tests at the CTC after a relatively easier competition last Sunday at the Stony Brook Invitational. The Patriots captured the event by taking 116 points led by six first place finishes.

Next up for Stony Brook is the PAC Championships on May 8 which will be held at Kings Point.

SCHEDULED SPORTING EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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Tennis hosts Kings Point, 3:30

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Tennis hosts Mercy, 3:30

Friday April 30—

Baseball hosts Old Westbury in a double

header, 1 p.m.

Tennis competes in the MCTC

Championships

Saturday May 1—

Lacrosse hosts Navy, 2 p.m.

Softball hosts Albany in a double

header, 1 p.m..

Baseball at Manhattanville in a double

header, 12 noon

Track and Field runs at the CTC

Championships in Trenton,

New Jersey, 10 a.m.

Sunday May 2—

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Monday May 3—

No Stony Brook Action

Home events Bolded

Laxmen On Both Sides Of Stick In Weekend Pair

By JASON YELLIN

The lacrosse Patriots were on both ends of the stick last week. They easily defeated the University of Hartford on Thursday and were outplayed by Boston College on Saturday.

Head Coach John Espey said that he was pleasantly surprised by his team's showing against an improved Hartford team. The Patriots won 17-6 led by John Schafer.

The senior Schafer scored six times and added two assists to elevate the Patriots to their first win in nearly a month. "This game was the opposite of many that we have played," said Espey. "We jumped out to the early lead and played our game."

The Patriots scored three goals in just minutes into the game, ending with Schafer's second tally at 12:07.

Going into the game Espey said that he was real nervous about the way his squad would perform against Hartford, a team that in the past Stony Brook had an easy time of. "This game was in a tough stretch for us," he said. "And to add in that we were on a bus for four hours just prior to the game I was real nervous."

Espey was pleased with the way Stony Brook "beat the daylights" out of the Hawks' zone. It was a good game for the entire team Espey said as he was able to play the whole squad as Stony Brook outmanned them. "It was more like Princeton against us," he said. "Except that this time we were the ones

playing like Princeton."

Lou Ventura had four points on the day as he scored two goals and added two assists. Top-scorer James Sommese did not score, but he added four assists on some pretty passing.

on some pretty passing.

Kevin Dalland (two goals, one assist) and Chris Chamberlain (one goal and two assists) were the only other multiple point scorers.

As Espey said the game was one in which many of the players got in. Additional goals were added by Mike 'Spot' Curatolo, Tim Kolm, Jason Morales, Steve Suarez, Will Imhoff and Paul Leva.

The game versus Boston College was a far different story. The Eagles beat Stony Brook to a pulp, 14-3. The jumped out with five goals just eight minutes into the game as never let Stony Brook see daylight again. The Patriots did not gain possession of the ball in the attack zone until their were about four minutes left in the first quarter.

"They were a real good team," said Espey. "They beat us in one major area all day long, face-offs, and that killed us. I'm real disappointed with the whole situation."

The Patriots trailed 9-1 at halftime in a game they were never in. "They just jumped all over us," the head coach said. "They beat us to the ground balls and that's where the game is decided."

Stony Brook was hampered all day by poor field conditions and the fact that Dalland was not playing up to par with an illness. In the second half the Patriots were able to control the ball more often and scored twice to the Eagles five. Mike Scerbo and Ventura each registered tallies.

The Patriots were improved after Espey began to use Leva at faceoffs. "He is real muscular and aggressive," Espey said.

Joe Spallone made 24 saves in net for the Patriots over three quarters. Sophomore Steve Cox, who has seen limited play in mopup duty over the year, played the entire fourth quarter and made a

season-high 10 saves on the Eagle shooters. "He reacted really well," the coach said.

The Patriots do not have it any easier. This weekend they play nationally ranked Top 10 Navy. The Midshipmen enter the game with a 7-3 record but their losses are to Johns Hopkins, Virginia and Maryland. "We are going to



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Kevin Dalland and the Pats had troubles picking up ground balls all day vs. BC

try and do things in the Navy game that we wanted to do against Princeton." Espey commented. "We will play ball control and try to win t he face-offs and come up with ground balls to keep possession." He said the Leva will see more time at face-off after his success in Boston. "Navy won't be messing around, they are coming in to bury us," Espey said

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Tennis Team Rambles On With Three-Win Week

BY SETH D. KAPLAN

Stony Brook tennis team improved their record to 7-1 (3-0 Skyline) by defeating SUNY-Purchase, Adelphi, Hofstra and Manhatanville.

On Monday, April 19, Head Coach Tony McMullen's squad shut out Purchase 9-0 on the road. All six singles and three doubles matches ended quickly in straight set victories.

The Patriots continued their excellent play the following day by trouncing Adelphi, 8-0 at home. Junior Dejan Novakovic won his match in straight sets playing third singles, and teamed with junior Keith Neuhs at seconds doubles, posting a 6-0, 6-1 rout. One of

McMullen's teams faced its toughest test on Saturday, April 24, in a home contest against Division I Hofstra. Stony Brook showed the Flying Dutchmen why they where are one of the top Division III teams in the country, winning 5-4 in a hard fought.

First singles sophomore Bruno Barbera had an easy time capturing his match 6-2, 6-1. Second seed senior Tony Lu struggled but got by his opponent 6-2, 7-6. Junior David Zeaman won his match handily 6-3, 6-4 at fourth singles. Junior Ken Maget got the "W" with a 6-4, 7-5 in fifth singles. Stony Brook lost at

the matches was called because of dark- third and sixth singles and second and third doubles.

With the match tied at 4-4, it was up to first doubles team of Barbera and Lu. They came through for the Patriots 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. "The whole team was pulling for Bruno and Tony," said McMullen.
"They came back after losing the second set and really poured it on in the third."

Stony Brook blanked conference opponent Manhattanville 9-0 at home on Sunday, April 25. McMullen succinctly stated, "We were in control the whole time. There were no problems."

The final three matches of the year are at home against Old Westbury, Kings Point and Mercy. Metro Conference

"WE WERE IN CONTROL THE WHOLE TIME. THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS."

-TONY MCMULLEN HEAD COACH

Tennis Championships will take place

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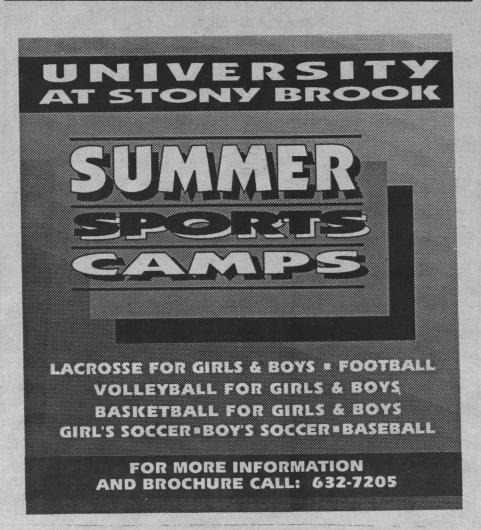
Dr. Ross was the one who founded Stony Brook Lacrosse. In 1977 Ross was a freshman in Stony Brook with two dreams: to prepare for a career in medicine and to start a college Lacrosse program. By 1981, Ross' dreams were reality. He graduated Cum Laude of the university with departmental honors in biochemistry and he established the Stony Brook club team. That club team gained varsity status in 1983 and played their first Division I game against Notre Dame in 1989.

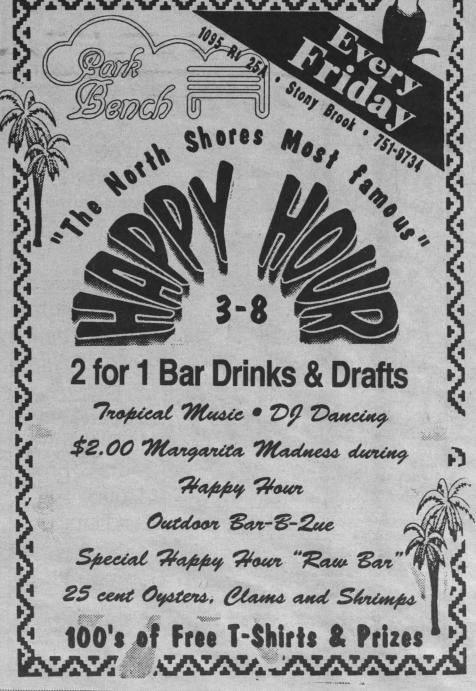
Both Travis and Ross will be elite company with respect to Stony Brook's Hall of Fame. Other V.I.P.'s include Rollie Massimino, former Patriot Basketball Head Coach, Esposito, Stu Goldstein, former Patriot Squash great.

PAST INDUCTEES 1991 ROLLIE MASSIMINO STU GOLDSTEIN 1992 HANK VON MECHOW JACK ESPOSITO

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Let's Go Stony Brook - Part 4

Kickline Looks To Increase School Spirit

By JASON YELLIN

As the clock counts down to zero at the close of the first half, most people at a Stony Brook lacrosse game get up to get a bite to eat or to talk to some friends. But for one talented group at Stony Brook, when that clock hits 0:00, it's

The Stony Brook Kickline has been around for several years, but recently it has gotten a much needed boost and is looking to rile up school spirit at Stony Brook. "We want people to get involved with their school and show some spirit at sporting events," said co-captain Lori Palmer, who is in her second year with the kickline. "We want there to be more interest in the games and help Stony Brook build an identity.

Palmer and co-captain Suzanne Ciarmella are the driving force behind one of the University's fastest growing athletic support groups. "When I came in we had only 12 uniforms, so the number of girls on the team was limited," Palmer said. "Now we have 20 girls on the team and have had to make a lot of cuts since so many girls are trying out."

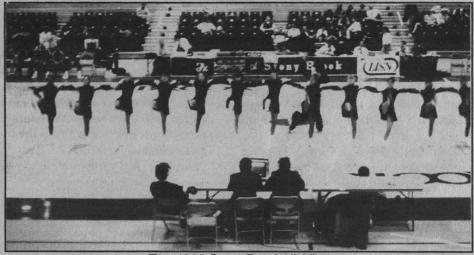
Uniforms are a big part of the team's new look this year, gone are the red and white frilly outfits. They have been replaced by slick and sleek looking tight fitting black outfits.

The team has come a long way in he past few years, they are now gaining momentum as part of the Stony Brook Spirit clubs, which are run by Mark Newmark. And now for the first time they have a faculty advisor in Newmark for administrative work.

On the performance side Palmer and Ciarmella are responsible for organization, coordination and most important with a dance team, choreography. "We listen to different types of music and work together and make up a routine," Palmer said. She added that it is unusual that students are totally responsible for the choreography, as many of the other schools on Long Island have professional dance instructors.

The duo combine their different tastes in music to compile the show. "I am more into club and street dancing, Palmer said. "While Suzanne is more technical because of all her training. She is more into jazz." That makes for the perfect mix, which everyone can see at football games, basketball games and lacrosse games.

The Kickline competes in several Long Island competitions each year. They have been in clubs in the past but



Palmer said they are moving more towards school campuses. Next semester Adelphi will be hosting a show and Palmer said that Stony Brook is looking to host a competition next year.

Stony Brook's Kickline is far from cheerleaders, so don't get confused. As Palmer stated the kickline is their to add the spark at halftime to get the crowd involved, whereas cheerleaders are consistent all game. There will be a cheerleading squad starting up in the

"We feel that the kickline show adds something more to the game. For example at the Princeton lacrosse game we were getting blown out but when we went on some of the fans got excited, guys were leaning over out of the stands," Palmer said.

The kickline does a lot more than just kick at games. They were on display at the Cancer Care function last night and will be performing at the school-wide Pep Rally on May 6

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What's That? Another Title for Women's Soccer

By JASON YELLIN

Break up the Stony Brook women's soccer team! For the second consecutive week the Patriots have won a tournament and for the first time in the history of the Division I program they won a home tournament. They compiled a 6-0 record on Sunday to take the sixth annual Stony Brook Outdoor Invitational.

"This is a big step for our program," said Head Coach Sue Ryan. "This was a total team effort that could not have been accomplished without the work of all the players. Everyone on the team came up big and that's what gave us the championship."

Stony Brook knocked off arch-enemy St. John's in the final 4-1 to take the title. "Right now our confi-

Adelphi goes down to block Cindy Garcia's kick

dence is at such a high," Ryan said. "We are building that physical and mental confidence that you need to win on a regular basis."

Ryan said that none of he players stood out as everyone did their share. Junior captain Sue Scheer showed tremendous leadership and the coach said that she was the 'blood and guts' of the team.

Up front Rebecca Aig had a stellar day as she scored many goals including one that saved the day. Aig took a pass from Amy Coakley with about two minutes left in the semi-final game versus Adelphi and scored the tying goal. The Patriots went on the defeat a nationally ranked Adelphi team, 3-2 in overtime. Freshman Laura Corrigan contributed the game winning goals in the overtime session.

Last season the Panthers of Adelphi were the Division II National runner-up to champion Barry College of Florida. That game showed what Ryan is looking for in her team, the power to fight back. The Patriots rebounded from deficit of 1-0 and 2-1 to win the contest. "We really stepped forward and accepted the challenge," Ryan said.

The Adelphi game epitomized the team effort in other ways as well. After freshman keeper Kristine Prazak, was taken out of a play late in the game Mary Krieg moved into the box and made a fantastic block of a dead-on Adelphi shot.

Prazak had an outstanding day as well, in her first substantial playing time in college. After replacing starting goalie Annya Callahan, who left with an injury in the first round 4-1 win over Hofstra, Prazak stepped in and played a strong game in goal. "For her first time in goal she made some huge saves," Ryan said. "She won five games on the day which was really important."

On defense, in front of Prazak, the aforementioned Coakley was one of the top players for Stony Brook. She is immensely improved since the fall sea-



Rebecca Aig scored the game-tying goal versus Adelphi

son and Ryan called her the fittest player on the field. In fact she was in such good shape that Ryan moved to midfield for the finals after spending much of the day on defense.

One of the most amazing stories to come out of the secondary season has been the play of Janine Royal. Royal, who never played high school soccer has been a very pleasant surprise. She scored two goals in the championship win over St. John's.

"We have the winning taste in our mouth," said Ryan "We have been creating our own good luck and hopefully all of the confidence and winning will carry over to the fall."







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Baseball's Freshmen Shine Despite Loses

BY KERTTY ESTEVEZ

Could it be the new uniforms? The Patriots baseball team is looking for an answer to their disappointing season after great hopes of playoffs and NCAA, the Patriots are now concentrating on a winning season. Even that may prove to be difficult to obtain.

The Patriots suffered two disappointing road trips this past week. On Wednesday the Patriots traveled to Kings Point in search of redemption from last week's loss to the Mariners. It seemed as it might be possible. The Patriots started off well with Scott Shermansky contributing 2 RBIs. The score was tied going into the ninth inning, the Patriots then committed key mistakes that would go on to cost them the ball game. With bases loaded, the last run was scored on an error. Against the Mariners, Jason Greco and Mark Eads also contributed to the offense with two hits each. The Patriots lost by a score of 4-3.

The Patriots traveled again on Saturday. This time they were to face the Highlanders of New Jersey Tech in a doubleheader. For the first game of the day the new freshman players were to take the field. Starting off in infield were:

Erik Haag (first base), Jason Cifuentes (second base), Mark Balsamo (shortstop) and Chris Livingston (third base).

The starting pitcher for the game was Tim Lynch with Brian Norton catching. In the outfield for the Patriots were: Sal Azzareti (left field), Bruno Oliveto (center field) and Rob Panella (right field). This new starting line up proved that the Patriots have depth. "They played great. They swing the bat well and are all excellent fielders," said senior Scott Shermansky.

Proof of this is Cifuentes, who was 2-3, with a double and an RBI. Along with his hitting, he also turned a double play in the fifth inning. Yet once again the Patriots were unable to come up with the win. They went on to lose again in the last inning. The Patriots also lost the second game of the day. With the regular line-up back in play, the offense was led by Greco, who had two homers and three R.B.I.'s as well as three runs scored. Defensively senior Barry Liebowitz did a great job of reliving starter Pat Hart. Liebowitz was able to keep Stony Brook in the game.

On Sunday, the Patriots played Upsala College for a double dip. Stony Brook lost the first game 6-1, because "SOMETHING ALWAYS, SEEMS TO BREAKDOWN. YOU CAN'T POINT TO ONE THING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS."

JASON GRECOLEFTFIELDER

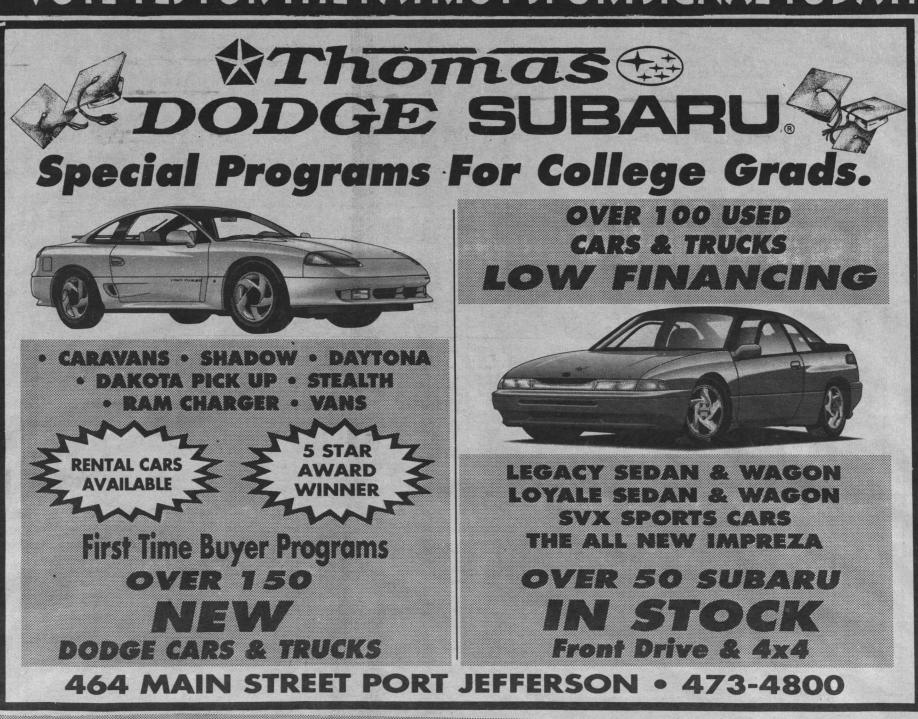
offensively the Patriots were just unable to score. Stony Brook did a good job fielding but were unable to produce the needed runs. Second baseman Vin Autera had a great diving catch for a double play.

After losing the first game, the Patriots came back hungry for a win. Bill Wilk pitched a six-hit shut-out game for Stony Brook tallying eight K's and only three walks. Wilk's pitching performance sparked Stony Brook's offense, going on a relentless run to win the second game 11-0. Dave Marcus led the

attack with two hits and two R.B.I.'s.

The Patriots record now stands at 8-10-1. Nobody understands what is going wrong with the team. "Something always, seems to breakdown. You can't point to one thing. I don't know what it is," said Greco. If anything positive can be said of this weekend is that the new players proved their worth. "The freshmen showed they can play. Especially the pitchers," added Greco. So what could be the problem? Somehow I doubt its as easy as the new uniforms.

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jump at 4' 10". Nicole Hafemeister, who was named Athlete of the Week took honors in the 800 meter run with time of 2:23.6. That mark qualified her for ECAC Championships.

Marissa Forsing had an impressive day. She took first in the 100 meter high hurdles with a mark of 17.3. Forsing also claimed a second in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:10.7. Both scores allowed her to qualify for

the ECAC Championships.

Both Delia Hopkins and Loretta Varbero took first in their prime events. Hopkins netted the 3,000 meter run in a time of 11:13.7 and Varbero took her speciality, the triple jump (35' 10"). Varbero also took a second in the long

jump at 16' 3".

Freshman Julie Bonura had a quiet day, claiming the first in the 400 meter run at 60.0. That made her eligible for the ECAC's

The Patriots 4 X 400 team of Hafemeister, Forsing, Carey Cunningham and Laleña Heske were second in the running at 4:24.5.

Rokhaya Cisse broke the 43 minute mark in the 10,000 meter run with a mark of 42.40, which Borbet said is close to an ECAC qualifying time.

On the men's side, they had just as an impressive showing. They put to-gether 116 points which dwarfed second place Nassau Community College

"We ran pretty good," Borbet said. "We had a chance to use other people and everybody contributed to the win."

Borbet was most impressed with Ken Graham. "He ran a good half-mile to help us blow away the other teams."

Graham combined with Roger Gill, Jerry Canada, and Dan Tupaj to capture the 4 X 400 meter relay with a time of 3:29.1. Graham took first in the 800 meter run at

Gill, alone posted first in he 200 meter dash with a time of 22 flat. Canada ran 50.4 for first in the 400 meter run.

In the distance events Jason Clark ran 15:58.3 in the 5,000 meter run, while Yariv Pomeranz did the 3,000 meter walk in 13:44.7.

Surprising results came from newcomer John Lyons. In the 10,000 meter run he took second at 34:59.15. "We were just hoping for him to break 36 minutes, but instead he broke 35," Borbet

Not showing up in the leaders but with a strong showing for Stony Brook was Nick Mequia in the discus. He broke a Stony Brook record with a toss of 140' 8". That was seventh overall in a field that featured one of the top discus throwers in the nation. Borbet said that he is among the top 10 in the country and made Olympic Trials with a qualifying throw at Stony Brook in 1991.

The Patriots strong showing at home were a positive, coming off of a terrible Penn Relays, which took place late last week. Borbet said that all of the teams with the exception of the wo men's 4 X 100 did not perform as well as he of they had hoped, unfortunately.

In the 4 X 100, the team took second in their section with a time of 51.67.

This weekend the Patriots move on to Trenton State College for the CTC Championships. "We are looking to be one of the top eight teams their," Borbet said. "The field of 25 is very strong but it is a possibility that we could come in

Q's & A's With the Athlete of the Week Nicole Hafemeister

Junior Nicole Hafemeister led the women's outdoor track team to a first place finish at the Stony Brook Invitational. Hafemeister won the 800 meter race in a time of 2:23.6 seconds and qualified for the ECAC. She was also member of Stony Brook 4x400 meter relay team that finished second (4:24.5).

Full Name: Nicole Hafemeister

Age: 21

Year: Junior

High School, Year: Bayport High School, graduated 1990

Major: Environmental Geoscience

Siblings: 7 Brothers, and 6 Sisters

Favorite School Subject:

Geology

Least Favorite Subject: Psychol-

Biggest Influence on sports career: Guy Nickosia, High

School Coach

Who taught you the most about

basketball: Nickosia

Favorite Pro Team: New York

Favorite Player: Jackie Joyner

Kersey Behind my back, people say I

am: a hard worker People don't know I can: Paint

Favorite Food: Quesidillias

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Choco-

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld Favorite Movie: Singles

Favorite Movie Actor: Michael Douglas Favorite Music Group: Talking Heads

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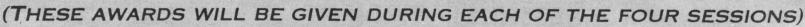
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NHL Playoffs Will Be Pittsburgh's Showcase

BY JAY KASH

It's spring and people are thinking about the NBA playoffs and baseball or event the NFL Draft. Nobody even seems to be talking about the NHL Playoffs. They are underway and have started out with some high-paced action packed games.

For the first time in almost two decades the NHL Playoffs are being shown on national television on ABC. The New Jersey Devils-Pittsburgh Penguins series has been featured with Mario Lemieux as the center piece for the national audience. This is a step in the right direction for the NHL.

The playoffs are heating up. Already producing eight overtime games in the first round, which is half way to a record amount of 16. The games have been very exciting and a great number of upsets have occur and more look to be on the horizon.

Perhaps the most exciting series has been the one

with the New York Islanders and Washington Capitals. The Islanders have already won three games in dramatic fashion in overtime.

The extra stanza, overtime has been a very good friend to the Islanders this year and in years past. The Islanders are 28-7 in overtime games in the playoffs.

The Islanders look to be the drivers seat to win the series, but will probably have to face steamroller in the twotime defending champio n s



Pittsburgh. The Penguins closed out their season without a loss in their final 17 games and easily took apart the Devils in five games. The Penguins will provide an obstacle virtually impossible to overcome for the Islanders.

In the Adams Division one series has been decided. The Buffalo Sabres knocked out the Boston Bruins in a surprising four-game sweep. The Bruins finished first and now they are out of the playoffs.

Alexander Mogilny and Pat LaFontaine, the ex-Islander, lifted Buffalo to the series romp. In the other series, the battle for Quebec, Montreal is squared off with the Nordiques in a grueling series. The teams has been fighting tooth and nail for the right to defend the floris-de lis.

The winner of the Adams will eventually fall to the Penguins. I don't think anyone can beat Pittsburgh in their groove they are in now. But watch for the Canadiens to give them a run in the conference finals. But Pittsburgh will reign supreme.

In the Campbell Conference the games are close and high-scoring packed with punch. Upsets have already occurred to set up unusual second round match-ups.

In the Norris Division, the St. Louis Blues, have swept the division champions, Chicago Blackhawks, much like the Buffalo Sabres. Led by Brett Hull and

the stellar goaltending of Curtis Joseph the Blues won.

The Blues will take on the winners of a tight-series between Detroit and Toronto. Scoring goals for the Red Wings is Steve Yzerman, one of the league's premiere snipers. Toronto will be tough with rookie sensation Felix Potvin nets and Doug Gilmour up front but Detroit will come out on top.

The Smythe Division Vancouver leads Winnipeg, 2-1. The Canucks are led by the "Russian Rocket" Pavel Bure, and the Jets can match with rookie star Teemu Selanne. Selanne has smashed nearly all of the rookie scoring records and the "Flying Finn" has already recorded a playoff hat trick.

In the other match-up Calgary and Los Angeles are locked up. Gary Roberts and Theoren Fleury are working hard to counter Luc Robitallie and the allmighty Wayne Gretzky.

Look for Detroit to face the Canucks in the Campbell final. Then Detroit will take on the Mario crew in Pittsburgh to see if the Pens will once more ride away with the Cup.

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Aimee (#21, softball) – You're a calm and cool under pressure. I'd catch you anytime.

- A fan

Renée (#24, basketball) – I like the way you comb your hair, I like the stylish clothes you wear, It's the little things you do that make me want to get with you. All want I wanna do iz a zoomazoom and a boom boom

— Rump shaker

Amy Jo (women's swimming) – Happy Birthday

— Love from your honey

Steve (#31, lacrosse) – After seeing you in the nets, I like to see you in my dorm bed, spread.

— A hot shooter

A.J. (women's swimming) – We want to wish you a happy birthday.

— From the inside

Jerry (Track and field)- You can be my Distinguished Gentleman anytime!

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Pointers to the Gentleman's Sport—Rugby

BY THOMAS TRAINER

Rugby, a sport rich in tradition, developed The Rugby school in England in the 1840's. What is Rugby? Webster's dictionary defines Rugby as "an amateur football game which is played with an oval ball by teams of 15 players each in which continuous plays, kicking, dribbling, lateral passing, tackling, and the scrum are featured, and interference and substitutions are not permitted." American Football at the end of the 19th century adopted Rugby rules and developed into a softer, toned down version

The game consists of two 40-minute halves with a maximum of five minutes for half time. The field is 50 meters by 100 meters with uprights at each end. The object of the game is to carry the ball across the try zone for a score, called a try, and the ball must be touched to the ground for five points. The extra kick is brought straight out from where it was scored and the kick is attempted from any distance from the uprights for two

The game begins with a kick off. The receiving team will attempt to run the ball and will most likely be stopped by the kicking team's pack (the larger more powerful players) who bind to each other and attempt to drive the opposing team back over the ball to gain possession. This is called a ruck (if the ball is placed on the ground) or a maul (if the ball remains in the player's hand). The ball is then passed out from the pack to the wing (the smaller sprinters who run plays and attempt to score). The pack then follows behind to engage in another ruck or maul.

Other important concepts in Rugby are as follows. The ball cannot be knocked forward. This is called a knockon. The ball must be thrown laterally. If the ball is thrown forward it is called a

If a knock-on or forward pass occurs a scrum-down takes plays. This is an organized ruck or maul in which one team is awarded a put in from the side of

the scrum.
When the ball goes out of bounds a line-out occurs, the ball is awarded to one team and one member of the pack.

The hooker, throws the ball in the center of the tunnel that has formed from the two lines consisting of the pack that is lined up perpendicular to the sideline.

The hooker calls out the play so that the pack knows who is expecting the ball. The ball is then passed out to the wing again. Also tackles above the chest are not allowed.

Scrum downs are awarded for them. Balls can also be kicked forward but it must be by the most forward player on the team. This is done for yardage and also if the ball goes through the uprights, then three points are awarded.

Endurance is a key factor as there are no downs as in football and only a maximum of four substitutions are allowed for injuries. There is one referee and he is addressed by the captain as sir. This sport is one of gentlemen.







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