

## EARTHQUAKE:

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# Athletic Budget Raised for '82 Only; NYPIRG, Longer Semester Approved

## Anderson Wins Freshman Rep

By Howard Saltz

Stony Brook's 17 intercollegiate athletic teams will receive an additional \$30,000 next semester, but may not receive the increased funding they sought through 1985 -- the result of two close referenda in Wednesday's Polity elections.

The referendum to raise the student activity by \$3.40 per student per semester to fund the teams this spring passed 1,220 to 1,134, as did a referendum to fund the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) \$2.10 per student per semester through fall 1983 by a 1,683 to 740 margin. However, a referendum that would have continued higher funding of the athletic teams through the spring 1985 failed by a scant 14 votes, 1,194 to 1,180.

Students also voted 1,444 to 942 to lengthen the semester from the current 13 weeks. If the semester is lengthened, 1,993 said they would prefer starting it before Labor Day and ending before Christmas, while only 112 said they

avored starting after Labor Day and returning after Christmas for finals. The calendar question had no automatic effect on the SUSB Senate's decision later this year, it simply revealed students' attitudes on the controversial issue.

In elections, Belina Anderson was elected freshman class representative, defeating Joy Ann Sofio 275 votes to 207 in a run-off contest. In the only run-off for Polity Senate seat, Felipe Paredes defeated Andrea Georges in Hendrix College.

### Activity Fee

The two passed referenda will increase the annual student activity fee \$5.50 to \$80.50, \$19.50 below the SUNY maximum. Although giving the \$3.40 to the 17 athletic teams after spring 1982 was not passed, the activity fee increase will remain, according to Polity President Jim Fuccio, because that referendum was passed. The Senate, he said, will allocate the additional money, possibly to the athletic teams.



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Future referenda giving money to athletics are also possible.

"I had a premonition that it was going to be close," Fuccio said of the athletic referenda. "A lot of people felt that athletics didn't get enough this year, but they didn't want to commit future years."

Polity Executive Director

Lew Levy agreed: "I think it's okay to think in those terms," he said. "then again it's also a little short sighted."

John Ramsey, director of men's athletics, however, said he is not satisfied with the initial increase and the possibility of future increases. "I consider it a setback," he said. "The major quest in the referendum was to insure stability in the future of the programs for scheduling purposes. Without a sound [financial] base...our athletic schedule is questionable at best."

Ramsey said that safety and transportation are the key considerations in a financially stable athletic program. "When we have to send one of our basketball teams [north during the winter] and they have to go up

instacevans, I really cringe in fear. I know the driving conditions up there."

If-God forbid-[there is an accident], I think some of the people who worked so hard to defeat this are going to have to take a serious look at their conscience."

The 17 teams -- men's and women's cross-country, men's soccer, men's and women's varsity basketball, men's and women's indoor and spring track, men's squash, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, men's baseball and women's softball -- are being funded \$58,000 this year through the Senate's normal budgetary process. That money comes from the \$700,000 Polity collects from it's 9,300 students  
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## Game Addict Amazes And Advises

By Dara Tyson

The air resounds madly with the cacophony of video games. Backs hunched in concentration, knapsacks thrown on the floor between legs, machines banged in angry frustration. "Go for it," "you lost it," "score" are the extent of conversation heard. No one really feels like talking, everybody wants to watch. In the midst of this scene in the Union game room stands Steven Lee. Lee has attracted a small audience in front of the Defenders game. A freshman from New York City, Lee can play Missile Command for 5 hours, PacMan for 15 minutes on one quarter. Amazing? Lee has some other tricks up his sleeve -- he can do the Rubiks Cube in under two minutes and can even create patterns with it.

How does Lee do it? "Talent and practice. I started the Rubiks Cube in June and went crazy for two weeks trying to do it. But I observed the different ways the cube moved and did it," Lee said as he finishes solving the Rubiks Cube without even glancing at it.

Lee's game addiction started eight years ago with pinball. "The longest I have been away from a game is a few days, then I must

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Statesman Howard Saltz  
Steven Lee, a rubik cube and video game fanatic can perfectly complete the cube in less than two minutes.



Belina Anderson became freshman representative, defeating her opponent by 68 votes in a run-off contest.