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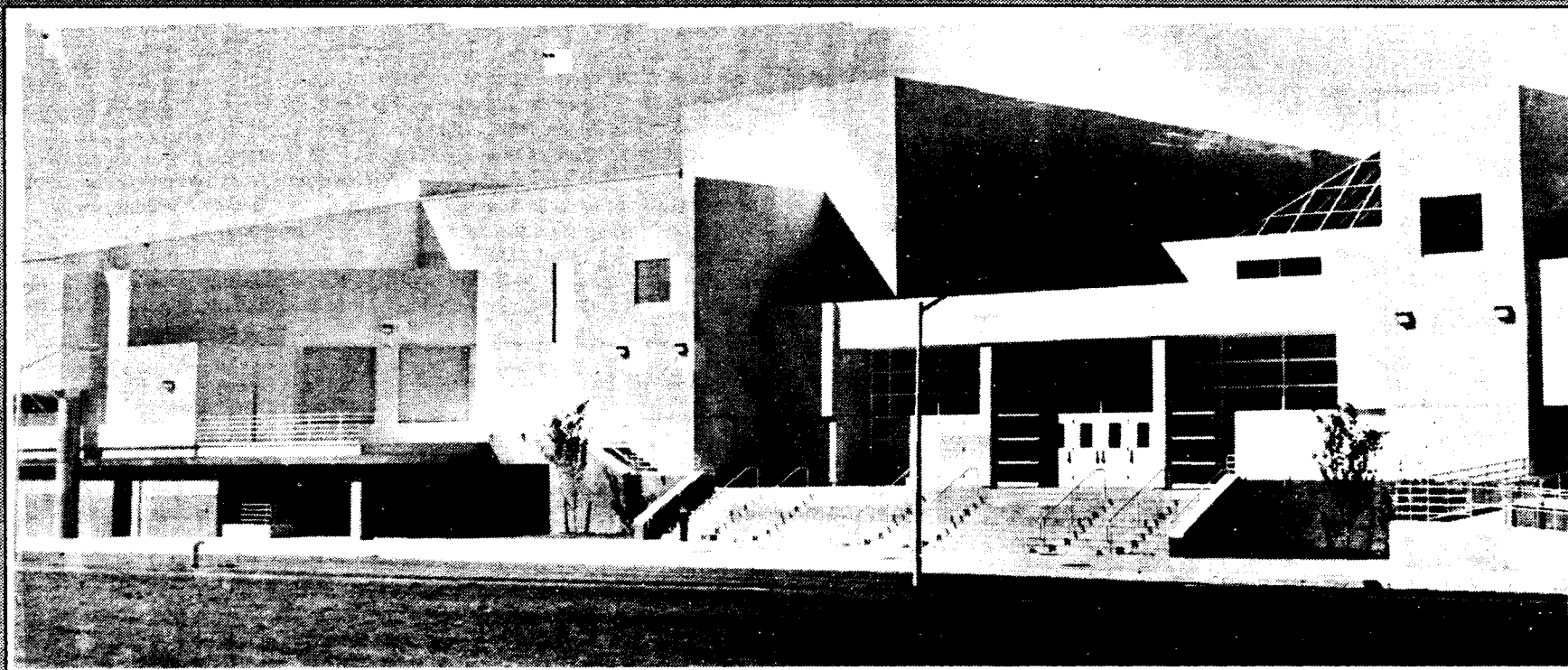
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The Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex.

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**Seven months after its opening,
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A week of burglaries

While a student was asleep in Eisenhower College, Kelly Quad, last Thursday, someone walked in and took the resident's wallet. The door was said to be unlocked. Later that day, computer equipment was stolen from the Light Engineering building.

Many different criminal mishaps occurred last Friday. Early in the morning, a spoiler was stolen from a vehicle parked behind the Kelly Cafeteria. In front of A wing of Benedict College, H Quad, someone stole pedals off bicycles parked outside. The Resident Hall Director in Eisenhower College, Kelly Quad, was harassed later that day. Biased remarks were written on posters directed towards the RHD. Public Safety said all was in order.

There was an assault outside of the Student Union Friday evening. A student was punched in the eye during a fight. He was taken to University Hospital and received several stitches in the eye area. Later that night, a word processor was stolen from a second floor room in Toscanini College, Tabler Quad.

On Saturday two black males trespassed through a suite in Sanger College, Tabler Quad. The suspects entered the complainants suite through the windows and then proceeded to

exit through the front door. Later that day there was a report of a burglary of personal items in Keller College, Roosevelt Quad.

A computer was stolen Sunday morning from a room in Keller College, Roosevelt Quad. The Residence Hall Directors office in Langmuir College, H Quad, was burglarized later that morning. In the afternoon, windows were reported to be broken in the Heavy Engineering lot. There are no known suspects.

Many things were stolen from different parts of the campus on Monday. At 1:00 in the morning, the driver side window of a car parked in the

Graduate Chemistry parking lot was smashed. A radar detector from inside the car was stolen. Later that day, a wallet was stolen from a vehicle parked in G & H Quad lot. Another wallet was reported stolen from the Admissions office. To end the day, a computer and textbooks were stolen from an E-wing room in Benedict College, H Quad.

A newspaper vending machine was stolen from the Fanny Brice Lobby in Kelly Quad on Tuesday.

Yesterday, there was a report of an assault to a female in Wagner College, Roosevelt Quad. Nothing was found on the scene.

Campus Public Safety Notebook

By Lisa J. Volpicella

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Sports complex has its faults

Stony Brook's new \$17 million Indoor Sports Complex has no operating budget and is missing several features that were included in the original plans.

Four months after the west wing of the facility opened, the university has still not determined the cost of maintaining and operating the largest arena in Suffolk County, a *Statesman* investigation has found.

The facility is also lacking some necessary materials and is already suffering cosmetic damage.

Statesman has learned that:

- Four of the university's chief financial offices cannot determine the source of the operating funds for the complex.
- The interior walls of the complex are suffering damage as the result of wear.
- The arena's ventilation system remains incomplete.
- The arena lacks the soundproofing necessary for concerts.
- The parking lot for the 5,100-seat arena has only 32 spaces.

These are the findings of a six-week *Statesman* investigation by two student reporters, who interviewed more than 25 people close to the university.

After a month-long inquiry into four of Stony Brook's administrative offices, *Statesman* was told the university could not produce an operating budget for the complex because one did not exist.

Joyce Wellinger, assistant to the vice president for campus operations, said that after three weeks she was unable to come up with anything but bits and pieces of an operating budget for the facility.

Rosemarie Nolan, an administrator in the Office of Finance and Management, confirmed that there was no budget and added, "There probably should be."

When asked if he was aware the complex was operating without a budget, University President John Marburger replied, "It's not fair to look at it that way. The bill isn't

separated out, but we can determine roughly how much it costs."

Wellinger said that although \$240,000 was received from SUNY Central Administration to pay for 10 maintenance positions and supplies that the building requires, the money needed to pay for other expenses like heating would have to come from Stony Brook's existing budget.

Marburger contradicted this statement. "Money in our budget can be traced to the fieldhouse," he said. "Some money has been reallocated from other programs and put into athletics, but it's a negligible amount."

Statesman has uncovered facts that suggest the lack of a budget is not the only shortcoming of the field house.

As a result of an overrun in construction costs for the facility (which totaled \$17,296,245), the final product does not include everything that was in the architectural plans submitted for bid, according to Henry Von Mechow,

special assistant to the vice president for campus operations.

The interior walls of the complex's main lobby are only painted sheetrock. "These things are going to take a beating," said Von Mechow as he pointed to a wall that was already chipped and scarred. Von Mechow was involved in the designing and planning for the facility.

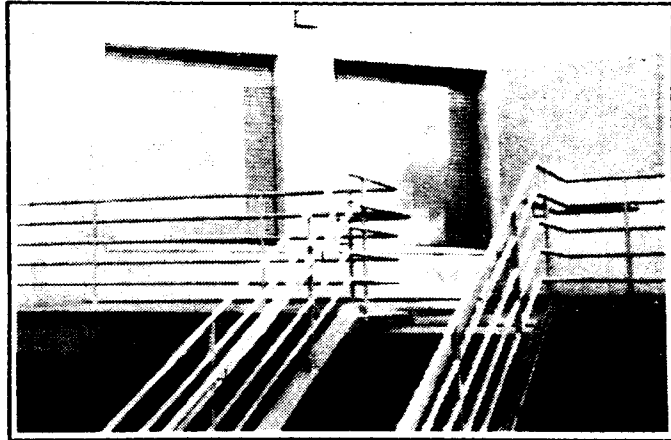
Von Mechow also said the eight large windows lo-

cated in each corner of the arena are supposed to include glass and screens that would make it possible for staff to open them and improve circulation in the building, which

is not air conditioned. The windows are currently covered with aluminum.

Von Mechow attributed both of these problems to the construction company's cutting corners to minimize cost overrun.

The arena is also missing soundproofing materials that had been proposed in the original plans and would make the complex more suitable for events like concerts and commencement, according to Marburger.



Statesman/Christopher Reid

Two of the eight windows that lack glass and screens.

Another problem with the complex which has drawn a great deal of criticism is the lack of parking.

Charles McAteer, assistant architect estimator, said that proponents of the sports complex hoped to include an additional parking garage to satisfy the added parking demand, but the public bonding for the project "fell through."

While most students are unaware of the planning problems involved in the project, many of them are upset because they feel the sports complex was built solely for intercollegiate athletics and that the facilities are not for the students, said Athletic Director John Reeves.

"We're very sensitive to that criticism," said Reeves. "Nothing could be farther from the truth." He said the new facilities are open to all students and that they are "making a genuine effort" to accommodate student desires.

But many administrators and members of the athletic department told *Statesman* they see the sports complex as the first step in the journey toward Division I athletics.

"I think an elevated program would be good for Stony Brook. We deserve to play [and] to associate with the Division I schools that are in every other state in the Union," said Paul Dudzick, director of men's athletics.

Marburger, who is considered a strong supporter of athletics by the members of the department, agreed in his 1990-91 Budget Request. "The Intercollegiate Athletics Program is in a dynamic phase of development and is an important factor in achieving University goals for enrollment, residential life and academic programming as well as in addressing the region's interest in athletics," he wrote.

Stony Brook's Future Directions Committee has been evaluating the status of the Athletic Department for several months and will report to its parent committee, the Intercollegiate Athletics Board, some time in May concerning a move to Division I athletics, according to Board President Susan O'Leary.

The Intercollegiate Athletics Board will then formulate a recommendation on whether the university should pursue Division I status and deliver that recommendation to Marburger, she said.

While some administrators said they are excited about the possibility (one administrator in the Budget Office even compared Stony Brook's basketball program to national powerhouse St. John's University), Stony Brook's faculty and students are not so enthusiastic.

Dudzick said: "If you had to take it to the Faculty Senate right now, I don't know how it would go."

Most students interviewed liked the

This investigation was reported by Jeff Robertson and Krista DeMaria and was written by Robertson.

Arena has complex history

By Jeff Robertson
Special to *Statesman*

When construction of the Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex began in the fall of 1988, it marked the end of 20 years of grandiose plans and numerous disappointments for athletic supporters at the university.

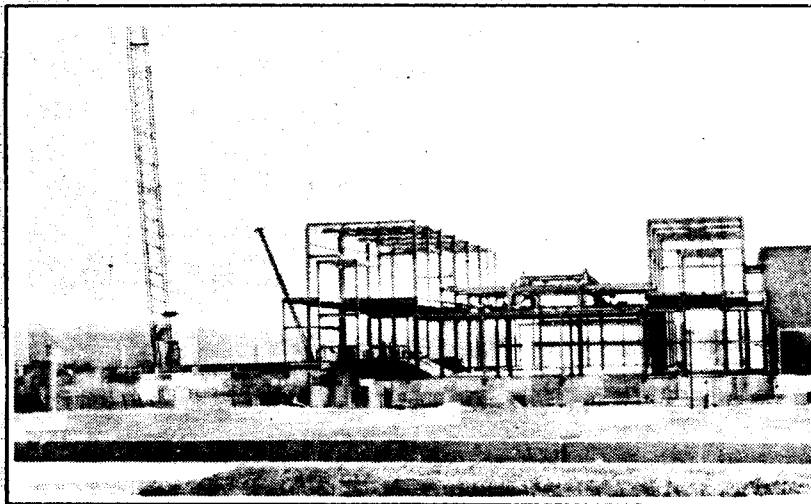
The idea for the complex — which includes a 5,100-seat indoor arena, six squash courts, and a host of additional facilities and equipment — has existed as long as Stony Brook itself.

"When I came here in 1958 I was told by the administration that we would get more facilities," said Henry Von Mechow, Stony Brook's first athletic director.

Von Mechow, whose office was in a dormitory until the original east wing of the gym was completed in the late 1950s, was one of two professors who were asked by then-University President John Toll to design a plan for an addition to the existing facilities in the late 1960s.

He and John Ramsey, associate professor of physical education, drew up a proposal that was even more extensive than the complex that was eventually built. Their plans included an ice-skating rink, a 50 meter plan and an indoor rowing facility. The pricetag for that plan was very close to the \$17 million figure for the arena that was just constructed.

Von Mechow and Ramsey were eventually told by the administration that sufficient funding for the project was not



The \$17 million complex in its beginning stages in 1988.

available.

The project was continually put off during the 1970s as Stony Brook's enrollment grew and the administration placed a greater emphasis on the construction and upgrading of academic buildings, according to Von Mechow.

When John Marburger became the university's president in 1980 the possibility of expanding Stony Brook's athletic facilities once again received more attention. Marburger is considered to be a staunch supporter of athletics by most members of the Physical Education Department.

Athletic administrators generally credit Marburger and State Senator Kenneth LaValle for making the com-

plex a reality.

"I know LaValle was interested in it. I think he honestly felt that the downstate area was not getting a fair shake as far as athletic facilities go," said men's Athletic Director Paul Dudzick.

One faculty member, who asked not to be identified, said, "If John Marburger had been here fifteen years earlier, we would have gotten the facilities fifteen years earlier."

Von Mechow said: "The first time I met [Marburger] he said to me, 'You people need more facilities'."

And after 20 years, those people finally have them.

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Protect Your Body's Largest Organ

YOUR BODY IS an extraordinary, smooth-running machine that astounds even the most skilled engineers. Skin is the body's largest organ. It protects, insulates, and provides sensory information. Recent scientific studies suggest that the outermost layer of skin — the epidermis — may produce chemicals that were once thought to be the exclusive property of white blood cells, liver or other organs. This is why, in a severe burn, the skin's biochemical functions may be lost, creating problems that go beyond the loss of skin as a barrier to the outside world.

The cells in the epidermis produce substances known to be important to the immune defense system. Here are a few suggestions that will protect your skin.

1. Day-to-Day Skin Care

Examine your body parts regularly, so that you will be able to detect changes as soon as they occur.

Freckles and Moles: Consult your dermatologist immediately if any of your moles exhibit:

- Asymmetry: one half unlike the other half.
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Mind these ABCD's — they may be signs of skin cancer.

Marie O. Santiago is a nurse practitioner at the Student Health Service Center.

The LIFE Column

Marie O. Santiago

2. Teeth and Gums

A. Examine your own gums by simply noticing whether they bleed on brushing. If they do, then you're not brushing regularly enough, or properly.

B. Chewing on a sugarless piece of bubble gum for 15-20 minutes after a meal will stimulate large amounts of saliva to be produced. Chewing squeezes the saliva between the teeth which helps to neutralize tooth-decaying acids in dental plaque. However, if you have a bad bite, beware! Chewing gum can make a bad bite worse.

3. Breast Examination

This consists of observation and manual examination. You should be looking for dimpling of the skin, any palpable lump, any change in size, shape, or color of the nipples or breasts, or any discharge from the nipples. These guidelines apply to men as well as women.

4. Cleansing

A. Bathing once a day is adequate and, in fact, may be excessive. The hair and skin have their own cleansing process. Over-zealous cleaning may upset the delicate bacterial balance of the skin which is necessary for good health.

B. Moisturize your skin at least twice a day. This will replenish the moisture which is naturally being lost by evaporation.

5. Blemishes

Use a 5 or 10% benzol peroxide for mild acne (available without a prescription).

6. Hair

That beautiful head of hair of yours in dead! Only the tip of the growing hair root is alive, buried deep within the hair follicle where it is nourished by blood vessels. Therefore, the only way to improve the quality of your hair is by eating a balanced diet. Vitamins A and D are especially helpful in maintaining the health of

hair.

7. Nails

All the part of the nail which we can see is also dead. The only living part is the nail root, which is buried behind and beneath the half moon of the base of the nail. Eating gelatin or vitamins or minerals does not encourage stronger or longer nails. Biting nails cause them to grow twice as fast. However, this makes them appear unsightly and prevents them from performing their function, which is to protect the fingertips from injury.

8. The Effects of Sun Exposure

A. Tanning from sunlight actually destroys skin because certain wavelengths in sunlight break up the collagen. Collagen is the framework of the skin and is the reason for its body, its elasticity, fullness and suppleness. Healthy collagen, therefore, is synonymous with youthful looking skin. Cigarette smoking cuts down the body's oxygen-carrying power and therefore, decreases nourishment of tissue and skin. The effect of this is premature aging of the skin.

B. Sunscreens — Look for a "broad spectrum" sunscreen which will protect against UVA and UVB rays, such as Presun, Supershade, Sundown or Total Eclipse. A screen rated SPF 15 is usually adequate; however, people tend to apply only half the amount of sunscreen that the FDA uses to determine SPF. If you are fair-skinned, use an SPF of 30 or more. Use it according to the label instructions. Look for the seal of approval from the Skin Cancer Foundation. Apply the sunscreen at least 30-45 minutes before exposure. Use it frequently and liberally. If you swim or sweat a lot, purchase a waterproof or water-resistant screen. A sunburn is most evident 6-24 hours after sunning. Remember, certain medications, such as tetracycline and Retin-A will make your skin photo-sensitive.

Complex story not so simple

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idea of Division I sports at Stony Brook, but questioned the timing. "They've got their priorities all screwed up. And this is at a time when the financial atmosphere threatens to erode the academics at the university," said Chris Semansky, graduate student.

Some students and faculty question the construction of the complex while many campus buildings need repair.

"You cannot compare those two things," said Assistant Provost Larry Noonan. "They're apples and oranges. The money comes from different places."

Noonan said the \$17 million used to build the complex came from the SUNY construction fund, not from the university or from accounts that deal with repairs to existing facilities.


Marburger dismissed those criticisms: "That's a

statement of limited vision."

Neither Marburger nor Von Mechow would say how long it would be before any of the missing components would be in place. Both said that despite the problems, they are satisfied with the complex.

When asked how he thought the facility had turned out, Marburger said, "I like the design." But then he frowned for a moment and added "It's too small though."

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Declining balance causes panic

By Toni Masercola
Statesman News Editor

There is only one more week of school left and students are frantic. But they're not panicking because finals are approaching, they are panicking because of the amount of cash left on their declining balance meal cards.

Not only are the lines in the Union Deli growing longer and longer as the semester draws to a close, and students purchase cases of Doritos and Coke, but the lines at Burger King are growing rapidly as well. Students either have a lot of money left on their cards to use up or no money left at all.

Declining balance offers students a starting amount of \$750 to budget for the year. According to Nancy Willis, former food service contract administrator, declining balance permits the "carrying-over" of \$100 from the fall to the spring semester if money is left in the account. However, this option does not carry over from the spring to the fall semester, so students are buying whatever they can get their hands on.

A freshman, who asked to remain anonymous, was asking strangers on line at Papa Joes in the Student Union yesterday to give her money while she paid for the

meal on her declining balance card. She has \$209 left. "Why let it go to waste?," she said. The student said she thought declining balance is a good idea but was too much money for her to spend. She said she will choose a different plan next semester.

Sophomore Jennifer Carty, who has \$150 left on her declining balance card, said she was going to go to the deli and buy in bulk until she uses it up. Carty goes home on the weekends and does not get a chance

to use it as much, but she thinks it is a good idea. She said she plans to stay on the plan next semester.

On the other hand, there are students, who did not balance their

budget very well, who will be counting on fast food joints to feed themselves for the next week.

Originally Willis said there were plans to have a \$50 per week spending limit set on the \$750 declining balance plan and a \$41.67 per week spending limit on the \$625 plan. But this plan was not implemented and has left students regretting the Dominos pizza's they ordered every night since it became an option for declining balance card holders.

Polity President Dan Slepian has \$8.02 left on his declining balance card. "I'm poor," said Slepian. "I called my mom this morning to tell her deposit \$100 into my

account." Slepian said he will be buying his food for the rest of the semester and spending a lot of time at Burger King and McDonalds. Slepian said he felt declining balance "teaches you how to budget your money."

Sophomore Sheila Raymundo has about \$40 left on her card and blames her excessive card use on Domino's Pizza and her generosity. "In the beginning it's 750 bucks to spend," said Raymundo. "I'd buy

pizza and treat people all the time and I didn't notice until later." In the meantime she said she will "grub off other people." Raymundo said declining balance is a good investment because she wasted a lot of meals when she was on regular meal plan.

Another student, who wished to remain nameless because of embarrassment, has no money left on his card. "I admit it, I love to eat and I went crazy," he said. Now he's paying for it.

"In the beginning it's 750 bucks to spend. I'd buy pizza and treat people all the time and I didn't notice until later."

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Marburger testifies

By Toni Masercola
Statesman News Editor

University President John Marburger testified on behalf of the defense yesterday in the case involving two students charged with second degree riot stemming from the Dec. 4 blood drive protest.

The hearing is a result of defense Attorney Henry O'Brien's motion to the court for "dismissal in the interest of justice" on the charges against Haitian Student Organization members Emmanuel Severe and Philippe Valbrune.

O'Brien told *Statesman* he was trying to show that Severe and Valbrune were penalized enough after they were suspended by the Student Judiciary Committee for one year and six months respectively. He said it was excessive to prosecute the students criminally and asked if Marburger could make a recommendation that the criminal charges against the defendants be dropped. "He [Marburger] would not accept," said O'Brien.

Marburger agreed that the Food and Drug Administration's policy to ban Haitian and sub-Saharan Africans from giving

blood because they were said to be in a high risk group for AIDS, was unfair and he sympathized with the students' concern over the regulation, according to O'Brien.

O'Brien said he called Marburger as a witness to ask him questions that dealt with his duties as president of the university and his knowledge of the HSO situation, including his conversations and meetings with the HSO members prior to the Dec. 4 demonstration.

The HSO members said they went to Marburger before the demonstration to inform him about what they had planned to do. The students said Marburger was supposed to show up, but he never did.

Marburger said he gave blood on Dec. 4, but that he wasn't sure how he entered the Alliance Room. He said he recalled seeing a barricade and a couple of Public Safety officers, but no protest, according to O'Brien.

Marburger could not be reached before press time.

Ruth O'Connor, Suffolk County assistant district attorney, will call members of Public Safety to testify today at District Court in Hauppauge at 2 pm.



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Complex Problems Were Avoidable

The west wing of the Indoor Sports Complex, completed last semester for \$17.3 million, is a welcome addition to campus. Its goals are to promote physical education, and to hopefully propel Stony Brook's athletic teams to a Division I-A ranking. But in doing so, the administration forgot to include a budget calculating exactly how much it would cost to operate and maintain the complex.

According to a *Statesman* investigation, the university never included this operating budget in its plans.

How can a project that is so important to the university — so important that it was more than 20 years in the making — be so poorly planned? Because the desire to promote Stony Brook athletics to Division I-A clouded key administrators' judgements, a hasty plan was instituted and executed.

However, this is not the only problem the Indoor Complex faces. Air conditioners were never planned, so eight exterior access windows were constructed. These windows were meant to be opened for circulation. But because of budgetary problems, neither glass nor screens were installed, making it impossible to open them during an event because of the hazard unrestricted windows would present. Not only is it a hazard, but it will make it uncomfortable to use the facility during the warmer months.

And the complex is scheduled to be a "health spa" for paying members. How many people would want to pay for the use of a club where you can't escape the sauna?

In addition, being the largest indoor arena in Suffolk County, the complex should conceivably draw big-name performers. However, the building was never soundproofed, resulting in poor acoustics and sound quality as evident in Tuesday's Bob Dylan concert for those who went. How could the university expect such headliners to appear with the knowledge that the quality of their performance will be hindered? And once people know about the problems, will they pay top-dollar to hear bottom-dollar sound quality?

Also, the interior walls of the complex are only painted sheetrock and are expected to de-

teriorate a rapid pace. The normal wear and tear that an average sporting event puts on the facility requires something of a little more substance.

Another downfall to the complex is the parking situation. In a complex designed to house more than 5,000 spectators, how are all those people to fit into the 32 parking spaces designated for the arena? In this case, carpools just won't cut it.

Commencement is in two weeks. At least

3,300 people are expected to attend. Since it will be held in the Indoor Sports Complex, those attending will be forced to park in South-P lot and be bused over. Why? Because all 32 spots will fill rather quickly.

All of the above problems were foreseeable and preventable. Blatant negligence is at the root of the problems. But \$17 million is in the root of the complex. More care should have been taken to do the job correctly, instead of quickly.



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Opinions

GSO Money Could Be Better Spent

By Chris Kushmerick

The Stony Brook Graduate Student Organization has supported the United Graduate Student Organization, UGSO, for the last two years. The level of funding has been on the order of ten thousand dollars. Recently the GSO senate has voted to review their involvement in UGSO. I urge graduate students to take a moment to consider how they feel on the subject, and talk to their senator.

GSO's funding of UGSO over the last two years consists of the following: seven thousand dollars in dues, and a seven thousand dollar interest free loan. In addition

Chris Kushmerick is a graduate student running unopposed for treasurer.

GSO has lent UGSO a personal computer. This support was an acknowledgment of the congruence between the goals of UGSO and the goals of GSO. Indeed the Stony Brook GSO executive committee had a primal role in creating and shaping UGSO. At some point, however, we must evaluate the return on our investment. I believe that time is now. I do not know what all UGSO has been involved with and how they spent their money. I do know what they choose to highlight: standing on picket lines at SUNY Buffalo, and disrupting trustees meetings. I hope that at some point in the future the GSO will get a clearer picture of where our money goes and what the UGSO's plans are. In my opinion, the two activities mentioned above do not merit the level of funding they have received.

Proponents of UGSO (names available upon request)

have suggested that a five thousand dollar grant to UGSO from GSO would be appropriate for the 1991-1992 budget. I suggest that this money could be better spent on campus to fund student activities. Rather than give UGSO a blank cheque, I feel we should reject the idea that we must pay dues to join UGSO. They should do what most other groups soliciting funding do: make a presentation to the budget committee for funding. At this point they would typically present a budget, a constitution and a justification for the funds they request. I suspect that if they had to compete with such on-campus activities as alternative cinema, WUSB, RAP (travel funds for Stony Brook graduate student scholars) et cetera, they would come up with less than what we're currently giving them. Please consider this issue and let your senator know how you feel.

Winners and Losers of the Polity Election

By Ron Nehring

Now that this year's Polity elections are over (as far as the election board is concerned), it's time to sift through the debris and find out who actually won and lost from the whole process:

DAN SLEPIAN & TOM PYE: Winners of tainted trophies.

COMMON SENSE: Winner. Yes, yes, we all know that none of the Common Sense candidates OFFICIALLY won. However, The Common Sense Party still remains the only organized opposition to the Polity political machine.

THE POLITY POLITICAL MACHINE: Winner. Just goes to show what you accomplish when nine out of ten students don't vote.

ELECTION BOARD BYLAWS: Loser. Maintaining election rules that are so far open to interpretation only asks for more "Plunkitt of Tammany Hall" political machine nonsense which has come to typify these elections. For example, while they make no mention to political parties anywhere, they were used to eliminate (for one crucial week) the only organized opposition to Polity's business-as-usual.

Ron Nehring is president of the College Republicans and ran unsuccessfully for senior representative.

LIES & RUMORS: Winner. If this election is allowed to pass into history unscathed, it will set a very dangerous precedent. The techniques used by the political machine against the Common Sense Party and its candidates were atrocious, disgusting, and cowardly — they have no place in an institution of higher education.

ISSUES: Loser. While Common Sense concentrated all of its efforts up to petitioning on the real issues, the political machine put a stop to it. When Polity's election board disqualified the Common Sense candidates, the spotlight was conveniently removed from the issues (and the incumbents record). Without a meaningful discussion of the issues and different solutions to problems, the election was seriously trivialized.

AVERAGE USB STUDENT: Loser. Roughly 85% - 90% of under graduates didn't vote on election day. That meant that the Polity machine got about 7% - 9% of student support, while Common Sense got 4% - 6%. (Doesn't look like such a shiny trophy for the Polity clique any more, eh?)

APPLE MACINTOSH COMPUTER: Winner. The official computer of the clowns who plagiarized Common Sense literature. The real crime will result if this is allowed to set a precedent that reads "It's ok to counterfeit material at Stony Brook just don't put your name on it."

COMMUTERS: Losers. Over five thousand strong,

and how many will there be on the Executive Committee next year? (PS: Common Sense represented commuters and residents equally)

SENATOR DAVID GREENE: Loser. His miserable attempt to keep Common Sense off the ticket didn't get him much except on tape. (Amazing coincidence how he was the person who was conveniently placed in charge of counting the ballots.)

COLLEGEREPUBLICANS: Winner: Although not involved in the election, had its name mentioned more times than most candidates.

TUITION HIKE: Loser. On this every candidate agrees, the tuition hike problem dwarfs most others. (Just how many course CAN you cut and STILL have a university left?)

This election only goes to again prove that the only way students are going to make Polity work again is if we get involved. For as long as most students don't vote, Polity's little clique will remain exactly where it is, and the average USB student will remain exactly where he or she is.

Common Sense this semester made one important accomplishment: it put the first serious crack in the political machine. Hopefully, with a lot of hard work, this will be the first step in dismantling Stony Brook's one party system.

Letters

Battle for Equality

To The Editor:

I was recently dismayed upon reading one of *Statesman's* opinion articles entitled "Stony Brook Politics are Corrupt" by Harry Van Twister. I found it to be an extremely racist, prejudice, discriminatory and moronic article. The article contained various threats and defamatory statements towards the rights of free society; whether it be the majority or minority rights.

Let's talk about the left. What is the left anyway? The opposite of right? Well maybe yes, maybe no. To stereotype peoples as being either right or left is a narrow minded assumption. I have to add though that the author of the article would have done very well in promoting the 1950's McCarthy trials; in relation to all the accusations, assumptions and prejudices (among other things). I am sure the K.K.K would be more willing to hire him and his open minded values.

What are you so afraid of anyway?

You make me sick! No student can ever say to be an open-minded student whom holds such narrow-minded and prejudiced views. We are not attending this

university to merely accept our own point of views. We are here to question those views, and other views. Hopefully to come to a logical, comprehensive understanding of all people.

Let's draw some parallels to a couple of your statements with some civil rights movements. You wrote "I think it's about time that the oppressed minorities quit expecting the majority to lay down and play dead." You also said, "You can't get your way in the white power establishment unless you break into it and join it instead of fighting it all the time." Where do you think we would be today if in 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education didn't desegregate schools? Or in 1955 the Montgomery Bus Boycott didn't take place? I'll answer you quoting an ex-Alabama governor "We ain't going to force our fine colored folks to go to school with white people." Sounds similar to your views. Racism and prejudice is sometimes very subtle, but it still remains a hate ideology.

As far as I know, most ethnic and racial minorities still do not have the same opportunities, advantages and salaries that the white man has. By the way I am a white male, too. But where the hell does that even fit into the argument either one of us is

advocating?

When a person denies affirmative action they deny all the injustices and hardships people of minorities have suffered throughout history. You deny slavery, segregation, and prejudice has ever existed. Well, you are dead wrong. Unfortunate as it is, hate and prejudice are still rampant in our world, and that includes the U.S. whether they exist in subtle forms they exist nonetheless.

Why don't you step off the campus and visit the Long Island communities! People are located in all white neighborhoods, all black neighborhoods and all other ethnic and race neighborhoods. So the neighborhoods are equal right? No, they are not! Tokenism doesn't in any way spell equality of opportunity, advantage and desegregation.

Until the day comes when all people are truly equal, we shall continue the battle for equality of all peoples. Hate, prejudice, racism and sexism will be swept away by the unity of the oppressed and the just. I ask all who read this article to openly challenge your own set of beliefs. All that can happen is you will change your beliefs or strengthen them. Think about the world around you.

Christopher Martin Caro

President on Commencement

To the Editor:

I have received a petition signed by a large number of students asking that commencement be held in its traditional outdoor location rather than in the Sports Complex as currently scheduled. Unfortunately, it is too late to change the location for this year. Before any decision is made for next year, however, I will consider recommendations for alternative locations.

The central commencements were introduced in 1982 at my request and have been held outdoors ever since. During the 1980s, the ceremonies were spoiled several times by inclement weather. The cost of outdoor ceremonies is significantly greater than indoor ones due to rental and set up expenses. Thus, in this year of extreme budget difficulties, I am convinced that the indoor location is a wise choice.

I regret the limitations placed on attendance by the capacity of the Sports Complex and hope that ways can be found in the future to accommodate all those who wish to attend.

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University President

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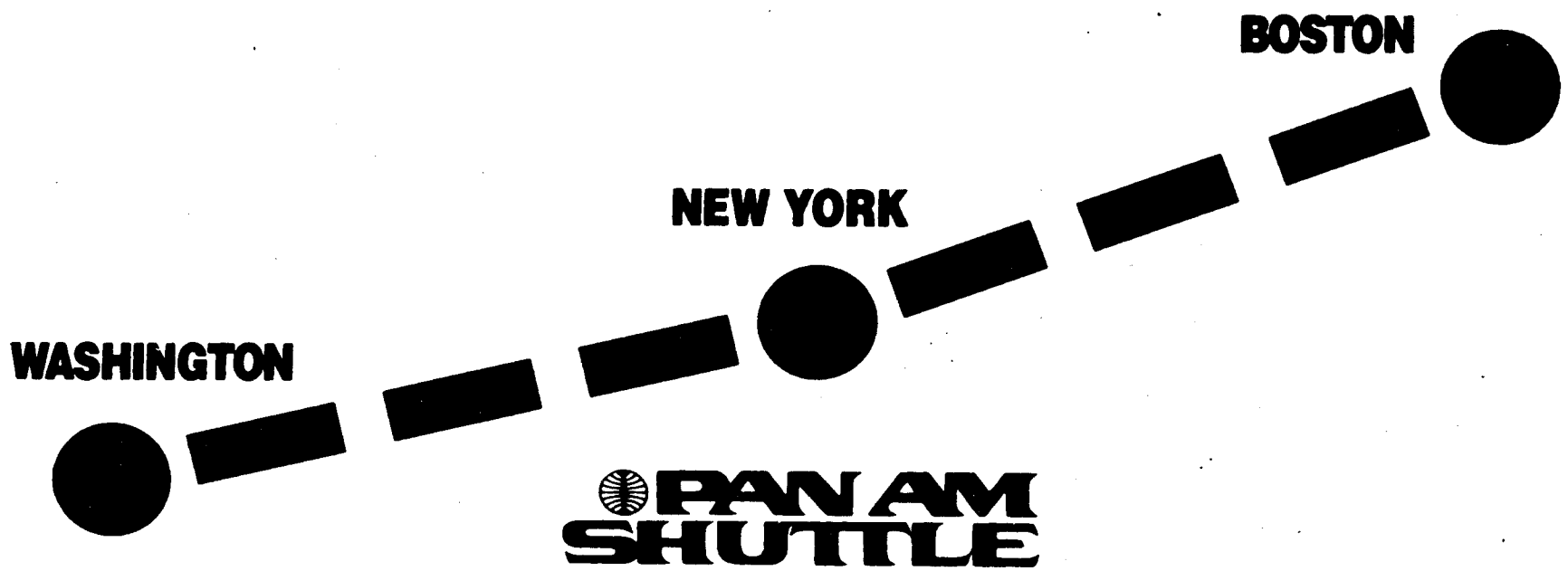
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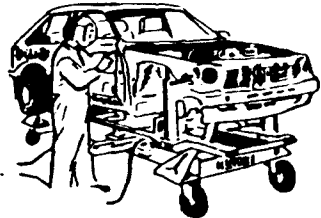


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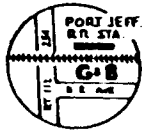
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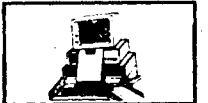
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year," said Castiglie. "We were proud of the way he played for us."

Complementing Smith on the backline was shooting guard Bunche. The transfer from Queensborough led the team in steals with 70, was second on the team with 120 defensive rebounds and 74 assists and averaged 13.4 points per game. He enjoyed his first year as a Patriot and looks forward to playing again next season. "I am looking forward to returning," says Bunche. "One thing I really want to do with the team next year is go even further in the NCAAs."

His coach says that Curtis helped to contribute to the overall team success. "He's very talented," says Castiglie. "He's a player I wish I had for four years. He possesses great physical skills."

Charwin Agard, Steve Hayn and Yves Simon make their graceful goodbyes after a season which saw Agard lead the team in shooting percentage after 27 games with 53%.

Hayn, on the other hand, averaged 10.9 points a game, was 74% from the free-throw line and 46% from the field. Hayn also surpassed the 1,000-point plateau.

Simon, like Hayn, overcame the millermark and led the team in rebounds with a total of 228. He averaged 8.4 points per game and was third on the team in steals with 54.

All three leave Stony Brook, satisfied with what they contributed and optimistic about the team's future. "I am satisfied because from my freshman year to my senior year, there's been improvement in terms of winning," says Simon. "I think the team will do well so long as they stay focused. They should have no problem because they're capable of doing it [going to the NCAA tournament for a second year in a row]." Simon has "no regrets" about the season and says that he will "miss some of the guys . . . and practice, because practices are always fun — sometimes."

Castiglie says that the team will feel the departures of Agard, Hayn and Simon. "When you lose players who have played for you for a long time, you lose a lot," says Castiglie. "For one thing, they are players who are used to the style and system. And of course, their leadership will be missed."

After a mid-season injury to Simon, sophomore Ricky Wardally assumed the center position. He handled the spot effectively in scoring a total of 184 points, pulling down 132 rebounds and blocking a team-high 31 shots.

Forward Vincent Farmer continued to exhibit the on-court toughness that made him notorious around the league. His 13.4 point per game average was second only to Smith's. He was second in rebounds and blocked shots with 179 and 12 respectively. Farmer was also fourth on the team with 42 steals. His status with the Pats for next season, however remains uncertain. "He had a great year," says Castiglie. "But because his family is moving, a possibility exists that [Farmer may transfer]. But we hope to avoid that."

Pats face tougher '92 sked

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game winning streak. In this span, they beat Lehigh, Holy Cross, Dartmouth, Canisius, Air Force, Denver and Hartford. They then lost the next two to UNC and Duke, but rebounded against Fairfield. The team capped off its season with consecutive defeats in the hands of Boston College and UPenn.

One of the year's biggest surprises came from junior Michael Francis. Francis previously played ball for Nassau. The pinpoint perimeter shooter sparked the Pats from 3-point land. Coming off the bench, Francis was third in threes with 17. He led the team in free-throw percentage with 90% and averaged 11.3 minutes per game. "Mike overcame a lot of adversity at the start of the season," says Castiglie. "He worked hard to establish himself as the season went."

The trio that calls itself the "Hilltop Posse" fulfilled its reserve role capably during its first season with the team. Freshmen Luc Baptiste, Sean Williams and Vernard Williams combined for a season total of 50 points, 37 rebounds, eight blocked shots, eight assists, seven steals and an average of 4.7 minutes per game. Each one expects and welcomes an expanded role in 1992-93. "I'm looking forward to working with those guys next season," says Castiglie. "I really think that Vernard is ready to make some noise, provided that he works over the summer."

Of the non-freshman reserve crew, Castiglie is impressed by the performances of forward Charwyn David and guard Lewis Howard. Playing sparingly, the two added 22 points and 11 rebounds to the team's attack. "I think that everyone on the team plays a role," says Castiglie. "One guy's role is not more important than another. These guys keep the others up at practice."

The Patriots went on a 12-game undefeated streak at the start of the season. They recorded consecutive wins against MIT, Swarthmore, Hunter, Ottawa, Elmira, Cortland State, NJ Tech, Lehman, Staten Island, Clarkson, Potsdam and Medgar Evers. They suffered their first loss of the season at William Paterson, when they were outscored 113-78.

The team had its best offensive night against Lehman, winning 122-63; and had its best defensive performance versus the Merchant Marines, yielding only 48 points while garnering 69 of its own.

In the Skyline Conference, the team went 9-1 and only surrendered a loss to Manhattanville, its last regular season game. Manhattanville nipped Stony Brook 70-69. Regardless, Castiglie's crew was again rewarded the Skyline Conference Trophy. Since its inception, the Pats have won the trophy both times.

The Patriots then captured the top seed in the East region, as it clinched an NCAA Tournament bid. They received a bye in the first round and hosted the second round against Rochester. The Yellowjackets upset the Pats 71-67 in front of 3,000 fans.

"The Rochester loss was a disappointment," says Castiglie. "Although we played a good team, it wasn't our best. You could see it in our free-throw percentage."

Castiglie, like his men, hopes to take the loss in stride to better the team's chances of advancing next season. "There were lessons to be learned," says Castiglie. "The maturity will be better. The key is to be ready individually to compete. People are gonna look to knock you off."

The Patriots scored a total of 163 goals this season, while allowing a total of 143. They also compiled a total of 100 penalty minutes, led by Denning's 13.

Despite their last two games, Stony Brook seems to be one of the fastest growing and most exciting lacrosse organizations in Division-I. Next season, the team looks to square-off against the likes of Princeton, Navy, Duke, UPenn and Air Force.

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Gill goes distance for athlete of week honors

By Bob Orlando
Statesman Sports Writer

Freshman Roger Gill of the Men's Outdoor Track team has been awarded Athlete of the Week honors for May 6-12.

Gill broke two University records and qualified for the Division-III National Championships in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.62 seconds. That time shattered an 18-year old University record.



Roger Gill

Gill anchored the Patriots' 4x100 meter relay team that established a new University record with a time of 42.49 seconds. Gill also ran the second leg in the 4x400 meter relay in 47.3 seconds, which was the fastest split time ever recorded at Stony Brook.

The athlete of the week will be vying for a spot in the 400-meter dash at the nationals, which will be held on May 22-25 in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be given a chance to do so this Saturday at the Princeton/Adidas Invitational. "I want to see what Roger can do in the 400-[meter]," said Head Coach Steve Borbet. "He probably won't run the 200 until the nationals. If he qualifies in the 400, then maybe he will run in both events [at the nationals]." This is a good possibility because the 200 and 400 are on separate days.

The Jamaica, New York native was surprised at how long the 200-meter record stood. "I didn't know that," said Gill, "that's old." Borbet said, "I knew it had to go eventually and we felt it would be someone from our great freshman class."

The coach has high expectations for his freshman runner. "Based on last year's results in the nationals, Roger has a good chance at [all-american] in all the events he will compete in."

Gill has set his sights on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. "I am concentrating mainly on the relay events because they involve more guys," said Gill. "My goal is to become part of the only freshman relay team to ever compete in the NCAA [championships]."

The relay team has been hampered by a hamstring injury to Jerry Canada. "I don't know about Jerry's health," said the coach. "I will find out shortly. He is irreplaceable in the 4x400, but in the 4x100 we could fill his shoes with [senior] Jean Massillon."

Gill recognizes the strength that Gill adds to the team. "If we are going to qualify, it will be with Jerry in the race."

Straw still stirs the fans

By Eddie Reaven
Statesman Managing Editor

FLUSHING, New York - The return of the Straw Man to New York brought cheers and jeers to Shea Stadium last night, but mostly jeers.

When Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda purposely sent Darryl Strawberry to give the home-plate umpire the lineup card, the Stadium let loose.

"DAAA-RYLLLL, DAAA-RYLLLL," the crowd of 47,744 shouted, almost as a whole, except for the three Dodger fans who cheered on the slugger from the upper mezzanine.

When Strawberry came up to bat in the top of the first inning, it was as if he was Public Enemy Number One. Frank Viola, the Mets starting pitcher, threw the first pitch for a strike, and the crowd erupted. "You stink," and "I hate you," were common yells. Straw was unsuccessful in his first plate appearance against his old teammates, popping up to centerfielder Vince Coleman.

But the jeering didn't stop there. When he reached his position in rightfield, the chanting began once again. "DAAAA-RYLLL, DAAAA-RYLLLL," the crowd continued. But Strawberry did not budge. He held his ground. Until the third inning.

As the Mets took an early 3-0 lead on two Dodger errors by Juan Samuel, another former Met, and Kal Daniels, it was as if the crowd didn't care. The purpose tonight was to boo Strawberry in his first appearance at Shea in a non-Met uniform.

As Strawberry trotted out to the rightfield stands, the chanting began again. "DAAAA-RYLLL, DAAAA-RYLLL." But this time he reacted.

The Man of Straw urged on the crowd, finally responding to their chants. But the crowd never got to him.

In his next at-bat, Strawberry blasted a Viola fastball to the warning-track, only to be hauled down by Coleman again.

But in his next at-bat, Strawberry made his presence felt: he blasted a two-out two-run homer to end Viola's shutout and end the crowd's taunts.

The crowd then began to cheer Straw as he rounded the bases, eventually giving him a standing ovation and screaming for a curtain call. He didn't come out for the call, but returned to the field after Eddie Murray hammered a Viola meatball under a valley of cheers.

He had hit his first home run against the Mets in a regular season game.

But the game for Straw didn't end there. When he was on the on-deck circle in the eighth, the game had to be stopped for a moment when Lasorda complained that fans were pelting Strawberry with his fruit namesake.

But the game still was not over.

He came up with two outs in the top of the ninth, the score 6-5 Mets. Former Mets Gary Carter and Samuel were in scoring position, and Straw was facing reliever John Franco, who had allowed two runs to score against him.

He grounded out on the first pitch.

This isn't the last time Strawberry will be in New York, but with his homerun and game-ending groundout, New York fans saw the Strawberry that on one day could be king of the hill and on the next be the goat at the bottom.

Turchiano: Region All-American

By Kenneth Alber
Special to Statesman

University at Stony Brook senior Michele Turchiano was named to the 1990 NSCAA/Met Life Northeast Region All-American team. The team, which is selected by the coaches, is a prerequisite for being selected to the national All-American team.

"This is a real nice award for Michele because most of the coaches have only had the opportunity to see her play once or twice," said Head Coach Sue Ryan. "Michele played well in so many games that she left her mark every time she left the field. By receiving this award, it shows that the other coaches noticed her fine play, and remembered her."

"I just went out and played as hard as I could in every game," said Turchiano. "It feels good to know that the other coaches noticed my play and remembered me at the end of the year."

Turchiano, a sweeper, did not compile big statistics as a defensive player, but left her mark in other areas. "Michele has the ability to see a play and break it down before it gets dangerous," said Ryan. "Her intelligence allowed her to always be in the right place at the right time and stop an opponent's attack just as it was about to develop."

Other institutions represented on the list of win-

ners are William & Mary, Princeton, Cornell and Rutgers — a fact not unnoticed by Ryan. "That is a reflection of where our program is going and is very positive for our University," said Ryan. "The other schools that are represented are the types of schools we want to be associated with."

Turchiano, a second team selection is familiar with many of the other honorees. "I've played with and against many of these players on club teams and Long Island select teams for many years. They are the best players. It is real nice and quite an honor to be compared with them."

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Stony Brook Athletics Division I Ascent 'Inevitable'

AS THE SPRING 1991 semester draws to a close, the University at Stony Brook's sports system is beginning to draw some major attention.

After a stunning campaign by the lacrosse team, in which they defeated Dartmouth and held their own with Penn, two major Ivy League powers, a chance to carry the excitement of Division I-A in all sports might not be so far off. Imagine. Stony Brook going Division I in all sports. Kids across the United States wearing "Property of Stony Brook" T-shirts. According to John Reeves, director of Athletics for Stony Brook, "it is inevitable."

A meeting with the Intercollegiate Board Thursday morning may decide what happens to Stony Brook athletics, but until then, Reeves gives his personal opinions.

"The real question is not if, but when," he says.

The foreseeable problems are, of course, the budget crunch and the actual ability for Stony Brook to go

Division I across the board.

The first question can be answered with figures. It will take \$4 million for USB to elevate all sports, sans football, to Division I, Reeves says. But with Stony Brook experiencing cuts in almost every department, what is the likelihood of adding \$4 million to the budget? As of now, it doesn't appear feasible.

"For \$4 million in 1990 dollars, Stony Brook could field a respectable Division I program," he says.

With the inflation rate holding at 8 1/2%, that figure, by 1992, will be \$4.71 million. But since Governor Cuomo's cuts hit educational departments, the feeling is that their losses will be replaced first, and then the athletics will improve. But

until then, Stony Brook is one of three major institutions in the country, not including the SUNY system, that are not Division I — UC-San Diego, and UC-Santa Clara are the others, according to Reeves.

As it stands, however, SUNY-Buffalo is preparing

to go Division I across the board in 1992, and "the state legislature may look closely at Buffalo," Reeves says.

As it stands, USB fields two respectable Division I programs — lacrosse and women's soccer. "The next step is all of them," he says, stating that it is against NCAA regulations to have more than two but less than 100% at Division I.

The NCAA created the rule so that schools cannot take advantage of Division I-A attendance and revenue for relatively low-costing sports, such as basketball. "The NCAA is not stupid," he says.

Football would remain at a lower division, probably the newly created Division I-AAA, because it is the highest costing. "We may get football into a conference equal to the Colonial Conference or the Ivy League," he says. Both conferences field schools that have complete Division I-A programs, excluding football. "St. John's and Georgetown probably will go Division I-AAA in football," he says.

Another drawback may be the Indoor Sports Complex. "As great as it is [the Complex], it is kind of marginal," he says. He is referring to the complex's ability to house fans, which is about 5,000.

Any way you slice it, Stony Brook athletics are on the upswing, and they're not coming down.

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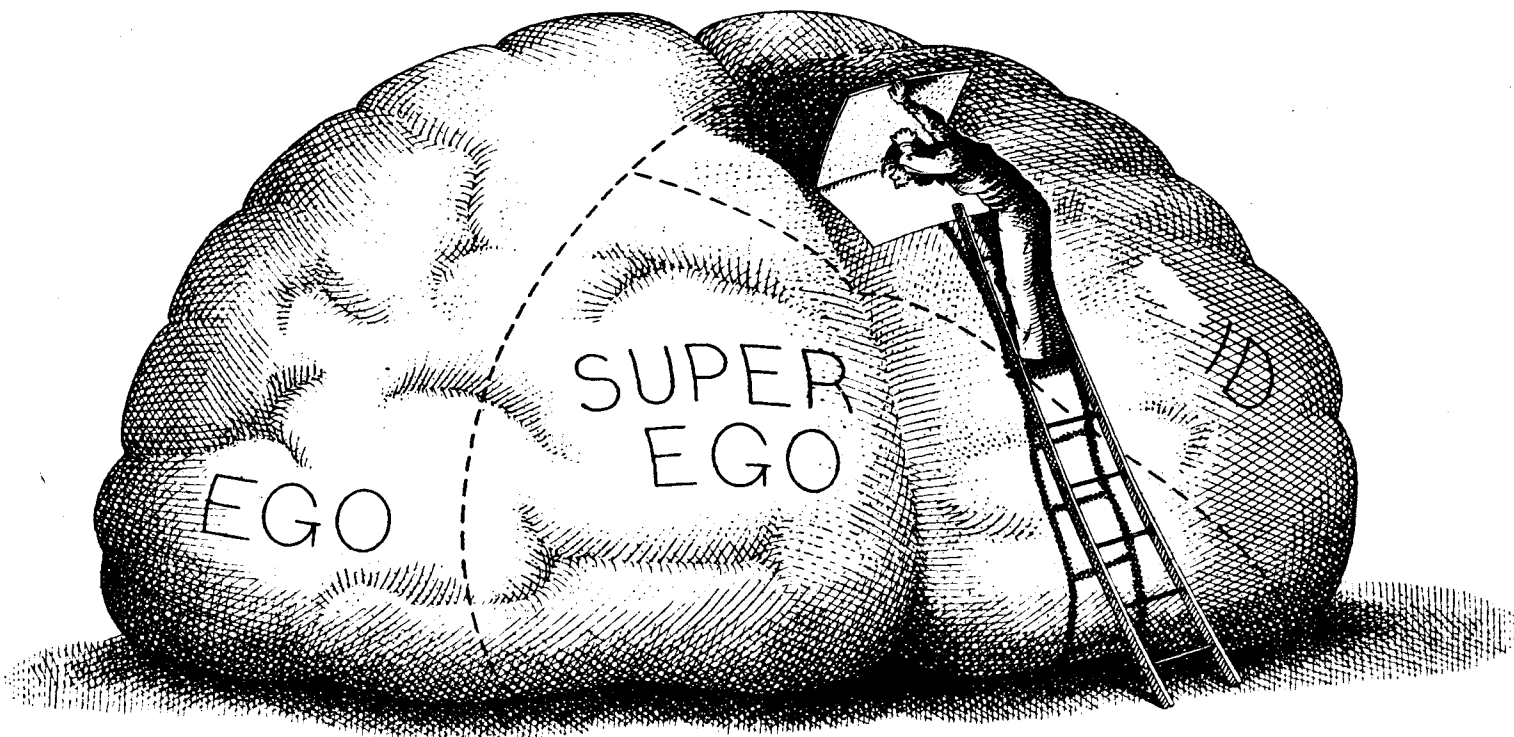


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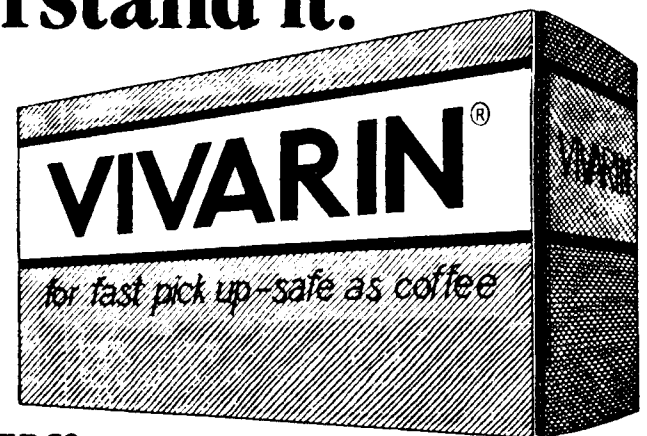
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Laxmen cometh together with time

By Dave Fallace
Statesman Lacrosse Writer

This year's season was described by lacrosse head coach John Espey as "moderately successful." The Patriots had a record of 8-5. But three of the five losses were to nationally ranked teams; and one was to number 1-ranked and undefeated University of North Carolina.

The season for Stony Brook might have been moderately successful, but the Patriot program seems to be in

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full gear forward. Four years ago, Espey, the ex-head coach at Duke, came to Stony Brook. The Patriot team was just an average Division-III team then. In 1988, Espey's first year with the Patriots, his team lost 10-4 to Holy Cross. Now, three years later, Stony Brook defeated Holy Cross, 17-6. Last year, Stony Brook was easily handled by the University of Pennsylvania, 18-4. This year, the Pats only lost to the top-20 team, 19-14.

Espey has made progress in terms of the program's development. Espey's first goal was to establish the credibility of the program, and to be accepted among the lacrosse community as a first-class competitor. The lacrosse head coach appears to be well on his way to accomplishing this objective.

Espey's next goal is "to be a top-20 team within the next two years and eventually be a playoff hopeful. We overall want to be a consistent playoff contender, and possibly win an NCAA championship," said Espey. "If we continue on the same road of development, it's not really so far-fetched."

Seniors Jeff Agostino, Todd Caissie, Steve McCabe will be graduating this May. Espey said that their services will be missed, especially their leadership. But the coach is optimistic that the younger players can fill

the void which the three players will leave behind. "Our goals are much higher," said Espey. "The expectations for our players are higher, that comes with the territory. Each year we attract more talented players."

The freshmen, or "backbone" of the Stony Brook team had many outstanding players and hopefuls. Terence Vetter led the team with 41 points offensively, while Paul Schultes and Andy Denning, on defense, proved themselves capable of going up against the league's more experienced players.

"A terrific part of our season is that we lost six starters and never had any excuses," said Espey. "People stepped in and did the job. Our freshmen also deserve a lot of credit, in order for them to step in and play the schedule we played. They came through and did a nice job this year. No one took a chicken little attitude and let the sky fall in."

Other noteworthy attackmen, aside from Vetter, were Joel Insinga, with 28 points; Agostino, with 27 points; and Robert O'Fee with 12 points.

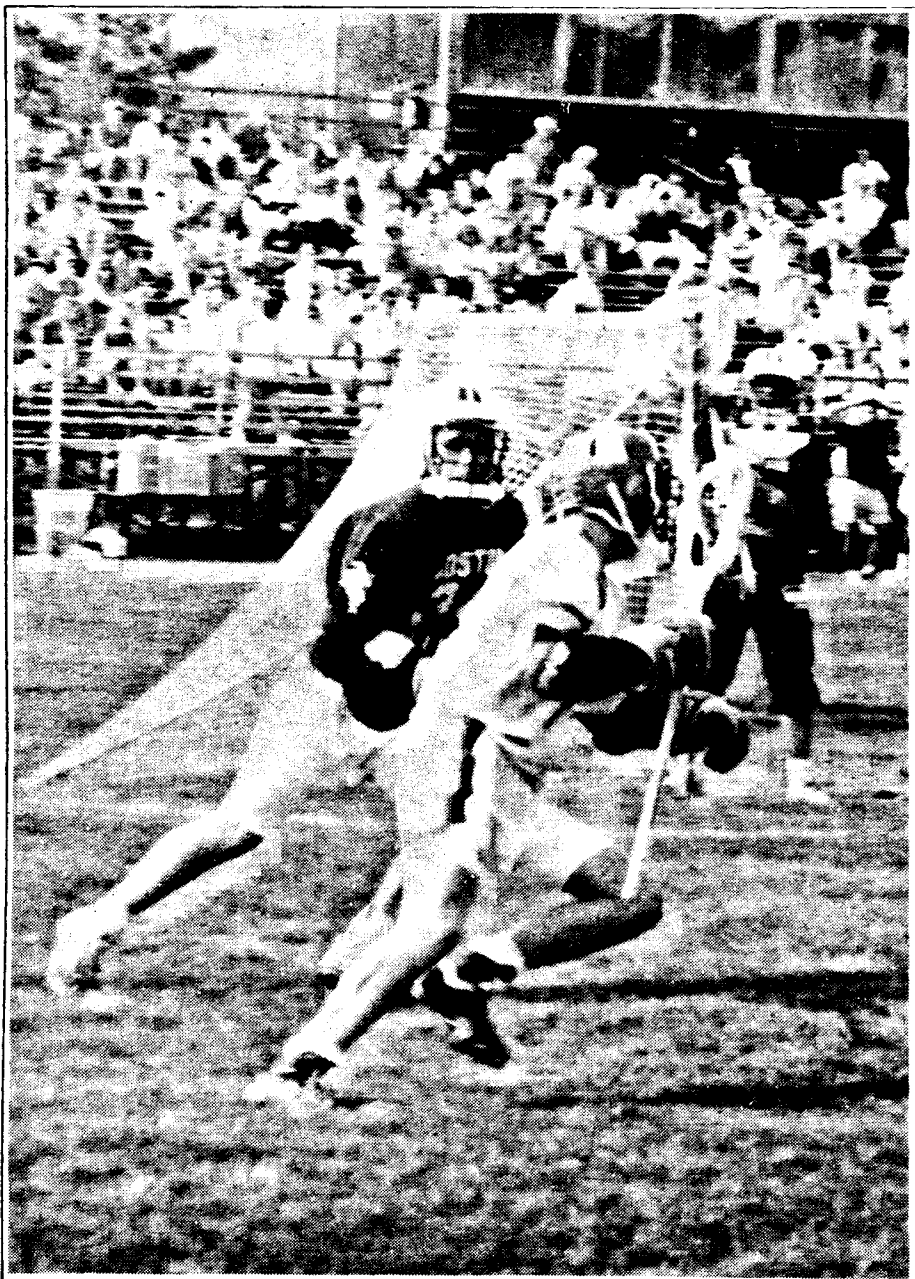
Midfielders Rob Walker and Louis Ventura had 33 and 26 points respectively, while Kevin Dalland had 24. These three, with their scoring, helped to complement the speed of Caissie, Paul Leva, John Schafer, and Ed Havel.

The big "D" was also a great force behind the team. Defensemen McCabe, Denning, Greg Freeland, Glenn Kaminska, Mike Bocchino and Michael Tahany created a force that was able to stop North Carolina's man-up attack numerous times.

Of course, the defense unit was led by goaltender Rob Serratore, who had a .618 save percentage and is rated ninth in the country. Espey said of Serratore, "He had a great year and was very important to our success."

After losing its season-opener to Georgetown, the Pats went on a seven-

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The Patriots look to attack Division-I next season, after "moderately successful" 1991.

Are Pats NCAA-bound again in 1992?

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

It was a season that witnessed an NCAA Tournament bid for the basketball Patriots.

Three players went over the 1,000th-point mark.

Emeka Smith captured honors after honors.

Curtis Bunche made his red and grey debut.

BASKETBALL

And three seniors exit, after years of service, leaving their roles and positions behind for promising teammates to fill.

Head coach Joe Castiglie upped his career won-loss record to 138-56. His 1990-91 squad recorded a 23-4 finish, a winning percentage of .852.

In retrospect, Castiglie feels that this season has been one of his best thus far. "We've had some good teams and

I've been lucky that this team was very talented and certainly achieved a lot." One of the team's biggest achievements, according to the head coach, was its victory in the Potsdam tournament. "It was our most exciting. We had a real good gameplan and we executed them very well."

The Patriots were led in scoring this season by point guard Smith. The sophomore shot 43% with a 20.3 points average and upped his career points total to 1,170. He was one of the three players who earned 1,000 points this season.

Despite this accomplishment, the 5'11" Brooklyn native feels that it isn't his most significant of the year. "I would have to say that the Potsdam tournament was my biggest accomplishment," says Smith. "I was ready to play and the team did well." At the Potsdam tourney, Smith was named Most Valuable Player. He also captured the MVP titles at the Polera and Elmira Invitationals, as well as being named Skyline Conference Player of the Year, a

New York State Coaches' Poll first team All-Star, Metro-NY-NJ Sportswriters Division-III first team selection and ECAC second team All-Star. "Emeka had another great

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Award ceremony today

The Athletic Awards Banquet, scheduled for last Monday, was postponed due to a rain. The ceremonies have been re-set for 3:30 this afternoon at the Field House outside the Sports Complex.

Again, the finalists for VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Year for women are Katie Browngardt, basketball; Stasia Nikas, volleyball; and Michele Turchiano, soccer.

For the men, the finalists are Dan Kent, soccer; Rob Serratore, lacrosse; and Emeka Smith, basketball.