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PUBLIC SAFETY:

Student Raped

23-year-old attacked after party

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

A 23-year-old Stony Brook student said she was raped on campus by an unidentified man last Friday morning after leaving a dormitory party, Public Safety said yesterday.

The woman and the alleged attacker left the party together at about 2 am Friday morning to purchase beer, but the two did not know each other before the party, said Doug Little, Public Safety spokesman.

The woman, who told police she was intoxicated at the time of the attack, could not determine where the incident occurred or who the attacker was, said university spokeswoman Vicky Katz.

Public Safety described the attacker as a male 20-23 years old with straight dark hair, approximately 5-

feet 9-inches tall with a medium build. He was wearing blue jeans and a black leather jacket at the time of the incident. Public Safety could not determine whether the attacker was a student.

The victim was transported to University Hospital at about 8 am after her roommate convinced her to file a report with Public Safety, Katz said. But the woman had showered and changed her clothes before doctors

examined her, which may have destroyed vital evidence, Little said.

Hospital officials would not disclose the woman's condition, but Little said the victim complied with a physical examination to gather evidence. Suffolk County detectives, who are investigating the incident, said they interviewed the woman at the hospital.

Neither Public Safety nor Suffolk County police would disclose information about the victim or the location of the party.

Although the woman was intoxicated and could not identify the attacker or the location of the incident, Little said he is optimistic about the investigation. "We are taking this case very seriously," he said.

The complaint was the sixth rape reported on the Stony Brook campus in the past three years, according to university records.

(Staff writer William Bongiorno contributed to this story.)

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Learn Lessons from Magic and Mike

MAGIC JOHNSON AND MIKE TYSON: Two men as different as the regions and social ails they represent. Magic, via East Lansing, Michigan and Michigan State University, was all glitz just like the Hollywood-influenced Los Angeles Lakers he led to five NBA titles. Tyson came straight out of Brooklyn, took a detour in the Catskills and went on to be the youngest heavyweight champion in history with a punishing style and arrogance that any native New Yorker would love.

Magic is HIV positive. Mike is a convicted rapist.

As different as these men are, their situations have some glaring similarities. Johnson claimed he contracted the HIV virus by "accommodating as many women as possible." Tyson assumed that his accuser was an athlete groupie who was going to oblige him sexually. She was not a groupie, but he still assumed she was and he raped her.

Due to their male athlete egos, Magic will lose his life to AIDS and Tyson has lost his livelihood to a jail sentence.

The HIV virus and AIDS have been on the American agenda for the past 10 years, but its impact was never more harsh than on the day Magic Johnson announced he had tested positive for HIV. He proved to the whole nation that it was not just homosexuals or drug users or poor people that contracted the virus. Heterosexuals and people with a lot of money can contract the deadly disease too. He also showed male athletes around the world that they are not as invulnerable as they would like to think and that no matter how much they protect the rest of their body from physical injury, something as simple as not wearing a latex

condom could bring an end to their careers.

The Magic show down the block from the Magic Kingdom last week also broke another stereotype. Three months after his retirement Magic put on a clinic on how to score and pass in the All-Star game on Sunday. His play gave the message "that people with the virus can live on, that you can run and jump and have a productive life." He went on to say, "You can't get it from hugging and kissing and body language and high fives and different things."



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His play and his peers' reaction to him on the court should be a message to all who fear coming in contact with a person who is HIV-positive. There are people who we come in contact with every day that are HIV-positive, except that we don't know it and they might not know it either. Magic's predicament is a sad one, but if he is able to educate our ignorant nation about the perils of unsafe sex and the infinitesimal danger HIV-positive people present to the general populace through normal human contact, his is not a life wasted.

This generation of boxing will never see a boxer like Mike Tyson again. He had raw power and boxing skills that honed by the great Cus D'Amato. He was a brute but had the voice of a school boy. After he pummeled his opponents he'd kiss them and then dissect the carnage for the television announcers using words that he seemed to know how to use but not what they actually meant. He lived a rags-to-riches life but still had enough of Brooklyn left in him to make urban African-American males proud of him. The problem for Mike, like Scarface, was that he thought the world was his.

Date rape is a sick problem that occurs all across America. Until the Tyson trial, the William Kennedy Smith trial last December was the most famous court case dealing with this crime. The verdict in the Smith trial gave women another reason to hide in the closet with their stories.

The Tyson verdict should be able to give them some hope. As a man I find it nauseating to believe that there are some men who will threaten or act out physical violence in order to get what they think they deserve. I am a man, a human being, not an animal with instincts that can not be turned off once they are turned on. Unfortunately, too many men think women are for abusing and throughout time court cases have seemed to back up this assumption. Over the years I have had female friends tell me of experiences in which they said no but had their bodies violated by a lust-thirsty and power-hungry man. When I asked why they did not try to press charges, they replied that they felt that they were not going to be believed.

Our society makes women assume that if they come forward with their accusations they are not going to be believed or their character is going to suffer irreparable damage on the witness stand. If you do not believe it, this might surprise you — some of the women I know who were date raped thought Tyson's accuser was lying.

Magic and Mike were two pioneers in their respective sports. Magic was the first big (6-feet, 9-inches) true point guard and Mike the youngest heavyweight champ ever. Now, in two consecutive days they are making headlines: Magic because he has handled his ailment with the class and easy-going attitude that has been the trademark of his career; and Mike because he took advantage of a woman in the same brutish way he treated his opponents in the ring.

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POLITY BRIEFS

Senate tackles state, student budgets

Polity President Dan Slepian told the Polity Senate that through his discussions with University President John Marburger and Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone, he has learned tuition increases are definite. Projecting at least an \$800 increase by September, Slepian said: "It is my estimate that tuition will double to \$3200 by next January-undoubtedly."

"We're looking at an unaccessible university in the next couple of years," he said.

Slepian told the senate he is planning up to four "town meetings" this semester to educate the campus community on important student issues. Concentrating on issues of arming Public Safety officers, Student Union programming and the budget crisis, Slepian said the meetings, which will take place throughout the campus, will "educate students on what's going on from our perspective and get their input."

The first meeting is tentatively set for early March.

Slepian told the senate that the recent hiring of Executive Director Stressor Altemis is a positive step for Polity. "[Altemis] has probably been the best thing that's happened to Polity since I've been here," Slepian said. "We've made more progress in the last month with him than in the two years I've been here."

Polity Treasurer David Greene projected his budget to be completed for the senate's approval by March 15. He said the process is "beginning a little late" due to reorganization of the several Polity-funded clubs' budgets.

Polity contributes money to more than 150 student clubs and organizations out of its \$1.5 million budget supplied by the student activity fee.

United States Student Association (USSA) spokesman Glenn Magpantay outlined the organization's goals in combatting the SUNY tuition crisis. One goal is to pressure Congress to increase the maximum Pell Grant allocation from \$3200 to \$4500 per year, he said.

Commuter Senator Richard Cole questioned Polity's funding of USSA, referring to the organization as a medium for "left-wing, Marxist propaganda." He said that such funding is against Polity guidelines, which mandate that Polity remain politically neutral.

Several council members accused Programs and Services Council Chairman Vincent Bruzzese of neglecting his responsibilities in running the committee, which allo-

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Slepian confers with SASU President Randy Campbell during last night's senate meeting

Statesman/Michael Lyons

Meetings proposal rejected

By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

The Polity Senate overturned an executive proposal to cut the senate's meeting schedule during its first meeting of this semester last night.

The senate turned down a motion to hold meetings every two weeks instead of the weekly schedule it has followed for two years.

"I understand the need for more efficient meetings," said Ron Nehring, senator for Commuter College. "But I just don't see [a reduction] necessary right now." Other senators agreed.

"To cut it to every other week [wouldn't] be fair to our

constituents," said Senator Richard Cole, who last week accused Polity President Dan Slepian of attempting to reduce the senate's power by cutting meetings.

Senator Fred Baptiste said weekly senate meetings are necessary to have an expanded role in student issues such as the arming of Public Safety officers and tuition increases.

The senate's committees include the arming committee, the academic affairs committee — which is responsible for the student evaluations book that are scheduled to be published before April 1 — and the parking committee.

The proposal to reduce the senate's meetings was to increase the activity of these committees, said Slepian.

The senate will meet next Wednesday at 7 pm.

Marburger outlines budget effects

By Jason Didner
Statesman Staff Writer

The University Senate prepared for what University President John Marburger called the increasing probability of state budget cuts, tuition increases, and layoffs in their first meeting of the semester last Monday.

"People on Long Island . . . do not place a high value on what a comprehensive research the university has to offer them," said Richard Porter, the senate's new president, referring to the public's igno-

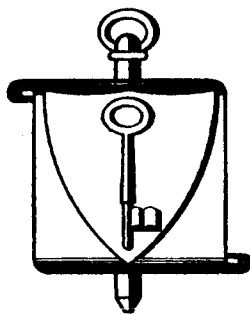
rance of the university's needs. "It is evident in the priorities of the politicians the people have elected to act for them."

Marburger predicted that the state will pass its budget as early as March. "I don't see much tension between the governor and legislature. The budget the governor proposed is most likely the budget we're going to get," he said.

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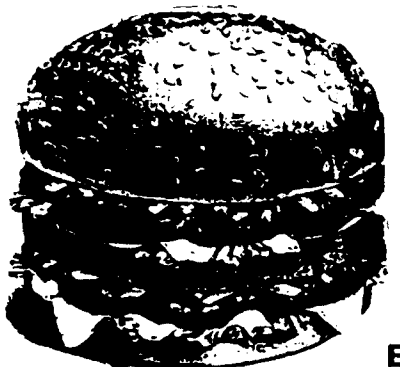
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Student attempts suicide; cars vandalized

A student attempted suicide Monday by swallowing 30 sleeping pills, Public Safety said. When she did not respond to phone calls by family members, a resident assistant in the student's building was asked to check on her.

After the resident assistant found the student unconscious, the victim was transported to University Hospital for treatment. Sources attributed the attempted suicide to personal depression.

Public Safety received two complaints of harassment in the Student Union Tuesday. A female student said she was threatened by a male student at about 12:35 pm. The man said the woman was giving him mean looks.

POLICE BLOTTER

William Bongiorno

An unidentified male student threatened a female student and pulled her hair during an argument Tuesday.

Public Safety has received an extraordinary number of criminal mischief complaints recently, according to Public Safety spokesman Doug Little. Last week, there were several incidents in the South P-lot: Among the incidents, a 1984 Volkswagen was broken into and a stereo system was stolen at about 6:15 pm last Wednesday. The stolen property was worth about \$550.

A Chevrolet's passenger side windows were broken and two tires were slashed in Drieser College P-lot at about 11 pm last Tuesday. The damage was worth \$300.

A 1984 Ford's side window was smashed and a radio was stolen in the Kelly paved lot at noon Sunday. Public Safety estimated the loss at \$250.

Another vehicle had its rear window broken and a

tool box was stolen from inside the car in the Kelly paved lot Monday. The property was valued at \$300.

The rear passenger window of a Honda was smashed and audio tapes were stolen from the car in a Tabler P-lot at 10 pm Sunday. The owner of the car, which suffered about \$250 in damage said she saw several suspicious youths on bicycles leave the scene.

A black leather mirage jacket valued at \$550 was stolen from a room on the fourth floor of the Melville Library last Tuesday at about 9 pm. The jacket, which was left unattended, contained a student's wallet, which two credit cards and a meal card.

Another black leather jacket was stolen in the east wing of the Indoor Sports Complex Monday at about 4 pm. A wallet containing three credit cards was inside the jacket.

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Polity to form town meetings

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cates money for student programming.

"I don't think you've handled your position in the best way possible at all," said Treasurer David Greene, who said he received many complaints of Bruzzese's performance. "I am told that you've often deviated from the rules," he said.

"I am disappointed in the way PSC has been running," said Sophomore Representative Nadia Chanza, attributing the problems to Bruzzese.

A motion to remove him from his position was rejected by the senate.

Slepian told the senate that recent events — including a recent City University of New York incident that left basketball fans trampled in a City College gymnasium — have affected opinions on arming Public Safety officers. "For the people who are against arming, the recent events don't help too much. For those people in favor of arming, it helps," said Slepian, who is a member of the University Safety Council advising Marburger on the arming of campus police officers.

"The issue is progressing," said Slepian.

— Scott Joachim

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Student gov't questioned about trip expenses

Student Leader News Service

BROCKPORT — Brockport Student Government (BSG) President Bryan Bulling and Vice President Joe Kakaty last Monday absorbed the cost of all "questionable" expenditures made while attending a leadership conference held in Orlando Florida for student government leaders last November.

Several hundred colleges and universities — including Stony Brook, which sent nine Polity representatives — attended the national conference.

Bulling and Kakaty faced impeachment by the BSG board of directors after several expenditures surrounding a trip to a student leadership conference in Orlando, Florida were made public by BSG treasurer Jennifer Tenebruso. The two rented a convertible and extended their stay in Orlando by three days, among other things, said student government officials.

In addition to absorbing costs totaling \$972.86 over the travel line account, they agreed to establish guidelines for future BSG related travel. The charges of misappropriation were a result of a last minute transfer funds from a Comedy club account into cash for the trip.

Bulling contended that this was a simple result of a "lack of pre-planning" and apologized for the confusion created by this decision.

The expenditures in question were incurred from an upgrade of their rental Mustang to a Mazda Miata convertible, three extra days spent in Orlando, and the purchase of a sweatshirt for a female associate at the conference.

All of these expenses were defended by the two as "business expenses." These purchases were paid for on Kakaty's credit card. According to Bulling and Kakaty, they have since absorbed these costs by taking out a loan over semester break.

"I was confident that we were going to pull through and get a good decision. The facts prevailed. We really didn't do anything wrong," said Bulling after a student government meeting in which the board voted drop considerations of impeachment.

"When I brought this to you many things were in the air and there were a lot of questions. Joe and Bryan have made every effort to reconcile all differences that we may have had within the student government," said Tenebruso, who initiated the charges, during Monday night's meeting.

"I now believe that it is for the good of the student government that we do resolve this as soon as possible because there are pending issues that have to be addressed", Tenebruso said.

Charges were brought up at the last board of directors meeting on Dec. 10 by Tenebruso and discussion was tabled over Christmas break until Monday's meeting.

"Wrong has been committed, I call the shot where I see them, and let the chips fall where they may," Said Mackler and went on to congratulate Tenebruso.

"You've done a good job and I'll say that publicly. In spite of certain difficulties of a new job, you took the job seriously", Mackler told her.

Mackler criticized the board for not being receptive the first time Tenebruso came to them with the problem. "Jennifer stood alone at a very difficult point", he

said.

Mackler blamed the misunderstanding on a "lack of work all around" and the absence of detailed guidelines for travel expenses."

"They put in their bills just like thousands of others businessmen", he said, referring to Bulling and Kakaty. To avoid future conflicts, Mackler proposed a three part plan. First, he would like to see a student court on campus.

There is a student court consisting of two members, one of which was present at the meeting. Dan Oddo is serving a two-year term on the court and said that they have not had a case yet.

Stony Brook's Student Polity Association sent nine representatives — including all eight council members and the concert chair — to the convention, Polity officials said, but no expenses have been questioned.

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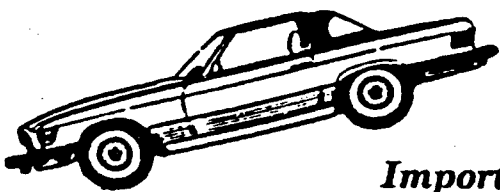
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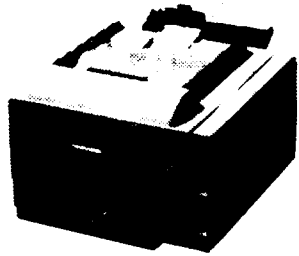
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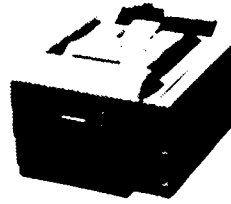


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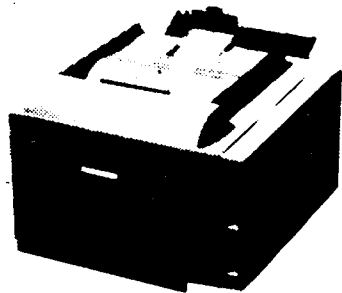
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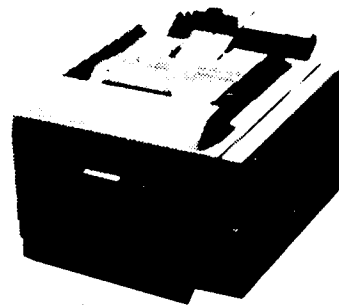
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Marburger favors differential tuition

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Marburger said he favors Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposal of a differential tuition increase that would raise Stony Brook tuition above that of other SUNY campuses. Cuomo's proposal listed University Centers' tuition increase — including Stony Brook — at \$800.

A tuition hike proposal is part of a plan to fill a 7 percent cut to Stony Brook next year totalling \$12 million.

"I favor differential tuition if there is a differential return to the campus," he said. "Then at least our students would know that their extra dollars are going to help the university."

'Not Tuition Alone'

But he condemned an increase in tuition alone. "I'm not at all in favor of tuition increases unless tuition assistance increases with it," he said. "I think it's important to go along with any tuition assistance increase, so the assistance maximum is greater than the tuition." Marburger said SUNY could generate \$60 million more from tuition this year. "That's a very significant thing for us," he said.

Non-Faculty Layoffs Likely

Marburger also raised the issue of faculty layoffs in response to budget cuts. "Retrenching faculty is a difficult

thing," he said. "I am hoping that we won't have to do that. At this point we're trying to be clever about it and avoid retrenching our faculty. It's too close for me to call whether we can get away without actually retrenching faculty. We'll probably have to lay-off some non-faculty."

Porter said the budget cuts pose a serious threat to the diversity in education experiences that Stony Brook has to offer. He said the private universities experiencing cutbacks are forced to further specialize their education. "Now specialized campuses are just fine for students brought up in educated, well-informed families," he said. "But the rest — the vast majority of our students — are better served by a comprehensive campus with a full menu from which to choose."

The senate is revising a resolution passed last year that calls for the removal of "clearly defined academic programs that are recognized as departments" rather than

targeting individual faculty members for cuts, which "would make a mockery of the principles of academic freedom and the safeguards of tenure," according to the resolution.

Although there was a motion to pass the resolution in its current form, half the senators in attendance felt that the wording was unclear on the document and that it should be revised for a vote at next month's meeting. "The wording was a stumbling block," Porter told *Statesman*, "but the resolution will be supported by the majority."

"In general, I would tend to agree with the resolution," Marburger said, "but if it were necessary to cut part of the department I would expect that cuts would be made on a last-in, first-out basis."

"Retrenchment procedures are a matter of great concern to faculty and staff," said Porter. "Retrenchments can cripple a university that should be a comprehensive university. We should not allow this to happen to Stony Brook."

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Editorial

Watch Out for Each Other to Beat Violence

Once again the unthinkable has happened. A violent rape was reported on our campus last week.

As we all know, Stony Brook is not just our little corner of the world, but a microcosm of everything around us. That means we have it all, including the crime.

It has never been, nor will it ever be enough to rely on our campus law enforcement to keep us from harm's way. It is up to us to make sure that we are safe. This is not to say that we should all be mace-carrying paranoids, and it should not imply that Public Safety officers are not capable of protecting us. But they can't be everywhere.

Take this recent tragedy for instance. The victim was not on her way home, walking through the dark paths to Roth or Kelly, but was making a beer run with someone she didn't know. If it can happen in this seemingly harmless situation it can happen anywhere.

We must stop making ourselves easy targets. People must make

themselves aware of the potential dangers that are present in any city setting. And with awareness comes the ability to protect oneself.

Ladies, please remember, in this day of equality and non-discrimination, you are still exceedingly vulnerable to the most heinous of crimes. Be conscious of this at all times. You can't afford to forget it.

Watch out for each other. It is in our friends that we must place our trust and protection. If a friend has had too much to drink, make sure that she gets home safely. Don't allow her to leave with someone she just met, no matter how harmless that person might seem. Harmless flirtation might become ugly at any time. It is in your power to prevent it.

The university recognizes this need for protection and offers a number of different services that seek to keep its members safe. For instance, the walk service provides accompaniment to anyone going anywhere on campus. Although this

organization is often down-played, it provides the most important deterrent to would be rapists or assailants - numbers. This basically repeats what we already know, don't walk alone, ever.

Also, be aware of the Public Safety blue lights. These point out emergency phones directly linked to Public Safety. Something like this may not be effective in an assault, but it never hurts to remember the easiest way to reach help in an emergency.

The assailant from last week incident has not yet been caught. That leaves a rapist on the loose with the potential to rape again. The description of the attacker is so vague that it could be almost anyone. Remember this when your friend offers to take you home and you say it's silly to worry. It most certainly is not.

Of course no one wants to feel like a prisoner in their own community, but the reality of the situation is that none of us can afford to take chances.



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Problems Continue Despite Petty Fees

By Hartmut Peters

THE STATE OF NEW YORK IS BROKE OWING to prolonged mismanagement, a Byzantine bureaucracy, self-serving politicians, plain corruption and a majority of taxpayers with a perspective that does not reach beyond four feet from their noses (or rather the hood of their beloved cars.) Unfortunately, the easiest areas of saving lay where the future of the state will be hurt the most: infrastructure and education. Hence, we at Stony Brook feel the effects of the budget crunch.

The imposition of petty fees is a way of raising money generally favored by administrators of all kinds for ease of implementation. The fees usually do not really provide a lot of money. But they help keep, or even create jobs in administration. Hence, we see parking fees and bus fares.

These fees, already in place or planned, are nothing else than a disguised reduction of salaries for employees and a disguised rise in tuition for the students. This is the proper financial context in which to discuss these fees, i.e., within collective bargaining as far as the employees are concerned.

Going beyond the matter of money, it has struck me very unpleasantly that the heads of the University at Stony Brook have shown no perspective, foresight or leadership in the area of traffic and transportation. (The same holds, by the way, for the public administration on Long Island in general.) There might well be good reasons for imposing parking fees, but these do not reside in the realm of

finances.

More enlightened parts of the country have shown more wisdom than Stony Brook. I came here from the University of Washington in Seattle, where an integrated plan for managing the commute of the university's students and employees has been in effect for many years. The University of Washington does have rather high parking fees, but it also has programs to educate its employees about "alternative" forms of commuting: bicycling, carpools, vanpools and transit. The University of Washington provides (some) safe and sheltered bike parks, vans for vanpools, a carpool program with a heavy reduction in parking fees and substantial discounts on Seattle's public bus system. I am sure that the University of Washington would be willing to share its experience with other universities.

Long Island has traffic woes and resulting pollution no less than Seattle. Moreover, its public transportation system is poor, its general public has a pathological obsession with cars which sometimes makes one wonder whether Long Islanders can actually walk on their own feet, and drivers which, on average, are some of the worst anywhere.

Hence, education and leadership are needed, and where should such originate if not from the institutions of higher education? (Setting hope on politicians may well prove frustrating.) To highlight the actual state, here is a telling example: The front office of my department scarcely knows that there is such a thing as a Suffolk County bus and is thus unable to advise newcomers or visitors. I

believe that the office does not think that it should know about public buses, either. I hardly need to point out that Stony Brook has no management plan for the commute, no carpool plan, no vanpool, no incentives for using transit. Our university likes to compare itself to its peers in the academic realm — it has a long ways to go yet in terms of environmental and social responsibility regarding traffic.

The general attitude at Stony Brook is highlighted by traffic conditions on its campus which is completely dominated by cars. There are no enforced right-of-ways for pedestrians (except the one at the Student Union building) and no safe bike paths, actual speeds are way too high, and serious accidents are all too common. Some "little" things are really aggravating: The traffic light on the intersection of South Drive and Nicolls Road has no switch for pedestrians and bicyclists. The fee on Stony Brook's campus buses is truly deplorable with respect to campus traffic: It sends exactly the wrong signal, encouraging use of individual cars rather than public buses. Another "little", but telling example: salting snow and ice. This practice causes heavy environmental damage and financial losses in the billions of dollars in terms of corrosion to vehicles and traffic structures like bridges, but it does not yield a gain in safety. In places where salting has been banned years ago, e.g. the city of then West Berlin with some 3 million inhabitants on a limited area, the application of mere gravel instead of salt has considerably reduced the number of serious accidents with bodily injury.

Stony Brook needs to start thinking seriously about traffic and commute.

Letter

Rock and Christianity

To the Editor:

On November 25, 1991, "Anti-Rock Propaganda Needs Its Facts Tuned," appeared in the *Opinion* section. It was written by a staff member of WUSB, and was directed at BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ), an outreach of Love Christian Assembly. The writer attempted to undermine our credibility by stating that we purposely use inaccurate, "exploitive" leaflets and other forms of "propaganda."

Due to the writer's ignorance of Christian values, the statements made by him are not surprising. Perhaps there were a few minute discrepancies amongst a few of the leaflets. However, it is against our ethics to willfully propagate such misinformation. At this time, a leaflet in question, is not being distributed until further research is complete.

BASIC has been established on this campus for the "soul" purpose of spreading the Good News of the Gospel. The Bible encompasses all aspects of life, and serves as a source of guidance to those willing to use it.

The writer from WUSB targeted some of our leaflets on "rock-n-roll." This is only one of many subjects dealt

with in those leaflets. Since its existence, "rock-n-roll" has always been a source of controversy. Many of today's musicians are merely voices of the views and beliefs of a mainstream society that has fallen into sin.

The real issue, however, is not "rock-n-roll" or the alleged misquotes, but Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha Messiah,) the "absolute" way of salvation. "Salvation from what?" you might ask. Salvation from the detrimental influences of this world and hell itself — eternal separation from God. "Can there be absolutes in life? Can the sun rise in the west, or is it being narrow-minded to believe that it can only rise in the east? Absolutism brings with it accountability. You must make a decision to believe it or not." In the case of the sun, you can sincerely believe that it will rise in the west, but it will always rise in the east, whether you believe it or not. One's belief or persuasion does not negate this fact.

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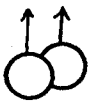
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Patriots go to Millrose and take PACs

PACs from back page

In the triple jump, Demetria Ramrine gave Stony Brook its first of many victories for the day, leaping 9.72 meters. Connie Morawski took third in this event with a 9.13 meter jump. She also placed fifth in both the long and high jump competitions.

Other long jumpers included Ramarine, who placed third and Christine Yeboah, who placed fourth.

Standout Meegan Pyle had second place finishes in the high jump and 800 meters, but could only manage a third in the 55-meter hurdles. Natalia Fujimori was fleet of foot winning the 1,500 racewalk; her nearest competitor wasn't even on the same track!

The 55-meter dash was controlled by Farmingdale, whose Deborah Gibson left the rest of the field behind, although Dara Stewart of Stony Brook had a fine showing, beating both of the Medgar Evers runners in the finals of

the event.

Dawn McDermott and Claudia Ruswald did well in the weight events, with McDermott placing second and fourth and Ruswald taking fourth and third in the 20-pound throw and shot put respectively.

The Stony Brook men came painstakingly close but could only manage a second place finish with Farmingdale taking the championships by a measly four points.

Roger Gill finished strongly in the 200-meter and the 55 meter with second and third place finishes, both times trailing Farmingville runners.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Brian Tillorsen took a disappointing second place finish, after a start that left all of his competitors flat in the blocks.

The men also had strong showings in the 35-pound weights and the shot put with Anthony Forti placing in each and Mike Pellerito, Jeff Faragasso and Nick Mequin

all contributing to the team point total.

Another strong event for Stony Brook was the 3,000 meter in which Stony Brook had three of the top six finishers. Jason Clark, Pat Riegger and John Pikramenos had the second, fourth and fifth fastest times in this event.

Stony Brook's walking tandem of Mark Barber and Mike Roth took first and second in the 3,000-meter walk. Barber also had a ninth place overall finish in the Millrose Games held at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Also at the Millrose Games was the Patriots' 4x400 relay team of Jerry Canada, Roger Gill, Anderson Vilien and Chris Wilson; Stony Brook placed second in the collegiate ranks.

Overall, it was quite a successful weekend for the Stony Brook track teams, who are still looking forward to the ECACs and NAAs which take place in March.

Patriots host finale

The Patriots women's basketball team is looking to continue its winning ways tonight as it squares off against powerhouse William Patterson in the home finale.

Stony Brook, who will be without Head Coach Dec McMullen, is coming off of wins over Manhattanville and Vassar. McMullen who underwent surgery again for a kidney stone, is not expected to be coaching tonight, but will accompany his team to the Marymount Tournament in Virginia.

Senior captain Jessica Arnold, who has been out all semester on an ankle injury, is back and ready to play. Freshman Becky Aponte is also returning from an injury, giving the Pats a full roster to work with.

Assistant coach John Horst feels that

William Patterson will be a tough challenge for the Pats. "They're a big, talented team," Horst said. "We'll have to play well to stay in the game."

Horst thinks that Patterson's size is both a strength and a weakness which Stony Brook should keep in mind. "We can run on them because they're so big, but they will pound the ball inside," Horst said. "We need to play aggressive defense and execute our offense better."

Sunday afternoon, the Pats defeated Vassar, 68-56 behind freshman Erika Bascom's 14 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore Joan Gandolf chipped in with 10 points and hauled down 19 boards.

—Aimee Brunelle



Erika Bascom (34) outhustles opponent

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Barber cuts past walkers at Millrose

By Tony McMullen
Special to Statesman

Junior race walker Mark Barber, in finishing ninth at the Millrose Games, was named the *Statesman*/VIP Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 3.

On Friday evening, Barber started the weekend competing against the nation's best racewalkers in the prestigious Millrose Games held at Madison Square Garden. "Just to be invited to walk against the best in the United States is a big honor," said Head Coach Steve Borbet. Walking his best time of the season at the one-mile distance, 6:31.67 and nearly eclipsing his personal best of

6:24, Barber finished a respectable ninth.

"I was pleased with my performance, but I would have liked to place a little higher," said Barber. "Two people passed me with about three-and-a-half laps to go and I did not have the kick left to make up the difference."

To close the weekend, Barber returned to Stony Brook on Sunday to win a Public Athletic Conference championship by finishing the 3,000-meter race walking event in 14:18.9, nearly 40 seconds ahead of his closest competitor, teammate Mike Roth. Barber's first place finish helped the Patriots earn second place among a nine-team field.

Although this weekend's achievements were memorable, Barber admits neither feat rates as the most rewarding personal experience. "Winning the Empire State Games in eleventh grade and being named a high school All-american for finishing second in the nationals are my best moments as a racewalker."

Barber, a product of local Ward Melville High School, is in his first season with Stony Brook's track and field program. As a scholarship athlete at national race walking powerhouse University of Wisconsin at Parkside for two years, Barber returned home to Stony Brook with race walking and academics on his

mind. "I know Stony Brook had race walking in its track program and the sociology and psychology departments had good reputations," said Barber. "It is also close to home."

With a list of accomplishments that continue to grow by each track meet, Barber is eager to attain the awards which have eluded him. "I am looking forward to qualifying for the outdoor nationals, as well as performing at the Penn Relays," said Barber.

Borbet adds, "[Mark] should become the CTC Champion this upcoming weekend and qualify for the TACs, the national indoor championships."

Hockey in Harlem gains \$39G for kids

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

NEW YORK CITY — Amid the hockey-related banter and awe-inducing handshakes at the Sporting Club in Manhattan, the Ice Hockey In Harlem Foundation raised \$39,000 for some of New York City's children Monday night.

"The \$39,000 should be enough to get us through the year," said Dave Wilk, who founded the program in 1986.

Ice Hockey In Harlem aims to educate some of Harlem's youths through the sport of hockey. It is a "social development initiative," according to Wilk, that allows underprivileged boys from Harlem a chance at playing a sport with which they may not be too familiar.

As these children undergo the process of learning about hockey, they are encouraged to utilize their knowledge of math and geography and English. Ice Hockey In Harlem funds mandatory academic class sessions that go hand-in-hand with hockey practice. Essentially, education is the objective and sport is the incentive.

The New York Rangers organization, which has provided IHH with support since its inception, helped to add flavor to the festivities Monday night. Rangers such as Mike Gartner and Brian Leetch interacted with fans and IHH supporters.

The night's activities included an auction in which player and team paraphernalia were awarded to the highest bidder. Leetch's jersey sold at an IHH record price of \$2,500, followed closely by Wayne Gretzky's Los Angeles Kings jersey that fetched \$2,400.

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Current Rangers also joined with Rangers of the past, such as Rod Gilbert and Pierre Larouche, at being challenged by fans to games of air hockey and table hockey. Fans paid \$10 per game to face-off against a Blue Shirt; in fact, a couple of fans even walked away with the distinctions of having defeated the Rangers' leading scorer, Gartner, at table hockey.

The money collected at the benefit fundraiser should help the program for the short-term. But Wilk is planning other events that he hopes will generate a healthy patronage for the long-term, including a golf tournament this summer.

The New York Islanders are scheduled to lend their

support on the 26th when they make a trip to Lasker Rink in Central Park — as the Rangers did in January — to teach Ice Hockey In Harlem youths some of the basic skating and stickhandling skills.

Fifty kids will graduate the program this year — most of whom aspire to follow in the footsteps of IHH's most successful alumni — Jose Conde and Gilbert DeJesus, who through the program gained themselves academic scholarships to two of the nation's finest boarding schools.

Ice Hockey In Harlem seeks to elevate the sport of hockey in today's society as it endeavors to broaden the society to some student-athletes. Wilk's initiative not only develops but more importantly, it nurtures and rewards.

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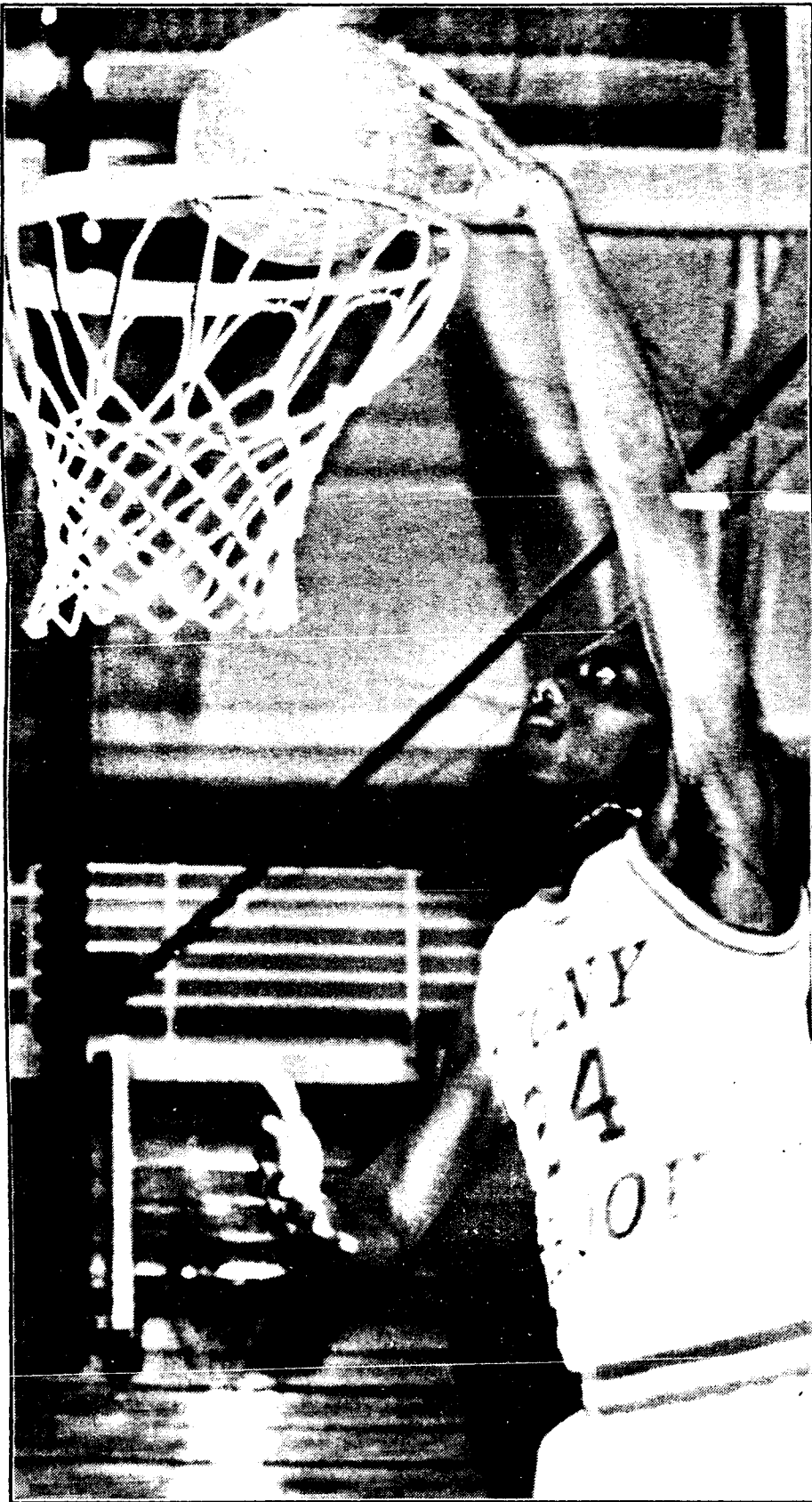
PATRIOT PLAYS

**Men's Basketball hosts M'ville:
Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 pm.**

**Squash at Yale:
Friday, Feb. 21, 11 am.**

**Women's Basketball at Skidmore:
Thursday, Feb. 20, 6 pm.**

Slam dunking victory Patriot style



Statesman/John O'Keefe

Michel Lamine practices the art of slamming

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

Michel Lamine's authoritative slam dunk with only two minutes gone in the second half told the story in the Sports Complex Tuesday night.

The story was the men's basketball players' domination over visiting King's Point that propelled them to a slam-dunking 76-45 victory.

Lamine, a native of West Africa, recorded back-to-back slams early in the second to put the Patriots up, 48-20. The second of his strong drives to the hoop against Mariners defenders consummated an impressive 10-2 Patriot run.

"Slam dunking is my favorite," Lamine said after the game, "because I'm not really such a good shooter." Lamine, a self-proclaimed bad shooter, managed well enough Monday night as he was tied for second on the team with 11 points — six of which resulted from a jam; Lamine made another hard contact with the rim towards the tail end of the game, increasing the Patriot advantage, 68-38.

Stony Brook's strong and solid performance against King's Point followed two sub-par performances against Skyline Conference-leading Hunter and SUNY opponent Albany — where the team's collective effort was questioned.

"A lot of people were saying we were quitting on ourselves," said Luc Baptiste, a sophomore center. "People said we weren't putting out effort and we haven't really played with emotion. So coach told us to play as a team to focus on one common goal."

First-year Head Coach Bernard Tomlin gathered his players for a pep talk of sorts prior to game time, or as was the case Monday — showtime. Inspired by Tomlin's words, the Patriots began the game seemingly with more intensity than they had against Hunter and Albany.

Tomlin's talk paid off as Patriot players translated emotions into tallies and stunned the Mariners, whose freshman forward Kevin Feighery scored the first basket of the game for King's Point's only lead of the night, 2-0.

Junior power forward Ricky Wardally, who had 10 points, notched the equalizer with a jumper in the paint, marking the start of a 13-0 Stony Brook run. In the attack, sophomore small forward Vernard Williams contributed six points, finishing the

Men's Basketball

Patriots:	76
Mariners:	45

game tied with Lamine with 11.

Junior captain Emeka Smith led all Stony Brook players in scoring and assists with 17 and four respectively, including a perfect seven-for-seven from the foul line.

The game featured balanced scoring and healthy distribution of minutes among the players. Four of the five starters were in double figures and each starter averaged about 22 minutes of playing time. Tomlin utilized his bench effectively, earning key buckets from Charwyn David, Lewis Howard and Matt Jackson, who played 14, 15 and 24 minutes respectively for a combined 11 points total.

On the flip side, the Mariners were led by Feighery, who has also distinguished himself as this season's football rookie of the year. He recorded 18 points and played all but two minutes of the contest.

King's Point, unlike Stony Brook, lacked the balanced attack as the team's second points-getter, sophomore center Jeremy DeHait, only had seven points.

The one-sided win not only ups Stony Brook's record to 13-9 — 4-3 in the Skyline — but keeps the Mariners winless in the conference at 0-9 and 2-20 overall.

The Patriots return to action tonight against a tough New Jersey Tech team, who are second in the conference. "We have to try and stop their two guards," Wardally said. "They're a good shooting team from the perimeter and we have to break their press."

Tip-off is scheduled for 8 pm in the Indoor Sports Complex.

Pats track leads PACs

By Stephen Rollins
Statesman Staff Writer

Even before most campus goes were up, the Stony Brook women's indoor track team took the Public Athletic Indoor track and field championships Sunday morning at the Indoor Sports Complex.

The Patriot victory was secure just halfway through the meet and the margin of points nearly doubled the points total of their nearest competitor, Farmingville.

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