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## National Champion Showing By Tigers

By JASON YELLIN

The National Champions of Division I Lacrosse came to Stony Brook on Sunday and displayed just why they are deserving of that title. The Princeton Tigers easily cruised past the Patriots 18-7, in a meeting of college programs that are at vastly different stages of development.

Stony Brook saw the game as a chance to gain

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national exposure by playing the top team in their sport. Princeton's appearance at Patriot Field marked the first time that a defending national champion in Division I had come to play Stony Brook. "It was great to have them here," said John Espey lacrosse head coach at Stony Brook. "This was just one small battle on the road to rising success in Division I lacrosse."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney and Espey are long-time friends from their college days at SUNY-



Kevin Dalland battled the National Champs all day long

LARRY BRUCE

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## Division I-A Football? Not At Stony Brook!

Dean of Athletics responds to negative publicity on Division I move

By DR. RICHARD F. LASKOWSKI

Let me begin by agreeing with Professor David Burner that big-time football is not in the best interest of Stony Brook. But whoever said that Stony Brook was going to host Division I-A football program?

As Professor Burner indicated there have been some horror stories regarding the abuses in Division I-A football. However, as in most things in life, there is the good side and there is the bad side. I like to believe that most universities follow the rules, and the cheaters and exploiters are in the minority. I wonder if Lou Holtz at Notre Dame, Joe Paterno at Penn State, or Bill Walsh at Stanford could be accused of any on these injustices listed by Professor Burner?

However, my reason for responding to Professor Burner is that he has been misinformed. Stony Brook will field a football team without giving athletic scholarships. We will compete in Divi-

sion I-AA, and similar to St. John's and Georgetown, any aid a student receives will be based on need. He will receive the same financial package as a student not competing in Athletics.

Stony Brook has the lowest academic requirements for admission on the undergraduate level of the schools listed above.

Essentially, each of these schools

### Ramsey To Shovel It!

John Ramsey, Chairman of Physical Education has accepted a challenge from the P.A.T.S. (Patriot Athletes, Trainers and Students) Club to shovel one ton of horse manure (equal to the amount spewed forth by History Professor Burner), if the referendum to separate the athletic fee from the

student activity fee passes by a 2/3 majority vote on April 21. Newly appointed dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Dr. Richard Laskowski, has agreed to join Ramsey and shovel along with him. The challenge will be honored before the end of the academic year.

We should look at the positive aspects of a successful athletic program. 15 years ago schools such as Duke, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Boston College, Georgetown and Villanova were considered to be good schools academically. However, at that time, it was difficult to gain admission to Stony Brook. Today, the situation is reversed, and

achieved success athletically. Georgetown, Duke, North Carolina and Villanova won the NCAA basketball title. Notre Dame was declared the national football champions, and Doug Flutie threw the famous "Hail Mary" pass to defeat Miami in the Orange Bowl. With athletic success came a huge increase in the number of applicants to

each school, and schools became more selective in their admissions, opting for the more academically qualified students. This, in turn attracted a more prestigious faculty. It should also be mentioned that the money generated by their success benefited not only the athletes, but the entire student body. It was used to build an addition to the library, new dormitories, and increase the salaries of various faculties.

Let me conclude by the issue of a stadium. Hopefully, it will be an artificial surface surrounded by a track, and contain lights for evening events. It would be home of men's and women's soccer, football, lacrosse and men's and women's track and field teams. The artificial surface will permit competition in any weather without fear of damage of the surface and lights will allow more flexibility in scheduling.

The University's teams will not be  
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### SUPPORT PATRIOT ATHLETICS

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

Thursday April 22— Men's Tennis vs. Hofstra, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday April 25— Track and Field hosts Stony Brook Invitational, 10 a.m.

Sunday April 25— Women's Soccer hosts Annual Outdoor Tournament, 9 a.m.

Sunday April 25— Men's Tennis vs. Manhattanville, 3:30 p.m.

Monday April 26— Men's Tennis vs. Old Westbury

Tuesday April 27— Baseball vs. Kean, 3:30 p.m.

### ATHLETE OF



BRUNO BARBERA WAS HONORED. HE WON ALL OF HIS MATCHES IN STRAIGHT SETS.

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### THE WEEK



# WRITE OFF THE BAT

Once again I will be preaching about the referendum vote that will take place this afternoon. If you are reading this during Wednesday afternoon, put it down, now and go vote. Vote YES for the Patriot SportSignal and vote YES for the Athletic Fee.

Dr. Burner's letter printed in Statesman last week was not only out of bounds but out of wack. Where is he coming off from, what is his beef and why is he out to get the athletic department? Sure he might have his opinions printed in the paper, but to then go and have them distributed, displayed around

campus and put on cars in the P-Lot is too much.

Come and wake up Burner, as Dean Laskowski and Dr. Ramsey explain Burner is totally off base, his piece was riddled with lies and misinformation

Hopefully no one's image of the athletic department intercollegiate athletics was tarnished by the asinine statements made by Burner.

An interesting side-bar out of the whole situation is that Burner may have done more damage to his cause by bringing it to the forefront. Now the campus com-

munity is fighting full force to get the athletic fee passed. So maybe in some sort of twisted way this may have been good.

Don't forget to VOTE YES for the PATRIOT SPORTSIGNAL and to VOTE YES for the SEPARATE ATHLETIC FEE. After all doesn't everyone want to see the University flourish with sports along the way.



**AN OPENING COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR, JASON YELLIN**

## USB INTRAMURAL NEWS

### Athletes of the Month Named for March

The Intramural department named their athletes of the month for March last week. On the women's side Colleen McGowan was recognized. Wilson Soto was named the men's intramural athlete of the month.

McGowan and Soto are two of the most active members of intramurals.

McGowan, a 20-year old junior majors in multi disciplinary studies. She plays indoor soccer, outdoor soccer, four on four volleyball, co-rec basketball, women's basketball and volleyball.

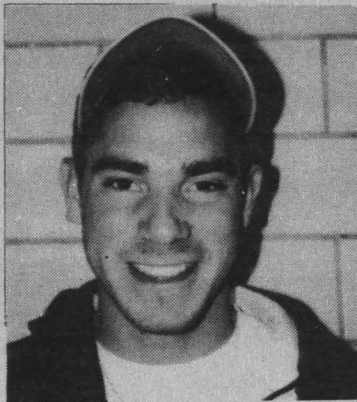
"I think the Intramural program is a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of people,"



Colleen McGowan

McGowan said.

Soto, a 22-year old senior is majoring in political science. Soto plays flag football, softball, wallyball, volleyball, indoor soccer and basketball.



Wilson Soto

"I've participated in the intramural department all four years at college and I enjoy being athletic and basically playing all sports," he said.

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The Division I women's soccer team captured the Bloomsburg College Tournament this past weekend. It was the first college title for the Pats in Division I.

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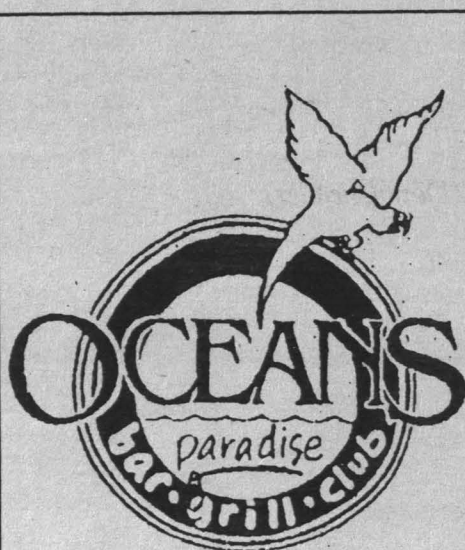
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# A Look Ahead To This Week's Action

## LACROSSE

The lax team will be playing two games in the New England area later this week. Stony Brook goes on the road to play the Hawks of the University of Hartford and the Boston College Eagles.

The Hawks are a team which Stony Brook is favored against. Hartford enters the week with a record of 4-4, prior to a game with Fairfield on Tuesday.

The Hawks are led by senior attackman Kurt Jeskuloski, who has 20 goals and 34 points. The Hawks lost to New Hampshire, 19-9 earlier this year. Stony Brook lost by just one goal, 10-9 to the same Wildcat squad.

On Saturday they play Boston College. The Eagles and Pats have had a steadily building rivalry over the past three years and Ed Moy, coach of the Eagles expects a tough game from the 2-8 Pats.

## BASEBALL

The baseball team will have a chance to get some revenge this week when they face Kings Point again. Earlier this season the Mariners led by Dan Molyneaux edged Stony Brook 7-6 in a game that saw the Patriots rebound from a 6-0 deficit. Kings Point has a mark of 7-7.

On Friday, the Patriots will travel to Adelphi to take on the hot Panthers. Adelphi is 14-11 but 11-3 in recent games within the NYCAC. Leading the way for the Panthers is Dom Gatti. Gatti is hitting .514 with three home runs and 20 runs batted in.

On the mound for the Panthers freshman Mike McNamara has won his last three decisions, after opening up 0-3 on the Panthers trip to Georgia.

Stony Brook faces New Jersey Tech, a Skyline Conference rival on Saturday in a doubleheader. The Highlanders are 7-8 entering the week. Upsala will be next on the slate for a twin-bill this Sunday.

## SOFTBALL

The softball squad stands at 1-7 entering the action this weekend. The Patriots may have found some pitching help in the form of Aimee Brunelle. In the Patriots last game she allowed just four runs while pitching a complete game in the Pats 4-1 loss to Division II Molloy.

Stony Brook will be up north in up-state New York for three games. On Saturday the Patriots take on Hamilton College at 11 a.m. That game will be followed by a contest with St. John Fisher. They will also play a Hamilton as part of a mini-tournament.

On Sunday the Patriots make their way down to Binghamton to take on the Colonials in a doubleheader. Those games will get underway at 12 noon.

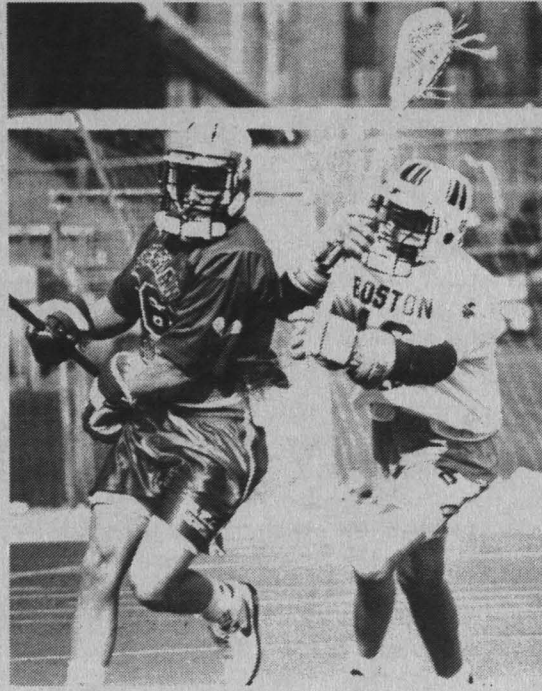
Stony Brook will return home from the three away games for their final three dates at home.

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The women's track and field squad will have a busy week. This Thursday two relay teams the 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 will compete in the Penn Relays held in Philadelphia.

Then this Sunday afternoon Stony Brook will host their own Invitational. The event will be the only home meet for the Patriots this spring season. Scheduled to be running at the meet are St. Francis (NY), Marist, Wagner, Kings Point, Lehman and Hunter along with several other squads.

Head Coach Steve Borbet expects Lehman to be the Patriots toughest competitor for the crown. He said that the Patriots are the favorites going into the meet. Marist should also provide some challenges. "They are really good at middle distances," said Borbet.



Boston College Eagle Laurens Goff in action

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

On the men's side at the Penn Relays, Stony Brook will enter their 4 X 100, 4 X 400 and sprint relay squads against some tough Division teams including Syracuse and Towson State (See preview on page 7).

Saturday, Stony Brook will host their lone home meet of the season the Stony Brook Invitational. Head Coach Steve Borbet is looking forward to the Patriots winning the meet, as they are the favorites. The toughest competition that will include three Division I schools, comes from Long Island rival Kings Point.

Yariv Pomeranz will be walking in the 10,000 meters. Borbet is hopeful that the freshman who has already qualified for the Junior National Olympics can break the 50 minute mark.

## MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis will all but close out their 1993 season this week, as they play the third and fourth of five consecutive matches at home.

On Sunday and Monday the Patriots have matches against rivals.

They take on Manhattanville this Sunday afternoon in a match at 12 noon. Then on Monday the Patriots will play Long Island SUNY rival Old Westbury. That match will start at 4 p.m.

The Patriots are 3-1 following their 9-0 whitewash of SUNY-Purchase this past Monday. Bruno Barbera, who is a perfect 4-0 this year has been leading the way sweeping his opponents in straight sets.

The close out the 1993 year a week from today, Wednesday. Stony Brook takes on Kings Point at 3:30.

## SCHEDULED SPORTING EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

### Wednesday April 21—

Baseball at Kings Point, 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday April 22—

Men's Tennis hosts Mercy, 3:30 p.m.

Lacrosse at Hartford, 4 p.m.

Women's Track and Field at Penn Relays, 10 a.m.

### Friday April 23—

Men's Tennis hosts Hofstra, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball at Adelphi, 3:30 p.m.

Men's Track and Field at Penn Relays, 10 a.m.

### Saturday April 24—

Lacrosse at Boston College, 4 p.m.

Baseball at New Jersey Tech, 12 noon, (Doubleheader)

Softball at Hamilton, 11 a.m.

Softball vs. St. John Fisher at Hamilton. 1 p.m.

### Sunday April 25—

Men's and Women's Track and Field host Stony Brook Invitational, 10 a.m.

Men's Tennis hosts Manhattanville, 12 noon

Women's Soccer hosts Stony Brook Outdoor Tournament, 9 a.m.

Softball at Binghamton, 12 noon, (Doubleheader)

Baseball at Upsala, 1 p.m. (Doubleheader)

### Monday April 26—

Men's Tennis hosts Old Westbury, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday April 27—

Baseball hosts Kean, 3:30 p.m.

Softball at Lehman, 4 p.m.

Home Events bolded



# COACH'S CORNER

## "Big Time" Trouble, Trouble, Trouble

*Reaction of Stony Brook to Professor Burner's comments*



This week's guest columnist is— Physical Education Department Head John Ramsey. Along with other people, Ramsey is commenting on the recent negative publicity that has been circulating around the campus.

David Burner's April 13 letter to the *Statesman* certainly stands out as a classic illustration of the old axiom, "A little knowledge is dangerous."

It's difficult to understand how Mr. Burner crammed so much misinformation on a single page concerning, "Big-Time college athletics", especially as it pertains to Stony Brook. Rather, it doesn't pertain to Stony Brook.

If you are fascinated by sloppy research you are hopefully one of the very few who accept this piece on athletics hook, line and sinker. Run, do not

walk, to my "history" lecture in the Union Auditorium on Wednesday, April 21, during Campus Life Time and I will reveal to you I recently discovered family papers that prove conclusively that it wasn't Meade that defeated Lee at Gettysburg, it was Patton! Furthermore, the reason he didn't press his advantage and end the war at that great battle is that his tanks were low on fuel and besides, Lee had superior air power.

Civil Ward buffs will at last be fully informed of Lee's emotions as he later trotted to Appomattox on his faithful steed "Snowball" to meet Grant and surrender his army. Noble to the bitter end, he at least had the satisfaction of knowing that Patton, his tormentor at Gettysburg, would not be on hand to witness the event. By this time, Patton had been relieved of his command by Truman.

Now that I've had my fun with distorting history as Dr. Burner had with his letter on "Big-Time Football at Stony Brook," let's return to reality and correct some, but I assure you, not all of his errors on Stony Brook Athletics.

- Stony Brook's I-AA football program will be non-scholarship as at Georgetown and St. John's University. Hardly "Big-Time".

- Mr. Burner refers to a Division A stadium, whatever that means. I assume he meant well constructed and aesthetically pleasing. If he meant an NCAA Division I-A stadium; that would re-

quire 30,000 seats, or about seven times the amount planned for Stony Brook.

- Good academics and good athletics are compatible. Doubters can write to any Ivy League president on this.

- Yes, we will continue to bring streams of qualified student-athletes to the campus from all cultural groups as prospective student-athletes. That's bad.

- Intramurals will suffer? Do you really believe more than 4,000 enthusiastic intramural participants would tolerate that? Unlikely.

- Declining support for women's athletics. Ever hear of Title IX? It's been in all sports.

- "Big-Time" football corruption in a 4,000 seat stadium and lucrative NFL contracts for our Patriots? Sure.

- Even better, how about an \$800,000 salary for a coach of a non-scholarship program in a stadium 4% size of the Rose Bowl? Get real.

- How about closing the Library on Saturday's while home football games are being played? Can anyone imagine this happening at Stony Brook? I can't.

- The stadium will also be the site of many high-school play-off and championship games. This would bring many prospective students and their families to the campus. That's bad? Tell it to Admissions.

- If we upgrade our athletics program, Mr. Burner maintains, many fine professional schools will turn their backs on our qualified graduates forever. Gosh David, I didn't know that.

- So far Stu Goldstein is Stony

Brook's only former athlete that has made it big in pro sports (Squash). Many of our athletic alumni are physicians, attorneys, corporate people etc. They're not making \$800,000 per , but they're doing OK.

- I guess my favorite paragraph from Mr. Burner's letter was devoted to doom and gloom, i.e. scandal, crime, rowdyism, disturbance of pastoral community, etc. I kept getting flashbacks to Burgess Meredith's "Music Man," with Robert Preston scaring the local folks with his fearful warning "Yes my friends we've got trouble, trouble, trouble; right here in River City...." Lighten up David.

I hope this sets the matter straight concerning David Burner's many errors on Stony Brook athletics. While I'm at it, I might as well remind all undergraduate students to vote "YES" for the Separate Athletic Fee on April 21. I assure you, Stony Brook's fine academic reputation will not be harmed and your degree will increase in value as Stony Brook becomes better known though it's higher profile program in Intercollegiate Athletics.

On the other hand, if you still believe David Burner had it right. I'll look forward to seeing you at my lecture on Wednesday. I'll even give the first ten people an autograph copy of my new book, "The Civil War My Way!"

C'mon David, life too short, jump on the bandwagon and become a Patriot!

No sense causing all this trouble, trouble, trouble ....

## D-I Athletics: Top Priority for USB and Community

BY DREW DUNLEAVY

It was very disturbing and alarming to read a negative article written by a current University faculty member regarding the University trying to attain Division I status. While everyone is entitled to their

opinion, I feel that the article lacked both substance and merit. I believe this is no more than a viewpoint on the part of some narrow minded "pseudo" intellectual types that have tried to stifle the growth of the University and Community as a whole for years.

Being a former physical education educator and having first hand involvement in intercollegiate sports in the past, I feel the role of athletics in university life is often given a back seat to academics, while it should be shared equally and be given the same priority. I have been in the local scene for the last 15 years and it is very refreshing to see a more positive attitude towards intercollegiate athletics at the University.

Whereas the University at Stony Brook in the past has often been slandered by many malicious associations, it is nice to see a renewed optimism in school spirit giving away to a more positive reputation as a whole for the University and the community as well.

The innovative and hard working staff and administrators of the men's and women's physical education and athletics department should be commended for their "pursuit of excellence" in trying to provide the very best in their students academic and athletic life. Good luck in going for Division I status.

The writer Drew Dunleavy is a Three Village resident, active member of the Three Village Chamber of Commerce and is the owner of the Park Bench Restaurant.

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## Response...

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the only ones to benefit from the Stadium. Stony Brook will be able to host playoffs and championships in many high school sports and thousands of potential college students will visit the campus regularly. There is also a possibility that with a Stadium, Stony Brook would be site for one of the events of the 1998 World Games. These games are expected to attract 3000 athletes from 60 countries and telecast for more than 100 hours to 80 countries. Can a stadium be beneficial to the Stony Brook campus and community academically, economically, and in image and prestige? I believe the "yeas" have it over the "neas".



# Softball Patriots Off To A Rocky Start

By SETH D. KAPLAN

Rookie Head Coach Donna Lauria and her Patriots must be frustrated with the team's performance in their first eight games. Stony Brook's record is a dismal 1-7, and it doesn't appear that a winning streak is in sight.

The season opener was against Hunter College on the road on Wednesday, April 14. The Patriots were easily defeated 13-4. "We didn't hit and we gave up a lot of walks," said Lauria. "The game is 90% pitching. When your pitching falls apart, you usually lose the

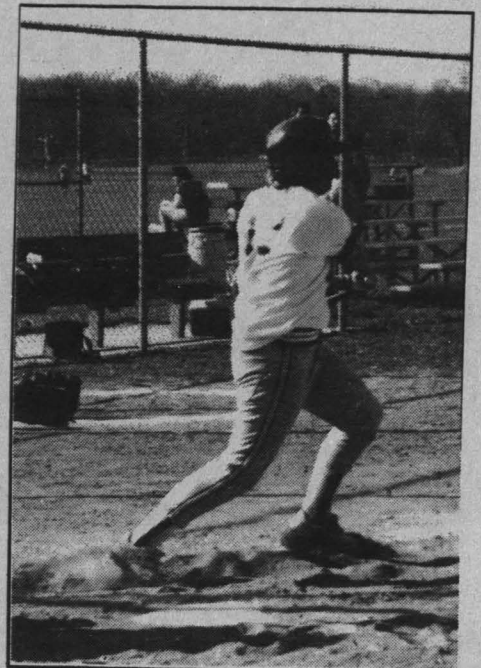
game."

The road trip continued with a doubleheader at William Paterson College. Stony Brook was embarrassed after being shut out 13-0 in five innings in game one and 10-0 after the sixth in game two. Lauria's team was totally outplayed managing only two hits in game one and two in the second contest.

The team's home opener was on Saturday, April 17. Playing a twin-bill against Staten Island, the Patriots won an inspired, comeback victory in game one, 13-12, but dropped the next game 25-11. The play of the day occurred in the fourth inning when Stony Brook executed a triple play. The Dolphins had runners on second and third with no outs. The batter hit the ball to the outfield and the Patriots converted on a 7-5 (left-field to third-base) triple play, the last out being an appeal that the runner on third left the base too early.

Down 12-11, in the bottom of the seventh, Marris Palazzolo led off with a single and advanced to second on a passed ball. Kerry Diggin doubled and drove in Palazzolo tying the game at 12. Heidi Epstein, who had a two-run shot earlier in the game, had the game-winning RBI single for the Patriots. Chris Malanga recorded three doubles and scored two runs for Stony Brook.

On Sunday, April 18, they lost a home doubleheader against New Paltz, dropping the first game 16-4 and the second 15-0 in five innings. The Patriots walked 42 batters in the two games. Lauria exclaimed "We've been trying out new pitchers because Aimee Brunelle has pitched the majority of our games, and we did not want to risk an



REBECCA PHELAN

Beth Matich hitting against Molloy

arm injury by having her pitch every game. Some of the players who were out there pitching today only have high school experience."

Brunelle pitched in the next game against Division II Molloy, on Monday, April 19. Stony Brook lost the game 4-1 and Brunelle pitched a complete game but lost. Joanna Kerney had the lone RBI for the Patriots.

Stony Brook plays next on Saturday, April 24. They face Hamilton College and St. John Fisher, both in Hamilton College. Their next home game is on Thursday, April 29 against Montclair College for a twin-bill

## Coaches React To New Rules

By MARCO AVENTAJADO

The NCAA Rules Committee last week announced some rule changes to the Men's basketball program. The major change was the move to a 35-second shot clock, abandoning the 45-second clock.

This will make the games run at a quicker pace but not all teams will benefit. "It's bad for the smaller teams," said basketball assistant coach Dave Shouler. "In the eight years that the 45 second [shot] clock was implemented, there has not been a small team in the Final Four." Small team, Shouler meant, a team without a dominant forward or center on the team. "Cincinnati was in the Final Four [in 1992], but they were not that small," added Shouler.

"It's going to add entertainment to the game," said Bernard Tomlin, men's basketball Head Coach.

With this new rule, there will be fewer delay tactics other teams use. Slowing the tempo will be limited to 35

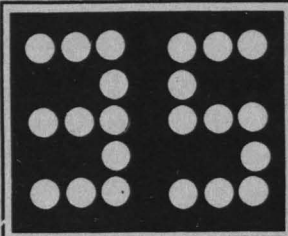
Another change the NCAA will implement during the 1993-1994 season

is the stopping of the game clock after each made basket in the final one minute of the contest.

Much like the NBA, after baskets, scored in the last minute, the game clock will stop and restart after the inbounds pass. The lapse will not be counted as a "dead-ball" situation wherein substitutes are not going to be allowed in. "[It] will take some pressure off from the officials," said Tomlin.

He recalled a close game involving Indiana University wherein precious seconds ticked off the clock while the officials retrieved the ball after a shot with 14 seconds left.

The last of the rule changes, is the "Closely-Guarded Rule". This is a modification of the "Five-Second Rule", the proviso being that if a player is guarding the dribbler, he will not be called for the five-second infraction. "It's an advantage to the smaller guard, and the better ball handler," said Tomlin. "If you have a guard like Emeka [Smith] who looks to shoot, he will have 35 seconds to look for his shot."



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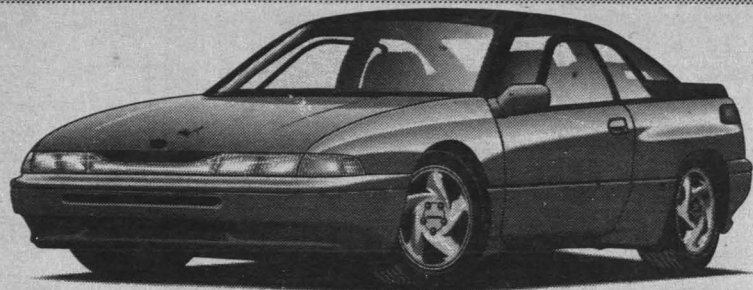
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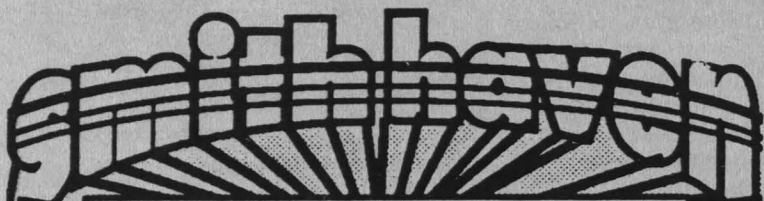
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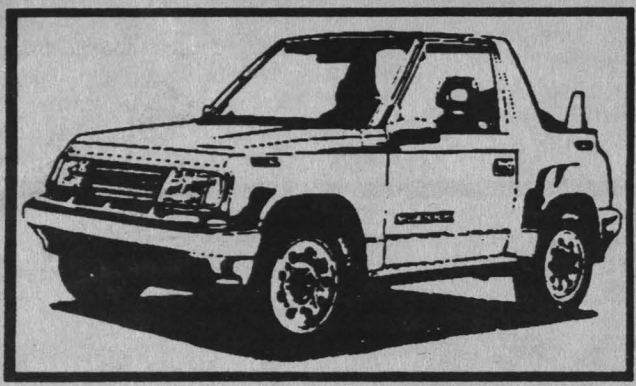
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# PROTALK

## Title In Knicks' Sight

By JAY KASH

The end of the basketball season is here and this is the first time in years that the New York Knicks are looking down and seeing everyone below them. As the season comes to an end the Knicks are in a frantic fight with the Bulls for home court advantage throughout the playoffs in the Eastern Conference.

The fight is on and it will probably be decided this Sunday in the seasons finale for both teams. The Knicks are on the inside track and are in position to take the title if the teams end in a tie.

This is an important goal for the Knicks to achieve. The Knicks have one of the best home records in the NBA and the sixth man in the crowd could prove to be most advantageous. Speaking for most Knicks fans, we are hungry for a championship.

Leading the drive for a championship is Patrick Ewing. Having the best all around season of his career, Ewing has to be

considered a front runner for the Most Valuable Player award. Averaging over 25 points and 11 rebounds he is doing it all. He also chips in two blocks per game and his intimidating seven-foot frame on defense is rather imposing. He is doing it all and there is no center in the East who can take him on.

The key for Ewing and the Knicks is going to be their perimeter game. For the Knicks to be successful they have to hit jumpers so teams won't double team Ewing. John Starks has been solid all season and even at times it seems like a two man show with him and Ewing, doing. Starks, being a streak shooter, has been known to try and shoot himself out of slumps, he can't do this in the playoffs.

To help out veteran Rolando Blackman will come off the bench for additional fire-power. Since coming back from the injured list Blackman has been hitting his shots. Pat Riley has specifically worked in practice on freeing him up for open jumpers.

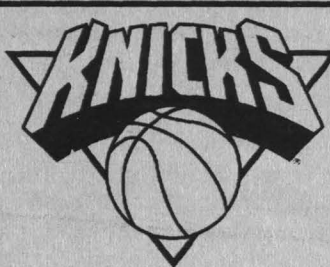
The Knicks have received solid play throughout the season from their point

guards. If it's Doc Rivers or Greg Anthony they will each provide the Knicks with the leadership and court smarts. Surprisingly Anthony has been smart with the ball in many key situations. His assists are up and he isn't turning the ball over as much as he did last year. I also have been impressed, a little, by his perimeter shooting. I used to cringe when he shot but now I'm a little more relaxed.

Not overlooking the job Rivers has done down the stretch with Anthony out. He has fought through stitches, a cracked tooth, and a broken nose, he has shown he really wants to win.

The Knicks front court could be one of the best in the league. Maybe not statistically but they get the job done as well as anybody with their physical and bruising style. Their forwards are comprised of three very large men, who can

also play center to give Ewing a breather. Charles Oakley, Charles Smith and Anthony Mason provide a team ev-



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everything they could ask for.

Oakley is a perfect compliment to Ewing. He seems to come down with a double-double every night and puts the body on opposing forwards. Improved shooting and defense have made Oakley even more valuable.

Mason may be the most valuable of the three as he has done everything this past season. He is second to Ewing in minutes played, coming off of the bench. He adds eight boards per game and provides the Knicks with a big-man ball handler which makes it difficult for other teams to set a press on the Knicks.

The Knicks have shown their emotions and desire to win throughout the year. With all of this talent the rest will be up to Riley. He has coached many championship teams and has brought the Knicks very far from where they are now.

Riley has found the right combinations throughout the season and hopefully he'll work his magic again in the playoffs. With Riley's coaching and Ewing's play the equation for a N.B.A. Championship is Pat<sup>2</sup>.

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## Rugby 'A' Club Splits a Pair in RI Tournament

By TOM TRAINER

The Stony Brook club rugby team split into two teams this past weekend and competed at two tournaments outside of New York.

The A-Side team travelled to Providence, Rhode Island for matches on Saturday April 17. While the B-Side went to Madison, New Jersey to play at Drew College and their four-team tournament. Both teams played well coming away with wins.

The A-Side took a strong lead in their first game against Central Connecticut by keeping the game on their side of the field. Mike Bergamini scored

the first try followed by a rookie score from Tom.

Bergamini made the second extra kick to bring the score to 12-0 at the end of the first half.

Central Connecticut came back in the second half scoring two tries. Both kicks were blocked by Stony Brook players Bergamini and Dustin Koller.

The blocks preserved a Stony Brook win by a final score of 12-10.

The A-Side's second game was against Dartmouth College the 1992 Ivy League Champions. Dartmouth scored three tries in the first half and one in the second along with completing all of their

extra kicks for a final score of 28-0.

After the game Stony Brook cited the fact they are low on funding and can not compete with as high a level as Division I schools. "We are playing the teams in Division I and the Ivy League, they have a lot of money and coaches," said Ian Kantor. "Should our referendum pass he will be ready to compete with them next season."

Dartmouth went on to win the tournament allowing under 10 points in all of their games combined.

The B-Side lost their first game and won their second at Drew.

The Stony Brook rugby team will

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return to action this Saturday for the nine-team Rutgers Tournament in New Jersey. They play at SUNY-New Paltz a week from that and return home on May 8 for the annual alumni game at Stony Brook.

## Ballplayers Fighting Through Tough Times

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Kortright, Eads, and Dave Marcus all contributed with several runs in the game. Freshman Santo Ciccarello not only contributed two runs, but executed a double play with shortstop Artie Della Rocca and Autera at second.

However game two with the Dolphins proved to

be too much for the Patriots. Despite a three run lead going to the seventh the Pats lost their composure by allowing five runs. "Closing out a game, we give too much," Wilk said. "When we are hitting our defense and pitching are not there."

It seems to be one thing when its not another. "We can put it all together at once," said Eads. The Patriots

now seem to be thinking of just winning the conference, which is far different than their early thoughts of the college World Series.

"It's tough because Kings Point is undefeated," said Shermansky on the Patriots chances of winning the Skyline. "We will have to win all our games."

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