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## Reigning National Champs Roll Into Town

By JASON YELLIN

The Stony Brook athletic program and more specifically the Division I lacrosse team will receive a major boost in publicity on Sunday.

The defending Division I National Champions of lacrosse and current No. 1, the Princeton Tigers, venture to Stony Brook to battle the Patriots. The opening face-off is set for 1:30 p.m. at Patriot Field. Princeton's appearance marks the first time in the history of Stony Brook that a Division I reigning champion will play at the University.

"We are very excited to have Princeton on our

schedule," said Stony Brook head coach John Espey. "We want to show people that we are a good lacrosse team heading in the right direction." He added that the school is promoting the lacrosse program heavily by scheduling teams such as Princeton, North Carolina and Duke.

Last season the Patriots had their first tussle with the Tigers, in New Jersey. Princeton came out on top by a narrow 12-5 margin. "They (Stony Brook) played us very tough last season," said Princeton Head Coach Bill Tierney. "We played as hard as we could and they still gave us fits."

The Tigers entered the week 1-0 (prior to playing Bucknell, Saturday, March 13). They knocked off lacrosse stand-out Johns Hopkins last Saturday.

Expect a defensive low scoring game, much like last season's, where goalkeeping and defense will prevail. "We really want to slow down the game and keep possession," Espey said. "The face-offs will be the difference, if we can win some, that will have a major impact."

Tierney commented that his team will not score over 20 goals, as he doesn't believe in registering such high totals in the sport.

Both teams' keepers will have to come up big. Stony Brook's Joe Spallone has already faced North Carolina and Duke, so facing another power will not be a major adjustment. Espey agreed saying that the Patriots are much better prepared for the Tigers, than they were for the Tar Heels and Blue Devils. "It's been three weeks since then," he said. "We have a lot more preparation as we are healthier and have been outside for practice."

For Princeton, Scott Bacigalupo will be the stalwart between the pipes. He is coming off of a first-team all-American season where he won 12 games, posted a .615 save percentage and 8.3 goals against average.

Other top players for the Tigers are David Morrow, the nation's top defenseman of 1992, and Kevin



JASON YELLIN

Patriot attackman James Sommese will be looking to score on all-American Tiger Scott Bacigalupo.



PRINCETON SID

Junior midfielder Brian Tomeo and the No. 1 Tigers will be at Stony Brook on Sunday.

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### Gill Garners MVP

By TODD ROSS

Junior Roger Gill had an outstanding day at the ECAC Championships, capturing three first place finishes and winning the ECAC outstanding performer at the Championships at Bowdoin College in Maine.

Gill posted top finishes in the 400 and 200-meter dashes and teamed with three others to win the 4 X 400

relay.

"It really means a lot to have these strong finishes," Gill said. "In my freshmen year I won at the ECAC's, but last year I came in second. I wanted to get back to first."

And get back to first place he did. Gill won the 400 with a time of 49.27,

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### Frosh Bonura Wows 'Em

By TODD ROSS

Freshman sensation Julie Bonura continued her storybook season of magnificence this past weekend as she was named meet most valuable performer at the ECAC Championships.

Bonura chalked up two University records on her way to earning three championships that will send her into the NCAA Championships this coming weekend in Maine.

The freshman out of Port Jefferson Station won the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.28. That time smashed the old University mark and qualified her for the Division III title, where she will be seeded second.

"I had a bad start out of the blocks in the 55," said Bonura. "Then in the middle I came up on the girl (Shawntell Man-

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### SUPPORT PATRIOT ATHLETICS

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

**Stony Brook's Division I Lacrosse Team**

Wed., March 10, 3:00 p.m., vs. Lehigh

Sun., March 14, 1:30 p.m., vs. NCAA Champion

Princeton

### ATHLETE OF



RON DUCKETT LED THE PATRIOTS AS THEY ADVANCED TO THE ECAC SEMIFINALS

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### THE WEEK

# WRITE OFF THE BAT

The National Champs are coming to town.

What a great moment for Stony Brook and a moment that should be shared by all. All meaning Suffolk County, even all of Long Island. This game is a perfect opportunity to bridge the gap between the high schools and colleges on Long Island. The game can build a bond.

Especially locally, the game at Patriot Field, should be packed with players from Ward Melville. Melville is the top high school in New York State when it comes to lacrosse and the top in the nation in some people's eyes. Ward Melville is also just down the street from Ward Melville, just a hop, skip and

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

a jump away. With the National Champions Princeton coming to town the entire squad should be out to cheer on their counterparts, at Stony Brook.

Glancing over the rosters of many of the teams Stony Brook plays Ward Melville graduates are plentiful, North Carolina had three, Princeton and Duke each have several. But when you look over Stony Brook's roster, there are ZERO players from Ward Melville, isn't that strange the school is less than five miles away. They are a premier high school team. Stony Brook's lax team is Division I and plays national known and ranked teams yet their is no connec-

tion.

The game this Sunday is the perfect opportunity to make that connection. Maybe a player a Melville will come out and see Stony Brook put on a good show, which will convince the patriot to stay as a Patriot at home in the Three Village area.

There is no reason for the Ward Melville kids to all go away from home. They can stay in Stony Brook play, D-I, challenge the top teams including the National Champs along with getting a high quality education.

Stony Brook is not at fault here, the high school is at fault. Sure the University can publicize the game more to draw the fans must come out and realize that Stony Brook is no slouch, especially when it comes to Division I lacrosse.

## USB INTRAMURAL NEWS

This coming Saturday is the annual St. Patrick's day race sponsored by the Intramural Department and the Athletic Training Department. The race will be a 5K race that begins at 10 a.m.

All Stony Brook students are urged to run, and must pay only five dollars to compete. Community members, members of the faculty and staff will be charged \$8. If you wish to run, on the race day fee will be \$10.

The Intramural department will be continuing their Campus Life time activities this afternoon as the Pickleball Singles will be played.

Coming up later this month is the All Night Volleyball Tournament. That will take place on March 25, and the registration is already underway. The cost of entering is \$40.00 and the registration is limited to the first 25 teams.

Roster deadlines for Indoor Soccer, Softball, 4 on 4

Volleyball, Handball Doubles, and Tennis Singles will take place on March 16. So get those rosters in!

Aerobics take place every Monday and Wednesday nights for those interested. They start at 6 p.m. in the small gym.

The Athletes of the month have been named. Read the SportSignal next week to find out who they are. There will be one male and one female named and Crown Trophy will sponsor the award

### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEADERS

(THROUGH MARCH 7)

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**MEN'S IND. LEAGUE**  
HANG TIME (5-0)  
TIME TIME (5-1)

**MEN'S INDEPENDENT LEAGUE II**  
TKE (4-1)  
ZBT (3-1)  
TAU DELTA PHI (3-1)

**MEN'S RESIDENT LEAGUE II**  
HIT SQUAD (5-0)  
KELLER BULLS (4-1)

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
TEAM #3 (2-0)

**CO-REC LEAGUE**  
THE SAINTS (2-0)  
THE MONS (2-0)

### INTRAMURAL WALLYBALL LEADERS

(THROUGH MARCH 7)

**ERIKA'S KIDS**  
(3-0)

**TKE**  
(3-0)

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(2-1)

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# A Look Ahead To This Week's Action

## LACROSSE

The Patriots will take on Eastern rival Lehigh University, Wednesday afternoon, 3 p.m. The Engineers and the Patriots have established a rivalry over the past few years. Last season the Patriots knocked off the Pennsylvania team, 8-5.

The Engineers enter the game with a record of 0-1, following an early season loss to Michigan State, prior to the Patriots defeat of the Spartans.

Lehigh is led by junior attackman Jeff Jenkins. In that Michigan State loss he totalled four points. Freshman attacker Vince Geppi also scored two goals.

The preview of the Patriots game with National Champion Princeton appears on the front page. The Pats will face off at 1:30 on Sunday vs the Tigers at Patriot Field.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The hoops squad will be playing in the semifinals of the ECAC Metro NY/NJ Playoffs tonight at Trenton State College. The Lions are the No. 1 seed of the tournament and are historically one of the top teams in Division III.

Leading the Lions' balanced attack are seniors Andre Self and Cornell Nelson. Self, the team's leader from the point position, averages 11 points and five assists. Nelson tops the team in rebounds, pulling down six a game, while chipping in 12 points.

The Lions advanced to the semifinal by virtue of a 53-47 win over Baruch in the quarterfinals.

The winner of the game will face the Staten Island/Jersey City St. winner this Saturday, at the home of the higher seed.

## WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

The lone representative of the women's track team to be competing at the NCAA Championships this coming weekend is superfrosh Julie Bonura.

Bonura, is coming off of a three-win weekend at the ECAC Championships held in Maine. The NCAA's will also be held in the most northern state.

She has received the second seed in the nation in the 55-meter dash, an event that she won last weekend with a time of 7.28, a new Stony Brook record.

The 200-meter dash was another event which Bonura won and figures to be in contention for at the NCAA's. Her time of 25.96 was a new school record as well.

The meet will begin on Friday night at 5 p.m. and continue through Saturday evening.

## MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Roger Gill is returning to the NCAA Championships for the second time in three years by winning the 400 and 200-meter dashes this past weekend at the ECAC Championships, in Lewiston, Maine.

Gill posted a new University record in the 400 with a time of 49.27, while finishing in 22.52 in the 200.

Two years ago as a freshman, the Queens native made it all the way to the NCAA Championships, making him an all-American.

Gill will be competing in those two events in Brunswick, Maine.

This week he has been running some distance drills and taking it easy in preparation for the big days, Friday and Saturday.

## SCHEDULED SPORTING EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

### Wednesday March 10—

Lacrosse hosts Lehigh, 3 p.m. at

Patriot Field

Men's Basketball visits Trenton State College,

Semifinals ECAC Metro NY/NJ

Championships, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday March 11 —

No Stony Brook Action

### Friday March 12—

NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships

in Brunswick, Maine, begin at 5 p.m.

### Saturday March 13—

Men's Basketball in the ECAC Metro

NY/NJ Championship, 7:30 p.m.

(yet to be determined)

NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Brunswick, Maine, continue.

Rugby hosts Drew College, 2 p.m.

### Sunday March 14—

Lacrosse hosts National Champion Princeton, 1:30 p.m. at Patriot Field

### Monday March 15—

No Stony Brook Action

### Tuesday March 16—

No Stony Brook Action

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# COACH'S CORNER

## It's All About ... TEAM! Five Championship Concepts



This week's guest columnist is — Teri Tiso, the head coach of the women's volleyball team. This past fall the Patriots advanced to the Final Four of the Division III NCAA Tournament.

My philosophy of coaching revolves around the concept of TEAM. There is no sport development without a team development. Over the years, I have trained my teams to win championships based on five concepts.

**CONCEPT #1:** "The athletic attitude versus the two-hour athlete."

The champion athlete finds a way to achieve. There are no excuses. She begins her preparation before the season begins. She is always in good physical

condition. She is mentally and emotionally prepared to handle the rigors of the season. She accepts stress as a challenge, not as an obstacle and not just during a scheduled practice schedule. Her pride helps her develop these qualities in herself.

**CONCEPT #2:** "Being a good player is not good enough"

A champion athlete manages her time well, gets her school work done, has discipline on and off the court. It begins with talent, hard work develops it. Going to practice is a given. Outstanding practice is expected. Individual and team goals are constantly addressed, evaluated and improved upon.

**CONCEPT #3:** "Attention to detail"

No item of business is too inconsequential to be considered unimportant. Practice gear and equipment is organized and set-up ahead of time, not during practice. We are always in uniform ready to perform 15 minutes ahead of the starting practice time.

**CONCEPT #4:** "Learn to overcome adversity"

It is easy to be mediocre or average. Look around you. Everyday we see people who take the easy way out. Substitute one or some of the following excuses. Believe me, I have heard them all and then some. A mediocre player declares ... (I cannot get up in the morning to run, I do not play well in the evening, I can't give up a day on the

**"IT IS MORE OF A CHALLENGE TO BE A CHAMPION. NO ONE HAS ACHIEVED GREATNESS WITHOUT OVERCOMING ADVERSITY."**

weekend to train, what is in it for me? I do not have a day on the weekend to train, what is in it for me? I do not have the time, I have too much work, the coach does not like me, can't appreciate me, does not give me enough time off, knows very little about this strategy, pushes me too hard, plays me in the wrong position, needs to give me the opportunity in another position, doesn't understand that I have a big test tomorrow, does not expect much from me, expects too much from me, is too tough, is too lenient, etc. etc. etc.) It is much more difficult to be excellent.

**CONCEPT #5** "Choose to be a champion!"

It is more of a challenge to be a champion. No one has achieved greatness without overcoming adversity. The 1992 Volleyball Team had its share of downturns. But we worked extremely hard to maintain the team concept to become the first Northeast region team to win the NCAA Regionals and advance to the National Final Four. And we are still working hard to achieve our goals! Excuses are just that - reasons for holding oneself back! Champions always find a way to succeed.

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# Gill Takes Three ECAC Titles

GILL from front page setting a new University at Stony Brook record. In the race, Gill got out to an early start and cruised to the victory. He outdistanced his nearest opponent from Stockton State College by more than one whole second.

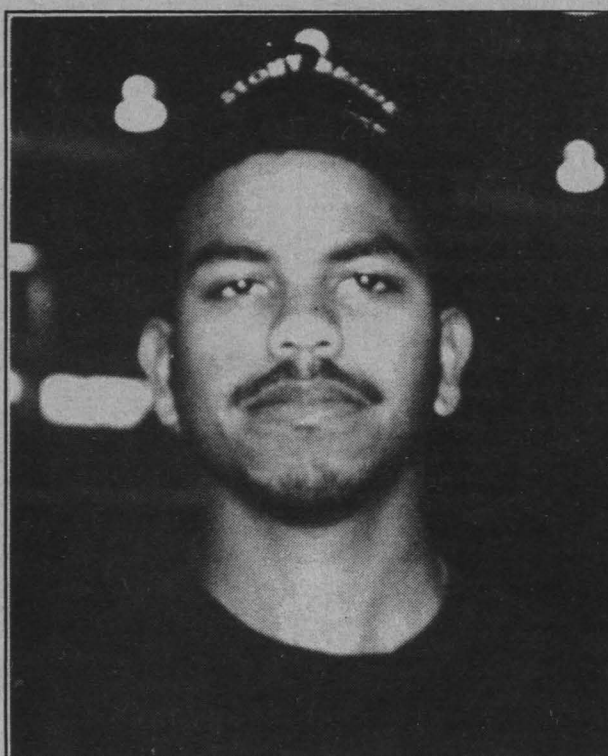
In the 200 Gill had a very close race with a runner from the Coast Guard Academy. According to Gill, the two were neck and neck coming around the lap. Gill then started to work harder and leaned out to win the crown by one tenth of a second.

The 4 X 400 was total team effort according to Gill, as the Patriots led throughout the race posting a best time of 3:24.3. The team headed by Jerry Canada, combined with Chris Paul and Dan Tupaj were in first, giving Gill and easy jaunt to the finish line.

Canada had a very productive day coupled with the 4 X 400 championship. He registered two second place finishes, one in the long jump at 22' 2" and another gold in the 500-meter race at 1:06.28.

Jeff Vitale vaulted 12' 6" in the pole vault for the Patriots at the meet.

The team completed the meet with 53.5 points, good enough for fifth place at the ECAC's. Williams College from Massachusetts ran away with the meet, totalling 119, outdistancing second place Coast Guard by 22 points.



Gill won three ECAC Championships, marking the second time in three years that he has won ECAC's

# Bonura gains MVP

BONURA from front page (ing of Tufts University) and went ahead of her." Bonura won by just sixth hundredths of a second. In the 200, Bonura had a good spot as she ran out of the second seed, which allowed her to break the school record in the 200 with a time of 25.96.

"I went out really hard," Bonura said. "Then I made up time on the stagger around the turn to lead."

Bonura was excited about her team as well, as they combined for the top 4 X 200 team at the Championship weekend. Dara Stewart, Loretta Varbero, Marissa Forsing and Bonura scored a time of 1:47.58 to take first place.

"It was really close," said Bonura. "I could hear her (Bowdoin College runner) right behind me." Bonura was right about them being right behind, as Stony Brook won the race by just one tenth of a second.

Her showing is even more impressive if you take into account that she has been battling shin splits all season. "Winning these races were really big," she said. "I didn't know how good I would run with the shins."

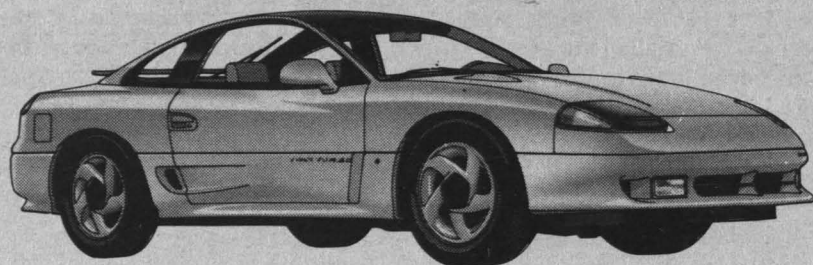
Bonura had the second best distance in the long jump at the ECAC's as well, with a leap of 17' 3". She said that she really wants to work on the long jump heading into the NCAA's.

Danielle Modica, finished third in the high jump with a mark of 5' 1.25". Varbero posted a fourth in the long jump at 34' 10". Nicole Hafemeister, finished fourth in the 1000-meter run with a time of 3:05.30.

## Stony Brook Rugby hosts Drew College, Saturday afternoon

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# Quarterfinal Win Elevates Patriots To Semis

By CRAIG BLENMAN

The Stony Brook men's basketball team advanced to the second round of the ECAC tournament with a 66-59 victory over the Medgar Evers Cougars Saturday.

They won behind the supreme defensive effort and high scoring of freshman guard Ron Duckett.

The first half was a close affair, ending with the Patriots leading 30-28.

Medgar Evers, while quick off the dribble and aggressive in the paint, had virtually no perimeter game outside of 15 feet. The majority of their points came from cutters slashing to the basket and shot jumpers in the paint. Although the Cougars gained numerous high percentage opportunities, they shot poorly at 37 percent.

Forward Vernard Williams landed hard on a fast break dunk attempt when he was fouled in the air late in the half. Williams didn't return to the game due to the shoulder injury. Up to the point, he had been playing well, scoring nine points and grabbing four rebounds. Williams' departure seemed to spark Medgar Evers going into halftime, only down by two at the time, despite their poor play.

The visitors began the second half aggressively, inspired by their fans who followed the team to the Sports Complex. However, the Pats weren't rattled and opened up a ten point lead midway through the half.

Freshman guard Ron Duckett led

the charge, dropping 24 points (16 in the second half).

Senior forward Ricky Wardally, who didn't score on two opportunities in the first half, came out possessed in the second. He picked up the slack from the loss of Williams and scored 11 points and corralled 11 rebounds.

The Patriot cause was helped by the lackluster play of the Cougars' star guard Rudy Myers held to 14 points on five of 16 shooting. The bulk of his points came once the game was out of reach.

Stony Brook received an unexpected and much needed lift off the bench from freshman forward Greg Alexandre. He grabbed some key offensive rebounds during a late Cougar rally and ended the game with six boards and five points.

Head coach Bernard Tomlin praised Alexandre's play after the game. "The most important [factor] was that we had some people who don't usually play, step up and contribute," Tomlin said. "Greg doesn't usually have much of an opportunity to play but he was the star of the game."

Point guard Joe Kirch handled the full court defensive pressure well, running the offense efficiently.

Senior Pat Cunningham (five boards, two blocks, two steals) and junior center Luc Baptiste (eight points, six boards, one block, one steal) added some tough front court defense and were the equalizing force. Baptiste put the game out of reach in the final seconds with two clutch free throws.

## ECAC SEMIFINALS

Packer Hall, Wednesday,  
March 10, 7:30 p.m.

**STONY BROOK PATRIOTS**

- Ron Duckett, 6-3, Fr., 12 ppg, 3rpg, 35% 3-pt FG%
- Ricky Wardally, 6-5, Sr., 14 ppg, 7 rpg, 2bpg
- Pat Cunningham, 6-5, Sr., 4 ppg, 5 rpg
- \*Vernard Williams, 6-5, Jr., 11 ppg, 5 rpg, 47% FG%
- Joe Kirch, 5-11, Fr., 5 ppg, 2 rpg, 3 apg

**TRENTON STATE COLLEGE LIONS**

- Walter Morton, 6-2, Sr., 12 ppg, 6rpg, 1apg
- Jonathan Haynes, 6-8, Fr., 5 ppg, 3rpg, 1apg
- Andre Self, 5-8, So., 11 ppg, 3rpg, 5apg
- Cornell Nelson, 6-2, Sr., 12 ppg, 6rpg, 1apg
- Kelly Williams, 5-11, Sr., 9ppg, 2rpg, 2apg

**COACHES**  
Stony Brook: Bernard Tomlin  
Trenton State: Donnie Marsh

\*Questionable due to injury

**Stony Brook Patriots at Trenton State Lions**

PSS Graphic/Justin Schief

Wardally said the Patriots defense was the difference in the end. "We played better defense in the second half," Wardally said. "Our defense closed up and we rebounded better."

Duckett said, "We all came together, played like a team and got the win."

Stony Brook goes on to play No. 1 seed Trenton State this Wednesday night.

Cornell Nelson leads Trenton State, scoring 12 points and pulling down six boards per game. Andre Self runs the point, averaging five assists per game.

"Trenton State will be a difficult game," said Tomlin. "If we come prepared, we can win the game and win the tournament." He added that although shaken up, Williams should be ready to go.

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## Let's Go Stony Brook—Part 2 Where To Get The Info

By MARCO AVENTAJADO

Flipping through Newsday, oh Stony Brook won their fourth straight. Ever wonder how the newspaper gets the Patriots statistics and results?

Down the hall of the Pritchard Gym, at the very end, Ken Alber and his office staff in the Sports Information perform the task. Much like the athletic trainers, the staff of the Sports Information Department are often overlooked in the team's victory or defeat.

Director Ken Alber is the only full-time staff member of the department, his job is never ending throughout the year, working with the 20 varsity intercollegiate athletic programs in Division I and III. He is in his sixth year of sports information work and fourth here at Stony Brook.

Teri Tiso, head volleyball coach, praised Alber. "He does so much in promoting the [athletic] program," Tiso said.

When fans come in through the gates of the venue of the Patriot home game, they pick up a program and line-up sheet for the day's action. It's Sports Information's job to have the program and the line-up sheets as up to date as possible.

"Our office is constantly exchanging information such as rosters, results, schedules and statistics with our opponents," Alber said.

These "before-hand" statistics are vital for the scouting reports for the Stony Brook teams. "He gets the inside

word on the players from the other SID's," Deb McMullen said, head women's basketball coach.

During the game, the SID's responsibility shifts to recording stats, not exchanging them. The press table at the Patriot home games, is also staffed with statisticians. From the scoreboard operator to the public address announcer, SID has to coordinate the 15 or so people.

"It's a professional operation," McMullen said. One of the most important tasks of the SID is coordinating the visiting media. "We make arrangements for the other schools radio stations and newspapers at our press tables," Alber said. Statisticians make up most of the people in the press table, recording all the pertinent information from the game.

At half-time and the end of the game, the statisticians converge and combine their information to make the box scores. "There are other schools that you have to go to another building to get a box score, here they make it on the spot," said McMullen.

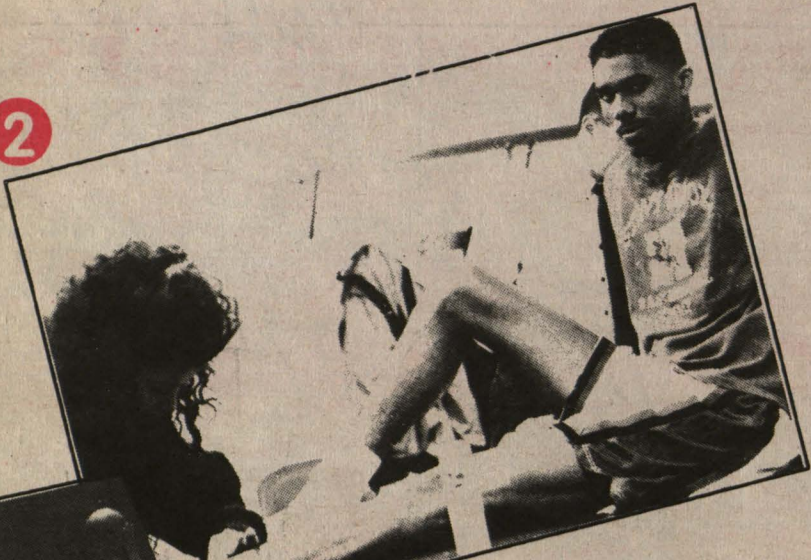
During the recent NCAA volleyball tournament held at the Sports Complex, Alber served as tournament head. "He did a great job," said Tiso. She said Alber ran the tournament very smoothly.

Alber is also responsible for the Patriot Hotline. The number to call for up-to-date stats, scores and results on Stony Brook. Call 632-PATS to find out what

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# View Of the Garden From the Lens Of Rebecca Phelan

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- 1 Ron Duckett shooting over Old Westbury defenders.
- 2 Trainer Kerty Estevez tapes up Ricky Wardally in the MSG lockerroom.
- 3 The Stony Brook team and entourage on court prior to tip-off.
- 4 Syracuse's Lawrence Moten goes up for a dunk over Redman Sergio Luyk in the game proceeding the Stony Brook contest.



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# Women Start Own Lacrosse Team

By JASON YELLIN

The sport of lacrosse has been in the spotlight at Stony Brook for the past month, as the men's lacrosse team has faced several Division I powers. Now the women of lacrosse say its their time for the spotlight.

The women's lacrosse club will kick off their inaugural season later this month. According to club founder and president Shelby Collier, the team has been in the works for over a year.

"We talked about it last fall," she said. "Some players who played in high school got together with some sticks and started to fool around and play."

The club currently has 24 members, ranging from some with years of high school experience to some that have never picked up a lacrosse stick before.

"Everything has been going very well," Collier said. "About six of our players played in high school, while the newcomers are picking it up really quick."

The women on the team are no strangers to athletics as most of them have played women's soccer or volleyball according to Collier.

The team will be playing in independent schedule this season, after an attempt at entering the Long Island Lacrosse League. They will play Princeton's club team on March 21 for their opening game.

Sue DiMonda, the University's Director of Intramurals, played college lacrosse and currently referees the sport

on the Island. She is serving as the team's advisor and has established many contacts for the team.

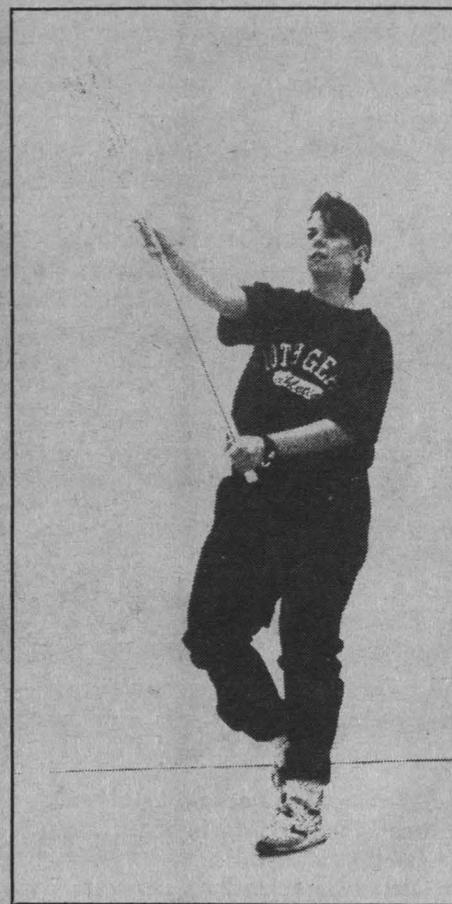
The team's schedule will consists of games with Marist, Fordham, Nassau Community College, Columbia and Manhattanville. The Patriots will also play in a tournament at Hofstra on April 25, according to Collier. The competition will have four other club teams from Long Island and New Jersey along with host Hofstra.

Stony Brook's squad is one of only three other college teams on the Island. Hofstra and Nassau field the other teams. "The sport is becoming very popular on Long Island," said DiMonda. "And here at Stony Brook we are following along."

The team received some money from Polity which enabled them to buy some equipment and provide for transportation. Collier said that the men's lacrosse team has been a strong aid of the women. "Coach (John) Espey hooked us up with contacts," she said. "Some of the players have stayed after practice and helped us out with some drills."

The team has two very strong players with high school experience. Attacker Tania Gale, who played two years at a school near Syracuse is playing well along with Tanya Woelfle, who played tennis at Stony Brook.

On defense, two newcomers to the sport, Terry Munzing, who is the club's treasurer and Pam Martin have come up big on defense according to Collier



REBECCA PHELAN

Woman laxer Terry Munzing practices her passing technique.

The goal time will be shared by current women's soccer captain Sue Scheer and former soccer player Colleen McGowan

## Kickers Fall Twice

By ALEX BARD

The predecessors to this year's men's soccer team, the Stony Brook Alumni team, reached the second round of the Stony Brook Indoor Tournament this past Saturday at Pritchard Gym.

Glen Cove came away with the championship, beating Southampton 4-2. Glen Cove advanced to the final by defeating C.W. Post 3-1. Southampton reached the final by defeating the USB Alumni on sudden death penalty kicks.

Stony Brook played in three games in the preliminaries, losing all but the one where they scored. The Patriots lost to N.Y. Tech and Glen Cove by scores of 3-0 and 6-0. They did, however, defeat Southampton, a finalist, by a score of 4-1.

The Stony Brook Alumni were tops in their bracket, winning against C.W. Post 3-2 and Brentwood 4-2. Their only loss in the preliminaries was to Hofstra, 1-0.

It was a good day for recruiting for the Patriots and Stony Brook head coach Nick Sansom, as many prospective Stony Brook soccer players from around the state came to the campus to watch the all-day tournament.

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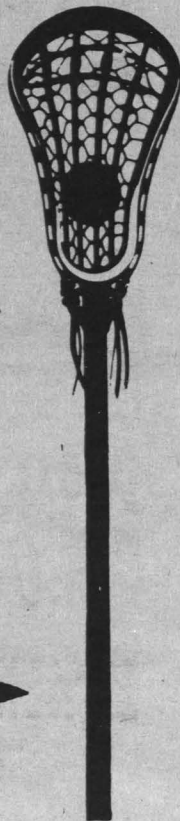
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# Baseball's Della Rocca: Pats Defensive Gem

By JASON YELLIN

Championships are won with defense. For the Stony Brook baseball team, the key to the Patriots' infield is senior shortstop Artie Della Rocca.

Entering his third year at Stony Brook, Della Rocca is the only returning starter that the Patriots field on the dirt in 1993. "He has our best glove," said Head Coach Matt Senk.

Della Rocca is the stabilizing force in the infield. This training camp, his partner in the keystone combination was still uncertain. The Patriots' second base job was up in the air with seniors Ken Kortright and Vin Autera dueling for the job.

On the corners, two newcomers will be regulars. At first base Santo Ciccarello

and Erik Haag are competing for the job. While Evan Karabelas, a senior, will be getting his first starting role with the Patriots. That leaves Della Rocca as the only starting infielder for a year ago. "Being the only returning starter is a big load," said Della Rocca. "But I like the challenge."

The senior said that his goal for the season at shortstop is to make under five errors. That's coming off of a year where he made 13.

At the plate Della Rocca has put up productive numbers, but is looking to improve. "This year I want to hit around .350," he said. In 1992 he hit .286 while driving in 20 runs, hitting from the bottom of the line-up.

Della Rocca was a clutch player ac-

ording to Senk and his teammates. "Last season he had several key game winning hits," Senk said.

"I remember him getting he game winning RBI that put us on a long winning streak," Kortright said.

He led the squad in sacrifices, is demonstrating his 'team-mentality.' He had seven on the year.

In the field his numbers were high for the high-chance, high-risk position. He was tops in assists with 89 and was also part of 13 double plays.

Della Rocca feels that the Patriots can easily make the NCAAs if the pitching stays as good as it has been. And personally, Della Rocca is out for the team MVP award, as everyone on the team is, he said.



Artie Della Rocca

## Info Gurus Of USB

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the hotline is all about.

Supporting Alber is his band of merry men, to whom Alber gives much of the credit to.

Lizanne Coyne heads the list. During the fall, she serves as assistant coach for the women's soccer team, but year round she is the assistant director of the department. She covers many of the events that take place when two or more sporting activities are in session. Her responsibilities also include compiling soccer stats and also publication work.

Mark Peterson is the graduate assistant of the department. Peterson is the day-to-day right hand man to Alber. Peterson spent a portion of his undergraduate years in Salisbury working

there.

"I'm fortunate to have two very enthusiastic and capable assistants working with me," Alber said, "Without their efforts and the efforts of the two students that assist me in the office and the students that work the games, doing my job to even the lowest level of acceptability would be impossible."

Student-Athletes Kerry Diggin and Kenny Kortright alleviate some of the workload in department. Diggin plays softball while Kortright plays baseball.

They both put in about 15-20 hours at the office per week. "They do all of the mailings, and a lot of the clerical work," Alber said. "They work on getting stats from other schools when we exchange information."

## Q's & A's With the Athlete of the Week *Ron Duckett*

Ron Duckett led the Patriots' men's basketball team to a quarterfinal victory in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Metropolitan NY/NJ Championships over Medgar Evers, 66-59. Duckett scored a game high 24 points, on 9 for 16 shooting from the floor, while adding three rebounds, three assists and one steal. With the win, Stony Brook advanced to semifinals of the ECAC Championship. In addition, Duckett scored a game-high 19 points with five assists and five rebounds) at Madison Square Garden, last week.

**Full Name:** Ronald Gerald Duckett

**Age:** 18

**Year:** Freshman

**High School, Year:** Long Island Lutheran, graduated 1992

**Other high schools attended:** Christ the King for three years.

**Major:** Undeclared

**Favorite School Subject:** Sociology

**Least Favorite Subject:** Biology

**Biggest Influence on sports career:** My mother

**Who taught you the most about basketball:** The guys in the park, including Mark Jackson and Boo Harvey

**Favorite Pro Team :** New York Knicks

**Favorite Player :** John Starks and Kenny Anderson

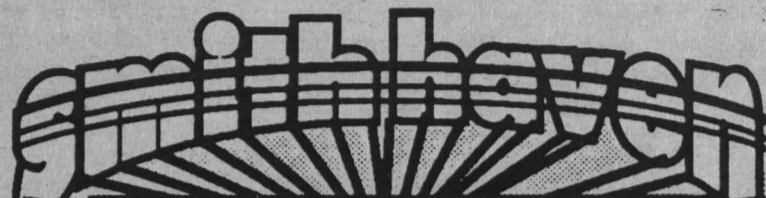
**Behind my back, people say I am:** Nice guy

**People don't know I can:** Play golf

**In high school, I also played:** Baseball

**Biggest moment of basketball life:** When I was at Christ the King, in my freshman year I hit a game winning buzzer beating shot for the championship. Also when I was at Luthern we played on the Madison Sqaure Garden Network

**Greatest college moment in basketball:** Playing in Madison Sqaure Garden and winning the ECAC quarterfinal.



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# The Sporting Life

## Rollerblading: New Way To Have Fun On Campus

By MARY LAFFERTY

In line skates. More commonly known as Rollerblades. That's the most popular name— kind like "Frisbee" is the most common name for all flying disks. Rollerblading is a sport taking over the campus.

Granted it's taking over the Northeast slower than the rest of the country. California and Florida all have multitudes of rollerbladers.

But it is growing here. Slowly. Now, half of you are cringing and thinking "Oh God, an article about those obnoxious punks." Or your thinking, "Cool I have some." Or perhaps, "Cool I wish I had some."

For those of you who hate rollerbladers, chill. Take a time-out. We are simply people who prefer a faster form of transportation than walking and a little more flexibility than riding a bike. That's all! We're not out to ruin your pleasurable walk through campus, and if we happen to ruin it then it was probably a loss of balance. Have you ever stumbled on a brick?

But, discounting all the sour-faced-that-the-world-is-changing-and-refuse-to-accept-it people, those of you who wish to know more about rollerblades, that's what I am here for.

First, for those of you who have none. The best to

buy are Rollerblade. Lesser but still pretty decent companies are Bauer, California Pro, and Ultra Wheels. Good skates run anywhere from \$100 to \$500. They are so expensive because of the quality of wheels, bearings, and boot. You can find in-lines in most any bike,

### RollerBlade

ski, or sporting goods store.

If you have ever roller-skated, ice-skated or skied, rollerblading won't be a problem. The movements will be about the same, but remember that the brake is in the back of the skate, and don't even think about stopping the same way you do on ice skates. It just won't work. Just try a nice, deserted tennis court and skate around. Don't try anything fancy at first.

When you feel confident enough go to campus and try your hand at dealing with the hundred gazillion people and obstacles. Wear pads, because you probably will take a tumble. Get up, and try it again.

Get a pair. They're fun. And if you have a pair but don't use them because you don't know how, get your butt outside and start skating. It's not going to come to you magically in the middle of the night.

For those of you who blade frequently. I'll address some problems we all encounter at one time or another. Most likely you have encountered some stress with people in authority on going into buildings. Here is a short list that you can experience on blades:

**LIBRARIES**— You try it. I'm not going to. My best guess would be no.

**CLASSROOMS**— Most professors think they're cool. I have never been asked to leave a building, and conferring with other in-liners, neither have they. So, if you're late for class most professor won't mind if you just roll right on in.

**DORMS**— Sure. Why not, how much are you paying to stay there?

Try rollerblading. It's not going to turn you into a horrible, obnoxious punk, like some people think. Wear pads. Carry shoes for those places whose management doesn't like you messing up their floor. Learn tricks. Have fun.

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Coach Espey (lacrosse coach) — I think you are terrific person! I'm glad I got to know you a little.

- a friend

Pat (#40, basketball) — You big stud, you're not bad for a white boy

- you know who

Julie (track) — Super frosh, despite destroying all the record you still are a great person, keep on running

-Todd

Joe (#23, basketball) — I love those great passes you make. You look like Bobby Hurley with chest hairs

- a Fan

Dave E. (squash) — I've been watching you, I wanna get closer to that hot body of yours. Now that the season's over lets steam up my room instead of the courts.

- see ya 'round zilla

Kerry (softball) — Good luck this season. Have fun and work hard.

- Kelly (stats bud)

Dinos (#45, basketball) — You don't get much time but I love the way you look with that haircut and tight shorts.

-secret admirer

Stasia — I know you got a man, but what's your man got to do with me.

- volleyball fan

Brady (#2, lacrosse) — I love a man whose rough and tough, especially in bed.

- admirer

Gary (#22, basketball) — Hey G hope you get more PT so I can see your B.

## Lax vs. No. 1

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Lowe, who earned second-team all-American honors, at attack. "Lowe is our quarterback, who will run the show," Tierney said. In the opening win over Hopkins, sophomore Scott Conklin scored four goals in his first start.

The Tigers will take advantage of the trip to the Island as many of the players make their homes here. "Coming to Long Island with games at Stony Brook and Hofstra really helps our recruiting," Tierney said.

The Patriots are hoping to keep the margin minimal. "If we can stay close, it will be a moral victory," Espey said. "We have to hope they have an off-day."



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