

Whalen bans Party from Washington Park

By Alyse Krieger
STAFF WRITER

The future of Party in the Park is in question as Student Association, Off-Campus Association (OCA) and Albany city officials argue over conflicts that have resulted from the event.

Party in the Park, which has been sponsored for the past eight years by the OCA, is an open party held in Washington Park, with live bands, food, beer, and dancing.

Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen said in a letter to OCA President David Salem last month, the event "was not in keeping with the good neighborliness we (the city) expect from the University students."

The letter further said "We do not believe that Washington Park represents a viable place for you to have future event."

There is also further conflict over a \$1,200 cleanup bill from



Local bands are among the entertainers at Washington Park every spring. the city, officials said.

According to Dick Barrett, commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the city of Albany, the agreement made between his department and OCA was "the concert will be held from 12-5 p.m.; that after five the OCA members will clean up the park; that the expected crowd will be

around 700 people; and that members of OCA have never and will never serve alcohol."

"There was 4-5000 people in attendance, the event did not end until 8 p.m., and there was an excessive amount of alcohol and trash," Barrett said in a telephone interview.

Salem explained that the concert

started and ended late due to the bad weather. He also said OCA did not serve alcohol, only free soda, and OCA obtained an open container permit.

"It was known that Party in the Park was strictly a bring your own," as far as alcohol is concerned, Salem said.

The city's main concern is

OCA's refusal to pay their bill for cleanup services.

According to Barrett, the bill "is reasonable and more than fair and it should be paid."

However, Salem said that there were 10-12 people there cleaning up when Jim Mabo, the Washington Park foreman, told him not to "worry about cleaning up" and that Mabo had "50 guys coming in the next day" to clean.

Salem said he made no mention they would be billed for the labor.

Barrett said he had to transfer two crews with equipment from another park for the cleanup who worked with Washington Park personnel approximately five hours. The bill covered workers' hourly rate but did not include a rental fee for the equipment.

Barrett further explained that Mabo's reasoning for dismissing OCA's cleanup crew was due to risk factors.

"The combination of darkness

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Regan faults Binghamton Says state funds were improperly spent

(AP) The State University of New York at Binghamton kept private checking accounts that paid for recruiting professors, parties and buying flowers for workers, Comptroller Edward Regan said

In an audit, Regan praised SUNY's central administration for quickly moving to close many other private accounts spread throughout the system, but said Binghamton's fiscal officers stubbornly resisted calls for improvement.

SUNY Binghamton officials denied they misused state funds.

"It is our opinion at SUNY Binghamton that we are in compliance with the guidelines," said "Geraldine MacDonald, acting vice president for administration at the school. "It is not unusual for the comptroller to have a difference of opinion. We don't agree with him."

A prior audit found that in 1986 the nation's largest university system had 1,055 of the so-called agency accounts that improperly processed about \$17 million in state money. These private checking and savings accounts circumvented traditional state controls over spending, said Regan spokesman Robert Hinckley.

Regan advised SUNY officials to get rid of the accounts and, for the most part, auditors found they had, Hinckley said.

But at Binghamton, 162 of 199 accounts that had

been reported closed or transferred to other accounts were in fact still open during a 1988 review, Regan said. At Binghamton, which had more of these \$557,247, he said.

Binghamton officials spent more than \$2,500 to recruit new faculty members, Regan said.

"Recruiting expenditures are in violation of the state finance law, which permits such expenditures only in cases where there is a shortage of qualified candidates in New York state," Regan said.

"Binghamton officials did not demonstrate that such a candidate shortage existed before paying the recruiting expenses."

MacDonald said to get a top-caliber faculty, Binghamton has to recruit across the country and the world. The need to go outside of New York state is implicit in the desire for the best faculty, she said.

Of the 162 accounts Regan said were still open, MacDonald said 117 were actually closed and the rest are taking no income.

Binghamton also spent \$900 in state money for an alumni reception in New York City, \$330 for a faculty Christmas party and \$215 on flowers for employees, auditors found.

But auditors warned administrators to keep a close eye on the situation. At the Buffalo campus, for example, there were 23 new agency accounts opened that didn't meet state specifications, the audit said.

SUNY administrators said they disagreed with Regan that all of the so-called agency accounts are a bad way to do business. In some cases, such as with student activity fees or student orientation programs, things are better handled through separate accounts, SUNY said in a prepared statement.

The audit comes as the state Legislature was still considering a proposed deal to balance the university system's budget without a \$200 tuition increase. SUNY officials have come under fire frequently from Gov. Mario Cuomo in recent years for their handling of fiscal affairs.

State plan will avert SUNY cuts, layoffs

By Laurie Kellman
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

There has been no progress on the restoration of \$28 million in funding to the State and City Universities despite an agreement made earlier this year by SUNY Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone, City University of New York Chancellor Joseph Murphy, and Gov. Mario Cuomo.

The State and City Universities have been grappling with budget problems since last January when Gov. Mario Cuomo included a \$47 million cut to the system.

The Legislature responded by proposing a \$200-per-student tuition increase. Cuomo quickly vetoed it, and said education had to be kept affordable, and money could be made up by better management.

But University officials said there was nothing left to cut, and the loss of money will result in a reduction of classes and faculty.

Finally, after months of student protests and intense lobbying efforts, a compromise was reached in May involving a "cleanup bill", to be acted on by the Legislature, which will result in the better management called for by Cuomo.

In return, the \$28 million would be restored by bonding

money, removing appropriations to the Tuition Assistance Program, intended to cover the tuition increase, and pulling money from a SUNY reserve fund.

The only hike students will see next year is an increased parking fee. As a provision of Cuomo's bill, students may be paying as much as \$50 to \$60 a semester for parking.

There has been little movement lately on funding, according to SUNY Central Spokesman Harry Charlton. He said the next move is the Legislature's.

"We expect that the issue will be settled by June 30," he said.

Last week, Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Mel Miller, D-Brooklyn, and Senate Majority leader Ralph Marino, R-Syosset, included the bill on their end-of-session agenda.

Many legislators have predicted a timely end of session, unlike recent years. If that happens, SUNY may have its new budget in place by the fall, Charlton said.

After the cleanup bill has been passed, the rest will be up to SUNY and CUNY management, according to budget division spokeswoman Anne McCartinDoyle.

"The Legislature will be enacting the technical changes necessary," she said. "What's

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The rain Mother nature so graciously sent us will soon come to an end. Expect the summer to be a hot one, complete with heat waves and temps in the 90's.

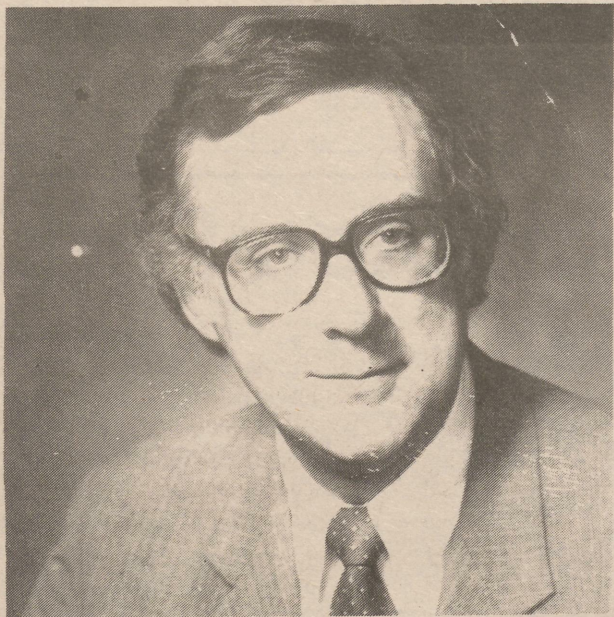
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SUNYA: A year of activism amid controversy



A state budget deficit of nearly \$3 billion prompted Gov. Mario Cuomo (right) to cut SUNY's budget by \$47 million. SUNY Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone (left) said the cut would "decimate" the university, and bristled at Cuomo's criticism of the financial management of the 64-campus system. A public feud between the two men seemingly ended with Johnstone agreeing to appoint a management

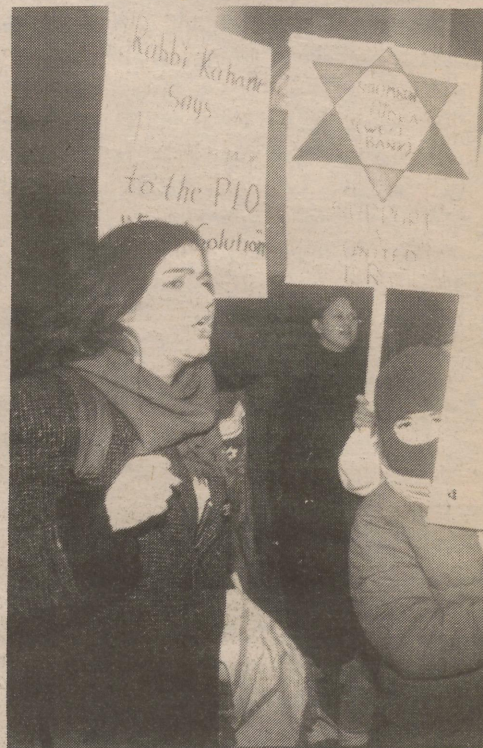


advisory panel to suggest ways SUNY could save money. Meanwhile, the state legislature proposed restoring much of the funding by raising tuition \$200, provoking demonstrations by students at campuses across the state. At SUNYA, hundreds of students took over the library (right) at the uptown campus in an all-night sit-in. Student leaders eventually claimed victory when Cuomo announced that a plan to fund SUNY with no layoffs or cutbacks had been approved.



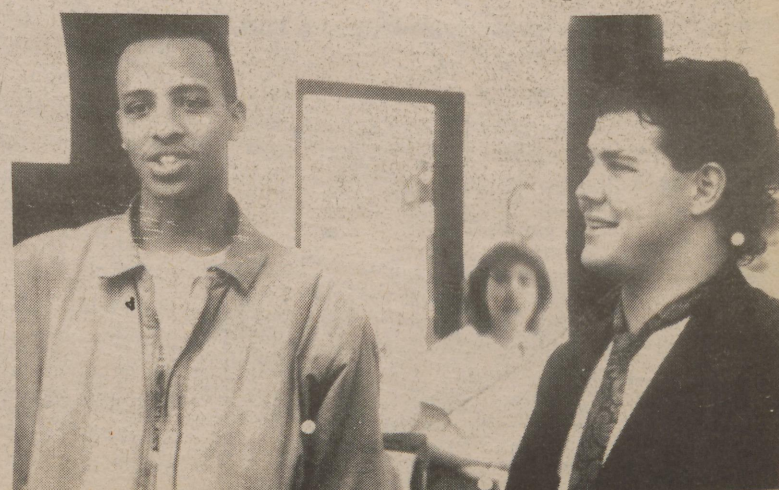
The public safety Department made some enemies when it issued a stern warning to automobile owners at SUNYA: park where you're told or your car will be towed. Hundreds of cars were hauled away from special permit and

Controversial personalities appearing on campus gave rise to debates over freedom of expression and sent yet more demonstrators out in the cold with placards and slogans (right). Appearances made by Morton Downey Jr. (left), former Black Panther Kwame Ture and Jewish Defense League founder Meir Kahane, among others, stirred emotions, and occasionally flared tempers.



faculty/staff areas; their owners were slapped with a fine and a towing charge (left).

Political infighting wracked the Student Association for much of the spring. In April, the student body picked its leadership for 1989-90. SA vice-president Fermin Espinosa and president Andy DiPalma (in T-shirt and tie) are pictured being sworn in (right).



Students ignore seriousness of fire safety

By Greg Shaub
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After a year that saw an increased number of false fire alarms, SUNYA administrators and fire officials are concerned that the seriousness of fire safety is in jeopardy.

Dennis Stevens, vice president for the Physical Plant, said false alarms in dorms are on the rise. In 1986-87 there were 169 alarms, in 1987-88 there were 229, and in 1988-89 there have been 289.

Alice Corbin from the Department of Student Affairs cited the inherent danger

of false alarms. The risk, she said, is that people become "immune and insensitive to alarms."

If students don't react to alarms and one day the alarm is real, a student will get killed, she said.

"Students are led to believe it's no big deal, and they don't evacuate during a real fire," said Associate Director of Residential Life Geneva Walker-Johnson.

Johnson said during an alarm, resident assistants go knocking door to door to evacuate students, but they do not unlock

doors to check for the presence of residents. The RA's then go outside to interact with officials. Those not responding to alarms are in jeopardy of facing punitive measures she said.

Anyone found guilty of pulling a false alarm faces severe reprisal.

SUNYA Public Safety Investigator Doug Kern said such an act is a misdemeanor, punishable by a year in jail and a substantial fine with the discretion of the courts.

Corbin said that sanctions against the guilty party could include suspension from the university. She said the university suspended three people for pulling false fire alarms during the spring semester.

A false alarm puller also faces dismissal from the residence halls, said Geneva Walker-Johnson, assistant director of Residential Life.

If anyone is killed as the result of a false fire alarm, by collision with fire trucks or any other means, the person who pulled the alarm can be prosecuted for murder, said Chief Larson of the Albany City Fire Department.

Officials further perceive false fire alarms as a threat to SUNYA's relationship with the fire department and the community.

"It strains our relationship," said Stevens, whose department first receives the fire alarm and then relays it to the fire house, "but we still have an excellent relationship."

Stevens praised the Albany City Fire Department for their effort in responding to fire alarms.

"They have been excellent," he said.

He further expressed regret for an accident when a firetruck overturned on the way to a false alarm at SUNYA last month. Stevens said he planned to use a

photograph of the incident at freshman orientation to convey the gravity of false alarms.

Larson said he fears his staff is developing the mentality of not wanting to respond to what several people termed "wolf calls." But Larson said that would not affect the responsibility of the department and they will respond.

Larson said he will work with the university to combat the increase in fire alarms over the past few years.

"It strains what should be a very good relationship," Larson said.

He said he believes there is a small percentage of people responsible for the elevated number of false alarms but will always expect a certain number of them.

Larson said he also sees a certain irony in the fact his department provides both fire and medical personnel to students to insure their safety and must needlessly risk their own lives as the result of some "idiot pulling a false alarm."

"As a rule, the quads that we have the most difficulty with have been Indian and Colonial," Stevens said. "But the others are not lily white."

Stevens said because of the elevated number of alarms during the last days of the spring semester, his department verified the authenticity of alarms before notifying the fire department, but has returned to normal procedures.

Johnson is calling on students to assist in combating what she termed a potentially disastrous situation.

She said students need to speak up and report information they have rather than remaining silent and then complaining about the alarms.

Fieldhouse construction labor unions infuriated

By Morgan Lyle
NEWS EDITOR

Area labor unions are angry that their members are not being employed in the construction of the new 4,800-seat fieldhouse at the uptown campus.

The dispute led to violence last week, when two non-union workers were roughed up at the site, forcing a state Supreme Court order limiting the number a union's picketers at the fieldhouse construction to 20.

State Supreme Court Justice Lawrence E. Kahn has ordered the picket limit for Ironworkers Local 12 in the wake of the incident last Monday that sent one worker to the hospital.

During a demonstration by several trade unions at the Fuller Road entrance to the site, Donald Miclette and Paul Welch, non-union employees of excavating firm Kingsley Arms, were reportedly pulled from their pickup truck and beaten.

Demonstrators and union officials have said the two men deliberately drove into the crowd, a charge Miclette and Welch have denied.

Miclette was treated for facial injuries at Albany Medical Center and released.

Representatives of some demonstrating unions have said no Ironworkers were involved in the fracas.

Also shut out from employment at the project are Teamsters local 294 and Operating Engineers Local 106.

The court case came as a result of an on-going dispute between the Ironworkers and U. W. Marx, the Troy firm which is the general contractor for the job, said a manager for Marx.

Manager David Morse and Charles Thompson of the State University

Construction Fund, a public benefit corporation which oversees SUNY construction projects, also said tires of 15 workers' vehicles were vandalized recently.

U. W. Marx subcontracted the excavation, iron work and concrete reinforcing on the project to firms that do not employ union workers. However, Morse maintained that his company is a union contractor, regularly hiring union carpenters, laborers, and masons.

He said that Marx would have been willing to employ union ironworkers if a union firm had been able to match the low bid for the work submitted by Burt Crane and Rigging of Vermont.

Morse also said that pay scales for union workers did not affect the choice of subcontractors because state law mandates non-union workers should get the same pay.

But two Operating Engineers Union picketers, who did not wish to be identified, complained the wages non-union workers were earning had been set through the efforts of unions.

Les Jones, business manager of the Operating Engineers, called the hiring of non-union workers "unethical" and said Marx is "trying to drive a wedge between the basic crafts."

Morse said he supports union workers' right to picket, and called Ironworkers' business manager Fred English "an honorable and decent man" who is "doing what he is paid to do."

He also said that despite bad weather, work on the project is two to three weeks ahead of schedule. Thompson said the University Construction Fund is "very satisfied" with the progress.

May false alarm causes pumper to roll, injuring men

By Greg Shaub
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A fire truck flipped injuring three fire fighters while responding to a false fire alarm May 16, the day before final exams ended.

The fire fighters narrowly escaped death when their 13-ton "pumper" traveling east on Washington Ave. approaching Fuller Rd. skidded, and rolled over into a ditch, according to SUNYA Public Safety Investigator Doug Kern.

The two firefighters riding to the false alarm on the back of the truck were thrown from the truck and sustained minor injuries.

The driver, Harry Duncan, was pinned in the cab and thought to be seriously injured, Albany City Fire Department Chief Larson said.

Paramedics later freed Duncan from the cab who suffered a back injury and a severe laceration. He is still on sick leave, Larson said.

The roll-over totaled the pumper, which will be replaced at a cost of \$186,000, Larson said.

Public Safety officials received the report of the fire alarm at 6:14 p.m. and dispatched units to Tuscarora Hall on Indian Quad to await the arrival of fire trucks, Kern said.

"We monitor the Albany Fire Department's frequency," Kern said, "And we heard a fireman say, 'we flipped over.' We rushed over to see if we could help, and once paramedics pulled the guy out, we turned our attention to finding out who pulled it."

Officials have yet to apprehend anyone in connection with the false alarm, despite posters around the campus.

The day following the accident, a \$3,000 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who pulled the alarm.

Kern said he received several leads but everyone questioned had a legitimate alibi. The \$3,000 reward still stands for the incident, and a \$1,000 reward is offered for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone who pulls any other false alarm.

"It's a wonder we don't have three dead men," said assistant chief Paul LaJoy. "Somebody could very well be killed responding to false alarms. It's a wonder someone didn't get killed rolling into a car or kids."

LaJoy attributed the outcome of the accident as "pure luck."

Larson referred to those responsible for false alarms as "immature children who don't think about the consequences." He said that such people don't care because it doesn't affect them in the long run.

"One firefighter was within one foot of being crushed," Larson said. The danger occurs "every time a truck rolls out the door," he said.

The 13-ton pumper and a 27-ton ladder truck, which respond to the alarms at the university, create a great danger travelling on the congested streets of Albany. "If we hit somebody, it's their lives. People have to stop to think: what if it were my girlfriend, best friend or roommate," Larson said.



The SUNYA fieldhouse is under construction and will be completed in 1991.

FILE

SUNYA seeks to improve frosh orientation

By Sandie Weitzman
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This fall's incoming freshman class will be the first group to be a part of the university's upgraded orientation program.

In the past, the only "orientation" opportunity freshmen had was the two-day Summer Planning Conference (SPC), which was primarily filled with course advisement, registration, and a campus tour.

The orientation office will attempt to diversify their introduction to campus life by introducing a five-day extended program which will include an emphasis on adjustment to university life.

According to Undergraduate Orientation Director Mary Schimley, SPC will only be the beginning of the new multistep orientation process, which is still being updated and organized.

Each of the approximately 2,000 freshmen will receive two books: "Something Out There," by South African author Nadine Gardiner, and "Rachel and Her Children," a book about America's homeless focusing on its children by Jonathan Kozol.

The discussion of these two books will be part of the new "Fall Orientation for Freshmen," a five day orientation program that occurs Sept. 1-5.

The program will begin with a separate check-in for the freshmen, two

days ahead of upperclassmen.

The traditional freshmen convocation and candlelight ceremony will also take place before upperclassmen arrive to campus.

Schimley said orientation will be broken into five distinct sections, each with different goals.

There will be a continuation of the book study when freshmen will meet with a residential assistant and a faculty member

to discuss the book and an all freshmen assembly where Kozol will speak about his book.

Also planned are Residential Life seminars discussing topics from how to build positive relationships to solving roommate disputes to study skills. Also of main concern will be fire safety, a result of the problems encountered this past year with false fire alarms, Schimley said.

She said personal development seminars

will also be of great importance along with topics such as time management and dealing with separation from home.

Budgeting money will also be discussed. These sessions will also include health related topics and an explanation of resources to help with harassment and Affirmative Action resources, Schimley said.

The other two sections will be academic departments, where freshmen will be able to talk to department representatives and Academic Support Services, where the students will be informed of such outlets as the Writing and Computing Centers and tutorial services that are at their disposal.

The orientation will end with the new student picnic on Sept. 5.

Schimley said that the orientation office is trying to plan an orientation of the city of Albany for all new students on Sept. 9, when some streets may be closed off for games and vendors. She added that the plans are not finalized yet.

New also to the orientation program is a parallel five-day program for commuter students and will deal with topics such as "how do relations (with parents) change now that I'm in college," said Schimley.

All new students will also be involved in the newly organized Link program, the final part of the orientation process. Each student will be paired with upperclassmen for the first four to six weeks to help facilitate their adjustment to the university.

'Link' shows newcomers the ropes

By Alyse Krieger
STAFF WRITER

"What is the bursar?" "I pay my taxes; why do I need a tax sticker?" "Podiate? Is that an underground club or a ritual?" Such questions may barrage the incoming student at SUNYA, but now the orientation office is making an attempt to answer these questions right from the start.

Coming to the complex and perplexing world of a large university can be a scary experience for many incoming students, so the orientation office has created the "Link" program to help them assimilate to campus life.

Dubbed the Link Program because it links incoming students with upperclassmen volunteers, the project resembles a buddy system. Each volunteer will be linked with three to five students based on their campus

residence.

Information about the program will be provided during summer orientation, said Ellen Van Scott, co-coordinator for Link. She said any one interested should notify their orientation assistant or contact the orientation office in Campus Center 110 if they would like to get involved.

Applications for volunteers were accepted during the spring semester. Approximately 175 students were accepted into the program, Van Scott said.

Participating incoming students will be contacted in early August by their paired volunteer, who will be writing to them during the summer.

These volunteers will "give the incoming student the benefit of knowing someone who knows something," Van Scott said.

SASU lobbies Senate on voting rights bill

By Morgan Lyle
NEWS EDITOR

Student leaders are pressing state lawmakers to pass a bill allowing students to vote in communities where they attend school, but the state's republican-controlled Senate is seen as a major obstacle.

The Student Association of the State University (SASU), a SUNY-wide advocacy and activism group, considers getting the bill passed "top priority," said Judy Krebs, the new SASU president.

The bill was introduced in the Senate and Assembly by Gov. Mario Cuomo. It passed the

Assembly last week and is now in the Senate's Elections Committee. The bill was passed by the Assembly last year, but died in the Senate when the legislature's annual session closed.

This year, SASU plans to lobby the Senate in hopes of at least getting the bill to the floor for debate before this year's session ends, most likely at the end of the month.

The current election law gives county board of elections the choice of allowing or denying students the right to vote in their college communities. Some counties, including Albany, let

students vote in the local elections, but others require prospective student voters to meet different standards than local residents, according to SASU.

The proposed bill requires counties to apply equal standards to anyone wishing to register to vote.

Krebs said lawmakers opposed to the bill fear small communities would surrender control of their politics to a transitory population of students.

But she contends that denying students a local vote amounts to "taxation without representation," because students pay local taxes.

She also said that the federal government considers students residents of college towns in census counts, which impacts the community by determining aid to localities and the number of state and federal representatives they have.

Krebs also dismissed the idea students are a transitory population, saying the average American family tends to move every four years. In addition, making students vote by absentee ballot in elections back home forces them to choose between candidates and issues with which they are unfamiliar, she said.

Sen. Joseph Bruno (R-

Brunswick), Election Committee chairman said he supports the bill's concept but not its language.

"We have been supportive of allowing college students to vote in the areas that they reside (while in school)," Bruno said, but he finds the language of the version that passed the Assembly "too broad".

Some student leaders have suggested that Republican senators see the college population at large as being more sympathetic to Democratic or liberal causes than to Republican or conservative ones.

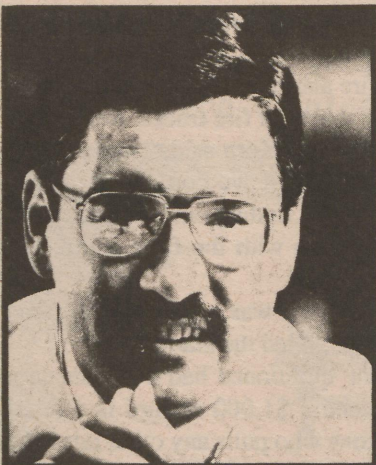
But a spokesman for Sen. Ralph Marino (R-Syosset), the leader of the state Senate, said politics are not a part of the opposition to the bill.

"I don't see that as a concern," said Marino's spokesman Bill Stevens. "The concern has always been...that in some cases, and in some areas, the legislation might be an undue influence on local offices. I think that basically most of the senators, especially from upstate areas, are very sensitive to local government concerns.

"There isn't any real reason to anticipate that a student is going to be more democrat or more republican," Stevens said.

Krebs said that while SASU hopes to push the bill through before this session ends, contingency plans to help it pass next year are being made.

"It would be irresponsible for us not to think about next year," she said.



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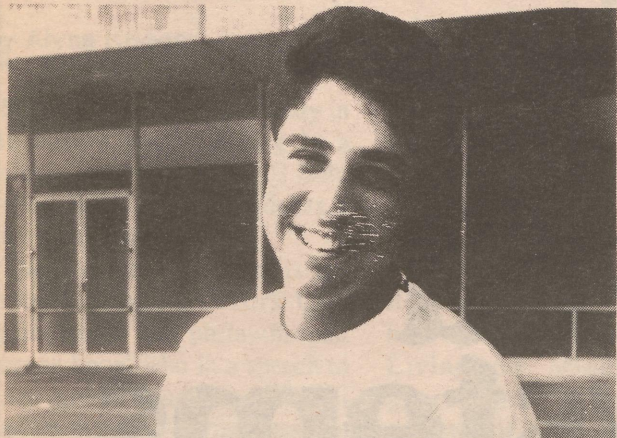
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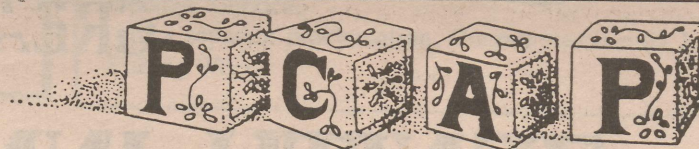
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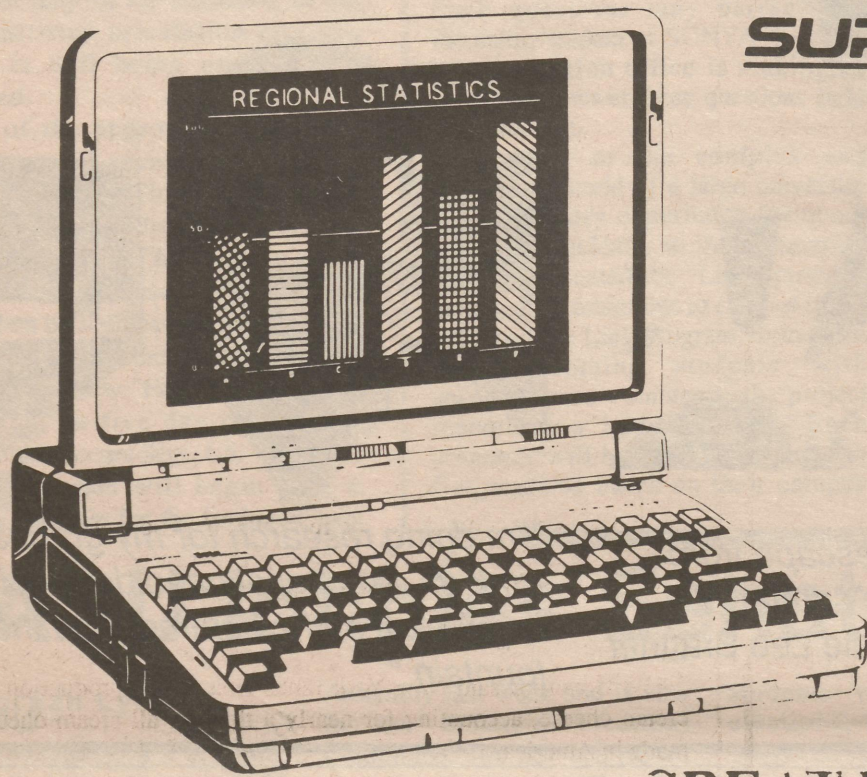
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SUNYA to help 'Dreamers'

By Alyse Krieger
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SUNYA is the first university in the nation participating in a unique program that will help ensure high school students a college education.

The dreamers program is the brainchild of New York City businessman and philanthropist Eugene Lang, who in a speech to sixth-grade students in East Harlem threw away his notes and told them if they graduated, he would pay for their education.

SUNYA, through the support of the School of Education, is offering the facilities and the resources, according to Dean of the School of Education Robert Koff.

Since 1981, the "I Have a Dream Program" has blossomed nationwide.

The program provides the students with extra attention from a designated faculty member, as well as more activities outside the classroom. The dreamers program attempts to get the parents more involved.

In Albany, local businessman Richard Yulman and his wife have sponsored 96 students at the Livingston Middle school, guaranteeing them a college education if they graduate.

The Yulmans will invest in excess of \$600,000 in the project.

"The Albany dreamers program enables the School of Education to monitor the dreamers' progress through more than six years of enriched education and four years of college," Koff said.

The School of Education commenced an extensive ten-year

study of the program and will monitor student's performance and track the services that the students receive, Koff said.

SUNYA is offering classrooms, gymnasiums, computer facilities as well as offices set up in Page Hall for administrative needs.

According to a report written by Koff, basic skills tests have been compared from a similar program in Iowa with the national average of test scores.

"No definite conclusions have been made yet... the answers should become clearer in the next few years," the report said.

Of the original 61 students that Lang sponsored, 54 are still in the program, only one has not graduated from high school and more than 36 are enrolled in college.

DIGESTS

Group Fair Day planned

Students will have a chance to meet the members of many of the dozens of groups, associations and clubs under the Student Association umbrella at Group Fair Day in September.

Some fifty tables near the small fountain will be manned by representatives of the groups, giving them a chance to recruit members and giving students the opportunity to explore the activities available to them, said SA Co-Programming Director Dan Peltz.

Peltz said presidents or treasurers of groups interested in participating should contact the SA programming office early in September.

Group Fair Day will take place on Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Advisory panel chief chosen

The head of a new advisory panel, charged with helping SUNY run more efficiently, has been named.

John C. Bierwirth, a retired chief executive of the Grumman Corporation, will chair the nine member Management Advisory Panel, the University announced.

"Mr. Bierwirth is a most distinguished representative of the private sector," said SUNY Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone in a prepared statement. "SUNY stands only to gain from his recent and extensive top management experience capping a 40-year career in business. We are very fortunate to have him." No other members of the panel have yet been named.

Johnstone agreed to create the panel at the urging of Gov. Mario Cuomo, who has asked SUNY to reduce its need for tax dollars by operating more efficiently.

Cuomo: NY 'cream' of crop

Gov. Mario Cuomo, noting that the state ranks among the top three in the nation in the production of dairy products, proclaimed June Dairy Month.

"At the heart of New York State agriculture since colonial times, the dairy industry continues its respected tradition of producing healthful and delicious milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream and other dairy products. It is fitting that we honor those New Yorkers in the Empire State's great dairy industry," Cuomo said in a prepared statement.

The Governor said New York ranks first in the production of cream cheese, accounting for nearly a third of all cream cheese made in America.

In a separate proclamation, Cuomo proclaimed June 5-11 as Fishing Week.

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A NIGHTMARE STARRING GILBERT

Don't worry — you can admit it, because he's not around, and he can't hear you. You've had that recurring nightmare where you're sitting next to comedian Gilbert Gottfried. He's rambling on and on in his throaty voice about Nostradamus' ancient predictions that Scott Baio would eventually get his own sitcom, eyes squinting, and shoulders hunched.

Peter LaMassa

You reach for the in-flight magazine, in an attempt to ward him off, and suddenly wake up in your safe bed, sweating grateful that it was all a cruel dream.

You can rest assured that this particular dream will never come true, because the real off-stage Gilbert has a baritone voice that sounds more like a mouthwash pitchman's, and, if you can tell these things by virtue of a telephone conversation, I'd bet his eyes are wide open.

"I put stamps on butterflies and then take a bag of coins and smash the butterflies..."

--Gilbert Gottfried

His perspective on life, however, and the things that come out of his mouth are vintage Gilbert. For instance, he claims his hobbies are collecting stamps, butterflies and coins: "I put stamps on butterflies and then take a bag of coins and smash the butterflies. I get all the hobbies out of the way like that."

(Rimshot) Seriously folks, Gilbert's comedy career has been on a steady keel over the last few years, bouyed by his frequent spots on "Late Night With David Letterman", his two cinemax specials, appearances on MTV and "The Cosby Show", and of course, the part as Sidney Bernstein, the accountant in "Beverly Hills Cop II" that Axel Foley (Eddie Murphy) has to bribe in order to gain access to a computer.

Gottfried has reported that he and Daryl Hannah fought it out for that

role, but Hannah's publicist would neither confirm nor deny that accusation. What is true is that much of Sidney's scene was improvised because originally, "it was very dry."

He has not heard from Murphy about recreating that character in Cop III, and is getting worried: "Now I will go over every conversation I had with Eddie, thinking I screwed up somewhere," he said with more than a dash of sarcasm.

Rolling Stone has called comedy the "Rock n' Roll of the 1990s." If Sam Kinnison was classified as heavy metal, and Steven Wright filed under soft rock, where would Gilbert place himself?

"Janis Joplin, because she is dead."

Well, before they die, the rocker in many comics forces them to do a comedy album. George Carlin and Bill Cosby, among many others, achieved success through this medium. Gilbert

However, will avoid this route, as material mass marketing can make an act become stale very quickly. "Besides," he added, "there is nothing more depressing in a record store than the comedy album bin, with the little orange stickers that say two for \$.50."

Gilbert claims that his comic abilities come from a combination of "bad environment" and "lack of good fiber in the diet. I don't pattern myself after anyone — I've always thought that "influence" is a nice way of saying "plagiarism". I did watch a lot of T.V. as a child, everything but "Perry Como: Christmas Live at Seaworld."

Ahead for Gilbert are some more appearances on MTV ("Certainly not the highest paying gig. You get good t-shirts and eventually you get to meet Bon Jovi") Some stand-up on "Letterman", and "hours in front of the T.V. trying to guess which husband is going to be on "Bewitched". In the meantime, he'll be appearing in a recurring nightmare near you. □

Williams seizes the day in film of free will

A Robin Williams movie in which he doesn't star, or even rely on his usual comic schtick. Believe it or not, though, "Dead Poet's Society", may stand as William's finest cinematic achievement.

Gil Kaminer

Instead, the stars in this movie are the students at a New England prep school during the 1950s, lead by Robert Sean Leonard, ostensibly heading for the Ivy League.

On the verge of adulthood and searching for answers to life's questions, what the students find is new English teacher John Keating (Williams). Keating, a graduate of the school, was also an alumni of the "Dead Poet's Society," a group of boys who sneak away at night to go to a cave and read poetry. Inspired by Keating's example, each of the boys search for their own individuality. Prompted partly by the encouragement of Keating, they are urged to "Seize the day." Keating is a proponent of free thought and action, and in one scene even takes his students out to the courtyard,

instructing them to walk around however they like.

Those lesson plans go against the grain of the restrictive program at the prep school. Of course, the headmaster is overly conservative, and Keating is considered a radical. Not only weren't the students supposed to think for themselves, but several times the audience is sent the very same message. While Neil, an aspiring actor disobeys his father's orders not to perform in a local theatrical performance, members of the audience on the screen compliment the performance, without giving us a chance to judge for ourselves.

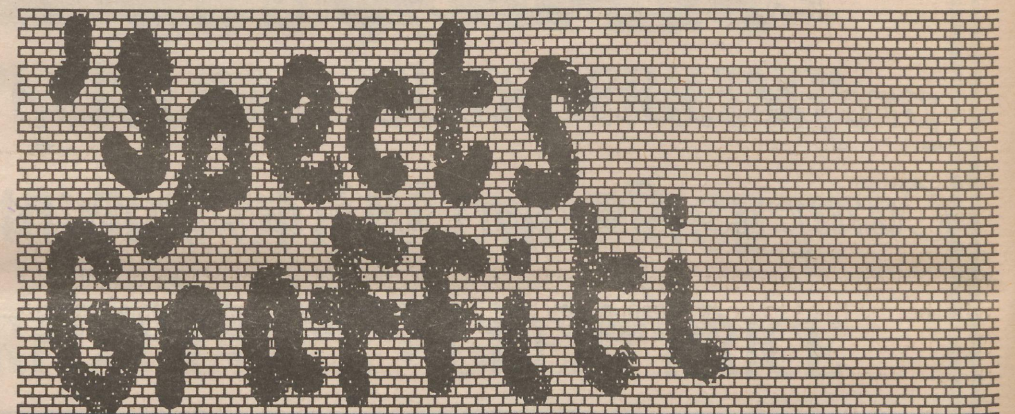
The film's shortcoming is a minor one. Williams is brilliant as the mentor to these troubled children, even though in this case, free thinking comes with a price and may lead to fulfillment and tragic consequences. □



Kudos to Peter LaMassa who won Remote Control on MTV this month

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BEST HYPE:

BATMAN.

(Holy overkill, Batman. And just in case you didn't already know, Batman the movie opens soon in a theatre near you.)

BEST SLEAZEBAG CAPITALIST:

AL GOLDSTEIN, PUBLISHER OF "SCREW" MAGAZINE, WHO

OBTAINED A COPY OF THE NOW INFAMOUS "ROB LOWE SEX TAPE" AND DUBBED IN HIS LUDE COMMENTS. HE IS, OF COURSE, SELLING THE TAPE.

(The tape has yet to be rated by The Motion Picture Association of America.)

BEST CAREER MOVE:

JACK WAGNER, WHO RETURNED TO "GENERAL HOSPITAL" AS FRISCO

AFTER FAILING IN THE MUSIC BIZ. (Michael Damien, whose fluke #1 hit remake of "Rock on" has given him second thoughts. "Spects Graffiti insiders tell us that Wagner has been advised to record a cover of "Help.")

BEST BODY BOUNCE:

THE AYATOLLAH KHOMENI, WHOSE FUNERAL PROCESSION WAS

INTERUPTED BY A HOLY BODY DRIBBLING CONTEST.

(Iranian fanatics are worshipping the ground that he fell on.)

BEST NEW ALBUM:

IMELDA MARCOS, WHO IS PUTTING OUT A RECORD.

("Spects Graffiti insiders report that the first single slated for release will be a cover of the Elvis classic, "Blue Suede Shoes.")

BEST BREAK-UP:

CHER AND THE BAGEL BOY HAVE FINALLY CALLED IT QUITS, ANNOUNCED BY CHER HERSELF ON STAGE BEFORE SHE PERFORMED HER HIT, "WE

ALL SLEEP ALONE."

(Her Jack LaLanne diet wouldn't allow for bagels.)

Inside Matthew Sweet's earthly delights

When Matthew Sweet started writing songs for "Earth," the follow-up to his major label debut "Inside," he sought to reach down and create a more individual sound.

Stef McDonald

"The focus is more — it's more 'me,'" said Sweet, by telephone from New York City prior to his engagement at the Ritz last month. "My goal is to transcend all sorts of labels."

That transcendence for Sweet includes diverting focus from where he came from and who he knows, back to himself. The buzz following the release of "Earth" earlier this year, however, was that Sweet had a lot of music biz admirers and that the record featured some interesting cameos.

"I'm always trying to work with people who 'get it,' that are not just doing the job," said Sweet. Those are small people in the music industry like Richard Lloyd, formerly of Television, and Kate Pierson of the B-52s among the crop.

"I thought, 'Great, I'm not using people that are well known. Then it got tagged as the record with alternative artists on it. But it's really a small group of people.'"

Another tag Sweet is warding off relates to the fact that he can trace his musical development by way of encouragement from a few pen pals who led him to Georgia. Regardless of whether he likes to be typecast as such (he doesn't), he's considered one of those Georgian musicians, following in the wake of R.E.M. and the B52's. Which in itself ain't so bad. Sweet's first post-card correspondence was, in fact, with R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe.

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Sweet found himself at 13 playing in college cover bands. Then in high school, at a club called "The Drum Stick" near his hometown — "a sort of mid-West outpost for indie bands" according to Sweet — he caught an R.E.M. show, met Michael Stipe and made his first pen-pal.

"We would write post-cards back and forth," he said. "It was before anybody



"I'm always trying to work with people who 'get it,' that are not just doing the job."

--Matthew Sweet

knew who they were and he put me in contact with Mitch Easter [one time R.E.M. producer]. The first person to recommend that I move to Georgia was Mitch."

Others had recommended the move as well. "I asked everyone where I should go to write original music and they all led me to Georgia. I didn't realize it was a 'hot bed' or that there was a scene. It had such a bandwagon effect — I try not to make a big thing out of it."

Nonetheless, the move was advantageous to Sweet's musical pursuits. There he released his first independent record (it had started as his demo), won himself a major label deal and played with Oh-OK and the Golden Palominos (where he met Lloyd, pen pal number two).

On "Earth," the "me" that Sweet says he focused on has a lot to say about love and relationships, where he sings a great deal about that magical force that makes the world go 'round. His approach is very direct — "I'm just like you/ I don't want to be alone," he sings on "When I Feel Again." Then: "Now we're talking big, honey — I miss you a lot." The songs, which Sweet originally recorded on his eight track and computer at home, do as Sweet intends, "fit together."

"I just knew how I wanted to record it — I also wanted it to be harder hitting guitar-wise, which I think it is," said Sweet.

The collection is of well-crafted pop songs that bring Sweet's sensitivity to the fore. And along with the romantic ideals, Sweet also expresses a rather

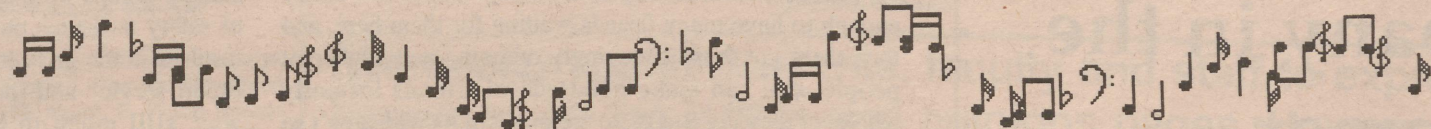
mature worldly insight, setting the tone for the rest of the record. "I'm in love with this small planet, any other way I just wouldn't have it."

The slick production of the record has led many to scoff at it as a too "commercial" effort. "The very good records," said Sweet, "are commercial and intrinsically good. A lot of people I listened to are now getting on real radio."

Although he himself has yet to break through on "real radio," Sweet still hopes to continue to write songs that, commercial or not, are "a lot deeper, in a root kind of playing way."

"When it's 'rah,' it will be more 'rah,' and when it's quiet, it will be more personal and quiet." □

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Soul Asylum Clamdip and Other Delights

"Is this just a paycheck I'm fighting for?" sings Soul Asylum's Dave Pirner on the country foot-stomping "P-9" from "Clam Dip and Other Delights."



"It may be, but his voice sounds a bit frustrated — and exhausted at that. His band is one that despite only marginal success and notoriety, won't give up. And they shouldn't."

"Clam Dip..." the remixed domestic version of the six song EP released overseas a few years back, is another whipping and whirling guitar bath of delights, from the thrashing devilish crunch of "Just Plain Evil," to the swirling spin cycle of "Chains." The band never lets up on energy, not even on the quirky "Artificial Heart."

As a treat to follow their major label debut "Hang Time," it serves as something to hold over those they've already won over with their sound. And for those simply intrigued by the cover — a parody of Herb Albert's "Whipped Cream and other Delights," — it's worth the inside joke.

--Stef McDonald

Tom Petty Full Moon Fever

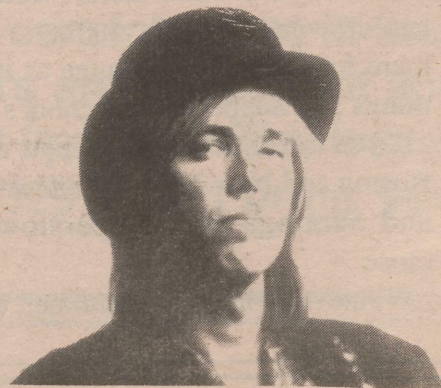
It would be hard to find an album that pulls on the same redundant heartstrings as much as Tom Petty's first solo outing "Full Moon Fever." — yet succeeds so consistently and enjoyably. Just as with the Traveling Wilburys, who, with the exception of Bob Dylan's barely veiled cynicism, regularly expound on pop music's most tired clichés with amazing success, Petty is an enthusiastic and masterful handler of those same worn pop traditions.

Petty, a member of the Wilbury's and on his first break from his band the Heartbreakers, hits just about every base on "Full Moon" — lost innocent love on "Free Fallin'," gutsy individualism on "Won't Back Down," singing along with the radio, driving fast and lost dreams on "Runnin'

Down a Dream," along with a nostalgic blast with his cover of the Byrd's "Feel A Whole Lot Better."

Just as much as you've heard those same themes before, Petty dusts them off like an old hot rod and takes them out for one more spin, and for a while, at least during the length of this record, you can drop your pretensions and hang-ups over music and enjoy the ride.

—Richard Crist



Students and their power

The protests for democracy in Beijing have rekindled an interest in a powerful force that has, in recent years, been dormant--student activism.

Although the voice of the Chinese students has not yet resulted in immediate reform in China, the impact of these protests will be felt, internationally, for years to come. The strength of the Chinese army may have been overwhelming, but the future of China lies in the hands of these same students.

It is tragic that the protests in Tiananmen Square led to the murders of thousands of students. The Chinese government's fear of the growing popularity of the democracy movement in China led to the massacre, and the student voice was crushed. However, student activism left its mark on China.

There haven't been the same sort of movements here in the United States, and many will argue that the activism that marked the 1960's and 70's is gone. To an extent, it is. However, students still have an important voice in our society, and with that voice comes responsibility. There are students who still fight if they feel their rights are violated. One of SUNYA's biggest demonstrations in years occurred in April, when it appeared that tuition would be raised or funds to the State University would be severely raised. The students here, and at schools all over the state, joined together to protest the government's abuse of the State University system. In the end, the students succeeded, and the State University's budget was salvaged without a tuition hike.

Victories like these are testimony to the power students have. It certainly isn't as radical as it was decades ago, but activism still exists, and is still effective.

Whether it is in China, or in the United States, students should never lose sight of the fact that they do have a voice in the world around them. Those that died in China for expressing that voice will always be remembered.

Albany in the summer

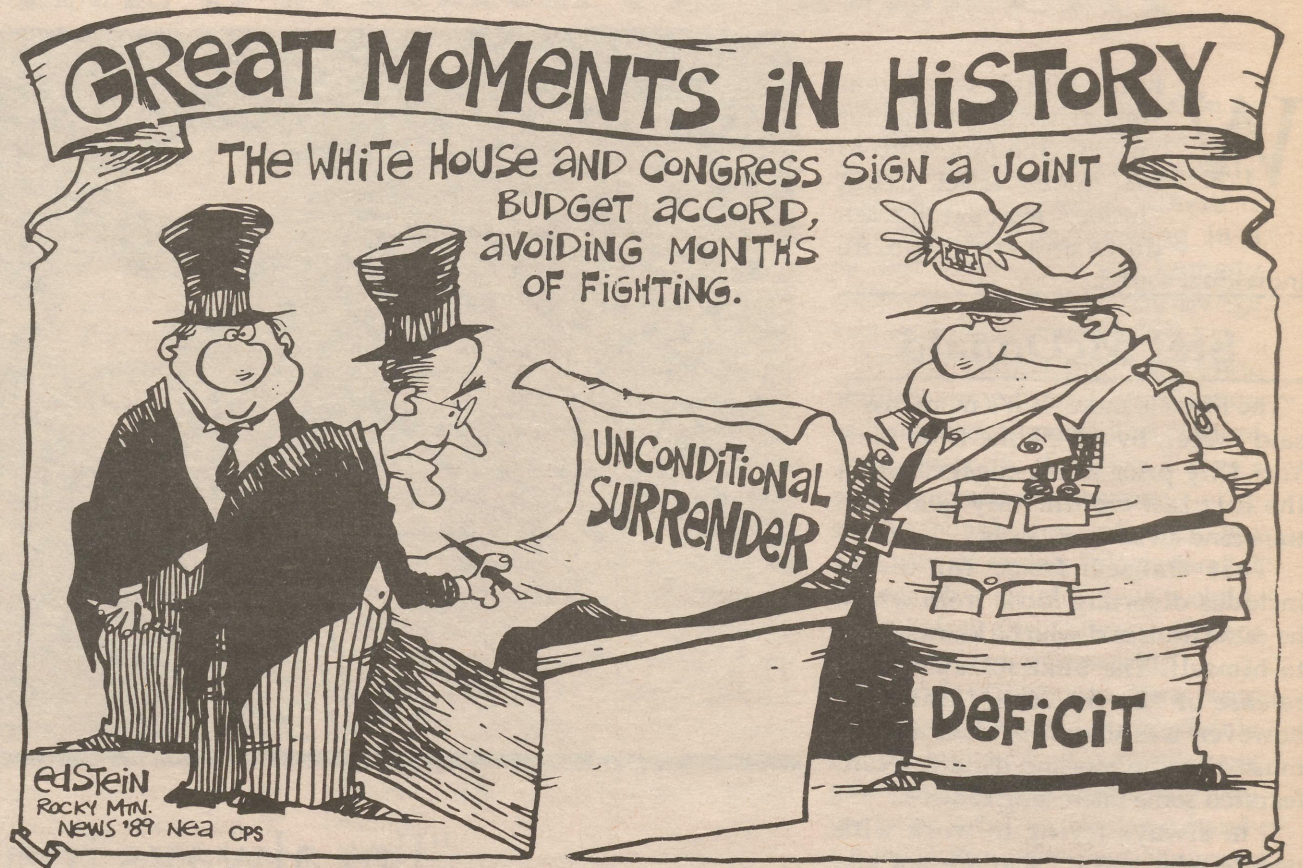
A lot of people know what to do for recreation during the school year, but is there life in Albany during the summer?

Yes, there still is plenty to do during the summer. If you like relaxation (and who doesn't?) there's the good old podium, and parks such as Washington Park and Lincoln Park.

The malls are still there, although a little less crowded. Movies, the bars, etc. are still there for the asking. Strange as it may seem, things still happen when school's out?

If you travel, some great spots are close by. Boston and New York are a few hours away, and Saratoga and Cooperstown are very close.

Whatever you do this summer, enjoy!



COLUMN

Welcome to SUNY Albany

My memories of my first semester at SUNYA aren't exactly what I would call fond ones. I remember wandering around the campus alone everyday, feeling that I was the only person who didn't seem to fit in with the mobs on the podium. Many times I was too scared and embarrassed to go down to dinner alone, so I just wouldn't eat at all. I would sit in my new dorm room every night, listening to the laughter outside and wishing I could be a part of it. And there were many hysterical phone calls home when I would tearfully inform my parents of my situation: "I hate it here, I hate you for making me go here and if you don't take me home right now, I'm going to take that blank check you gave me for textbooks and go on a little shopping spree..."

Ingrid Muller

This, of course, did nothing for me except convince my parents to stop giving me blank checks. But I'm making light of a situation that many new students may find to be a little demoralizing and lonely. Some are lucky enough to have many friends waiting for them here, and then there are those annoyingly outgoing and exuberant people who can make hundreds of friends instantly wherever they go. But there are many of us who aren't so lucky, and in this case your first semester here may be a little difficult, at first.

"A period of adjustment," your all-knowing orientation assistant calls it—yes its an overused and bland phrase, but adjustment is basically what your first semester is all about. After you've been separated from your friends and family, uprooted from familiar surroundings, only to be dumped in the middle of a concrete nightmare, you are apt to feel a little out of place and lonely. The concrete nightmare, unfortunately, will always be here, but the loneliness doesn't have to be.

GET INVOLVED. This has to be enunciated a bit because people like me tend to dismiss that particular piece of advice, for some reason. But it is definitely the key to meeting new people, developing new interests, and filling up some previously empty hours. There are many, many organizations, activities, clubs, and interest groups at this university—many more than I can possibly list and probably several more that I haven't heard of yet. There is, in all seriousness, something for everyone here, but it is necessary that one gets off one's butt and

looks for them.

When you are walking around the podium on the first few days of classes, you'll notice that seemingly every available column and wall is covered with advertisements and notices about interest meetings for everything from fraternities and sororities to Fuerza Latina, Korean Student Association, the Judo Club and the Young Communist League. If anything looks even vaguely interesting, or even a little weird, you may want to write down the meeting times, and then just go—there's no reason not to, and you just may find a new interest; you may become completely enthralled with the idea of writing for the school newspaper, or you may become totally infatuated with that amazing specimen sitting two rows down from you at the interest meeting. All you need is a little incentive.

It has also become quite the fad at SUNYA to voice one's opinion, loudly—which in my opinion, is the most useful and productive fad I've seen here so far. Many student groups were actively protesting the inadequacies of safety measures on campus this past year, which has resulted in the growth of the existing Don't Walk Alone escort service and increased lighting. There is, by the way, still much to be done in that area. Governor Cuomo's proposed budget cuts on the SUNY system are also sparked some very lively and productive rallies at the Capitol. Bus loads of students trekked down to Washington for the March supporting (and protesting) abortion rights.

So there are just an incredible mass of opportunities for all of us here, it's just a matter of recognizing that they're there, and making at least a meek attempt to get involved in them.

There are also 16,000 students here, which means that whatever your interests, beliefs, and personality, there are many, many people here who have common interests, beliefs, and personalities. And these organizations and clubs are the best places to meet them. When I finally overcame my insecurities and joined an organization, I found myself with a great group of people to hang out with, talk with and work with, and they have made my years here more than worthwhile.

Welcome to SUNYA.

The writer is the Editorial Pages Editor of the Albany Student Press.

Frustrating policy

To the Editor:

Registration is a hectic time for all students, but for students who will be seniors next semester, registration is particularly frustrating.

Due to a new university policy, seniors are not allowed to register for any 100-level courses until the registration period is over. Students must put their names on waiting lists and hope that they will get into that particular class. This, I believe, is a very unfair restriction to be placed on seniors. Most seniors need to complete their general education and writing-intensive course requirements, and many count on their last years in college to complete these requirements in order to graduate. Many seniors look forward to the last year of college so that they can take electives that they always wanted to take but couldn't--because they needed to fulfill their requirements for their major and minor concentrations before taking classes that didn't pertain to their majors or

minors.

The class of 1990 and subsequent classes are therefore penalized because of this unfair policy. The new university policy should apply to the class of incoming freshmen next fall; this way, they would be able to take all the 100-level courses they wanted instead of worrying that they might not be able to graduate (like the class of 1990), because they are restricted from taking a particular 100-level course.

It's too late to change this policy. The students who will graduate in 1990 will just have to grin and bear it. There's one thing that I have to say, I am not looking forward to registration.

-- Donna Bevacqua

Right to life

To the Editor:

Thank you for your excellent coverage of the pro-life rally. Your reporter, staff writer Tim Devane, produced a good article.

There were several statements made by the students for choice which should be noted as uninformed statements.

First, the pro-life people were from all spectra of society: infants, teens, young men and women, to name a few.

The best recent example of changing the course of the nation was the black civil rights movement in the late fifties and early sixties, under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While some radical groups may incite violence, members of the local pro-life groups are opposed to all types of violent deeds.

Had not Susan B. Anthony's street-level activist movement been overt in its demands, would women have the right to vote today?

Regarding Ms. Bove's note that Planned Parenthood doesn't even perform abortions: Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood Inc., in July 1983, applied to the Health Systems Agency of Northeast New York City, wrote in the New York Times, "Until we reach the millenium when we have a perfect contraceptive, when every pregnancy is planned and all children are wanted, Planned Parenthood will continue to provide not only sex-education and contraception, but also abortion." (New York Times, Dec.27, 1983.)

Most people are unaware of the clever propaganda and the forms of contemptible utopianism that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger created in her book, "Pivot of Civilization", written in 1922, as well as in the Planned Parenthood Inc., founded in 1942.

In her "Credo of Women's Rights", Sanger advocated "the right to create" and "the right to destroy", and she said, "No one can doubt that abortion is justifiable." In her work, "Woman and the New Race", she wrote, "The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."

Margaret Sanger made her mark with such slogans as, "more children from the fit, less from the unfit -- that is the chief aim of Birth Control," and she also was responsible for the slogan, "Birth Control: to create a race of thoroughbreds."

The American taxpayer has poured millions of dollars annually into an organization which creates a climate for its own services, and one of these is abortion. Enough is enough -- Let the babies live.

--Joanne Clough

Food critic

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you about a serious problem which we currently have on this campus. This problem is the University Auxiliary Service (UAS).

UAS takes our money and gives us disgusting food and service in return. First of all, they seem to have a habit of serving us cold food. Many times I've gone down to dinner at 4:00 (when dinner starts), and bitten into a cold piece of meat. But the most nauseating thing about the food is the menu selection. UAS often serves us three different kinds of pasta on three successive days. Although pasta is one of their better meals, I know of no students who like pasta three or four days in a row.

The other problem I'd like to see fixed is their service. For one thing, the employees seem to move like turtles; they don't really care about the people they're serving, and many of them let you know by their rudeness. The most annoying aspect of their service is that they seem to have another habit of closing one side of the kitchen and cafeteria a half hour before closing time. I've often gone down at 6:30, seen a side full of food, and nobody there. When I asked for service, they told me that they were closed. With all that food available and a line full of students, I don't see the rationale of closing down one side of the cafeteria.

It's definitely time for the students to speak out against this terrible company. We pay a lot of money just to order in every night. So please urge the students to take a stand!

-- Steven Brown

More on Abortion

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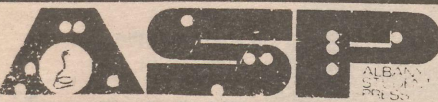
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One fact struck me as we talked about many things in our close quarters -- the reverence they have for life (the women who have chosen to have their babies), and their love of family. I found it quite a contrast to our white intellectual attitudes. Their culture is very maternal and many were shocked when asked by doctors, "Do you want to terminate this pregnancy?"

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-- Mary O'Brien



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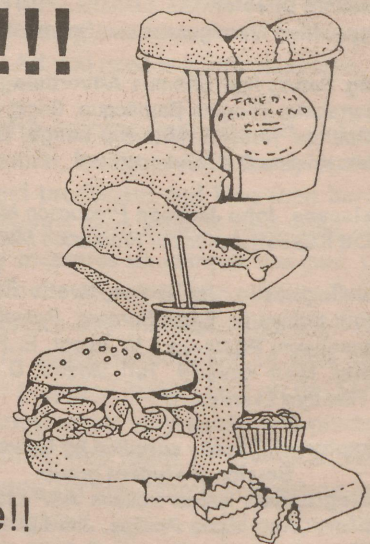
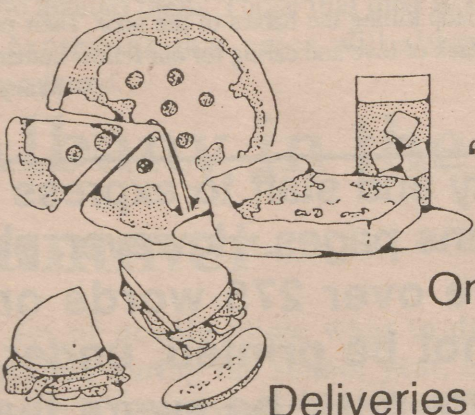
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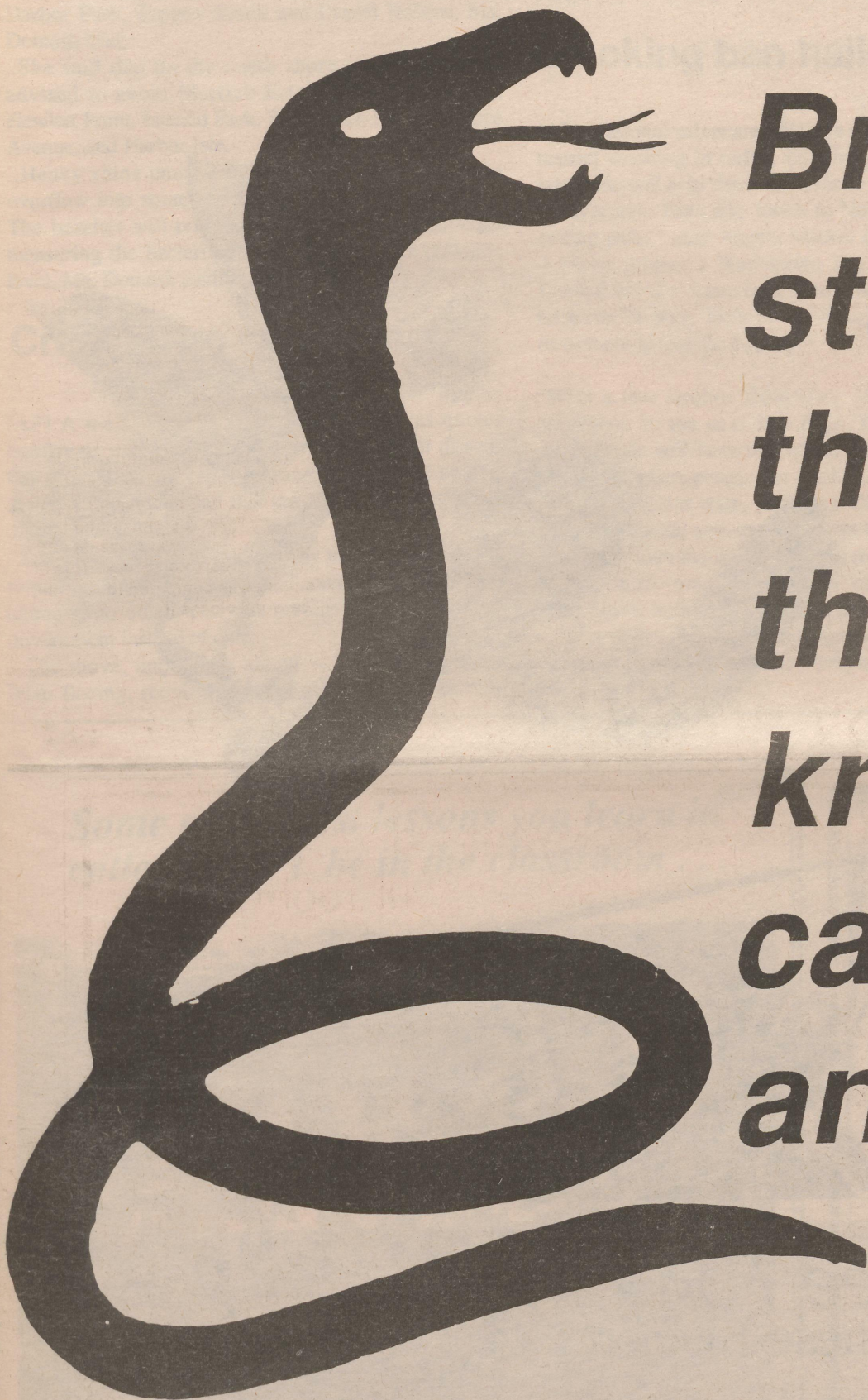
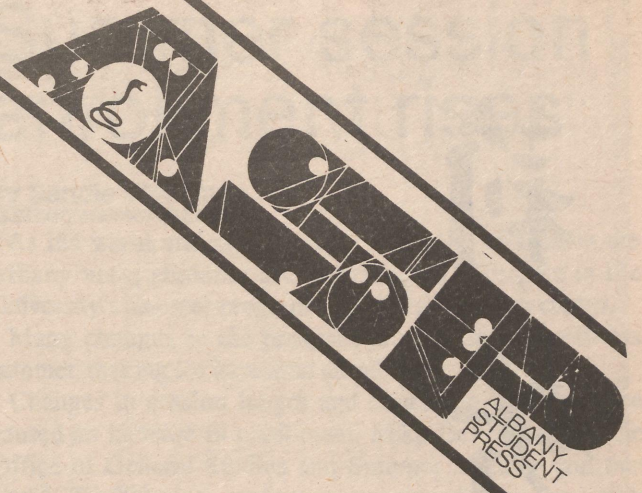
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NEWS BRIEFS

Sewage closes beaches

Mineola

(AP) Four Long Island beaches remained closed Sunday and officials advised against swimming at other beaches that may have been polluted by raw sewage.

..The advisory for beaches on the north and south shores of Nassau County is to remain in effect until Wednesday, said Shelly Domash, spokeswoman for the county's Health Department.

The beaches that stayed closed were Galloway Beach, Port Washington Estate Beach, Manor Haven—all three on Manhasset Bay—and Bar Beach on Hempstead Harbor.

The advisory affected the north shore's Hempstead Harbor Park, Tappen Beach and Laurel Hollow, Ms. Domash said.

..She said that on the south shore, swimmers were advised to avoid Merrick Estates, Biltmore Shore, Hewlett Point, Island Park, Bay Beach Park, Florence Avenue, and Harbor Isle.

..Heavy rains caused the area's sewer systems to overflow into some of Long Island's bays and inlets. The beaches will remain closed until health officials measuring the bacteria count detect a lower pollution level, Ms. Domash said.

Crackdown continues

Beijing

(AP) A member of the ruling Politburo was quoted Sunday as making conciliatory remarks about dissent, but official media reported more arrested of student activists and demanded that the United States give up dissident Fang Lizhi

State-run media also said Sunday the government will require people who are granted travel visas by foreign countries to obtain two exit permits from the Chinese government instead of one.

The move, apparently aimed at keeping dissidents from fleeing, requires citizens to obtain exit permits

before and after they apply for visas. In recent days, large crowds seeking visas have formed outside foreign embassies.

Qiao Shi, a standing member of the Politburo, told a meeting of non-party officials Saturday that "it is very natural that people have different views and doubts" under the current "complicated" situation.

The comments, reported Sunday by the official People's Daily newspaper, were more conciliatory than past remarks by hardliners who now control the Communist Party.

Since the suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators this month, the government has been waging a nationwide campaign to compel greater loyalty to the party.

Smoking ban hailed

Albany

(AP) National advocates believe New York's move to restrict smoking in public buildings and the workplace statewide will help them win over the rest of the nation.

"Everyone basically looks to New York as a trend-setting state," said Angela Mickel of the Tobacco-Free America project, a Washington D.C.-based organization funded by the American Lung Association. "What happens in New York is definitely going to help the movement across the country."

With a few strokes from Gov. Mario Cuomo's pen sometime in the next few days, the nation's second largest state will have one of the toughest laws limiting the places where people can smoke.

Some 25 other state, including California, have some sort of statewide anti-smoking laws but only Minnesota's is tougher than the proposal about to become law in New York. California, for instance, restricts smoking in government buildings, but not in private offices.

Forty-three states limit smoking in some way and 32 states restrict smoking in the workplace.

Summer session enrollment rises

By Sandle Weitzman
 ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

As the warm and rainy weather continues to blanket the Albany area, students are returning to take part in the University's summer program and earn some extra credits.

Many changes in the program have been initiated this summer, making for increased enrollment.

Changes in session length and course opportunity have caused an increase in enrollment. Mike DeRensis from the Office of General Studies and Summer Session said that about 700-800 more students are expected over last year's numbers.

While there were 4,500 summer students last year, up to 5,400 could be expected, he said.

Previously, the program had been made up of one three week "pre-session" and one subsequent six-week session. The session had two three-week modules within it.

This summer, the program was enlarged to 12 weeks from the previous nine, which is made up of three overlapping six-week sessions.

"By going to a 12 week format we expanded the number of courses available to our own (SUNYA matriculated) students within the first six weeks following commencement."

"We wanted to expand the number of courses because of the popularity of the summer session," DeRensis said.

Seventy-five courses have been added to the program.

DiRensis said it might appear that more students are on campus than in previous years, it is probably due to the restructuring of the six-week sessions which draws more students earlier in the year.

Many Graduate programs are also offered during summer months. Around 1,600 of the proposed 5,400 students are graduate students attending classes during the summer. One-thousand are in degree programs.

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along with excessive broken glass from beer bottles made it impossible to clean without injuries," a letter from Mabo to Barrett said.

Mabo said there were several injuries during the day caused by broken glass.

On June 1, Barrett sent a letter to Salem saying until OCA "pays their bill, the Department of Parks and Recreation will no longer accept applications to use any Albany park."

If and when OCA does actually pay the bill, Barrett said, they will still lose privileges to use Washington Park for any further events. This decision was made after many complaints by neighbors about the mess and noise created by the event, Barrett said.

"In the past, neighbors have complained about Party in the Park. However, this year they responded louder than ever with calls and letters," Barrett said.

Charles Thorn, executive assistant to Whalen, said that his office received photographs of the day's event which he later forwarded to Barrett's office to use in consideration towards a decision. These photographs "showed a less than acceptable behavior," by the students, Barrett said.

The photographs, which were taken by members of the Washington Park conservancy, were taken during the course of the day and showed the excessive trash and alcohol and students urinating in the bushes.

The Washington Park conservancy is a non-profit advocacy group comprised of Washington Park neighbors who share a concern for the improvement and preservation of the park.

According to Barrett, one neighbor had a confrontation with a group of drunk students who were urinating on his front lawn and the police were notified.

Barrett blames OCA for not anticipating the large crowd as well as not providing enough portable restrooms. This constituted a break in their agreement.

Both Thorn and Barrett said that there had been no similar problems in previous years and both offices are willing to reconsider and allow OCA permits for future events.

Barrett is looking at Lincoln Park as the new site for Party in the Park.

"Lincoln Park is more spacious and more remote from the neighborhoods," he said. He is also considering the possibility of using the Corning Preservation.

Lincoln Park is on Delaware Ave., near the Empire State Plaza. Corning Preserve is located along the Hudson River below the I-90 and I-787 crossways. Both are a drive for most students.

SA President Andy DiPalma is fighting Whalen's decision. He said the new possible locations are not in the students' best

interest.

"Washington Park is on the bus line and very accessible to the students. To move the event would increase the possible risk of students drinking and driving and I would not like to see that happen," DiPalma said.

DiPalma said that he has made several attempts to confer with Whalen on the matter and "air-out" the problem, but has been referred to Thorn, who he said has never given him any definite answers.

"If the Mayor sends a letter that will have such an undesirable effect on this campus, I feel that the least he can do is make himself available to speak to me on the phone," DiPalma said.

Salem said "we should not pay, but if there are no other alternatives we would work something out."

"I went back to the area in the park where the event was held and it was just as beautiful. There was no sign of any damage," Salem said.

Barrett agreed that the event should continue, stating that he has attended in the past and had a good time. However, he feels that "the event is too large" and questions whether "any city park can hold its capacity."

"Right now Lincoln Park is the best solution in order to continue the event in Albany," Barrett said. He said he hopes that OCA will reconsider and pay its bill to ensure the future of the event.

Budget

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left will be up to management." According to Charlton, the schools have only been instructed to be energy-efficient and to watch the hiring of new faculty.

That has SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary looking with caution on new projects, not yet knowing the outcome of the university's fiscal situation. The new fiscal year has begun already and is 25 percent completed.

O'Leary said he isn't shifting his financial plans though; he's expecting the governor's bill to go through.

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Condom sales faltering

(CPS) After struggling to get condoms into their dorms and through their campus health clinics, students don't seem to be buying the devices, various campuses report.

Campus condom sales have been so slow at Michigan State University, for example, MSU officials in early May said they will reconsider keeping condom vending machines in the school's dorms.

Other campus and industry representatives describe collegiate condom sales in less-than-enthusiastic terms of being "flat," "fair," or "okay."

Studies show people are more educated, but it's hard to get people to change their behaviors," said Dr. Norman Estrin of the Health Industry Manufacturer's Association, which tracks things like condom sales. "it's still not macho to use condoms."

Condom sales at the University of California at Santa Barbara, for instance, have been "very poor," said dining services Director Kenji Matuoka.

At Ohio State, they have been "okay, not unusual or unique,"

added Bill Hall, director of OSU's residential cafeterias.

The University of Connecticut is making money, "but not a great profit," from condom sales, said UConn operations official Chip Yensan.

Some school condom sales are good. Central Michigan University sells about 700 condoms a month from the 22 vending machines in its dorms, CMU North Campus housing Director Grant Skomski said.

Skomski speculated students at smaller campuses may use campus vending machines more than students at bigger schools because they don't have as many other off-campus places where they can buy condoms.

But Estrin said condom sales are not very good anywhere. "We're concerned that sales are relatively flat. AIDS did cause an initial jump, but it's flattened. If you look at the order of magnitude necessary to impact AIDS, it's not happening."

Estrin also attributed disappointing campus condom sales to youthful feelings of invulnerability. "College students think they're invincible."

Gimmicks haven't helped, either. Nick Fogel of College Condoms, which markets the devices in school colors, describes his sales as "so-so."

Fogel, however, thinks his condoms are popular if only because "retailers tell me our condoms are being stolen, and not others are."

While Fogel contended his whimsical approach helps "make it okay (for students) to have one of these things," Estrin worries gimmicks "trivialize" a serious health hazard like AIDS, which is transmitted through some kinds of sexual contact, transfusions of contaminated blood and by using dirty needles to inject drugs.

Consequently, some campuses aren't concerned that sales are slow.

Noting that Michigan State sells an average of only nine condoms per week out of each of its dorm vending machines, MSU's Charles Gagliano added, "but that may be nine people who didn't use (condoms) before."

"If you save one life by providing this product," added CMU's Skomski, "it's worth it."

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Mets' farm team leaves Little Falls behind

(AP) Lorrie Keefe doesn't know what to do with herself this summer. "Maybe I'll take up jogging," she chuckled.

Lorrie Keefe is a die-hard baseball fan, and she's not chuckling much these days. The outlook isn't brilliant for baseball fans in this village nestled amidst the rolling hills of the Mohawk Valley. A sickly silence has fallen on the patrons of the game mighty Casey has struck out.

The Casey in question, however, isn't the Mudville slugger from Ernest Thayer's classic poem. It's Michael Casey, who bought the Little Falls Mets last year and, when a better opportunity knocked, decided to strike out for his hometown of Pittsfield, Mass., rather than have his tam play here at Veterans Park, a field of dreams if ever there was one.

Michael Casey does have on thing in common with the smug slugger, Keefe says: his sense of timing - it's mighty "rotten."

Softball

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an 8-0 lead. New Paltz scored their only run in the third. Albany tallied three more times for an 11-1 victory that was called on account of the ten-run rule. This advanced the Danes into the championship game.

The final against the Patriots featured a pitcher's duel between Smiley and Stony Brook's Rue Molinelli in the first three innings. In the fourth, the Patriots scored on a walk, hit batsman, single, and a fielder's choice.

It stayed 1-0, Stony Brook until the top of the seventh, when the

"I didn't want to believe it at first. I just shake my head because I don't know what I'm going to do all summer," said the 53-year-old Keefe, who lives a couple of blocks from the ballpark and only missed a handful of home games in the 12 years the Mets played here.

"I hate to look at it rational," she added. "But when you spend that much money (Casey shelled out \$230,000) for an A team, and being as we were noted as the smallest city in the whole United States as having a franchise, I suppose I could see his point. But he certainly didn't do it in a very good way. He could have given us a chance to get another team in here."

Despite losing money in his first season as an owner, Casey intended to stay in Little Falls for at least one more year. However, that quickly changed when the Pittsfield Cubs of the Class AA Eastern League decided to move

last September.

"We realized after the loss we experienced that we were going to be treating this as a business," Casey said, sitting in his office at Pittsfield's Wahconah Park. "We knew, and we were very up-front with the people over there, that long-term we just couldn't see us staying in Little Falls because of the investment that was made.

That happened in mid-December, and Little Falls was left without a team at the worst possible time.

"We thought at least if he stayed for the '89 season that would give us a chance to look," Mayor Michael Izzo said.

Casey may not have given them that chance, but his decision to move to Pittsfield (population 50,000) appears to have been a prudent one businesswise.

Casey hopes to draw at least 50,000 for the season, which is crammed in from mid-June to the end of August. (Little Falls drew

just under 30,000 to rank in the middle of the New York-Penn League in attendance last season).

In one sense, Little Falls is a victim of a not-so-pleasant trend in minor-league baseball.

"It seems to be going toward the bigger cities," says Oneonta Yankees owner Sam Nader, who's been in the business for almost a half century. "If we're really saying that baseball is America's game, better not forget the people in the provinces.

"When the kids (players) used to come in here, there'd be 150 people in the bleachers just watching the workouts," said former mayor Ted Wind, who helped convince the New York Mets that the people here could support a team. It's real sad. The senior citizens are the ones I feel sorry for because they were the best customers. They all came and they were devoted. They'd sit in the rain. Little old ladies 70

years old.

"For a small community this was something," Wind added. "We all went up there every home game. It was almost like going to church. You knew where everybody was sitting even before you went in the ballpark. I don't think the people realized how serious it was until now. We just never thought they would leave a facility like we have here."

Veterans' Park sits on a bluff overlooking the valley. Sit in the stands and gaze into the distance beyond the outfield fences and all that's visible are hills and trees. No houses. No high rises. Only nature, the inspiration for the team logo. Instead of skyscrapers, the Little Falls emblem was punctuated by three hilltops with the Mohawk River flowing below. For Carrig, the groundskeeper for high on 15 years, if the field wasn't perfect, the teams didn't play.

Patriots scored another run. In the bottom of the seventh Thornton led off with a single and scored on Veri's double to make it 2-1, Stony Brook. Donovan singled to make it first and third, and Smiley then drove in Veri to tie the game. Donovan went to second. Levine then singled to load the bases. Farrell then hit a sacrifice fly to center to end the game and clinch the championship.

"We beat Stony Brook in a come from behind win during the regular season," said Rhenish, "so when we went into the seventh inning down again, we

had a lot of confidence."

Diaz and Smiley made the all-tournament team as Diaz batted .412 in the three games and Smiley won all three games giving up just four earned runs in 20 innings. Carioto batted .440, Veri .545, Levine .500, and Farrell .429 with five walks.

"I've had teams with better individual skill," said Rhenish, "but none with more desire. It shows the character of the team." "The program has really done well," said Rhenish, "I hope the new coach is interested in the students and a high level of competition."

Crew

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increase the depth of our program and build on what we learned this year. We're improving all the time but it's not a process for the impatient," he said.

Davenport has reason for optimism: in addition to most of this year's upperclassmen, women's coach Stevens and he will have this year's novice rowers in their upperclass boats.

"The frosh are anxious to have a

shot at the top boats," according to novice coach Margelli. "Most of the rowers are doing off-the-water training four to six days a week right through the summer; there's going to be a tremendous amount of competition for seats right from the first week of school, but that's what makes fast boats go faster."

Fast boats are what the Danes have been looking for, and all indications are that they'll indeed go faster and farther next year.

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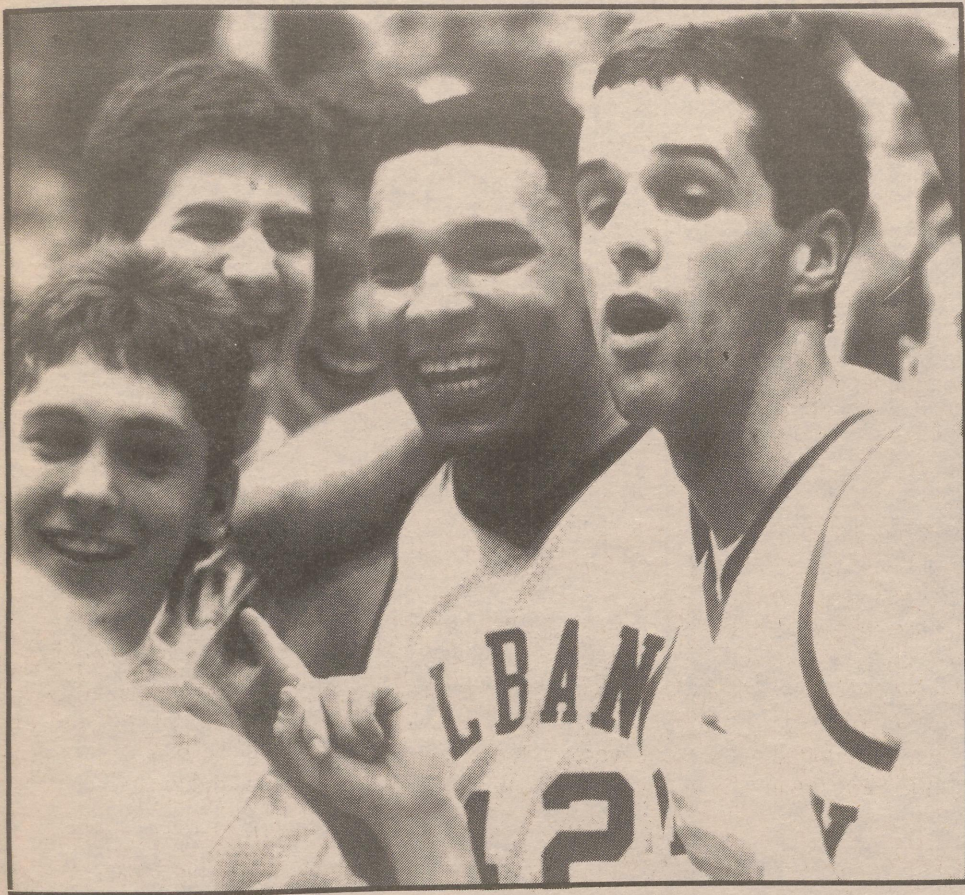
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A look back at a year in sports



By Christopher Sciria and Gil Kaminer

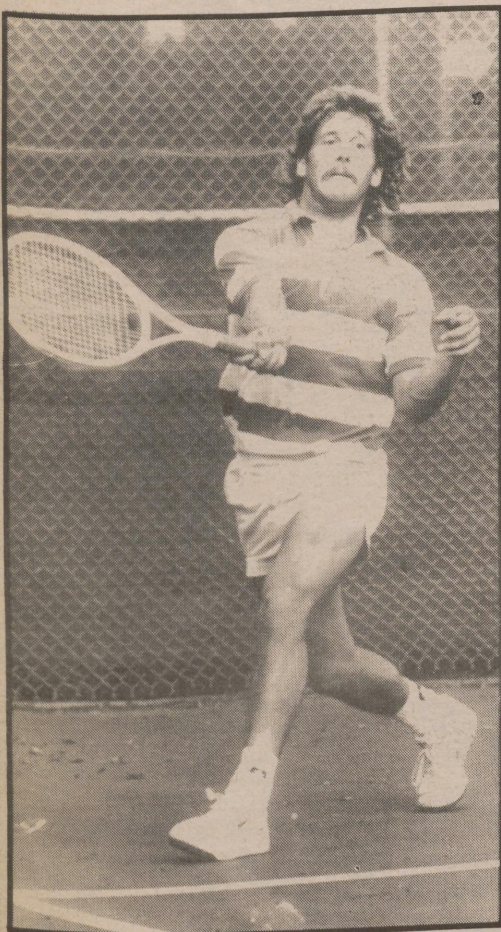
Somehow a story like this can't do justice to what it is about; Albany sports, specifically the athletes. They toil in the anonymity, play to sparse crowds, and have to try to keep up their G.P.A.'s.

Not every Albany team has a winning record or All-Americans but they did have a group of people representing the purple and gold and for that, every one deserves our gratitude. That may sound corny, but it is our intentions.

There are no scholarships here, or big money, but still you will find these men and women in the gym, at the pool, or on the field, because they want to.

Now onto remembrances of things past: Their football team, coached by Bob Ford, again like last year got off to a good start, but fell upon difficult times. 5-5 for a second straight season but there were some exciting moments. Quarterback Pat Ryder unleashed a 72 yard Touchdown pass to Steve Donnelly with 49 seconds left to beat R.P.I. 20-16. Then in a win over Union, the lights went off for a 25 minute blackout at University Field.

Pete Pedro contributed another fine



season with 829 yards and seven touchdowns, he moved into the number two spot on the all-time Albany rushing list. Barring injury, he should break the record next season.

Ryder again showed us why he is one of Division III's top quarterbacks. Ryder was 85 of 177 for 1054 yards and 10 touchdowns, plus he had 482 rushing yards and a team leading eight touchdowns.

With 21 seniors on this year's team, Albany should be a contender.

Coming into the season, nobody expected much from the men's soccer team, except themselves. Second year head coach Aldo Nardiello led the team to its best record in history, 12-2-2. Albany had never won more than 10 games in a season. Their 12 victories this year were enough to earn the Danes a spot in the ECAC's. They lost in the first round to the University of Rochester 2-1 in sudden death overtime. The entire team will be returning next year including leading scorers Lee Tschantret and Erik Cifuentes, and goalie Brian Lehrer, who set a school record with seven shutouts.

The women's volleyball team in setting a New York State record did what the L.A. Lakers could not do. They won their third straight state championship with a record of 37-5. They advanced to the NCAA tournament but lost in the first round. Darby Ballschmieder was voted All-American and the best hitting percentage in the country. With nine players returning, the Danes be looking for a fourth straight title.

Coach Bob Lewis suffered a rare losing season when the men's tennis team finished with a 5-6 record in the fall season.

This years women's tennis team had a new coach, Nora Breen, and a lot of youth. Next season we will hopefully see patience pay off.

In women's soccer, the team made the state tournament where they beat Skidmore, but lost in the semi-finals to Stony Brook. Their record of 9-6-2 was an improvement over last season and coach Sue Zaloom is losing four players.

When the men's basketball team lost in the championship game of their own tip-off tournament, things did not look promising. Richard "Doc" Savers, the winningest active coach in Division III was back from sabbatical.

Slowly the team came around and started playing brilliantly. First a win in the Capital District Tournament and then a first in four year years victory over arch-rival and third ranked in the nation Potsdam, in front of a packed University Gym. Russ Teague, the Danes star center, had 26 points to lead Albany.

The team finished with a record of 17-8 and was awarded a birth in the ECAC's. Three victories later, the Danes were ECAC champions for the first time in 11 years. Teague set an Albany single season scoring mark with 537 points and became only the second Dane ever to pass the 1500 point mark, finishing with 1507. Next years team will be young, led by this year's top reserve Michael Shene.

Coach Mari Warner saw her women's basketball team go up and down. After a 6-1 start, injuries took their toll. A 15-9 record was highlighted by two fifteen point comebacks against Ithaca and Rochester. Unfortunately, in the state tournament they overcame a 13 point deficit to take a 74-67 lead over Nazareth with 39 seconds left. Then the impossible happened. Three three-pointers, the last with three seconds left, ending a possible storybook finish; final score, Nazareth 76, Albany 75.

But with Gina Richardson and Pam Wilson coming back, the Danes will again be a serious contender.

Coach Joe DeMeo continued his winning ways this season as the wrestling coach. The team finished 9-6 and at one time was in the top 20 in the nation. the Danes had two All-Americans, Chris Zogby and Greg Jones. the team is very young and should be exceptional this year.

Both swim teams, coached by Dave Turnage, had respectable seasons. For the women, Brenda Braun was an honorable All-American and a men's relay team placed in the top half at Nationals.

Lee Rhenish's last season as softball coach was memorable as she won the state tournament. (See details in this issue).

The baseball team, coached by Ed Zaloom, got off to a tough start but played better later on in the season.

The lacrosse team, coached by Pat O'Shea had one of their best seasons ever, with a 7-4 record. With young quality players, the future looks bright for lacrosse here.

The men's and women's track teams both enjoyed terrific years; competing in the



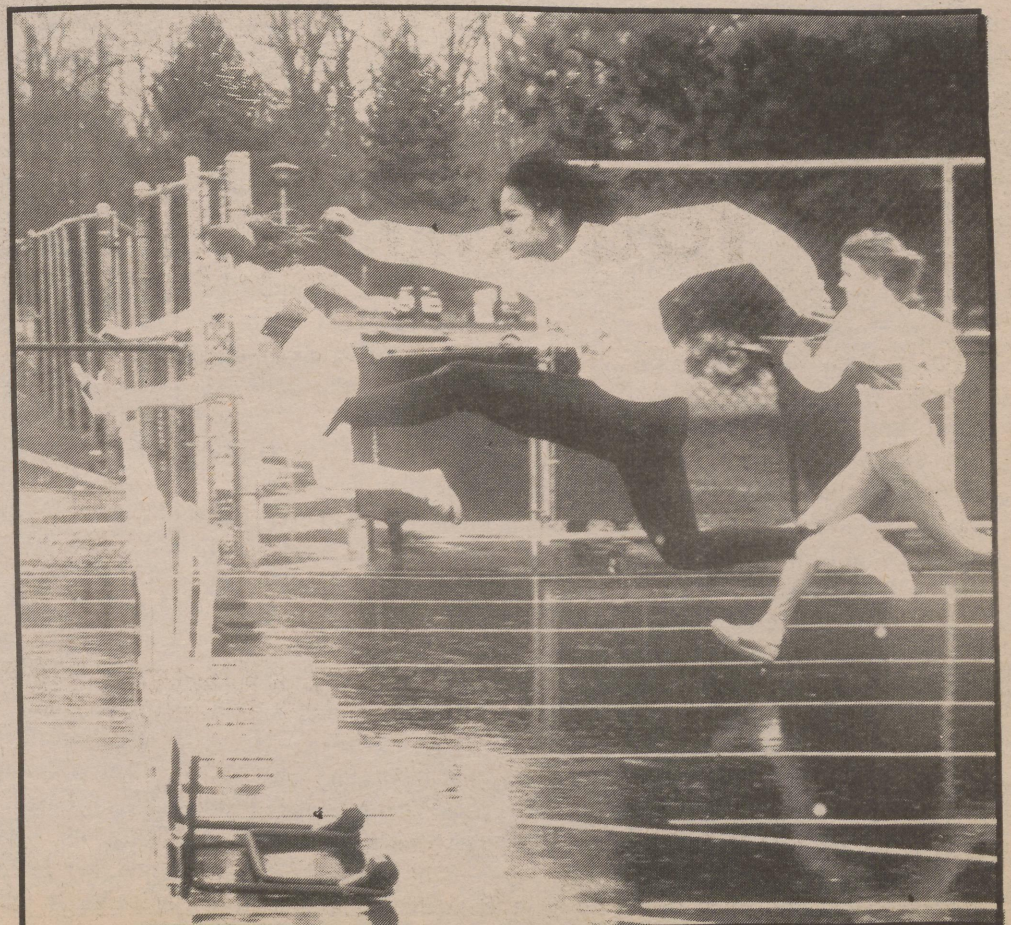
Penn Relays, the Millrose Gamers, and at the Meadowlands. Two freshman came to the forefront, Tom Mead and Nicole Hargraves. Mead won the State Championship in the pole vault. Hargraves is a sprinter who led her relay teams to many victories.

The Rugby Club enjoyed its most successful season. The team beat some highly regarded foes including a team from Montreal. The team competed in the NYS tournament, finishing a strong fifth place.

Finally, crew enjoyed their most successful season to date. Mike Davenport is turning the program into a national contender. For more details see elsewhere in this issue.

Next year is a new season with new hopes and dreams. Only time will reveal if they will be fulfilled.

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Football	5	5
Men's B-ball	20	8
Women's B-ball	15	9
Men's soccer	12	2
Women's soccer	9	6
Volleyball	37	5
Wrestling	9	6
Lacrosse	7	4
Softball	18	6
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Dane gridgers play in Germany

Albany crushes Offenbach Beavers 64-0; opens at Ithaca

By Christopher Sciria
SPORTS EDITOR

This wasn't Hempstead. Or Ithaca, or even Schenectady. Try, Heusenstamm and Neu-Ulm. The Great Danes recently traveled to West Germany playing two German teams, where they won by a combined score of 106-7.

Don't look at the level of competition, and the scores but focus in on what was happening. Europe. A new culture. Imagine having the chance to visit Germany, live with German families and even play some football on the side.

"If you ask the kids about it, and took the football out of it," said Albany head coach Bob Ford, "was it worth it? They would say yes. The people treated us royally."

"We had a blast, it was a great experience," said senior offensive lineman Dan Amar, "I would love to go back there."

"The people that had us were exceptional," said defensive tackle coach Dave Cohen. "It was valuable for the cultural experience, football was secondary."

When the Danes played football they showed that maybe 1989 will bring more success than the combined 10-10 mark of the last two seasons. But remember these German teams are barely above high school level.

In a 64-0 victory over the Offenbach Beavers, Albany had only 12 first downs, on 231 yards rushing and 126 passing. What stands out is that the Beavers turned the ball over eight times, and the Danes zero. The Beaver quarterback completed more passes to Albany players (six) than to his own (four).

In this game, all the Danes (41 of them) saw playing time with numerous players having good games. "We ran the ball well, they hadn't seen the wishbone," Ford said. "On defense, we moved to the ball real well, the secondary wasn't given a great test, but they did well."

Importantly, only one Albany player was injured, running back Steve McNeil broke his collarbone, but Ford said he should be 100 percent by August's start of regular practice.

The season is only a couple of months away, but this is the first step for a team with 21 seniors that is expected to contend.



Quarterback Pat Ryder leads the Danes File UPS

"There are enough question marks for us," Ford said. "We have to come in and have a great preseason going into Ithaca."

Albany travels to Ithaca College to meet the defending national champs (NCAA Division III) on September 9. The Danes open their home schedule on September 23, at 7:00 p.m. against Springfield.

Softball team wins state championship

By Gil Kaminer
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The Albany softball team won the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championship, coming from behind to beat host SUNY Stony Brook, 3-2 in the title game.

It was the last game for 24 year Albany head coach Lee Rhenish who is retiring from coaching.

"This was a great way to end my coaching career," said Rhenish.

In the first game Albany played SUNY Binghamton. The Danes led in the first inning when with two outs, Zoraida Diaz reached first on a fielder's choice. Diaz advanced to second on a wild pitch. Chris Carioto singled to drive in Diaz and advanced to second when Patriots' pitcher LoAnn Boyle uncorked her second wild pitch of the inning. The next Dane batter, Michele Thornton reached base on an error. Maria Veri then drove in Carioto with a single to complete Albany's scoring in the first with the Danes leading 2-0.

In the second, Albany pitcher Karen Smiley retired the Patriots in order, striking out two. Carioto led off the third inning with a walk and advanced to second base on Boyle's third wild pitch. Carioto advanced to third on Veri's single. Donovan grounded to third for the force play, driving in Carioto for the Danes' third run. Donovan went to second on another wild pitch. Smiley walked and Denise Levine singled to load the bases. Patty Farrell walked to force in the run and give Albany a 4-0 lead.

The final score was 4-1 as Smiley went the entire game to pick up the win. She struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Moving on to the semi-finals, the Danes played SUNY New Paltz. Again Albany took a 2-0 first inning leads as Carioto and Thornton had RBI's. The Danes scored three more times in the second on RBI's from Farrell and Thornton, and they scored three more in the third on an RBI from Carioto and two unearned runs to take

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Great Dane crew teams finish season in Philadelphia

Women's lightweight four takes silver medal, men's novice lightweight eight places

By David Margelli

The Albany crew team finished the most successful season in the program's history with a strong showing in the 51st annual Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. The Great Danes riding a wave of momentum from their first-place finish in the New York State Small College Championships, were finalists in two events at the Vails, unofficially recognized as the small college national championships.

The highlight of the regatta for Albany was the silver-medal performance of the women's lightweight four, a boat which brought an undefeated record to the Vails. After a second-place finish behind the University of Rhode Island in its qualifying heat, the four-propeled by rowers Nancy Kunz, Lisa Shupe, Beth Bogan, and Jody Langley, with coxswain Sandra Billman - took second and the silver medal, again behind URI.

"These women have put in a lot of time and effort into this boat," said women's coach Marshall Stevens. Stevens' pride in the

team may even grow next year, for all of the rowers, with the exception of graduating senior Bogan will return to the boat next year.

For the men, the novice lightweight eight brought home a fourth place finish in the field of 20 teams, losing in the finals to Georgetown, the US Coast Guard Academy, and the Florida Institute of Technology. Like the women, the lightweights took second behind Coast Guard in their qualifying heat, a race which saw both boats coming from the back of the pack to battle for first place.

"We could hear the Coast Guard coxswain screaming 'Albany's gaining on us' over and over; that really motivated the boat," said coxswain Dan Schneider. In addition to Schneider, other members of the boat were Ruben Andersen, Steve Nadler, Jeff Hunter, Eric Wootan, Kevin Slavens, Larry Hassos, Steve Jarossy, and stroke Jim Lister.

"As a rower, I'd have loved for the boat to have medaled," said first-year men's novice coach David Margelli, "but as a coach I

couldn't be happier. The rowers see that the long hours and early mornings really do pay off, and the memory of how close they were this year will motivate them as upperclassmen next year a lot more than any coach can. My only regret is that I get them for just one year before they race at the varsity level—they've been a super group to work with.

Other entries for Albany

included the men's novice four, women's novice eight, men's lightweight and heavyweight fours, and a men's pair. With the exception of the heavyweight four which moved to the semi-finals, these boats failed to advance beyond their qualifying heats.

Far from disappointed, head coach Mike Davenport is if anything pleased about this year

and optimistic about the next. "Building a good program is an incremental process. Last year we did a lot of teaching, trying to build a good foundation. This year we won a state championship and showed that we can be very competitive at the national level. Next year, we'll try to continue our success,

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Division I task force set up

By Gil Kaminer
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

University at Albany President Vincent O'Leary has appointed a special committee on University Athletics to investigate whether the University should move up to NCAA Division I athletics. Albany currently competes in Division III.

The committee will consist of ten faculty members, five students, four administrators, and two alumni.

A move to Division I would

allow Albany to compete at a higher level intercollegiate and to award athletic scholarships. The committee will look into what impact, if any, the move would have on the academics of the University.

"The academic quality of the institution has become clearly established and we need to determine if an enhanced athletic program could further help identify this campus with that select circle of national Universities which almost uniformly have Division I

athletics," said O'Leary.

"This campus is well positioned to consider a more prominent athletic program," said O'Leary.

The construction of the new fieldhouse gives Albany the seating capacity to meet the NCAA requirements for a Division I school. The commission will conduct its investigations during the fall semester and is expected to release its findings in December.