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Faculty Referendum Held On Authority of Senate

"Any action by the University Senate beyond the governance requirements of the university cannot be considered representative of the entire university faculty and staff." Such is the statement of principle to which some 1150 faculty members and professional staff are being asked to respond either in agreement or disagreement.

The newly-formed Ad Hoc Committee on Senatorial Authority is seeking to determine, by way of a referendum, the reaction to recent resolutions adopted by the Senate. A declaration and statement of principle for consideration by SUNYA faculty and staff accompanied the ballot card.

It reads: "The University Senate, by its action on February 9, 1970, assumed upon itself the role of a political **Biology Conference To Give Perspective On Productiveness**

"Biological Productivity: A Current Perspective" is the subject of a "Conversation in the Disciplines" to be held on campus Thursday and Friday. A number of noted ecologists are among the participants in the two-day conference which is open to all State University faculty and students. It is sponsored by the biology department.

Funded by a \$2,000 grant from the SUNY Research Foundation, the program is one of a series in which experts in a particular discipline gather to share their experience and participate in discussions about trends and developments in that discipline. The relationship of the productivity of various biological organisms to the stability of the earth's environment will be a major concern of this week's conversation.

The conference will begin at 1:55 p.m. Thursday with a session on "Fundamentals of Productivity." The second session at 8:30 a.m. Friday will be on "Methodology and the Development of New Concepts," and the third session at 2 p.m. Friday will consider "Current Directions." All sessions will be held in the CC Assembly Hall.

R.H. Whittaker of Cornell University, speaking at the first session, will examine "Bases and Amounts of World Primary Production." He will explain the requirements of an ecosystem for primary productivity and the various effects of limitations on these requirements.

A dinner to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the CC Ballroom will feature John H. Ryther of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He will discuss the prospects of increasing the production of food from the sea. Current estimates are that, at the present rate of growth of the world's fisheries, the total food potential of the sea will be reached within the next decade.

cal arm of the university, beyond the powers delegated to the Senate. Any action by the University Senate beyond the governance requirements of the university cannot be considered representative of the entire university faculty and staff."

Eleven faculty members, called together by Albert C. Mossin, formed the nucleus of the present Ad Hoc Committee on Senatorial Authority which now numbers 46. Ballots are requested to be returned by Wednesday at the latest.

After an analysis of the expression of those participating in the referendum, a determination will be made as to the next step. Further action is being reserved now until the views of the teaching faculty and professional staff have been ascertained.

Mr. Mossin points out that it is not the merit or demerit of the Vietnam involvement, but rather the authority of the University Senate to assume or imply an official senatorial or institutional position on any such issue, which is the point to which the committee's action is being addressed. He has stressed the need for this to be clearly understood.

In a message prepared by Mr. Mossin, which served as a philosophical backdrop for the work of the committee, attention was called to the February 9 action by the Senate. . . "the results of which were subsequently publicized so as to give the announced position the coloration of Senatorial, hence Institutional, policy, (the action) was, in effect, a vote by 63 individuals without authority or right to make a commitment on such an issue for the University or for any entity thereof, other than for themselves as individuals."

In an earlier portion, the statement reads, "To compromise this principle of institutional neutrality is to open the door, through the device of majority vote, to institutional commitments violative of individual conscience on matters inherently referable thereto, and on particular issues may force individuals into apparent public postures contrary to personal conviction or unresolved doubt."

Kuusisto on Kunstler

"The student body here is capable intellectually or they wouldn't be here," said President Kuusisto at a press conference last Wednesday, "and if they cannot listen to new, controversial ideas and work with them, then all our labor is in vain."

Dr. Kuusisto made the statements in response to "many requests from legislators, civic leaders, and other citizens to bar (William) Kunstler's appearance" on campus last Thursday. "We have consistently taken a stand that permits speakers to appear on the cam-



WHEN FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS in the fall, intramural warriors of previous years will have a chance to don Albany State uniforms and compete against other college club teams. The 1970 schedule includes six games.

Albany to Have Football in Fall If Legislature Approves Funds

Athletic director Alfred Werner has announced the university will field a club football team in the fall, pending approval of its proposed budget. The budget would provide for a new man in the physical education department and Werner is seeking someone who could coach football and lacrosse, in addition to his teaching assignments.

Home games have been scheduled with Rochester Tech on Homecoming, October 10, Siena College on October 17, and Hudson Valley Community College on November 14. They will be played on the field encircled by the track, behind the physical education building. Permanent bleachers on the steps of the building will accommodate an estimated 2,200 persons and temporary bleachers may provide additional seating.

Away games have been contracted at Towson State College (Baltimore) on October 24, at Marist College (Poughkeepsie) on October 31, and at SUC Plattsburgh on November 7. Only Towson and Hudson Valley will have varsity squads. The others are clubs.

The addition of football would bring to 11 the number of varsitymen's sports at Albany. In recent years, swimming, track, and lacrosse have joined cross-country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, golf, and tennis in the expanding intercollegiate program.

State Theatre Group To Enact Cartoons For Drama Festival

SUNYA's Experimental Theatre has been invited to participate in the Yale Drama Festival this year. The festival, which is being held on March 20, 21, and 22, will bring students and faculty of theatre departments of the United States and Canada to New Haven to view each others' work, discuss theatre, and hear distinguished speakers in the field.

The Experimental Theatre, under the general supervision of James M. Leonard, of the theatre faculty, will be presenting a series of enactments of the cartoons of Jules Feiffer, collectively titled *Paranoia Blues*.

Douglas Wager, a theatre major, is directing the production. The cast, each of whom portrays numerous characters in the course of the sketches, includes Rae Ann Crandall, William Doscher, Jay Kuperman, Marilyn Liberati, Barbara Richards, and Steve Sullivan. Gary Maggio will be acting as technical director. The Wager troupe has established a repertoire of Feiffer sketches which have been produced three times on campus.

Experimental Theatre was formed to provide the opportunity for theatre work in addition to the regularly scheduled curriculum and the major departmental production season.

Albany Takes First Place In Growth to University

"State University of New York at Albany has moved farthest toward full university status of any of the 14 campuses I visited." So spoke E. Alden Dunham in his Carnegie Higher Education Commission supported study for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. His book, *Colleges of the Forgotten Americans*, is a general review of the status of many former normal schools and teachers colleges across the nation, with specific reference to 14 schools.



Art Buchwald

Buchwald to Expose U.S. Establishment

Noted political humorist Art Buchwald will appear on campus Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center ballroom. The topic of his speech will be "The Establishment Is Alive and Well in Washington." His visit is being sponsored by the Forum of Politics. Admission is twenty-five cents with tax, and a dollar without.

Currently, Mr. Buchwald has his column syndicated in 421 newspapers across the nation. He attended the University of Southern California where he was managing editor of the college humor magazine, columnist for its paper, and author of one of its variety shows.

After college, Mr. Buchwald traveled to Europe where his column, called "Europe's Lighter Side," became popular in America, and was eventually syndicated. After 13 years on the continent, Mr. Buchwald returned to the United States and began writing his Washington column which is published three times a week.

The introduction to his latest book considers Mr. Buchwald as, "Shy, introspective and terribly aloof, never leaving his room except to buy *Time* magazine to see if they've put him on the cover."

Faculty Achievements

GEORGE KLIMA, anthropology, is the author of a book, *The Barabaig: East African Cattle-Herders*, published in January by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

RICHARD STANKIEWICZ, art, has been named a participant in the program for lectures and presentations in the arts sponsored by the SUNY University-wide Committee on the Arts. He will visit a number of State University campuses to discuss sculpture.

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Dunham's study recognized all of the growing pains these institutions have experienced. In citing Albany's progress along the trail he said, "If realities are disproportionate to the aspirations of the place, Albany is in a hurry to narrow the gap even at the cost of internal dissension."

Dunham sees Albany as striving to become a top-flight research institution but somewhat schizophrenic. It is eager to move up, yet worried about the break with the traditions of teacher education.

He cited the remarkable effort in the creation of 19 Ph.D.'s in such a few years and commented on the strenuous recruiting of top academic people with excellent supporting staff, equipment, and material. Of special note was the comment that scholarly competence seemed more important in that recruiting than teaching ability.

Not overlooked was the fact that Albany was in a better position to start the transition from its long tradition of liberal arts programs. Also mentioned was Albany's physical plant. Said the author, "Albany possesses the most striking architecture to be found on any college campus in the country."

"Like UCLA, Albany has come the full route from normal school to university," Dunham stated. "Just as UCLA is no longer a member of AASCU, so one might expect Albany soon to disassociate itself from this group of institutions."

Albany did just that earlier this month when President Kuusisto informed AASCU of Albany's intent to withdraw at the close of the fiscal year. In response, Executive Director Allan Ostar said in part, "Albany has played an important leadership role for the other institutions in the association and we look forward to a continued close relationship."

Albany's decision to leave was based on the changed nature of the institution and recent inclusion as institutional member in the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, an organization serving the larger state-supported units.

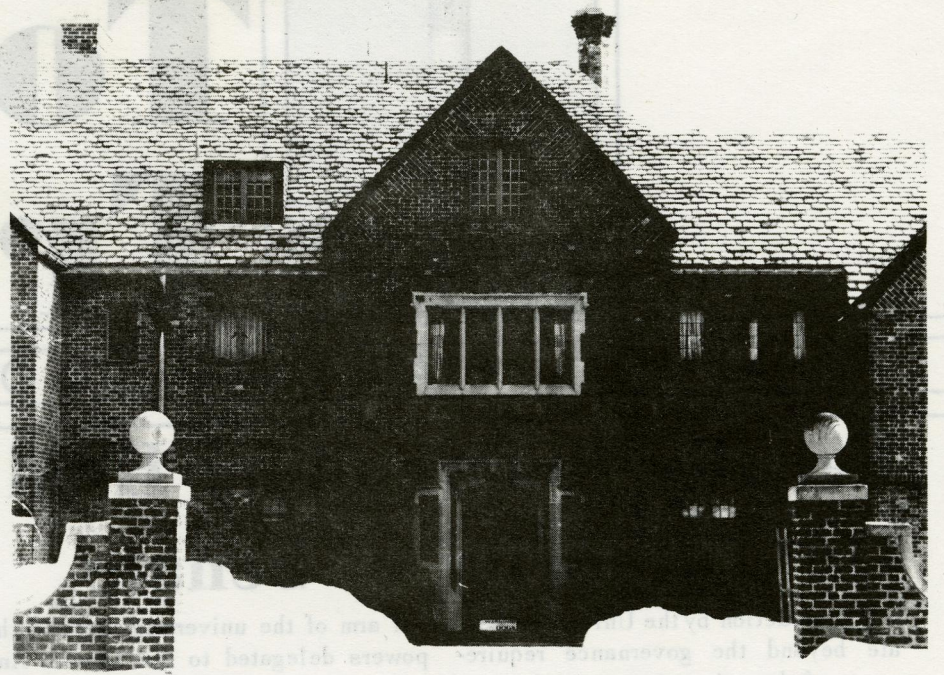
Great Dane Sports

Recollections of the basketball team's eventful trip to Buffalo February 25 and 26 by manager Richard Rini. . .

After the game was postponed Wednesday evening, coach Dick Sauers held a brief practice in the gym, unaware that a riot was brewing elsewhere on campus. Finally, a security guard came in and said, "If you value your life, you'd better get out of here..."

Three taxis were called to take the team to its off-campus motel, but only two arrived. Sauers, assistant coach Mike O'Brien, and several players then tried to hitch a ride. They were picked up by a local news car and "Doc" gave an "exclusive" interview. . .

Ron Gilliam, the Buffalo star and the only black remaining on the Bull's embattled team, walked on the floor just prior to the start of the game Thursday morning and received a standing ovation. . .



NO. 33 FIDDLER'S LANE in Loudonville may be the temporary address of incoming president Louis T. Benezet if he has not decided on a permanent home when he arrives in July. The house and 10 acres of land have served for several years as the official residence of the state education commissioner. Details of lease arrangements would be worked out by the education department and State University of New York.

'Round the Campus

The Center for Inter-American Studies is accepting applications until Mar. 20 for the Semester Abroad Program at the University of GUADALAJARA. Forms may be obtained from William Derrick, SS 110, or from the center with offices at Draper 145. . . If you're interested in the service of a CHARTER BUS from Delmar to Wolf Road, get in touch with Mrs. Kulzer at 457-3457 or with Mrs. Lomax, 457-7416. . . Some 100 persons will attend a CONFERENCE on local government planned for Mar. 16 at Brubacher Hall under the sponsorship of James L. Emery, State Assembly deputy majority leader. . . Pearl Dobeck reminds Summer Session faculty that TEXTBOOK ORDERS must be received by Mar. 26, an earlier date than usual because of academic calendar changes. . . The SUNYA SAILING CLUB has been elected to regular membership in provisional status of the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association. . . During this month subscriptions for renewal or for the first time for CONSUMER REPORTS will be accepted, at a saving, by Hudson Winn, biological sciences. . . The Business Office is holding "lost" TOURIST LITERATURE about South Carolina, forwarded to it from the mail room. If no claimers within two weeks, out it goes. . . An evening course in SCENE STUDY for the actor will be offered by the Department of Theatre as part of its regular summer session curriculum. . . The FIRST FEMALE PAGE

in the history of the State Senate is a SUNYA student, Barbara Stuart. The 19-year-old coed from Binghamton, an English major, says she is interested in government. Her frontier-crossing job requires her to be on duty while the Senate is in session, a few hours daily during the first part of the week.

Campus Exchange

FOR RENT: Furnished 4-bedroom house in Altamont, garage, large yard, available for the school year 1970-71 and summer 1971. Call Mojmir Frinta, 7-8465 or at home, 861-6942. . . 1-bedroom apartment on Cape Cod Bay, full kitchen, bathroom, living room, patio on beach and Provincetown Harbor: available May 15-September 15; complete seclusion and privacy but near shopping and town center; season rent includes all utilities; for one or two persons. Call Jack Richtman, 7-8417 or at home, 436-8631.

Student wife and mother of two would like to care for one child during the day, excellent location, near Russell Road and Western Avenue, ample room for playing. Call Claudia Hartmark, 482-4555.

WANTED: Ride from Scotia to SUNY campus, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Bonnie Witten, 7-3921 or at home, 393-4758.

Tension reached its peak at the start of the second half, when a fire alarm went off and rang for about 10 minutes, while the game continued. At the same time, a fairly large group of student radicals had congregated under one basket and some actually stood within the playing area. They were generally ignored and the game finished without incident.

more events...

MONDAY-President's Conference with Students, CC Patroon Lounge, 2:15 p.m.; Panel Discussion: Population Committee of PYE, LC 11, today through Thursday, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY-Lenten Masses, Newman Association, CC 315, today through Thursday, 12:10 p.m. and 1:10 p.m.; Colloquium: "To Antiterra and Beyond: Revolution and Apocalypse in Contemporary Fiction," HU 354, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY-Film: "Secrets of Women" by Bergman, State Quad, LC 6, 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

FRIDAY-Concert: Modern Musicians, CC Ballroom, 7 p.m.; Film: "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," State Quad, LC 7, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Film: "Innocent Sorcerers," LC 18, IFG, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

SATURDAY-Intercollegiate synchronized swimming competition, SUNYA Swim Club and WRA, pool, 10-12 a.m., 1-5 p.m.