Report on pass-fail examines variety of grading reforms

By Brian Man

"I believe that the time has come for each of us to examine his own conscience to find courage and to act." 

With these words, Eric Johnson refused to submit to induction into the armed forces of the United States on Wednesday, October 1, Johnson, originally of Stone Ridge, New York, graduated from Rondout Valley High School in 1966. He is now 21 years old and a former Electrical Engineering student at Indiana Institute of Technology. Johnson went into the Albany

Some friends, Dick and Melanie Evans of the Albany Peace Center, and John Daniels of the Albany Friends Meeting went to the U.S. attorneys' office early that same morning and presented Johnson's draft card to an attorney. However, he refused to accept it and after a police discussion let them leave it on his desk.

At 10:15, Mr. and Mrs. Evans left the Federal Building to greet approximately thirty-five supporters, onlookers and newsmen on the sidewalk. At that point Evans explained what was occurring inside. After a brief statement, he read a letter of complicity in this matter that was signed by him and various people form the Albany and Troy areas.

As the morning wore on, the crowd of supporters grew to more than fifty. Two policemen arrived but restricted their activities to chasing away double parked cars. After thirty-five minutes Mr. Johnson's supporters organized a vigil around the steps of the Federal Building. Some prayed, some meditated, others stood quietly chatting with each other.

Also present was Steve Trimm, who refused induction last January 30, and was there, as he said, "just to keep him company, because I know how he feels."

Before undergoing the induction process, Johnson issued a statement which said in part, "I know that many people will interpret my refusal as a rejection of our entire American way of life. This is not true."

"I do not hate or have disrespect for laws, our Congress, or our President. But I know of no government that is willing to voluntarily disarm. I believe that the time has come for each of us to examine his own conscience, to find courage and to act."

Expressing the sentiments of most of Johnson's supporters, Dick Evans said, "we are happy for Eric and for America that he has found the courage to follow his conscience despite the possible consequences."

ERIC JOHNSON'S DRAFT REFUSAL—demonstration, support, prayer music, encouragement, and a statement by Richard Evans.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS CONFER before voting on the appropriation for November's march on Washington while approximately seventy-five concerned students applied silent pressure.

The Political and Social Positions Committee (PSP) appropriated funds for the purpose of subsidizing buses for the November 15 Peace March on Washington, D.C. before Central Council last night. The bill was passed, after extended debate, by a vote of 18-5.

The passing of the bill was the result of the efforts PSP and several student organizations petitioning Central Council for funds. In three days the petitions gathered the signatures of several hundred students and 50 faculty. and staff. The petitions were immediately forwarded to the Central Council themselves.

Dave Neufeld, chairman of PSP, led the arguments in favor of the bill. He argued that the appropriation would be an opportunity to give the students their money's worth for paying the student tax.

Leanne Kopp, who seconded Neufeld's motion, backed Neufeld's arguments by saying, "It is time Central Council became responsive to the wishes of the students. They want the appropriation so they should get it.

The legal opposition to the bill was led by Jeanette Beckerman, Vice President, and Bob Berman. Beckerman inquired about the liability of the Student Association in relation to possible injury of students, participating in the march. Looper, who is an algebraic specialist, led the charge in defense of the constitutionality of the Moratorium on death, calling attention to the point that the use of student funds for a political purpose may be illegal, by the presentation of the opinions of local sources, Chancellor Staze, legal assistant to L. Goodell, and an opinion solicited from the SUNY Legal Counsel office, given by a Mr. Kimbry.

A letter sent by Staze to Looper stated, in effect, that the potential for slap-sidings and promoting extralegal activities on the campus of this University cannot be used for political purposes, such as influencing legislation.

He also suggested that by sponsoring the trip Student Association should be liable for consequences.

Goodell asks end to war by Dec. 1970 by Barry Kinshner

Senator Charles Goodell has addressed his concern to problems he described as threatening the survival of America's political system. Speaking at the Linton High School in Schenectady, Goodell covered a wide range of controversial issues which have brought the United States "close to the stage of crisis, into a stage of corroboration."

In his Monday night address, New York's junior senator defended New York's troops in Vietnam by December 1, 1970. Goodell pointed out that with South and North Vietnam fairly equal in population and resources, the South could fight, without U.S. manpower, if it had a strong will and a well-based government.

Goodell pledged, "as long as I am in the Senate, I will do everything in my power to bring Vietnam to where it started, not reduce, but eliminate the bloodshed and slaughter of American men."

While he commended President Nixon's defense of the purpose of the war, Goodell said that the Nixon administration has been "agonizingly slow." The Senator called Vietnam, the "wrong war, in the wrong place, at the wrong time."

Restoration of Congressional responsibilities was also recommended. According to Goodell, Congress should move to share in the de-esalation program, strongly reasserting its authority to translate the voice of the people into government policy.

Concerning domestic issues, Goodell recommended expenditures for welfare and educational programs for narcotics rehabilitation, prison reform, and aid to locals. He claimed that the U.S. has the most regressive correctional system in the western...
II. PROPOSAL

Beginning in the fall term, 1969, all freshmen students will be submitted to the Registrar as satisfactory or no-credit. The work is that of academic performance which the institution expects from its students in order to earn an undergraduate degree. The mark of no-credit means that a student has not provided the instructor with evidence which would justify the grade of satisfactory.

Beginning in the fall term, 1970, such grading shall be used for all freshmen and sophomores. The new grading system shall be under continuing observation and review by the Academic Standing Committee of the Undergraduate Academic Council, which shall interpret the system, report on its operation, and recommend changes as appropriate.

The system will be in effect until June, 1973.

Editor's note: the remaining three sections of the report will appear in subsequent issues of the paper.

Refrigerator rentals initiated at SUNYA

by Dave Peck

"Rent a refrigerator for $45! For that price I could hire a cook!" These were typical reactions to the news that this year's, for the first time ever, University students would be allowed to rent refrigerators. Over 300 units have been rented, which means that about 1500 students will be using one in their rooms. The refrigerators are manufactured by Norcold Inc. of Ohio. In the past, students were not allowed to keep refrigerators in their rooms. This was because many of the units were old and had dangerous wiring or used ozone gas, a poison. Because so many students want refrigerators the administration and representatives of the student body designed this new policy.

The cost of renting a Norcold is $45 plus $15 deposit which is refundable when the unit is returned. Students are allowed to bring their own refrigerator, so long as they are new and in excellent condition. The cost would be $4.50 for electricity, $1 for the insurance identification cards. We need this information so that we can have the necessary insurance coverage for all university people.

The location will soon be posted. Those interested in the Democratic-Socialism of Norman Thomas, Michael Harrington, and Bayard Rustin are urged to attend. For further information contact Mr. Perle, 7-8815.

WEDNESDAY 1st meeting of SUNY Fencing Union will be held, this evening, October 8, 1969, 7:30-9:00 in the Gymnasium, sponsored by Hamilton College. For a list of your officers and their addresses and phone numbers and a list of the universities that will be needed for this year to the meeting tomorrow, 10:30 in SR 154. (to Student Association treasurers)

The Albany Jewish Youth Council, Hillel Society of State University and Temple Israel are co-sponsoring a "Demonstration of Faith in sympathy with the plight of the Jews of the Soviet Union, which will be held on the lawns of Temple Israel on Simchat Torah night, Saturday, October 6th; after services are concluded.

Recognizing this situation, last year the Soviet Jews Committee of the Albany Jewish Youth Council, in sympathy with the plight of Jews of the Soviet Union, which will be held on the lawns of Temple Israel on Simchat Torah night, Saturday, October 6th; after services are concluded.

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TUESDAY Downsown students: get involved against the Vietnam war.

NOTICE

Many of you have come into the Student Insurance Office for your insurance identification cards. We are sorry that they are not available, as you are waiting for the computer lists to arrive, and then we will be able to issue them. Please be patient...and as soon as they are ready, we will place a notice in the ASP. However, this should not stop you from coming into the office with any of your health insurance problems. We are here to help you. Thank you all for being so nice!

Student Insurance Office Campus Center Room 361

GRADUATE RECORD EXAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Educational Testing Service has announced that undergraduates and others preparing to go to graduate school may take the Graduate Record Examinations on any of six different test dates during the current academic year.

The first testing date for the GRE is October 23, 1969. Scores from this administration will be reported to the graduate schools before December 1.

Students planning to register for the October test date are advised that applications received by ETS after October 7 will incur a $3.00 late registration fee. After October 10, there is no guarantee that applications submitted after the October test date can be processed.

The other five test dates are December 13, 1969; January 17, February 28, April 25 and July 1, 1970. Scores are usually reported to graduate schools five weeks after the test date.

THE CLASS OF 1972 SPONSORS NIGHT OF FOAM AND FIRE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 8:30 P.M. MOHAWK CAMPUS
FOR THE EIGHTH TIME Mayor Erastus Corning officially began his campaign for re-election Wednesday night.

Irregularities mar Who's Who election

On Wednesday, October 1, there was an irregularity in the Who's Who Election. It was noted at about 10:25, twenty-five minutes after the polls opened, that a name was omitted from the ballot. The polls were then closed immediately, handwritten signs were then made and posted in the lobby stating that polls were closed and that all those who had voted between 10 and 10:25 would have to vote again and Miss Buchalter a member of Student Activities Staff was informed. After confirming that the name was omitted a new stencil was made up in Mr. Brown's office which included the omitted name. In the presence of Miss Buchalter, Chuck Ribak, interim intern, and Sandy Kleinman, interim commissioner. All ballots which had been pulled out upon request were run through the mimeo machine blacking out all the names on the official ballot.

In the presence of Miss Buchalter, Sandy Kleinman, interim commissioner, and Chuck Ribak, interim intern the ballot was re-opened at 10:30 a.m. without the name of the omitted person. At 10:40 some ballots were opened and run through the mimeo machine as a further check to assure that the name was correctly put into the ballot box. All ballots which had been pulled out upon request were run through the mimeo machine blacking out all the names on the official ballot.

On the other side of the ballot a correct slate of nominees was printed with the same directions as required by the Election Bill and Who's Who American Colleges and Universities' official ballot printed on it.

Each ballot had VOID and the initial of the election worker written on it. About 75 residences and 80 in each of the 9 buildings of the ballot would be used. All ballots that were found not to be blacked out or not corrected if not printed, were pulled out, voided and locked up in the S.A. office. Also 15 acceptable ballots were V O I D E D and locked up in S.A. office in accordance with Election Bill.

The two election boxes in use at the time of the irregularity were opened in the presence of Miss Buchalter, Sandy Kleinman and Chuck Ribak. All ballots were put into one box which was then locked again and brought to the S.A. office. There were ballots cast at this time.

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Call 6709 or 6733.

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Attempts were made to inform the student body of the need to revote in the following ways: a memo was sent to all directors and resident assistants to ask that they inform the people in their dormitories; and posters were hung on the podium, quadrangles and in the Campus Center announcing the need to revote.

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THE EVOLUTION OF CINEMA
by Tom Quigley

Haskell Wexler's MEDIUM COOL demonstrates the visuosensory force of cinema verite as it shatters through the horrifying events of Chicago 1968 with murderous accuracy. The eminent cinematographer's prodigious film, his first as a director, casts an ambivalent eye at the environmental cataclysm that preceded the spontaneous overture to Daydreams, the Democratic Convention.

Within the framework of a nebulous melodrama, Wexler deconstructs the imperious, power-grabbing, established order while lambarding the communications media for its relentless coverage of national follies with frightful objectivity, thus the "cool" media of the title. For example, the unbridled dissemination of the news cameras lingers upon the muddy street of Resurrection City with singular indifference as well as capturing and contriving the "happy days are here again" nonsense of the convention floor with the strong, armed police state reality of the streets.

Wexler gives us a concise view of our illusory, news coverage is an accurate mirror image of this society's preoccupation with visual violence and misery so long as it remains painlessly factual, so long as it never involves the "viewer." News coverage is devoid of any true empathy, thus reducing its impact on our emotional sensibilities. We, as living room spectators cannot feel the pain of being billy-clubbed into submission for our political beliefs, we cannot experience the revolution of poverty nor understand the wrath of black militancy, bred by the disease of inept television news "analysis." No matter where our sympathies lie, we cannot understand or care unless we've experienced the involvement of interpersonal relationships.

Wexler's sobering focal length accomplishes the nearly impossible fusion of empathy and reality, impelling the Melanesianquiste terminology that psychiatrists have sought for annual IMF

Pop, folk performers sought for annual IMF

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Vote for Al Hartheimer

24 bronze sculptures displayed at gallery

Twenty-four small bronzes by Kirk Newman will be exhibited in the Art Gallery at State University of New York at Albany through October 15.

Mr. Newman's sculpture, both his relief and in-the-round, plays on the paradox of commemorating that which is transitory in bronze, the traditional material of permanence. Many of his subjects are super-ordinary men and women caught in a moment of inconsequential gesture. There is a look of the commemorative bronze in some pieces, but the subject's suit is rumpled. They are, in a sense, 20th Century Pop, folk performers, with the mundane realities of suffering about them.

The artist, who now teaches at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, was born in Texas but has spent the major part of his art career exhibiting and teaching in the Midwest. His work is in many public and private collections throughout the United States. He is represented by La Roca Gallery in New York City.

THE COWELL-WINFIELD BLUES BAND share the bill with The Butterfield Blues Band at tonight's concert, "Blues Bag '69."

TEN NORTHERN EAGLES, representing the University of Vermont, will face the University of Massachusetts today. Kickoff is set for 1:30 at Harvard Stadium, the site of the annual Eastern duel.

The contest is a key one in the Northeastern University Conference. Each team is a strong contender and a victory on either side has a definite impact on the conference race.

The Eagles have no recent history with the Minutemen. The last meeting was in 1963 when the Minutemen won 21-0.

At the other end of the league, the Pittsburgh Panthers are in first place with a 2-0 record. The Panthers have defeated Army and Temple.

The northeastern teams are also trying to win their first conference game.

ALBANY STUDENT PRESS

SAT. OCT. 4 Dutch Quad Flag Room 10-1 P.M.
Sun. Oct. 5 C.C. Ballroom 2-5 P.M.

AUDITIONS FOR:
"FOLLIES"
ALL UNIVERSITY TALENT SHOW
Supremes at Armory
by Alan Lasker

Appearing at the Washington Avenue Armory on October 4th, both at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., will be an extremely talented trio of beautiful young girls. They emerged from a Detroit ghetto to eventually pinball the top female vocal group of the world. Glowing both in dress and personality, the Supremes will sing their way into the hearts of the inhabitants of the tri-cities.

The original Supremes, Diana, Mary and Florence, after singing together at parties and church gatherings, were urged by their high school instructor to make a career utilizing their talent. They commenced by appearing on amateur shows which eventually led them to audition for the Beat of Detroit Motown Records. Their favorable showing resulted in a recording contract in which their promoter endowed them with the same Supremes and sent them on their way into a string of million sellers.

Passionately desiring to be uniquely herself, Diana Ross is basically quiet, and particularly wants her hair styling, her clothing, and her make-up to be hers alone; if she discovers another wearing the same or a dress similar to her, she will not wear it anymore. Her major hobbies are fashion designing, allows her to aid in the designing of the group's stage outfits. Mary Wilson, the gorgeous and sexy Supremes, enjoys reading, cooking novels and creating cooking sensations. Also a whiz at picking up languages, she has shocked many fans during foreign appearances by addressing them in their native tongue.

Cindy Birdsong, a former member of the singing group "The Supremes," also enjoys dabbling in the art of cooking. Tickets for their concert are $4, $5, and $6, and may be acquired through the Ten Gryff Record Store or purchased at the door.

-State Quad films diverse in appeal-
by Daryl Lynne Wager

Tower East Cinema, a committee of the State Quad Program Council, has published a schedule of the films to be offered during the current academic year. Printed here in its entirety, the schedule reflects Cinema Director Phil Carver's intention to "select films so that there is something for everybody."

Now in its third year of existence, Tower East Cinema has begun its second year of fullscale operation. The Cinema is staffed by members of the State Quad Program Council, who are elected annually as representatives of the respective residence halls along with numerous volunteers from the Quad.

For information call 457-4506

STATE QUAD Flag Room.
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232-4000

**Coming Second Semester**

**In Cold Blood**
4th-7:30 & 10:00, 5th-8:00
**Wuthering Heights**
7:00 & 10:00
**African Queen**
7:30 & 9:45
**The Graduate**
7:30 & 10:00
**The Raven and the Pit and the Pendulum**
7:00 & 10:00
**Canary Yellow and the Invasion of the Body Snatchers**
**The BOAT-Buster Keaton**
7:30 & 10:00
**Barefoot in the Park**
7:30 & 10:00
**The Dirty Dozen**
7:30 & 10:00
**Cat Ballou**
7:30 & 10:00
**The Odd Couple**
7:30 & 10:00

TOWER EAST CINEMA IS LOCATED IN THE STATE QUAD FLAG ROOM

TICKETS are sold one hour in advance of the first showing

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State Quad residents-$2.50

*For these 3 films tickets sold in advance in Campus Center; $1.00 State Quad residents, $0.00 general admission

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Open 7 Days A Week
The Albany State varsity soccer team dropped its first game of the current campaign this past Wednesday when they wound up on the short end of a 2-0 score against Oneonta.

Last week, Coach Schiefflin predicted a very tight game—just how it turned out. The first half ended in a scoreless tie. Both teams had opportunities to score but could not take advantage of them. The defensive efforts on each side were superlative with State goalie Terry Jordan and fullbacks Joel Volinski and Steve Barkus the standouts for Albany. In the first half, Oneonta would shift their usual mistake by the Danes. One of the State defenders attempted to kick the ball back to Jordan in the goal so that the latter might clear it. Jordan, however, was not expecting the kick and consequently made a vain effort to stop it as it skittered past him into the goal.

Looking ahead to Saturday, Coach Schiefflin expects to break into the win column against Harpur, the game being played in Binghamton. There was speculation to the effect that the Danes would shift their usual third down. Due to the backspin on the ball, the Danes could not prevent it from skidding past them. However, the Danes would shift their usual 3-3-4 alignment to a 4-2-4 to add more scoring punch. Schiefflin discounted this immediately, however, saying that the team will begin working to stop their opponents in a more effective manner. The coach describes the team's present status like this: "Right now, we've just got our minds in the middle of a powdery fog, waiting for the fog to lift." He believes that come Saturday, everything will blow sky high.

Frosh Eligible For All Sports

As is the case with many colleges and universities this fall, State University at Albany will have a revamped intercollegiate sports program for 1969-70. The reason for the changes is the new freshman eligibility rule passed by the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) in February. Previously, freshmen could compete on varsity teams only in schools with a male enrollment under 10,000, a related figure. Now, all sports except football, basketball, and hockey, freshmen may play at the varsity level if the college and coach decide to include them.

At Albany, which currently fields no football team in football or hockey, freshmen will be eligible for all varsity teams except basketball. Another change resulting from the ruling will be

SPORTS SHORTS

The varsity cross-country team, 3-2 in dual meets, will be in Saratoga Saturday (October 4) for the annual Le Moyne Invitational. Junior Pat Gepfer (Shelburne) and sophomore Dennis Headrick (Hilton) will compete for the first time in Albany's double-cross country meet and at Plattsburgh (25-14-43) September 27 (alpine) and October 4 (cross country) to coach Bob Munsey was the improvement of the third through fifth Albany Hallers, sophomore Tom Mills (Baldwin), junior Oriville Racker (Dolgeville), and senior Larry Franks (Syracuse).

Albany will sponsor a wrestling clinic on campus November 15. High school coaches and wrestlers are invited to attend and bring gear for workouts. The guest instructor will be Penn State wrestling coach Bill Roll. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. Details will be announced shortly.

The Albany State wrestling team had possession of the ball on Kappa Beta's twenty yard line. The receiver on the play was interfered with, yet immediately, after managed to catch the ball for a touchdown. However, upon the interference, the referee immediately blew the play dead. It was a mistake but it was not due to ignorance of the rules but was rather a reflex action (the blowing of the whistle).

The point trying to be made is that since the referee's knowledge of the rules is a basic prerequisite, lack of this knowledge, indeed, cannot be tolerated. One must however accept certain mistakes even in the case of college and professional referees. In this year's Orange Bowl, officials let the Penn State University run two offensive plays with the ball on the one yard line though and KB's Al Cassier intercepted APA's next pass. KB was unable to advance a ball and hence gave APA fine passing by quarterback Tom Niesen to split end Al Zaremba. On fourth down, KB attempted a field goal but it was no good. APA took over on their twenty yard line but could not move the ball. Linebacker Rich Casserly dropped a pass on the KBB twenty yard line though and KB's Al Cassier intercepted APA's next pass. KB was unable to advance the ball however and tried a quick kick on third down. It was a poor kick and hence gave APA fine field position which they immediately took advantage of quarterback Mike Bartoli hit Margison in the end zone for a score. The extra point was blocked and so APA led 6-0.

The second half was characterized by both teams not being able to mount a sustained attack. In Monday's League I game, STB scored Johnson Hall by a score of 16-0. STB was able to move the ball almost at will on finely coordinated end sweeps and fine passing by quarterback Tom Breen who ran on pass from Breen to end Mike Favy and on end sweep by the former.

The last two points were added on a safety when the Johnson Hall quarterback was trapped behind the line of scrimmage.
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gained such public sympathy in the
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are those who have always been most
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any taxes. It is the rich who pay the
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Massive gov't. attack launched to halt mounting drug traffic.

From the people who brought you
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Candidates’ Forum

The coming elections for University Senate are by far the most important elections ever held on this campus. The right, which we have long contended the students deserve—that of having an active part in the determination of University policy—is now ours for the taking. It is our responsibility to elect mature, intelligent, and innovative students to the Senate.

In order for there to be intelligent voting, we strongly believe that students running for University Senate should make their views known to their electors. In this case, the entire undergraduate community. For this reason, we are opening the pages of the ASP to the candidates and allowing them to air their views on vital issues facing the University in the coming years.

All candidates should submit an essay of no more than three hundred words by 8 p.m., October 8th, to the ASP office, Room 334 of the Campus Center in order for their views to be published.

The questions we feel are of vital importance and would like to see answered in these essays are the following:

1. What do you see as the goals of the University? What positive action would you advocate toward achieving these goals?
2. What is your opinion of the necessity for required courses? What is your opinion of a total Pass/Fail system?
3. What was your reaction to the Trustees’ rules and regulations concerning action to be taken with regard to campus disorders?
4. Should students have the right to participate in the election of faculty members to the University Senate?

No candidate is restricted to answering solely these questions. However, no articles received late or above the word count will be accepted. The essays will not be published.

We urge all candidates to participate in this vital educational process; we urge all students to carefully scrutinize the replies received.

Our America

This University has never had a sense of solidarity toward any single national policy. Faculty, students and particularly administrators have remained peculiarly aloof from taking a stand on major issues of the day.

During no part of our education do we ever have a chance to discuss the major issues of today in such a way as to promote concern for their solutions. The gross perversion of the term ‘education’ has persisted long enough.

It is now time to firmly commit ourselves to discussion of the term ‘democracy’ and how the meaning of the word has been perverted by the bungling structure of the United States government.

One of the things that will be considered within the boundaries (?) of the discussion must be the question, ‘how can the people of a democracy, supposedly dedicated to freedom of speech and change when public opinion changes, how can these ideals result in the election of a president who refuses to be affected by changes in the American masses, uneducated, uninformed (or misinformed) have neglecting a situation which is much more critical,

mind) in this country. However, these students are necessary step toward achieving peace (and peace of nation.” I will admit that ending this war is a

Grads Alive!

To the editors:

I wanted to drop you a note to let you know that there is now on campus a Graduate Student's Association. I searched in vain through the last two issues of the ASP for any recognition of this fact. Though you did report the “highlights” of the meeting of Central Council of September 25, I notice your neglect to mention that the members appropriated $1,500 to the Graduate Student's Association at that meeting.

I believe that this action by Central Council underlines the importance of the formation of GSA. The members committed themselves to an investment in their own futures and in the future of the entire university community as they made this grant, as Student Association Vice President Victor Looper said, to “allow your organization to help fulfill the needs of the graduate students at SUNYA.”

Allow me to quote from pertinent portions of the Articles of Organization of the Graduate Student's Association of the State University of New York at Albany:

"Our purpose is to create a participatory and democratic organization among graduate students in order that we, both individually and as a group, may influence policies of this university which affect us, and to provide activities social, intellectual, and cultural, for graduate students."

"Our commission shall be to concern ourselves with all questions of university life and policy which relate to us, including curriculum, academic requirements, residences, participation in the university community, graduate assistants, and other considerations."

"The organization is permanent and continuing and is designed to be the primary organ through which graduate students at this university may operate, and may bring reasons and pressure to bear in order to secure their place as members of the university community."

As we stated in IT'S TIME!, an earlier publication of the GSA, this university is designed to become one of the major centers of public graduate study in the Northeast. According to planner's projections, Albany will in the next six years enroll in excess of 20,000 students; well over half of these will be persons pursuing a graduate or professional degree. We believe, therefore, that it is crucial that graduate students at SUNYA have at their command a concerned, functioning, and influential organization committed to their interests. This organization is the GRADUATE STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION.

In order to be an Association within which all graduate students can conscientiously participate, we freely conjured up, however, to quell the rising tide of dissent when it threatens to become a tidal wave.

Democracy? Corruption! Yes, students, faculty, administrators. We urge you to consider these things, to decide whether they are a large part of the truth about our America. But, more than this, we ask you to solidly commit yourselves to a discussion of such important (life or death) matters that do not seem to be relevant to today's university experience.

On October 15 forget the learning process—we ask you to discuss with us the alternatives for the future.

The deadline for handing in applications to FACULTY SENATE.

Alumni Quad LAAC and Central Council

has been moved to WED, OCTOBER 8

Communications

All communications must be addressed to the editor and must be signed. Communications are subject to editing.

World Problems

To the editors:

It seems to me that a good share of the students (or at least a good share of the activists) on campus feel, as the Vietnam Moratorium Committee recently stated, that ending the war in Vietnam is the most important task facing the American people. I will admit that ending this war is a necessary step toward achieving peace (and peace of mind) in this country. However, these students are neglecting a situation which is much more critical, not only to the United States but to the entire world, than the Vietnam war. This is the possible extinction of the human race! This extinction (or perhaps dehumanization/metalism into a sub-human culture) could result from

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