

Sports Friday

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Men, women harriers confident for Nationals

By Cathy Errig
STAFF WRITER

Last year, when the Albany State men's cross country team departed from Albany en route to compete in the NCAA Division

III Nationals, they drove off in a decorated van complete with good-luck wishbones, compliments of their female counterparts. This year however, instead of

merely sending their good wishes and enthusiasm, the women's cross country team is sending itself to Delaware, Ohio, where it will compete, for the first time ever, in the NCAA Nationals as well.

Departure from SUNYA took place at the gym at 6:30 p.m. last night, amidst much enthusiasm, cheering and well-wishing from fellow teammates and students. The atmosphere was that of intense excitement and pride, (one could almost see the flag-waving Americans of last summer's Olympic Games), and also a touch of nervousness.

"I had a hard time studying and paying attention in my classes today," remarked the elated Lynn Jacobs. "But I'm really psyched to run hard and I'm looking forward to doing well."

"Doing well" will mean different things to the two squads. For the men, who are making their 12th trip to this competition and their second visit in as many years, a finish within the top 10 out of a field of 21 teams, will make Coach Bob Muncie "extremely happy."

Runner Ian Clements considers a finish within the top seven as being within reach, quite an improvement over last year's 18th

place finish. Several factors, he feels, contribute to this improvement; the most significant being a more aggressive attitude and an increase in confidence.

"It's a very different situation from last year; we were all over-awed and inexperienced," said Clements. "This time around we know what to expect, we have six runners who have gained a year's experience and expect to do better."

In order to do so, Muncie feels that the team will have to go out much faster than it did in last Saturday's regional meet, a meet in which the team's surge late in the race was the key to the team's success.

"It will be a big field," commented Muncie, "and competition will be very tight. We'll have to be up there in the first mile and a half, not surge later and try to make it up."

As for individual performances, Ed McGill, the team's front runner, placed seventh in the regional, figures to be the team's best hope for All-American honors. However, while McGill sees this as a definite goal and possibility, he is not thinking of it too much; the team aspect overrides individual aspirations.

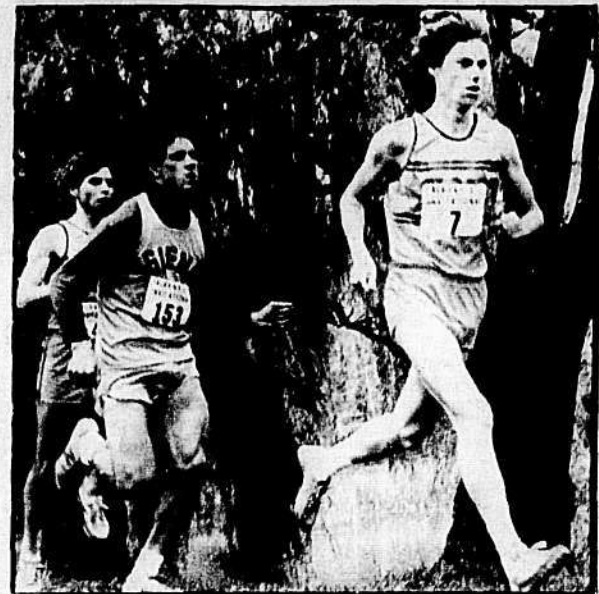
"Hopefully we will all come together this weekend," McGill said. "No one has hit their absolute peak yet; we're stepping up to that point."

The goals of the women's team are somewhat different from those of the veteran men, a factor that stems from the very different attitudes of the women. Feelings of disbelief are prevalent among the team members, understandable when one considers that none of the runners making the trip to Ohio are seniors and two are freshmen.

Said freshman Rachel Braslow, "Never did I ever think we would be going to Nationals; I never imagined it would actually happen. I am very nervous!"

Coach Ron White, however, feels confident that his team "is not tired yet, they still have another race in them." A finish somewhere in the middle of the 12 competing teams is the prediction of White, a prediction he made with a great deal of reserve for, as he pointed out, "We have not competed against the majority of the teams that will be running on Saturday."

"It's a select group we're dealing with, and very difficult to predict," said White. "It will be



TOM KACANDES ASP

The men and women harriers departed from Albany last night to Ohio where the NCAAs are being held.

THE FINAL GREAT DANE TRANSCRIPT

By Keith Marder
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I would be willing to bet anyone, and give odds no less, that the Albany State Great Danes were the best 5-5 team in the country. Just one gander at their schedule will prove my point.

First of all, they played three tough Division II schools: Springfield, New Haven and Southern Connecticut. I'd like to see Hofstra, Union or Plymouth State play these teams and come away with a win. Also, Albany played a very tough Division III schedule. Included in it were Ithaca, who is now in the ECAC playoffs and suffered their only loss of

OFFENSE

Quarterback: Mike Milano looked as if he were on the verge of another record-breaking year this season, but then he went down in the first game against Ithaca with a broken fibula. Sound familiar? Well it should. Last year Dave Soldini went down against Ithaca in the first game of the season with the same injury and came back. We all know what he did this season, don't we? Jeff Russell and Anthony Nozzi replaced Milano from there on in. The two performed well, improving each game, but they didn't seem to have Milano's flair. Russell seemed to gain confidence and started airing out his arm as the season wore on. Nozzi definitely improved in his ability to read defenses. This was never more apparent than it was against Marist in the final game of the season when he ran in two touchdowns.

GPA: 2.56

Running Backs: The second half of the season the running back corps got A's or better and that was no coincidence. In the first game of the season the wishbone star was Caesar Revano, who rushed for 79 yards. But when Soldini took over, he got more yards than that on one rush alone against Norwich — 91. Soldini was great all season, as he ended up with 1,017 yards, a new Great Dane record. Ro Mitchell also had some real big runs, both inside and outside. Dave Melvin was out there setting some bone-crushing blocks that were responsible for many, many yards. With all of these guys coming back

next year the 'bone will be running again, even better than this year.
GPA: 3.44

Offensive Line: They are from left to right, Mike Rule, Mike Moriarity, Pat McCullough, Tom Jacobs and John Sawchuck. And they were great. The whole line did an outstanding job at both protecting the quarterback and paving the way for running backs. Jake played up to an All-American's status. He and Sawchuck dominated their side of the line of scrimmage for the most part. The left side also played extremely well as most of the outside runs by Mitchell were to their side. We can't forget Ross Setlow who played extremely well when he was in there but then he got hurt and acted as an expert offensive analyst for me. Next year with the exception of Jake (and maybe the Sawman), they will all be back. And don't forget, if it weren't for one real bad outing against Southern Connecticut their GPA would be much higher.
GPA: 3.01

Receivers: I feel bad for the receivers in a wishbone offense, they don't really get a shot to catch the ball, so their GPA is probably lower than they deserved. They were pretty consistent throughout and didn't drop too many. Don't forget that next year, John Donnelly, Chris Haynor and Scott Reagan will all be back next year. Donnelly can also throw the ball well which makes him a double threat. Next year I look for the receivers to catch a lot

of passes. The season to the Great Danes. Norwich also got through the season with only one loss and one scare from the Danes as Albany was winning 17-0 at one point. Hofstra, another big 9-1 team would have lost to Albany if it weren't for a clipping penalty on a Kerry Carroll interception return. Their coach even admitted that Albany would have been undefeated with Hofstra's schedule. But schedules are made by the schools, and Albany is not a school that is willing to settle for lesser competition for a good record. At least they can say they earned their record.

Well, here it is, my final Great Dane Transcript. I will talk about each position on the football team, give you their rating for the year.

more passes.
GPA: 2.58

DEFENSE

Defensive Line: What a group. Dennis Murphy, George Iacobaccio, John Redmond, Ron Washington, Rick Punzone, Ron Putolo and Chris Esposito, who could be the next Jim Canfield, according to defensive tackle coach Tom Whiteley. All of these guys had a super year. As a matter of fact, Washington was the Danes' only offense in the New Haven when he ran back an interception for 76 yards and a touchdown. But the whole line put a lot of pressure on the opposing team's quarterback, forcing them into mistakes. They were also very stingy on the run.
GPA: 3.36

Linebackers: Jim Valentino is great, it's as simple as that. He will be sorely missed next year. But there are others that can more than hold their own out there. Besides Val, the team's number one tackler, there were Pierre Roulier, Frank Sarcone and Bo Murphy, all quality players in their own right. In Albany's defense it is usually tough to see what the linebackers are doing. But if you look into it a little bit, you will see that this is the center of the Danes' defense in more than just position.
GPA: 3.30

Secondary: Jim Collins and Ray Priore each played well in their senior years. But the real story back here was the fleet-

footed Wayne Anderson, who picked off many passes and stopped a lot of long runs from going any longer. Matt Karl did a very good job stopping runs from going around the corners. Scott Dmitrenko and Carroll played very well for youngsters once they learned the system.
GPA: 3.12

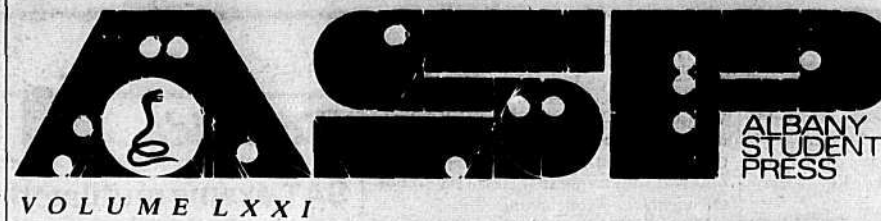
SPECIAL TEAMS

Specials: Besides the fumbled punts it wasn't that bad. There were some big run-backs like Mitchell's record setting 95-yard touchdown kickoff runback. The defense played very well on punts but their kickoff coverage did leave a lot to be desired. Donnelly did a good job throwing on two-pointers and most of the Danes' fakes were successful unlike their not so lucky opponents.
GPA: 2.69

Kicking Game: Mark Piersimoni had a very good season, just missing the record for punting average. As far as the placekickers go, Charlie Giknis kicked the longest kickoff I've ever seen live when it went out of the end zone. He was pretty consistent. Dave Lincoln wasn't as consistent. He would hit a 47-yarder one minute and miss one in the thirties the next.
GPA: 3.08

Overall GPA: 3.02
Offensive GPA: 2.90
Defensive GPA: 3.26
Special Teams GPA: 2.89

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Gov. waiting till '85 to push 21 proposal

By Beth Finneran
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19 and 20 year olds may still be able to legally enjoy a New Year's Eve drink this January, as a spokesperson for New York Governor Mario Cuomo says a drinking age hike isn't currently on the agenda for December's special legislative session.

Despite this temporary reprieve, SUNYA's Student Action Committee is already beginning to mobilize against any possible push for a 21 year old drinking age.

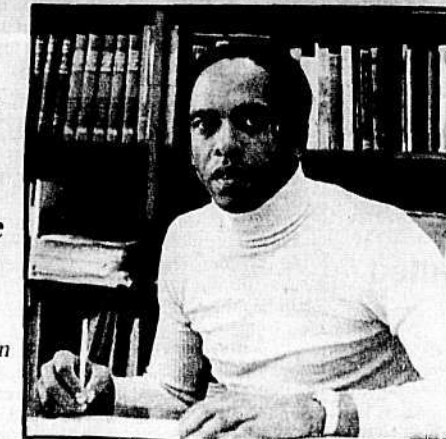
Anticipating 21 to be an issue in the special session, which is scheduled for the first week of December, SAC Chair Steve Gawley reported that a meeting was held last Thursday as part of a planned Alcohol Awareness Campaign which Student Association hopes will help halt a 21 year old drinking age.

New York's current drinking age is 19, but Cuomo has been a strong advocate of 21, and earlier this year, a State Assembly bill to raise the drinking age to 21 only failed by several votes.

Since then, President Ronald Reagan has signed legislation that would cut federal highway funds going to state governments that fail to approve a 21 drinking age by October 1986.

Although Cuomo press officer Madeline Lewis said 21 would not be on the agenda of the December legislative session, she did say she was "sure that it (21) will come up again in the new legislative session in January."

Gawley, however, is still concerned that the 21 proposal may come up in December. He said he doesn't want students to be unprepared if a 21 bill is introduced. "The meeting was a briefing on 21," he said, "basically for awareness, but also to procure



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—Dean Harry Hamilton

Students blamed for difficulties in comprehending foreign profs

By Dean Chang
MANAGING EDITOR

Increasing numbers of students say they are having trouble in their classes because they can't understand their instructor's English, but according to SUNYA's Dean of Undergraduate Studies Harry Hamilton, it might be the students' own faults.

"A number of students are offended by an accent of any sort," said Hamilton. "Students aren't tolerant enough to put in the effort to understand the accent. If you listen, you can understand. If you resist it, you'll still be having trouble at the end of the year."

Hamilton said he has investigated various complaints lodged by students with this problem. In most cases, he said he found that the instructor in question spoke and understood English "quite well." He recalled a 30 minute talk with a teaching assistant from India, where, he said, he may have missed a total

of five words.

But according to other SUNYA officials, private discussion may not be the best means of determining a person's ability to communicate with others in a classroom. "Even a one-to-one conversation can't ascertain as to how effective a person is in communicating," said Sorrell Chesin, Associate Vice President of University Affairs, who added, "Teaching in a classroom calls for different skills."

Most of the instructors students say they have had problems understanding have been foreign graduate students. In the past two years, requirements have been stiffened to insure that these foreigners can, in fact, speak English, according to Jeffrey Collins, Assistant to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Foreign students must pass two guidelines in order to teach in front of a classroom. Collins said. The candidate must have a Test of

English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 600 or better, which is above the normal admission standards for other graduate students, Collins said, adding that the student must also be recommended by the department chair.

Communications Department Chair Kathleen Kendall said she thinks "it would be very good if the University took one more step forward. The TOEFL score isn't enough. I'd like to see the Graduate Studies office have a better test of oral English." Kendall asserted that even though a TOEFL score is high enough to indicate that a person has a firm grasp of the English language, that is not a guarantee that the person can give a classroom lecture.

According to Hamilton, the Economics department hired someone for a teaching position with the knowledge that he could not speak English well, but in all other respects, the man was

Turkey day history stuffed with memories

By Jacquie Clark
STAFF WRITER

Turkeys aren't the only ones with historic gripes about Thanksgiving. In 1939 some Americans became incensed when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt changed the day the holiday was celebrated from the last Thursday to the fourth Thursday in November.

According to accounts printed in *The New York Times* in November, 1939, the change even over-

shadowed the news from Europe, where World War II was beginning its rampage across Europe and the world.

Many New England towns refused to celebrate Thanksgiving on any other day than the last Thursday of November, and even then Maine Governor Lewis Barrows refused to eat turkey on the new holiday.

"You wouldn't eat oysters in July, you wouldn't watch a football game in April, and you wouldn't eat a turkey on November 23," Barrows was quoted as saying at the time.

Such were the radicals of 1939. Now, after 43 years, the sparks have diminished and most of the rebellious spirits have either died or come to accept the new tradition.

At SUNYA, most students will be going home to celebrate the holiday with their families. Classes are suspended Wednesday, November 21 at 5:35 p.m. and resume Monday, November 26 at 8:00 a.m.

All residence halls uptown will be closed and students are expected to vacate their dorms. Residence halls will reopen at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 25.

Students will be expected to unplug their dorm refrigerators, according to posters distributed around campus by the Office of Residential Life. In addition, all appliances should be unplugged, the posters say.



Students buying their turkey
Most students are going home to celebrate

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—Gregg Rothschild

educated lobbyists."

Gawley reported that 41 students reported for lobbying. Student Action Committee vice chair Gregg Rothschild described the briefing as a strategy session to present "a three pronged approach to attack the 21 year old drinking age." The steps will include, according to Rothschild, an Awareness Campaign, a letter writing drive, and actual lobbying.

The Awareness Campaign, which began with Thursday's briefing, consists of a petition drive on quad dinner lines and in the Campus Center, as well as publicity through posters placed across campus, Gawley said.

Letter writing and lobbying, Rothschild said, would be targeted at certain key legislators and committee members. "The emphasis," Rothschild explained, "should not be on our age. It should be on enforcement and education... and that's what we're going to say when we go downtown" to the capital.

The biggest danger, both Gawley and Rothschild said, is the federal legislation which prohibits states who don't implement a 21 year old drinking age October 1, 1986 from receiving federal highway funds.

New York State would reportedly lose a total of \$90 million in highway funds over two years if 21 is not implemented. "We attempted to confront the Governor's biggest piece of ammunition, which is denial of state highway funds," by showing that the "loss of revenues that are related to taxes and liquor may be higher than losses in highway funds," Gawley stated.

"I think the only real chance we have is the federal legislation being challenged in the courts. That will be the key," Gawley said. "Right now a lot of groups are taking on the U.S. government," Rothschild added.

The federal legislation, according to Gawley, is a "direct infringement on the prerogative of the states to legislate themselves," and could be overturned by federal courts.

Lewis said, "It (21) is an important enough law that it should be done by itself and not as a threat upon the states."

Gawley also claimed that there is "no significant evidence on 21 that's new. The issue hasn't changed, only the motivations. It would be a real injustice to see 21 passed due to federal blackmail."

"It's going to be difficult," to stop 21, Gawley asserted, "Our goal is to stall until we see what the court case brings us."

"It's an uphill battle, but it was tough last year and we won," Rothschild agreed, adding, "The states that have shown that (Driving While Intoxicated tickets) DWI's have gone down show that it's been in conjunction with education and strict enforcement of DWI laws," and not necessarily because of a higher drinking age.

NEWS BRIEFS

Worldwide



Explosion kills 80

Mexico City
(AP) A series of explosions at a natural gas processing complex triggered a huge fire Monday in the suburb of the Mexican capital, devastating a densely populated residential area. Authorities said at least 80 people were killed and more than 550 seriously injured.

Mexico State Governor Alfredo del Mazo said in a live television interview, "A little more than 80 people have perished and more than 300 were injured."

Red Cross and police rescue workers, setting up first aid facilities in a subway station and a church in the poor, crowded city of Tlalnepanitla on the northeast outskirts of the Mexican capital, said at least 550 people had been treated for serious injuries.

Witnesses reported the fires broke out immediately after one large explosion followed by perhaps a dozen others. The fires, which sent plumes of smoke rising a mile into the air, were still burning four hours after the first explosions.

U.S. resumes talks

Washington, D.C.
(AP) The United States and Nicaragua are resuming diplomatic talks over their bitter political dispute, but Nicaragua's foreign minister says it's up to the Reagan administration to make concessions.

Miguel D'Escoto, the Sandinista foreign minister, said Sunday the talks would begin today in Mexico between Harry Schlaudeman, special U.S. envoy to Central America, and Victor Hugo Tinoco, Nicaragua's deputy foreign minister.

The White House has said only that the discussions, which began in June and recessed last month, would resume in the near future.

Party purge forseen

Warsaw, Poland
(AP) Western Diplomats say Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski may be preparing for a purge of Communist Party hardliners in response to last month's killing of a pro-Solidarity priest.

Jaruzelski has held a series of meetings over the past two weeks with officials of Poland's East Bloc allies, including a meeting Sunday with Soviet Marshall Victor Kulikov, commander of Warsaw Pact forces.

Western diplomats said the meetings appeared to be a part of an effort by Jaruzelski to line up support for a purge of party hardliners who may have been behind the killing of the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko.

The Polish government has charged three secret police officers in the Interior Ministry with the abduction and killing of Popieluszko, who drew thousands to his masses in a Warsaw church with sermons supporting Solidarity, the outlawed free trade movement.

Nationwide

CIA counts disputed

New York
(AP) A 1967 dispute over the size of enemy forces in Vietnam pitted soldiers on the scene against CIA analysts in Washington, the former American Commander in Vietnam testified Monday.

Retired General William C. Westmoreland, pressing his \$120 million libel suit against CBS into its sixth week, told jurors that the CIA "seemed to be obsessed with trying to increase the size of the enemy we were fighting."

Monday's testimony centered on the events leading up to a September 1967 conference at Westmoreland's Saigon headquarters where the figures that were eventually reported to President Lyndon B. Johnson, Congress, and the Press were hammered out.

Movie pains prisoner

Bastrop, Texas
(AP) Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald, a former Green Beret who has been tried and convicted of brutally killing his pregnant wife and two young daughters, says a television movie on the case is causing him "rage, pain and humiliation."

"Fatal Vision" based on the best-selling book of the same name, is being broadcast by NBC in two parts. The first was shown Sunday night and the second was shown Monday.

Statewide

SAT exams mutilated

New York
(AP) The U.S. Postal Service has mutilated the answer sheets to 197 Scholastic Aptitude Tests, sending students into new paroxysms of pre-test anxiety and administrators scuttling to arrange make-ups.

Students "want to know what's going to happen. They're scared," Walter Harris, principal of Sheepshead Bay High School in Brooklyn, said Monday.

Harris learned this month that somewhere between Brooklyn and the post office in Newark, N.J., the answer sheets for all 197 SAT's given at his school on November 3 were ruined.

It apparently was the first time test answers were damaged in the mail, out of 1.5 million SAT's and 6 million tests of all types administered each year by the Educational Testing Service, said ETS spokeswoman Joy McIntyre.



The Campus Center Ballroom will become a medieval castle the weekend after Thanksgiving when the SUNYA Music Department presents the Second Annual Renaissance Christmas Madrigal Dinner December 1 and 2 at 7pm. The Chamber Singers, conducted by Professor David Janower will perform renaissance songs during the dinner and at a concert following the meal. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$15 for community members. Call 457-8606 for reservations.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

free listings

Amnesty International will have letter writing tables in the Campus Center Monday, November 26 to continue its efforts to stop torture and free prisoners of conscience.
The RPI Greek Student Association will hold its Fall Dance at the RPI Commons Dining Hall Friday, November 30 at 8:30pm. For more information call 271-1102.
SUNYA Center for the Humanities will present the film *As If It Were Yesterday* at 3pm Monday December 3 in HU354.
The Northeast NASW Women's Issues Committee

will present Schenectady Mayor Karen B. Johnson speaking on Women: Power, Politics and Opportunities Thursday, November 29 at the Ramada Inn. For more information call 459-3396.
SUNY Cortland Professor Thomas Lirona will speak on a moral development approach to adult-child interaction Friday, November 30 at 1:30pm in ED335.
A Discussion entitled Innocent Under U.S. Law, Guilty Under Jewish Law will be held Tuesday, November 27 at 9pm in CC373.
Clock Work Orange will be shown Tuesday, November 27 at Russell Sage Campus

Center, room 224 at 11:30am.
A Workshop: The Creative Diary will be held Saturday, December 1 from 3-5pm at the Half Moon Cafe, 154 Madison Avenue. To register call Darlene Myers at 439-6700.
Fuerza Latina will Present a Night of Elegance starring Nelson Cordero y Su Conjunto Elegante. The semi-formal Christmas Ball will be held Friday, November 30 from 9pm to 3am in the Campus Center Ballroom. For more information call Fuerza Latina at 457-8651.
A Brown Bag Colloquium Luncheon will be held

Wednesday, November 28 at 12:15 pm in HU354 featuring SUNYA professor Brenda Rosenbaum speaking on the Weeping Woman. For more information contact Bonnie Spanier of Women's Studies.
Safe Place a support group for families and friends of suicide victims will meet Tuesday, November 27 at 727 Madison Avenue. For more information call 482-0799.
Seniors and December Graduates the last day to sign up for your picture in the 1985 yearbook is Sunday, November 25 at CC305.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance will hold a seminar on drug and alcohol abuse Tuesday, November 20 at 8:30pm featuring Dr. David Jenkins of Middle Earth.
American Graffiti will be shown Monday, November 26 at 7pm in Schacht Fine Arts Center at Russell Sage College.
The American Red Cross will hold a blood pressure clinic Tuesday, November 27 from 11am-2pm at the Red Cross Chapter on Hackett Boulevard. For more information call hypertension control at 482-7461.

Staff shortage forces escort service cutbacks

By Beth Finneran
STAFF WRITER

The "Don't Walk Alone" Escort Service cut back its operations to include only service from the library to points on the uptown campus last week.

Tuesday night captain Andrew Gelbman said the stations on the four uptown quads, which had been based in the tower lobbies, were phased out because they weren't being used and because the escorts could be better used at the library post.

However, "Don't Walk Alone" coordinator Rochelle Hirschenson said that despite the problems, "overall things are going pretty good" as the new service wraps up its first semester.

"The volunteers that participate are great," she said, but "Don't Walk Alone" could use "more response from the University as a whole," she added.

She claimed that "trying to promote the buddy system" was the goal of the "Don't Walk Alone" program, whether that meant using the service or not. She did admit, however, that "some women do walk alone without a buddy."



"Don't Walk Alone" Coordinator Rochelle Hirschenson

"Don't Walk Alone" could use "More response from the University as a whole"

When asked whether she felt the organization was reaching students, Hirschenson responded, "I think so, not as much as we'd like to, but I don't think our efforts have gone unnoticed."

She stated that the program is trying to increase awareness throughout the campus community by the distribution of bulletins and a big publicity campaign being planned for next semester.

Hirschenson did say there would be changes. "This was our first semester, and it's been a learning experience." Among reforms planned are increased recruiting for volunteers, some restructuring of the organization, more effective utilization of volunteers, and a publicity drive next semester.

semester we got off to a late start. Next semester we can start right when the semester begins — when student spirits are high."

Donna Capodacqua, a Women's Studies major and former member of the President's Task Force on Women's Safety served as an escort on State Quad before the cut-back. She said she feels the two biggest problems the service faces are publicity and student attitudes. While quad escorts were located in tower lobbies, Capodacqua said, "most people think we're waiting for pizza."

In addition, she said, some students feel they're being a "big baby" if they ask for an escort. "Many students see safety as a joking issue," she added. Yet, she said that when she served on the President's Task Force she saw a growing list of crimes being committed against women.

Dave Nizen, an escort from the library, said he joined "Don't Walk Alone" because his girlfriend was raped before the semester started. While explaining that "Don't Walk Alone" is not funded by Student Association of the SUNYA administration,

Feldman resigns post on eve of SA investigation

By Tom Bergen
STAFF WRITER

As Student Association was preparing last week to investigate the management of Speaker's Forum, Ricky Feldman, the group's chair handed in his resignation, according to SA officials.

Although Feldman told group members that he was resigning for personal reasons and because he would be unable to devote enough time to his duties as chair, questions remain concerning his management tactics and his handling of the group's finances.

Feldman resigned on November 12, amid dissension in the group and sharp criticism from SA officials.

According to SA Controller Rich Golubow, "they (Speaker's Forum) were not sending in vouchers and receipts on

time ... this is a large programming group and we entrust them with approximately \$20,000 of SA money."

In addition, said Golubow, "people in the group were not very happy with the operation of the group. All the power was in the hands of a few people."

One particularly sticky dispute between SA and Speaker's Forum, which remains unresolved, concerned a voucher Feldman gave to the Albany Student Press business office to pay for a Speaker's Forum ad.

The voucher had Golubow's initials on it, but according to Golubow, "my initials were forged and it wasn't anyone in SA, it had to be someone within the group."

SA Programming Director Patty Salkin asserted, "Ricky (Feldman) said he didn't sign it, (SA President Rich) Schaffer did. Schaffer says he didn't sign it because he

would use his own initials, not Golubow's. We don't know who signed it, it may have been Ricky, or it may not have been Ricky."

Feldman contended, "The ASP deadline for Tuesday advertising is Friday afternoon and I needed Golubow's

"My initials were forged... it had to be someone within the group."

—Rich Golubow

signature, but he was out for the day so Schaffer signed it, but he doesn't remember signing it. I most definitely did not sign it."

Feldman has also come under attack for allegedly failing to run the group

democratically. "There were questions," Salkin said, "as to whether all speakers and speakers' expenses were voted on, there have been no minutes kept from September to mid-October" of the group's meetings.

One of the most explosive issues this year was the appearance of former Environmental Protection Agency head Anne Burford who was paid \$3,500 plus expenses, for a speech delivered earlier this

On Alumni Quad, screaming is a group activity

By Christopher Blomquist
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

It's 8:58pm at Alumni Quad's Waterbury Hall. The virtually silent air is suddenly overcome by a communal AAAHHHHHHH! People are not being molested or dismembered. It's time for

primal screams.

This nightly event, which originated in Waterbury Hall's basement section, or "The Pit," is now pretty much accepted by downtown residents, but its founders hope to popularize it across the entire SUNYA campus.

Already, screams can be heard out of other downtown halls.

The origin of the screams is a debatable issue. John Aspen and his roommate Joe Giffus say they were the first to yell out the windows. "I used to scream 'ALBANY SUCKS!' out my win-

dow during the first week of school," said Aspen, adding that the idea just caught on with the rest of "The Pit."

According to Ken Hochhauser, "it was us who started the Primal Scream." "It started in The Pit bathroom yelling out the window," he added.

But the issue of the origin of the scream is not of much concern to Waterbury residents. They are now more concerned with getting a hearty, unified scream every night.

The primal screaming originally began at 11:00pm, but this was a violation of quiet hours, and a first floor Resident Assistant threatened to refer the screamers to Judicial Board. To prevent this, and continue the scream, the "Piters" decided to change the time.

"At first, nobody liked it at 11:00, so we changed it to just before 9:00. We weren't violating quiet hours and they had to live with it," explained George Serrano, who is generally regarded by the "Pit" residents as the best screamer.

"When I'm here and I go out there I pretty much let my frustra-

tions out. I go out there at two minutes to 9:00 and let it out with the rest of the fellows. It's great," he said. Serrano said his ROTC training has helped him maintain such a powerful scream.

Serrano added that his plans for moving uptown in January have changed, due in some part to the primal screams. "We're like a little family," Serrano said.

On weekends, the screamers march about Alumni's center courtyard screaming while wearing only their underwear. They have added a bugle that plays "Charge!" and use a construction cone that serves as a megaphone. Sometimes they incorporate a "Beer Wave" into the weekend routine and scream and wave empty mugs.

"The Piters" have also held a Primal Scream Party in their lounge. "It (the primal scream) is almost bigger than all of us," stated "Pit" R.A. Greg Sharer. "Pit" residents also made flyers and computer signs that requested the rest of the quad to join in.

They explained that someone on the second floor, instead of



Primal screamers in Waterbury Hall

CINDY GALWAY UPS

"It (the primal scream) is almost bigger than all of us"

Kennedy/Coppola movie premiering in Albany

By Ian Spelling
MOVIE EDITOR

The world premiere showing of Francis Ford Coppola's *Cotton Club* a film co-written by SUNYA English Professor William Kennedy and Coppola, will be held at Albany's Palace Theater Sunday, December 2.

The film, Kennedy's first screenplay, is set in Harlem in the 1930's.

New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo and Eleanor Coppola, wife of *Cotton Club's* director, are co-chairing the premiere, which will benefit two local organizations.

According to Kennedy, who earlier this year won the Pulitzer Prize for his novel, *Ironweed* holding the premiere in Albany was SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary's idea. Kennedy added, "It is a pretty big event, I cannot remember the last time we had a world premiere in Albany, I don't think we ever did."

Tickets to the premiere are \$40, with proceeds being donated to two Albany organizations, the Trinity Institute and the Albany Institute of History and Art. "We have two good beneficiaries,"



SUNYA English Professor William Kennedy

"beyond being commercial, it says some good things about the world we live in"

Kennedy said, adding, "Both are making extraordinary contributions to this city - they are both worthy of receiving the money."

Trinity Institute Director Ruby Hughes described the Institute as "a multiservice center located in the South end of Albany. We serve the disadvantaged people.

We have different programs to serve the needs of the people within the community."

She outlined one of the programs called Step, which, Hughes said, aids parents of "developmentally delayed children between the ages of birth and four years old."

The premiere, which will be followed by a dinner and reception at the Albany Hilton, was organized by the New York State Writer's Institute, which Kennedy heads. "The Writer's Institute is sponsoring the film (premiere)," Kennedy said, "but is taking no money from it."

Kennedy said Cuomo is serving as co-chair of the event because "He is a friend of mine, but it is his town, too."

Cuomo spokesperson Madeline Lewis said the governor will attend "because he is a supporter of Kennedy and the Writer's Institute. The governor wants to show his support for the cultural life of Albany and the state, and the programs which encourage it."

Speaking of *Cotton Club*, Kennedy said, "It is a lively film, I think Coppola did a remarkably good job of integrating the gangster angle and the musical-comedy together."

Co-writing the movie was, Kennedy said, the realization of a life-long interest. "It was great sport, I had a good time," he explained, adding, "I learned a great deal about scriptwriting and I got to know a good many people in the business."

Although he expected to spend only a few months working on the script, "it turned into a year's work," Kennedy said.

Coppola's latest film, *One From the Heart*, nearly left the director in bankruptcy, while *Apocalypse Now* recouped its production costs. Even though Coppola went over budget with *Cotton Club*, Kennedy said, "I hope the people who put the money get it back, that will be difficult because it was an expensive film."

Kennedy said he thinks the film will be a commercial success, explaining, "beyond being commercial, it says some good things about the world we live in."

Kennedy has been widely acclaimed for his books including *Oh Albany!*, *Legs*, and *Billy Phelan's Greatest Game*. In addition, Albany celebrated September as "William Kennedy Month" following a proclamation by Cuomo declaring the holiday.

Tickets to the premiere can be ordered by calling the Palace Theater at 465-4755. □

Staff shuffle follows computing head's exit

By Leslie Chalt
STAFF WRITER

Several administrators have received new titles and responsibilities in a recent telecommunications and information systems department shuffle in the wake of the resignation of the director of the Computing Center.

The administrative reorganization was necessary due to the resignation of Director of the Computing Center, Barbara Wolfe and the movement of Dr. Frank Lees from Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs to Associate Vice President for Information Systems, said Acting Director of Institutional Research Wendell Lorang.

Leif Hartmark, former Director of Planning, will take over as acting Director of the Computing Center.

Vice President for Research and Development, Dr. John Shumaker said the reorganization went into effect October 23. "Personnel shifts are important but the reorganization of central computing is also important," he said.

According to Harry Hamilton, now the sole Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lees' new duties will be "consolidating various pieces of technological revolutions around campus."

Hamilton said his workload will increase but he said he doesn't see it as "impossible or even stressful. I believe I can manage." He added that one advantage to the shift is that there will be one person handling resources and undergraduate programs.

According to Shumaker, a result of the shift would be "better services for students, and faculty will be coordinating and using our resources more creatively and efficiently than in the past."

Hamilton also mentioned a disadvantage to the reorganization saying that although he feels the office will be able to carry out its necessary functions, the time needed to consider academic issues such as curriculum development and honors programs might be "short changed."

"What this will mean is that I will try to get more faculty involved in considering these matters," he said.

Lorang commented on the shift, saying, "I think we (the administration) have got a continuation of a management team who will work together effectively and efficiently," adding, "I'm looking forward to serving as acting director and working with these people in their new positions. I see it as a positive move."

New Director of Planning Pat Terenzini said, "All the administrators involved in these shifts know the responsibilities they're going to have," adding, "people will notice no diminution in the quality of service and there may be an improvement." □

Speaker says Europe's peace drive has grown

By Robert Hanlon
STAFF WRITER

Saying that the United States and the Soviet Union "should allow Europe to be more than a battlefield in a thermo-nuclear war," British Professor Nigel Young told an audience of about

75 in the Campus Center Ballroom Monday that European peace movements have gained legitimacy after a long history of ineffectiveness.

Young is a Reader in Peace Studies at the University of Bradford in Britain and is a senior

Researcher Fellow at the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo, Norway.

Speaking as a guest in the SUNYA President's Lecture Series, Young said that peace movements "have a tradition going back 180 years and have failed in all kinds of ways," by not preventing wars or banning particular weapons.

Casting them "new breed" peace movements, Young spoke of "single issue peace groups" that have united since 1979.

Young said he feels that the United States "is ignorant of the European people on the side of the peace movements," and that "new constituencies have been activated" against further build-ups of nuclear weapons.

The European movement has "moved beyond anti-U.S. feelings" and has been "less aligned with pro-Soviet Communism," Young said, calling the idea of non-alignment "very exciting." He added that the movement, has been associated exclusively with

opposition to the Pershing and Cruise missiles since 1979, but that a European "nuclear free zone" had been their broader goal.

The new movement, according to Young, has placed less emphasis on parties and political involvement, and more on mass appeal. "There is a community base," Young said, adding that many localized nuclear free zones now exist in Europe, voted into place by local citizens.

The most significant peace movement in Europe, according to Young, is in Germany where there is a "broad based appeal and program as no other peace group has done."

Young added that peace researcher and educators have "been more significant today and have made a difference," because education "is part of the movement."

Using a variety of graphs and diagrams, Young showed what he called the "peaks and troughs" of the peace movement activity. Calling World War I the "greatest rup-

ture in history," Young described the "shattered sense of humanity" that had to be re-established "across the trenches" following that war.

Despite the "primitive nationalism" of Margaret Thatcher's Falkland's War or the Conservative policies of Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Young said that a unified peace movement has emerged in Europe.

Two aspects of that unified movement have been "transnationalism" and "unilateralism."

Transnationalism, Young said, has created a "common movement across national borders. Their (other nations') struggles are our struggles," he said, adding that the new movement has involved more than one nation and more than one tradition.

Unilateralism, Young said, has not been popular to U.S. decision makers. He termed a unilateral peace offering as "a call for reciprocity" by both sides of a conflict.



British professor Nigel Young

HOWARD TYGAR UPS

Europe should be "more than a battlefield in a thermo-nuclear war"

Smokeout enjoys success despite lone protestor

By Noam Eshkar
STAFF WRITER

450 smokers took advantage of the Great American Smokeout last Thursday at SUNYA, but one person was so angered by the event he staged a "smoke-in" outside the Campus Center and offered free cigarettes to passers-by.

The smokeout, sponsored nationwide by the American Cancer Society, was directed by the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at SUNYA.

"It went a lot better than I ex-

pected it to," said Barry Pollock, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon. At least 450 smokers and 300 non-smoking "adopters" participated in the twenty-four hour anti-smoking campaign, based at a table in the Campus Center," Pollock said.

"The best part of the event was that it gave smokers who put it off a chance to quit," he said.

Not everyone agreed with the idea of a smokeout. Peter Jones, a SUNYA frosh who handed out free cigarettes in a protest outside the Campus Center, said that he

was tired of "militant ex-smokers" who infringe on the personal rights of smokers by pressuring them to quit.

"We put in hours of work to help the American Cancer Society and that guy just went out and made a mockery of it - it's ridiculous," Pollock said. He also objected to the handing out of free cigarettes, saying that Jones was "really proud that he got two people who had filled out forms (to quit) to smoke - he shoved the cigarettes in their faces - I wouldn't be too proud of that."

Jones insisted that he and the smoke-in were misunderstood. "The point was that we wanted to offer people a chance to smoke as the Society offered them not to," he said, adding, "We weren't forcing anyone - we were offering."

Jones also denied "showing cigarettes" at anyone. "The two people who smoked did so of their own choice," he said.

Claiming that he was harassed at his dorm, Jones also said he received an insulting phone call in his suite, by someone who

resented the smoke-in. Pollock said he spoke politely to Jones at his dorm, but that he knew nothing about any insulting phone messages.

"I think he's (Jones) an insecure person looking for attention," Pollock said. Tau Kappa Epsilon, the sponsor of the smoke-out, is a nationwide social fraternity whose charter was passed at SUNYA only a few weeks ago. Charity and social events are an important part of the fraternity, Pollock said.

SA court finds new Council budget illegal

By Ilene Weinstein
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

When Central Council and a member of Student Association found themselves at odds over finance policy last week they turned to SA's Supreme Court to resolve the dispute.

After a hearing Sunday night, the court unanimously ruled in favor of the executive, SA Controller Rich Golubow, who said Central Council could not appropriate its new budget directly from SA's general fund, but must take its funds from Council's emergency spending line (ESL), as do all groups seeking funding after SA's budget has been approved for the academic year.

Asserting that two statutes in SA's finance policy are "very vague," the court ruled that Central Council's new \$1,100 budget, which Council allocated from the general fund on November 14, would have to come from the ESL, a \$10,000 account that SA usually uses to give groups additional money or fund new groups during the academic year.

The general fund is money not budgeted to any particular group, and is made up primarily of surplus funds from previous years.

According to statute 904.15 of SA's finance policy, all new or additional appropriations must be taken from the ESL. But Statute 906.2 of the policy states that "any appropriation from the General Fund shall be submitted to Central Council as a bill and must be approved by a two-thirds majority."

Part of the dispute centers around differing opinions as to the purpose of the ESL. Central Council Chair Mitch Feig claimed that the ESL should only be used for SA groups, while Golubow contended that all extra funds allocated during the year should be taken from the ESL, until the account is at zero, at which time Council can reallocate money from the general fund to the ESL.

"There is no reason to bypass the ESL," Golubow argued.



Central Council Chair Mitch Feig

ROBERT SOUCY UPS

ESL should only be used for SA groups

Allocating funds from the ESL, explained Feig, who spoke before the court on council's behalf, "would take money from the mouths of SA groups."

Golubow, who argued his own point before the court, asserted, it is "unsound fiscal policy to use money from the General Fund" when the ESL has a budget of \$10,000 created for emergencies. "SA does not have the power to go to the General Fund for just any reason," he added.

The Supreme Court will strongly recommend that SA's finance policy should be "reworked" to clear up misunderstandings, said Chief Justice Steven Sinatra.

It was not a matter of whether they (Central Council) would get the money, but where the money would come from," said Sinatra, calling the case "petty."

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News Updates

Injunction denied

A motion for a preliminary injunction to suspend the bus fee was denied on Monday, November 5, according to a spokesperson from Judge Lawrence Kahn's office.

A preliminary injunction refers to SA's request that the administration suspend the bus fee before the case was heard. "It's a way of winning the case before it begins," explained SA attorney Lewis Oliver.

Oliver said that "we will do a certain amount of discussing and we will make a summary (final) judgement." He suspected that SA would begin proceedings for a new case sometime in the near future.

When asked why Judge Kahn took two months to reach his decision, Oliver replied, "Most judges take from four to eight weeks. This was not an unusual matter at all."

College plans banquet

The Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy will hold an awards banquet Friday, Nov. 30, at the Century House in Latham. The college plans to make the banquet an annual event.

At the banquet, five alumni will be honored for professional achievement. Graduates from each of the three Rockefeller College Students will receive bronze medallions and 28 students will be recognized for their academic achievement.

Recipients of the alumni awards include Director of the Berkshire, Mass. County Department of Social Services, Carolyn Burns, Executive Director of the Capital District Center for Independence, Debra Hamilton, Chariman of Political Science at University of Alabama, Philip Coulter, Deputy Commissioner for New York City Operations of the State Office of Mental

Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Elin Howe and Superintendent of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Elaine Lord.

Comedian considered

Controversial comedian John Valby may not come to SUNYA until late next semester, if ever, according to Michelle Ketcham, President of Class of '86. The Class of '86 Council is considering the idea of sponsoring Valby after Colonial Quad Board voted not to bring him to campus.

The '86 Class Council will vote on whether to bring Valby to SUNYA by the end of this semester or by the beginning of next semester, said Ketcham.

"The council is split on whether to bring him," said Ketcham, adding that the cost to host Valby, estimated at \$3,500-4000, not including hotel or transportation costs, is an obstacle.

"We don't want to lose money," said Ketcham, noting that the '86 Class Council's only income is from dues and that bringing Valby may be too expensive.

Applications needed

Applications for the James A. Warden Scholarship are now being accepted. The annual award of \$300 to several students a year is based on involvement in athletics and scholarly achievement. Service and leadership qualities are also important factors.

The scholarship was established by alumni from the Class of 1951 after James Warden's death in 1963 to honor contributions in teaching, sports and scholarship. There have been 24 awards since 1963.

Interested applicants should contact Joseph Garcia at 7-4516, Royann Budgett at 7-3942 or Michael Lamanna at 7-7586.

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Confessions Of An Anti-Choice Feminist

I am a liberal, some would say a leftist. I belong to several groups that are against the arms buildup and U.S. intervention in Central America. I worked in a refugee center for Nicaraguan refugees during the Sandinist civil war. I support government control in most aspects of the economy and a vast social welfare network. I am considering immigration to an Israeli kibbutz to be able to live in a socialistic society. I consistently vote Democratic but am sympathetic to many of the leftist fringe parties.

I am also a feminist. I support ERA. I believe that if there must be a draft women should be drafted and share the burden of combat duty. I am in a graduate program dominated by men. I don't wear makeup. I call men for dates and I insist on paying my own way.

I am also very against the right to choose abortion. I belong to six different pro-life organizations. I am very active in Birthright, a service organization to enable women in crisis pregnancies to give birth to their children and also in the fight against the proposed abortion center in Planned Parenthood on Lark Street.

A contradiction? I hope not. Until perhaps five years ago I thought that abortion was acceptable until maybe the third month of pregnancy. After carefully studying the biological and physiological evidence however, I was forced to change my mind.

At one month, about the time a woman knows that she is pregnant, the fetus already has the beginning of a heart and brain waves. At two months the heart is fully functioning and manufactures its own blood. It can twitch, and between 8 to 10 weeks it can move its limbs independently. Brain structure will be complete by 12 weeks.

But by only 7 weeks it can be determined by a microscope whether it is male or female, it has all its major organs, limbs, fingers, and toes, it is possible that it can already see a little, it certainly can feel pain.

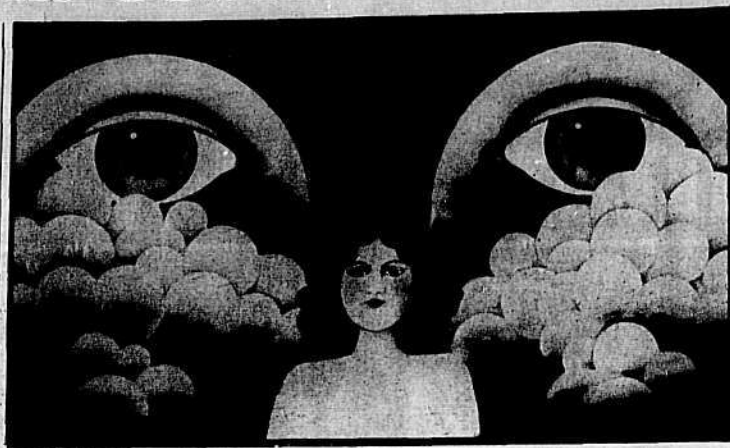
By 12 weeks there will be no difference between a fetus and a newborn infant except in size and in the ability to breathe air.

To me this biological evidence is very compelling. In fact, the head of the local group of Feminists for Life has a masters degree in physiology and has taught embryology.

Apart from the development argument however, there is also the dependency argument. Some argue that a fetus is not a child if it must be dependent on another living organism. However, when the embryo was first implanted in the womb the mother's body developed antibodies against it; it was considered a foreign substance. An embryo can be transplanted in another woman's womb and develop in a test tube. Until about 100 years ago newborn babies were dependent on their mother or another woman's body for nourishment. Were they then not fully persons? In about 20 years fetuses will be able to be incubated outside women's bodies altogether so they will no longer have to be dependent at all on a woman's body. If the criterion for defining whether a fetus is a person therefore is whether or not he is "dependent" will fetuses become "people" when technology improves?

If there is still any doubt however since killing people, especially babies, is so serious, isn't it better to err on the side of caution? If we were driving on a dark rainy night and we saw something moving across the road that we thought might possibly be a person, wouldn't we do everything possible to avoid hitting it?

I know that many believe that this is a personal decision. However, when a woman's actions affect a third person, namely her baby, it becomes my business. The woman who has an abortion is depriving me and my children of the contribution that child can make to my society. Who knows how many people he/she will in-



fluence and how many lives he will change for the better? Leonardo da Vinci, Sophia Loren, Willy Brandt and Mahalia Jackson were all born out of wedlock.

When I worked in that refugee center in Costa Rica I met some pregnant unwed women, some younger than university age, who never considered abortions even though they were bombed out of their homes and were hungry. Although living conditions in certain areas of Southeast Asia and Africa are incredibly awful the birthrate is very high, as it is in most impoverished countries. Abortion would seem the logical alternative. Yet it is rarely considered although it is available. Why? I know that for the women in the refugee center having children was an affirmation that in spite of political and social systems that oppressed them and considered them superfluous, they had a right to exist and perpetuate themselves. They were not going to buy into the mentality of their environment which was telling them to give up and cop out.

Many university students have abortions because they do not want to "mess up their lives". It is just not "acceptable" to bear a child out of wedlock in a "middle class" environment. They must get their degrees on time (not that pregnancy and child bearing will necessarily prevent this) and continue in a profession following the time table set out for them by society.

But by aborting a child a university stu-

dent is in effect giving into a system which puts personal achievement and status ahead of the rights of the individual. A system which says that if a person cannot be born under exactly the right conditions he/she doesn't deserve to live; that he/she would be superfluous and that other people born in the "right" circumstances are more important.

Many people agree with what I am saying but the thought of carrying a child is very abstract, especially in the first trimester; a woman cannot feel it yet. When I read about thousands dead in the Iran/Iraq war, 3 million dead in Cambodia, or thousands starving in Southern Africa it doesn't affect me either. It's too abstract. I don't feel it. This does not make their deaths any less real however. The difference between man and animal is that man knows that things are real even if he cannot feel or see them. Many wonder 'How could the Holocaust have happened? Why didn't people speak out? I don't wonder. Who spoke out twelve years ago when we knew the genocide that was occurring in Cambodia? Because we did not see it with our own eyes it did not seem real to us. It was easier to ignore what was happening.

In the same manner abortion is rationalized as being good for children. It prevents child abuse. It insures that all children are raised in "quality" homes. Just the way it was thought that an employed slave was better off than an unemployed free Black so it is thought that a dead child is better off than an abused child.

This flies in the face of empirical evidence. Several studies show that between 70-80 percent of abused children were wanted. Experts believe that abuse is not caused by being unwanted but because parents become frustrated that their children cannot fulfill the parents' unmet emotional needs for which they had wanted the children in the first place. In spite of legalized abortion reported child abuse continues to increase. Other studies show that the same percentage of planned and unplanned pregnancies are "wanted" children after birth. Few abused children commit suicide. Social workers say that when given a weekend pass from a children's shelter children rush to homes where they have been abused. In spite of the abuse they find many positive things in their home environment. To them abuse is not a fate worse than death. They are glad that they are alive.

...abortion damages women. When a woman has an abortion, she is killing a part of herself. She is killing something that is beautiful and awesome and was created out of her own body.

by Sharon Long

Most importantly, however, abortion damages women. When a woman has an abortion she is killing a part of herself. She is killing something that is beautiful and awesome that was created out of her own body. Abortion, by completely divorcing sex from its potential to produce life encourages the perception of women as "playthings". Also the objectification of the fetus, which while not being the totality of women's sexuality is certainly closely connected to it, increases the objectification of women as sex objects.

I have never known a woman to have an abortion because she wishes to exercise her ideological right to control her own body. A woman generally has an abortion because she allows or is coerced into her body being controlled by someone else. Abortion not only encourages the sexual exploitation of women; it solves men's problem. Is it any wonder that survey after survey shows that it is white males who are the most supportive of abortion on demand?

Although the birth of a child does not necessarily strengthen a relationship, abortion never does. One study of 400 couples has shown that 70 percent of the relationships break up within a month of the abortion. Another study had showed that 90 percent of the relationships break up within a year after the abortion. When a couple agrees on abortion they are denying the product of their most intimate sharing, the product of their union. They are denying the validity of their relationship. This coupled with the fact that women frequently resent their partners' lack of support will quickly erode whatever love and trust existed in the relationship.

Women Exploited By Abortion (WEBA), a pro life support group for women who have had abortions, say that it is very common for a woman to have trouble relating to men sexually after an abortion and to go into depression.

Of course, for abortion to be eliminated we need much better health insurance policies, flexible working hours, etc. We need to develop social attitudes so that women who are pregnant out of wedlock are not stigmatized and so that the woman who does not get her degree and become a professional on time is not overtly or covertly disparaged. We need a society where children are truly thought of as blessings, not burdens.

It continually astounds me that the most caring and sensitive political activists will work with real determination in spite of large obstacles in the support of other causes but when confronted with the reality of abortion will at best shake their heads and say, "Abortion is unfortunate but that's the reality of our economy and culture and since these will not be changed in the short run we should at least keep abortion safe."

First, nowadays even illegal abortion will be safe. A woman can take a safe progestin hormone which will induce labor and would then be able to go to the hospital to be legally "scrapped out". Also many trained doctors will continue to perform abortion.

What is disturbing about this attitude however is that it shows such little vision when it comes to the lives of our children. Why must we accept things as they are? Legalized abortion only maintains the status quo. It does nothing to change those structures and attitudes in society which make abortion necessary.

Making abortion illegal is not the answer but at least it's a first step. The law is a symbol of what society values children and that no life is superfluous. Perhaps banning abortion will force society to examine the causes of abortion and to begin making those changes necessary to enable everyone to survive.

The unborn are the most defenseless victims of an alienating, exploitative society, a society in which we all are victims. By stopping abortion we not only save our children's lives, but also our own.

Banzai!

Take a car that can do 0 to 800 in six seconds and drive through solid matter to boot, a main character who is a rock star, neurosurgeon and sharp shooter, aliens from planet ten (and you thought our solar system only had nine planets), and paradoxical sayings such as "No matter where you go, there you are" and what do you get? Knight Rider? Science Fiction? Zen? No - Buckaroo Banzai and his adventures in the 8th dimension!

Keren Schlomy

Earl Mac Rouch, author of the book and screenplay, said in *Fantastic Films* magazine, "It's easier to talk about what the film is not, than about what it is. It's not about a punk rock superhero. It's not about a contemporary Renaissance man who can pick his nose and perform neurosurgery at the same time. It's not Star Wars and it's not Dr. Strangelove."

Mac Rouch set out to form interesting characters and plot, but apparently didn't intend for it to make total sense. Then again, you're not supposed to take it seriously. Remember that. The humor is often subtle, but it permeates the film. It starts with a view of Buckaroo Banzai (Peter Weller) helping out his friend and fellow neurosurgeon Dr. Sidney Zweibel (Jeff Goldblum) in surgery.

Goldblum, who you might remember from *The Big Chill*, is about to pull on a nerve. "Don't tug on that," Weller says, "you never know what it might be attached to." Thus giving the audience its first look at the character of Buckaroo. Within the next five minutes he

breaks the sound barrier with his jet car (which seems to be powered like the bat mobile), drives through a mountain into the eighth dimension, jams a mean rock session in a New Jersey Bar, and frees a girl from prison. He is clearly the most well-developed character of the film and all the rest lose something in his presence.

Basically, the earth is caught in a battle between the good and evil Lictroids from planet 10. The "good" ones are more than willing to "help us destroy ourselves" by starting a nuclear war - if Buckaroo doesn't stop the evil ones in time. Good or evil, they can all make us see them as humans, instead of the slimy creatures they really are. For some reason, the good aliens all look and talk like Jamaicans. Another characteristic they all share is the first name John. Even the females. Their last names, however, range from Smallberries and Yoyo, to Bigboote. More humor. Take it lightly.

At one point in the film the evil aliens are escaping in their spaceship - but they don't quite end up where they wanted to go. "This isn't the 8th dimension," one exclaims. "No, it's New Jersey." Apparently there isn't much difference.

Don't worry about the language, Polly Purebred couldn't have done better. With expressions like "I don't give a flying handshake" and "I'm holding my fudge" the dialogue provides another outlet for humor without being offensive.

Reality? It's whatever we choose to make it. Need a break from the everyday world of work and problems? Go see *Buckaroo Banzai*. □

My Life As A Pretty Girl

Letter To An Ugly Guy

Dear Aspects, Listen, I really feel sorry for Jim Lally. I mean, being an ugly guy can be tough. That fact, however, is no excuse for the fact that you have neglected a reasonably large part of the populace: I'm talking about cute GIRLS.

Let me begin by saying that cute is an offensive four letter word. Dogs are cute. Children are cute. Girls on college campuses are WOMEN, got that? We are out of the cribs filled with pink stigma.

Being ugly doesn't do much for your social life. Okay. Try being cute for one day, it's enough to make you schizophrenic. Picture this, a "cute" girl is waiting for the green limosine when some six foot something out of nowhere says, "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

Cute girls are notorious for polite replies (ie: "No, I don't think so.") which often leads to more harassment. They leave themselves open to bothersome blithering idiots who don't understand the meaning of the word "No." A simple "No" or plain mode of ignore The Jerk suffices, but this makes cute girls "bitches."

About the connotation of the word bitch. Has anyone ever called an ugly guy a bitch? The equivalent of "dog" is not half as nasty as bitch. Dogs are called dogs. One usually doesn't introduce their female dog as a bitch. Now that we have this out in the open, I would like to bring up another element: the mind. Abran sus ojos por favor! Cute women have minds. You see, society imposes this thing called socialization upon each and every human being. Women not only have biological bestowment of childbearing, but they also have such brands as "dumb blonde" and "airhead" imposed upon them. On this stage called life, women take the role missionary style both literally and figuratively.

So, Jim, you think being ugly is tough because your interiors are emphasized? Try life where your exteriors are emphasized. There is no happy medium even if "you've got the look." And if you have function out of both sides of your brain and are "cute" a lot of men will be intimidated by the fact that you can converse with them, not be conversed upon.

So Jim, write back soon. I am interested in your thoughts on this matter.

Jane Gabay

Amadeus!



Let's check the cast list for *Amadeus*. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Johann Kiliam Von... Lots of silent parts, too like Teresa Saleri. But what about The Audience?

Granted, it's not the part that any actor would kill for, but you can't overlook the significance of the audience to the University Theatre's next production.

Mark Latino

Meet Antonio Salieri, self-proclaimed Patron Saint of Mediocrities. Within him was the God-given desire to be a great composer. Indeed, he deserved nothing less. Salieri, a good man, who continually exhausted his mind in his attempts to create a definitive work of art. He strived. He worked. He toured Europe, but he was forced to endure "lousy years of being called Distinguished" by people incapable of distinguishing!

And now, ladies and gentlemen, meet Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Undoubtedly by Peter Schaffer's depiction of his title character will destroy any classical puritan image you may have previously held about one of history's greatest composers. He was a vile, shit-talking individual, as director William A. Leonie explained, yet his compositions were praised by audiences and critics alike.

and Salieri? Well, all of his acquired fame was ultimately taken away from him - every scrap! Therefore he wanted nothing more than to destroy Amadeus. But did he?

Enter The Audience, who will listen as Salieri confesses his torments, his sorrows and his anger at God for making him mediocre and that spiteful, guttering, condescending infantine Mozart brilliant. This constant interplay between the character of Salieri and his audience is vital to the believability of the production, because it incorporates the audience into the play's action, blends them in with the theatrical reality onstage. In addition, the actor (all of

the performance) will be playing Salieri. As you can see, the production has a lot of potential. It's not just the same old, same old, but it's a production which offers greatly from Schaffer's original.

Leonie, who has directed many plays for the SUNYA theatre, has been a voice and acting teacher at SUNYA for six years. He will play Salieri for the performances from December 4-8. Guest artist Peter Bennett will become Mozart's bitter rival for the first series of production dates, November 7-11, December 1-5.

Peter Bennett returns to his alma mater after directing Sylvia Sydes' *Night Mother* in Pittsburgh. His SUNYA stage directorial assignments include *The Idiot*, *Godspell* and *The Boys in the Band*, a critical acclaim for also directed the original New York production of *The Passion of Dr. Faustus*, which earned him the Soho News Annual Arts award for Best Director. His George Street Playhouse production of *Shambhala* garnered him production and direction awards, a professional stage actor, Bennett cites from *Rhinoceros* and *Drummond* in *Liberal* the *Yard* to be among his favorite roles.

William Salzman will play the role of... If you want a chance to play an individual of The Audience in what may very well become the year's most electrifying, passionate production, make reservations for tickets now. Seats are limited. Once again, the dates are Nov. 7-11 and Dec. 4-8. General admission is six dollars for students, senior citizens will be admitted for four dollars. Group rates are available by calling the ticket office in advance.

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EDITORIAL

'Let them eat crale (?)'

"Nrught muplwi ik joplox ghe huhh. Melgi lig ftoiberv sluchew yer-dish ziployn veve."

If your lectures sometimes sound like this then we have a problem.

Over half the students we polled last week said they've had problems understanding their professors or TA's.

Harry Hamilton (alias Marie Antoinette), Dean of undergraduate education, has said, 'Let them eat cake.'

In his own words, "I'm not going to take the effort to make changes if 50 percent of the students say there's a problem. . . 95 percent of the students complain about the dorm food, but that doesn't mean that there's a problem."

Mr. Hamilton, when was the last time you dined with UAS? For that matter, when was the last time you took intro to Eco., Math, Physics or Comp. Sci?

reality at this university know the feeling of memorizing textbooks because our lectures are not in English.

We know the feeling of walking into an upper level course in our major and hearing our native language intelligibly for the first time.

When half of us are losing out on our education, Mr. Hamilton, there is a problem.

It is wonderful that students from all over the world find a place to study here. It adds to our selves and our community as well as theirs.

But it is a right, not a privilege, to have profs and TA's we can understand.

If there is any doubt of Mr. Hamilton's intentions, let us remember that he was the the strongest advocate of pushing the 'W' through the Senate.

This reactionary policy is administrative in the worst sense — it reveals a view of students not as people but as objects to be ruled and punished and

Those of us who are a tad more in touch with treated as second class partners in our own education.

We deserve better.

We let them starve

Isn't it just wonderful how Soviets and Americans are joining forces to save the starving millions in Ethiopia?

Beyond this dramatic propaganda, however, is the fact that the two nations who can produce enough to feed the world don't.

American farmers are paid by the government (thanks, Mr. Reagan) not to plant. Why? Profit. Trillions (try to picture trillions) of dollars are wasted on insane military buildups.

Our self-serving, decadent consumer economy feeds the corporate machine. We buy new toys every week while so many live in a poverty we try to forget. The money we spend on video games alone could probably feed Ethiopia several times over.

We cannot stop questioning ourselves or our society while this goes on.

COLUMN

The Children Defense Fund

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is a nationwide, not-for-profit public charity organization. It was established to provide long range and systematic advocacy for America's children. The organization attempts to change policies and practices that affect children adversely through research, education, litigation, community organization and political participation. The central agenda of CDF is to highlight the needs of children and their families on the public policy charts. It is supported largely by Foundations. It has no branches or chapters and no membership.

Dr. Japhet Zwana

Recently (1975) CDF, undertook an extensive research of the major federal programs on children. The following were the research findings of CDF:

1. Federal funding patterns act as disincentives to the development of strong family support programs. For example, the major federal foster care program encourages the break-up of families.

2. Current federal policies fail to ensure adequate procedural and substantive protections to children at risk of removal and in placement, or to their families.

3. The federal government has taken an explicit stance in favor of deinstitutionalization. Yet, there has been no concerted effort to ensure that these deinstitutionalization efforts in fact, are working for the interest of the children. Legislative regulatory and fiscal provisions are very often inconsistent — on the one hand, encouraging, and on the other, discouraging the process of doing away with institutions.

4. There has been insufficient federal attention paid to the quality and comprehensiveness of care for children in facilities that receive federal funds.

5. There has been a dramatic absence of federal compliance efforts with regards to children at risk of removal or in out-of-home placement. Federal agencies have done little to ensure that existing program requirements are met. They have also failed to monitor and take action against discriminatory treatment of minority children.

6. Administrative responsibility for federal programs affecting children without homes is fragmented. Adequate policy planning and coordination to ensure administrative linkages among programs and among their service, training and research components are virtually non-existent.

7. The absence of useful national information bank about children out of their homes and about the impact of relevant federal programs prevents meaningful planning, monitoring and evaluation efforts.

Following the study, CDF has made the following recommendations:

1. Resources development of family support services to prevent unnecessary and inappropriate out-of-home placements should be increased and redirected in more effective fashion.

2. Fiscal disincentives which prevent children who have been removed from their homes from being returned home or placed in another permanent living situation, including adoptive homes, should be eliminated.

3. Procedural and substantive safeguards for children at risk of removal or in out-of-home care should be required as condition for receipt of federal funds.

4. Federal support should ensure quality care to children out of their homes should be strengthened, and a consistent federal policy toward deinstitutionalization developed.

5. Specific administrative and procedural mechanisms should be put in place to ensure that the federal dollar is used to best serve the needs of children affected by homelessness.

6. A body should be designated within HEW with clear centralized administrative responsibility for major programs affecting children at risk or in need of placement, and a mechanism should be developed for cross-agency programming, monitoring, and reporting.

"Become an active and effective advocate for Black and poor children. We all must take a stronger, more systematic and more programmatic interest in alleviating the problems that affect Black children. No one has a greater stake than we do in whether our children read, think, write, survive, and grow up healthy. If the widespread nutrition, health care, education and employment needs described are to be met, Black parents and leaders must constantly raise them in public, organize to challenge them, and vote for leaders who will do something about them!"

The foregoing hortative statement comes from none other than Dr. Marian Wright Edelman, the African-American heroine and champion of children beset by disadvantages.

Marian Wright Edelman is capable of "starting a fire six feet under water with a safety match and a green two-by-four." In the late 1950's she started rocking the boat. It all began during her studency at Spelman College in Atlanta. She recalls that she once told a friend that, "There was never a time in the South when I didn't hate

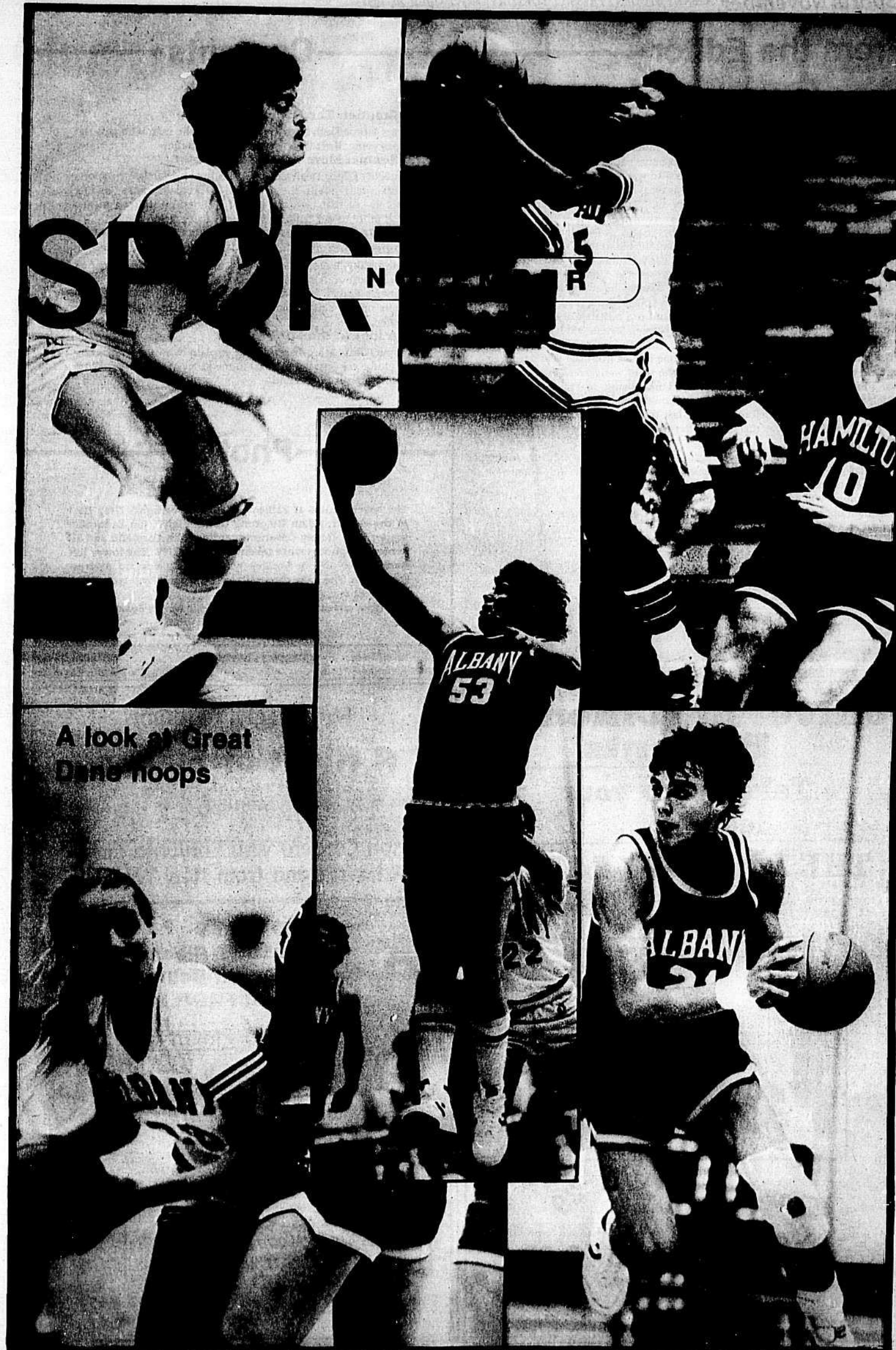
segregation, and there was never any question that I was going to do something to change it." She immediately became a part of social groups that were interested in drastic changes.

As a junior at Spelman, Edelman won a scholarship that enabled her to attend the University of Geneva, Switzerland. It was in Geneva that she was able to talk seriously with Southern Whites. When she returned to Spelman for her Senior year, she felt sure that she could not be a smooth part of the traditional South. In 1960, she was leader of one of the first Southern sit-ins, discontinued her Russian literature studies and volunteered her services in the NAACP. Having developed a lofty sense of desperate need of African-American attorneys in the liberation movement, she resolved to apply to the Yale Law School. At age 24, she passed her law exams and subsequently became the first African-American woman to pass the Mississippi bar exam. Soon, she became the Director of the Legal Defense Fund for the Jackson NAACP.

Within a span of four years, Edelman had successfully bailed out civil-rights activists, pushed the public-accommodations provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and acted on behalf of anti-segregation and welfare cases. In 1968, she became a member of the Poor People's Campaign which had been organized in Washington, D.C.

Her passion for children who have been literally pushed out by society led her to found the now famous Children's Defense Fund in Cambridge Massachusetts in 1973. It is currently headquartered in Washington, D.C. The address is:

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A look at Great Dane hoops

From the Editor

Ever since last year's heartbreaking loss to Binghamton in the ECAC tournament, I have been anxiously awaiting the tip-off of another Great Dane basketball season. Well it has finally come.

Now I can spend my weekends once again mumbling under my breath how much I hate Potsdam while I try to act "objective" at the press table.

I can once again travel five hours on a bus to watch a two-hour game just to turn around and make the five-hour trek again. Thrills, thrills.

But seriously, covering the hoop team is the highlight of my year as Sports Editor. Basketball is truly a big-time sport at Albany.

The SUNY Conference is a very high caliber league in Division III sports — it must be. The winner is given an almost automatic bid to the NCAA's. As a matter of fact, that champion usually hosts the early rounds.

Another factor that makes basketball a major sport at Albany is that the Danes are coached by one of the most respected coaches in athletics, Dick Sauers. Sauers is the 15th winningest active coach in college basketball today. He has never had a losing season in 30 campaigns and is a member of the NCAA National Rules Committee. With 21 wins this season, Sauers will have tallied his 500th career victory.

The team is a very talented group. Everyone is back from last year's team except for Wilson Thomas. Along with that the team went overseas to play this past summer. While overseas they played four teams in France posting an undefeated 4-0 record. The trip to France should help this team play as a more cohesive unit than ever before. Also the last time that the Danes qualified for the NCAA playoffs it was the season after their previous trip to Europe when they toured Sweden.

On the women's side the Danes again promise to be very exciting. Among other players last year's explosive backcourt of Rainey Lesane and Ronnie Patterson return for the women.

The women will open up their season today against local rival RPI. The men open up this season with the Capital District Tournament which will be held at RPI this year.

In the first round, the Danes, last year's champions, will face Union, last year's tournament runner-ups.

To both the men's and women's basketball teams, good luck in the upcoming season.

Keith Marder

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Croutier: The Danes' leader

By Keith Marder
SPORTS EDITOR

Remember when you were growing up and there was one kid that you would always want to play on your team and if he weren't on your team you really didn't want to play? Well that kid grew up and now he's playing basketball for Albany. His name is Danny Croutier.

Croutier, who is now entering his fourth year as the Great Danes' starting point guard, is a hard-nosed individual who will never settle for second best. He will go to any means to achieve success. He is the type of guy who would run over his own mother to get a loose ball.

"Danny is as good a competitor as I've ever had," said Head Coach Dick Sauers, who is entering his 30th season as Albany's basketball coach.

It didn't take long for Tony Dickens to notice what type of player Croutier is.

"Danny is a very intense type of player," said Dickens, who is entering his first year as a Great Dane basketball player. "He always gives 150 percent and that is what I like about him."

Croutier is a fierce competitor; he knows what it takes to win and he is willing to do it. He also has one handicap for a basketball player — he stands only 5'7". What he lacks in height he more than makes up for in intelligence and quickness.

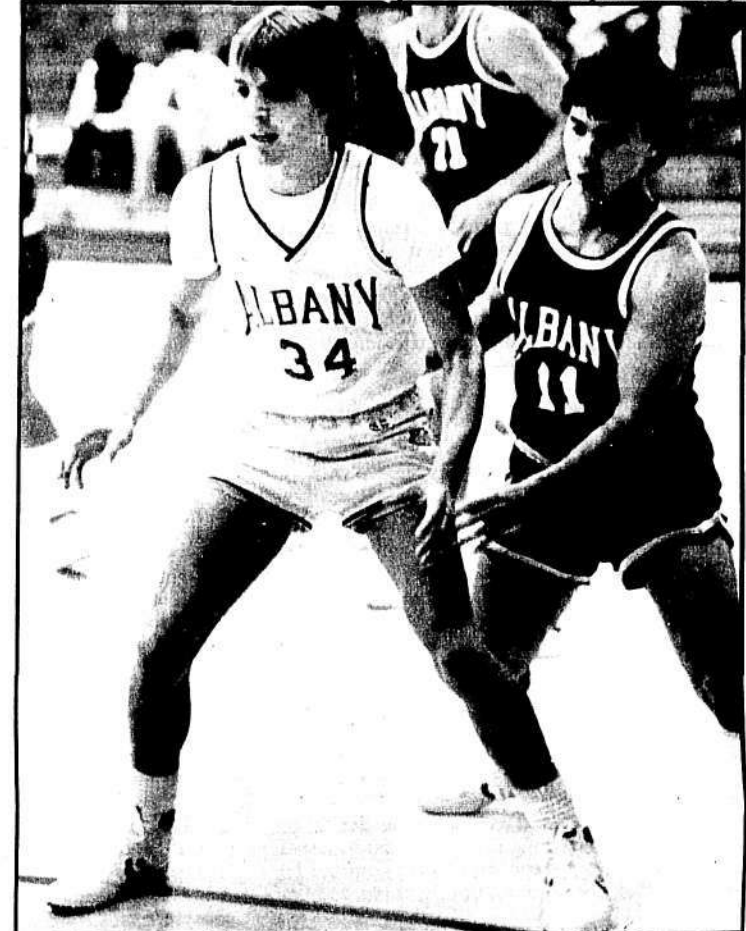
One instance when Croutier uses his quickness is when the opposition is taking the ball out of bounds. Croutier quietly sneaks up behind the intended recipient of the in-bounds pass and often steals it. That usually results in an easy layup for Croutier and two points for the Danes. And then there are times when Croutier sees where the other team's center is planning on tipping the ball on jump balls. He then gets to that spot as soon as the referee throws up the ball and comes away with it.

"Those are the types of tricks you learn when you're 5'7"," said Croutier.

But it is more than tricks and mirrors that make Croutier so successful. He is a very talented individual. When he was a senior in high school he was named to the Daily News All-Star team as he led St.

Agnes to the Catholic High School Championship against the likes of Matt Doherty and Tim Kempton.

These all sound like pretty good qualities for a team captain, don't they?



Dan Croutier (11) will not back away from any sized opponent.

Well his teammates answered that question with an emphatic yes when they named him along with fellow guard Dave Adam co-captains for the 1984-1985 season.

"Danny has matured a lot since he came here as a freshman," said Sauers. "He has a much stronger personality and he realizes his importance to the team."

"In many games last year the team went as Danny went. He's the key to the tempo of the game; he has to be a leader." Dane center Greg Hart echoed his coaches sentiments.

"If he plays well we win," said the 6'5" Hart. "He's the nucleus of the team."

"Danny is the type of player that can take control of a game," said Adam, Croutier's backcourt mate.

Croutier is a point guard personified; he is lightning quick, he can handle the ball with exceptional ease, thread the needle with crisp passes, hit long range jump shots, and speed up or slow down the pace of a game. He also holds the Great Dane record for most assists in three different categories. Croutier is the all-time Dane assist man for a single game, a season, and a career, a record he broke midway through his junior year.

"Danny always seems to find the open man whether it is on the break or in the set offense," said John Mracek. "He always seems to dazzle the crowd with a pin-point pass."

"Once he (Danny) gets the ball in the backcourt I know I can start downcourt because he will have no trouble bringing it up," said Adam. "Then I am able to get free for open layups because Danny is a great long-court passer."

The Danes' opponents also realize that as Croutier goes so do the Danes. This results in many box-and-ones on Croutier, which can be mighty frustrating on a player. Especially when teams put a very physical player on him to get his Irish temper flowing.

"Teams try to provoke him," said Adam.

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Ronnie: Not just a shooter

By Dean Chang
MANAGING EDITOR

Versatility is the name of Ronnie Patterson's game; in her three years on the women's basketball team, she's been counted on to be the team's rebounder, main defensive player, and shooter. Despite Patterson's skills, she does not fit the mold of your ordinary basketball player.

In the past year, Patterson was the recipient of SUNY Albany's Coaches Award and was named Albany's Sportswoman of the Year. Neither honor was awarded solely on her merits on the court.

Patterson works in the women's training room where she comes in contact with all the women's teams. But outside the gym, Patterson sheds her athletic image.

Head Coach Mari Warner characterized Patterson as "an ideal athlete on the court, and a lady off the court."

"Most people think that female basketball players are jocks," said Patterson. "I don't wear jeans and sneakers all the time; I'm always dressed up."

Patterson was captain of the team last year and will be co-captain this year. Her roommate and backcourt partner Rainey Lesane admires her leadership qualities.

"She's friends with everyone, and not just upperclassmen," said Lesane. "But she wouldn't be afraid to tell someone to stop fooling around. She makes sure that people are doing what they are supposed to be doing."

When Patterson sees one of her teammates having trouble, she is quick to come to her aid.

"I'd sit on the sidelines and see what the player is doing wrong," said Patterson. "Jill Silverman wasn't following through on her foul shots, and I told her so. Then she hit two in a row; and later on she told me she hit seven straight."

Patterson's biggest role on the court, aside from her shooting, is to settle down the team. Any team with the

speedy Lesane is going to need some settling down.

"I have to keep myself under control and keep the team under control," said Patterson. "Both have to happen at the same time, because once we lose control — forget it. We're great when everything's settled down."

Warner depended on Patterson to provide the outside shooting for the Danes last year, and will be looking for more of the same this season.

"Ronnie's become more consistent a shooter recently," said Warner. "She completes the effect of a running team. This year, she'll be shooting literally from the sidelines."

Even though Patterson led the team in field-goal percentage, she doesn't view herself as a shooter.

"I like playing defense the best," said Patterson. "I was never a shooter in high school. But last year, only Rainey and I would shoot. No one else would take the initiative."

"Everybody seems to think that I have long range," said Patterson. "I don't think it's that long. I can't shoot from inside the foul line; the closer I get, the worse I get. Maybe I'm nearsighted, but the doctors always tell me I'm 20-20."

Women's basketball teams will be using a smaller ball this season. Some players had a difficult time adjusting to the new ball, but Patterson wasn't one of them.

"I don't find a real difference between the two balls," said Patterson. "A lot of people had to make an adjustment. It is easier to shoot with."

Patterson and Lesane won't have to worry about others not taking shots this year. The Danes have been strengthened inside, which translates into less shots for the guards.

"For the first time in years, we have height so we can work it in on offense," said Patterson. "I won't have to score as much; I'll have to look inside more."

The Syracuse native didn't come to Albany to play



Ronnie Patterson (left) was last year's Sportswoman of the Year.

Guards to be strength for men's, women's teams

Maturity and experience Danes' strengths as they try to get back into the SUNYACs

By Mark Levine
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

When analyzing the 1984-85 version of the Albany State Great Danes, one tends to notice the same strengths and weaknesses the 1983-84 squad had. What does this mean for a team that last year failed to qualify for the conference playoffs for the first time and suffered through a mediocre 14-11 campaign?

"We're going to need some new blood," said Dane Head Coach Dick Sauers, who enters his 30th season. "I am not content with the status quo."

This "new blood" could be a new starter or two, according to Sauers. With one starter lost from last year, there will have to be at least one new face in the starting five. In addition, there could be some new bodies on the bench, as well as some familiar faces at different positions. Despite the changes, however, the nucleus of last year's team is back.

Danny Croutier, a 5'7" senior from Rockville Centre, returns for his fourth year as the starting point guard. If there is a "straw that stirs the drink" of the Great Danes it is in the form of the feisty Croutier, who will be expected to orchestrate the tempo of the game from his point guard position.

Most of Albany's outside scoring in 1984-85 should come from the off guard position, where Dave Adam heads into his senior year. The 5'11" Schenectady native's perimeter shooting was one of the Danes' most potent weapons last year, as his highlights included a

26-point game against Montclair State, an 11-for-12 shooting performance against Union. All-Tournament honors in the Capital District Tournament, and the MVP trophy in the Danes' Christmas Tournament.

"We need Dave to go to the hoop more this year and get fouled," Sauers commented. "But his outside shooting was definitely a plus for us last year, and he and Danny in the backcourt should be our biggest asset this year."

The final starting slot that seemed set in preseason was at small forward, where 6'4" sophomore Adam Ursprung should get the nod. The lanky Catskill resident was Albany's leading rebounder as a freshman last season and its most consistent inside scoring threat. His rise to potential greatness included a marvelous 15-point, 11-rebound game in a key overtime win against Potsdam. His play as a sophomore should only improve, and this is good news for the Great Danes, assuming he can recover fully from off-season arthroscopic knee surgery.

"The two guards and Ursprung look solid at first glance," said Sauers. "The other two positions are cloudy."

The two post positions are Albany's main concern, and this was where the Danes were hurt the most last year. "We've got to get more inside scoring this year," Sauers noted. "We didn't get enough of that from our big men last year except from Ursprung, and that hurt us."

One candidate for the other starting positions is Greg Hart, a 6'5" senior from Red Oak

Mills. On a two-week trip to France in early June, Hart impressed Sauers immensely and helped the Danes win all four of their games against the foreign teams.

"Greg played the best in France of all the postmen," Sauers observed. "His size and bulk (220 pounds) are an intimidation factor out there, and if he can improve on his inside moves he should help."

Last year's starting center for most of the year was Pete Gosule, and the 6'8" senior from Commack is back for his third year of varsity play. Gosule played well early last year, including a strong performance in the Christmas Tournament, but then saw his play tail off toward the end of the year. Sauers hopes Gosule can be more consistent this season and hopes to use his height as more of an advantage inside.

The other big man returning from last year's team is John Mracek, a 6'5" junior from Hudson Falls. Mracek is easily the best outside shooter on the front line, and if his defense and rebounding can improve from last season he should see a great deal of playing time.

"John shot very well and came along well last year," Sauers said, in reference to Mracek's being named the team's Most Improved Player. "He's a great threat offensively."

Rich Chapman is up from last year's JV squad, and he could also see minutes up front. Despite his apparent lack of height (6'2"), Chapman mixes it up well down low and is very physical.

"Rich has a tendency to foul too much sometimes, but he's tough down low and he has a nose for the ball that the other big men don't have."

One newcomer will have a good chance of making the team up front. Tony Dickens, a 6'2" sophomore, is a transfer from Orange Community College, and Sauers characterized him as "a strong player who works hard in there."

The two people most likely to back up Croutier and Adam at the guard positions are Doug Kilmer and Brian Kauppila, both of whom saw action in 1983-84. Kilmer possesses



Lesane and Patterson to lead their fast-breaking squad

By Kristine Sauer
SPORTS WRITER

Perhaps the greatest transition for the Albany women's basketball team of 1984-85, aside from losing one player to graduation and becoming accustomed to the play of a handful of newcomers, will be in the one inch smaller sized basketballs all colleges and community colleges are using now in women's play.

Similar to a junior basketball, this new regulation ball is one inch less in circumference than the men's. This is the first year this size basketball is mandatory for women. Next year high schools will adopt the ball. In women's international play there has been no change.

Head Coach Mari Warner finds a noticeable difference in ball handling and shooting.

"The players are making crisper passes and there has been an increased range in shooting," said Warner. So far she hasn't noticed an improvement on their inside game as was predicted by the implementors.

Returning player Kim Kosalek voiced the team's opinion that "the smaller basketball is easier to handle," and predicts they'll be less turnovers in the long run.

Warner considers this year's crop "a good combination of both young and old." These women hoopsters are just that. With veterans Rainny Lesane, Ronnie Patterson, Chris Cannata, Diane Fernandes, Kosalek, Nancy Grasso and Debra Logan leading the way, this season should outshine last year's 15-10 record, ECAC bid, and first place in the Capital District Tournament.

A key to the team's offense and defense is third year member Lesane at guard. "She's a strong player," said Warner. Lesane received All-SUNYAC, ECAC and Capital District All-Tournament Honors last season. She will be a definite factor in this season's outcome.

A fourth-year veteran, Ronnie Patterson, is also a guard. Warner said, "Ronnie has a good outside shot with exceptional range and is really quick." With Lesane, Patterson will be the key to the Dane fast break.

Two veterans at the guard/forward position are senior Cannata and junior Fernandes. "Both play the position well and we will be looking for them to shoot the ball. They are also an important part of breaking any zone," said Warner.

Forward Kosalek is a two-year veteran. "She's 5'10" which is a good size," said Warner. "She moves well, shoots well and is a good rebounder."

Center Grasso, a senior, is out with a knee injury. She will be coming back hopefully before Christmas.

Logan, a junior, is a backup at point guard. "Debra has come a long way - she's handling the ball with more confidence and has good vertical jump," said Warner. She'll be looked for to help out Lesane at the point and Patterson with shooting.

As for the incoming players, Warner feels they've caught on well and predicts good team unity.

Freshman Donna Hughes, from Catholic Central High School in Troy, plays the guard position.

"She's a pure shooter," said Warner. "We'll look for her to take more shots. She's very calm and knows the game well."

Also in the guard position is Maureen McBride from Oxford, another shooter with good range. A "jumper" who will shoot the ball, is Julie Hotmer another freshman. "All she needs now is consistency," said Warner of the guard/forward.

From Unadilla is another newcomer, Jenny Pendergast at the guard/forward spot. "She knows the game well and has a good outside shot," said Warner.

A transfer from St. John Fischer is 5'11" Lori Bayba. Bayba is a rebounder who will add strength under the boards. Warner said, "she's a strong player with a good outside shot and good range."

Another newcomer is sophomore Jill Silverman, a 5'8" forward. "She's not very tall, but very aggressive on defense," said Warner. "She gets the garbage rebounds by being aggressive,



which is needed."

The women hoopsters have a lot of depth. "Everyone should contribute," said Warner. She predicts they will be quick, break a lot, and play a lot of man-to-man defense.

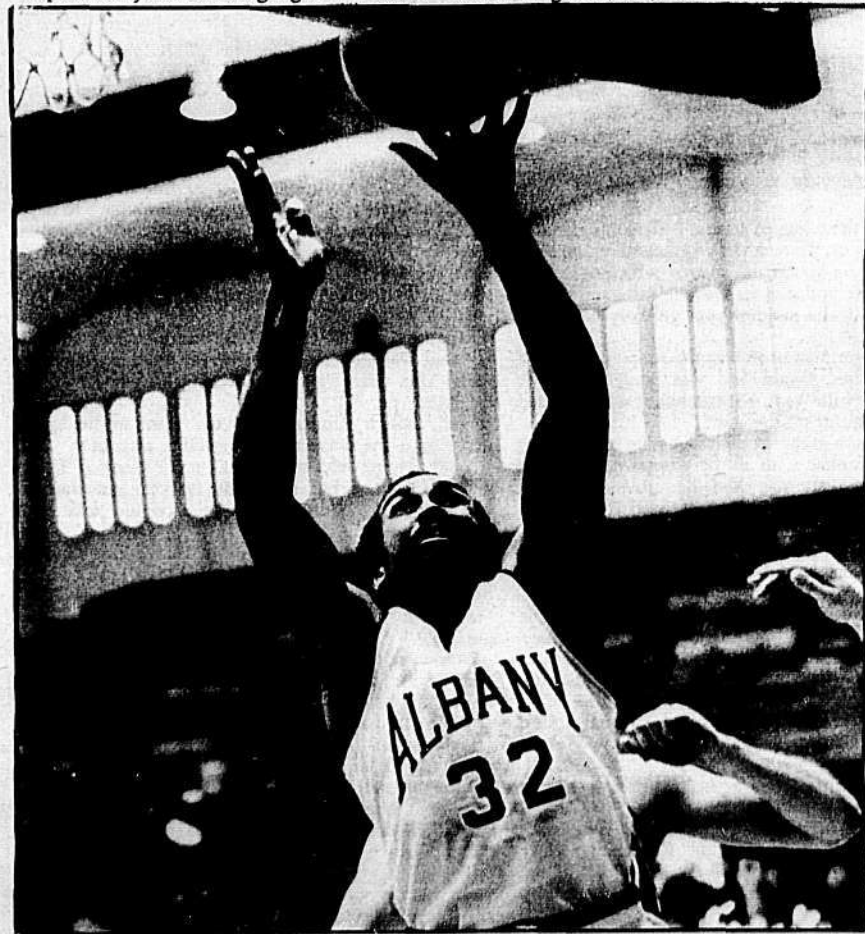
They play a tough schedule. Their first three games will be difficult. Tough competition will come from Oneonta and Cortland in the SUNYAC conference, Division II St. Michaels, RPI, and Hamilton.

They play RPI on Tuesday November 20 at 7:00 p.m. away. "RPI is always a tough game. We'll have to play well," said Warner, pointing out they'll have to cut down on turnovers.

The team's home opener is on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. in University Gym against SUNYAC rival Oneonta.

The Red Dragons of Oneonta, the defending SUNYAC finalists, will serve as a good barometer for Albany this season.

"If we can beat Oneonta, then we'll have a pretty good idea of where we stand," said Patterson. □



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Donna Hughes	Fr.	Guard
Rainny Lesane	Jr.	Guard



A look at the SUNYAC East

By Marc Berman
SPORTS EDITOR

Potsdam Head Coach Jerry Welsh has done it again. Just when it looks like Potsdam might be slipping from their comfortable perch atop the SUNYAC East, he puts on his recruiting shirt and lands three Division I transfers.

Four starters were lost to graduation, but Welsh has more than adequately replaced them adding transfer John Leonard, Brendon Mitchell, and Troy Turner, all from the Capital District area.

With point guard Roosevelt Bullock ready to turn into a premier player, according to Potsdam Sports Information Director Kevin Williams, Potsdam figures to once again finish in the top spot of one of the toughest conferences in Division III.

Albany State has four returning starters, and should return to the SUNYAC playoffs after a years hiatus.

Binghamton and Plattsburgh are expected to battle for third. Colonial Head Coach Dave Archer is still letting his players race up and down the court like thoroughbreds.

Oneonta lost all its starters and forgot to replace them. But they won't finish lower than Cortland, a team that sported a 1-22 record last season. They will improve, but not by much.

Potsdam

Jerry Welsh, landed three Division I transfers, John Leonard, Brendon Mitchell, and Troy Turner over the summer.

With Roosevelt Bullock now starting, Potsdam is solid in every aspect.

On paper, there's no better team in all of the SUNYACs.

Returning Letterman- Rick Whitney is the only returning starter. He is 6'5" and was second in scoring and rebounding last season.

Bullock, the sixth man last year, is now running the offense. He is everything a playmaking guard should be: quick, great penetrator, super passer, and his hands are as deft as a magicians.

The two 6'5" transfers, Leonard and Mitchell, are tall, physical, and love to rebound. Leonard sat on the bench at Fairfield University while Mitchell a grad from Mount Pleasant, played for North Carolina A.T.

The other transfer, Turner, is rotating with Tim Horns at the shooting guard position.

The same players on the bench last year are still around: 6'6" Ed Okuniewski, Brooklyn born Barry Stanton, and Shaker High's Tom Conboy.

Players lost- Four starters, former All-American guard Leroy Litherpoon, Scott Culler, Marty Groginski, and Pat Crawford have said by-bye to Maxey Hall. Witherspoon, trying out for the CBA's Albany Patrons, was cut last night.

Strengths- Potsdam is potent in every department. They have dominating rebounders, quick guards, quick forwards, and a super bench. Their defense is aggressive: look for Bullock to come up with a bunch of steals.

Their bench couldn't be deeper. Welsh has 10 players that can play and he doesn't hesitate to use them.

Weaknesses- Possibly their only weak point, is shooting beyond the 18-foot mark.

Versus Albany- In one of the most nailbiting games in their historic rivalry, Albany and Potsdam slugged it out at the University Gym in front of a full house with the Danes the winner in overtime 62-56.

In their other meeting earlier in the season, Potsdam broke open a close game midway through the second half and won by a landslide.

1984-1985 Dane schedule

November 24/25	Capital District Tournament (Albany, Union, R.P.I., York)	at R.P.I.	6 p.m.
November 28	Ithaca	Home	8 p.m.
December 1	Stony Brook	Home	8 p.m.
December 5	Cortland	Home	8 p.m.
December 8	Plattsburgh	Away	8 p.m.
December 10	Hunter	Home	8 p.m.
December 12	R.P.I.	Away	8 p.m.
December 15	Hartwick	Away	8 p.m.
January 4/5	Albany Invitational (Albany, Springfield U of Buffalo, Jersey City)	Home	6:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m.
January 12	Staten Island	Home	8 p.m.
January 15	Montclair	Home	8 p.m.
January 19	Oneonta	Away	8:30 p.m.
January 23	Binghamton	Away	8 p.m.
January 26	Potsdam	Away	8 p.m.
January 28	King's	Home	8 p.m.
January 30	Cortland	Away	8:30 p.m.
February 2	Plattsburgh	Home	8 p.m.
February 6	Union	Away	8 p.m.
February 9	Oneonta	Home	8 p.m.
February 13	Binghamton	Home	8 p.m.
February 16	Potsdam	Home	8 p.m.
February 19	Hamilton	Away	8 p.m.
February 22/23	SUNYAC Championships (East)	TBA	

Expectations They will finish on top unless there are detrimental injuries or some amazing upsets. Welsh won't boldly say it, but he never does.

Prediction-First

Binghamton

There will be a few new faces, but Binghamton will still be running and gunning with the same amount of consistency as last season.

In Coach Dave Archer's initial season, the Colonials speeded to a 16-10 clip which was one of the best seasons in recent history for them. All-SUNYAC Derek Pankey and Spider Pollard are no longer dressing in a Colonial uniform, but Binghamton still looks tough this season.

Returning Lettermen- Three out of five starters are back. 6'6" senior center Mary Young, senior guard Greg Fleming, and senior forward Derek Harrison. Senior guard Caspar Ellis, a reserve last season, will also start along with transfer Tom Coleman.

But the key to Binghamton is their deep bench, which allows them to run, run, run without tiring at the finish. The two key reserves include two 6'6" forwards, Steve Andriearth, a transfer, and Mike Schuman, a member of junior varsity last season.

Senior Maurice Salama, who as a spot starter, will provide pressure defense off the bench.

Players lost- Besides Pankey, the tenth player in the nation in rebounds, and Spider Pollard, the career assist leader, the Colonials lost a very promising freshman in Mark Wright. He transferred to NYU.

Strengths- This team will run the ball down your throat and are able to because of their long bench. They're quick, fast, and Archer is a prophet with the fast-break offense. With Young and Harrison clearing the boards, the outlet pass should become a common thing for

Binghamton basketball.

Experience is also a factor: four out of the five starters are seniors.

Weaknesses- Archer points out that Binghamton is not comfortable with the slow down game. That might prove costly in the closing moments of a tight game.

Versus Albany- They met three times last year. During the regular, Albany was triumphant on Binghamton's home court and vice-versa. In the opening round of the ECACs, Binghamton got the last laugh, beating the Danes at the buzzer.

Expectations- They should battle Albany for second place.

"We're as good as last year," said Archer. "I want to be better."

Prediction-Third

Plattsburgh- Detailed information unavailable.

Prediction-Fourth

Oneonta

Last year's SUNYAC playoff qualifiers will be "starting from scratch," says Oneonta's Coach Don Flewelling.

Oneonta was decimated by graduation, losing all of last season's starting five. The departure of All-Everything Mike Pocyntyluk will hurt the most. In his four years as a Dragon, Pocyntyluk broke every scoring and rebounding record the school could offer.

This year's squad is compromised of zero seniors, two juniors, five sophomores, and four freshmen. They are not likely to reproduce last year's 16-10 record, which was enough for second place in the Division.

Returning letterman- The only returnees from last year's unit are sophomore point guard Tom Combs and junior forward Al Bishop, two players who received limited duty. This season, the 6'4" Bishop is expected to be a major force inside along with two 6'6" novices, freshman Steve

Boumfield and forward Randy Irons, a sophomore who out his freshman with a busted knee. Coach Flewelling is hoping Irons has not lost the mobility he used to possess.

A Schenectady product and Bishop Gibbons grad, Jimmy Johnson, will start at the other guard. Off the bench look for freshman Brian Croutier, brother of Albany State guard Danny Croutier: to supply some punch, if not this season, surely in the years to come.

Key losses- Each member of the starting five averaged double figures, but now they all have departed. Beside Pocyntyluk, freshman John Ebanks will be sorely missed. He dropped out of school because of personal problems, according to Flewelling. Guard Danny Bagan, Steve Campbell, and 6'6" forward Charlie Stroud are the other lost members of last year's playoff team.

Strengths- They've got a tall starting front line that averages 6'5". They also have a positive attitude, according to Flewelling, and plenty of enthusiasm, characteristic of a young squad.

Weaknesses- Inexperience is the key. There are no seniors and the team contains nine underclassmen. The bench is also very questionable.

Versus Albany- The Red Dragons dealt the final blow to Albany State's SUNYAC playoff aspirations. In the final conference game of the season, Oneonta rudely defeated Albany to deny the Danes playoff berth.

Expectations- Flewelling is a super coach and usually finds a way to win. But the odds are stacked against him. He readily admits it. "What are there, six teams?" he asked rhetorically. "We'll probably finish sixth."

Prediction: Fifth

Cortland

Coach Bill Williams does not want to talk about last season.

When asked about the players he lost from last year's dreadful 1-22 season, he snapped: "Don't talk to me about last year. If you want to talk to me, it has to be about this year."

Coach Williams is expecting his club to climb back to respectability. Mike Stokes, who averaged 24 points a game.

After that, Williams' team is comprised of a number of transfers and first year players.

Returning Letterman- Geoff Houston and Dave Wilson are returning from last year's dismal club, but they are presently hurt. Houston is expected to return second semester.

Al Scott, a freshman, will start at guard joined by Bill Bowe a transfer from Alfred Tech. Junior Dave McCurtury who missed last year due to an injury, will start at one forward along with a transfer from Buffalo University, Mark Winescoop. A 6'5" guard, John Long, will provide scoring punch off the bench.

Strengths- The team has a considerable amount of depth this season and their rebounding, which was abysmal last year, has gotten stronger, according to their coach.

Weaknesses- They are a young team and nobody has played with each other before. It might take a while before the players become comfortable with each other.

Versus Albany- Like all the other teams, Albany State stomped Cortland twice by scores exceeding 20.

Expectations- Coach Williams believes his team will rise out of the cellar.

"I think we're going to be looking at another team down there," said Williams. "We're going to better next year."

It is believed that "better" still won't boost them out of last in the rugged SUNYAC East.

Prediction-Last.

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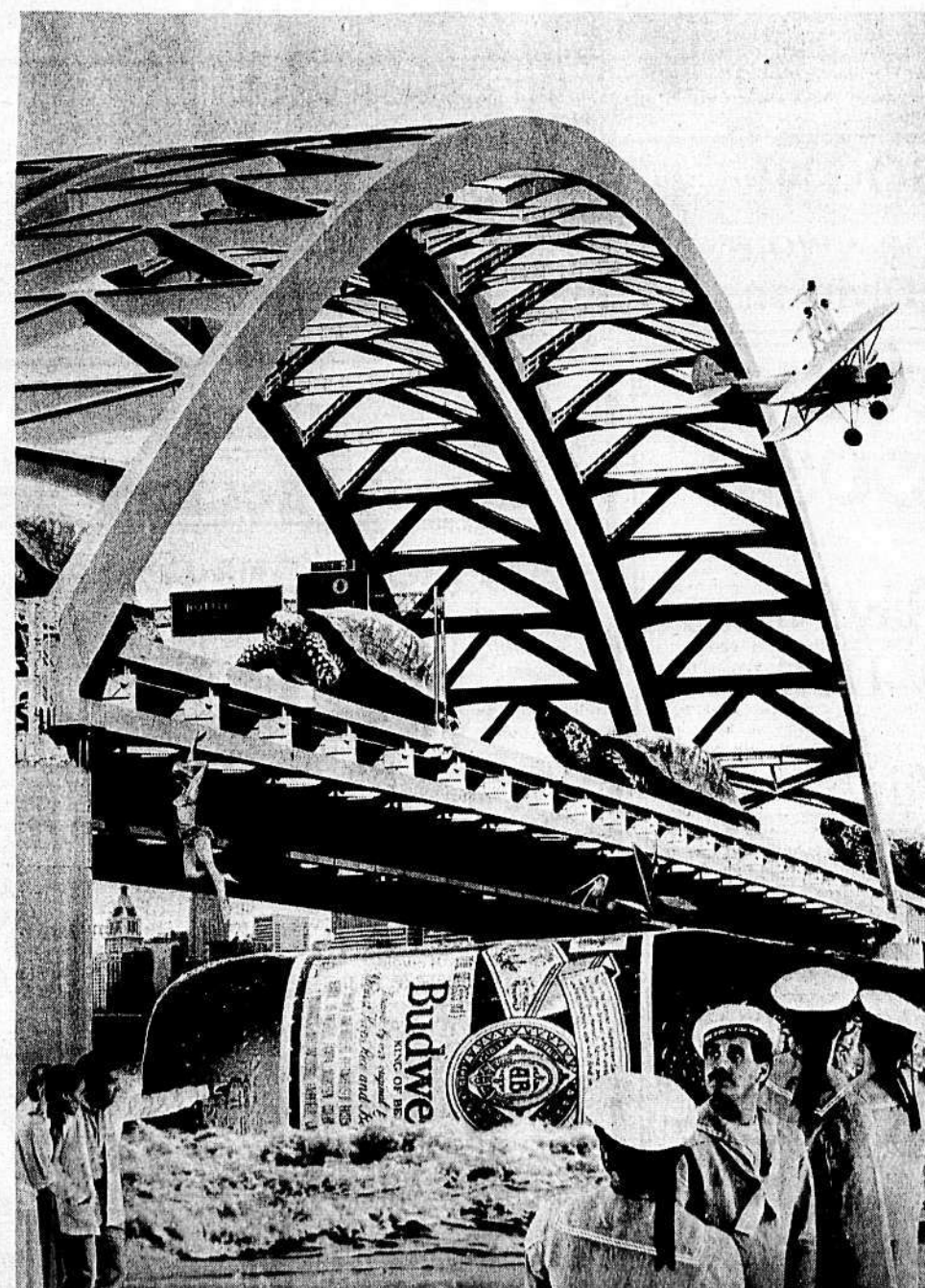
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Croutler

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Sauers. "They even tried to provoke him in the LeMoyné scrimmage, but I think he has learned that he has to control himself in those situations."

In the past it has been a different story. Croutler has let his temper get the best of him. In the SUNYAC tournament, his freshman year, Croutler resorted to fisticuffs when he was taunted by a Buffalo player. Croutler got himself into all kinds of trouble that season. In his freshman year, Croutler received five technical fouls as compared to the six that Sauers had received in the 26 years previous to that.

But there is a good side to that also. It seems to pump the team up when they are playing uninspired basketball, according to his teammates.

"It brings the team together," said Hart. "Sometimes he even plays better when he gets mad." Said Adam, "He wants us to win so much that when we are playing lackadaisically he will do what he thinks it is necessary to fire us up."

Croutler is also known for being a very clutch player. When a game comes down to the wire Croutler is the man that the Danes count on.

"I like to take control at the end of games," said Croutler. "That way if I make a mistake I only get mad at myself."

But those mistakes are few and far between. Last season Croutler had hit 64 out of his 68 second half foul shots for an exceptional 94 percent. He is the centerpiece of Albany's delay of fense in the waning moments of games, but those days are now over. The SUNYAC Conference has instituted a 45-second shot clock for conference games. This will limit Croutler's foul line appearances.

"I don't even notice the shot clock," said Croutler. "I probably won't notice it until the end of games. That's when I'll lose my 10 points. But it will only be on for conference games and only have 10 of our 25 games are with conference teams."

As far as predictions for the season Croutler is characteristically optimistic.

"Out of our 25 games," said Croutler. "I expect us to win 19 or 20, even though our schedule is one of the toughest in Division III."

Besides playing tough conference foes like Potsdam and Oneonta, Albany will host its annual Christmas Tournament that will feature nationally-ranked Division II Springfield, the University of Buffalo, and Jersey City State, a winner of over 20 games last season.

But with Croutler at the point, Albany should be in every game they play because he is one of the premier guards in Division III basketball.

"He's the best guard I've ever played with," said Adam. "He should score his 1,000th point in the first few games of the season. If Danny plays as well as he can, and not get carried away, he is the best guard in our league."

"I have to guard him one-on-one every day in practice and it's always a battle. I would definitely rather have Danny on my team than have to play against him."

Ronnie

44 basketball; Albany was her third choice behind SUNY Brockport and Buffalo State. She didn't even play basketball in her senior year at Nottingham High School. "I didn't get along well with the coach," said Patterson. "I'd rather work to save money for college." When Patterson arrived at Albany, she heard a lot of negative talk about Albany's basketball program. "I was going to try out, but then people were telling me they had problems with discrimination," said Patterson. "I didn't believe that a coach would sit somebody just because of their color, regardless of

their talent. "It's funny because I ended up playing more than anybody that year," said Patterson. "There's not an ounce of prejudice in (former Dane Coach) Kidder or Coach Warner." One of the team's problems last year was getting mentally prepared for every opponent. Patterson won't let it happen again this year. "I'm going to make sure that we're psyched for every game," said Patterson. "I will be a rah-rah type if I have to. If I can get the message to the players, we'll be psyched for every game." □

Danes' strengths

43 the open court." Sauers said. Carmello, however, lacks experience and needs to improve his defensive skills. He'll be spending time on both the varsity and the junior varsity basketball teams. Albany will once again face a top-quality schedule. Potsdam and Oneonta should be the Danes' toughest competition in the conference, and the non-conference opponents include such perennially tough schools as Hartwick, Montclair State, Hamilton, Staten Island and Union, as well as the Christmas Tournament which features Division II Springfield, Buffalo University and Jersey City State, a 20-game winner last year. Sauers enters his 30th year as Albany's

head coach with 479 career wins. He has never had a losing season, and to say he is a plus would be one of history's greatest understatements. The Danes will have something new to deal with this year in the SUNYACs, and it might have a significant effect on every conference game they play — a 45-second shot clock. Time will tell if the clock will hurt or help Albany. Basically, the Danes' fortunes are almost identical to last year; they will rest in the strength of the guards. If the Danes can get some scoring from close to the basket then they could make a return appearance to the conference playoffs. If not, it could be another season of mediocrity. □

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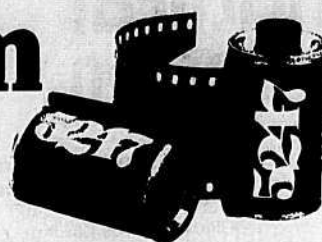
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LETTERS

Tarnished image

the Editor: We recently observed an extremely disturbing event in Rathskellar on Saturday, November 17. We witnessed our campus police an appalling lack of respect and sensitivity for campus visitors. The three of us had gone into the Rat at approximately 8 p.m. planning on a relaxing drink. Soon afterward a group of 8 guys sat down at the table next to us, and asked us to join them. It seems they were visiting from the University of Massachusetts after having participated in a wrestling competition during the day. At first, we didn't leave them because they didn't fit our stereotype of "wrestlers". They were not loud, boisterous or the "tacho" type. Rather, they were polite, well-mannered and very gentleman-like. After an hour or so of getting to know them, one of the guys left the table to use the bathroom. Subsequently, we began to notice a disturbance of some sort by the bar area. Apparently, the member who had just left the table was approached by 2 males who allegedly attempted to rip a gold chain right off the gentleman's neck. When it was realized that their friend was in distress, the seven guys sitting with us got up to see if their aid was needed. A short fight ensued and within seconds one of the team members' hand was bleeding profusely. University Police arrived almost immediately and took control of the situation, separating the opposing sides. Upon calling 5-Quad for their assistance, the University Police began to question the visiting team members and the two alleged thieves. It seems there were two very different stories explaining the incident. When asked if he wanted to press charges, the accosted member declined, not wanting to prolong the issue. When 5-Quad finally arrived and was attending to the guy whose finger had been slashed, a discussion ensued between the University Police and the team members. University Police seemed to be "advising" the visitors to

leave the Rat. In attempting to learn what hospital their friend was going to be taken to for stitches, the police, in no uncertain words, and in a very loud tone, insisted the visitors leave the Rat. Upon observing all of this, we felt our opinion could be of some use. One of us decided it was our duty to speak up, hoping to abolish the nasty, accusing attitude that the policemen were using on the team members. Not only did the policemen feel that the visitors had incited the incident, but moreover informed us that they were "very close to being thrown in jail." Having been with these gentlemen for the last two hours already, it was clear to us that not only did they not instigate the argument, but even at this point, were still maintaining their sense of rational behavior. We were appalled at the unfair attitude used by the University Police in this matter. We believe this incident not only made the University Police look bad, but has surely tarnished Albany's fine image, both in the eyes of our U. Mass visitors' and more importantly, in the eyes of its own students that witness this tragedy.

We are not able to sign our names due to an implied threat that was made by one of the alleged thieves who was not even searched by the police. How can we feel protected when our own police don't try to get to the bottom of what really happened, don't search assailants when there is a possibility of a knife-inflicted wound, and don't protect visitors that have come to Albany's campus, in good faith, to compete in sports events? —Name withheld by request

A safer world

To the Editor: An issue of frequent concern in today's world is that of the arm's race. With the number of weapons and delivery systems increasing at alarming rates, we need to put an end to this race and insure a safer world for all of us. In recent days, proposals have been made by both sides to open up new negotiation talks. This is an important step in the search for an arms control agreement and hopefully a reduction of existing arms. But this cannot be accomplished unless it is actively pursued. On November 28, NYPPIRG will be sponsoring a discussion on this delicate issue. It is being presented to enlighten people and provide an opportunity for input. Since this issue affects us all, whether we like it or not, I urge you to join us and get involved. Please show your support by attending this seminar. Let's actively pursue a solution to this problem. —Larry Wasserman Member, NYPPIRG Disarmament Committee

You could be next

To the Editor: I am a senior who has lived off-campus for the past 3 years. Presently, I am located in the heart of the 'student ghetto.' It is my contention that many students feel that they are safe in this area because they are surrounded by so many other students. Unfortunately, this is just not the case. Early last week, in the middle of the day, my apartment was burglarized. The people doing this are good at their work. The intruder entered the house just 15 minutes after I left for school. He was able to maintain his character and get away with money, a camera, and my jewelry even after being discovered by people from the floor below me. Not only am I extremely upset about the monetary and great sentimental loss of my possessions, but I am disgusted at the invasion of the privacy of my own bedroom. I am writing this letter, not only to express the deep anger that is within myself, but also to express a genuine concern for other students. I would like to take this opportunity to warn students that we live in a real city; not our own little Disney World. You never know if your apartment will be next so don't make life easy for an intruder. Keep all jewelry, money, cameras and all other valuables out of sight. Put things in drawers or closets. It may not be as convenient as having a jewelry box on your dresser, however, I assure you it is worth the small effort involved. After all, what good is a jewelry box when you have nothing to store in it? P.S. Does anybody want to buy a jewelry box? —Name withheld by request

Backwards thinking

To the Editor: I find the view of Reverend Mitchel Smith in the "Satanic influence of Rock and Roll" article in the Friday, November 16 ASP is laughable. He has no concept of what rock and roll is. Listening to records backwards, as far as I know, is only done by reactionary types, and people bent on destroying their record collection. I saw no mention of John Lennon, debatably one of the finest

humanitarian of our times, who invented the technique of backwards recording. John McLaughlin is a devotee of Eastern religion and should not be expected to show any Christian influence. *Aqualung* (the album, not the song) by Ian and Jeanie Anderson is a commentary on the way the church (Catholic and Anglican) has twisted the words of Christ for their own benefit. "Leather and Chains" heavy metalists have no concept of what they are writing about. They use symbols such as pentangles mainly, for shock value to impress young teen boys. Rock and roll words are hard enough to decipher going forward. Has anyone tried to understand the words to "Louie, Louie" or "Green Grass and High Tides"? I think the Reverend may be mistaken on his interpretations of words that may possibly have been recorded backwards. I challenge Reverend Smith to give the latest Christy Lane or Phil Keaggy album the same scrutiny. —Akbar Anwar

Growing up

To the Editor: When we were in junior high school, perhaps even high school, it was thought to be hilarious to engage in cafeteria food fights, mark up the walls with meaningless graffiti, or to tear down an occasional poster. After all, "we were just kids." Now, supposedly past all of the immature actions, we are attending a university. The students are considered adults and are expected to act as such. Unfortunately, "such" is not the case in recent weeks at SUNYA, where a severe outbreak of vandalism has threatened our environment, and more importantly, our lives.

Just a few weeks ago, a bottle was thrown through a skylight on Colonial Quad, shattering it and nearly striking a student. There have been several reports of bottles being tossed out of the upper-level tower floors. Believe it or not, furniture such as dressers have been dropped over balconies. Broken windows, destroyed vending machines, exploded fire extinguishers... the list is endless. It seems that some students not only graduated from high school to a "higher institution of learning," but also graduated from being immature practical jokers to vandals. The attacks have not been limited to dormitory equipment. The special facilities for the handicapped have been a prime target. The doors they use have been destroyed. The more accessible lower case bulletin board at the campus center information desk was vandalized. These facilities are necessary for the handicapped, and often they cannot be repaired immediately. More importantly, it poses and inconvenience that cannot be readily remedied. It is time for the students at SUNYA to unite against this dangerous activity. One day you yourself might be the victim. Imagine yourself being the person under the skylight when a bottle crashes through it. Or having a fire in your room and no extinguisher with which to put it out. Or walking outside your building when a bottle is tossed from a window above. Or being a handicapped person who cannot use their special door or read current information at the Campus Center. Or a student who cannot get a can of soda or a candy bar from the vending machine or even do laundry. If this outbreak continues, you may be one or more of the above. The unfortunate result of the damage being incurred is that the entire student body pays a price. Damage fees will increase drastically for those who live in the residence halls. The professional staff will place more restrictions on parties and alcohol in an attempt to curb property destruction. Vending machines will cease to exist, and we will lose their convenience. The handicapped will suffer from the loss of necessary facilities that cannot be repeatedly repaired or replaced. Overall, the majority of the students who will suffer are not those who are responsible for it. Before the situation reaches more dangerous heights, the students must try to deter vandalism. Step forward and reveal any information you might have to your RA or director. If you are aware of a potential problem, report it. Speak to your friends and spread the word. If we want to enjoy an active educational and social life at SUNYA, the vandalism must come to an end. If you are one of those responsible for it, think of the consequences and don't do it. If you know of an incident, report it. And then we'll all be better off. —Irwin Weinstein Interquad Council President —Richard Wilson Alumni Quad Board President —Lori Friedman Colonial Quad Board President —Robin Rubenstein Dutch Quad Board President Mark Perlstein Indian Quad Board President Terri Corrallo State Quad Board President

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Feldman

month. The event drew a sparse crowd and vocal protest, resulting in heavy financial losses for Speaker's Forum.

Mike Berman, secretary of Speaker's Forum, said "the biggest problem with Anne Burford was she was never voted on, the chair, Ricky Feldman, made the decision and (an) official vote was never held."

When told of Berman's comments, Feldman said, "Mike's mistaken. I know a vote was taken and it clearly passed."
Fanny Trataros, who was vice-chair under Feldman and became chair after his resignation, said, "Anne Burford was voted on and it passed within the group."

Although she had been vice-chair at the time that complaints began to surface within the group, Trataros explained, "No one came to me with the problems because I'm a personal friend of Ricky's."

A member of Speaker's Forum who asked not to be identified said, "A lot of people in the group went to the SA office with complaints ... they took our complaints and added it to complaints they had (and) gave him a choice of going before Internal Affairs (Committee) or resigning. The group as a whole was not happy with him."

According to Feldman, "this is the first time I've heard of that. SA had nothing to do with my decision, my main concern was for the group."

The group member who did not want to be identified said, "There were really a lot of things he (Feldman) did wrong. He violated the constitution and appointed his friends to the committees instead of voting on them. Now we vote on them."

Feldman asserted that at a Speaker's Forum meeting earlier this year, he asked members if they were interested in chairing committees.

"About ten people were and I discussed this all with them ... and I appointed six the head of these committees. Elections were not held because some of the committees were not in the constitution ... they were temporary committee chairmen pending a new constitution."

Feldman pointed out that an election was held last week and that "everybody who won ... had been appointed to those positions with the exception of one who became vice-chair."

Steve Russo, chair of Central Council's Internal Affairs Committee, which would have conducted the SA investigation, said, "before we got a chance to look into it, Ricky Feldman resigned and the problem worked itself out."

Last spring, when Feldman was Speaker's Forum treasurer, the group's budget was frozen after Adam Barsky, SA's Controller at the time, charged the group's leaders with mismanagement and flagrant breaches of policy.

Among the charges made at the time was an accusation by Barsky that Feldman attempted to receive \$103 from SA for a car accident in the Thruway House parking lot that occurred, according to Feldman, while he was on Speaker's Forum business.


Golubow said there has been recent improvement in the management of Speaker's Forum. "Since Ricky's been gone," Golubow said, "things seem to be going much better." □

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Peace movement speaker

Speaking as a guest in the SUNYA President's Lecture Series, Young said that peace movements "have a tradition going back 180 years and have failed in all kinds of ways," by not preventing wars or banning particular weapons.

Casting them "new breed" peace movements, Young spoke of "single issue peace groups" that have united since 1979.

Young said he feels that the

United States "is ignorant of the European people on the side of the peace movements," and that "new constituencies have been activated" against further build-ups of nuclear weapons.

The European movement has "moved beyond anti-U.S. feelings" and has been "less aligned with pro-Soviet Communism," Young said, calling the idea of non-alignment "very exciting."

He added that the movement, has been associated exclusively with

opposition to the Pershing and Cruise missiles since 1979, but that a European "nuclear free zone" had been their broader goal.

The new movement, according to Young, has placed less emphasis on parties and political involvement, and more on mass appeal. "There is a community base," Young said, adding that many localized nuclear free zones now exist in Europe, voted into place by local citizens.

Don't Walk Alone

lion, Nizen said, "they want us to succeed, but they don't give us money to succeed with."

"We're working with six flashlights and buttons," Nizen stated, adding "we didn't get any of the things they said we would — it's kind of disturbing," he said.

Original plans, he said, were for escorts to receive "Don't Walk Alone" jackets and picture I.D.'s. To cut costs, however, escorts have been provided only with number buttons they must wear while on duty.

Another problem, according to Nizen, has been unreliable volunteers. "80 percent are reliable," he admitted, "but there's always that 20 percent."

Nizen said that escorts work in pairs, and there were only two

escorts assigned per quad, so if even one escort doesn't show for a shift, people can't be escorted from that location.

When asked whether his volunteering was worth the time he put in, Nizen said, "I'd say yes normally, but the disorganization makes my say no. We could be doing a lot more if we had more funds; more organization."

John Harmon, an escort from State Quad, said "It ('Don't Walk Alone') is effective for those who know about it (but) it's not popular yet," adding, "they gave us some training, but it's not stated how you go about your job as escorts."

Harmon suggested that the quad escorts set up tables like the

escorts in the library have and perhaps wear their buttons all the time, so they can be identified as escorts whenever needed.

Stressing that it is important for escorts to be visible, Harmon also suggested escorting students from the gym and setting up relay station so that escorts don't have to leave their stations empty for long periods while escorting someone.

"I don't think many students feel the need for it ('Don't Walk Alone'), or realize what it's about," said Harmon.

One sophomore, who didn't want to be named, admitted, "I don't use the 'Don't Walk Alone' program. I feel safe walking and don't feel I need it. There's always people around when I'm walking and I feel the campus is safe."

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Grad student party was the harbinger of unity

By John Crawford

Well, it finally happened. A quantum jump in collegiality at SUNYA. Historic. Refreshing. For three hours on Friday November 9th, graduate student employees (GA, TA, RAs) celebrated one another. They did it in public, in the Biology Lounge. Productive.

It was radical SUNYA. The bottom of the official campus structure stopped waiting for Albany's trickle down collegiality to occur. In stead, GA, TA, RAs from around the campus and around SUNY gave to one

The Graduate Advocate

Primal scream

just screaming, used his amplifier to begin his countdown. They felt they were the ones who should begin the scream, not a non "Pit" resident. "He thinks he can dictate when we scream. He's trying to climb the social ladder and he's skipping too many rungs," Hochhauser criticized. "We reject his friendship," added Mark Dunuane.

Other downtown residents have expressed their opinion of the screams by throwing water and other objects onto the "Piters" below. "We aren't going to let one or two students spoil it," said Serrano. Aspen added, "I don't think that many people care anymore."

Third floor Waterbury residents generally reflect Aspen's attitude. "It's a good ventilation of frustration and illustrates the prison-like atmosphere of the dorms," said Doug Siamon. "We like to listen instead of scream," Kevin Corcoran said.

Some residents, however, seemed less accepting. "Brian Smith said, "It was funny, but it's getting out of hand. It's a used joke."

According to Sharer, Director

another a celebration, support, and new academic friendships. The event was sponsored by the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU).

It was liberating. Fun. Graduate Student Employees enjoyed getting out of their Departmental closets. They talked, laughed, ate, drank and laughed some more. Incredibly their new companions were grads from departments and disciplines other than their own. Every one enjoyed new areas of discussion with new friends. For three hours the Biology Lounge was a birthing room for some warm comfortable collegiality at SUNYA.

Anthropology grads talked to Biology grads, English with

Mathematitians, Historians with Linguists, and Philosophers debated with other Philosophers over beers and laughed in public. International students found American grads and other international students who have traveled and all assessed the fun and problems of world travel. They also compared notes on studying in other countries and on the quirks of world renown universities.

There were even some downtown campus grads from Public Administration there. No one thought them strange. They drank and laughed like every one else. Someone had an idea. Why not have a party for the sole purpose of integrating downtown

and uptown graduate students? Whose keeping us apart, SUNYA? There not that competent. Do it.

Twelve of the GSEU's state executive committee were also present. They lent a SUNY wide perspective. Common themes among the GA, TA, RAs from Albany, Binghamton, Stony Brook and Buffalo were small salaries, inadequate insurance, workplace problems and moonlighting. Many said the party was a harbinger of the state wide unity that would better their social and academic environment.

Zoe Zacharek, the president of the union, was partying and being especially nurturing. Some wag

said everyone should join 'Mom's Union and join the family.' Zacharek laughed but quickly countered that the GSEU was not around to promote individualism but movement unity.

All in all, it was quite a success. The GSEU even noted that 30 new members joined that Friday going gathering should be started. Perhaps a GSEU-TGIF or 'just party.'

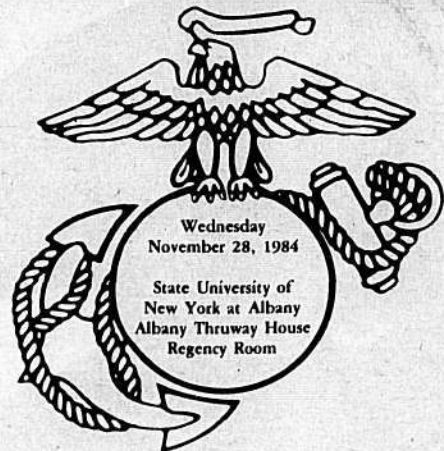
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Students who need to stay on campus during recess will be accommodated in Brubaker and Sayles Halls on Alumni Quad.

Anyone planning to stay on the downtown campus should be aware that no food services are available during recess, but kitchen areas are accessible.

One international student from Puerto Rico said she would be staying at the downtown campus this holiday. She said she plans to cook a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for some of her friends who aren't having one. "I've never cooked a turkey before, but we'll see how it comes out. They said they'd eat it even if it burned," the student said.

The Equinox/Refer organization is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which is open to all. The dinner will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Western Avenue November 22 between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Turkey, ham, sweet potatoes and butternut squash are just some of the few delicacies to be offered to all area residents, free of charge.

Varada Pandya, from India, said she plans to make the trek to Long Island this holiday to celebrate Thanksgiving with her former roommate's family and that she had formulated plans to "eat and pig out."

One dismayed student said she was not anticipating the holiday homecoming with as great enthusiasm. "It's unfair," she exclaimed, "I'm going home to beef," not the traditional turkey.

For the most part, the turkey and the date have now become solidified as part of American tradition.

Even during that period of havoc in 1939, there was never any doubt about that tradition in the mind of Mrs. W.M. Venable, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Venable adjusted to the date change, but nearly "lost her hen," when she locked herself out of her house while her husband was at a football game with the only key. With the turkey certain to be cremated, she called reporters at the *Atlanta Journal* who sent word to the press-box, who notified the announcer, calling for Mr. Venable to return home, which he did, in time to rescue the bird. □

Comprehending foreign profs is students' job

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highly qualified. "He was a very talented individual," said Hamilton. "The department needed a person and there wasn't a large number of candidates available. They chose him, considering that a language problem is improveable."

Economics Chair Pong Lee said that this was the first year the department has hired instructors whose fluency in English was inadequate. "There are times when you can't help it because there's no one else," said Lee. "We try not to hire people who can't communicate well. In this case, I'm not sure that it might be intolerance on the part of students. But in the future, I'll do my best not to put someone in who can't speak English."

In some academic departments, Kendall said, chairs are limited in their alternatives. Instead of hiring a foreign graduate student, she explained, the department could hire less qualified American-born candidates, or they can choose not to offer the

class at all.

"There are lots of students and very few faculty, so we need teachers," said Kendall. "The question is, who do you put in there? The foreign students have a good knowledge but those who can't communicate shouldn't be teaching. But when the alternative is to not offer classes, we don't have much of a choice."

In an informal random poll taken by the ASP, more than half of the students polled said that they had been taught by an instructor that couldn't speak English well. But Hamilton disregards the poll's results.

"I'm not going to take the effort to make changes if 50 percent of the students say that there's a problem," said Hamilton. "As a society, we tend to be intolerant of differences. When you ask students the question, they'll say yes but that doesn't mean that there was a problem. 95 percent of the students would complain about the dorm food, but that doesn't mean that there's a problem."

Hamilton said he believes that as a University, one of SUNYA's

goals is to expose students to other cultures. He said it is "enriching to have foreigners among us," and although there might be a language problem, it has been exaggerated by students.

But some SUNYA administrators' views appear to be in conflict with Hamilton's. Chesin asserted, "My judgement is that if enough people tell me that they had problems with professors with strong accents, then there is a problem. But before we remedy it, we must determine if it is a small problem or if it's widespread. It could be just a handful of people with bad accents."

In the informal survey taken by the ASP, four academic departments, Economics, Computer Science, Math and Physics, were mentioned repeatedly as departments with instructors who don't speak English well.

Rob Marinelli, a junior, recalled taking ECO 300 under Professor Kwan Koo Yun. "It was silly for me to even go to class when you could barely understand a word he said," said Marinelli, adding "the only person who spoke worse than him was his TA."

Senior Seth Myles said he feels that "basically the problem lies with TA's teaching lower-level classes. With upper-level classes, there hasn't been that much of a problem." As a second-semester sophomore, Myles said he had no idea of what was going on in his Economics class. "I had to go back and try to memorize the book," he said, adding "there's so much material to study in Economics that it's only fair for the professor to tell you what's going on. But you just couldn't understand him."

Deirdre Sanders, a junior, said it was important to give foreign students a chance to teach. "Just because they have accents doesn't mean they should be prevented from teaching," said Sanders. "But they should show the capacity to understand English and be understood by students," she added.

In Physics 105, Sanders recalled, Professor Jagadish Garg had difficulty understanding questions from students. "You feel that the lack of communication is directly affecting your understanding of the material," said Sanders.

Junior Jackie Corbelli said she was forced to drop her class because she couldn't understand her professor. "It was hard enough learning calculus without having to try to understand the professor," said Corbelli. "He couldn't say what he wanted to in class, so it didn't make sense for me to discuss things one-to-one."

Although Chesin acknowledged that there is a problem at SUNYA, he said he believes that there might be a communications gap between students and professors. He explained that some professors probably aren't aware that they have a problem.

"It's not something that the University is trying to ignore," said Collins. "If students don't come forward, we assume that everything's OK." □

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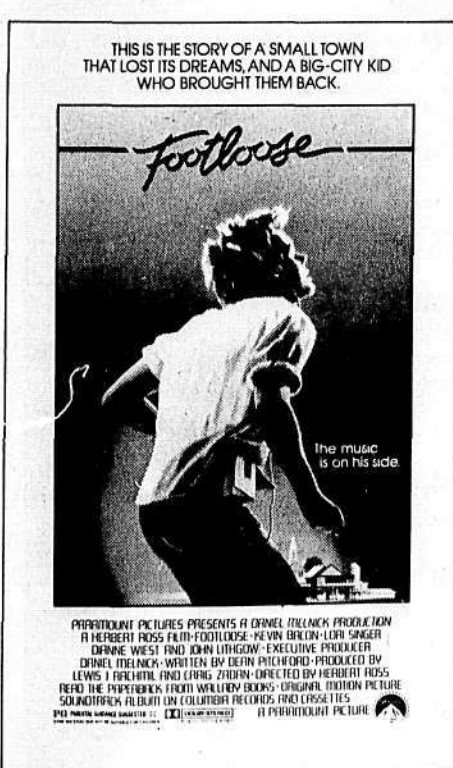
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Women harriers place 8th in NCAAAs

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to them this competition was, according to Dzamba, "a reward, rather than something to be conquered. We were more excited than nervous and had no real expectations. We were under no real pressure to do well."

The team did, however, finish quite well, as Pettichord expressed, finishing eighth in the Nationals certainly proves the true quality of the female Danes. As White expressed, "This is the most objective way to see which teams are truly in the top ten; not by a poll but through an actual championship."

Leading the Danes to their fine finish were Pettichord and Karen Kurthy, Pettichord finishing the course in 18:51.0 to take 40th overall, while Kurthy followed less than a second later in 18:51.79 to take 41st.

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class. And he did it rather effortlessly.

"Everyone expected Andy to do well," said DeMeo. "But he just dominated."

In Seras' three matches, he was taken down only once. That was in the finals against Bob Polo from the Merchant Marines. Seras eventually topped Polo 14-7.

The biggest surprise of the day was the first-place effort turned in by Brooklyn's Sandy Adelstein.

In an all-Albany State finals, Adelstein nipped Dane Matt Ryan in sudden death.

Ryan, a transfer from Brockport, is another member of DeMeo's Adirondack Wrestling Club, a factory for churning out world-class wrestlers.

DeMeo had kind words for Adelstein, a qualifier for last year's NCAA's. "Adelstein is an awfully talented athlete," said DeMeo. "He's got natural power and has been developing quickly since he came here."

A Buffalo University transfer, Marty Pidel, also had an exceptional tournament. He placed second in the 167-pound division.

Junior John Balog, wrestling up a class at 142-pounds, placed third in a competitive weight class.

There were two other third place surprise finishes: sophomore heavyweight Ivan "The Terrible" Katz and freshman Scott Bendatt, a local product from Schenectady.

"To say Ivan's improved is an understatement," praised his mentor. "Last year as a freshman he had some troubles. This year he's found himself. He beat three good guys today."

TAKE DOWNS: The Danes will tangle with Potsdam tonight in the University Gym...In the recent World Cup in Sweden, Sheldon cupped the bronze and Seras finished fifth. Ryan also competed and won his opening two matches. □

Donna Burnham was third for the Danes, finishing in 19:26.63 for 68th. Dzamba and Jacobs followed in fourth and fifth.

Rachel Braslow, (94th overall in 20:11.01); and Chris Varley, (105 in 20:59.40), rounded out the Dane's team. The overall finishes of the team are rather high due to the presence of individual competitors. Individually, the race was won by Julia Kirland of McCalister College, St. Paul, Minnesota in 17:23.6.

The results of the competition, both individually and, most importantly, collectively, could not have pleased the team more. "I would love to repeat the whole experience," commented Pettichord. "It was just great; it was really fun."

"For a group that had never been to a national, they were exceptional," acknowledged White. "We definitely ended the season on a positive note." □



Kim Pettichord finished 40th overall and was the first Dane to cross the finish line at the Nationals. TOM KACANDES ASP

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Capital District teams to tip off over weekend

By Keith Marder
SPORTS EDITOR

The Albany State men's basketball team will open its season this Saturday at the RPI Fieldhouse when they take on the Union Dutchmen in the opening round of the Capital District Tournament.

This year's tournament will feature, as usual the Great Danes, the Dutchmen, the RPI Engineers and a team from out of the Capital District area. This year the outsiders will be York College from the CUNY Conference. York will oppose RPI in the first round.

At yesterday's press luncheon, coaches from all three of the area teams were in attendance. None of the three came out and picked its own team as the pre-tournament favorite, and they all considered the tournament a wide open contest with each team having a shot of taking it all.

Albany will field virtually the same team it did in last year's tournament which they won in an exciting final game against Union. That was Albany's 12th Capital District title, the most won by any team.

"We expected to have a lot of new blood," said Sauers. "But we ended up with a little which won't help us right away."

Sauers named four out of his starting five at the luncheon. He said that 6'5" Greg Hart would start for the Danes in the middle with Adam Ursprung and either Pete Gosule or John Mracek on the wings. In the backcourt Sauers said that last year's starting guard tandem of Dave Adam and Danny Croutier will remain in tact. Croutier was the tournament MVP last year and Adam was named to the all-tournament team.

Maturity is the Danes' strong point according to Sauers.

"I'm proud of my five seniors," said Sauers. "Mainly for their inspiration to our younger players. Usually when you get a bunch of seniors on a team, they are used to all of the things that go on in practice, and they are sick and tired of getting yelled at by the same old coach."

Sauers was careful not to underestimate his opening night opponent.

"Union-Albany games are always ding-dongers," said Sauers, who is entering his 30th year at the helm of the Danes. "They always go right down to the wire."

Union's head coach Bill Scanlon also expects a tough game on opening night.

"These games are very competitive," said Scanlon. "These kids have played each other twice a year for the last four years."

Scanlon mentioned that one of his problems this year will be a very youthful backcourt that includes three freshman, two sophomores, and one junior. Scanlon is planning on starting an all-freshman backcourt.

"My point guard will be Tom Beck, a freshman from Brockport and at the off-guard I'll start Rob Parento, a freshman from Vermont," said Scanlon. "Albany is has a very veteran backcourt while we're very youthful in the backcourt."

Scanlon realizes the risks of having freshman at both of the guard spots.

"I expect them to make mistakes," said Scanlon. "But the mistakes that they will make will be aggressive ones and we can live with those kinds of mistakes."

Besides the two freshman guards, Scanlon will start a front court of all seniors. At center for Union will be Jim Doherty and he will be flanked by Kevin Bartlett and Ken D'Orazio.

RPI will be playing this season under a new head coach, former Colgate tactician, Mike Griffin who replaced John Quattrocchi. Quattrocchi is now the assistant coach at Division I Marist.

Since RPI is the host team, they will play the visitors from Queens in the opening round. This, according to Griffin, is a big plus for his team.

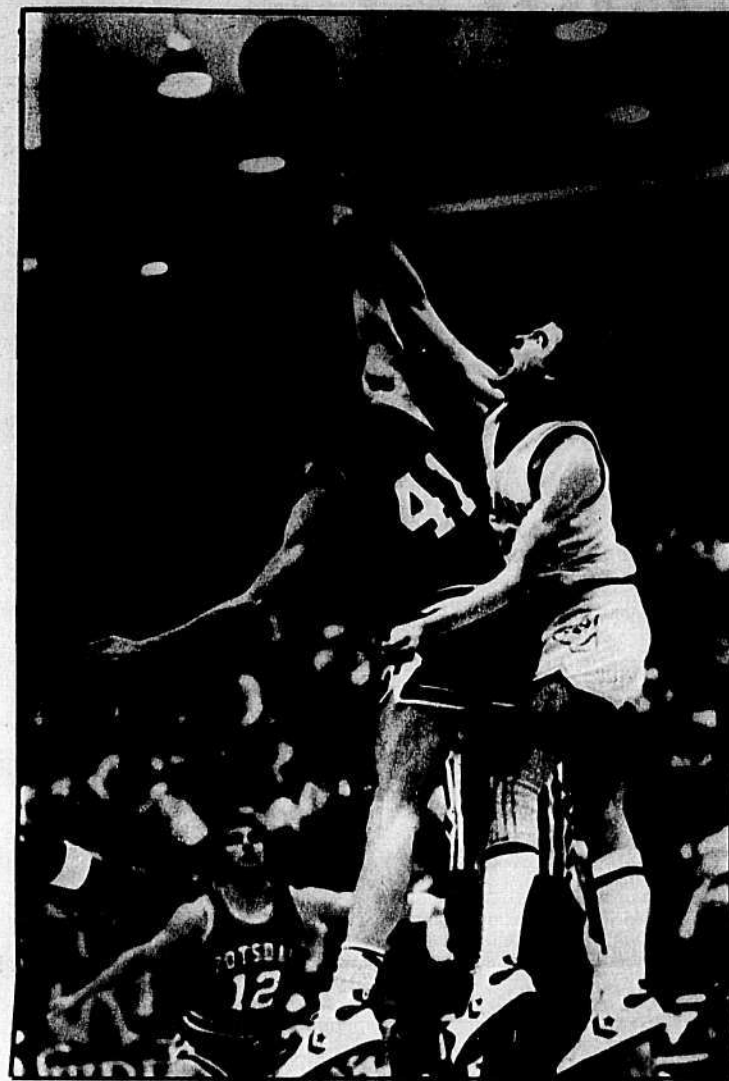
"One good thing about hosting the tournament," said Griffin. "Is that we don't have to play Albany or Union the first night."

"Also it means that in my first year I will get to play my first game against Albany or Union at home."

Also in the Engineers' favor is the fact that the host team has won the past four Capital District Tournaments and five out of the last six. The last time the host team lost the tournament was when Albany defeated Union in 1980 in Memorial Field House.

Griffin said that his starting lineup will feature some old players and some new faces. At center he will start 6'6" John Mahoney with 6'2" team captain Rob Fassett at the strong forward spot. The starting small forward will be 6'6" freshman Rob Roesch.

"Roesch is much taller than Fassett,"



Adam Ursprung fights for the ball against Potsdam last year. Albany will face Union in the first round of the Capital District Tournament to open the season. UPS

said Griffin. "But Fassett is much more of a banger while Roesch is a finesse type of player."

RPI's backcourt will pair up Mike Gian-

nacini, one of last season's starters at the point-guard position, with Steve DeChalus a sophomore who did not get much playing time last year at the off-guard spot. □

State Quad RAs edge wheelchair hockey team

By Cathy Errig
STAFF WRITER

That old cliché, "it isn't whether you win or lose but how you play the game," was especially true at the University Gym last Friday night.

For in a somewhat out-of-the ordinary event, the RA's of State Quad were temporarily denied the use of their legs as they engaged in a fierce, competitive game of wheelchair hockey against nine disabled SUNYA students. After the completion of four intense quarters of play, the victory narrowly went to the RA's, 7-6.

Organized primarily by Sophomore Jodi Jacobs, RA of Irving Hall, and Junior Robert Pipia, a disabled student, this was the third consecutive year that such a game was played here at Albany, and it is a significant annual event for several reasons.

As RA Jim "Pugger" Barber, captain of the "States" related, "One of the main objectives of this game is to bring the handicapped students closer to the staff and students; to eliminate barriers between the two groups. In the thrill of competition you don't see the handicaps."

Junior Mike DeMitt, a member of the MIST staff, (RA's of Melville, Irving, Steinmetz and Tappan Halls, the only halls on campus that house disabled students), further explained, "We're hoping this game will provide the spectators with an opportunity to get acquainted with the

disabled students; to see that they have the same desires and drives as everyone else."

The game was also a fundraiser for the UAD, (University Action for Disabled Students). The participants were sponsored for the total number of goals scored

in the game. Thus, the offensive incentive was heightened while the importance of winning and losing was lessened.

There remained, however, sufficient incentive to provide the many spectators with a thoroughly exciting game. After the



The State-Quad RA's beat the D-Danes in wheelchair hockey, 7-6. UPS

D (disabled)-Danes had taken an early 1-0 lead on a goal scored by Andy Greenwood, the States answered with four consecutive goals scored by Jeff Meltzer, Martin Butera, Alan Roth, and Jerry Harrington.

The D-Danes, inspired by Captain Pipia and MVP Steve McCaffrey, refused to give up, and fought their way back to within one goal of their rivals.

That was as close as they would come, as the States, aided by much dirty play by Alan Bogle, won the game, 7-6, in a reversal of last year's result.

While the loss was disappointing for the D-Danes, the most important objective, to have fun, was achieved. So enthusiastic were the members of the D-Danes that talk of a structured program, one that would enable the scheduling of games against RA's of other quads and against other colleges within the SUNY system, was brought out by several disabled students.

Said Pipia, "We're trying to get a bowling league organized for next semester and also to schedule more games. I'd really like to see more people come out and get more support."

More support is something this group unquestionably deserves. As Barber had predicted prior to the start of the game, "You'll see what happens when we all start playing; this game will put us (the students and RA's) on a close level with each other. And these smiles will be priceless." □

Albany grapplers capture Great Dane Classic

By Marc Berman
SPORTS EDITOR

They are not predicting a national championship yet, but the Albany State wrestling team sure looked like champions in their season debut this past Saturday.

With 1984 Olympic team-member Andy Seras back in a Purple and Gold uniform, the Danes finished first in the highly competitive Great Dane Classic, edging Division I Syracuse by three points.

In the process, Seras, who was an alternate for the 1984 USA Olympic team in Greco-Roman wrestling, captured the 158-pound division, marking his third Great Dane Classic championship. He was voted "Outstanding Wrestler" for the tournament.

While Seras' top performance was predicted, the Danes' first place finish was not. Especially with Syracuse, a Division I school ranked No. 1 in New York State by the coaching polls, on hand.

"When I found out Syracuse was bringing their full team, I didn't think we were going to win it," said Albany State Coach Joe DeMeo. "I would have to say this is going to turn into the finest team I've ever had at Albany State."

Though the team looked good enough to win an NCAA cham-

ampionship, DeMeo refused to predict one. "I think we have what it takes to win," said DeMeo, "but I can't say now that we will. I'm sure we'll make our finest showing though."

In all, two Dane grapplers placed first, five came in second, and three finished third.

Last year's former NCAA champion Dave Averill and USA Olympic team member Shawn Sheldon were not pleased with their second place finishes.

Averill was beaten 5-1 in the finals of the 126-pound bracket by Syracuse's Tony Catronio. The senior three-time all-American had an easy ride to the finals, pinning his first two opponents and blanking his third, 11-0.

But in the finals, Averill was up against a wrestler who beat him three years ago in the Classic's final.

"He wrestled better than me tonight," said Averill. "It's early in the season and my timing is definitely off. Everything is not set yet. And I'm not too happy with my endurance."

Sheldon's failure to win the 118-pound title perhaps can be attributed to his recent participation in the World Cup in Sweden, where Sheldon snatched the bronze medal in Greco-Roman wrestling.



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Shawn Sheldon, who won the bronze at the World Cup in Sweden a week ago, came back to the United States to finish second for Albany State in the Great Dane Classic.

"He only had five days to prepare for the Classic," commented DeMeo, who also just returned from Sweden with the USA World Cup team. "It takes the great ones four to five weeks to switch successfully back from Greco-Roman to college style. It's like tennis and racketball. They're

both similar, but it takes time to adjust from one sport to another."

Sheldon's final match was even more frustrating because he blew a 3-0 advantage in the final period. Oneonta's Daryl Miller scored two takedowns, a double leg and a tilt to give him a 5-4

victory. "I'm a little disappointed," said Sheldon. "I could've wrestled smarter. But it's great that the team won. Everyone came through."

As predicted, Seras had no problem in winning the 158-pound

Women harriers content with their 8th place finish

By Cathy Errig
STAFF WRITER

Week after week, they had, in the words of their coach, "risen to the occasion," an action that qualified the Albany State Women harriers for the NCAA Division III Nationals, a chance to prove themselves as one of the top Division III cross-country teams in the nation.

And on Saturday, the Danes once again "rose to the occasion," as they finished eighth out of the competing 12 teams.

Taking the national title was St. Thomas College of St. Paul, Minnesota, upsetting Lacrosse College of Wisconsin, 50 points to 64. It was, for the defending champion Lacrosse team, the first loss of the season.

Ithaca college took third with 114 points, followed by Franklin and Marshall of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh followed in fourth and fifth places with 148 and 150 points, respectively.

Smith College, whose team ran, according to Head Coach Ron White, "Their best race all season," placed sixth with 164 points. Claremont-Mudd-Scripts of California was seventh, scoring 189 points.

Albany, finishing eighth with 197 points had, according to harrier Kim Pettichord, "a great showing for a first meet. Finishing eighth in the nation ought to show people that we're more than just a 'good' team."

Luther College of Iowa finished in ninth place with 198 points, Catholic University of Washington, D.C. and Oberlin College of Ohio tied for tenth with 265 points, and California University of Pennsylvania was eleventh, finishing with 297 points.

For the members of Albany's team, the experience of competing in nationals is one they will long remember.

"It was scary at first," recalled Lynn Jacobs, who finished fifth for Albany with a time of 20:02.32, a time which gave her 90th place overall. "We had watched the guys' race before we ran and noticed that the runners got pushed back instead of forward. You had to go out really fast."

Teammate Bette Dzamba echoed her response. "It was a much stronger field than what we're used to; every time you slowed down at least ten people would rush by you. Dzamba finished the tough 5-kilometer course in 19:37.31, fourth for Albany and 78th overall.

Going into the race, the women describe their frame of mind as rather relaxed, for



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Junior Donna Burnham was Albany's third finisher at last weekend's NCAA's.

Men harriers place distant 16th

By Tom Kacandes
STAFF WRITER

Disappointment and frustration were the sentiments expressed by Head Coach Bob Munsey and members of the Albany State Men's cross-country team after the Danes' 16th-place finish among the 21 teams competing at the Division III NCAA National Championships held at Ohio-Wesleyan College last Saturday.

St. Thomas won the meet scoring only 76 points; North Central Illinois was second and Brandeis was third. The New York Region fared only slightly better than last year as fourth-ranked St. Lawrence finished tenth overall with 278 points, Albany was sixteenth with 378 points and Fredonia State took eighteenth, Albany's placing last year, with 436 points.

A big factor in the Danes' disappointing finish was the allergy attack that Ed McGill suffered the morning of the race. "He was so bad," Coach Munsey recalled, "that we thought that he'd have to be taken to the hospital after the race, but it wasn't quite that bad." Despite the rashes and swelling caused by the attack McGill led the Danes with his 60th place finish in 26:08.

"Ed had a good shot at being All-American," said Junior Ian Clements, "but he obviously didn't have a good race when he needed to, which happens to everyone."

Possibly the biggest factor in Albany's finish was senior Jim Erwin's poor finish due to an asthma attack suffered shortly before the race. Erwin finished second for the Danes at the IC4A Championships this year, and was instrumental in Albany's third-place finish. Hampered by his restricted breathing, Erwin did not score for the Danes when he would most likely have been the team's second or third man.

The man who came through once again to help the team in the clutch was junior Craig Parlato. Finishing second for Albany and 77th overall, Parlato ran an exceptionally strong race to finish in 26:22.

"I got a good start and felt good going up the hills, so I picked up places the whole way," Parlato said afterwards. Coach Munsey waxed enthusiastic over Parlato saying, "He had a truly outstanding race, maybe the best of his career."

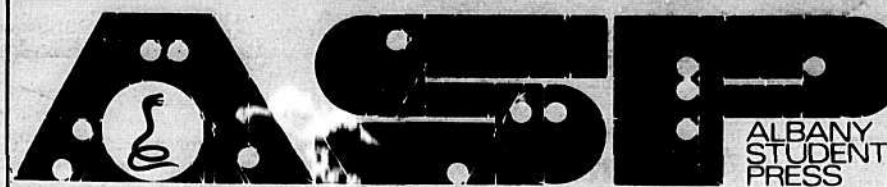
Clements was third for Albany in 101st place overall. "I didn't have an especially good day," he said. Captain Chris Callaci and sophomore Tim Hoff finished together, 132nd and 133rd, respectively, to wrap up the Danes' scoring.

Junior Chuck Bronner, who finished sixth for Albany and 158th overall said, "It's a big honor just to qualify for the National Championships. There are over 250 teams and only 21 get that far, so disappointed or not, it was a good season."

Certainly the disappointment is justified, but in fact, 1984 was the harriers' most successful season in a decade. Ranked tenth for the last part of the season, the Danes could easily have made good on the prediction with a healthy Erwin.

"You can play 'what if' all day, but it's in the history books now. I feel bad for the guys because this team was ready to go," Munsey said. The harriers were undefeated against Division III teams in the dual meet season and went on to snatch the SUNYAC crown away from Fredonia, take third at the IC4A's and second at the Regional Qualifiers.

"We ran tough all season and we won SUNYAC's" commented Callaci, "we did the hard work, beat teams who underestimated us and qualified for Nationals twice in a row; it was a damn good season and now we're done. Good Night."



Profs debate 'Star Wars' weapons, nuclear freeze

By Pam Schusterman
STAFF WRITER

If the thought of Star Wars comes to mind when you hear about the arms race, at least one SUNYA professor doesn't think there's much to worry about. "I never paid much attention to the technologies of 'Star Wars' because it is not going to work technically and it is economically impossible," said History Professor Richard Kendall.

Kendall spoke along with three other professors last Wednesday at a Professors Forum on the Arms Race held by the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) at SUNYA.

Topics discussed ranged from the proposed nuclear freeze to Presidents Reagan's "Star Wars" space weapons proposal.

According to the forum's moderator, Barbara Abrahamer, the forum was held "basically to educate people about the arms race and to try to get them involved."

SUNYA History professor Donald Birn, who also teaches a course titled Peace and the Nuclear Age, "the arms race is taking a dangerous new turn and it is not appropriate to put all the blame on Reagan. Nine new

nuclear weapons did not just spring out of Reagan's white house." Birn said, "he (Reagan) sees an ominous trend and the key thing to focus on is new capabilities of weapons and what dangers they hold."

"What worries me," he said, "is how much of focus there is on technology."

"I am as much for peace as anyone else," began Sandor Balogh, professor at Hudson Valley Community College, "but the question is not who is for peace and who is for war, but what is the best war for peace."

Balogh said he believes we must find a way to defend ourselves, "I would like to have a system that the chance that I will be destroyed is minimal...I don't want to be killed even once, I want to be defended."

Anne Sloan, from SUNYA's Political Science Department, said she feels, "we must have faith in radical technical advances and the Star Wars strategy falls into this category."

The U.S. must dominate space to make it work," Sloan said, adding that the U.S. should "limit offensive systems before we develop a defensive system."



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Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa

"Whether SUNY is adequately dealing with its crime only students would know."

Sliwas address need for Angels Vote urged to elicit students' view on campus chapter

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"If there's no need for a SUNY (Guardian Angel) Chapter one simply won't exist," Lisa Sliwa, Guardian Angels national director, announced Wednesday at a Press Conference that preceded her appearance with her husband and founder of the organization, Curtis Sliwa Wednesday night in the Campus Center Ballroom.

The Sliwas, who were brought to campus by Speaker's Forum and were paid \$500 each, spoke before approximately 200 students.

Curtis Sliwa said that his interest in establishing a "satellite unit" of the Guardian Angels on campus evolved because the need was expressed by 13 SUNYA students.

"Whether SUNY is adequately dealing with its crime only the students would know," Sliwa said, explaining that the interest and input as well as the work would have to come from students. He added that the need for a chapter had also been expressed by students at Russell Sage.

"If students told us to pack our bags and leave that would be fine," Sliwa said after suggesting a debate and referendum so students could voice their views.

He said that the goals of the Guardian Angels are to create a positive role model as well as a visual deterrent to crime.

Sliwa also expressed criticism of the police system declaring, "The quickest way to get in touch with the cops is not to call 911, but to get the number of your local Dunkin' Donuts."

Sliwa caused much controversy when he first began an Albany Guardian Angels chapter in October. Despite initial opposition from Albany Mayor Thomas

Whalen, Sliwa confirmed that the Angels are "here to stay" and the current volunteers have finished their first month of training.

The Guardian Angels currently operate in 53 American cities and four Canadian cities, said Sliwa noting that no precedent would be set by a SUNYA chapter since chapters currently work at Northwestern, Ohio, and Syracuse Universities.

Lisa Sliwa expressed concern over women's safety, saying it is "overwhelmingly women who are victims" of violent crimes. "The people responsible for our safety could be ashamed," she said, adding that she is "sick of those in power and their egos being more important than our safety."

He encouraged young people to get involved now because in the future, "you'll be so caught up in the rat race that you won't have time for anyone but yourself...give a little bit of your time and energy before you get bombarded."

Lisa Sliwa also stated that the Angels success has enabled them to branch into other areas such as "food and clothing distribution, self-defense programs, and a speakers bureau which sends speakers out into communities."

SA vice-president Suzy Auletta said she didn't feel there is a need for a Guardian Angel Chapter on campus. "Don't Walk Alone (SUNYA's escort service) is doing a great job," Auletta explained, "We have a lot of people dealing with the problem now as it is."

"Don't Walk Alone" is a volunteer escort service set up at the beginning of the year.

"A lot of people might get the idea that there's a lot more crime than there really is," Auletta said, adding that the Guardian Angels signify a high crime area which she feels the campus is not.

Auletta also said she didn't think it would be a problem for the Guardian Angels to get SA recognition.

Curtis Sliwa said that every college chapter co-exists with an escort program.

Rochelle Hichenson, director of the Don't Walk Alone Program said she could not comment on the subject of Guardian Angels.

"We would not attempt to encroach on that (Don't Walk Alone)," Sliwa said.

He also stated that he saw a need for the Angels particularly on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, since Don't Walk Alone escorts are not available on weekends, or after 11 during weeknights.

The Sliwas were loudly applauded by the enthusiastic crowd.

"Their presentation wasn't a pitch. It was more an informative type of thing," said Liz Russo, a sophomore. "They wanted to give you an understanding of what they stood for."

Joseph Maier, a Guardian Angel trainee who formerly worked on campus for Burns Security, said "They need it down where I live — Arbor Hill is bad." Recalling his job on campus, Maier said, "it was pretty rough then — They should try it here."

Secretary of Speaker's Forum Mike Berman said that the Sliwa's "were very loquacious, they didn't dodge any questions and represented their group very well."

He added that he personally approves of them greatly and has nothing against a chapter on campus.

Cahir Sinnott a junior who attended said, "I don't think it's needed," although, he added, "There's nothing wrong with it if it comes."



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Textbooks in the University bookstore

"This school has an enormous turnover of changing books..."

SA explores possible new textbook buyback system

With finals approaching and students eagerly looking forward to getting rid of their textbooks, Student Association officials are exploring a new buyback system for textbooks, but a University bookstore manager says the idea won't work.

Student representatives assert that SUNYA's Barnes and Noble does not offer students enough money on textbook buybacks.

According to Central Council member Michael Solomon, "an alternative from Barnes and Noble is a necessity."

The alternative SA seeks is a buyback store where students bring in used textbooks and fill out cards with their names, addresses, and the amount of money they want for the books. When a book is sold the card is sent to the student who can then pick up the payment at the buyback store.

However, Barnes and Nobles' manager Marj Campbell said student buyback plans usually don't work.

"This has been tried before on other university campuses, and even on this one, and it has never succeeded," she said.

"It hasn't worked for a number of reasons," she said, "our guide has the newest information," and so it would be difficult for students to come up with information about which textbooks are going to be needed the following semester.

"This school has an enormous turnover of changing books by the faculty — most schools don't, but we do," Campbell said.

"I'm sure there is a big market out there — there always has