

Search Committee Picks O'Leary For SUNYA President

by Matthew Cox

Acting SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary has been recommended to become the next SUNYA president.

In action taken last week, both the Presidential Search Committee and the University Council voted unanimously to recommend O'Leary to the SUNY Board of Trustees.

O'Leary, who has indicated since assuming the acting presidency that he was not a candidate, accepted the committee's offer Thursday. He said yesterday he changed his position "because after eight or nine months here, you begin to recognize some things you want to put your commitment to."

The SUNY Board of Trustees, which has to confirm the University Council recommendation, is expected to do so at its May 23rd meeting.

Search Committee Chair J. Vanderbilt Straub, in confirming the recommendation, said O'Leary was chosen from a final pool of five candidates. Search Committee members said these included one woman and a law professor from Northwestern University Law School in Chicago, Victor G. Rosenblum.

The recommendation culminates an eight month search that involved over 200 names, all of which the search committee has attempted to

keep confidential.

Reached in Nashville, Tenn., where he is currently president of Vanderbilt University, former SUNYA President Emmett Fields said he was "delighted" with the recommendation of O'Leary as his successor. Fields recommended to the University Council that O'Leary serve as acting president, just before he left SUNYA in late summer 1977.

"He knows everything that has transpired of any significance on that campus. He knows every critical development over the recent years at Albany," Fields said.

Fields added that he had not had contact with the search committee, nor made a recommendation on behalf of O'Leary at his own initiative.

The search committee's recommendation came Wednesday, and was followed on Friday by a vote of the University Council Committee member Sarah Cohen, a faculty member in the English Department, said all five final candidates were interviewed on campus by the committee over the last month.

According to committee members contacted, O'Leary was cited as clearly the strongest candidate.

"Absolutely. We had fully researched the other candidates and

he was definitely the strongest," said committee member Warren Goldenberg, a SUNYA undergraduate.

Straub said that over 240 faculty signatures, and between 20-25 letters were submitted to the committee in support of O'Leary. He characterized this as evidence of "grass-roots" support.

O'Leary, who left as Dean of the School of Criminal Justice to assume the acting presidency, chaired two presidential committees formed to recommend program cuts during the presidencies of Louis Benetz and Fields.

He said yesterday that such program cuts, as well as the loss of a number of doctoral programs, does not indicate that SUNYA has an unstable future to face.

"I don't think that I, or you, or that any other person can say that a university in New York, in 1978, is not going to be meeting problems," O'Leary said. "I have no way of promising that. We'll meet problems. The test will not be if we meet them, but how we meet the problems. That's the test of every individual on this campus too."

O'Leary was interviewed by the search committee, even though he had said he didn't want to be considered a candidate, due to his name



The SUNY Board of Trustees will consider the name of Vincent O'Leary when it meets May 23 to decide the next SUNYA President.

having been submitted to the committee by a number of faculty members, according to both Goldenberg and Cohen.

"We did have contact with

O'Leary," Goldenberg said, "but not with him as a candidate. O'Leary never was a candidate, and we didn't know if he would consider the position. But as the sitting president, we had every opportunity to talk with him."

Cohen said the committee met with O'Leary, at about the same time that it was meeting with the other four finalists, because it wanted his views on certain matters.

No member of the committee would say at what point the committee first considered O'Leary an active candidate.

The final stages of the search were not opened up to the SUNYA campus because, according to Straub, the committee still felt it was working with too large a group of candidates.

Had the number of candidates been reduced to two or three before the committee made its decision, meetings with faculty and students

Court Of Appeals Hears Trustees' PhD Case

by Denise Lenci

Lawyers argued another round yesterday in the continuing struggle between the SUNY Board of Trustees and the State Education Department over who has the power to terminate academic programs in New York colleges and universities.

In the final appeal before a New York State Court, SUNY Attorney Walter J. Reihan charged that the SED exceeded its authority when it deregistered SUNYA's History and English PhD programs in 1975.

SED attorney Robert Stone, arguing for the Board of Regents, asserted the right of the Regents to review and establish minimum standards for doctoral programs. Stone cited the Education Commissioner's authority to register and deregister

programs.

SUNY Spokesman Harry Charlton said a decision by the court should be handed down within a couple of weeks.

Former Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist deregistered SUNYA's History doctoral program in September 1975 and the English doctoral program three months later, following a state-wide review of doctoral programs offered by private and public universities in the state.

The review was conducted by the SED using out of state consultants.

The review was instituted due to a need identified in the 1972 Board of Regents Master Plan for a review and limitation of New York doctoral programs.

The SUNY Board of Trustees filed a suit against the SED in February of 1976 following Nyquist's action, but the State Supreme Court upheld the Education Commissioner's authority.

The Board of Trustees then appealed the decision to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. According to Acting History Department Chair Kendall Birr, that appeal was lost late last summer.

Birr said the trustees then had to obtain "leave to appeal" from either the Appellate Division or the Court of Appeals to take the case further.

Charlton said permission for yesterday's hearing was granted this February by the Court of Appeals, the highest court in New York state.

Reihan stated to the court that SUNYA has a charter from the legislature to be a university. He contended that registration of programs is voluntary, and that programs should be deregistered only in the case of criminal actions or violations.

He claimed that by setting standards the SED is making the registering of programs into a licensing, something SED does not have

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The Policemen's Benevolent Society participated in a rally supporting the death penalty yesterday in front of the State Capitol.

Elderly Rally For Death Penalty

by Stuart Vincent

Approximately 3000 demonstrators from across New York State rallied yesterday on the State Capitol steps to show their support for a move to override Governor Carey's veto of the death penalty.

The mostly elderly crowd arrived on the eve of Senate action on the veto, scheduled for late this afternoon.

The crowd cheered as Bob Grant, the New York City radio personality who organized the rally, told them that "Rehabilitation hasn't worked. You can't turn lions into lambs."

Buses Chartered

The Policemen's Benevolent Association took part in the rally and chartered the 60 buses used to bring the demonstrators to Albany.

Grant described police officers as "the men in the trenches who form the blue line between us and the criminals," and urged that the death penalty be restored to protect them

from murders.

Also on hand to address the crowd were Sen. Dale M. Volker and Assemblyman Vincent J. Graber, the authors of the death penalty bill vetoed by Carey last month.

Action Urged

They urged the crowd to take action against all legislators who opposed the death penalty by voting them out of the office at election time.

Grant also accused Governor Carey of "arrogance" in stating that he would commute the sentences of all those sentenced to death if capital punishment became law.

He also stressed that the state was wasting money caring for murders in our prisons.

The demonstrators, waving American flags and wearing buttons that read "Death Penalty Now," came primarily from New York City, and displayed posters with slogans such as "Senior Citizens of Canarsie."

After the hour long rally, the demonstrators left to seek out those legislators who opposed the death penalty to try and change their vote.

The buses which brought the demonstrators were parked closely together on both sides of Washington Ave., forming two impassible silver walls that stretched across the entire length of the Education Building and the Capitol grounds.

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Bio Prof Defends DNA Research

by Paul Neuwirth

New areas of scientific research often seem too wrapped up in jargon and formulae to make them comprehensible to non-scientists. This fact, coupled with controversy stemming from warnings of deleterious effects on the human species, has made recombinant DNA research an often discussed and rather misunderstood topic.

According to Dr. David Holmes of the Biology Department, however, such research poses very few potential hazards. Holmes is an advocate of further DNA research. Several months have elapsed since Holmes began studies on recombinant techniques. Originally these studies were delayed because of concern for the danger such research might pose.

According to Holmes, the fear that prompted early delays centered around the possibility that some leakage of unused of disused material might occur during experimentation. He says the justification for such fears is slim. Holmes and his colleagues say they have derived statistics on the survival rate of recombinant bacteria should it manage to leak. Even if certain techniques of experimentation were used sloppily, Holmes said, the rate is incredibly small. The survival of such bacteria would be hampered by, among other things, enzymes which inhibit their growth, Holmes said.

Today, Holmes says he considers himself a "gene behaviorologist,"

Holmes has himself been a genetic layman having studied geology as an undergraduate with few courses in biology. After his second year at Trinity College in Dublin, he realized that he related best to logic, and that straight-forward memorization was not easy for him. His study of genetics began soon after. Holmes first posed for himself the question of what controls genes in 1969 at the California Institute of Technology, under the guidance of molecular geneticist and plant physiologist James Bonner. In the same school Holmes did post-doctoral research in the Chemistry Department under Norman Davison. Research there centered around large proteins known as Histones - particles which are loosely bound to the two strands of the DNA helix.

who experiments with different isolation techniques for nucleic acid repeats. Repeats are the sequel patterns found within the DNA strands.) He says his earlier dealings with logical thinking at Trinity College are paying off. His present research focuses on the "logical ordering" of the repeats within the strands.

O'Leary Named

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not involved in the search would have been arranged, he said.

Goldenberg said he too felt the committee would have voted to open up final interviews with the candidates had it not felt O'Leary was such a clear choice.

Committee member Orville Poland, Dean of the Graduate School of Public Administration, agreed.

"I would think that the faculty and students on the committee would have been strongly in favor of opening this up to the university community, even given the danger of exposure," he said.

Fields said the publicity which accompanied his visit to the SUNYA campus as a presidential candidate three years ago surprised him.

Then an administrator at the University of Houston, Fields met with various campus groups as one of three candidates vying to succeed Louis Benezet as SUNYA president.

"The procedures that were followed in that were particularly unusual, I thought. I did not know about [the exposure] beforehand. It didn't become known back in Houston. We were, however, worried, and some members of the council were worried."

O'Leary said a desire to see some continuity was also a part of his decision to reverse his earlier stance on accepting the post were it to be offered.

When asked to serve as acting president by Fields, O'Leary indicated to him privately that he had no desire to take the job permanently, Fields said.

"I have to assume that he's found the job sufficiently stimulating to change his mind," Fields said.

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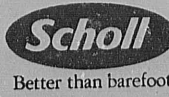


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Winter recently ventured into the wilds near Wolf Park, Indiana, and began serenading a pack of wolves. According to the musician's agent, a she-wolf then began howling long into the night, performing a duet with winter.

Purdue University Professor Erich Klinghammer says that this jam session in the wilds has serious scientific implications. Klinghammer states: "For four nights after winter left, we heard the wolf with whom he had been playing howling in a manner that had been distinctly influenced by the tune winter had played." According to the professor: "It was probably the first known observation of imitative behavior in wolf-calls patterns."

The recorded duet, incidentally, will be included as a cut on winter's up-coming album "Wolf Eyes."

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TRY IT AGAIN

Keith Stroup, the Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, was

busted in Canada on marijuana-possession charges last week just hours after he had pleaded guilty to an identical charge in court.

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judge before being set free. He went back to the airport again, cleared US Customs this time, and returned to the United States.

'MMM GOOD

A team of five Yale University medical researchers is out with a rather unorthodox report. The five doctors say they have found that cocaine users might be able to get higher by ingesting or eating their stash, instead of sniffing it.

The doctors, writing in Science Magazine, report they conducted a series of studies on four volunteer coke users who had previously used the white powdery drug for "recreational purposes."

The doctors write that on some occasions the volunteers were given cocaine orally, and on other occasions "intra-nasally." In both instances, according to the report, the amount of "coke" administered was identical.

The Yale researchers report that continuing interviews with carefully monitored blood tests on the subjects indicated that it took slightly longer for the "high" to occur after the drug was taken orally. The oral method, however, had highs that were at least as intense and which lasted longer. According to Science Magazine: "Three of the four subjects experienced more intense

'highs' after oral administration."

The doctors suggest that while it might be more efficient to take cocaine orally, not sniffing cocaine may dampen the enthusiasm for, in their words, "it's golden spoons, rolled banknotes and inhalation rituals."

LOVE HANGOVER

True love is short and sweet, usually lasting 14 to 15 months.

This is according to California State Polytechnic University Professor E J Meecker. The professor's interest in love is not cynical, but scientific. He says he studied the love affairs of 105 men and women ranging in age from 18 to 43 whose romances had recently ended.

Meecker told the Western Psychological Association at its annual conference in San Francisco that the median durability of a romantic entanglement, including the intense chapter was about 15 months.

The professor said that the chances of a "sweaty palmed" romance ending in a break-up is about 50-50, but that 94 percent of those surveyed expected to fall in love again.

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RECORD BREAKING

Country music star Willie Nelson is making a new movie which he says will expose the kind of corruption found in the record industry.

Nelson, in an interview with High Times magazine, says his movie will be called "The Songwriter," and that he will compose the soundtrack for and star in the film.

The 45-year-old Nelson explains, in his words, "The Songwriter" is about rip-offs in the music business, how record writers are exploited by the music industry. I play a record company executive who rips off young singers," he says. "Mary Kay Place, the 'Fernwood Forever' star, plays a young singer-songwriter we sign up, promise the world, then screw her for the money. Dennis Hopper plays a corrupt manager."

HIGH PRICED INFO

A High School teacher in Montgomery County, Maryland, has been suspended for suggesting to her students that they should find out if their marijuana supplies are contaminated with the deadly herbicide paraquat.

Andrea Brown, who taught English Literature for seven years at Northwood High School, has been placed on indefinite leave after she told her class about stories carried in the Washington Post concerning the spraying of paraquat on marijuana fields in Mexico. Brown said she knew that some of her students smoked, and told them that they might want to have their stach analyzed to prevent possible lung damage.

Brown reportedly then made available to her classes mimeographed copies of the name, address, and phone number of Pharmchem Laboratories in Palo Alto, California, which is currently testing marijuana samples for traces of paraquat contamination.

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Wake Entwines Past, Present and Future

By J.M. Reilly

The novel *Finnegan's Wake* by James Joyce has been called everything from a "perverse triumph of the unintelligible" to the supreme literary achievement of the 20th century, a "complete and permanent record of our age."

For 40 years, critics have rallied about its impenetrability, its impossibly complex language, obscure allusions, and seemingly chaotic structure. Defenders of the work argue for its essential if not immediately apparent accessibility, radical exploration of new possibilities of language and communication, overall unity and ultimate universality.

Controversy like this often serves to banish a piece of literature or any other work of art to the lofty but dusty nooks and crannies of academia, where only heads sufficiently egg in shape may seek to plumb its enigmatic depths, with very long theories indeed, while the rest of us wait in monosyllabic innocence for the True Meaning of the Work of Art to be inscribed upon the pages of some scholarly text.

Nothing could do more violence to the intention of Joyce, who detested academia and meant to write for Everybody.

In an effort to bring the message of *Finnegan's Wake* across the gulf created by cries of "Absurdly complex!" and "Absolutely unreadable!" members of SUNYA's English Department and several other local Joyceans have banded together to guide the curious, the courageous, and the slightly off-kilter along the convoluted catacombs of *Finnegan's Wake*, past multi-faceted allusions and illusions, many-levelled meanings, madness and melancholy.

Last Thursday's concert reading of "Who Made the World? The Four Gospels According to Finnegan's Wake" in the PAC's Arena Theatre was introduced as a "work in progress" by SUNYA English Department faculty

members and co-scriptwriters Tom Smith and Harry Staley.

They were joined by five other readers, including Larry Ries and Robert Ihorstensen of the English Department, Marion Ihorstensen, Helen Staley, and Bonnie Kelsey.

The concert reading is the first stage in a project that is supposed to develop into a live-hour film presentation of *Finnegan's Wake*. According to Tom

Smith, he, Staley, and Helen Staley are collaborating on five-hour long scenarios with avant-garde filmmaker Hillary Harris based on the four parts of the *Wake*, together with a final "more experimental demonstration of the basic themes of the *Wake* supposed to tie things together somewhat."

Smith said that right now, the company is waiting for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to sponsor a ten-minute pilot film of the project. "All our sponsors tell us the signs are super positive at this point," Smith said. In their introduction to Thursday's reading, Smith and Staley attempted to give the audience a few clues as to how they should approach what they were

about to experience, and how to approach the *Wake* as a whole.

First of all, it's a dream, and therefore written in the language of a dream, where words, thoughts, and images crowd into, displease, and blend into each other. Secondly, the dream is a universal one; the dream of all men of all time. Because it is a dream, the author is not bound by conventional logic, and neither should the reader or the listener be; time and space are compressed and superimposed, all time and all things occur simultaneously, the particular is a reflection of the universal and the universal is the embodiment of the particulars.

Sound complex? Inaccessible perhaps?

"Relax, and listen to it as you would to music. Let it wash over you, and try to swim with it, but don't try to interpret it. Let it make the associations that it will."

Ah but this is only a small sampling of the myriad of themes, motifs, and meanings contained in this enigmatic work designed to resonate anyone exposed to it on many levels.

"Relax, and listen to it as you would to music," Staley advised the audience. "Let it wash over you, and try to swim with it, but don't try to interpret it," he said. "Let it make the associations that it will."

With those words of warning, the seven member cast plunged headlong into the Joycean river that is *Finnegan's Wake*, pulling the audience downstream with them. Images clashed and merged, rose up, fell away, and, returned, merged and split, images of the past, the present, the future: some seemed entwined on many

levels, others scarcely connected, but at the end of the hour, there was the sense of something complete but ever expanding, a strange but undeniable unity seemed to surround the episode, though it could not be said where or how this unity existed.

"People were laughing at the jokes in it, they were enjoying it, somehow following it and wondering just exactly what it was they were taking in," Staley said afterwards.

Involvement of the audience is essential to the working of any presentation of the *Wake*, according to Staley. "The book is a community book, it is a creating, a process, and the more people that are involved, the better."

There are plans in the works for a second concert reading of the "MaMaLuJo" episode in a few weeks, according to Staley, of which a videotape will be made for the archives here at SUNYA.

The cast that read Thursday, with only one change, is the same one that did the *Finnegan's Wake* concert readings three years ago, from which a video-tape was also made. That film was shown at the fifth Joyce Symposium in Paris 1975, and has been requested by universities in Germany and Sweden, as well as by Yale and other universities here in the U.S.

The proposed five-part film project, unlike the previous film and the one to be made in a few weeks will not be a film of concert readings. It will be, according to Tom Smith, a "much more ambitious project," with characters playing off against one another, on-location footage in Ireland, and employ various abstract or avant-garde filming techniques.

"The film will be the most appropriate film we can make of the total *Finnegan's Wake*," Smith said, "which of course means it will be cosmic." Smith added, "the imagery, the sound, the texture, will have to be in style and have an effect that will reflect what the *Wake* really is, a total sensorium."

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The Forgettable Realm of Mediocrity

By MARK J. MCGARRY

James Patrick Baen, formerly editor of *Galaxy*, is the new editor at Ace Books, and he has expanded their already large science fiction publishing program. The new deal calls for over one hundred titles per year, balanced roughly evenly between reprints and originals. As is most often the case in a rapid expansion, some of the added material will be excellent, some pure dross, and the majority will fall into the ever-forgettable realm of the mediocre.

Now, to the matter at hand, which is *Kalin* by E.C. Tubb, published at \$1.50 for 187 pages. This is a "Dumarest of Terra" novel, one of a long series which Tubb has brought to DAW books. This novel was originally published in 1969, when Tubb was still with Ace, so it comes early in the series. As to when I do not know, as there is no table or blurb to tell us.

I found it a surprisingly rough, almost amateurish book. There are numerous and often confusing scene changes —

most of which are not necessary to an understanding of the book, and in fact defy understanding. The characterization is cardboard, with varying degrees of thickness. The heroine, one Kalin, is a seer of some power, but her method of dealing with crises seems limited to crying the hero's name (Earl) over and over. This started to strike me about a third of the way through the book, and I started keeping count — but stopped after the dozenth time.

The series as a whole concerns Earl Dumarest's quest for Earth — the planet of his birth, and from which he was taken as a child. Earth is a legendary world, or wholly unknown in some parts of the *Galaxy* — Dumarest's quest has lasted for over a dozen books to date. In this particular part of the quest, it forms a not very convincing background for a routine adventure story. Dumarest comes no closer to finding Earth during the course of *Kalin*.

Dumarest meets Kalin for the first time

on Logis, and he helps her escape from the superstitious natives who believe she is a witch. Dumarest arranges passage for her home, and accompanies her himself — not only because he has fallen in love with her, but because she has heard of Earth, and there may be a clue to its location on her world. On the way, their starship is sabotaged, they are rescued by a slaver and find themselves working in a planetary mine, by passage to Kalin's world — where Dumarest finds that Kalin is "really" a misshapen, dying hag who had transferred her mind to another woman's body — and transfers it back to her own. Dumarest cannot love the mind without the body, or vice-versa. A potentially emotion-charged scene is circumvented when Kalin dies. Dumarest resumes his quest.

The novel is filled with potentially moving scenes whose potential is not realized. The obsessive character of Dumarest is interesting, but not enough is made of it. In this particular novel, E.C. Tubb has opted to stress the routine adventure elements and let the emotional elements languish.

The Best Ye Breed by Mack Reynolds (Ace, \$1.50) is a large book, weighing in at 279 pages, and there is no fat on it.

Reynolds shifts points of view at least as often as Tubb, but he does so with a clear purpose and he limits the shifts to chapters, and then labels the chapter with the name of the character focussed on therein. This is also part of a series, and is labelled "third in the fabulous North African Trilogy." The trilogy concerns the efforts of El Hassan (formerly a Black American sociologist) to unite all of North Africa into a single nation capable of withstanding the influences of both East and West, and of exploiting its own resources, rather than relying on foreign commercial interests. That is a concept at least as interesting as the one Tubb used for his own series. As with Tubb, the potential of such a concept is not reached.

The book is concerned with the efforts of a mercenary group to assassinate El Hassan. Ultimately, they are turned away from their mission bloodlessly, which was certainly an unpredictable turn of events, and also a rather non-dramatic one. There is some attempt at characterization here — and there are about a dozen major characters — but most character traits are only quirks the reader associates with a name, and nothing else. Everyone is very tough and businesslike, and no one interacts very much with anyone else.

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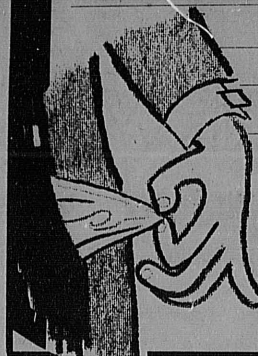
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Racquetball Attracts SUNYA

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quetball gives the heart a good cardiovascular workout. But injuries can be serious. There is a new eyeguard on the market and all players should wear one. Interest in the sport has reached such a high level that we really need a fieldhouse."

The women's singles champion, Grossman, took the racquetball course offered at SUNYA with Athletic Director Robert Ford last fall. She believes that the sport is not a hard game to learn and emphasizes the importance of "coordination, body positioning and

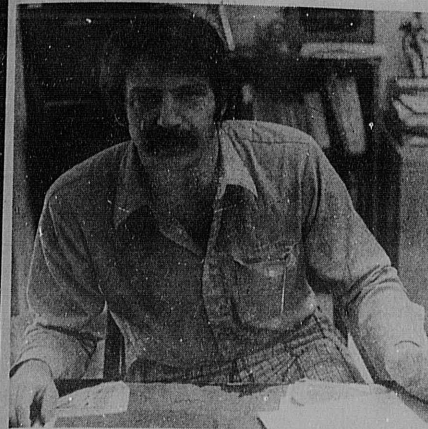
predicting where the ball is going to go."

Grossman has proven to be an "A" student. She says, "Like many other sports, you have to hit the ball where the other person isn't. The wrist is most important. Racquetball is especially good for women because it strengthens the wrist and forearm, rather than just enlarge the bicep."

"Racquetball is a sport where women can beat men because physical size and strength aren't the most important elements," declares Seisente. "The essentials are accuracy of shots, quickness and strategy. The only advantage of size is physical intimidation." The female half of the championship mixed doubles team perceives racquetball as a "quick moving, challenging game." She has been playing for the past 14 months, three to four days a week, one to two hours a day, and her enthusiasm has never been greater.

Seisente's male partner, Kianofsky, agrees that some women can play well, but knows that he can play better. "Girls can be just as competitive as guys, but no girl has beaten me yet."

Kianofsky values racquetball as a good exercise to relieve tension. "The first time I played was after a statistics test. The game is relaxing and a natural high." He thinks that racquetball should be a varsity sport, especially since the costs would be low, and has noticed that "racquetball clubs are springing up all around."



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Intramural coordinator Dennis Elkin says: "Racquetball is certainly the fastest growing indoor sport in the country."

Dr. Bruce Oliver, associate professor of accounting, used to play squash, but has switched to racquetball "because it's hard to find squash partners." He assesses racquetball to be a good social game and enjoys playing doubles with both faculty members and students.

Oliver believes other advantages to the sport are "the heavy workout in a short period of time and the low cost of equipment." He has learned of at least one danger, ever since he "just got knocked out" when he was hit in the head with a racquet. "Beginners should learn to always face forward because they have a natural tendency of turning around to follow the ball, a good way to get hit in the face," warns Oliver.

Junior Sharon Shepard, who works in the general office, knows of SUNYA's racquetball fever and is concerned about some problems it has caused. "The prime times are gone before noon. There's just not enough courts. The four squash courts are hardly ever used."

In addition to the shortage of courts, there have been increasing

shortages of racquetball equipment, which the gym usually supplies. Equipment room manager Ms. Donna Corell has seen the shrinkage. "Although we've recently received shipments with some defective racquetballs, our biggest problem has been with the people who take out equipment, but don't return it. And, of course, the (racquet) strings and balls break occasionally. We started with 22 racquets and have had up to a dozen or more balls." The latest count tallied 13 racquets and five balls.

The best way to learn to play racquetball or improve your game is to take the SUNYA course (listed as "Paddleball Beginning," but taught as a racquetball course) or play with a friend who is good, or both. For those who prefer to give it the "old, SUNYA try," Chuck Levey's *Inside Racquetball* and Steve Keeley's *The Complete Book of Racquetball* are in the campus library.

Editor's note: Jenny beat Fred 21-19, but Fred says that "a rematch is in the making."

JV Batmen Hold 5-3 Mark

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the three errors we made in one inning against RPI, the fielding has been consistent."

Anchoring the defense is Fiorito at catcher, who Sedlieki feels is an "outstanding defensive catcher and a

definite varsity prospect." Rounding out the infield is Jeff Tyler at third, Rich Levinson holds down second, and Smith at shortstop. When he's not pitching, Bittker will be at first base.

In the outfield is Moschella, Flynn, and Gary McCarthy. Sedlieki feels that Flynn in centerfield has "phenomenal speed and range."

Another major asset for the Pups is their excellent team speed. In their first five games, the Pups stole 20 bases. In the victory at West Point, Flynn became master thief, stealing an amazing seven bases.

Blessed with good hitting, solid pitching, and consistent fielding, Sedlieki has reason to smile. After all, any baseball team that wins a game 20-1 deserves to have their coach smile a little.

-P.Schwartz

Softball Team

Splits Two

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Behind 6-3 through the first three innings, Union erupted for six runs in the fourth. But their lead was brief, as Albany tallied four runs in the bottom of the inning. O'Reilly led off with a single and after Gretchen Harig tripled, singles by Sapio and Koronowski and a passed ball, drove in the other runs.

Union scored one run in the sixth inning to tie the game, which was decided in the seventh by the wildness of their pitcher.

O'Reilly was the hitting star, going three for four with three RBI's. Sapio had three stolen bases, in addition to her fine pitching performance.

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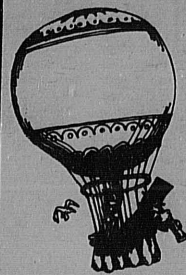
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Pitcher Nancy Sapio was the only player on the Albany State women's softball team to play her natural position against Russell Sage.

Women's Softball Team Splits Two

by Rich Seligson

In Saturday's Albany State-Russell Sage women's softball game, a 20-6 victory by Russell Sage, something unusual and comical happened — only one Dane player started at their usual position, pitcher Nancy Sapio. The absence of starting catcher Karen O'Reilly, who was participating in a volleyball tournament, triggered the chain of changes.

Carolyn DeVito, who never played catcher before, came in from her shortstop position in place of O'Reilly. Then, last year's third baseman Jill Stern replaced DeVito, leaving her centerfield spot open. Cindy Werner moved over to center, and before all the re-positioning by Albany coach Ms. Lee Rhenish was over, eight players were in different places from where they have been this season.

"I think it was essential," said

Rhenish. "You use people where they're needed. I felt as a team we played better than in the Union game (an 11-10 victory by Albany) in terms of positioning."

Despite all the switching, nothing could stop the bats of Russell Sage, a perennial long-ball hitting club. "Anywhere where there was a hole, they were placing them. We never came close," said Albany second baseman Marilyn Hinden. A 19-hit attack sparked Albany's opponents, who have only one loss on the season.

Russell Sage pitcher Rosie Case kept the Danes' bats quiet, allowing only seven hits. "She was the fastest pitcher we have ever come up against," said Hinden. "She was a windmill pitcher with amazing accuracy."

Jeanice Koronowski and Cindy Werner drove in two runs apiece to lead the Danes' sparse hitting attack. Koronowski is the only Albany

batter hitting over .500 through six games.

After the one-sided loss, Albany's record stands at 2-4, with both of their wins against Union in Friday's home game, the women squeezed out an 11-10 victory, in comparison with their 13-4 triumph over Union earlier this season.

Sapio pitched all seven innings, allowing only two walks. "She was successful the last time against Union," said Rhenish. "If she could do it once, she could do it again."

After six innings, the score was 10-10. Sapio had no trouble in the seventh and final inning, getting Union's hitters to pop out three times. In the Danes' half of the seventh, DeVito led off with a single. Then, Union's pitcher lost her control and walked the game away, as three consecutive base-on-balls brought in the winning run.

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Ceremony Honors Top Booters

by Ken Kurtz

The Albany State Soccer team had an awards dinner ceremony last Friday night, as trophies were awarded to the outstanding players of this past season.

The Most Valuable Defensive Player Award was given to team captain Aldo Sergovich, while the Most Valuable Offensive Player Award was shared by two players, Carlos Arango and Stan Gege.

Arango was the team's leading scorer with eleven goals, while Gege, who moved up from this year, was the most inspirational player on the team. Most Improved Player was hallback Jorge Aguirre, and defenseman Mark Wenzel was given the 100 per cent Award as the player

who put out 100 per cent in both practice and games.

SUNYAC All-Conference players received their certificates as Aldo Sergovich, Alberto Giordano, Frank Selea and Gege were honored. Two All-State Certificates were awarded, as Arango was selected to the second team, and Selea made third team.

Pro Contract

Selea has signed a pro contract for next year with the New York Eagles of the American Soccer League. Two years ago, Selea led the Danes in scoring with 49 goals. Frank was a solid team player this year, and it showed up in his play," said Albany coach Bill Schiefelbin.

On Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m., the

Danes get the first crack at defending NCAA National Champion Hartwick, as the two teams will tangle at the Dr. Pepper H.S. Tournament at Shenendahowa H.S. Shenendahowa is a fifteen minute drive from SUNYA on Route 146, and admission is \$1 for students. The game will be seen on Channel 17 Sunday night via tape delay. The Danes will tune up for Sunday's big game by going up against Oneonta in a Tuesday afternoon scrimmage.

FOOTBALLS... Soccer fields will be "renovated" this summer in an attempt to alleviate the horrendous drainage on the field. The fields may not be ready for play in the Fall, in which case, the lacrosse field will again be used for home games.

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Two Victories By Rugby Team Improves Marks

by Don Rossi

The Albany State rugby team took a double-header from Albany Med. on Saturday. Both "A" and "B" sides have 4-1 records. The Danes' next game is Friday at 4 p.m. against rival Siena.

In "A" action, Albany took off to a fast 4-0 lead. Veteran Chuck Rappazzo had a big gainer, and pitched to Gary Boccio for the try, putting Albany ahead 4-0.

With a few minutes left in the half, second-year medical student Mike "Maddog" Tirella booted a 31-yard field goal, narrowing Albany's lead to 4-3 at halftime.

Med. took the lead early in the second half as A. J. Czarnupal kicked a 23-yard field goal. Med. pulled ahead 6-4.

At this point, Albany's attack came together. Senior Tom Cullen scored a try on a quick pitch from Gary Boccio, and Albany led 8-6. Moments later, Boccio scored his fourth try of the season on a 57-yard scamper, giving Albany a 12-6 lead.

The Danes kept pouring it on. Wing forward Frank Sheehan scored on a five-yard ramble with a few minutes left in the half. Rappazzo's PAT attempt was good for an 18-6 Albany advantage, which they never lost.

In "B" action, the Danes picked up a tough victory, as tight defense and solid offense combined for the winning ingredients.

With a few minutes left in the first half, Jeff Goldman scored his first career try on a 21-yard run, and State led 4-0 after the half.

Tough defense prevailed in the second half as Albany remained in complete command. Co-Captain Charlie Levine also scored for the Danes on a fine 31-yard run, and Albany led 8-0. The PAT attempt by Rappazzo was good and State had a very comfortable 10-0 lead, which stayed that way for the remainder of the game.

Double-Header

Two weeks ago, Albany took a double-header from arch-rival Union College of Schenectady, by scores of 8-0 and 27-3.

After a scoreless first half, the Danes broke the ice midway in the second half as senior Tom Cullen intercepted a Union pass on the 17-yard line and took it in for the score. The PAT attempt failed, and Albany held a 4-0 lead.

Albany added some insurance as Rappazzo scored on a ten-yard run on an excellent pitch by Jim Dignan. Albany kept their 8-0 lead for the rest of the game.

In "B" side action, Albany overwhelmed Union in every phase of the game, and won an exciting 27-3 game.

Rookie Jimbo Nyemchek scored on the opening kickoff on a 15-yard run after a fine pitch by Gary Boccio. The PAT failed, and Albany led 4-0.



The Albany State rugby team begins one of their post-game victory celebrations. Danes beat Albany Med. and Union over the last two weekends. Both "A" and "B" squads hold 4-1 marks.

Boccio also scored two tries himself in the first half on successive runs of 23 yards and a 57-yard ramble. Frank Carrera also kicked a 19-yard field goal to give Albany a decisive 15-0 lead.

More Scores

Nyemchek picked up two more scores in the second half on runs of 27 and 34 yards to give him three tries for the afternoon. Carrera added both extra points for a 27-0 lead with two minutes left in the game.

Union finally got on the board as sophomore Bobby Boissy kicked a 27-yard field goal for the only score of the afternoon for Union.

Stickmen Rally For Second Win

by Greg Curran

It was a game featuring two teams with disappointing seasons, both with 1-7 records. But the Albany State varsity lacrosse team, helped by a balanced scoring attack, proved to be a couple of goals better than Hartwick. The Danes won at home Saturday, 10-8.

The game started poorly for Albany. With Hartwick ahead 3-1 in

the first quarter, Albany looked frustrated.

Ken Gorman, whose two goals for the Danes were his finest effort this year, led an Albany comeback with leading scorer Dan Goggin. The Danes surged to a 7-3 lead with three minutes left in the half.

Relaxed Defense

But, as has happened all year, the Danes relaxed on defense. "We just got beat one-on-one," said Albany coach Mike Motta. Hartwick netted two goals and the score at halftime was 7-5.

After regrouping, the Danes opened the third period by allowing yet another goal. But Goggin fired in a overhead blast from the right side, increasing Albany's lead to two goals, which they never lost.

Motta had praise for his mid-fielders. "Five of the first six middies scored, we did a real good job offensively." However, Motta felt the defense was too aggressive. "They never should have gotten eight goals."

Albany's next game is Saturday against Siena at 3:30 P.M.



Albany leading scorer Dan Goggin (12) evades Hartwick defender in Danes' 10-8 victory on Saturday afternoon. It was their second win.

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Second Twinbill Sweep Puts Batmen Over .500

by Paul Schwartz

The Albany State varsity baseball team swept their second doubleheader of the spring season last Friday. Improving their record to 6-4-2, the Danes defeated Division I Colgate 9-5, 6-5.

Colgate did not give Albany pitcher Ed Sellers a very gracious welcome, scoring four runs on four hits in the first inning of the opener. Sellers went on to pitch a fine ballgame, allowing Colgate only one run and two hits over the next six innings.

The Danes came up with three runs in their half of the second inning. A walk to Rich Cardillo, a single by Bruce Kaczmarek, a Colgate error and a sacrifice by Paul Nelson brought the Albany runs across.

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With the score tied at four, Albany scored the winning runs in the fifth. Singles by Mike Mirabella, Roger Plantier and Nelson gave the Danes a one-run lead at 6-5. Three more runs in the sixth put the game out of reach.

Albany connected for ten hits in the ballgame, but also worked out five walks. Collecting two hits each for the Danes were Kaczmarek, Mirabella and Chris Siegler. The second game was a tight, tense contest. Steve Muldoon started on the mound for Albany, and threw seven innings before giving way to Bruce Dey.

With the score tied at five after seven innings, the game went into extra innings. The Danes scored what proved to be the winning run in the eighth. Mirabella got the first base on a fielders choice, and advanced on Kaczmarek's single. Howie Markowitz then hit one to Colgate, third baseman, who could not field the ball and was charged with an error. Mirabella came home with the tiebreaking run.

Colgate outbit the Danes 9-7, but could not outscore the hot-hitting Albany squad. The Danes next take the field today at home against RPI.

JV Batmen Powerful

After playing eight games so far this spring, the Albany State junior varsity baseball team knows one thing for sure; they can hit the ball. Posting a record of 5-3 so far, the jayvees have scored runs at better than nine a game.

What makes their run production even more impressive is that the Pups were shut out of their first game 14-0 by Hudson Valley. After that, the Pups walloped Cobleskill, scoring 16 runs to Cobleskill's three.

In the team's fifth game, against Schenectady Community College, the Pups put on an offensive display. When the bats finished smoking, Albany had a 20-1 victory.

"We've got a good hitting team," stated JV baseball coach Jack Sedlicki. "We're swinging well so far."

Leading the Pups in the hitting department is Tony Moschella, whose .482 batting average and 12

RBI's are giving opposing pitchers nightmares. Not far behind at .400 are leadoff hitter Wayne Flynn and shortstop Jim Smith. Other outstanding batting averages belong to Mike Fiorito at .360, and Glen Baker at .321. In addition, Baker knocked in eight runs in his first five games.

The game that did much to add to the batting averages was the teams sixth against West Point. The Pups collected 15 hits during their 12-6 win, and "hit the hell out of the ball," according to Sedlicki. In their last outing, a doubleheader against Dartmouth, the Pups had 18 hits, winning the first game 6-2, and dropping the second 5-4.

The pitching has also been strong, due mainly to Louie Weinberg. The lefty hurler has three of the team's wins, and owns some impressive numbers. An earned run average of less than 3, and an overpowering 30 strikeouts in only 22 innings.

"I think that Louie is a real prospect for the varsity team," stated Sedlicki. "He could step in next year as one of their two or three top pitchers."

It is not a one man pitching staff. Sophomore Jerry Januszewski has relieved in four games, and has allowed very few hits for his innings pitched.

Mike Esposito and Mike Clabeaux both have pitched in losing efforts, but have "thrown pretty well" according to coach Sedlicki. Chris Metz pitched well against Dartmouth, allowing only two runs. The staff should get a big lift from Jim Bittker, who was recently sent down from the varsity squad to gain playing time.

"Our fielding has also been fairly steady," added Sedlicki. "Except for

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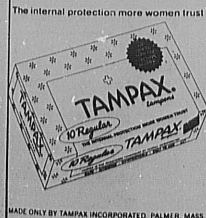
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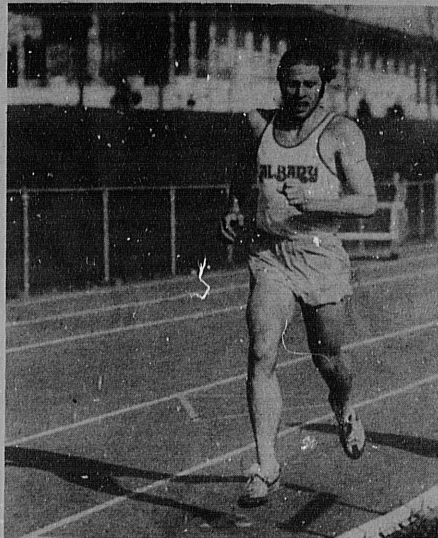
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Upset-Minded Trackmen Shock Cortland 93-70

Running Key Factor For 7-1 Danes; Dross Shines, Scores In Four Events



Albany co-captain Mark Dalton won both the mile and three-mile runs last Saturday. Danes surprised Cortland in winning fifth straight.

by Fred Stern

"All of us were in the groove yesterday, everything clicked." This was how coach Bob Munsey of the Albany State track and field team described his squad's surprising 93-70 triumph over track powerhouse Cortland last Saturday.

The victory was easily the team's biggest of the year. Cortland had won eight regular season meets this year and had won the Colgate Invitational Tournament. The 7-1 Danes had their own win streak of five meets on the line as well.

Lou Robin got the Danes off to a good start, taking the hammer throw. Freshman Allan Bokser took third in the hammer, which was to be one of only two field events that Albany took all day.

Cortland is traditionally strong in the field events. In last year's version of this meet, the Danes took only four of the 72 points awarded for these events.

Conversely, the Cortland runners opened up with a victory in the six mile run, their only win of the meet in a running event. Albany State's runners went on to win all ten of the

remaining track events.

The team of Jimmy Pollard, Jeff Baker, Bill Rheinhardt and Lonnie Davis won still another 440 relay, despite a bad handoff between Baker and Rheinhardt. The win put the Danes ahead 15-8, and they were never caught by Cortland.

Hot Streak

Bill Mathis continued the hot streak with his victory in the mile, and the Albany intermediate hurdlers put some distance between the two teams with a sweep of their event. Don Dross won the event. Erik Shultz took second and Jim Cunningham placed third.

For Don Dross, the hurdles was only one of four events in which he scored points for the Albany squad. He won the long jump and the mile relay as well as taking third in the triple jump. It was his first attempt at the jump in competition. Of Dross, coach Munsey said, "we couldn't have stuck him in anywhere and he'd have done well."

Jell Baker then took on and defeated Cortland's highly touted Ron Farley in the 440.

Team Co-captain Mark Dalton

also had a big day, taking the mile and three mile races.

A sweep in the 100-yard dash put the meet out of reach. Albany's Jimmy Pollard was the winner of this event. He also took the 120-yard high hurdles with a time that was good enough to qualify him for the N.C.A.A. National Championship meet.

Pollard was at a loss to explain the team's great showing. He said, "I don't know why it happened. We just started rolling."

Heavy Winds

The meet took place in heavy winds, which prevented Pollard's time from becoming the new SUNYAC record. Coach Munsey said, "The wind demoralized a lot of people, but we're both out there in our underwear, and we're both freezing so I guess it's whoever wants to win most."

The win brought Albany's record against Cortland to 2-1, in a matchup that is becoming a traditional rivalry. Coach Munsey said of his team, "I was so damned proud of them, I couldn't see straight. I'm still bubbling."

Netmen Beat Travelling UMass

by David Sprio

What a week it was for the Albany State varsity tennis team.

After defeating RPI and Union College in earlier matches, the Danes capped their week by winning for the first time against a Division I opponent, beating the University of Massachusetts 7-2, Saturday at home.

However, the victory was not as sweet as it could have been for the Danes. Massachusetts played the match without the services of their three top players who were participating in the New England Championships.

"I was quite upset that they didn't have their full team here," said Albany coach Bob Lewis. "They didn't let me know until 3:45 Friday and at that point we couldn't reschedule the match."

Albany sewed up the match early as they took their top five singles matches. Massachusetts was forced to move each of their singles players up three notches. "It would have been a very competitive match had their full team been here," said Lewis.

of the tournament that the Danes may go to at the end of the season.

Second singles Larry Linett also won his third consecutive match, defeating Dave Nowak 7-5, 6-1. "I played well in the second set after I got adjusted to the wind," said Linett.

Other Results

Number-three Phil Ackerman defeated Sergio Stredman 6-2, 6-4, number-four Mike Fertig trounced Don Gallagher 6-0, 6-4, and number five Gary Block topped Jon Klein 6-4, 6-2. Sixth singles Ted Kutzin lost his match to Adam Altman 6-1, 6-3.

Lewis was particularly pleased with the play of Ackerman. "He continues to be very steady," said Lewis. Ackerman, termed "unheralded" by Lewis, will play a challenge match later this week against Linett to try and move up to the number-two spot.

In the doubles matches, Linett and

Block teamed to beat Huetteman and Nowak 6-3, 6-2 while Feldman and Fertig creamed Stredman and Gallagher 6-1, 6-0. Kutzin and Dave McMullen lost to Klein and Altman 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Block indicated that he was very pleased to be playing doubles with Linett. "Larry makes me more competitive when I play," he said, "because I feel I'm letting him down if I don't hit foreing shots. I'm learning a lot just by playing with him."

The victory brought the Danes' record to 6-2 with both losses coming at the hands of Division I squads.

Last Thursday, the Danes won at Union College by the same 7-2 score.

The Danes' next match is at home against Hartwick, tomorrow at 3 p.m. on the Dutch Quad courts. After that they take on Middlebury, Vermont and West Point. "Our last three matches," said Lewis, "will all be very tough."



Albany State's Paul Feldman defeated Mark Huetteman 6-2, 6-2 for his third consecutive singles victory. The tennis team downed UMass.

Ball Keeps Bouncing, Game Keeps Growing

The competition was supposed to feature the first singles match between Albany's Paul Feldman and Massachusetts' Alan Greer. "I'm disappointed that Greer didn't show," said Feldman. Instead he played Mark Huetteman, usually Massachusetts' number-two man, and Feldman won in identical 6-2 sets.

Feldman indicated that he was not especially pleased with his play against Huetteman. "I played well enough to win," he said. "The victory was Feldman's third in a row extending his career record to 58-8."

"I'm looking forward to our Vermont and Army matches," added Feldman. "They could be the difference as to whether I'm seeded in the Nationals." He was speaking names.

of the office opens, you'll have to get on the end of the line outside the office door. If you don't show up before noon, your journey will be rained. Play in an enclosed four-wall court with a racquet and seamless sheet will be already covered with names.

Racquetball is the most popular sport at SUNYA for which there is no varsity team. Beginning at 8:30 each morning, seven mornings a week, students, faculty and other members of the SUNYA community reserve the hour they desire for the next day, providing it's still available. There are four regulation-size racquetball courts and four smaller, squash courts which are available from 8:00 a.m. until 10:40 p.m.

For those who are unfamiliar with the sport, racquetball is a relatively new game and was first played in organized form ten years ago. It is really a variation of the much older English game "Racquets."

Played in an enclosed four-wall court with a racquet and seamless ball, racquetball is regulated by the

International Racquetball Association (IRA), founded in 1968. The court is made of wood and measures 20 feet in width, 40 feet in length and 20 feet high. The official ball is the "Seamless 558" which is made of rubber and measures 2.5 inches in diameter. The rules are similar to those of paddleball.

SUNYA's annual AMIA-WIRA racquetball tournament began last October and ended a month ago. Winners of the mens and womens singles were senior Richard Jurick and junior Judy Grossman. Senior Jennifer Seisente and sophomore Richard Kianofsky won the mixed doubles.

Mr. Dennis Elkin, coordinator of intramural athletics here, has witnessed SUNYA's growing passion for the game since the first tournament was held in 1974-75. "Before 1974, we had as many as 66 and 42 students sign up annually for the paddleball and handball tournaments. This year six and three students showed interest in paddleball and handball, while 46 participated in the racquetball tournament. It's not the latest growing sport, racquetball is certainly the fastest growing indoor sport in the country."

Jurick, like most racquetball players, started out playing paddleball. He has participated regularly in racquetball since only last spring, though he beat sophomore Mark Dalton to win the mens singles competition.

Jurick knows of the game's benefits, dangers and needs. "Racquetball is a great sport. It's fun, it's fast, it's dangerous and it's

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Bills On Retrenchment Unlikely

by M.J. Memmott

Assemblyman Melvin Miller (D-Kings County), whose Education Committee released a report earlier this year critical of program retrenchments in the SUNY system, said he will not sponsor any retrenchment-related legislation in the New York State Assembly this year.

Changes in retrenchment policies will, instead, be left to SUNY Central and individual campuses to work out, according to Carl Carlucci, an assistant to Miller.

The committee's inquiries into program cutbacks in the SUNY system were originally planned "to establish a factual foundation on which possible legislative remedies might be posed," according to the committee report.

"It's our feeling that the legislature should not have to dictate campus policy," Carlucci said this week. "It should be worked out between faculty and administration themselves." He did add, however, that "we will

definitely keep an eye on what happens in the future. For right now I hope that just having the hearings was enough to put a light on the subject."

Miller's Assembly Higher Education Committee conducted hearings in the fall of 1977 after receiving complaints on the retrenchments carried out within the SUNY system during 1976. Those cut backs were said to have been required by "budgetary constraints" within the State government at the time.

At SUNYA, six academic programs and 32 tenured faculty were retrenched. The report states that "The Albany campus was the scene of the most retrenchments in the system and the subject of much of the testimony submitted to the committee."

SUNYA, Vice President of Academic Affairs David Martin said he agrees with Carlucci that the legislature should stay away from legislating policies for each campus to follow in choosing where to make

cutbacks.

"Retrenchment is an abnormal piece of business that the university needs to take care of itself. With good faculty input of course," Martin said. "By legislating in this area, it's possible that you could end up taking the retrenchment decisions away from the faculty."

Martin said he questioned how effective such legislation might be anyway.

"The legislature would be intruding on an area of collective bargaining, which might supersede it," he said.

SUNY Communications Officer Harry Charlton added that internal changes in the policy of retrenchment would not be easy to bring about.

"The central problem is whether the University can put out new guidelines that might affect contracts with the United University Professions," Charlton said.

UUP represents all SUNY faculty.



A spokesman for Assemblyman Melvin Miller (pictured above) said no legislation on retrenchments will be introduced this session.

Kremer Supports Health Fee Repeal in Budget

by Jon Lafayette

High-ranking Assemblyman Arthur Kremer said this week he would support a repeal of the health fee in the 1979-80 SUNY budget.

Kremer, the chair of the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee, said, "I think the students are right. [The health fee] is an onerous fee... and I personally next year will support its repeal."

Kremer's committee controls state finances in the Assembly.

The statement followed a meeting with five representatives of SASU, Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut and Higher Education Committee Chair Melvin Miller, were also supposed to attend the meeting, but SASU Legislative Director David Coyne said he was told by Steingut's office that Steingut was "tied up with other responsibilities."

Reached later for comment, Steingut said he shared Kremer's position.

"I think it has been a source of continuing concern among students about the question of the health fee and, as I have said before, we have done some major things," Kremer said. "This year on Tuition Assistance we've taken, I think, some major strides. I think the health fee is an area that has to be considered, but I don't believe we'll have an opportunity to consider it this year."

"I'm very, very partial to a repeal of the health fee," Kremer added.

"But members of the SUNYA community not involved in the search

process just saw confusing bits and pieces: a non-candidate had been named whom we knew all along from right here on campus, after a nation-wide search conducted with strict confidentiality.

Committee members explained as best they could that, after all the other candidates had been interviewed, they felt O'Leary was the best qualified. They voted for him not knowing if he would accept.

O'Leary cleared up an obvious question, after initially hesitating to go into it, when he explained that he'd changed his own mind about not being a candidate sometime during the last two weeks of the search.

J. Vanderbilt Straub, however, when asked about the committee's contacts with O'Leary, responded with a question of his own.

"Why do you want to probe into this thing? Why do you want to stir things up? I really think this is the best thing for the University."

Whether or not that is true—and every member of the Search Committee contacted said they thought it was—the lack of information available to the SUNYA community in a decision as important as this one has made for less-than-total satisfaction with the results.

Committee member Orville Poland, Dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs, said he felt dissatisfied with the constraints under which the committee had to operate.

"Van Straub runs a tight ship," said Poland. "I'm a little disappointed with the secrecy with which this whole process is undertaken."

Four candidates the committee was interested in enough to invite to SUNYA came and went discreetly during the past month, and no one outside the committee and University Council got a chance to meet them.

Only one, Victor Rosenblum, former president of Reed College in Oregon and now a professor of administrative law and torts at Northwestern University Law School, has been identified.

Rosenblum responded to a

Search: Choosing A Non-Candidate

by Matthew Cox

Approximately one month before he was recommended to become the 14th SUNYA president, Acting President O'Leary told members of the News Analysis Presidential Search Committee he didn't want to be considered a candidate.

O'Leary, after a nine month search in which about 200 names were considered, was selected by a unanimous vote of the search committee last Wednesday.

Search Committee Chair J. Vanderbilt Straub attributed the vote to what he called a "groundswell" of support from within the university.

Individual members of the Committee contacted this week—students, faculty, and a representative from the University Council—all said O'Leary was the best qualified of the final candidates.

But members of the SUNYA community not involved in the search

reporter's questioning last week, before the committee had made its selection and while he was still probably a candidate. It could be that he would have been just as willing to talk with others at SUNYA in person while he was here, instead of over long distance after he'd gone back.

Search Committee Executive Secretary Sorrell Chesin has explained more than one occasion why there is a need for confidentiality: knowledge that a candidate is seeking another position might jeopardize his or her current job on another campus, or hurt his or her professional image should it become known they were in the running and lost.

Surely, there is some justification for these concerns; former SUNYA President Emmett Fields nearly withdrew from the search process after his visit to Albany three years ago drew press coverage, according to Straub.

But there are things lost too in maintaining such a tight lid on information.

Warren Goldenberg, a student member of the committee, said that the four candidates the committee brought in were all well qualified.

Committee member Sarah Cohen, a faculty member in the English Department, said each of the four was "highly, highly regarded" among peers, and added that one was a woman.

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