

Weak Hitting Worries Batmen

by Paul Schwartz

Coming off their worst fall season in many years, the Albany State varsity baseball team can only go in one direction this spring; upwards.

The dismal fall record tells the story: 3-14-1 and virtually out of the running in the SUNYAC conference.

"We didn't quite put it together in the fall," understated Dane baseball coach Bob Burlingame. "We have to improve in certain areas in order to get over the hurdle."

Getting over the hurdle cannot be accomplished until one area is drastically improved. The Danes simply could not hit with any consistency in the fall, and this problem could make for a long spring.

Only a handful of players had notable achievements at the plate, and even these performances could hardly be labeled outstanding.

Rich Cardillo was the leading Albany batter with a .318 average and nine runs batted in. Joining the Dane catcher in the .300 circle was team co-captain Roger Plantier, who contributed by chalking up a .313 average and six RBIs.

An injured shoulder might

sideline Mike George, the Danes third leading hitter at .271. Playing the spring season without the consistent bat of George would severely weaken the already paltry batting for Albany. The only other respectable batting average was .250, belonging to co-captain Al Grimaldi, who also knocked across six runs. Other Danes who helped the cause were Paul Nelson and Chris Siegler, both drawing 11 walks.

"Our hitting has got to improve," commented Burlingame. "We have to find some sticks."

The lack of a steady clutch hitter prevented Albany from a respectable first half of the 1977-78 season. In their six conference defeats, the Danes lost five games by one run. One more hit in each of those games, and the playoffs would be a possibility.

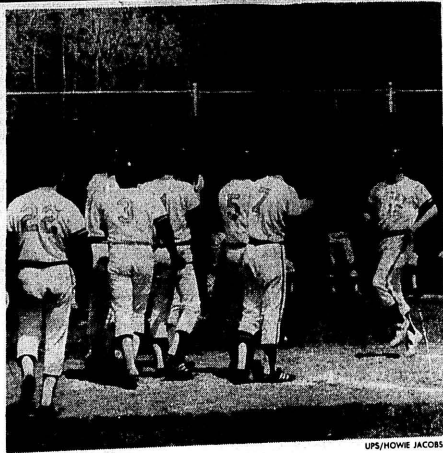
In the fall, the Danes posted a 3-6-1 record in conference play, which breaks down in the point system to one lonely point. By comparison, Binghamton and Oneonta are tied for first place with 11 points, putting Albany almost out of sight in the standings, which carry over into the spring season.

"We're just about eliminated as far as the conference goes," admitted Burlingame. "All we can do is try to improve in the spring."

Pitching is one department that cannot be faulted. Led by sophomore Steve Muldoon, the Danes have the potential for an excellent pitching staff. No hurler had an impressive record, but this was due to lack of hitting support rather than poor pitching.

Muldoon, the ace of the staff, compiled an undeserving 1-4 record, along with a 3.89 earned run average. The hard-throwing righthander started a staff-high five games. Other pitchers owningscarce victories are freshman Jim Bittker, who allowed a skimpy 2.76 runs a game, the team low. Righthander Paul Cohen did not get into the win column, but pitched effectively, posting a 2.93 ERA.

An important addition to the Danes is pitcher Ed Sellers, who spent the fall baseball season running fly patterns for the football team. Sellers is one of the most experienced throwers on the team. The only senior pitcher is John Dawson, who coach Burlingame describes as "on the verge of being a



Happy scenes like this may be rare in the spring if the Danes bats don't wake up. Batmen hope to improve on last fall's 3-14-1 record.

winner." Dawson pitched well in two fall starts, but got a total of zero runs from his teammates.

"Our pitching staff has excellent depth, but only fair experience," stated Burlingame. "It doesn't help that the entire staff is righthanded,

but the main problem is we don't have one stopper; that one big winner."

Catching is the team's strongest position, with Cardillo and football refugee Mike Mirabella. One of the
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Baseball, Lacrosse Squads Face Tough Spring

Young Stickmen Need Confidence

by Eddie Emerman

One problem which all college coaches face every year is the loss of graduating seniors. And when the Albany State varsity lacrosse team opens its season tomorrow at Oswego, it will be no different for Danes' head coach Mike Motta.

Four key players from last year's 6-6 squad are gone. That usually means a lot of newcomers will get their chance to show just what they can do. "We are a pretty young team this year," said Motta. "There are a lot of new faces and that could be a problem." New faces are usually translated into inexperience. The inexperience showed as Albany dropped two scrimmages during a recent trip down South.

But Motta indicated there are some bright spots on the team. One of those spots is the goal-keeper, Junior Gary Miller will be in the nets for Albany. Miller played in nearly half of the games last year.

Goalkeeping could be a problem if Miller gets injured because Motta said at this time, there isn't a back-up goalie.

The defensive standout is Mike Dinet, also a returnee. Dinet has been selected as one of three captains on the team.

At midfield, the key players Motta indicated are seniors Kevin Brown, Tom Gratzose (also a captain), junior Bill Schmolz and freshman Mike Slocum.

Perhaps the biggest bright spot is attackman Dan Goggin. The senior captain set a single season scoring record his freshman year (27 goals)

and Motta is hoping for more of the same. Motta is also looking to Freshman John Nelson as a potentially high scorer.

Beyond those players, however, the Danes are a little short. "We need a little confidence at this point," said Motta.

The Danes can get that confidence with a few wins at the start of the season. After tomorrow's game, the Danes return home for three straight contests. Wednesday the RPI stickmen invade Albany then R11 visits on Saturday and national power Cortland takes on the Danes April 12.

Sports Spectrum

by Rich Seligson

"We've come up with this possible solution. We're not saying it's going to cure the problem," says Recreation Coordinator Jackie Gillis, concerning the identification tag policy that went into effect Monday.

The policy states that a "valid SUNYA I.D. card or valid guest pass must be turned in to the issue room in order to receive an I.D. tag. Any person not wearing [a tag] will be asked to obtain one or leave the building."

This new procedure applies to three athletic facilities: the main gyms, the swimming pool and the weight room.

As co-organizer with Dr. Edith Cobane, Gillis should be complimented for attacking the dilemma of overcrowded athletic facilities.

However, Gillis' solution of the problem, as she readily admits, might not work.

There are two reasons for the overcrowding. One is the lack of floor space; the second is that people outside of the University are using the facilities. Obviously, Gillis could not have tried to solve the first problem — that was up to the students of this school last year when they voted down a referendum for the construction of a fieldhouse.

But Gillis has tried to solve the second problem of how to stop area high school and college students from making the Physical Education Building their playground.

Their only entrance to the building should be as spectators, and not as active participants. Not only does their involvement result in an overcrowding of the facilities, but it also restricts the amount of time that students, faculty and staff can make use of the basketball courts, swimming pool, or weight room.

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Albany State lacrosse coach Mike Motta feels his team "needs a little confidence." Danes travel to Oswego tomorrow for season opener.

Mike Motta: An Unusual Coach

by Eddie Emerman

If you were watching the Albany State lacrosse team practicing, you might have a difficult time picking out the head coach.

Many coaches are thought as the rough 'n tough-type characters. They stand on the sidelines as if they have a whip in their hands. They are usually easy to identify just by their appearance; sometimes tall and impressive looking and sometimes older looking.

Different Coach

But Mike Motta is different. Motta begins his second campaign tomorrow as the head coach of the lacrosse squad. Last year, his first one ever as a head coach, his team finished with a respectable 6-6 record.

Why is Motta different from the other coaches? Just a quick look at him will tell you.

He doesn't have that imposing, dominant character. And at 25 years old he just about fits in with the members of the team.

Motta feels this is a plus for him. "I am not that far removed from the players," Motta said. "I can relate to them and it can make things easier."

Winning is, of course, what all coaches want most of all. But Motta believes there is more to winning. "I love working with these kids and watching them develop. It's a little bit more motivating."

Motta is not a stranger to the Albany area. He attended Albany State part-time until he received his bachelor's degree in Physical

Education. However, he was not able to play on the school lacrosse team because of his part-time status. He played instead for the Mohawk Valley Lacrosse Club.

Master's Degree

Motta received his Master's Degree two years ago at Ithaca College and then returned to Albany.

When the lacrosse season doesn't keep him busy, the administration does. In addition to being an assistant coach to the varsity football team, Motta also teaches physical education courses. Among his classes are tennis, yoga, racketball, coaching techniques and, naturally, lacrosse.

"I'm kept pretty busy," said Motta. "But I enjoy what I'm doing."

TAP Increase Included In Budget

by Jon Lafayette

The New York State Legislature last week approved a TAP increase which will benefit SUNY students, but retained the controversial student health fee, as it concluded negotiations and passed the State Purposes Budget for 1978-79.

The Assembly and Senate however, deadlocked over the issue of Medicaid funding of abortions, could not agree on the seven million dollar Local Assistance Budget, which includes welfare funds as well as elementary and secondary school aid.

The compromise on TAP aid was reached after student dissatisfaction with the Governor's increase package,

which would have aided only private college students, caused several bills to be introduced earlier this session. One such bill introduced Assembly Higher Education Chairman Melvin Miller and Ways and Means Chairman Arthur Kremer, which would have given SUNY students a 30 per cent award increase.

Assemblyman Miller called the compromise "a more equitable distribution of additional award monies than legislation which gave increases only to students in independent sector colleges."

The approved increase extends TAP awards to cover the \$25 SUNY College Fee, currently not included in TAP award considerations;

increases the minimum TAP award from \$100 to \$200; and extends maximum TAP coverage to students whose families have an income of \$2,700 an increase over last year's \$2000 limit.

The legislature also voted to remove TAP eligibility for students who have defaulted on student loans; institute new and stricter accounting and management procedures; and limit coverage to one certificate or degree program at each educational level. The new guideline means that only one B.A. or Associates Degree can be earned with TAP funding, unlike the current policy which provides for eight semester's coverage regardless of the program a student is enrolled in.

SASU Legislative Director David Coyne said "we got a very good TAP package. We've been trying to get the College Fee covered under TAP for a long time and we consider this a victory."

Student leaders were very angry over the Legislature's retention of the health fee,



The State Legislature settled two issues affecting SUNY: TAP awards will be increased and the student health fee will remain.

though. "We were stabbed in the back," said Coyne. "Two weeks ago more than one person at the Legislature assured us that it would be out of the budget. Last week, more than one person told us not to

worry." Legislative leaders decided to keep the health fee in the budget during a conference prior to the vote on the floor, despite a letter signed by 30 Democratic Assemblymen
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DNA Facility Gets Certification

by G. Pascal Zachary

The certification of the Biology department's new laboratory has paved the way for further experimentation with the controversial gene-splicing technique, used in recombinant DNA research.

The Bio-Hazards committee, a university body regulating SUNYA research and an official from the State Department of Health found that the facility was "more than in compliance with the federal guidelines." The nine member committee inspected the facility on Mar. 9.

Research involving gene-splicing must be conducted according to guidelines set by the National Institutes of

Health. These guidelines spell out precautionary measures that must be taken to insure physical containment of the organisms used in the experiments. Guideline levels of containment range from p-1, the lowest level of containment, to p-4, the highest. The Biology Department's new facility is equipped for p-2 research.

Many of the objections raised against the expansion of recombinant DNA research, apart from those founded on moral arguments, claim that the NIH guidelines are insufficient. Attempts at curbing such research, termed by some members of the scientific community as "potentially dangerous," have stalled.

Two SUNYA biologists, David Holmes and Richard Zitomer, will utilize the p-2 facility for research involving two organisms which will not naturally exchange DNA.

Zitomer said that he proposed to not begin using the facility within the next month. Holmes said he will begin research once he receives a reply from NIH about a memorandum he submitted including the Bio-Hazards committee's determination. The early stages of his research are funded by NIH who require such notification before any experimentation can begin.

Recombinant DNA research is currently being conducted in a p-1 facility by Professor Joseph Mascarenhas. He is attempting to recombine two organisms, azobacter and E. coli which interchange their DNA in a natural environment. Because the exchange is natural, the results of Mascarenhas' research
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Retrenchments: The Effect At SUNYA

by M.J. Memmott

On Feb. 28, the Assembly Higher Education Committee released a report entitled *Retrenchments in Higher Education*, which told of

Charges of retrenchment abuse in four different SUNYA departments are outlined in the report. As it states, "Complaints ranged from undue haste and administrative influence over decisions to charges of retaliation against individual faculty members and attempts to cover up administrative wrong doings."

Testimony before the committee indicated that the Art History Department was retrenched "for reasons other than academic ones." That quote is referring to testimony by former Dean of Humanities Ruth Schmidt that former Vice President for Academic Affairs Phillip Sirotkin had a personal bias against one of the Art History faculty. That bias was one of the reasons the

department was retrenched according to Schmidt.

A member of the Speech Pathology Department testified before the committee that as early as 1971 the department members were informed that dissenation within the faculty could lead to its termination. The Task Force on Priorities and Resources did in fact cite "lack of cooperation between faculty members" as a reason for retrenchment.

On Astronomy, the committee was told by a former professor that his position was terminated "only after a dispute about the application for a federal grant."

Finally, the committee report touched on the retrenchment of the

Comparative and World Literature Department. In 1975, the department had been oraised as being strong, and the possibility of a PhD program was mentioned. The next year, the Task Force stated that the department was fragmented and lacked leadership. In between that time, extensive law suits involving many SUNYA administrators had resulted from a tenure case in the department.

All four of these departments were terminated by former SUNYA president Emmett Fields in March 1978.

Since that time, approximately 200 present and former SUNYA faculty have formed a Committee of Concerned Faculty. However,
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only a handful of those 200 will publicly be recognized as members of the organization. They will not go public because of fear for their jobs.

These faculty have seen their colleagues retrenched in what they consider to be unethical ways. They see the fact that Curtis Hemenway lost his position in Astronomy after a disagreement with the administration over a research grant as more than a coincidence.

They also see the retrenchment of the Comparative Literature Department, at the same time that Judith Leibowitz was filing suits against two SUNYA Presidents, a Vice President, and numerous other SUNYA personnel, as more than a coincidence.

These faculty view the retrenchment of those two departments as well as Speech Pathology and Art History, as a deliberate attempt to get rid of faculty who openly disagreed with the administration. In their minds, academic considerations weighed very little in any of the retrenchment decisions.

What does this mean to the average SUNYA student? It means that many of their professors are working in an atmosphere of fear, in a setting where freedom of expression is supposedly encouraged.

It means that potential new faculty are reluctant to accept jobs at this university, with the American Association of United Professors voting to censure the SUNY system for its retrenchment practices, and SUNYA the scene of most of the complaints, many of the big names in academics are staying away.

It means that many viable departments were terminated at a time when the SUNY system faced a no growth budget, not budget cuts. In the SUNY system, 82 tenured faculty had their positions eliminated 32 at SUNYA. At the same time, the City University was faced with severe budget cuts, and retrenched no tenured faculty.

It means that whether the charges are true or not, SUNYA students are attending a school with a national reputation as having retrenched departments on the basis of conflicting personalities between faculty and administration.

What it comes down to is that SUNYA students have become the victims, not the beneficiaries of "selective" retrenchment. Perhaps departments did have to be eliminated for budgetary reasons. But when the process in making the retrenchment decisions prompts a legislative inquiry and the prospect of legislation being enacted to control and alter this process, can anyone in the SUNYA community honestly say that nothing happened?

NEWS BRIEFS

Dayan Goes to Romania for Peace Talks

JERUSALEM (AP) Statements from the Israeli cabinet and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat indicated the Mideast impasse was continuing, but Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan began talks in Romania apparently aimed at breaking the stalemate. There was a report that Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat also would make a visit to Romania, whose government maintains friendly ties with both Israel and the Arabs. Dayan met with his Romanian counterpart, Stefan Andrei, in Bucharest. The Israeli minister's official visit will last through Wednesday and is to include a meeting with President Nicolae Ceausescu, who was credited with helping arrange Sadat's epic visit to Jerusalem in November. The Beirut, Lebanon, newspaper An Nahar said Arafat would consult soon with Ceausescu on the Middle East conflict, but a PLO spokesman said "the trip is not certain yet."

Japan's Protested Airport to Open Soon

TOKYO (AP) The government today announced May 20 as the tentative opening day for the new Tokyo International Airport at Narita, scene of violent clashes between police and demonstrators last week. A final decision on the date will be announced Tuesday, officials said after a high level government meeting. The tentative plans call for opening ceremonies May 20 and the first flight the next day. The billion-dollar facility was to have opened Thursday, but during demonstrations by about 8,000 airport opponents March 26, a group of radicals broke through police lines, stormed into the control tower and smashed vital electronic equipment, forcing the latest of many delays. Aside from repairs to control tower equipment, there is major concern for passenger safety and protection of aircraft in the face of continued threats to block the airport's opening. The airport originally was scheduled to open in 1971 to ease congestion at Tokyo's Haneda Airport, but numerous clashes between police and protesters at Narita, 41 miles northeast of Tokyo, caused repeated delays. Five persons have been killed in the clashes.

Carter Ends Visit to Black Africa

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) President Carter ended his precedent setting visit to black Africa today with a warning that South African rejection of a reasonable solution in Namibia "could precipitate more serious differences" with the United States. Talking to reporters aboard Air Force One enroute here from Nigeria, the president said he believes Nigerian leader Olusegun Obasanjo shares his concern about Cuba's military presence on this continent. But Carter added, without elaboration, "I think there is a difference in emphasis." Carter left the Nigerian capital of Lagos for his last stop on his way home to Washington after finding common ground with Obasanjo in the search for peaceful solutions to black nationalist aspirations in both Namibia and Rhodesia. However, they clearly were at odds on how to achieve black goals in South Africa.

Supreme Court Upholds Manson's Conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) Charles Manson's bid to have his conviction and life sentence overturned in the 1969 murders of two California men was turned down by the Supreme Court today. The justices left intact Manson's 1970 conviction for the murders of Gary Allan Hinman and Donald "Shorty" Shea. Police say the two men were killed within weeks of the Tate-LaBianca mass murders. Hinman's body was found in his Malibu home in late July 1969. The body of Shea, a handyman who lived at a ranch where Manson and his followers stayed, was never discovered. Prosecutors said he was killed sometime in August 1969. In August 1969, movie actress Sharon Tate, wealthy industrialist Leon LaBianca and his wife, and four other persons were murdered at homes in a fashionable Los Angeles neighborhood.

U.S. Steel Modifies Price Increases

PITTSBURGH (AP) U.S. Steel Corp., the nation's leading producer, said today it will roll back an announced \$10.50 a ton price increase to remain competitive with other steelmakers. The company said in a statement that its price "increase would be modified to be competitive in the marketplace on a product by product basis." That was interpreted to mean that U.S. Steel would accede to pressure from the White House and other major producers and raise prices an average of \$5.50 a ton. However, a spokesman declined to say what range the price increases might take. Some prices could rise substantially more than \$5.50, depending on market conditions. There was no immediate word from troubled Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., which had followed U.S. Steel's price lead. The nation's biggest steel company surprised Washington inflation watchers and the industry last Wednesday when it announced the across-the-board hike for all steel mill products.

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Housing Plans For Fall Crunch

by J. M. Rilly

SUNYA housing officials are still uncertain on how they intend to handle an expected increase in requests for on-campus housing this fall.

One option for providing additional student housing that had been explored, the leasing of the St. Agnes Boarding School in Loudonville, has fallen through, according to SUNYA Space Management Committee Chair Dennis Stevens.

Acting Associate Dean for Student Affairs John Welty and Acting Director of Residences Henry Kirchner confirmed that the St. Agnes proposal "doesn't look good."

The recent move of the Graduate School of Public Affairs from Mohawk Tower, freeing 5 floors of office space, was a "crash project" precipitated by the State Division of Budget's recommendation for an enrollment increase of approximately 400 students this fall, Stevens said.

The move will create dorm space for an additional 180 students. Before the DOB's projected increase became known, housing officials were predicting that about 800 students would be without rooms this fall.

According to Dean for Student Affairs Neil Brown, it is likely that the increased enrollment will have an effect on the expected housing shortage predicted for next semester.

Welty said not all of these additional students will have to be accommodated by SUNYA housing. This will depend on the breakdown of the additional students, he said: how many full-time versus part-time students are added, how many freshman versus transfers are accepted, as well as how many request housing accommodations.

Any of these additional students who do request SUNYA housing will have to be added on to the already anticipated figure of 200 who will request housing in the fall and not get it.

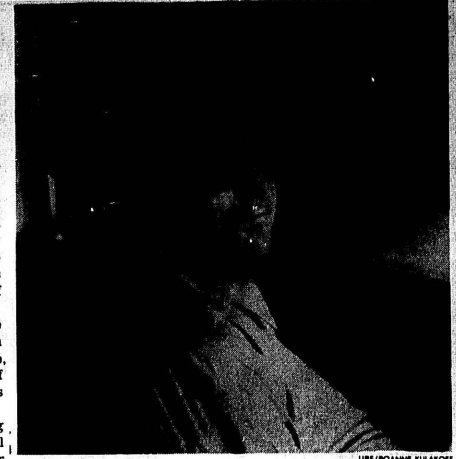
Dean Brown said 200 "is a minimum projection. I expect the final figure will be somewhat higher."

More specific predictions on the number of students for whom additional housing must be found, Brown said, will have to await a determination of how many students will be returning to SUNYA dorms, as well as further monitoring of admissions for the fall.

Brown added that the number of incoming freshmen is of particular importance, because 95 percent of freshmen request on-campus housing.

Brown said housing officials are exploring several possible alternatives for providing additional housing for the fall, but that neither he nor Welty would be more specific about what these might be. Brown said the options chosen will depend on the number of students that will have to be accommodated.

Although applications for admission and housing week in April. By then we will have contracts which will be received through May and even into the months of June and July. Additional students will have to house, as well as have a pretty good shape by the third and where we'll house them.



Acting Director of Residences Henry Kirchner confirmed that the St. Agnes proposal doesn't look promising for fall semester housing.

Curriculum Report To Get Review

by Aron Smith

A goal-oriented distribution reform proposal formulated last month has been referred to Central Council's Academic Council and to the deans of all SUNYA undergraduate schools and colleges for review.

The Curriculum Committee of the University Senate's Undergraduate Academic Council had drafted the proposal and presented it to the full body of the UAC March 16.

"Basically, they're soliciting various constituents of the University," said Curriculum Committee member Leonard Lapinski. "They'll solicit opinions and then the UAC will act on them, whether they want to rewrite part of it or send it back."

UAC Chair George Martin could not be reached for comment.

According to Curriculum Committee Chair Harold Cannon, Acting SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary had placed a deadline on the proposal's submission to the UAC.

Extra Time
"I thought we would have to submit it to O'Leary by April 1," he said. "But apparently we have a little more time."

"The President wasn't holding the Committee to any timeline," according to Vice President for Academic Affairs David Martin. "Harold Cannon was just concerned about getting the proposal passed."

Martin forsook difficulty for the proposal in the Senate rather than in the UAC. He

predicted that "it would at least get through UAC by the end of the semester."

"It looks like it's tabled for the year," countered Central Council Chair Mike Lissner. "The Committee decided that there hadn't been enough input, that not enough people knew about the report, and that more feedback was needed on the report."

Approximately ten interested students attended the March 16 meeting, according to Cannon.

"I don't know what student representatives may or may not have been there," he said. "I can't remember who they were. I think they represented something or other, but really don't know who they were."

According to SA President Dave Gold, more than twenty SA representatives attended the meeting.

"It was really starting to move really fast without anybody thinking about it," said Gold. "It could change your education here entirely, completely. What we wanted to say is 'wait a minute.'"

"It's going to go through an analysis process, where we'll have a chance to give our feedback on the issue," said Lissner. "No one really knew about this report. They were just going to push it through the Senate."

Limiting
"To be perfectly honest, I'm scared of the proposal," said Gold. "Instead of exposing the student to a lot of areas, its going to limit them by binding up so many credits. I think requiring 48 credits of 300-level work is absurd."

"I generally like the idea of distribution requirements," said O'Leary. "but exact form they're going to take will just have to unfold. It would be premature to speculate right now."

UAC has set April 30 as the deadline for responses to the curriculum proposal.



Vice President for Academic Affairs David Martin said he thinks the Cannon report may get through the UAC by the end of the semester.

New Faculty Lines Strengthen Programs

by Mike Pearlman

The reallocation of 23 faculty lines in the SUNYA budget, and the addition of 12 new ones has helped to strengthen several academic departments at SUNYA, according to Vice President of Academic Affairs David Martin.

Martin and Acting SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary both said all of the newly recruited professors are well-published, and that many are internationally renowned in their fields.

"I was pleased with the quality of people we were able to recruit this year," O'Leary said. "One of the things we are concerned about is strengthening programs under State Education Department review."

"We're beginning to get acceptances for next fall and I think it's been a very successful year for recruitment," said Martin. "There are people who will

provide additional leadership and strengths in departments," he said.

Faculty lines are reallocated from one department to another when it is determined that numerical inequalities exist.

The process of determining reallocations is complex, and involves academic department heads, administrative committees and the University Senate.

According to a report put out by the Education Policy Commission, the reallocation and allocation processes will involve additions to and deletions from most of the academic colleges.

Increases in faculty include seven additions to the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences, three additions to the college of Business Administration, one addition to the college of Criminal Justice, two additions to the college of Social Welfare, and

one addition to the Graduate School of Public Affairs.

There will be a decrease of four faculty members in the college of Humanities and Fine Arts, and five faculty members in the college of Education. The college of Library and Information Science will remain unchanged.

Martin said professors that were hired were evaluated for their teaching abilities, among other things. "One of the people coming is renowned for his undergraduate teaching," he said. "We look at their teaching reputations as well as the college they come from," he added.

According to Martin, the 12 new faculty lines in the budget will not all be used to hire new professors.

"Four will be used for faculty lines and the other eight will be used to create 32 teaching assistantships," he said.

Since the teaching assistantships are part time positions, they are equated to faculty lines at a ratio of four to one.

Martin explained that the funds from the other eight lines will be allocated to academic divisions with doctoral programs to recruit additional doctoral students.

The report put out by the EPC also said that, of the 32 new assistantships provided for, the college of Science and Math and the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences will each receive ten, the college of Humanities and Fine Arts will receive six, the college of Education will receive four and the Graduate School of Public Affairs will receive two.

There will also be an overall increase in assistantships in all of the colleges except for the College of Library and Information Sciences, which will lose one graduate assistantship position.



Tom Wicker To Speak At SUNYA

New York Times columnist and author Tom Wicker will speak on the state of journalism in America Friday, April 7 at SUNYA. The free lecture, sponsored by the Journalism Program will be held in the Campus Center Assembly Hall at 3:15 p.m.

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Legislature Passes Budget With TAP Increase

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calling on Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut to "negotiate with the Governor and with the Senate for elimination of the student health services fee."

After this decision had been made, an amendment which would have removed it, made by Republican Assemblyman John Flanagan, died in a party vote.

Steingut told students who sat-in outside his office Thursday that there was not enough money in the budget for both a TAP increase and the health fee repeal, according to Steve Allinger, who led the sit-in.

"He tried to make it clear that the Democrats had worked hard to try to repeal the fee, but that they couldn't get it through the Senate."

Allinger said. "They felt they were doing us a bigger favor by giving us a good TAP bill than by repealing the health fee," Allinger added. Repeal of the Health fee would have cost the State \$2.3 million, and the TAP increases that were passed gave more than five million to SUNY students.

There is still a chance that the health fee will be repealed before next semester, Allinger said.

Coyne said he feels the fee may be repealed even before the supplemental budget is completed and passed.

"Senator Joseph Pisani plans to introduce a bill that would eliminate the health fee," according to Coyne. It would go to the Senate Higher Education Committee where

Coyne says there is support for abolishing it.

The deadlock over the Local Assistance Budget which would have taken effect on April 1, may have severe consequences on localities that depend on those monies to continue day-to-day operations. No pay checks, welfare checks, or school aid can be issued until that budget is passed.

The impasse developed as a motion to remove Medicaid funding for abortions failed in the Assembly while a similar motion passed in the Senate. This new bill cannot be acted upon by the Assembly until today.

Although the issue must be resolved soon, no compromise has been proposed by either house.

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Amnesty International: Restoring Freedom Of Speech

by Karen Murphy

It was a quiet Saturday in December. A man sitting in his chair, in his house in Kenya, was reading a newspaper. When a knock at

until he was taken away. He had committed no crime that she knew of. He was her husband, one of East Africa's most eminent writers, Ngugi wa Thiong'o — and now he sits in a prison because he wrote what he felt.

This event, as reported by the New York Times of Feb. 18, adds Kenya to the list of those governments in tropical Africa which punish outspoken writers and artists. Ngugi's peril is very distressing because he is only one of the many political figures in countries all over the world who are either imprisoned or forced into exile because they hold views contrary to those of their home government. The prospects for continued repression are frightening, and the effects felt by Kenya's writers force them to be careful.

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the door echoed through the house he wasn't alarmed. In all his forty years of living he'd acquired many friends, and as a writer he'd become something of a celebrity, so it was not uncommon for strangers to approach him and introduce themselves. He got up, set the paper aside, and opened the door.

Everything happened so suddenly he didn't even have time to protest. The police intruded and began confiscating his books. His stunned wife stood by his side

One of Ngugi's former classmates at Makerere University in Uganda, Edward Hower, presently a professor at Ithaca College and a charter member of Amnesty International, spoke at SUNYA recently seeking support for the imprisoned writer. According to Hower, a new book by Ngugi "attacks Kenya, which in Kenya is like attacking the Pope." Jomo Kenyatta, a Kenyan statesman, is never mentioned by name in Ngugi's book, but the book subtly abashes his leadership.

Amnesty International is an organization with central headquarters in England and a U.S. affiliate in New York. The organization has no commitment to any ideology or political sect but works for the release of "prisoners of conscience." Amnesty International defines these as people who are imprisoned as a result of "holding or expressing a religious, political or other opinion that does not advocate violence." Amnesty sends letters and appeals to newspapers and

government officials on behalf of the political prisoners who remain in jail.

In mid-February Amnesty International officially adopted Ngugi wa Thiong'o's case for complete release. Ngugi was taken from his home on Dec. 31 and on Jan. 18 Kenyan officials announced that he was being detained under Kenya's Preservation of Public Security Act.

Habeas Corpus
Under this act, an offender may be held indefinitely without trial, right to council, or habeas corpus. Family visits are rare, there is a limited amount of literature available to the prisoners, and correspondence is prohibited. The whereabouts of those held under the act is not made public, but Amnesty thinks Ngugi is probably being held in the maximum security prison, Kamati, in Nairobi.

Hower is hopeful that the interests of the United States in this case will have an impact on the Kenyan government by presenting a threatened loss of prestige, aid, and American tourism to

their country. "Tourists won't go where they think they'll get their heads blown off," he said.

Amnesty International has been active in countries all over the world. Hower's views on repressive machinery in developed and Third World countries ran the gamut from "sophisticated" to "sloppy." He also said, and it was surprising to find out that Amnesty International has interests in the United States. According to Hower, there are a significant number of political prisoners in the U.S., but "they are handled by other countries' chapters, such as W. Germany's Amnesty, for example."

Expanded Control
What happened to Ngugi wa Thiong'o is becoming more commonplace all over the globe. Many of the world's people are slowly being deprived of their right to freedom of speech. Government control and censorship have expanded their realm, and the options dissenting writers have are minimal; usually either exile or imprisonment.

DNA Facility Gets Certification To Begin Research

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experimentation are more predictable and so require less stringent safety precautions.

Another member of the Biology Department, David Shub, is "thinking about doing recombinant research" in a p-1 facility but has yet to submit a proposal to the Bio-Hazards committee. The facility was ready for use on Feb. 7, but completion had been delayed

for nearly six months as the Department awaited delivery of the "bio-hood". The bio-hood prevents contamination of the experiment as well as containing it so nothing can leak out.

The addition of this safety feature grew out of several public hearings conducted by the Biology Department. At that time members of SUNYA and the community expressed

concern and even outrage over the use of this new research technique. The NIH guidelines do not require the use of the bio-hood in the p-2 level research.

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PICK HIT

A Worcester, Massachusetts, radio station has discovered a new "hit record" in a very unusual manner.

Program director Lee Arnold of the station WAAT-FM says he made the discovery while playing a 45 rpm recording by the Atlanta Rhythm Section. Arnold reports he accidentally played the song, "Imaginary Lover," at the wrong speed, and noticed that the slightly speeded-up version sounded almost exactly like the group Fleetwood Mac. According to Arnold, in his words, "it didn't sound a little like Fleetwood Mac; it sounded exactly like Fleetwood Mac."

Arnold then sent the record to a nearby recording studio which experimented with varying the speed at which the record was played. Arnold claims that at 53 rpm, "the similarity to Fleetwood Mac was eerie."

Following Arnold's discovery, his station has been playing the speeded-up version of the song without

identifying the group which recorded it. He says that most listeners calling in have identified the group as Fleetwood Mac. Arnold reports that the station has been getting about five requests per hour for the speeded up song, or about twice as many as when the tune was played at its normal speed.

DON'T FADE AWAY

What has happened to the rock and roll idols of the '60s?

According to the Music Press, the members of some of the 60's most popular rock groups have become involved in various non-musical projects.

Peter Townshend of the Who, as was previously reported, is studying business administration at the London Business College, and is planning to retire from active touring with the Who.

ZODIAC NEWS

Another rock figure from the past, Ginger Baker, the former drummer with Cream, has announced his plan to open a school for aspiring polo players on his farm in Northamptonshire, England.

And former Beatle John Lennon, far from planning a reunion of the Fab Four, has moved to a farm in Delaware County, New York. There, Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono say they intend to raise registered Holstein milk cows.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Australian scientists are attempting to prove or disprove the popular belief that those furry koala bears are stoned all the time.

Stephan Cook, a researcher at the University of New South Wales, has been leading a group of captured koalas a carefully-regulated diet of various kinds of eucalyptus leaves to determine if the animals actually get drunk on eucalyptus oil.

It is widely believed in Australia that the bears, who consume large quantities of the leaves every day, live in a steady state of intoxication induced by the oil. The koalas are noted for the long hours they sleep each day and for the fact that they stagger around rather clumsily when on the ground.

COLOR WHEELS

If you really want to be a safe driver, then you should probably paint your car a two-tone green and

yellow. This is the word from the Minnesota Department of Safety which says that a German study has determined which are the safest car colors, the ones which can be seen most easily by other drivers.

The study concluded that the easiest colors to see are light shades, such as white and yellow, while darker tones have low visibility. The researchers found that white, however, can blend into background colors, such as snow banks or even glare. The best color, they say, is a green-yellow combination. It may be ugly, but it's less likely to be hit.

THE RATING GAME

For the past six months or so, Warner Brothers Pictures has been hyping the fact that it will soon be coming out with the first hard-core X-rated movie ever produced by a major Hollywood studio.

The movie, to be titled "Hard Core," will star George C. Scott. The plot of the film reportedly revolves around Scott, who plays the part of a father who discovers that his daughter has become a porno movie star.

"Hard Core" was expected to get an X-rating because several of the daughter's sex scenes were allegedly to be included in the movie itself.

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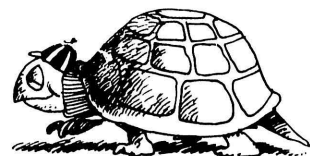
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THE MAD HATTER

Lewis Carroll apparently had more than a passing writer's interest in little girls such as "Alice" in his novel Alice in Wonderland.

The Rosenbach Museum in Philadelphia reports that the author was also a photographer and that one of his chief hobbies was snapping shots of little girls, aged six to 12, in the nude.

Carroll's nudes went on view last weekend at the Rosenbach as part of a Lewis Carroll exhibition, which will remain at the museum through July 31.

CALM DOWN

A Cambridge University Professor is warning that many parents are turning their babies into "excitement addicts."

Professor Ivor Mills reports from London that many of today's parents don't try to end a baby's crying by comforting the infant or bringing it back to a restful state. Instead, according to Mills, they simply excite the child.

The Professor says that it's common for today's parents to pick up a crying child, jog it, point out flashing lights and do other things to capture the baby's attention to stop his or her tears.

The result of all this, Mills says, is a youngster hooked on the need for excitement. The Professor claims that as an "excitement addict" gets older, he or she needs heavier doses of stimulation to avoid depression. Eventually, Mills says, the children are apt to become delinquents who seek wild forms of excitement to become even mildly entertained.

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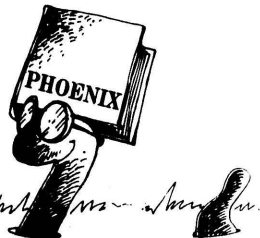
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Don't Knock the Rock of the 1970's

By DENNIS SCHEYER

Recently, I have read in every music journal from Rolling Stone to Circus that the 70's has been a lousy decade for music. While it ain't the 60's, the 70's have been musically affable. The idea here is not to give you a rundown of those fabulous 70's to the present, but to suggest that the recent pessimism is unfounded.

Looking in my record collection from A to Z, we find America has a few albums. "Horse With No Name" had only three notes, but songs like "I Need You" and "Sister Golden Hair" survived the Top 40 destruction machine.

Boston? Yup, I, like the rest contributed to their success. It is now played out, but when it first came out it's high energy rock and roll was very enjoyable. The new album is not due for months. They have lost their credibility. But I'll bet WCBS-FM plays "Long Time" as an oldie in the '80's!

Elvis Costello. When I told a friend he was to be included in this article, he said "Nothing like dealing with instant defeat." Well, damn it, I think that as a person, Elvis is an ass, but his music is great. You just have to dig through the name and the personality to realize it. The new album is great too.

Frampton and Fogelberg are next to each other. At the risk of filling the letter to the editor page, I'm going to compare Frampton to punk rock. Neither is very innovative. But, the saving grace is that Frampton's live thing is

listenable once a month. It is too bad he lost his charisma on "I'm in You." Fogelberg took a more viable John Denver concept, combined it with a good voice, excellent production and turned out some good product. He'll be around for a while.

Fleetwood Mac. Not much to say. They are really a great sixties band that made it into the 70's. "Rumours" is definitely one of the best rock albums of all time. I hope they prosper for a long while.

Billy Joel occupies a section known as Long Island bands that achieved respectability. He is the only major artist in the section. Well deserved, but it will be interesting to see if Good Rats make it in the next year and a half. Back to Joel. "Streetlife Serenade" had me worried. "The Stranger" will never be played out, if taken in the proper doses. Next time you see a radio programmer on the street, explain that "Only the Good Die Young" should mean killing songs like "Just the Way You Are" just because they are good for the D.J. to talk over.

Lynyrd Skynyrd. Let's be blatant about this one. What song is called for, whenever you see a rock band in a bar. If it's not "Free Bird", you're not hanging out with a dangerous enough crowd.

Meatloaf. I say this man will save the last two years of the decade and people laugh at me. Well, I defy you to find me ten writers as talented as Jim Steinman, teamed with an obese singer who is one of the best



Billy Joel, one of the '70's top recording artists.

belters of a song since Janis Joplin. Until then, play "Bat Out of Hell" again.

Just to the right we find Graham Parker and the Rumour along with the Rubinoos. I'll bet that three out of five people reading

this piece never listened to an album by either artist. Well, do it before the decade runs out and you miss it.

Steely Dan would take a whole new article and that's just for "Countdown to Ecstasy." The same goes for Bruce Springsteen.

Time and space permits little more. The list is verb incomplete. But it's just a refresher course for those of you who are now thinking that you are going to have to tell your kids that the '70's consisted of "Saturday Night Fever" and Kiss; each valuable in their own right but God forbid them becoming history. Let's face facts. Most of us were too young for Dylan, Beatles and the Stones in their heyday, we have to make the best of the decade we've got. I know it's hard, but lets try. . . "Someday girl I don't know when we're gonna get to that place where we really want to go and we'll walk in the sun."

The lilting "A Little Night Music" was named best adaptation score for the work of Jonathon Tunick. The cinematography honor went to Vilmos Zsigmond for his achievement with "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

FRED the BIRD



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Financial Aid Hassles

by Bruce Cronin

A common scenario at SUNYA goes something like this: a student puts in an application for TAP, EOP, BEOG, or a loan in April. When he/she goes to pay his/her bill in late August, s/he is informed that his/her check hasn't come in yet. The bursar grants a temporary waiver.

When by October the check still has not come in, the student tries to call the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) office to find out why. After finally getting through to the office (after a four hour wait) s/he can't find anyone who has the necessary information. The SUNYA financial aids office has no information. Student Accounts has no information. When it is time to pre-register, the student is informed that a hold has been placed on his/her registration until s/he pays his/her bill. The student now has the option of taking out a loan (if s/he can get one), getting the money some other way, or dropping out of school.

These are only a few of the problems students have with financial aid. The financial aid bureaucracy is totally inefficient, causing students to receive their awards late, resulting in the above mentioned hassles. The offices administering aid on the state level are unresponsive to students, resulting in inaccurate information, inability for students to get hold of aid officials, inability for students to get any information at all, and retaliatory aid cut offs. Some students receive checks with insufficient amounts while others are totally denied needed aid. In the case of TAP, students automatically get their awards decreased by \$100 upon reaching their Junior year, and in the case of EOP, stipends have been continually cut substantially and not supplemented by other forms of aid. Those on EOP automatically assumed to make \$700 over the summer, that amount which is subtracted from their award. Not even considered is the fact that the

student might not be able to find a job in the uncertain job market or that the student needed his/her summer earnings to pay for rent, food, and other summer expenses.

Like many instances when students are made to suffer for the inefficiencies of administrators, students blame themselves for the problems they encounter. In an effort to place the blame where it rightfully belongs, and demand the necessary changes, the soon to be Albany Student Union is tentatively planning to open financial aid hearings on April 20th to deal with these problems.

On the "hot seat" will be Eileen Dickenson, president of HESC (the agency responsible for distributing financial aid), Donald Whitlock, director of financial aid at SUNYA, and local legislators.

At these hearings, testimony will be presented, research that was conducted on the inefficiency of the financial aid system will be delivered, and a questioning of the financial aid officials will take place.

The purpose is, first, that the inadequacies and inefficiencies of financial aid be exposed, and second, that financial aid officials publically be called to account for these problems. The hearings are only the first step in a campaign by Albany Student Union to bring about necessary and long overdue changes in the financial aid system. Students will be asked to fill out surveys on the problems they have faced as a result of financial aid incompetence. Everyone is urged to take the few minutes to take part in the first step of this campaign by filling out these surveys. Together, students receiving TAP, EOP, BEOG, work-study, loans, and those who have been denied any aid when they needed it, we can force the financial aid bureaucracy to meet our needs so that middle and low income students can continue to attend college.

viewpoint

racist roar

To the Editor:

It's a shame that an intelligent letter ("racism as usual" ASP March 31) can be ruined by opening paragraphs which undermine the credibility of the authors.

The unbelievable view that the placement of a crime story on page one is an example of institutional racism would certainly lead the reader to question the author's scruples.

Understandably, major stories (i.e. crime) concerning the student body would appear on page one. The fact that the crime was allegedly committed by a black person, I am sure had nothing to do with its position in the paper. A little thought would answer the author's accusation concerning the racial features of the police drawing — the police would like to catch the suspect.

Hopefully everyone will bring themselves back to reality, and not scream "racism as usual" every chance they get.

Name withheld

smoking ban

To the Editor:

Many people questioned our tactics. They disliked our threatening tone. But Machiavelli would be proud.

LUNG has gotten what it asked for: a resolution from University Senate proclaiming a cease fire — smoking is now "banned" in classrooms on campus. President O'Leary has signed the bill, and it will be enacted as soon as some people call him up and suggest how to implement the damn thing. So, if you have a solution, call him at 7-4545.

Of more importance is a bill before the State Legislature. Sponsored by Assemblyman Grannis, bill A-8565 would prohibit smoking in many areas, amongst them classes. If this

bill passes when it comes up for a vote in a few weeks, someone who smokes in class would no longer be accountable to the non-caring jellyfish here at SUNYA, but to the police. They would be fined.

Whether you are Machiavellian or a more rational creature, if within your body you know there to be one or more LUNGS, write to your assemblyman and senator to urge his approval of the bill.

LUNG

action speaks

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend those members of the University's JSC-Hillel who were instrumental in organizing the March 15th demonstration at the State Capitol against world-wide terrorism. The entire demonstration which lasted for approximately forty-five minutes, was very well organized and went extremely smoothly. It was quite a solemn affair, there was no chanting or physical violence, only some short speeches and a prayer for those that were the victims of the P.L.O. terrorist attack earlier in the week.

Although inclement weather threatened and many students could not attend because of impending midterm exams, there were about 75 attendants and the proceedings received full press coverage. The demonstration and accompanying memorial proceedings were a brilliant success.

Here was another instance of the example that things can get done if you just go out and do them. Special congratulations and appreciation deserve to be extended toward JSC-Hillel President Lisa Wesley, and Officers Mark Disick and Michael Fox. JSC-Hillel Graduate Director Ellen Deutsch is also deserving of much praise for her efforts and involvement.

These people are all doers and action speaks louder than words.

Michael Pearlman

comment

torch night

To the Editor:

This letter concerns the upcoming Torch Night Ceremony. It is directed mainly to those who attended last year's ceremony for the first time, and those who will be planning this year's ceremony. I would like to tell you that in the past (last year excluded), the Torch Night Ceremony has been impressive and beautiful. Last year though, those who planned that night must have lived in the Albany area for less than a week. They were unaware of Albany's infamous unpredictable weather.

Picture this: The lobby in front of the Computer Center filled with wall-to-wall people, at least a fourth of them holding lit candles and wearing acetate gowns. If there was one thing I was taught while attending SUNYA, it was survival (actually, I didn't want to end up looking like a large candy bar wrapped in black cellophane). That was last year's ceremony. Fortunately and surprisingly, no one was burned.

In the other three years I attended Torch Night, it was meaningful to graduates, parents, and friends. Hopefully, Torch Night '78 will be the same.

Those who attended last year's ceremony and don't plan on doing so this year: Be optimistic. Hopefully, the planners will have more sense and foresight to plan for inclement weather.

Those who are planning this year's ceremony: Please, do not take away one tradition at SUNYA which is meaningful to friends, families, and most of all the graduates. Learn from last year, and don't place lives of people in jeopardy, as was done last year. Thank you.

Margie Leahy Hopkins

photo discrimination

To the Editor:

I must take strong exception to certain remarks directed against University Photo Service in last week's "Guest Opinions", written by Ron Simmons and Howard Straker.

As a member of Photo Service for the past four years, I can truthfully say that I have never been aware of a discriminatory or racist attitude on the part of this organization. Photo Service has almost always had minority members on its staff — in fact, minority students have run Photo Service several times in the past few years. Granted, many of these minority members have not been black. However, my point is that we certainly have not purposely or maliciously excluded minorities. The fact of the matter is (and this was completely overlooked in their column) that we have not received any applications from black photographers in the past four years, as far as I know. Photo Service is "exclusively white" this year only because there was no interest on the part of black students to join. To suggest that this lack of black and Third World representation is due to anything other than this fact is irresponsible and false.

Photo Service attempts to provide photographic coverage for the entire University Community and there is not question that this coverage occasionally falls short of some groups' expectations. If there is

legitimate concern on the part of the Third World community here at SUNYA that we are not providing coverage of their events etc., I would certainly welcome suggestions as to the improvement of this situation. Further, I would strongly encourage Third World students with interest and experience in photography to apply to Photo Service. I can assure you that now, as well as in the past and future, these applicants will be considered in a non-prejudicial and objective fashion.

Mark Sass, Chief Photographer
University Photo Service

awareness campaign

To the Editor:

When snow falls on SUNYA's campus, it looks sterile, cold, impenetrable, stifling, and inapproachable. Oddly enough, these adjectives are used even when it's not snowing. The words are used not only in talk about the campus, but in talk about the University and about being a student here.

When SUNYA is not actively condemned, it is passively ignored. We either bitch about its failings or are indifferent and apathetic. We talk about the city; we talk about the school; we talk about each other. If we don't give a damn about SUNYA, why do we exhaust so much energy in talking about it?

Student Association and Central Council consider the problem to be indifference born of ignorance. Unattended meetings and unmarked ballots are symptomatic of a large scale communication lapse within the University community. In an effort to ameliorate this problem, SA has formed a group of students to publicize its programs and policies. Central Council has made its contribution in the form of a Human Awareness campaign.

It is vital that we give credit to the advances made by both groups; however, the instituted programs cannot exist in a vacuum. The efforts seem incomplete. What is missing is a sense of community, a sense that SUNYA is more than a place to take courses, a sense that as students, we are part of a community shared with the faculty and administration, that the community is ours in as much as it is theirs.

SA and Central Council are working diligently to improve our community. Exposure to their activities increases the likelihood that we, as students, will feel tied together by a common spirit. If we believe in ourselves and our government, we can expect that idle talk will be transformed into energized action.

Albany can be a place where orchestras, ballet companies, mime teams, comedians, and rock groups come to perform for us, where public figures come to speak to us, where athletic events are held for us, where the faculty and administration collaborate with us through our government. If we can see these avenues for growth, we must seize them. If we commit ourselves to our community, perhaps we can develop a new vocabulary from which we may draw when we talk of the State University of New York at Albany.

Donna Conforti

Letters to the editor should be sent to the ASP in CC329.

editorial

Promises, Promises

It has received more wide-spread opposition from students than any other issue in the SUNY system this year. It has prompted sit-ins, boycotts, demonstrations, and speeches of outrage for its removal. It is the bogus "student health fee" and amazingly, at this point in time, it remains in the proposed budget for next year.

Simply put, the student health fee is a lie. It does not go to improved student health services. It is a front for an increase in tuition. A lie.

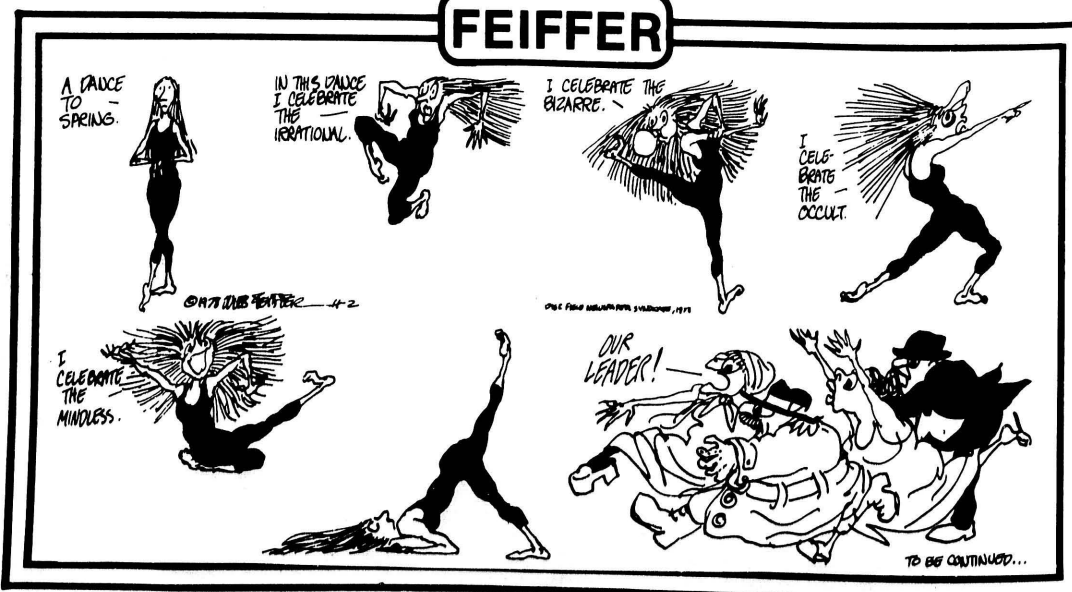
Members of the New York State Legislature assured student leaders that the health fee would be stricken from the budget proposal. However, when they passed the State budget on Friday, the health fee remained. Instead of the necessary action that was promised, students were given, as SASU Legislative Director David Coyne put it, a stab in the back.

The justification on the part of the Legislature for the retention of the fee is ludicrous. Students were told that the health fee was retained because there wasn't enough money in the budget for both the repeal of the fee and the favorable Tuition Assistance Program package that was adopted. By linking the two, the Legislature is playing politics with students.

The health fee and the increase of TAP aid are two separate issues. One involves the repeal of something that is openly shafting students and should have never been included in the budget, while the other involves additional aid to students in response to a climbing inflation rate. The health fee should be repealed. Students should get increased TAP aid. And one should not come at the expense of the other.

While almost everybody agrees that the health fee is a sham and should be knocked out of the budget, it hasn't happened yet. The earlier promises made by politicians have not provided any results. Now they are promising that the fee will be repealed in the supplemental budget, or maybe even before that. The fact remains that the fee should have never survived this far. The Legislature should put its money where its mouth is and stop this rip-off of student money. And they should do this before SUNY students are forced to organize the second annual boycott of the student health fee.

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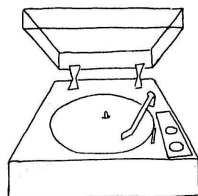
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A Matter of Choice

columns

by Paul Varvanyanis

This is just to clear up a few points which have been preying on my mind.

First, let us address ourselves to the issue of required course, which seems to be foremost in the hearts of the students of this inestimable educational institution. It seems to me that the basic question involved has been overlooked by all parties. There was the letter of the bold Mr. Withheld, claiming that he shouldn't be required to take an English course because his command was such that he didn't need further enlightenment in that field. In the next issue of the ASP a letter appeared from a trio of students indicating that this was perhaps not the case; maintaining, in fact, that his use of the language was far from proficient, and that therefore he should be required to take an English course. They went on to complain about Withheld's taste in the arts.

Finally, we come to the ambiguous correspondence from David Amanuensis, exhibiting an almost studied lack of any grammatical convention in its defense of our present unstructured system. It almost put one in mind of Nixon's habit of calling Southern Baptists at 4:00 a.m., giving Muskie the support of the Black Panthers. Tragically, however, David was probably quite sincere.

All this is quite immaterial. There are students here who have come through a semester of English composition in no better shape than when they went in; that is to say, still virtually illiterate. Conversely, I know people armed with no more than

High School English and a habit of reading who took the CLEP examination and received nine graduation credits in English from the Registrar. Language skills and English courses do not necessarily go together.

Enough of an introduction. The point is not whether or not a person can benefit from a few interdisciplinary courses; the point is whether or not he should be forced to improve himself against his will. Assuming all the claims made by the advocates of distribution requirements to be true: that a person can not realize his full potential without a wide spectrum of educational experience, that the student is only hurting himself by restricting himself to a narrow world, etc.; we are still left with the question as to who has the right to force his better judgement on the unenlightened student.

When we were young, around 10 or thereabouts, it was generally accepted that we were still typical mammalian youths, still requiring parental care and guidance before we were ready to face the world at large. In another twenty years, when we are in our early forties, we will be expected to be able to deal with society on our own. Some where in between the transition has to be made. It is fairly universally considered that this is the age at which the aforementioned transition is realized. At eighteen and nineteen, we can vote, be drafted, and be tried for capital crimes. In fact, if we don't learn to think for ourselves now, there is evidence we may have a great deal of

trouble learning to do so at a later stage of our lives. Specifically, I feel that we must be allowed to make our own mistakes at this point. The question is not if it is wrong for a student to restrict himself, but if it is wrong to make the right decision for him. When a person starts out in life, he is always going to make a few mistakes. Better he should make them here than later when the effects could be much more disastrous.

Furthermore, above and beyond the psychological and sociological aspects, we have the simple concept of freedom, the basic precept upon which our society is theoretically founded. The right to be wrong, it's as simple as that. No one has the God given right to tell someone else at this university what to do.

One might counter that by saying that the student made his choice by entering the university, and the school then has a right to require what it wants for a liberal arts education. Well, let us keep in mind that the school is a really here for the student and to serve the student. Don't forget the 120 credits required for a degree; if

the student does not choose to liberalize his education, he is not going to graduate wholly ignorant. What he misses in the theater and the humanities he might compensate for in his field of concentration. In the final evaluation, I think we must admit that it is the student who knows his own special case best, and it is he, and no one else, who should determine where he is lacking, and where his attentions could be most profitably focused. It is a case of simple human rights.

Let me add a final note of clarification on this topic. I think a liberal education is vitally important for everybody. I am a combined physio-math major, but also into history, theater, and several gym courses, etc. I think that sort of thing is really important; but that's just what I think. That doesn't mean that everybody should be forced to do what a few people, or even a majority of the people, think is right.

Like the man said: "I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." (Voltaire)

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take life one day at a time. "I used to be in such a hurry for tomorrow to come," he said. "I'd sit at home dying for spring training to start, then when it did, I couldn't wait for the season to begin. Then on the last day of the season, it would start all over again. "Not anymore. I enjoy the moment, whatever I'm doing. If you keep worrying about tomorrow, it seems like you're always hurrying and not getting anywhere." Altobelli, 45, leaned back deep in thought, then said, "You know, I wasn't able to afford a college education, but I feel like baseball has given me a fine education. I'm grateful for that."

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Ballesteros Cops Tourney

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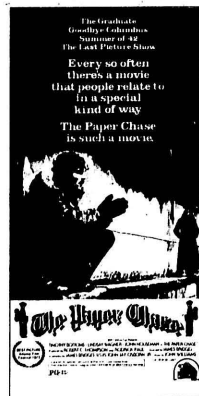
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Netmen Hopeful For Season

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competition in the fall and in the spring. "It is definitely much tougher in the spring," said Lewis, "especially with the addition of Amherst to the schedule." He added, "Our schedule is the toughest since I've been here."

Among the schools that Albany will play are Siena, Middlebury, Union, RPI and the four Division I schools. Albany will also be the host team for the SUNY University Center Tennis Championships to be held on April 12th.

This tournament is a round-robin competition held each year between Albany, Buffalo and Binghamton. The Danes may be able to go

to the NCAA Division III championships at the end of the season. However, it is usually held during final exams so the team may miss this tournament once again. "If we went," said Lewis, "we'd be competitive."

Lewis also wants the team to go to the Eastern Intercollegiate held later this spring. Last year Feldman was seeded number-one and he didn't have a good tournament. "If we went this year, both he and Larry would do well," said Lewis.

"Our goals are to have a winning record against Division I teams to win the SUNY championships and to go to the NCAA's."



Junior Mike Fertig will be vying for the numberthree spot on the tennis team this spring. Fertig has a 20-10 career mark here.

Gonzenbach In Nationals

by Mitchell Chaitin
The Albany state men's Swim Team was able to send one man to the NCAA Division III National Championships this year, held March 18-20 at Grinnell College in Iowa. Bob Gozenbach placed 18th in the 200-yard butterfly race in 1:59.6.

Gozenbach swam his second best time in the race. In preparation, he trained alone for three weeks on top of one of the longest swimming seasons in Albany State history.

Young Spaniard Wins Tourney

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Ruggers 11-3 Winners In Season Debut

by Don Rossi

On Sunday afternoon, the Albany State rugby team defeated a tough Albany Law squad 11-3 at the loser's field at Washington Park. It was their season opener.

The Danes took a 3-0 lead as Chuck Rapazzo kicked a 29-yard field goal in the first half. Junior Gary Boccio also put the Danes on the scoreboard as he picked up a loose ball and scooted 13 yards for an Albany 7-0 advantage.

Albany Law struck back with a field goal of their own with a few minutes left in the

half to make it 7-3.

The second half continued to be quite competitive with both teams evenly matched. Experience paid off though, as field general Rapazzo raced 55 yards to a score which gave the ruggers the victory.

The Danes travel to Massachusetts on Saturday to play a powerful Springfield squad.

In the fall, the ruggers finished with a 5-5 record. Impressive victories against Williams College of Massachusetts and the Albany Knickerbockers were

the highlights of the season.

The Danes have a host of starters returning from last season. In addition, a number of recruits will be on the club, that may field 50 players. This will give the ruggers "A", "B", and "C" sides for the first time in their brief history.

Strong Team

Co-captains Charlie Levine and Wences Rodriguez feel that this could be one of the strongest teams in SUNYA history. A major factor for the optimism rests on the sure "hands" of scrumhalf Rapazzo, a former Capital

District All-Star, who took last season off due to personal problems.

Now he is back at full strength and at the helm of the SUNYA attack, once again.

Returning Starters

The returning starters include scrummers Frank Fuhrman, Don Rossi, Dave Rosenberg, Dave Thompson, Jim Harkins, Gary Boccio, Rodriguez, Frank Sheehan and Jim Dignan.

The returning backs consist of veterans Andy Lee, Levine, Joe McCarthy, Tim Fierle, Jim Lancancerella, and Rapazzo.

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2:30 p.m. Monte Carlo (1931) A shorter version of a lesser but still delightful Lubitsch. Not an official condensation, but selected excerpts from the beginning, middle and end, which give a good idea of the film's comedic and musical highlights. With Ginevra Macdonald and Jack Buchanan.	7:40 p.m. King of Champs Elysees (1934) East coast premiere of an extremely rare (unreleased in this country) comedy made by Buster Keaton and friends. No major rediscovery, but a fascinating film with indications that Keaton had a hand in its direction too. Untitled but entirely visual, a medium of dialogue and very easy to follow. Directed by Seymour Neizel and production supervised by Robert Siodmak, the bizarre comedy includes some lengthy use of Fritz Lang footage.
3:15 p.m. Confession (1937) Best American film of Joe May, a German director whose career somewhat paralleled Fritz Lang's. An extremely stylized remake of Pola Negri's <i>Mazurka</i> ; with Kay Francis and Basil Hathbone.	9:00 p.m. A Free Soul (1931) A sleazy crime and sex tale given elegance and taste by director Clarence Brown, and a remarkable cast headed by Norma Shearer and Lionel Barrymore (an Academy Award winning performance) and in their only pre- <i>Gone with the Wind</i> confrontation in remarkably similar roles, Clark Gable and Leslie Howard.

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Stickmen Drop Muddy Opener To Oswego, 10-6



The Albany lacrosse team could have used a dry field like this one on Saturday. The Danes lost their season opener, 10-6, to Oswego in the slop.

by Eddie Emerman
 Many people say the "home-field" advantage doesn't work when there aren't any spectators to root for the home team. But in the Albany State lacrosse team's 10-6 loss to Oswego Saturday, Oswego clearly had the home-field advantage, but for a different reason.
 The field at Oswego is recovering from the deadly winter. With the recent rains and warmer weather, the once snow field, has become a mud field rather than a grass field. In fact, in some spots the mud was six inches deep.
 "The field did hurt us a little," said Albany's head coach Mike Motta. The Danes had been practicing on a normal field the past few weeks in preparation for Saturday's season opener.
 However, looking at the scoreboard through the first three periods, you wouldn't have known that.
 Albany got on the scoreboard first when the senior captain Dan Goggin whipped one by the Great Lakers' goalkeeper. It was the first of two goals the all-time Danes' goal scorers would have on the day.
 Oswego managed to tie the game, but Albany's freshman attacker, John Nelson, gave Albany a 2-1 lead by the close of the first session.
Quick Goal
 In the third period, Albany came out and Nelson scored a quick goal to give Albany a 6-4 advantage. But that was the last time the Danes would get the ball into the Oswego net.
 Oswego, with a pestering attack, tied the score at 6-6. "Going into the fourth period it (the game) was still a toss-up," said Motta.
 The "toss-up" belonged to Oswego and they never let go. While the Danes were busy cleaning the mud out of their spikes, Oswego was busy scoring four goals within a two-minute span to put the game out of reach.
 "We had a lot of trouble picking up the groundballs," said Motta. The field, of course, being the enemy.
 Motta credited the Danes' loss to what he called, "unsettled situations." "We were inconsistent and we weren't clearing the ball from our end."
 While the defense did have its problems, Motta indicated the offense didn't. "They did a real good job, especially in the man-up advantage," he said. The Danes scored half of their goals when they had the advantage.
RPI Next
 Starting goalkeeper Gary Miller played part of the game injured, but will be at full strength tomorrow when the Danes host RPI. The game begins at 2 p.m. on the lacrosse field, located behind Dutch Quad.

Alumni Booters Cop Tournament

by Ken Kurtz
 The fifth annual Albany State Indoor Soccer Tournament was held this past weekend in University Gym, and the Albany Alumni, a team composed of ex-varsity players, copped the championship.
 The Alumni finished undefeated over the course of the two day tournament 5-0-2. In the semi-finals, the Alumni shut out LIU, 3-0, as Chepe Ruano, Aldo Sergovich and Simon Simone scored the Alumni goals.
Close Victory
 In the finals, the champions nipped Keene State 2-1 as Ruano and Bob Garcia scored goals. Keene State had gained the finals by defeating semifinal opponent University of Baltimore, 1-0.
 Albany White almost reached the playoffs, but their bid was upset by LIU's 2-0 defeat of the whiteshirts in the battle for second place in Division I.
 In the other division, Albany Blue defeated Keene State and lost a close game to the Alumni 2-1. Hartwick tied Albany Blue 1-1 with two seconds remaining in their contest and St. Francis also tied the blueshirts at 1-1 with nine seconds to go. The Blues also lost a 1-0 decision to Oneonta, as the winning goal was scored with eleven seconds left in the match.
 "It was a very successful tournament, as all the participants expressed a willingness to return for next year's tournament," stated

Albany Coach Bill Scheffelin. Alberto Giordano, the Alumni goalkeeper, was voted outstanding goalie of the tournament while Armond Cummings of the University of Baltimore received the tournament's MVP award.
Spring Game
 The soccer team may have a late spring game against LIU as a tune-up for the May 7th game against National Champion Hartwick at Shenendahowa H.S.
 In the fall, the booters finished with an 8-5 record. They failed to make the playoffs — only one more win could have made the difference.



Pictured is action from indoor tournament held here over the weekend. The Albany Alumni copped the championship in one division.

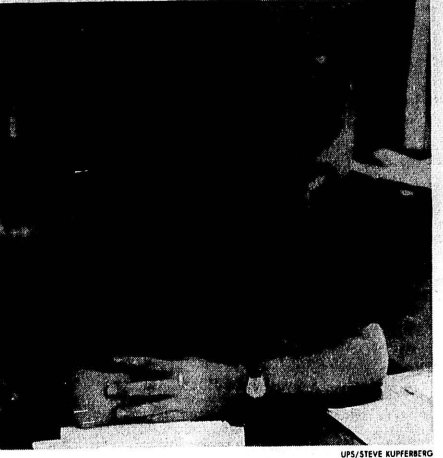
Healthy Netmen Anticipate Spring Season

by David Spiro
 Last fall, the Albany State varsity tennis team finished with a 3-2 record and a surprising second-place finish in the SUNYAC championships.
 The latter came despite the fact that three of the squad's top players were sidelined much of the season with injuries.
 For the spring season, all three players; Phil Ackerman, Gary Block and Ted Kutzin will be back and ready to play. In addition, Larry Linett, who was Union College's number one player last year, will be joining the team after transferring to Albany.
 Dane's head coach Bob Lewis is therefore optimistic about his team's chances this spring. "If everyone remains healthy, we'll be as strong as any team I've ever had," said Lewis.
 Ackerman, who has a career singles record of 30-9 at Albany, suffered the entire fall season from an ankle injury.

He played tennis throughout the winter and according to Lewis, "played quite well."
 Block, who suffered an elbow injury last September, was not expected to be back for the spring season. However, he recently visited a doctor and was given the O.K. to play. After practicing with the team last week, Block said that he would "definitely be 100 per cent" for the opener this Friday at Amherst.
 Ackerman, Block and Kutzin are rejoining a team that is "very strong at the number one and two positions," according to Lewis.
 Paul Feldman, who had been Albany's number one player for the past three years, will have competition this year from Linett. "Paul will face the stiffest challenge for the number one position since he's been at this campus," said Lewis.
 Lewis feels that this competition can only be beneficial. "The addition of Larry will help both Paul and Larry as well as the whole team," said Lewis.
 "Both players realize that it is good for their game," added Lewis. "They're both good friends and there's no animosity between them."
 Feldman, who last fall won the SUNYAC singles championship for the third year in a row, agrees with Lewis on the addition of Linett. "Personally, I like it," said Feldman. "Number one, it strengthens the team and number two, it gives me a lot more competition."
 Feldman has a career record of 52-6 at Albany, with four of his losses coming in tournament play. The 52 wins are a school record. "I'm looking forward to the matches against the Division I teams; Massachusetts, Colgate, Vermont and Army," said Feldman. "If I could take three out of those four matches I would be very satisfied."
 As the battle for the number one and two positions on the squad is a toss-up, so are the battles for the other positions.
 Block and Ackerman will be joined by Mike Fertig as they vie for positions three, four and five. Fertig, who was forced to play as high as number two last fall because of the teams injuries, has a 20-10 career mark here.
 The competition for the number-six position will be between Kutzin, Gene Gillespies, Dave McMullen and Al Berger. Lewis is particularly high on Berger. "He has greatly improved since the end of the fall," said Lewis. "I'm expecting good things from him."
 The doubles teams are not yet set and Lewis is experimenting on various combinations to see which will work. "I probably won't put Paul and Larry together though, unless I have to," said Lewis.
 The coach indicated that there is a big difference between the caliber of the

Chem Dept Aims For PhD Program

by Matthew Cox
 In a preliminary effort to re-establish the Chemistry PhD program, a group of distinguished chemists may visit SUNYA this year to suggest methods of bringing the quality of the program up to State Education Department standards.
 Invitations have been sent to three chemists, through a service provided by the American Chemical Society, asking them to visit the department and develop a three year plan for strengthening the department's doctoral potential.
 Chemistry Department Chair Anthony Saturno said the visits have not been finalized, and that the department won't know of the prospects for restoring the program until the evaluation made.
 Acting SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary agreed. "A great deal depends on what those reviews say, on our assessment of that," he said.
 According to O'Leary, SUNYA can't commit funding to enhance the department until it has an idea of what type of improvements need to be made to meet the requirements for reinstating the program with the state.
 "The practicality of reinstating the program will depend on that report," O'Leary said.
 SUNYA suspended its Chemistry PhD program in October following the report of a State Education Department Review committee which said that since an earlier review, that department's progress was "not adequate". The department had undergone an initial SED evaluation three years earlier, which put the department on "provisional continuance" status.
 SUNYA chose suspension and not termination, a semantical but important distinction because it makes reinstating the program less difficult, O'Leary said.
 "Termination would make re-establishment as difficult as if we had no program here at all," he said. "It is an expression of finality. Suspension is an expression of a more temporary status."
 Neither O'Leary, Saturno or another member of the



The Chemistry Department, headed by Anthony Saturno, is trying to reestablish the Chemistry PhD program which was suspended.

Stony Brook President Takes U. Maryland Post

by Paul Rosenthal
 SUNY Stony Brook President John Toll announced yesterday that he has accepted the presidency of the University of Maryland. Toll, who was selected two weeks ago by Maryland's Board of Regents following a five-month search, said he will leave Stony Brook July 1.
 Toll's resignation comes despite repeated appeals for him to stay in the SUNY system from various public officials. Governor Hugh Carey, as well as several of Long Island's State legislators, reportedly asked Toll to stay.
 The Maryland regents and acting Governor Blair Lee reportedly agreed to lure Toll to their state. Toll's new salary was announced as \$62,000, almost \$15,000 more than his earning at Stony Brook.
 Current University of Maryland President Wilson Elkins earns \$54,000 per year.
 Toll told reporters yesterday afternoon that, despite his departure, Stony Brook and the State University in general had "a tremendously bright future." He noted that there are many dedicated people serving on the university's campuses. He expressed confidence that the school's next president would be successful in "further increasing academic excellence."

Two Profs Injured In Car Crash

by Jill Haber
 Two SUNYA sociology professors were seriously injured in a car crash on their way to work Wednesday morning.
 Mark LaGory, 31, and Russell Ward, 30, were both listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit of Albany Medical Center Hospital at 1:30 this morning.
 The accident occurred at 8:34 a.m. at the intersection of Albany-Shaker Road and Route 7, according to a Colonie Police report. LaGory and Ward were heading south on Albany-Shaker Road in LaGory's brown '74 Ford.
 As they attempted to cross the intersection with a green light, a speeding 20-foot truck heading west on Route 7 ran a red light and clipped the rear of LaGory's car. The car skidded into the east bound lane of Route 7 and collided with a yellow pick-up truck which was stopped for the red light.
 A police sketch showed the entire passenger side of LaGory's car was severely damaged.
 The driver of the westbound truck, Danny Parker, 22, was uninjured, according to the report. He was arrested for running the stoplight and speeding.
 According to witness John Power of Watervliet, the westbound truck driver pulled over farther down the road. "I don't know how fast he was going," he said, "but he couldn't have stopped in time to avoid hitting them."
 "I went to channel nine on my CB and called the police. I can't be sure it was my call that got them."
 Power said the police arrived in about five minutes, and the rescue squad shortly after. "They [LaGory and Ward] ended up in the back seat. They took them out through the trunk," he said.
 The driver of the yellow pick-up, Joseph Godlewski, 58, suffered neck injuries, according to the report.
 Neither LaGory, Ward, or Godlewski was wearing a seat belt.
 LaGory was in shock when the ambulance arrived and Ward was unconscious, the report said.
 According to Sociology Department Chair Ronald Farrell, both Ward's and LaGory's classes will resume under different instructors.
 Ward's course on the sociology of aging will be taught by Arthur Richardson. His research methods class will be led by Farrell and a graduate assistant.
 LaGory's urban ecology course will be taken over by Paul Meadows and a graduate assistant. James Hudson will instruct the social demography class.
 All students who had Ward or LaGory as an advisor will be assigned to Mark Levy, although they may choose another sociology professor if they wish, said Farrell.

Tax Increase Proposed To Reduce SA Deficit

by Aron Smith
 A projected budget deficit of \$9000 has resulted in an SA proposal to raise the mandatory student tax from the current \$66 per year to \$70.
 If students approve the referendum next week, SUNY Buffalo will be the only school within the SUNY system with a student tax remaining below the maximum.
 Expansion of groups and services, intercollegiate athletics, and double-digit inflation are cited by SA as reasons for the proposed tax increase.
 According to SA Budget Committee Chair John Sharkey, it will be difficult to maintain student services at their present level even if the referendum is approved.
 "With all the inflation and given the level of services we've been providing students, we just can't perform like we used to," he said. "Even the cost of ASP ads have gone up. We have legal services, the new FM radio station, a food co-op, a record co-op. Focus. We feel we're giving the students so many new things on campus," said Sharkey, "even with the inflation."
 "While it's nice to have some cushion, to raise it to sixty-nine dollars just doesn't make sense," said SA President Dave Gold, explaining the infeasibility of proposing a lesser tax increase. "I just don't like that number."
 The \$9000 deficit budget presented to Gold was arrived at only after SA's Budget Committee cut back allocations from an original deficit of \$50,000.
 "That's nothing unusual," said Sharkey. "When you start budgeting, you just try to give each group a fair amount. We did and came out fifty thousand dollars over."
 The Committee reviewed the budget again, making secondary cuts in an effort to balance it.
 The budget will probably be cut still further by Gold, before he presents it to Central Council for approval.
 According to Sharkey, preference is being given to organizations affecting large segments of the University community.
 "We're interested in putting as much money as possible into student-wide activities and large program activities that benefit everyone," said Sharkey. "Like Middle Earth, Five Quad, Pierce Hall Day Care Center, WCDB, the Torch. In order to do this, sometimes we have to take money away from small groups which use their money unwisely."
 "No one likes to vote themselves more taxes," said Gold. "But I believe once the students know the facts, they will support the tax increase."
 If students do support the referendum and the tax ceiling is reached, what then? What happens next year, or in two years, or in five years, when inflation once again produces a deficit budget?
 A resolution calling for an increase in the maximum permissible student tax will come before SASU's Student Assembly in June. After reviewing the proposal, the Assembly will make a recommendation, possibly for an "open-ended" or unlimited student tax, to SUNY Chancellor Clifford Wharton.
 "I don't think it would be unlimited, since the current policy calls for specification

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