Students to Decide Mandatory Tax Issue

by Carol Hughes

Albany students go to the polls today, tomorrow, and Friday to decide upon the continuance of the mandatory Student Activities Fee. In compliance with the Board of Trustees' recent ruling, a referendum will be taken at all University campuses to decide the fate of the assessment throughout the SUNY system.

The directive was prompted by what may best be termed a change of emphasis. In 1968, the Board of Trustees ruled on the legality of a mandatory fee with minimal interference by the administration. However, New York State Comptroller Arthur Levitt now states that it is not possible to maintain this "minimal interference." Since the state oversees the money from students by withholding of transcripts for non-payment, and supervises the collection of the fee through billing, the money is too close to state funds and therefore the state must have closer control.

"In effect, they've changed the ground rules on us," commented SA Vice President Mike Lampert. While the recent suits over where student money was going (including the recent Foreman Decision now being appealed) have brought attention to the problems involved in mandating such an assessment, the primary reason for the Trustee ordered voting is the change in the Comptroller's view of the management of the funds.

On this campus, however, an added fee will be voted on. Central Council, in its last meeting, decided that the athletic fee previously included in the student activities fee would be separated from the main assessment. Students will vote on continuing the mandatory tax and on a mandatory athletic fee. The current $29.75 charge contains $7.75 for the sports program.

As a preliminary step before the outcome of the referendum is known, Student Association has prepared a dual budget. Each activity has been given two allotments, one under a mandatory fee, the other under a voluntary one. Voluntary budgets project a 60% payment of the tax, based on previous collections under this plan. What this means is a budget of about $120,000 for Student Association and about $45,000 in the Athletic Advisory Board budget. Student Association budgets have been recommended by the budget committee for next year. The same will be done by the AA Board for the athletics money, but this must be approved by Central Council.

PASSAGE OF MANDATORY TAX NEEDS ONLY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF VOTES SINCE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS MANDATED NO SPECIAL RULES FOR RATIFICATION. The referendum will be held in conjunction with elections for Student Association President and Vice President, Central Council and University Senate representatives.

The fate of mandatory tax, athletic tax and various S.A. hopefuls will be decided by SUNYA students today, tomorrow and Friday. Be sure to vote!

Friday Action Set:

Students to "Settle Accounts" With First Trust of Albany

by William Van Allen

Various local peace groups will march on The First Trust Company of Albany on Friday, April 30, in order to focus the attention of the banking public on the financial backing these institutions have given to the nation's defense industries. Coinciding with the First Trust action will be efforts by groups in cities throughout the country to disrupt war-supporting institutions.

The march to the First Trust main branch, located across from the Federal Building on State Street, will begin at 12:00 noon. Parade permits have been granted for the marchers to proceed from Decker Hall east along Washington Avenue and then down State Street to the oval green adjacent to the Federal Building. Marchers are advised to begin assembling at 10:30 a.m. around the downtown campus.

Why First Trust? The local company is a sub-unit of the Bankers Trust Company of New York which is the nation's third largest bank in total assets held. This institution has investments in many corporations which have large defense contracts.

The group leaders hope to stimulate student concern and participation in an orderly demonstration in front of the bank. A large turnout will undoubtedly influence many of First Trust's depositors who may be unaware of the bank's defense industry investments. First Trust represents a 'true source of power' in America's defense policy making.

This local bank is also deeply involved in financing the South Mall project, which has been the recent object of heated controversy. The Mall's skyrocketing cost has been greatly accelerated by the long term interest payments due on bond issues held by banks such as First Trust.

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, the organizers of this action, are also anticipating student participation in the May Day weekend demonstrations to be held in the Washington, D.C. area. A meeting is being held this Wednesday at 8:00 in LC 13 to organize car pools to transport people to Washington. Details such as demonstration locations and sleeping areas will also be confirmed.

An added feature for people attending the Washington demonstrations will be the opportunity to hear many rock groups who have volunteered to perform during the evenings.

The May Day activities will center around the presentation of the ways in which government agencies may also occur. Any SUNYA students wishing more information pertaining to the First Trust or May Day activities are urged to telephone 438-0460 or 434-2624.
The ruins of Fort Orange, the oldest continuous colonial settlement in the Northeast, were covered over with sand recently, ending a five year struggle to first examine the fort, and then not to abandon the ruins to an entrance ramp for the new Albany-Demotte Bridge.

The fort was the subject of a dig during the past winter that resulted in numerous artifacts being found. This dig was unique because the early transactions of the site are documented. Once the exact location of the excavation in relation to the whole fort was understood, fairly accurate estimations could be made for the whole fort. As a result of historical research, accurate dates of the building transactions of the fort are documented. Once the exact location of the excavation in relation to the whole fort was understood, fairly accurate estimations could be made for the whole fort. As a result of historical research, accurate dates of the building transactions of the fort are documented.

In the fall of 1970 Historic Trust began excavating Fort Orange and dug 2/5 of the area capable of archeological exploitation, then stopped by an arrangement with the Highway Department. The Parks and Recreation Department, which the Trust is under, refused a press statement saying that the Trust had met its objectives in the dig, was satisfied and could reconstruct a complete picture of the site. The project was then planned to be closed down and a ramp for the new bridge was to be built, covering the site. But early this year one of the diggers on the site, John Wolcott, a 38-year old amateur archeologist with the Historic Trust, started an effort to delay closing down the dig.

Wolcott felt that since less than half of the site was unearthed that there was a good possibility that important, and historic artifacts would be lost, possibly forever. A representative for Historic Trust, which operated the dig, said the site could be unearthed again in 50 to 100 years, when the new bridge is replaced. Wolcott also felt minor changes could be made in the design of the ramp to create a more elevated roadway, and the fort could be made into a permanent historical site.

Go all the way... PICK A PAIR

In brewing Bud, our choice is to go all the way. We hope beer matters enough to you that you too will go all the way. PICK A PAIR

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Drug Crisis Continues On SUNY Buffalo Campus

BUFFALO, N.Y. (CPS) — A new threat has enveloped the State University of New York's Buffalo campus: it is not the typical crisis filled with scenes of a reactionary administration hell-bent on repressing students and disdaining faculty, and there are no student demonstrations, tear gas, molotov cocktails, or police beatings; it is a problem of hard drugs and related crimes on the largest campus of the state university.

This drug crisis, which only mushroomed over the past month, has grown to such an extent that a problem involves basically non-students, many of whom are hard-core criminals," the student's memo said. "The union was closed on schedule, with very little opposition from the university's 22,000 students.

One effect of the crisis has been to boost the fortunes of various local politicians who would like nothing better than to put more clamps on the campus community. For example, Erie County Sheriff Michael Amico, former Buffalo Police Narcotics Squad head who busted Prof. Leslie Fidler in a celebrated case in 1968 and staged a series of student marijuana busts prior to his sheriff's election campaign in 1969, charged last year that the university was the "center for drugs" in the county.

Although this "drug problem" has finally been recognized, attempts at alleviating it have been narrow in scope. In essence, the call has been for all segments of the university and community, for "law and order" without recognizing that the increase of crime on campus is related to an increase in the number of addicts flocking to the streets and grounds.

There have been some hopeful signs. A program called "Together" has been formed by an ex-addict, Willie Rivera, to deal with the plight of addicts. So far, the program has shown some limited success but is in danger of collapsing because of lack of volunteers and money. The chief ingredient of the "Together" program is methadone. Methadone, a synthetic drug, gives the same euphoric high as heroin if taken intravenously. Taken orally, it provides no high, but prevents the onset of withdrawal symptoms.

BUFFALO STUDENT PRESS
Racism and the Infirmary

To the University community:

Several weeks ago our sisters in Women's Liberation at SUNYA pointed out some faults with the health facilities on campus. Not the least of which was a little matter of racial socialization.

Everyone is aware of the racial tension on this campus due to a lack of understanding of the EOP program and the needs it fulfills. A good portion of the financial assistance we receive from EOP. Many of these class (economic) antagonisms are transformed into racial antagonisms. Once these barriers are developed they are almost impossible to break down. In the time it will take to educate people about the nature of our oppression and the many ways racism manifests itself, we must also be combating every thing that puts these barriers between us. Every situation, that keeps bringing to our conscious mind those differences which puts barriers between us and those who don't yet understand, must be eliminated.

The infirmary had the folders of all EOP students marked with big bright red letters. There is no need for those markings but they too serve a function. This function is that every student who sees the folder of EOP students is reminded that we have our insurance and medical bills paid. This is a case of the university contributing to the class, and hence racial antagonisms in this school.

But, fear not! After bringing this case to Dr. Hood, the infirmary will not tolerate institutional racism within its walls!

P.R.O.E.

Athletic tax....Pro

To the Editor,

For over three years now I have been curious as to how strongly the students at SUNYA really feel about our intercollegiate athletic program. I have participated in the program, both as contestant and spectator, for four years; I have found these activities an indispensable part of my life at State. But the important question I am asking is "How do the rest feel?" The athletic program here is one of the best in the state; it is open to all students and spectators. This past year, 118 women and 477 men participated in 294 contests against some 100 colleges; and the vast majority of the 66,440 spectators were students—admissions free!

This week my question will be answered. The student body will vote "yes" or "no" for a mandatory athletic tax of only $8.00 per semester. How many concerts can you attend for that price? Certainly not nearly as many as the number of football and basketball games. How far would this amount of money go elsewhere?

To support our athletic program with voluntary athletic tax, admission would have to be charged for every athletic event. Why discourage attendance at games? So many hours are spent to make them possible.

Our intercollegiate athletic program is a vital part of this University. I do hope it receives the support it truly deserves.

Mary Wimmer
Chairman
Athletic Advisory Board

Athletic tax...Con

To the Editor:

I had always thought that the gym teachers were bombarded because they participate in a lot of outdoor athletics. At last Thursday's Central Council meeting I learned otherwise. It turns out that many of the coaches attend conventions in Hollywood, Florida (1 man—4 days); San Diego, California (1 man—4 days); Fort Lauderdale, Florida (1 man—8 days); and various other cities around the nation. I realize that attendance at these conferences is important—just why should I be forced to pay for these?

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No one should have to pay for the Athletic Assessment Fee if they don't want to. I urge every student to make the fee voluntary.

David Pock
Member of Council

Thanks!

An open letter to the University Community:

Congratulations to all of you! Once again your peculiar apathetic stance has shown its disarming face. Those of us who spent our semester working our asses off so as to give all of you, and all of us, the opportunity to express our humanity at a twenty-four hour vigil for Soviet Jewry, feel deeply pained at the abhorring lack of response and commitment from this campus.

These of you who shelter your lives and live by causes, here once again shown yourselves true to your stomachs. Originally, 1268 people signed up for a food fast for Soviet Jewry, now we learn that only 1945 actually didn't eat. That's a simple statistic for all of us to be proud of. To those who signed and didn't eat, we, of course offer our deepest thanks.

To the Jewish faculty who received specific invitations to join us at the State Capitol and who preferred instead to teach that day, or wallow in their intellectual towers, we ask only whether or not their intellectual towers are soundproof. Opposition causes people to cry, relatives can be heard if you don't use earplugs, so to every faculty member who knew of this vigil and instead chose to do otherwise, we offer sympathy—the human kind, not the book kind.

For our fellow student, who time and time again have been bombarded with charges of apathy, we have very little to say. To repeat those charges, we have neither the eloquence nor understanding of our predecessors. Laugh in your dorm rooms, assimilate to the point of anonymity, and when they come (whomever they might be) and tell you that your parents or your brothers or sisters are being taken away to be shot, answer with a clear conscience: "I gave at the office!"

Bary Silverberg
Steve Shaw
David Surowitz
Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry
Editorial Comment

Washington

Last Saturday saw a tremendously successful anti-war rally in Washington. It was also tremendously peaceful, which surprised many people. The peace movement has split itself into two factions: the still-peaceful who are still optimistic and nonviolent; and the radicals, who believe that there must be violent revolution before anything can change. The cause of the split is that group of deaf-and-blind bureaucrats in Washington masquerading as a government. And I hope they are satisfied with their achievement.

For this weekend, the revolution people will gather in the nation's capitol, and I wouldn't want to be there for all the money in Rockey's campaign fund. For this time, it's not going to be peaceful. And the people of American will see what happens to a group of people with a good cause when they are frustrated and jaled and drafted and beaten by an unthinking administration.

To Vote or Not To Vote

The polls opened this morning in the biggest election of 1971. Students will elect a new S.A. President, undergraduate University Senators, members of Central Council, and Class Officers. And of course, the Tax Question. With so many important questions at stake, how can we not vote?

All during the year, complaints are lodged by irate S.A. members about how the Council, or the Senate, or the Association itself is run. Now is the time to do something if you really believe in it. Apathy will be its own reward, especially in an election so big.

Endorsement

After looking at the contestants, and attempting to figure out where Student Association is going (in my opinion), the Editor-in-Chief of the Albany Student Press suggests that you vote for Mike Lampert and Terry Wilbert for President and Vice-President (respectively) of Student Association.

It is my belief these two men are both the most qualified of the group, and the most suited to the current situation in Student Association.

Library Fines

Dear Mr. Ashton:

I'm sorry I missed your Tuesday meeting on the new library fines. In brief all I want to ask is: doesn't the administration ever learn? Your penalty system for non-pagament is related to the problems of overdue books as the parking fine enforcement was to parking—students are prevented from registering, faculty got slapped on the wrist. There is only one acceptable enforcement system to get people to pay library fines—withdraw their library privileges.

Yours truly,

Michael Lampert
Vice President
Student Association

Tax Question

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Tom, Happy Birthday early, I love you. ******

Ken Stockem, candidate for Presi-

dent of Student Association, will meet with all students wishing to discuss the future of Student Associa-

tion, 9-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, in the Fowlick Lounge. ******

Jen—Guy of the month wants to see you. ******

Vote for Paul Bender for University Senate. ******

Sheila—Wish you were here. ******

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Dutch Quad-Central Council—Jeff Perez,
Seth Ugelov, & Janet Gogel

Vote Wednesday thru Friday
Vernon Bowen

1. Why do you want to be SA President? Why do you feel that you are qualified to be SA President?

I want to be SA President because I feel that the SA has to change. Rules and regulations and old traditions must change with the changing times. We are involved in a very crucial period of history. Many believe that the University should be detached from the problems that exist in the world today. I do not believe that this is a good theory to have.

I feel that I am qualified because I know that the problems are out there and that after four years we will be back out there with them. Also the fact that I have been on several committees, and am able to relate to all people and their situations qualifies me as SA president.

2. What specific goals do you have for SA?

The specific goals that I have for SA are to make sure that all bills passed are enforced to the period and that SA relates to the problems of the world today. Also that the old rules and traditions be updated.

3. Do you see next year as one of consolidation or experimentation for SA? Explain why.

I see next year as a year of corrections and more student participation in the actions of SA. The bills being passed that affect them. I feel that students are being used, by having bills passed in their names, without their being consulted.

4. Do you feel SA should get into things like student housing (i.e. finding housing for students—Ebenezer Howard) or should it concentrate solely on providing recreational experiences for the students (i.e. speakers, funding Mohawk Campus, etc.)?

I definitely feel that SA should get involved in ALL aspects of student life be it political or recreational.

Mitch Liberman

1. Why do you want to be SA President? Why do you feel that you are qualified to be SA President?

I see the role of SA President as a progressive one. Student government must change or be swept into the dust bin of history as has happened to the anachronistic institution of MYSKANIA. These are the positions of the democratic left coalition.

2. What specific goals do you have for SA?

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Ken Stokem

1. Why do you want to be SA President? Why do you feel that you are qualified to be SA President?

If the Student Tax remains mandatory, I could see continued involvement with sufficient funds into such things as student housing, but on a voluntary student tax, we would have to do so to a much lesser degree.

2. What specific goals do you have for SA?

The most important function of Student Association is that of a budgetary organization. My first priority would be true experimentation I hope to achieve a great deal of improvement and reorganization.

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Mike Lampert

1. Why do you want to be SA President? Why do you feel that you are qualified to be SA President?

Student Association has been making a number of advances in directions that assist the student. We have made some small gains in FSA (such as the Indian Quad Board Reduction, and a bus for Mohawk), have provided more concerts than we did last year, and so on. I would like to continue to have SA move in these directions and expand into new ones. I would like to help in this effort, and feel that I could do so effectively as President.

2. What specific goals do you have for SA?

There are several important directions SA needs to take next year:

- A. The democratization of FSA must continue—and move at an even faster rate than it has in the past. FSA must stop covering any fees—students should get what they pay for and not be charged any hidden tax for Mohawk or the Glen House or any other purpose.
- B. The entire area of the Residence staff needs to be looked into. For a group whose main job is serving the resident student, they are remarkably unresponsive to him. Resident students (not just RA's) need to be involved in the selection of RA's and Directors. They need to be involved in setting more policies—like the "search" policy, and the refrigerator policy.
- C. The academic machinery of the University needs to be made more responsive. This can be done in three major ways: (a) students need to be more involved in deciding what new courses should be taught, departments established, etc.; (b) an academic grievance procedure needs to be established so that students whose professors treat them unfairly (you'd don't come to class, etc.) have some recourse; (c) student evaluation of courses and teachers need to be expanded.
- D. SA needs to become involved in providing the push for new kinds of services—continued assistance in supporting a Day Care center; a push to help clean up the lake; helping the radio station to get an FM license to serve 2,000 commuters it does not now serve and to help educate the community as to the student’s opinions.

3. Do you feel SA should get into things like student housing (i.e. finding housing for students—Ebenezer Howard) or Positions Held at University--Groups that you are a member of--University Governance Commission; Member, Student Affairs Council (2 years)

^ any project that is educational, cultural, social or recreational & serves the students is worthy of SA involvement, to the limits of our money.

Bob Burstein

1. Why do you want to be SA President? Why do you feel that you are qualified to be SA President?

My qualifications for SA President are based upon my active service in the university for the past three years. It has been through these activities that I have gained familiarity with the student body. I am sure that what my opponents and myself desire are very similar— the reformation of FSA away from the profit motive and more towards the needs of the students, the improvement of the university and the urban environments, the acquisition of low-rent off-campus housing. Opposition to these ideas would merely note an ignorance of the problems facing the student body today. It is a difficult job and one that will require the union of the entire student body, not only the Central Council, in working for these goals. It is from my extensive service with Student Association and with the student body that I feel best qualified to serve as SA President.

2. What specific goals do you have for SA?

The main need for SA is for an allocation of funds that will serve the greatest number of students. This would refer to concerts, functions in the Campus Center that were experienced last Spring Weekend, and a larger commitment to the education of the student body, not only the Central Council, in working for these goals. It is from my extensive service with Student Association and with the student body that I feel best qualified to serve as SA President.

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The V. P.'s

Steve Gerber

Ed Cohn

Ed Cohn, candidate for S.A. President did not submit answers to the questions given out on April 26. We are therefore unable to print anything other than his picture.

Terry Wilbert

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each presidential candidate was presented with the same list of questions on April 26. Candidates were informed that their answers would not be edited for considerations of space, Page positions were determined by lot.
Conclusion:

The New Opium War

by Frank Browning and Banning Garrett

With gross profits from the Indochina traffic running any-where from $250 to $500 million per year, opium is one of the kingpins of Southeast Asian commerce. Indochina has not al-ways had such an enviable posi-tion. Historically most of the world's supply of opium and heroin came through well-estab-lished routes from Turkey, Iran and China. Then it was refined in chemical kitchens and warehouse factories in Marseille. The Medi-terranean trade was controlled by the Corsican Mafia. But the high officials in the narcotics control division of the Canadian government, and in Interpol, the International Police Agency, confirm that since World War II and parading U.S. ex-pansion in the Pacific—there has been a marked shift in the sources and routing of the world-wide opium trade.

According to the United Nations Commission on Drugs and Nar-cotics, since at least 1968, 80% of the world's 1200 tons of illicit opium has come from Southeast Asia—directly contradicting most official U.S. claims that the pri-mary sources are Middle Eastern.

In 1966, Interpol's former Secre-tary General Jean Nepote told investigators from Arthur D. Little Research Institute that the Fertile Triangle was a principal production center of opium. And last year an iranian government official told a United Nations sem-inar on narcotics control that 83 percent of the world's illegal sup-ply originated in the Fertile Tri-angle—the area where opium is controlled by the U.S.—supplied troops of Laos and Nationalist China.

It is no accident that Nixon has ignored the real sources of nar-cotics trade abroad and by so doing has effectively precluded any possibility of being able to dea-deal with heroin at home. It is be-more than anyone else, who told the underworld that trade through the policies he has formulated, the allience he has forged, and most re-cently the political appoint-ment, Nixon's rise to power has been intricately interwoven with the rise of proponents of America's aggressive strategy in Asia, a group of people loosely called the "China Lobby" who have been in or near political power off and on since 1950. Among the most notable mem-bers of the "China Lobby" are Madame Anna Chennault, whose husband, General Claire Chen-naught, founded Air America; columnist Joe Apley; FBI director J.Edgar Hoover; former California Senator William Knowland; and Ray Chine, currently Chief of In-telligence for the State Depart-ment. They and such compatriots as the late Time magazine pub-lisher Henry Luce and his widow, Congresswoman Claire Booth Luce, have been some of the country's strongest proponents of the Nationalist Chinese cause.

In 1954, Chiang Kai-shek formed the Asian People's Anti-Communist League (APACL), which was to become one of the vital links between the China Lobby and the Taiwan govern-ment. As soon as the APACL was formed, Chiang an-nounced that it had established "close contact" with three Amer-ican politicians—the most impor-tant of whom was Vice President Richard Nixon. The current, east of the China Lobby has relied on one magic corporation, the same corporation established just after World War II by General Claire Chennault as Civil Air Transport and renamed in the 1950's Air America. Carrier of not only men and personnel for all of Southeast Asia, but also of the policies that have turned Indo-china into a third-world "butter-fly fleet" and various military transports, Air America is the "official airline." A 25-year-old black man re-cently returned from Indochina told RAMPARTS of going to Vietnam in 1963 as an adventurer, hoping to get in on the dops business. But he found that the business was all controlled by a "group like the Mafia. It was tight and there wasn't any room for me." The only way he could make it in the dope trade, he says, was to go to work for Air America as a mechanic.

The shift in the international opium traffic is also a metaphor for what has happened in South-east Asia itself. As the U.S. has satellited in there, its presence red-

[AP Wirephoto]
SUNY Institute Aids Elderly

by Debbie Natansohn

Open the Student Government to the Students

Ken Stokem

Student Association President

Three Years of Constructive Activism in Student Association

Did you ever ask your grandfather what happened when he marched on Washington? Or what part he played in the Russian Revolution?

Society and this University are ignoring one great source of knowledge—our Senior Citizens, the ones who have lived through so many of the experiences that we study about in the classroom. Instead of recognizing the value and wisdom of the elderly, we ignore them, put them in homes, and try to forget that they are around.

"The elderly are the most oppressed minority in our society," says Father Anthony Rocha, a Roman Catholic Priest, graduate of Harvard's School of Public Health, and full professor here at Albany. "The aging process is the most certain thing in life, but most citizens have psychological hangups about aging, illness, and dying. These hangups, whether on the conscious or subconscious level, cause most people to ignore and oppress the aged. This is a youth-oriented nation."

The problems of the elderly will be one of the major focuses of the Institute of Gerontology which Dr. Rocha is presently establishing on the SUNYA campus. Gerontology is the study of the aging process, or, as Father Rocha likes to call it, "the study of man from the womb to the tomb." There will be four general areas of study: biological, clinical, psychological, and social. Five degree programs will include two in the undergraduate and three on the graduate levels. The institute, which plans to open in the fall of 1972, will be serving not only the Albany campus but the entire SUNY system.

Although gerontology studies people in all age groups, emphasis will be made on the study of the elderly because they are in a crisis situation. A recently published national report states that the elderly remain the most disadvantaged of all minority groups in our society. Yet they are one of the few who have no lobbies working for them in Congress, and they get minimal support in the national press.

Few people realize how poor the economic condition of the majority of this nation's elderly is. Only the privileged few are in nursing homes, which at least supply food and health care. Others, who are less fortunate, live alone in the slums of the cities, with minimal Social Security incomes. Prices in local stores are likely to rise on the day the Social Security check arrives—eggs, for instance, go from 49 to 79 cents a dozen. Many elderly persons are forced to live on less than $1000 a year. But economies is not the only problem. There is a lack of health care, educational facilities, transportation, and compassion. "Health care should be a right, not a privilege," claims Father Rocha. He also urges that the University set up tuition-free courses for those over 65 years of age. "Although an older person's senses weaken with age, his intellectual capacities do not. An older man might take longer to reason out a question, but this is because he has many more life experiences to consider before answering."

Both the college of Saint Rose and Union College have set up courses for senior citizens in this area.

Perhaps the most oppressive thing that the elderly have to bear is the psychological violence rapped upon them by society. Much the same as Blacks used to feel the pressure interior, the aged are beginning to feel that they belong on a shelf, away from society's youth-oriented culture. "If an old lady gets mugged, it makes news; but when she is rejected by the people around her, it hurts her more."

Father Rocha feels that the elderly and the young can learn from each other, and blames his generation for keeping the two apart. "My generation is the 'heavy' in this drama. They're the ones who are telling you to respect the past and yet, look at how they are treating the elderly."

"How can a legislator claim he is a sincere churchgoer while depriving the elderly of the necessities of life?"

Through his institute on campus, Dr. Rocha hopes to begin alleviating the problems of the aged by raising public consciousness. He seeks the aid of the university community to do so. But so far, he has met with little encouragement: no staff, little space, and little money.

"The SUNY system knew my potential when they asked my to come here. I should hope that the present situation improves; if not, then the administration will be guilty of tokenism."

There are a number of bills currently in the State legislature which would place the Institute's funding directly under the auspices of the legislature. This would hopefully give the Institute more funds than they are getting from the University. However, with current cuts in the state budget, nothing is certain except for the fact that the elderly in this wealthy nation are suffering, and that somebody better helps soon. We'll all be old someday.
Summer Sublet—Four bedroom house for 5 or 6. On busline between Downtown campus and Draper. June 1–Aug. 1. $175/mo. Call 449-3062.

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Staff needed for Fall 1971
International Student Orientation

Continuing students who are interested in serving on the Fall 1971 International Student Orientation Staff are requested to see Mr. Ward, International Student Advisor, CC 329. Both undergraduate and Graduate students are needed. Tentative orientation dates are August 25–28 inclusive.

Classifieds

Summer Sublet: 3 bedrooms—furnished 1 block from Draper. Hall—$145/mo. All utilities included. Call 434-4826.

For rent: 2½ room furnished apt. 10 min. from Draper. Immediate occupancy. (516) 735-7904. Call after 7.

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ABE LASKOVE (YJA)
Director of Joint Distribution Committee in Morocco will speak on Middle Eastern Jewry and United Jewish Appeal efforts in their behalf

THURSDAY APRIL 29th, AT 8PM CC Assembly Hall

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**Baseball: 6-1-1**

This Week: Tuesday at Union; Thursday at Hartwick; Saturday, Binghamton (3)

The Great Danes are off to their finest start in recent baseball history and have a good shot at the school record of 11 victories. The pitching has been superb, with the entire staff permitting just 1.36 earned runs a game. Freshman Kevin Quinn (Westbury) has yet to permit an earned run in two complete games. Senior Rich Doctolite (Albany) is unbeaten in three decisions, while freshman Rod Dunbar (New York) leads the regulars in batting, .335, and the team average of .266 is an impressive improvement over last year's miserable .200.

Lacrosse: 5-2

This Week: Wednesday, Castleton; Saturday, Geneseo (NND game)

Under first-year coach Bob Ford, the stickies already have won two more games than all last spring. They are undefeated (4-0) in the Northern New York Division, with league contests remaining against Genesee and Siena. Larry Smith (Long Beach), a senior standout at the head of the defense threat with 16 goals and 18 assists. Dick Gaslo (Rochester) also has 16 goals. Tom Heiser (Manitus) has done a great job in goal, as opponents have managed just under eight goals a game, as compared with 11.3 a year ago.

**Track: 6-0**

This Week: Wednesday, Marist; Saturday at Stony Brook with Binghampton

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At the present time, personal statistics indicate exactly how dominating the team has been over its opponents. The top-ranked player on the team, senior Ken Fishman, has remained undefeated through six matches. Ted Rosenberg has won his last two matches and is 4-2 at this point. Eric Carlson and Chris Burke are both 6-1. Harold Furett and John Buffone, at present at 4-2.

If such a performance continues, the chance of receiving a post-season bid to the NCAA tournament will be greatly improved. However, the team will probably have its toughest matches of the season coming up this week against Hartwick today in an away match and at home Friday against Oneonta at 3:30 p.m.

**Dane Netters, 5-1, Fishman Undelected**

dick Sexton

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**Sports Shorts**

All men interested in playing Club Football next year should attend a meeting next Wednesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. in the Main Gym.

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All men and women interested in being a Football Club next year, get the hell into the Campus Center and vote.

**Applications for manager of the Used Book Sale**

Applications for manager of the Used Book Sale will be available at the CC Information Desk. More than one manager will be hired. Experience or business background is preferred. Applications must be submitted no later than April 28th to the Info Desk. Any questions, call Dan Bons at 457-6764.
Attention May Graduates

COMMENCEMENT 1971

Inclement Weather Plan

In the event of rain, commencement will be moved from the Campus Center Mall to the educational radio stations will announce the commencement of the rain plan that morning.

If the rain plan is implemented, graduates will report to the Gym at 1 PM and don academic regalia in the men’s locker room. They will proceed to the Academic Podium in the Gym, and the official graduation ceremony will take place. Each graduate will then go to the appropriate classroom to receive their diplomas. After the ceremony, graduates will go to their designated areas to wait for their tickets to be distributed. Each graduate will receive two tickets for the indoor ceremony. Because seating in the Gym is limited, tickets admitting guests will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis. After the ceremony, shuttle buses will be available to transport graduates and guests from the Gym to the appropriate areas.

The Commencement Committee and the President regret that there is no declared space available at the University that will seat all the graduates of any particular grade. We regret that we may not provide adequate facilities for all to view the ceremony.

On Commencement Day, the CC Information Desk, the University Switchboard, and the Academic Podium will be available. These ticket holders will participate in the academic procession if the ceremony is held indoors.

Each graduate and degree candidate will receive two guest tickets for the indoor ceremony. Because seating in the Gym is limited, tickets admitting guests to that area will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis. After the Gym tickets are depleted, guest tickets for closed-circuit television coverage on the Academic Podium will be available. These tickets will enable guests to view the Commencement ceremony in the Academic Podium. The TV area will be equipped with large-screen rear projection television units to provide the best possible viewing.

The Commencement Committee and the President regret that there is no declared space available at the University that will seat all the graduates of any particular grade. We regret that we may not provide adequate facilities for all to view the ceremony.

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Wednesday, April 28th 7:30 pm in CC 334
The American Dreamer

by Tom Quigley

On Tuesday April 20th, I attended a press screening of the new L.M. Kit Carson film, The American Dreamer. Carson's work on the film resulted in a directorial debut for Dennis Hopper, who was co-producer and Director of Photography for Woodstock. Carson has also written for major magazines including the Evergreen Review and Interview. In 1967, he wrote and starred in his first feature length film, David Holman's Diary. His film, directed by Jim McBride and photographed by Michael Wadleigh, is an experimental production which brought together two of his passions for cinema and football. Carson's work with film as an editor for photo-journalism cinema verite' and structured film, The American Dreamer is by no means a thoughtless, undergraduate Wankel, but rather it is so completely structured as to be calculated commercial effort. One thing however is sure: Dennis Hopper plays himself. He may be a confused pastiche of devil and mythological hero but to an entire new generation of filmmakers, he is an important paragon in the future of American Cinema.

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Carson, a native of Dallas, began working with film as an editor for Robert Frank when he returned from Europe. During his time as供货商 Director of Photography for Woodstock, Carson also wrote for major magazines including the Evergreen Review and Interview. In 1967, he wrote and starred in his first feature length film, David Holman's Diary. Directed by Jim McBride and photographed by Michael Wadleigh, this film brought together two of his passions for cinema and football. Carson's work with film as an editor for photo-journalism cinema verite' and structured film, The American Dreamer is by no means a thoughtless, undergraduate Wankel, but rather it is so completely structured as to be calculated commercial effort. One thing however is sure: Dennis Hopper plays himself. He may be a confused pastiche of devil and mythological hero but to an entire new generation of filmmakers, he is an important paragon in the future of American Cinema.

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The technical aspects of the film are superb. Schiller's direction and editing with Warner Loithion shows casual but never sloppy structuring, a related but constantly moving pace and the same unique visual composition that Schiller has retained from his photo-journalistic period. Carson's outline script, also co-authored by Hopper and Schiller, is an exhibition by the most prettily organized piece of writing. Chuck Levy's beautiful cinematography makes excellent and unexaggerated use of hand held cameras and the frequently abused zoom lens. Charles Peck's sound, however, is the triumph of the tech crew's work. Everything that is said can be easily heard and the use of incidental hard rock and folk music as a narrative device is fantastic.

Those who despised Dennis Hopper and his work before this film will probably call it a narsisitic glorification of Hopper. Those who have made a figure of unreasoning hero worship out of the man will not doubt find more reason, in this movie, for his canonization despite his unsaicty talk. Those, however, who are genuinely interested and enthusuastic moviegoers (and who are the audience for which this film is searching) will gain a new understanding of the nature of a man who is as naive as he is knowledgeable, as he is wise, violent as he is peaceful.

All The American Dreamer does is catch an importantSlimmer and an unpredictable human being in the act of living.

Theater Notes

The State University Theatre will offer two one-act plays as the final event of its 1970-71 season at the University Performing Arts Center April 25 through May 2, 1971.

Dr. Jacka Burtan will direct Bertolt Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle in the Lab II Theatre at the State University of New York at Binghampton, as SUNYA's entry in the 1970-71 National Alliance of Community Theatres. The play has been mounted in a critical "epic theatre" style by Joseph Balfour with Eugene Ionesco's The Bald Soprano in the Lab I Theatre at SUNYA. The Bald Soprano play will follow the performance of the American Dreamer at the Theatre Festival. The Bald Soprano performances.

Tickets will be on sale for both plays at the Performing Arts Center Box Office. The phone number is 457-8606. Prices are: $1.00 for SUNYA students with tax cards, and admission for the public is $2.00.

Experimental Theatre is sponsoring The Indian Wants the Braza on Saturday night, in the Arena Theatre at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Be sure also to present twice on campus in the Lab 2 Theatre of the PCC on May 5 and 6 at 8:00. Admission is free. The play, by Terrence [M]aguire, features Mort Haas and Toni Guralsky. The audience is then invited to SUNY at Binghampton, as SUNYA's entry in the New York State University Theatre Festival.

The 1970-1971 Agnes E. Folsom lecture, Mr. John B. Fernald, one of England's leading directors of Chekhov will present An Afternoon with Chekhov on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Part I of the program will be readings from "Reminiscences of Chekhov," written by Maxim Gorky and Olga Kolper (Mme. Chekhov), and from Chekhov's letters to his brother Alexander. Part II will be the presentation of the one-act face "A Marriage Proposal!"

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Weekend Wrap-Up

by Stephen Aminoff

A great, big, beautiful Spring Weekend is behind us now, and it seems appropriate to reflect on some of the more memorable moments. I found myself wondering if I had been one of the enlightenment experiences I've had at this university and if I would do it all over again on my third day. That, I think, is what people would be saying if I were to actually be a part of the experience. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 22-24, and we walked the reader through with them.

"Chilly weather... Yeah, I sort of expected it. I knew. Look... Do you think they can actually call off the Alex Taylor gig tonight... Yeah, I know what happened with Paxton... I'd be so pissed... It's for the most part it is most

I think I've come to understand

I woke up late Saturday morning to the tune of the typically down-at-the-heels Upstate Abortion with minimum cost and delay.

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by Eric Graeber

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