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Cuomo makes education priority in '85 budget

No tuition, dorm hikes; SUNYA to get fieldhouse

By Pam Schusterman
STAFF WRITER

If Mario Cuomo made a New Year's resolution to help four year college students in New York, he certainly managed to fulfill it when he announced his 1985 budget proposal.

The \$38.4 billion budget, which now has to be passed by the state legislature, calls for no SUNY tuition or room cost increases, and grants the preliminary funds for the planning of a SUNYA fieldhouse.

According to Thomas Guiley, Principal Budget Examiner, "One million dollars was allocated and if the proposed budget goes through planning will commence" on the Fieldhouse.

The project could be finished within two years. "The planning process takes about one year," he said, "and construction also takes about that long."

\$500,000 was allocated for a SUNYA "bubble" which would serve as a temporary fieldhouse until the actual structure is ready. "This construction should be finished by the beginning of summer and will be dismantled when fieldhouse construction begins," Guiley said, adding that the "bubble" would then be moved to a campus that has no plans for a fieldhouse.

Additionally, \$10 million dollars has been proposed to fund dormitory projects on three SUNY campuses — Albany, Stony Brook, and Purchase. "The exact

splitting of the money will be left to the Board of Trustees but they stated that the money is enough for only two out of the three campuses."

SUNYA Vice President for University Affairs Lewis Welch said that no decision was likely as to which campus will receive additional housing until after the legislature passes the budget proposal.

He also stated that the proposed fieldhouse, which would be paid for through State University Construction Fund bonds, would probably contain a multi-purpose arena, handball courts, and a one-tenth mile track as well as shower and locker room facilities.

According to Sue Wray, president of the Student Association of the State University of New York (SASU), the budget proposal is great for traditional college students. "Governor Cuomo has shown that education is top priority in his budget," she said.

Students have shown themselves to be a formidable opponent, a force that must be contended with, and Cuomo has responded with a favorable budget, Wray said.

However, the proposal is not entirely good news, Wray said, explaining that community college students, foreign students, and graduate students all lost ground in the budget.

"Community colleges were hurt the most, there was no increase in the budget



SASU President Sue Wray

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for them at all," Wray said. She added that the funding mechanism for two year colleges is different from four year schools, and that if there is no base aid increase, either tuition or county government support must be raised.

Also affecting community college students, said Evaline MacDougall, SASU's Communications Director, is the

lack of funding for child care programs.

Child care programs for four year colleges were also cut by one-third in the budget proposal, but Welch said the reduction would not affect SUNYA's Pierce Hall Day Care Center because the center is self-sufficient.

The cutback does, however, reduce the

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SUNY autonomy termed crucial for excellence

By Bette Dzamba
STAFF WRITER

Widespread attention has been focused on the SUNY system these past few weeks with the release of a report by the Independent Commission on the Future of SUNY, and the coverage may be only the first step in a process leading to sweeping changes in

New York's public higher education system.

"A fundamental change in SUNY's structure is required to allow the university to carry out the functions for which it was created," the report states.

After a year of study the commission found that overregulation of SUNY has inhibited its

development. The Commission's report, "The State University of New York: The Challenge and the Chance," published January 16th, calls SUNY "the most over-regulated university in the nation."

The report says "In light of this commission's major findings, New York's promise that SUNY

will provide a truly equal opportunity for education in the public sector must today be judged unfulfilled."

The report concludes, "There is a clear choice before New York: the state can decide that New York is not going to get a public university of high quality or it can change the rules."

The Commission suggests that the new rules include changing the management of SUNY from a state agency to a "public benefit corporation." According to the report, "We have explored other alternatives but believe that the form of the public benefit corporation provides the most feasible way to give SUNY's Board of Trustees, chancellor, and state-operated campuses the responsibility and authority that a University requires and that their counterparts in other states possess."

Public benefit corporations (PBC) have been created in the past to perform particular services in the public interest. The Thruway Authority and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are both PBC's.

A memo distributed at the January meeting of the SUNY Board of Trustees stated that there were 104 public authorities created by statute in New York State.

SUNY would, however, be able to better recruit talented faculty and administrators, plan for the future, maximize resources, and develop research potential as an independent corporation, the

commission's report says.

SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary said "The idea of a Public Benefit Corporation is not to escape accountability, we have to be accountable for our actions. I hope there will be a means whereby SUNY can be held accountable in a more efficient and flexible way. This will be better for SUNY, the state, and the students."

In addition to changing the type of control, the state exercises over SUNY, the report made other recommendations for strengthening SUNY's contribution to the state. These include "recruitment of outstanding faculty members who can themselves attract other faculty members and top students...enhanced nationwide student recruiting efforts and the improvement and modernization of facilities."

The report also encourages the recruitment of minority high school students and efforts to interest undergraduate minority students in graduate studies. A need to "strengthen the functions of research and graduate and professional education" was also cited.

In a memo titled, "Initial Reaction from the University at Albany," O'Leary said "We pledge that Albany will continue to emphasize its premiere undergraduate experience and to foster graduate programs in selected fields promising national eminence, such as atmospheric sciences, creative writing, and public policy studies." □

Survey reveals 1,100 illegal student dwellers

By Jacqueline Clark
STAFF WRITER

The results of a November off-campus housing survey point to an estimated 1,100 SUNYA students "living illegally and in violation of the Grouper Law," according to Director of Off-Campus Housing Karleen Karlson.

Karlson said the survey was conducted to obtain an accurate estimate of SUNYA students living in violation of the city-wide law. The survey also suggested possible housing options and made an attempt to understand present student living conditions.

Of the 465 students polled, approximately 33 percent are living in apartments with three or more students, Karlson said.

These figures, balanced against the actual number of students with local addresses in the Albany area, gives the university the 1,100 student estimate, said Karlson, which is "equivalent to one quad."

Both Karlson and Vice President of Student Affairs, Frank Pogue, said that the University will be using the results to get an accurate picture of the housing problem in order to make plans for the future.

"The survey will help us get an accurate focus on the numbers of students who live off-campus, where they live and whether or not, given the opportunity, they would live on-campus," said Pogue, "especially given the fact that the Grouper



Director of OCH Karleen Karlson

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1100 Students are in violation of the Grouper Law

Law could be enforced in the fall." Pogue said that presently the university could not accommodate an additional 1000 students since dorms are currently operating at 103 percent capacity.

Pogue pointed out that an accurate assessment of the data would have to be made before the University can judge the student's needs.

"Our concern is that (in the future) we don't

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NEWS BRIEFS

Worldwide

Chernenko ill

London (AP) Two British newspapers are reporting that Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko is so ill he may become the first Kremlin leader to voluntarily relinquish power.

In Moscow, however, there has been no indication of any impending change. Monday's edition of the Communist Party daily newspaper Pravda carried on its front page the long text of Chernenko's foreword to a new French-language book of his speeches and writings. The foreword was written in November.

The Sunday Times in London quoted "unofficial reports" as saying Chernenko, who has not been seen in public since Dec. 27, is in an intensive care ward in a hospital, and the ruling Politburo has already approved a plan to replace him with Mikhail S. Gorbachev, 53, widely believed to rank second in the Kremlin hierarchy.

Another newspaper, The Express, said Chernenko, "has become so ill he may be forced to resign." Neither newspaper gave its sources or indicated how it obtained the information.

Military budget cut

Washington (AP) Sen. Barry Goldwater, an old ally of President Reagan in the battle to reduce federal deficits, is joining forces with the President to stave off major cuts in military spending.

In broadcast interviews over the weekend, both the president and the Arizona Republican, who is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, drew the line at substantial Pentagon reductions.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has agreed to trim \$8.7 billion as the military share of the \$50 billion in spending cuts the president says he will propose to Congress a week from Monday.

OPEC to cut prices

Geneva, Switzerland (AP) A majority of OPEC oil ministers have informally endorsed a cut in the cartel's \$29-a-barrel base price, sources say. But dissenters led by Iran and Algeria could thwart any formal agreement at Monday's emergency meeting.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries called the meeting as part of its efforts to prevent prices from collapsing under the pressure of diminished oil demand, especially by the United States and Western Europe, and aggressive competition from Britain and other non-OPEC petroleum producers.

On the open market, where the cartel has no control, oil is selling for at least \$1 a barrel less than the official price for OPEC contract buyers.

Sources, speaking on condition they not be identified, said Sunday that a majority of the 13 cartel members had acknowledged the need to cut prices, possibly by \$2.50 a barrel or more, to restore order and discipline to the pricing system.

Nationwide

Class kiss passes pox

Corvallis, Ore. (AP) Oregon State University students

may have acted rashly when they swapped smooches in the ever-popular theater class on the art of stage kissing: One of them had chicken pox.

At Thursday's class, assistant speech professor Charlotte Headrick delivered the always popular lecture on how not to bump noses or upstage a partner in a stage kiss.

Then she passed out peppermints and assigned the 26 class members to kiss at least five other class members.

"It was a real high-energy class," Ms. Headrick said after posting a "chicken pox alert" on the theater bulletin board the next day. Ms. Headrick said she got word Friday that a male member of the class had come down with the disease and gone home to recover. He couldn't be reached for comment.

Shuttles scheduled

Cape Canaveral, Fla. (AP) Four more shuttle flights can proceed as scheduled this year after the success of Discovery's secrecy-cloaked military mission in lifting a spy satellite into orbit with a once-troubled booster, space officials said.

The mysterious mission ended Sunday afternoon with a perfect landing just three miles from the launch pad where the flight began Thursday.

Left behind in orbit 22,300 miles above the equator, south of the Soviet Union, was a \$300 million satellite source say is capable of monitoring Soviet missile tests and eavesdropping on selected military and diplomatic communications in much of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Statewide

Subway thefts decline

New York (AP) The number of subway holdups dropped from 145 a week in the weeks before Bernard Goetz allegedly shot four youths to 83 the week after, but officials disagree over whether the events are related.

Transit Police Chief James Meehan said he doubted that the Dec. 22 shootings that led to Goetz' indictment Friday on weapons violations caused the drop in robberies because subway crime overall remained about the same.

Robert Panzarella, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said the decline indicated the shootings may have discouraged muggers.

William McKachnie, who heads the transit police officers' union, attributed the decline to a sweep of the most crime-ridden stations during the past month.

Struggle continues

New York (AP) The National Urban League, established in 1910 to aid southern black farmers migrating to northern cities, has marked its 75th anniversary with a vow to continue its "righteous fight."

"We - and the black people we serve - have emerged from the wilderness of racism to the mountaintops of hope," said league President John E. Jacob. "Today we seek to enter the green valleys of complete equality and justice."

The league, originally known as the Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, was founded in New York by Ruth Standish Baldwin, the widow of a railroad tycoon, and George Edmunds Haynes, the first black to receive his doctorate from Columbia University and the group's first executive secretary.



ART AGAINST APARTHEID — Central High School art teacher Jeanette Walsh (bottom) and pupil Margot Downs are shown hanging up one of about 30 projects created by high school students as part of a class project against the racist government in South Africa. The posters and sculptures are on display at SUNYA in BA 118 through February 20.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free listings

Save the Rat Night will be held Thursday, January 31 at 8:00 p.m. in the Rat, sponsored by Student Association and University Auxiliary Services.

Jose Limon Dance Company will perform Friday, February 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. For ticket reservations call 457-8606.

Colonial Quad Board presents a Friday Night Live party with Storm Warning, featuring the Booze Brothers Friday, February 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the CC Ballroom.

Tickets on sale in Campus Center.
JSC Hillel bowling will be held Wednesday, January 30 at 8:15 p.m. For more information call 457-7508.

JSC Hillel will hold a Shabbos Dinner Friday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 457-7508.

Kevin McKrell and Friends will perform at Pauly's Hotel Thursday, January 31. For more information call 465-7423.

Four graduate assistantships and one fellowship abroad are available from the

Office of International Programs. For information and applications call 457-8678.

A Physics Department Colloquium on ion beam mixing will be held Friday, February 1, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 129.

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held Tuesday, February 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the State Quad Flagroom. For more information call 462-7461.

Orientation Offices announces student leader and office assistant positions for 2 months this summer. Ap-

plications are available in AD 129. For more information call 457-4932.

Biology majors can see Dr. Ricki Lewis, the new career counselor for the Biology department, Thursdays in room 237. For more information call 457-8559.

Local students can participate in friendship and cultural exchange programs to London or France. For more information call 216-238-3711.

The Second Annual Conference on Critical Black issues will be held February

2 at the New York State Museum Auditorium on Madison Avenue. For more information call Vilay Macwan at 445-1764.

PI Sigma Epsilon will have an interest meeting Sunday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in HU 137.

Six bands will compete for a recording contract in Rock-N-Roll Warfare on Saturday, February 2, in the Campus Center Ballroom. Advance tickets are on sale at Drome Sound and in the Campus Center.

Theft of finals forces Business School retests

By Beth Finneran
STAFF WRITER

While final exams were over for most students in December, those who were enrolled in MSI 215, ACC 211, or ACC 222 last semester received the unpleasant news in January that their exams had been stolen during finals week and were therefore invalidated, reported Tom Anderson, Director of Admissions and Fiscal Affairs of the business school.

Anderson said he did not feel it was appropriate to discuss how the exams were stolen since it would risk the security of future exams.

According to Harry Hamilton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and dean of undergraduate studies, it is not known who stole the exams.

Anderson added that a committee consisting of staff, faculty and students had met in December to decide what action should be taken.

The committee recommended that students in the MSI 215 and ACC 222 classes that had taken stolen exams were to be given the option to retake the exam on registration day or to have all their previous grades used to decide their final grade. The MSI exam could also be taken on January 28.

Students were informed by mail of the stolen exams and the grading options, approximately a week before classes resumed.

Professor Harold Cannon who teaches ACC 211 said he had to revise his final exam since the theft was discovered before the exam day, and according

to Anderson, there is no reason to believe the revised exam had been compromised.

"It's a disappointing comment on some of the students," Anderson said, adding that they were not likely to be members of the business school because the courses were only on the 200 level.

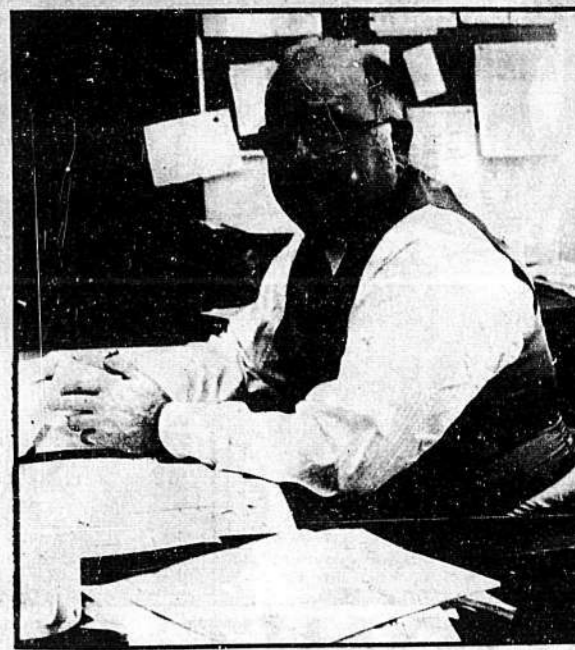
According to Hamilton, "It's an awful example of a problem that we know exists here." Anderson stated that the school of business has always felt it critical to provide security regarding exams and that they are reassessing procedures and will alter those procedures if necessary.

Hamilton reported that the University is staging a three-pronged attack on cheating by educating students about the more subtle forms of violating academic integrity, better administration of exams, and imposing penalties when cheating is detected.

The education process, according to Hamilton, will include a statement in the middle of the semester as well as discussions during orientations. Better administration of exams will include everything from constructing the exam, running it off, administering it, and all phases in between, he said. The imposing of penalties will encourage faculty to take action when cheating is detected either by lowering a grade or requesting intervention by the University, which can include judicial hearings and expulsion, Hamilton said.

"Students want us to clean up the act and faculty are starting to do it," he added.

Alice Corbin, director of Judicial Affairs, said



Professor Harold Cannon
ACC 211 final exam had to be revised last semester

Lesbian and Gay Center targeting homophobes

By Michelle Bushor
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The battle against homophobia (fear of homosexuals) has been joined by a new organization at the university, the Lesbian and Gay Center, funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Chicago Research Center.

The Center's "main push," according to its coordinator, Cris Mayo, "is to educate both gays and lesbians as well as heterosexuals about each other, in order to promote better understanding. There is a lot of anti-gay and lesbian sentiment around," said Mayo.

Middle Earth Director David Jenkins said he thinks the center "can serve as reinforcement to bolster up and help existing services."

The center will be looking into available counseling, health programs and academic departments at SUNYA to see how

homosexuality is dealt with in class content and other ways, he said.

"We'll be looking at the University and it's educational mission," said Jenkins, "in an attempt to see that neglect of information is dealt with and additional resources are provided."

"The center does not have counseling," said Mayo, "we can refer people to Middle Earth or other counselors," she said adding, "The center is putting together an informal one-on-one support group with a peer rather than a professional."

"When a gay or lesbian is 'coming out' or adjusting to their lifestyle they need someone to talk to. The center can provide a group of students, not counselors, who are trained in listening skills for these people," said Jenkins. "There are also people on Middle Earth staff that can work with gays

and lesbians," said Jenkins.

The center is located in Middle Earth, but is funded separately. Mayo described the \$5,000 grant as "one year seed money to get the center started."

According to Lesbian and Gay Center Board Member and member of Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA), Jim Glenn, the Chicago grant "is a one term thing. It's nonrenewable," he said, "but once you have a successful grant you have evidence to present in future proposals."

At present Mayo said they hope to keep the center operating through grants.

Glenn said the center will help GALA's work a great deal. "In the past efforts by GALA have been piecemeal and sporadic sporadic," said Glenn, "the existence of the center will help in this respect — and already has, by forming committees and

working in departments.

"Right now the center is helping GALA update its speakers bureau and enlarging the list of available speakers on homosexuality. They are also collecting a list of people to recommend in counseling positions," said Glenn. "This is the work that will be noticed first." Mayo said she is "dealing with sensitive issues, said Jenkins, "and when you do big public events some people get upset. We don't want to undermine our effectiveness by upsetting people."

The center plans to sponsor films and speakers on homosexual issues and encourage attendance by everyone, said Mayo. "The problem with any group that's trying to get civil rights is making those who aren't discriminated to listen to their (the oppressed) needs," said Mayo. □

RA selection process to encompass minorities

By Ilene Weinstein
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The staff of SUNYA's Department of Residential Life hasn't always exhibited the diversity which marks the school's student body - but several staff members have decided a change is needed, and the sooner the better.

"Minorities sometimes get the feeling that they are not really wanted," said Colonial Quad Assistant Residence Director Doug Holt, explaining that few minorities have applied each year to fill Residential Life staff positions.

In an effort to boost recruitment of minorities to fill Residential Life Assistant (RA) positions, Holt said he solicited help from Director of Residential Life John Martone and minority staff members.

The outcome of their efforts was an informational forum held in November for minorities interested in applying for RA positions. According to Holt, representatives from Residential Life, the Office of Financial Aid, and Affirmative Action discussed aspects of the application process and what "Residential Life is looking for" in an RA.

Holt, who was discouraged by the small turnout, hoped that November's meeting and another meeting held this Monday would increase the number of applications from minorities.

Applications for RA positions are due

this Friday.

Residential Life staff members also have sought help from Campus Administrators in the Division of Student Affairs, Student Association, and the Educational Opportunities Program to encourage minority students interested in applying for RA positions, explained Martone.

Martone said he sought advice from Director of Minority Student Services

Carl Martin on improving minority recruitment. Martin suggested that Residential Life minority staff members contact interested students and a review of the RA interview process.

"We want a well-rounded staff that reflects (SUNYA's) diverse student population," explained Martone. Students must "feel comfortable going to the RA's," he said, adding that it's easier

when RA's share common backgrounds with the student body.

Residential Life's professional staff would also include more women and minorities, said Martone who added that past budget freezes have made an increase in hiring impossible.

The Office of Residential Life currently has three full-time minority staff members and one part-time staff member.

Financial Aid problems may have prevented an increase in minority applicants, explained Holt. "Students think that if they become RA's, they will lose money for their education," he said.

According to Financial Aid Director Donald Whitlock, who spoke during November's Forum, this is a popular misconception among students.

"Assistantships (such as RA positions) are considered financial aid and this reduces aid that can be provided by institutions," said Whitlock.

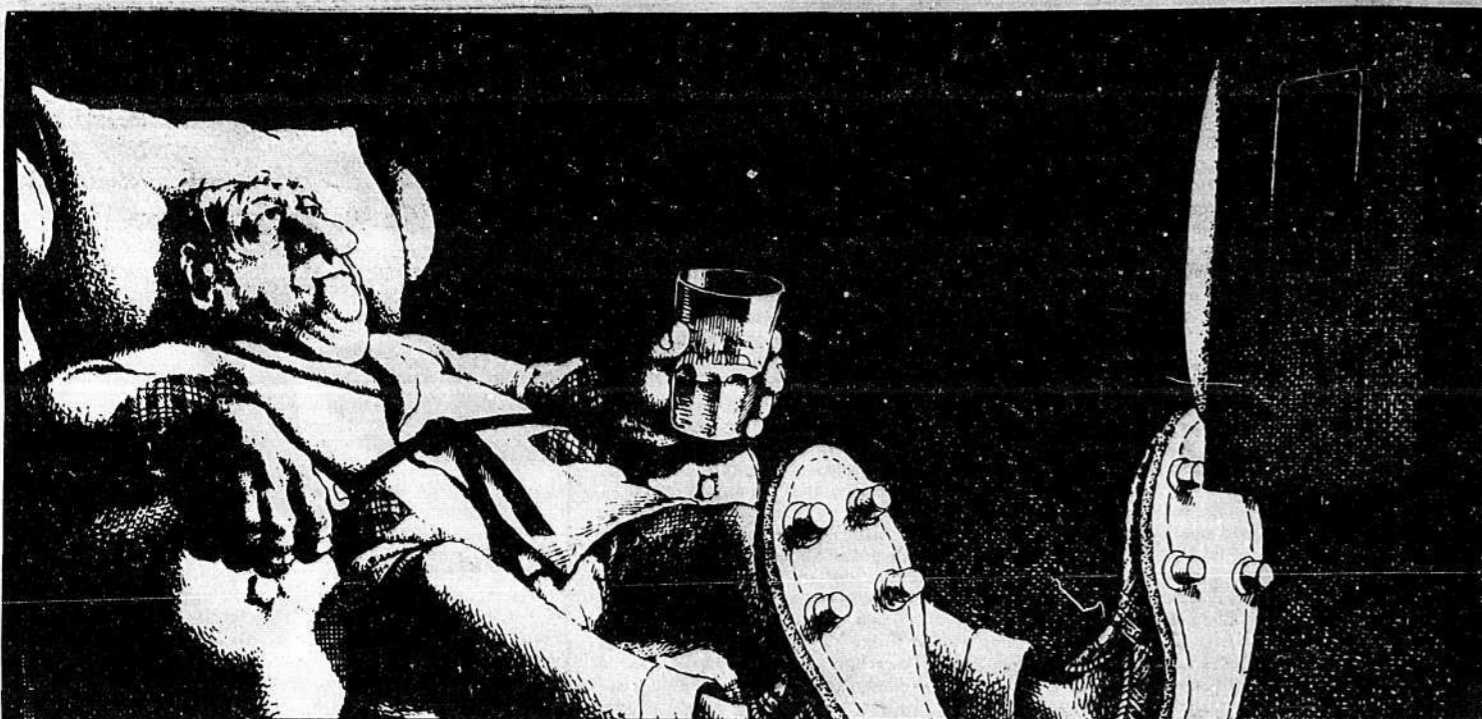
But, while "students might lose a little grant money, they are not really losing anything because that money very often would have gone to pay for room and board anyway," said Whitlock.

"I have a really strong feeling about student employment," said Whitlock, who explained that many student's involved in workstudy programs at SUNYA have returned to work full-time for the university's administration. □

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—Donald Whitlock





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Thursday's 'Save-the-Rat' Nite intended to attract students and revive popularity

At 11:00 last Saturday night, while students were packing themselves into downtown bars, the Rathskellar, SUNYA's on-campus pub, hadn't drawn more than 30 students all evening and planned to close in half an hour. This actually wasn't an unusual turnout according to a waitress there who reported that one Saturday night last semester she took home only 35 cents in tips.

The Rathskellar, which has been suffering declining sales for about two years now, offers a variety of beers on tap, has a 6-foot TV screen, and is conveniently located on campus. So what does downtown offer that the Rat doesn't have? "People," asserts Sydney Gilbert, a waitress in the Rat.

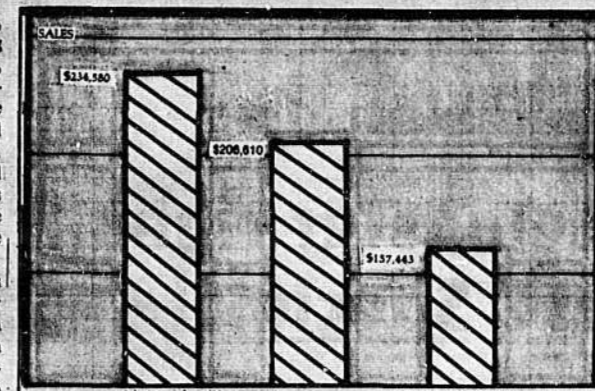
"It's like a cycle," explained Brian Westervelt, a bouncer in the Rat, "if everyone's going to the Rat then it will become the place to go."

That's exactly what University Auxiliary Services, which runs the Rat, hopes to accomplish this Thursday night, at Save-the-Rat Nite, which runs from 7:00 p.m. til closing at 12:30.

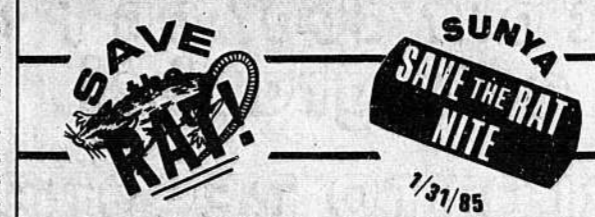
They'll be giving out T-shirts, hats, and pins while beer, hot dogs, and chicken wings will be sold at reduced prices.

Eric Holzberg and Ross Abelow, both student members of the UAS board of directors, came up with the idea of holding a save-the-Rat night, and have sent letters out to Student Association group leaders urging them to come to Save-the-Rat Nite and consider holding a group event there.

In the past, the Rat has been a major student hangout. But, according to UAS General Manager E. Norbert Zahn, the 19-year-old drinking age combined with a stricter enforcement of drunk



Because of declining sales (as indicated in graph, above), UAS has launched a campaign to "Save the Rat," which will culminate in Save the Rat Nite this Thursday.



driving laws has cost the Rat a lot of its business.

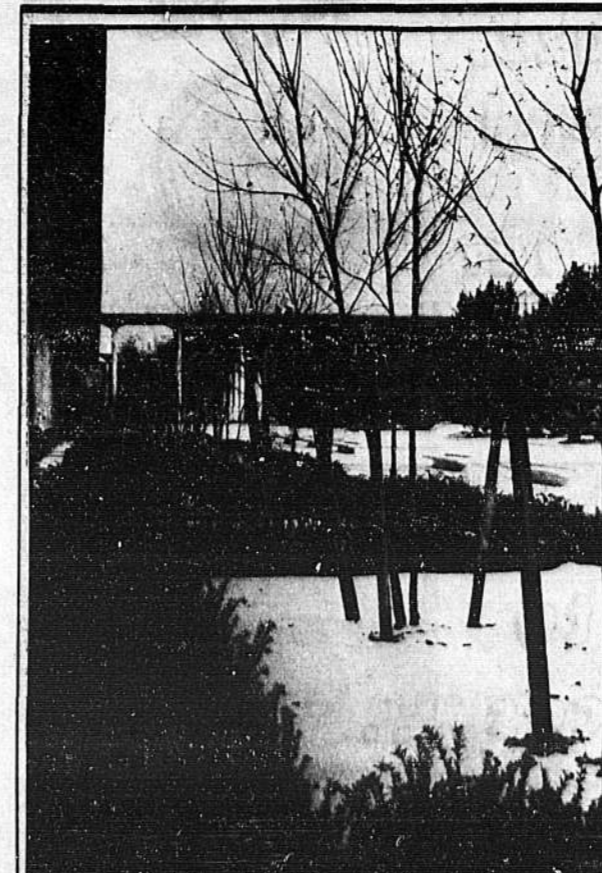
In the fiscal year beginning July 1981 and ending July '82 the Rat took in \$234,000 in sales. The following year, during which the drinking age went up to 19, sales declined to \$206,610. In the next year, sales dropped to \$137,443.

After the drinking age went up, several steps were taken, in an effort to bring in increased sales, said Rathskellar manager Jay McClure. Non-alcoholic beer was served at a reduced price and a designated driver program, offering free soda all night to anyone who has to drive home and agrees not to drink any alcoholic beverages was instituted, McClure added.

Several local bands were also hired. In addition, McClure said, different drinks were "put on special." This however, met with little success because university guidelines prohibit the Rat from promoting alcohol.

Students hanging out in the Rat say the 19-year-old drinking age is only part of the reason for declining sales. "There's too many other options," explained Amy Danz. Also, she said, the Rat lacks the atmosphere of other bars.

"The band's too loud and no one's here to listen to it," asserted Christine Danigillis, adding, "The people make the bar more than anything else."



Renovation nears finish

The roofs have been reroofed, the dirt and shrubbery replaced, and new trees have been planted. Yet the podium remains in a state of disrepair. Sections continue to be roped-off and pieces of plywood dot the floor.

According to Dennis Stevens, Assistant Vice President for Facilities, the delay has been caused by the failure to acquire the proper drains for replacement. The company, from which the drains have been requested is apparently some 10 months behind on their orders, although delivery is expected soon, he said.

After the components have been received and installed, concrete will be poured and the project will be complete. Unfortunately, to attain proper setting of the concrete the temperature must remain between 30 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit until the concrete has hardened. Stevens said he anticipates completion by late February or March.

The entire podium project, which was originally to be completed by September 1984, is now scheduled for completion in March 1985.

The project has now cost the University \$80,000 more than the initial projection of \$200,000 Stevens said.

— J.C. Hayden

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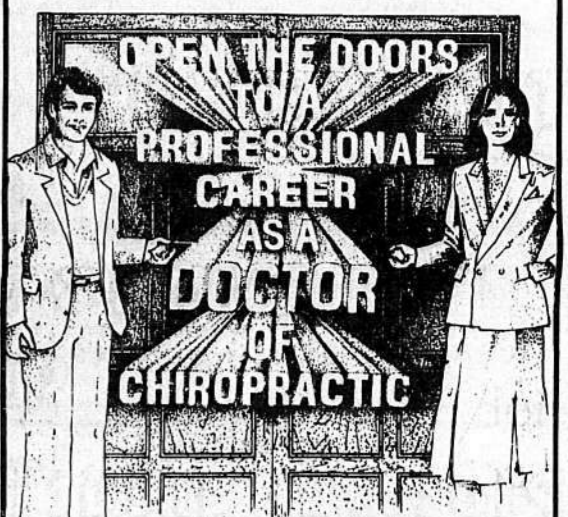


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TIMOTHY HUTTON (right) is Jimmy Lynch and ROBERT URICH (center) is his big brother Terry in this rousing adventure drama.



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Joining Hutton in this exciting urban adventure are Robert Urich, Kim Cattrall, Robert Culp, Darren McGavin and Peter Boyle.

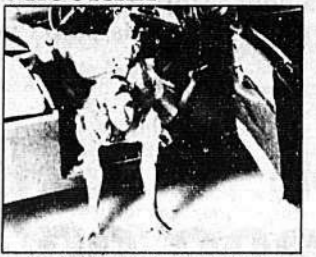
FEBRUARY MEANS "MISCHIEF" FOR MOVIEGOERS

Doug McKeon is burning up—he's getting dangerously close to college without hitting a "home run" with any girl, much less Kelly Preston, the cutest one in the class. Let's face it—it's the 1950's, and Doug would settle for a "single". That is, until big city buddy (and screen newcomer) Chris Nash arrives at school and bets that he can help Doug hit a grand slam.

A winning cast

The cast of "Mischief" is particularly hip. Doug McKeon is best known as the "suck-face" kid in "On Golden Pond". Kelly Preston, soon to be seen in the upcoming "Secret Admirer", played the luscious damsel in distress in "Metal Storm". Catherine Mary Stewart, who plays Chris Nash's girlfriend, was a smash hit as the lead in both "Night of the Comet" and "The Last Starfighter".

"Please, Marilyn—it's been 18 years!"



Boy & girl in search of a contact lens.

Major league mischief

Together, Doug, Kelly, Chris and Catherine stir up more rowdy "mischief" than little Nelsonville, Ohio can take in one year. We're talking major league tomfoolery here: motorcycles on sidewalks, cars on fire hydrants, parents on the war-path, romance on the sly. In short, all the things that make life worth living before college.

The cars may have changed, but the action in the back seat has not!

In Memorium

Ed Kelly, 21

It would be impossible to honor Ed Kelly, age 21, of Deer Park, Long Island in only a few words. On Thursday, January 24, 1985, he suffered a fatal cerebral hemorrhage. A business major, lacrosse and rugby player, Ed will always be remembered by his classmates, teammates, and many friends as someone who truly knew how to enjoy life. He brought much fun and happiness to everyone he touched.



News Updates

I'll have a beer...

Student Association President Rich Schaffer and Vice President Suzy Auletta make a great team working on student issues by day and working as bartenders in the Irish Pub by night.

According to Irish Pub manager Dan Mahar, Auletta started bartending at the beginning of the fall semester. "She's great," he said, "she's always on top of things."

The Pub started getting "More business than one bartender could handle about a month after Suzy started," said Mahar and when Suzy asked if Rich could help her out, he agreed, commenting that, "There was no one else I could have hired who could be as compatible working with Suzy as Rich."

The survey, which was compiled by researchers Randall Chapman and Rex Jackson, was based on a sampling of 1183 top SAT scorers. It found that 6 out of every 10 of the students chose to attend the top college on their list, regardless of aid. Of the remaining 39 percent, half cited money as a reason for enrolling at a college that wasn't their first choice.

Contest offers cash

A student essay contest offering \$2000 in cash awards is being sponsored by The National Council for Black Studies 9th Annual Conference. The Conference theme is "Academic Excellence and Social Responsibility Thirty Years after the Brown Decision."

The contest is divided into categories for undergraduates and graduates, each with an essay and creative writing contest. There is an award of \$500 for the winner of each category.

Contestants are free to focus in on the conference theme, or they can examine any issue pertaining to Black Studies. Winners will be asked to present their entries at this year's conference at Cornell University. The deadline to submit an entry is February 5, 1985. For more information, contact Dr. Vivian V. Gordon, Department of African and Afro-American studies.

Trailguide published

A trail guide to 600 acres of Pine Bush Reserve, a region between Albany and Schenectady which is home to many rare and endangered plants and animals, has been published by the city of Albany.

The guide contains three maps, a key to many sites and vistas in the region and a brief history of the Pine Bush Region.

The trail guide may be purchased for one dollar in local bookstores or at the city clerk's office at city hall.

Chairman appointed

The Physics Department appointed Nelson Cue as its new chairman. Cue, of South Colonie, replaces Walter M. Gibson who is now Director of the Center for Research and Development on campus.

Cue taught at State University of New York at Stony Brook prior to his appointment at SUNYA and holds a P.h.D. in physics from the University of Washington.

Cue is interested in many research areas including nuclear, atomic, molecular and solid state physics.

Aid plays minor role

A recent survey of top high school students indicates that offers of Financial Aid from colleges to prospective students don't play a major part in the students' actual decision. Most high school students pay little attention to aid when they choose their college, the survey concluded.

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NYPIRG panel provides quick lobbying lesson

By James O'Sullivan
NEWS EDITOR

While most college students were enjoying the luxury of intercession break, about 100 students were in Albany January 11 and 12 at the 1985 NYPIRG Legislative Conference learning about state government and discussing lobbying tactics.

Executive Director of the Environmental Planning Lobby Judy Enck told the group at a panel discussion Saturday how her organization works to get legislation passed.

She stressed the importance of coalition building and working with sympathetic legislators closely and also holding media events

to help reach out for grass roots support. Widespread community support, Enck said, can be more important than actual lobbying.

Coalitions can help develop grass roots support, as well as get a piece of legislation more consideration. "A sponsor will take a bill more seriously if there's five or six groups coming in instead of one," she explained.

Visibility is important in any lobbying campaign, Enck added, and suggested letter writing efforts and call-in radio shows as ways to promote awareness of an issue.

Margo Thomas, Counsel to the Assembly Codes Committee and

a second panelist, urged the group to create momentum for an issue. "Keep at it—pin them (legislators) down" on an issue, she said.

Enck suggested addressing local garden clubs and community groups of which a legislator's spouse is a member as an additional tactic, but Thomas pointed out that sympathetic legislators are usually "less militant" than lobbyists when working on an issue.

"Letters are important, phone calls are important," Thomas said, suggesting that lobbyists keep a list of contact persons in each legislator's office. "Go to the office—follow it up."

Successful formation of Greek Council may boost role of social frats at SUNYA

By David Kase

Greek life may become a greater part of the SUNYA social scene if all goes well when fraternity and sorority presidents discuss the possible formation of a Greek Council this Friday.

During the past year, many new fraternities and sororities have been formed, Student Association Programming Director Patty Salkin reported, asserting, "fraternities and sororities should communicate with each other what is going on around campus and to plan effective events that don't conflict."

Salkin said, "We are going in very open minded; we don't have any set plans. It is all up to the presidents at the meeting to decide what they want to do."

She added the SA "is here to help them, and we are certainly willing to work together."

SA President, Rich Schaffer said, "We would like to tap the resources available from the fraternities and sororities for the betterment of the campus."

Director of Campus Life, Jim Doellefeld said, "We (the administration) look forward to the formation and development of Greek letter organizations; we believe that they will contribute positively to campus life."

Alpha Epsilon Pi President Rob Segall said that "the proper formation of an inter-Greek council will not only help to put a check on the fraternities and sororities...but will bring closeness and unity to these groups, which is what Greek life is based upon." He also added that SA is being "more than helpful" in encouraging such a council.

According to Doellefeld, there is a procedure to be followed in order to become a recognized Greek organization at SUNYA. Initially, a fraternity or sorority would have to meet with Director of Student Activities Jessica Casey to discuss the group's reason for organizing and apply for temporary recognition to entitle them to reserve university space.

If the organization is successful, it may then apply for provisional recognition, which would lead to a two year probationary period offer which Vice President of Student Affairs Frank Pogue would decide whether or not to grant official recognition.

Alpha Epsilon Pi Pledge Master, Andy Rothstein, said that there is currently no fraternity housing, but, "We are actively looking for a frat house. There are certain areas in Albany where we are able to get around the grouper law, and it would be a step forward for all frats if we could set up a fraternity row. We are hoping to have a house as early as the fall of 1986."

The NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) Board of Directors held their January meeting at the conference as well, and voted in favor of an anti-Star Wars system resolution and an economic divestment from South Africa project.

NYPIRG's opposition to the proposed Star Wars weapons, officially known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, is in character with the organization's previous work on disarmament, NYPIRG at SUNYA Project Coordinator Bob Jaffe told the Board. The resolution passed 14-0-3.

A lengthy debate in which New York State's divestiture from lobby the legislature" in the South Africa was discussed and

questioned as to its effects on the blacks who are oppressed by the country's apartheid resulted in a motion, which passed 14-2-1, to fund a research project and a campus project on divestiture.

The importance of lobbying was stressed by the moderator of Saturday's panel discussion, Arthur Malbin, director of the Advocacy Training Center, when he told the audience that only about five percent of the bills introduced each year in the state legislature ever become law.

NYPIRG serves an important function in New York, Enck said, because "there are very few groups out there who actually lobby the legislature" in the public interest.

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From the ghost of 2010

Interview by Ian Spelling

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away there was a young actor named Keir Dullea. A visionary director named Stanley Kubrick tapped Dullea to play a pre-Luke Skywalker astronaut.

The rest is history. Kubrick's 1968 *2001* — *A Space Odyssey* went on to become a pop culture classic. Dullea's star couldn't rise any higher. It didn't. For all intensive purposes his film career had reached a self-imposed peak. The next conquest would be Broadway, as he scored a major hit with the 1969 production of *Butterflies are Free*.

By 1970 Dullea tired of the fast lane. He voluntarily dropped from sight until he returned to Broadway in 1974. However, since the successful run of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Dullea has been out of the spotlight. Until *2010* that is. The actor plays David Bowman in what must be called a strategic cameo. In a telephone interview from his Connecticut home Dullea expressed enjoyment at being the center of attention once again. But it was quite clear he preferred the relative anonymity in which he has liv-

is that you work for a miniscule audience. When you are in a big film or a television series it's a whole different experience because the exposure is so different. The exposure is completely different, but the actual subjective thing for most actors is exactly the same. So, although it seems I've been long gone to those who are in the part of the country that wouldn't be able to get to see me in a summer stock theater, or off-Broadway, or don't have cable, I have done a lot of films that have only been distributed theatrically abroad. They've only appeared on cable in this country. What I am trying to say is I've been active in things, so it doesn't feel like coming back. It just feels like doing something different.

ASP: Okay, but you have been away for a while.

Dullea: I dropped out in 1970, literally, using the vernacular of the 60's, and became an aging hippie. I started pursuing an acting career again in 1974 and came back in a very big Broadway hit which was a revival of Tennessee William's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. That really brought me

The fewest chances are taken on television, the greatest chances are taken off-Broadway, or off-off-Broadway, or in regional theater. The greatest risks and chances of all are taken in workshops such as ours because no one can fire you, no one can give you a bad review. We don't allow the public in. It's a membership only thing. That means it's a peer group. We are very rough on each other. That is how we get to try out things; we don't get to do professionally.

If an actor is typecast and all he gets to do is play heroes, this is a place in which he can do comedy. Directors get typecast too, by the way, it isn't just actors. Directors get known in the business as comedy directors, for instance. They can come here and work on Shakespeare. Writers even get typecast. They get known as sitcom writers or soap opera writers. They can come here and write a play with social significance.

ASP: Let's hit *2010* for a while. Did you have any problem convincing Peter Hyams to let you return?

Dullea: It wasn't a matter of convincing

they talk about this character all through the first two acts. It certainly raises the expectations of the audience.

ASP: Did Kubrick really know what he was creating while making *2010*?

Dullea: I think he knew what he was creating in terms of what was going to be on the screen. I don't think anyone ever knows what they have done is going to be a cultural phenomenon.

ASP: I am talking basically. Hyams picked up the loose ends. It was his own picture. Do you like his final product?

Dullea: I was very relieved. What I liked most about it was that he didn't try to imitate the first film at all. He found his own style. Given the fact that one was inspired by the offer you couldn't find any two films more dissimilar in filmic style.

You could fit all the dialogue of the first film onto one page. It was a visual, enigmatic experience. *2010* was really a child of the 80's. *2001* was a child of the 60's. It's (*2010*) fast paced, the other was slow paced in terms of editing style. The lighting styles were different. This one has a far more linear plot, it's more plot oriented. The first one left you much more up in the air, left much more to the imagination. Not that *2010* answered all the questions. It didn't. People could still come away from the second film wondering what the monolith is. But *2010* certainly answered a lot of the questions.

ASP: How do you think Kubrick feels about *2010*?

Dullea: I have no idea whether he's even seen it. Peter Hyams told me that Kubrick said, "Do not be in awe of the first film. Make your own film." I think he was successful in doing that. For all the reasons I've already given you he made a Peter Hyams film, not a Stanley Kubrick film.

ASP: In *2010* you tell HAL "You'll be where I'll be." Where are you? Is David Bowman a god?

Dullea: I make my own decision about something. That doesn't make me right, it just makes it my own opinion. It's actually no different than what I thought happened at the end of the character in the first movie. And what happened there, as far as I am concerned, was that he was absorbed somehow into the general mass of what we call the extra-terrestrial presence. If you have an ant farm, or a cat or a dog; maybe from their point of view we are gods. We're not. We know we are not, but maybe they think we are. So, it's kind of a moot point. I suppose, in an evolutionary sense, any being that is not thousands, but millions of years in advance of ourselves would probably have the power, of what would seem to us, as being god-like. Again, both films at least left that aspect up to our imagination. Neither film shows you an extra-terrestrial being, only their presence, which allows your imagination to take off.

On a mundane level I thought these subjectively god-like, not objectively god-like, absorbed by character and he was symbolically reborn as that child, that fetus, which you see at the end of the first film and see again briefly in the second film. I don't know about a god. Certainly the character I played functioned as a mouth piece for the extra-terrestrial, in a sense.

ASP: In conclusion, is Keir Dullea looking to be a household name once again? Is he looking for a big project?

Dullea: Well my wife and I actually initiate our own projects as often as we can. Just like the workshop. I really don't live my life like I used to. Actors wait for the phone to ring a lot. I don't do that anymore. I don't even have an agent. I haven't had an agent, off for, well, long before *2010*. I initiate all my own projects. That's why I called Peter Hyams directly. I didn't do it through an agent. I don't live my life like the average actor. I don't call my agent once a week to find out what's happening. I don't read *Variety*. Big or small, I don't live my life waiting for somebody else to come up with something. I take total responsibility for my life now.

"If you have an ant farm, or a cat or a dog; maybe from their point of view we are gods. We're not. We know we are not, but maybe they think we are."

—Keir Dullea



ed in recent years. In other words, celebrity is a nice place to visit but he wouldn't want to live there.

ASP: How does it feel to be back on the big screen?

Dullea: So much of that is in the eye of the beholder because I've been involved in other activities. You know, I have been doing other films all these years. It's just that I haven't done one that has attracted "that" kind of attention. I've also been doing a lot of theater. What is nice is to be back in something that gets that kind of attention.

ASP: How did it feel to be back on the Discovery set after 18 years?

Dullea: That was a remarkable experience because it was like *deja vu* to look at the set. It's really an example of movie magic, the fact that they could do that with no blue prints in existence, that they could reproduce two of the sets identically so that I couldn't tell the difference.

ASP: Is this Keir Dullea's comeback on stage or on screen to acting?

Dullea: Being in front of the movie cameras is the same whether it is a movie for TV or a low budget movie which ends up only distributed on cable in this country, or whether it is a big MGM film like *2010*. Subjectively, the experience isn't that different. Acting is acting.

The thing about working in the theater

back. I had a much lower profile because this is a very fickle business. The film business is much more fickle than the theater. Out of sight out of mind. At this point I really had no film career, but I did not stop functioning as an actor. I just wasn't functioning on quite the same level that I had when I dropped out in 1970.

ASP: What is Keir Dullea up to now?

Dullea: My wife, Susie, and I have begun a kind of equivalent to the Actor's Studio. It was the workshop to get national prominence because of people such as James Dean, Marlon Brando, Paul Newman; you can go on and on. Lee Strasberg was sort of the guru. We have started Connecticut's first equivalent of that which is a professional gymnasium for (actors), it's not a school. It's for people who are already in the profession. It's... like for the off-season athlete who goes off and keeps his muscles in trim. That what this is for us. Connecticut attracts a lot of professionals because it is commuting distance from N.Y.

ASP: So, it's a case of back to basics? **Dullea:** Yeah. It's a place to take risks. It's o.k. to fail. That's what we were set up for. Only out of the manure of failure can the plant of success grow. In the commercial world people don't tend to take so much risk because there is so much money riding on it. You play it closer to the bone.

him. It was convincing myself that there was really anything there for me. I didn't pursue it. When I heard they were doing the movie I didn't think twice about it. I had read the book. The character is a disembodied spirit. You could phone that in.

It wasn't until I was out on the coast and someone said, "Did you hear?" I knew MGM had bought the property. Peter Hyams hadn't been set. Later on, when he was set, I said, "Well, I'm here anyway. Maybe I'll just give him a ring." Maybe he is going to do something more with the role than the book did. We had never met. I just called him up directly at the studio and left a message. I told him I'd only be there a week and if he had any interest in meeting me, call me back. He did. I told him just what I told you. "First of all," he said, "who else could I get? Secondly, I am not only the director, I am the producer and cinematographer." I had a firm offer in two days. There was really no convincing about it.

ASP: I'd have to call your appearance one of the most important cameos to come along in a long time.

Dullea: It's the best entrance I've ever had in a film. It kind of sets the audiences up and you don't know when he's going to arrive. It's like a play with three acts and

Those original Replacements

Trivial Pursuit Question: Which band that recently visited Albany's "Puttin' on the Ritz" had this to say about their musical influences: "Early 70's glam rock crap. Real meathead stuff." Answer: The Replacements (Bassist Tommy Stinson). Didn't get a pie, ay? Roll again.

Michelle Krell

The Replacements, a group of Minneapolis musicians who've been together since late 1979, began their career as The Impediments when they showed up for their first gig at a halfway house for alcoholics, drunk. Paul Westerberg (guitar/vocals), Bob Stinson (lead guitar), and drummer Chris Mars were thrown out before they could think about striking up the band. Bob's brother Tommy, then 12, didn't show up bass in hand that day. He fell out of a tree and broke his arm. Lucky for him.

The people in charge at the halfway house had it in for the band so they changed their name and became "The Replacements". Quick thinking. Good thing they didn't have to name a baby.

As "The Replacements" they played and drank and drank and played until they came out the 7-inch single of "I'm in Trouble" b/w "If Only You Were Lonely" in September of 1981. Twin/Tone Records, an independent Minneapolis based record company, chanced their way through an album, an EP, and two more singles until The Replacements carved visible vinyl on an album entitled *Hootenanny*. It made more than just a little noise and was labeled one of 1983's ten best independent albums by several major papers, including *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Village Voice*.

Let It Be, The Replacements' latest LP, is the band's bouncing baby. According to Tommy Stinson *Let It Be* has been doing better than *Hootenanny*. "We sold quite a bit more on this record, like more than double." The Replacements even got a little help from Athens Georgia delight R.E.M. on the album's pick single "I Will Dare." The twang of R.E.M. guitarist Peter Dinklage is a sincere statement of support for the band. "We toured with R.E.M. for seven or eight dates," recalls Stinson. "They liked us and we like R.E.M. and stuff. Peter's appearance wasn't planned, it just happened."

R.E.M. aren't the only flag wavers for The Replacements. X is also marking the spot for the Minneapolis foursome. John Doe and Exene requested that the band tour with them and that request was granted with performances in October as part of X's 1984 tour.

Touring can be tough when you're trying to make it, but now the band sleeps in cheap motels and is close to breaking even. "We're doing well on the East Coast, the West Coast, places like Ann Arbor, Boston. We don't do very well Mid-West wise. We do well mainly in the severe places," says Stinson.

So what make The Replacements so original? In their early days they coined a new genre, "power trash," which is neometal new waved up without pretension.



Give The Replacements The DeFranco Family's "A Heartbeat is a Lovebeat" and watch innocence take a walk on the wild side between beer slugs.

Is that all? Frankly, no. The really wonderful thing about the band is that they really don't care what people think of them (no ego a la balloon). Their appearance at Puttin' on the Ritz this past December was a looney outburst of spontaneous combustion, something the band can't seem to help. Some people in the audience took it as a form of regression, but you tell me, when was the last time you got to sing and dance on stage with a live band?

Perhaps they were having Stinson basement flashbacks, back to the days when Westerberg was hiding in the bushes near the house as he listened to the band put Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, Ted Nugent and Yes all into the same straightjacket. Facts are that they are just a bunch of unpredictable nice guys who love music so much that they'll play anything, provided that they can play it loud and their way. If that doesn't spell originality they you have a bad dictionary.

This past July, R.E.M. played New York City's Beacon Theatre. On the first night, someone gave singer Michael Stipe a bunch of roses which he immediately gave out to members of the audience. What would The Replacements do if someone gave them roses? Bob Stinson would probably save a few for his dress collection. Chris Mars would stare at the flowers and save the memory for an eventual painting (he's also an artist). Paul Westerberg, proverbial lyricist that he is, might drop a tear and say it was the beer. Tommy Stinson would say something like, "Which way to the cemetery?"

So what about *Let It Be*? Since the band

specializes in everything, it would be difficult to give a one sentence review of the LP. Consider the following an unethical approach to a highly creative, but humorous affair:

"I Will Dare": This is the kind of song your grandmother down Georgia way would drop her knitting needles for. Even a little Westerbergian mandolin. If you don't find yourself swinging a hip or tapping a foot then you should see your doctor immediately.

"Favorite Thing": Crash! Bang! One of The Replacements' speeding ticket songs. Lots of vocal gruff. A form of electroshock after "I Will Dare."

"We're Comin' Out": It's no secret. This band has been out of the closet for quite some time now. Makes you wonder why this band publicly denies hardcore. A zooming tune with a Jefferson Airplane slowdown towards the end. Don't let it fool you. They don't close the closet before they're done.

"Tommy Gets His Tonsils Out": One of the best songs on the album. "Open up/You little snot/That's the way/M'not, m'not" probably brings back nightmares for you ectomy people. "Rip! Rip! We're gonna rip 'em out now!" makes you get down on both knees and praise Allah for modern technology.

"Androgenous": Expecting thrash? Fooled ya. Westerberg sings a little ballad here and even plays piano on this song. Nothing smutty. Just a social statement on Dick and Jane when you can't tell them apart (Re: Go visit the East Village). A barsy tune that ends kindly off key.

"Black Diamond": The Replacements' first LP cover. An old Kiss classic that proves that these guys aren't ashamed to admit that they actually listened to the band. Metalheads come and get it!

"Unsatisfied": Westerberg bleeds no thin blood here. A folksy ballad beginning with brilliant acoustics for an intro. Pleads into frustrated dreams left empty. No rock life romanticism here. Don't forget to bring the Kleenex.

"Seen Your Video": The Replacements throw a mean left hook to bastard videos that prostitute themselves as sons and daughters of the treble clef. "Seen Your video/It's phony rock and roll/And we don't want to know." From the band that has no video...

"Gary's Got a Boner": Could this raunchy metalque be a not so private joke on Minneapolis' Gary and the Boners? Probably not. Most likely, someone got hung up on the word boner while dreaming of Ted Nugent and just had to let the whole world know. The title says it all.

"Sixteen Blue": Hope you don't feel guilty about the tree population (more Kleenex). The song evokes adolescent memories of how "Everything drags and drags," when your body starts doing things to you and you're supposed to keep on smiling. Another ballad.

"Answering Machine": The LP's final cut. Not exactly power trash. Mars is on Mars and Tommy is in a tree for this one. Directionless directed guitar riffing coupled with frustrated words for those bloodless leave-your-message-at-the-sound-of-the-tone junk pieces. The song ends in repetitious mufflings of "If you need help." Perhaps that says something about the world we live in? Nah.

All right. Stick your hands into your pockets and go out and buy *Let It Be*. Ten Monopoly dollars says you might like it (oops, I forgot we started out playing Trivial Pursuit). Too poor? Get the EP. If you like either of the above, there's plenty more power trash where that came from.

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EDITORIAL

Save the Rat

About a year and a half ago, an Albany bar owner was asked whether the 19-year old drinking age was a threat to his business. "No," he responded, "we'll always be creative enough to survive."

The people who run the Rathskeller, SUNYA's on-campus bar, may not be.

The Rat was once the place to be on Thursday nights and a popular first stop before going off-campus on Friday and Saturday nights. When the drinking age went up to 19, sales in the Rat declined dramatically and they began losing thousands of dollars.

UAS, which manages the Rat, responded to the decreasing sales by cutting back the Rat's hours and bringing in a few local bands. But UAS's attempts to attract students brought few results, as sales continued to go down.

The bar owner who stressed the need for creative management had the right idea. Declining sales call for innovative changes. To bring the Rat back to its previous popularity requires much more than a few local bands. UAS has to decide to put some money into changing the look and image of the Rat.

This Thursday night, UAS is sponsoring Save-the-Rat nite. They'll be giving out free t-shirts, hats, and pins. Hot dogs, chicken wings and beer will be sold at reduced prices.

UAS is heavily promoting the event as a way of drawing students back to the Rat. However, UAS has no concrete plans for capitalizing on the event so students are likely to pick up their t-shirts and their hats and forget all about the Rat.

With off-campus bars offering students numerous options, the Rat needs some fresh gimmicks, and creative promotions. Loyal customers can't be bought with one night of cheap food and beer.

A fair budget?

Governor Cuomo appears to have been good to SUNY this year. His 1985-86 budget proposes no increases in tuition or room and board rates, and the only faculty cuts in the budget are in keeping with the decline in student enrollment. In fact, for the so-called 'traditional' four-year undergrad, this budget offers much to be thankful for.

But the picture looks a little different for students with children, international students, grad students, and community college students, all of whom seem to be forgotten in Cuomo's budget.

At a time when women increasingly need access to education in order to continue moving up in the work force, child care funding has been knocked down from \$750,000 in the current budget, to \$500,000 in Cuomo's proposed budget.

International students, who provide a much lacking diversity to the state campuses, were not granted any tuition waivers in the budget. Laws prohibit these students from working outside the campus community, and current work-study programs often fail to utilize their unique cultural backgrounds.

Graduate students gained no new fellowships. In addition, Cuomo has allowed salaries for graduate assistants, teaching assistants, and research assistants to fall so low that the Higher Education Services Corporation now reports that the average undergrad earns more money in outside employment than the average grad student makes while working for a state university.

Community colleges received no increase in funding, forcing students at these schools to provide the needed increase through a tuition hike.

But few of us at SUNYA are likely to directly pay the price of this year's budgetary priorities. We've been allocated \$1 million to come up with a design for a new athletic field house, and in the meantime, Cuomo has proposed that we get \$500,000 to construct a temporary air-filled 'bubble' until the field house is completed.

Of course all this still has to be approved by the legislature, but after the large student voter turnout in November, student leaders are fairly optimistic.

COLUMN

Don't change the drinking age

First of a two-part article.

Throughout his term as governor, Mario Cuomo has vigorously pursued a 21 year old drinking age for New York State and regionally. In the last session of the legislature, the Governor's efforts to raise the state's legal drinking age were frustrated when the Assembly bill to raise the age was defeated last summer. This decision was rendered on the basis of all pertinent information and without irrelevant external pressures.

Steven Gawley

In the current session of the N.Y.S. Legislature, the proponents of '21' have resumed their campaign to increase the legal drinking age and are extremely confident of victory. This confidence is not based upon new and compelling evidence to support their view, but rather a piece of Federal legislation which will deny highway project funding to states who do not have a 21 year old drinking age by October of 1986. This act of federal blackmail has been the basis of many misconceptions pertaining to the alleged urgency of raising the state's present legal drinking age.

The basic argument in favor of raising the legal drinking age in New York State consists of three major points. Firstly, the proponents of '21' hold that the federal legislation which ties '21' to highway funding has left the state with no other option, but to raise the age. They claim that a 21 year old drinking age will save the state a net amount of approximately 90 million dollars. Secondly, with an increased alcohol purchase age, it is argued that New York State will stop under age persons from neighboring states from traveling into New York to purchase and consume alcohol. Thirdly, the proponents contend that by raising the age to 21 alcohol related accidents and crashes among 19 and 20 year olds will be reduced.

The research of both the Student Association of the State University (SASU) and the Student Action Committee of Albany State has led to a basic refutation of the pro-21 lobby's major points of contention. The research not only sheds some light on the cloudy misconceptions presented as fact by the advocates of '21' but also adds concrete statistical data to bolster the argument against raising the state's legal drinking age.

First and foremost, a fact that must be weighed heavily is that the Federal legislation which will deny highway funds is currently being challenged in the courts. South Dakota and Ohio are two of the states who have already challenged the Federal legislation in regard to its questionable constitutional character. The 21st amendment clearly delineates that the power to regulate alcohol is a power reserved to the states. It is highly likely that an injunction will be issued which will effectively postpone the denial of federal funds. It is therefore probable that the law and its monetary effects will be null and void until such time as the constitutionality of the law is finally decided. In short, there is no present and impending emergency to raise the age as the proponents of '21' would have us believe.

Additionally the ramifications of this type of legislation are rather ominous and present real dangers to our federal system. The denial of federal funds in one program as the price for inaction in another, crossover legislation, is a technique that can cause serious problems. The use of so-called "crossover legislation" in regard to '21' is a clear example of federal legislation going completely awry. The federal government is entering into a very dangerous realm of "Big Brother" policies. On the basis of such precedent, the national government may further attempt to impose its will upon the states in

other areas of public policy. A mandatory school prayer amendment attached to some appropriations bills, which would deny states federal education aid if they did not comply, is a scenario that is hardly out of the question.

Another important factor to consider is that New York State will face extensive losses of liquor related revenue should the drinking age be raised to 21. Wisconsin has estimated losses: \$160 million in gross liquor sales; \$47 million in lost wages and profits; 4,539 full time jobs, and 14 million annually in revenues from on premise sales, wages, profits, fees, and personal and real property taxes. Preliminary estimates for New York State are comparable and even appear as if they might be slightly higher.

The loss of monies associated with non-compliance with the federal directive consists of a 5 percent reduction in federal highway funds the first year, followed by a 10 percent reduction the following year. The denial of federal funds, however lasts for only two years as that is the duration period of the law.

Alternatively, the loss of liquor related revenue would be with the state every year. Regardless of the exact estimates, the liquor related losses would inevitably be greater than the loss of denied highway funds in a short period of time. Although it is clear that New York will lose approximately 90 million dollars if we refuse to increase our drinking age, compliance will cost the state more in terms of closed taverns, lost jobs, lost sales, and the resulting multiplier effect. New York will not come out ahead monetarily if it goes to '21'. The state's losses in liquor related revenue will exceed the loss of denied highway funds.

Another major point of the pro-21 argument is that, currently, underage individuals from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other border states travel into New York in order to purchase and consume alcohol. However, if there is presently a problem with underage residents of other states being drawn into New York State due to our lower alcohol purchase age, it seems highly likely that New York residents would do the same if confronted with an increased drinking age in their own state. There would be ample opportunity for New York residents to engage in this dangerous "cross-over" practice. Vermont (adjacent to Albany and eastern New York) has a 20 year old drinking age. The Canadian Provinces of Ontario (adjacent to Buffalo and western New York) currently have legal drinking ages of 18.

Those who propose an increase in the legal purchase age of alcohol for New York State would like to reduce the incidence of alcohol related border accidents. With many thousands of New Yorkers affected by this legislation, the net result will undoubtedly be to increase the number of New Yorkers who take part in this dangerous practice. With an increased legal drinking age, New York would move from being a net "importer" of out-of-state residents to becoming a net "exporter" of our own residents to Canada and other states. The legislation to increase the legal drinking age in New York would only increase the tendency of those affected to put themselves in dangerous driving situations.

Finally, the time worn fallacy that '21' saves lives has also been questioned in a variety of studies. General studies from across the nation concerning the effects of increased legal drinking ages and hard data concerning the effects of the 19 year old drinking age in our own state lead the conclusion that an increased legal purchase age of alcohol does not reduce alcohol related fatalities.

The author is Student Action Chairperson and a SUNYA SASU delegate.



LETTERS

Improper equipment

To the Editor:

I was one of the spectators at the Albany State Gymnastic team's first meet. I also saw Karen Bailey's terrible fall. As an amateur gymnast I also know that such injuries would be less likely to happen if Albany State had the proper equipment.

A gymnastic spring floor exercise mat is supposed to be a layer of springs attached to boards approximately 1/2 inch high, with a layer of styrofoam 1/4 inch thick. A blue rug encases the springs. This is standard equipment for high schools through the Olympics, except at Albany State, that is.

By not having a spring floor the Albany Gymnastic team and its opponents risk major injuries. Our team is also at a great disadvantage when competing at "away meets" — other NCAA Division III schools have spring floors, thus our timing is off. I think our team should receive SA funding in order to be more competitive and suffer less injuries.

—Joe Leonard

Fresh air wanted

To the Editor:

Recently a SUNYA student sat in front of the campus center distributing free cigarettes and preaching of the militant non smokers who were organizing to deprive him and other Americans of their 'right' to smoke. This action is within the rights as stated in the United States Constitution. However, as one of the two thirds of all Americans who do not smoke I would like to address this student and all those who share his misinformed beliefs on smoking.

While this student's right to stage a sit in is guaranteed under the laws of the Constitution, his so called "right to smoke" is not. I challenge that student to produce evidence which supports his rights his right to smoke. He will find that in actuality he does have a temporary privilege to smoke. I say temporary because the Surgeon General has stated that if current trends of public opinion continue, by 1990, it will be illegal to pollute America's

air by smoking in any area outside of a private home. This comes as a breath of fresh air for the vast majority of Americans who have been victimized by an obnoxious smoker.

If a smoker desires to ruin his health and environment he has no right to despoil mine as well. Possibly this is why we non-smokers hold a "militant attitude" towards smoking; or possibly it is because Americans have always defended their rights strongly. In this case our right to breath free is being denied. Considering the recent wave of anti-smoking legislation passed by many countries and states, it seems that Americans are fighting for their right to breath. Possibly the solution offered by my father sounds best in this instance. Each smoker should be given a plastic bag to wear over his head while smoking. The only problem with this solution is that the smoker would soon cry for fresh air to breath. But hasn't that been the non-smoker's complaint up to now?

—William Speidel

Support needed

To the Editor:

Many people have heard the words "Forensics Team" on campus this semester, and wondered if Albany had started an autopsy major. What these words refer to, however, is the re-emergence of the Albany State Forensics Team after 12 years of absence. With the generous assistance of Dr. Richard Wilkie, and graduate student Victor Bye, Albany students once again have the opportunity to gain valuable analytical, persuasive, and professional research and speaking skills.

The team has attended two inter-collegiate tournaments this semester. Competing against such schools as MIT, U. Penn, Yale, and St. John's U., the group has acquired trophies in several areas. If you like to criticize, Legal Crit., Lit. Crit., or Rhetorical Crit., may be for you. For drama enthusiasts, Prose and Poetry Interpretation, Single or Duo Drama Interp., or Improvisation can provide good experience. Other areas include: Persuasive, Informative, or After-Dinner Speaking, to name a few. The art of debating is also alive and well. This semester, the issues of space exploration and the electoral college were argued.

Sounds great? So why are we writing a letter to the editor?

Simply stated, a team can't survive without support. Whose support? That of the student body, administration, and interested faculty, willing to provide guidance, knowledge and experience.

Events such as the October 12th debate between Albany State and Oxford University don't just happen by themselves. SA has been extremely supportive, but for our continued survival, we need University-wide support. As one of the few teams which combines academics with regular extra-curricular competition, the Forensics Team can only enhance the University's reputation. But we can only achieve that end by establishing our own.

For those interested, meetings are held 7:30 every Sunday night in Room 220 in the library. If you cannot attend the meeting, leave a message in the Forensics mailbox, located in the Communications Department, HU 355.

—Diane Spanski
—Sherr Netburn
Vice-President

Advisement examined

To the Editor:

The topic of advising has come under great scrutiny as of late and has proven to be the source of much debate. Whether advising here in our campus community is adequate, is quite questionable, but there are steps that we as students can take to make the process more beneficial to ourselves. The advising system tends to exist here in a passive state, therefore the responsibility is placed on the individual to excerpt as much information as he/she can from the available resources.

Advising is not an entity that exists really twice a year during the time span preceding fall and spring registration. The time is available, and advisors in both CUE and in the separate departments are accessible throughout the semester. All that's necessary to execute this task is to contact the advising offices and make an appointment to see your respective advisor. Another good source of advisement that students should utilize is their teachers and professors. Before and after classes as well as during a faculty member's office hours is an excellent time to receive some quality long term as well as short term advisement.

In the unfortunate situation where one is just not satisfied with their advisor, there are still a few alternatives that are open to him/her. Do not feel intimidated and feel free to go directly to your advisors superior or the department chair and request that they transfer you to another advisor. Another source of wisdom, specifically for which courses might be best for you, is upperclassmen who have had the benefit of having taken the courses and

not just read the description in a course book. In any event, do not let the process frustrate you, and try to use this system to your advantage.

The advising system on campus is really far from perfect and there are a lot of aspects of it that really need to be examined as to their actual value. As those being advised though, it is our responsibility to meet the advisors half way and to fight to get whatever we can out of this much maligned process.

—Larry Hartman
Central Council Representative

New coalition

To the Editor:

University Cinemas has done it again. We would like to condemn them for their choice of films this semester, among them *Body Double* and *The Opening of Misty Beethoven*. Both of these films advance the cause of violence against women and perpetuate a rapist mentality. *Body Double* glorifies the killing of an "erotic dancer" by means of an electric drill. *The Opening of Misty Beethoven* contains scenes which encourage violence against women and brings about the lie that women want and enjoy being raped and abused. Since there is violence against women on the SUNYA campus and programs like "Don't Walk Alone" must exist, showing these films serves only as a catalyst to encourage increased animosity towards women. Showing these films is a bad move to which we strongly object. Student funds should not be used to promote hatred nor should University Cinemas function as a pimp.

We are organizing a protest against the presentation of *The Opening of Misty Beethoven*, which will be run on Friday, February 1 and Saturday, February 2. Our protest will begin both nights at 7 p.m. in the entrance to the LC near Performing Arts. We invite the SUNY community to help us protest the showing of the heinous film.

Our group, Coalition Against Pornography, which will meet on Wednesday, January 30, at 8 p.m. in CC to organize this protest and future activities. We will be a permanent organization on campus dedicated to educating the SUNY community about pornography and its harmful effects. We invite everyone to attend.

—Ken Dornbaum
—Wendy L. Cervi
Co-chairs, CAP
Coalition Against Pornography

Football danger

To the Editor:

I would just like to bring to the attention of the ASP and the rest of the SUNYA student body, the 1984 fall season of the intramural flag football league.

The Albany State Flag Football League (ASFFL) was by far the poorest run intramural sport that I've ever witnessed. Being a transfer student and observing another school's intramural football program, I am speaking from experience.

After nine years of organized football, I decided that was enough for me. Looking forward to staying in shape and keeping a competitive edge, I decided to form a team (Colonial Crunch) and join the ASFFL. To this day I still have to face one of my players who has his jaw wired and rubber bands going through his fingers due to the operation he had to have for torn ligaments. I myself am still trying to heal a broken thumb and a sprained shoulder as a result of playing in this league.

The point I'm trying to make is that in our seven games scheduled, I can not remember one contest where there wasn't a bench-clearing brawl, constant arguments and/or a serious injury. I attribute these incidents to the referees who were appointed by four individuals who "supposedly" ran the league. In my opinion these people were totally incompetent and non-caring "executives" who could possibly attempt to run an intramural program. On numerous occasions I tried to contact these four students to seek new ways to help make this league more organized; yet all I got each time was the full run-around.

Since the ASFFL is recognized by the Student Association, I feel it's their job to look into this matter in a serious fashion and maybe even force a resignation of the executives of this league, before they organized the 1985 spring season. I'm sure many players have the same concerns about the ASFFL.

On one final note: During a playoff game between "The Enforcers" vs. "The Blue Crew," the contest ended with a full bench-clearing brawl which lasted over 15 minutes. One player had to be helped off the field with serious bruising if not broken ribs, because of the fight. Campus Security had to break up the ruckus. Isn't enough enough?

—Monte Lipman
Captain
"Colonial Crunch"

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"Cheating hurts every student because it compromises your performance and your degree," she added.

Robin Kash, a sophomore who

had to retake the MSI final said she felt like a victim. "It hurts everyone when someone cheats," she said adding, "Nobody's forced to go to college, if you don't want to be here and do the work you don't have to be here."

Jeff Simon, another hopeful business major said he thought the incident was very unfair. "We had a month off with no books and no reason to study and I just found out a week" before the rescheduling of the exam.

"I'm really mad," Anne Blains, a business minor declared, "it's penalizing a lot of students that shouldn't be penalized." She also said she felt that although she had plenty of time to study, that "doesn't mean that I wanted to study for a final that I already took."

Survey

Front Page have a large number of students returning in an area where there is a serious housing shortage," said Pogue, adding that "We have to get as much information as possible to the students, and find out what the University is capable of doing."

Patrick Terenzini, acting assistant to the President for planning, confirmed the 1,100 estimate and said that given the City's plan to strictly enforce the Grouper Law, "many students who are living off-campus now may face difficulties in the fall...that's no good for them. That's no good for us."

The housing options listed in the survey included; on-campus, outside city limits with University transportation; outside city limits with out transportation; and living in areas such as Schenectady, if CDTA busing could be

arranged. Karlson said that these questions were designed to sound out student attitudes relative to these options. "We want to know if students are interested in living outside of traditional living areas," she said, adding that "if they aren't, it wouldn't make any sense to expand the SUNYA bus line."

46 percent of the students surveyed live in the Washington, Western, Madison, Avenue area, bounded by Allen and Lake Streets, confirming the belief that SUNYA students do live in the so-called "Student-Ghetto."

If new forms of housing were to be considered, it would have to meet the students' wants, according to Karlson, she said, "If 1,100 students are displaced, they will not be able to be situated in accommodation presently available to them. The University will have to find alternatives which are attractive to students."

According to Karlson, a second survey may have to be conducted for more information to further understand "what alternatives would be considered by students."

Budget

Front Page chance that funds could be obtained to improve or extend the center, Welch said.

"The average age for community college students is twenty-nine years old, and without childcare programs college is often an impossibility," Wray said.

International students were hurt in the proposed budget, because students that do not have the power to vote are the ones most victimized, Wray said, mentioning that the budget talks only of possible tuition waivers and time limits for international students.

Another problem in the budget, according to Wray, involves graduate students. There was no increase in money allotted for SUNY graduate assistants.

"This is a kick in the face for graduate students," she said. New York does not realize the value of its own graduate students, Wray asserted, and will lose them to private schools that offer more money. "The more money put into the education system the better education we will have," she said.

According to Wray, "The budget looks good from the surface," but community colleges and childcare programs need additional funding before the budget can be considered truly

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Disability can be handicap in student aid quest

By Ilene Weinstein
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

While most college students find it difficult applying for financial aid, disabled students wanting to go away to school find it doubly difficult, according to SUNYA Director of Disabled Student Services Nancy Belowich.

"Having a disability incurs more expenses than most people have to deal with," explained Belowich. Disabled people have to pay for prosthetics, wheelchairs, canes, and attendants, she said, adding, companies feel disabled people will "pay anything to get products to make life easier for them."

Out of the 100 disabled students now attending SUNYA, between 30 percent and 40 percent of them are receiving federal and state aid for their personal care, Belowich said.

Financial aid for disabled students comes in the form of federal and state entitlements from the Supplemental Security Income Program, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Office of Social Services, and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

"The standards are tremendously unrealistic," Belowich said, adding all government entitlements are linked together. "If you are eligible for one type of aid, you are eligible for all. If you are not eligible for one, you are not eligible for

any," said Belowich.

Economic need is a major factor for aid, explained Thomas Paduano, Regional Coordinator for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation(OVR). "A person must have a disability that bars the individual from entering into employment," he continued.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is a division of the New York State Department of Education. The agency receives 80

percent of its funding from the federal government and 20 percent from the state, Paduano said.

Many government programs have been slashed, said Belowich, adding that these programs are not a priority of the Reagan administration.

According to Paduano, budget cuts during the present administration have not af-

fects his agency. "Our funding has remained fairly constant," he said, however caps have been placed on some funds. In 1982, caps limiting aid for room and board at \$26 a week and setting tuition at \$1500 per year were put in place.

A cap was placed on personal care attendants in 1983, explained Paduano, adding that attendants care is allotted by hours. "The maximum hours allotted is now 40," he said. Before 1983, attendant hours were

professional care which can cost around \$6 an hour.

Disabled students must find other resources to make up for the loss of aid from OVR, said Sandra Lamb, a disabled student at SUNYA. Other state agencies like the Office of Social Services often try to "pick up where OVR left off," she said.

"If aid gets reduced any further, many students will not be able to attend school away from home," Lamb said, adding that getting aid is becoming an ever-increasing problem for disabled students.

"Disabled people not only have to consider the problems of finances, but most also consider accessibility," Belowich said. "Not all colleges are accessible to the disabled," she added.

Blind students also find it necessary to retain paid readers, said Belowich. \$500 per year is paid out by the Education Department for each student, but "the money usually runs out in the first week of October," she said.

This amount was legislated by the State Assembly in the 1940's, explained Robert Ross, manager of the Commission for Blind and Visually Handicapped, a division of the Department of Social Services. Ross' commission will supplement the allotment given out by the Education Department. But, explained Ross, "most people do not know about our supplements."

"If aid gets reduced any further, many (disabled) students will not be able to attend school away from home."

—Sandra Lamb

Task force

attention to me."

The Transitions Subcommittee, Schoonmaker said, is studying the best ways to bring new students into the University, including an improved orientation and expanded summer planning sessions, involvement of alumni, and special attention to the often-neglected problems of the transfer students and returning students.

Cathy LaSusa, student member of the Student Satisfaction Subcommittee, reported that her group is working on a 30 question addition to a SUNY Chancellor-mandated Student Services Survey aimed directly at Albany students.

The primary focus of the survey, she said, is on the non-academic aspects of student life, and will aid the sub-committee in the development of new programs to fill student needs, as well as in assessing the effectiveness of current programs.

The Program Development Subcommittee, the only sub-committee without a student member, will work to isolate the key causes of stress in students, and create means to deal with them, Schoonmaker said.

The Task Force will be meeting once a month, Schoonmaker said, with the next meeting on December 6th. The Sub-committees will determine their own schedules, and, she added, meet more often than once a month.

A series of informal faculty/student luncheons has already been initiated, with weekly get-togethers being held in the Patroon Room, and the Program Development Subcommittee is investigating primary causes of student stress with an eye towards developing programs to help students manage stress, Schoonmaker said.

In addition, a student satisfaction survey will be undertaken in March as part of a SUNY-wide Campus Life Investigation, and a Student Advisory Committee has been set up to increase student participation, she said.

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Task force endeavoring to personalize university life

By J. Michael Malec

Sitting in a huge lecture center crammed with hundreds of students listening to a professor they've never spoken to can make it difficult for a student to see SUNYA as a personalized institution.

With 16,000 students attending SUNYA, ways of personalizing the school can be hard to find. Administration officials say they took a step in the right direction last summer by forming an educational development task force to review university programs and increase faculty/student involvement.

"The more you can personalize the University, meaning the more you can increase the interaction between students and faculty, has a very positive affect on the persistence of students, their aspiration level, their sense of pride in the University, (and) their commitment," explained Task Force Chair Barbara Schoonmaker, Director of Research and Educational Development for Student Affairs.

She also said she believed the same was true for faculty and staff, and that the increased involvement creates a more pleasurable environment for all, and can even decrease such anti-social behavior as vandalism.

The Task Force, beginning what will be at least a two year effort, is looking to find ways into the community, and will also conduct a student opinion survey on both academic and non-academic matters, Schoonmaker said.

In addition, she said, the committee will consider programs in stress management, test taking, and alcohol abuse, as well as reviewing the clarity of publications sent by the administration to students.

A leadership course offering academic credit for student leaders is also under consideration, according to Schoonmaker.

The Task Force was created by Vice

President for Student Affairs Frank Pogue, and, Schoonmaker said, was an outgrowth of the first annual Student Affairs Summer Retreat held last July for 102 students, faculty and administrators.

At least two of the three students on the Task Force were appointed by Pogue, and attended the Summer Retreat, but Student Association Director of Student Programming Patty Salkin said the inclusion of so few students on the 26 member committee is a potential problem.

"I would have liked to see more student involvement on the Task Force. A lot of the things that are going to be coming out of the Task Force are going to be affecting the students... It seems that the more students there are sitting in one room, the more brainstorming they can do, and they can contribute a lot more," Salkin said.

The Task Force consists of 26 members drawn from the University community, and is divided into four broad subcommittees, representing the areas of Faculty-Student Interaction, Program Development, Student Satisfaction-Needs Assessment, and Transitions.

Salkin, a member of the Faculty-Student Interaction subcommittee said one of the problems the group faced is student fears of being lost in such a large school. "A lot of people, when they think about coming to a school the size of SUNY Albany, look at 16,000 students, and they look at the ratio of faculty to students, they think, 'I'm going to get lost in such a large place, and no one is going to pay attention to me.'"

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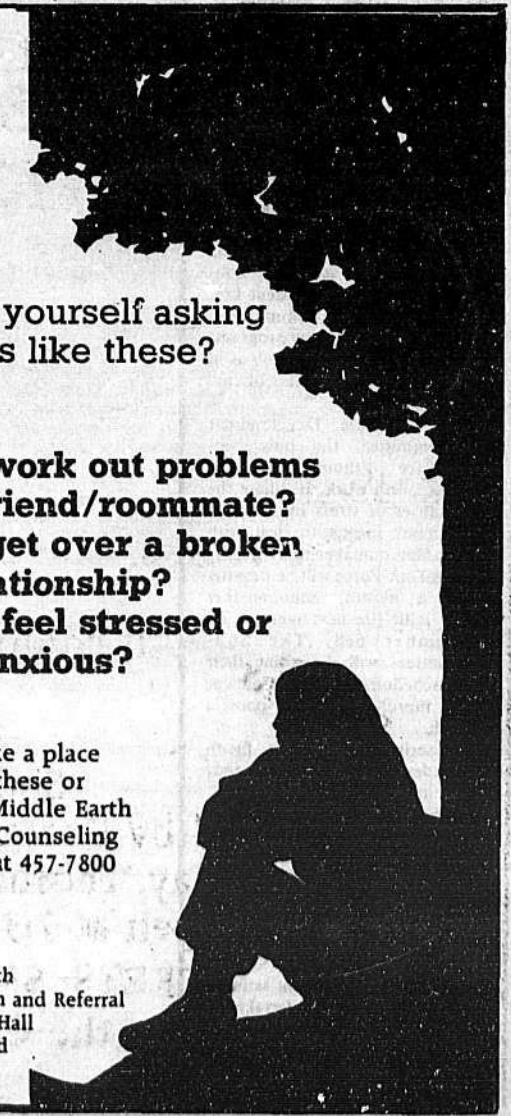
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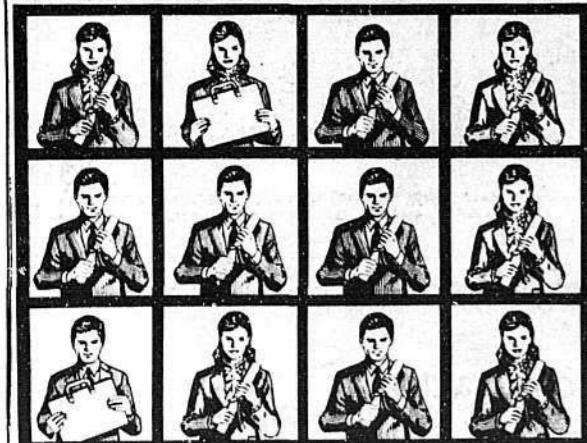
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JV Danes fall to Williams, 60-49

By Mike Skolnick
STAFF WRITER

Going into the winter vacation the junior varsity basketball team was playing very well and it was with anticipation that the team looked forward to the remainder of the season. However, things have changed for the team.

They have dropped three of their last four games, two of them by a heartbreaking one point. This brought their record on the season to 8-4 as they prepare for the toughest part of their schedule.

In their most recent outing Saturday, the Danes lost to Williams, 60-49. The game was marked by poor officiating, according to Coach Jim Boland.

"Our big guys took thirty-four shots from the post but we only went to the line 7 times," he noted. Meanwhile Williams, primarily a perimeter shooting team, went to the line 31 times.

Statistically the team was led by Brett Axelrod and Jeff Kee who had identical statistics of 14 points and 13 rebounds. Additionally, the loss of starting guard John Carmello to the varsity squad and the absence of Tony Dickens for three of the past five games has hurt the team. Dickens was set to start last night as the Danes played Hudson Valley Community College.

In their contest at Cobleskill, the Danes lost by one, 67-66. In this game the team managed to

stay close thanks to a pressure defense applied for the last two minutes of the first half. The Danes were down by 14 with 1:51 left to play and they narrowed the lead to 35-31 at halftime.

"We played good pressure defense, forced turnovers and made our shots, which put us back in the game," said Boland.

With three seconds left, Reisinger hit a shot that put the Danes down by one, but time ran out before they could call time out. The team's foul shooting which had been off lately, returned to good form as the Danes were 20-27 from the charity stripe. Axelrod led the team, scoring 20 points and pulling down 18 rebounds.

The team's last victory came against Colgate as they won handily, 61-46. The team's man-to-man defense improves for this game according to Coach Boland.

"Colgate wasn't a good team and we needed a win to get our confidence going. Our foul shooting wasn't good, 19-29 from the line," said Boland. Axelrod and Dickens led the way finishing respectively with 10 points and 13 points. "When we have Dickens in it gives me four big men to work with," remarked Boland. "This keeps everyone fresh and allows me to work out different combinations."

In their first two games since the break the Danes beat Hartwick and lost to Oneonta 60-59.



Freeze Storey drives to the basket.

In that game, the team was hurt by poor free throw shooting hitting only 11-21 shots. Axelrod was a force to be reckoned with, scoring 21 points and pulling down 25 rebounds.

The remainder of the season looks tough for the team as they play Junior College of Albany twice and Union twice.

Women swimmers win to go 5-3

Home from a two week winter expedition to torrid Puerto Rico, the Albany State women's swimming team opened the second semester with a 58-53 triumph over St. Michael's. The squad's dual meet record is now 5-3.

Three personal bests were set in Saturday's afternoon meet. Sophomore Carole Elic clocked a 27.8 seconds in the 50 freestyle. Carol Pearl swam a 108.6 in winning the 100-yard butterfly race, and Mary Baily continued her rapid improvement in the 500 freestyle, recording a time of 6:09.

Coach Dave Turnage's swimmers left for Puerto Rico on January 3 and spent 11 days training both

outdoors and indoors. The girls', sporting scuba diving equipment, went through workouts in the Caribbean.

The swimmers got in a few scrimmages while there. The club faced Puerto Rico University in preparation for the Second Annual San Juan Swimming and Diving Championships, which included a flock of Division I schools, such as Brown, Columbia, and St. John's. The tournament was at the same pool where the Pan-American games are held.

The women swimmers next dual meet is tomorrow night against cross-town rival, RPI.

Gymnasts top RIC

«23 back Albany's positive attitude. Performing to a high-spirited "Hooked on Swing" medley, Saravis radiated enthusiasm. "Doesn't this look like fun?" Saravis' expression seemed to ask, "Don't you wish you could be out here with me?"

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R.I.C.'s Dusza won the event with an 8.9 and also the event, 38.35-37.0, it was not enough to overtake Albany.

The team has much potential to score higher than Saturday's seasonal high of 149.1. Armstrong was unable to compete on floor, sophomore Terri Sokol, one of the team's strongest vaulters, is recovering from an ankle injury, as is Karen Bailey, a strong all-arounder who last year

qualified for the NCAA Division II Regionals.

Bailey, who competed only on bars on Saturday, is determined not to rush her comeback.

"I want to be able to do everything I could do before when I compete again, not do only half of what I'm capable of."

The team will travel next to Massachusetts on Tuesday for a meet against Smith College and then up to Brockport on Saturday.

Wrestlers stay unbeaten, 15-0

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aids our confidence."

Seras acknowledged that, "There's a very friendly atmosphere on this team, it's a very together feeling. Of course, it's much easier to feel that way if you're winning."

The Danes continued their winning ways on Saturday when they defeated St. Lawrence, 25-20. Despite the fact that St. Lawrence is ranked eighth nationally, Demeo was not happy with his team's performance.

"We did not perform up to our ability in either

that match or in the States. But then again, no one always performs up to their ability."

The Danes will have to be back at their best this week as they host Western New England Wednesday night, and the Coast Guard Academy, Central Connecticut, and top-ranked Ithaca on Saturday. "We match up against Ithaca, and we could conceivably beat them," said Demeo. "I sat down last night and figured out that we have two guys who absolutely should win, and six guys who should win. The way I scored it, I gave them nine points. Three victories. I know we can win."

Look inside for our January Sports Magazine, which features Andy Seras, Albany State's finest wrestler

Back from Puerto Rico, men swimmers split

By Donna Altman

The Albany State men's swimming team recently returned from a winter trip to Puerto Rico. The team had an opportunity to experience skin diving in the Caribbean, dive off 10-meter high platforms for the first time, and "hang out on the beach."

But this winter expedition wasn't all fun and games. The swimmers trained twice a day at the University of Puerto Rico and were also required to kick with a kick board for at least an hour in the Caribbean.

This trip all the swimmers trained hard, and according to sophomore Mike Koutelis, working in a 50-meter pool really improved their efficiency. Fred Greenbaum was a perfect example. He swam in

an invitational meet in Puerto Rico, where Division I schools such as Columbia, Brown and Bates also competed. Greenbaum took second in the 50-meter freestyle in a great showing for the team.

In their first meet after returning from Puerto Rico last Tuesday, the men swimmers were topped by Hamilton, 59-34. Coach Turnage said that "the swimmers were adjusting from meters to yards and that we'll be seeing better times from now until the states."

Turnage was accurate in his analysis. This past Saturday, the Danes beat St. Michael's 77-35. Both coaches and swimmers were pleased. The men's team took 1st place in every event except for the 100 yard backstroke.

Jeff Kennedy, a junior, broke captain Tom Hardy's freestyle record with an outstanding time of 10:39.1.

"I didn't expect to break the record, he stated. I was just aiming for under 11 minutes and when I saw people getting excited, I thought that's what they were cheering about." After the race, captain Tom Hardy was first at hand to graciously congratulate his teammate.

Jim Neiland, a sophomore, took 1st with a time of 1:58.9 in the 200 yard freestyle. In that same race Frank Cawley, a senior, took second, and Marc Leibowitz, a sophomore, took third. It was a common occurrence last Saturday for the Danes to capture all three places in a single race.

The swimmers have been melding together as a team lately, according to Andrew Motola: "The attitude of the team has been better than ever," he commented after Saturday's meet.

Diver Mike Vardy was happy with his performance against St. Michael's, but felt that "the judges were overscorer, but we weren't complaining." Vardy feels that they "all dove more consistently than they have dove all season."

The Danes will meet their arch rival, RPI on Wednesday for what should be a very exciting competitive meet. Coach Turnage is optimistic and swimmers are too.

"We will have to be at their best," said junior Michael Wright, in order to capture another victory."

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Mercurio sets record as harriers wind up third

By Ian Clements
STAFF WRITER

Marc Mercurio's school record performance in the weight throw and victories by two Danes who were competing in their first collegiate meet led the Albany State men's indoor track and field team to a third place finish in Saturday's Cortland Invitational.

Cortland won the five-team affair with 80 points, followed by Alfred University (50), Albany (48), Ithaca College (47) and Binghamton (38).

Mercurio's toss of the 35-pound weight not only destroyed the previous record of 51'11 3/4" he set in 1983, it also surpassed the qualifying standard for the NCAA indoor national championships by over three feet. The senior All-American heaved the ball and handle 53'3".

"If I can throw 55 feet, I think I have a good shot at going to the nationals," said Mercurio.

Only the top 12 athletes who throw farther than 50 feet will qualify for the NCAA meet.

In his Dane debut, freshman Curt Wiedman soared 13'6" to win the pole vault. Pat Dowling, also a Dane puppy, placed fourth with an 11' vault.

Junior Dana Melvin, a Dane running back during the fall, showed that he can run without the ball too. He sprinted 6.6 seconds to win the 55-meter dash, edging teammate Pat Saccocio (second, 6.7).

The Danes had another scorer in the short dash, Michael Gusmano, who finished 6th in 6.8 seconds. Gusmano also anchored the third place 4x400 meter relay and ran the 500-meter dash.

"He just made a strategic mistake. He should have waited till the last lap to make his move."

—Coach Bob Munsey

In recognition of his arduous "triple," He-d Coach Bob Munsey awarded him the "Red Feather," which is given to the outstanding Albany athlete of each indoor meet. "He had a hard day; he worked his butt off," Munsey said.

The distance crew recorded two second place finishes.

Ed McGill was surprised in the 5,000-meter run by Cortland's Jim Wunsch, a recent transfer who blew away the field.

The race was marred by an inattentive lap counter who forced some competitors to run an extra lap.

Before the race, McGill expected his

toughest opponent would be Ithaca's Jim Quinn, winner of last fall's New York NCAA cross-country regional. The red-haired Bostonian let both Wunsch and Quinn run far ahead of him, but the torrid pace weakened Quinn, allowing McGill to pass him with two laps remaining and take second place. Teammate Ray Volper was fifth.

Freshman Pat Paul, who moved into the lead of the 3,000-meter run with more than 800 meters remaining, placed second in 9:09.7. "Pat ran as good a race as anyone has run in a long time. He just made a strategic mistake. He should have waited till the last lap to make his move," said

Munsey.

Despite the strong performances in the weight throw and pole vault, Albany had a disappointing day in the field events. The only other field event scorer was Paul Mance in the triple jump (third, 41'10 1/2"). Munsey said the jump was "not very good," but added, "we don't have a place to practice the jump."

Other scoring runners were Bruce Van Tassel in the 55-meter hurdles (third, 8.0), Jim Erwin, in the 1500-meter run (fourth, 4:10.5) and Tom Kacandes in the 1000-meter run (fifth, 2:39).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling club

There are two bowling meetings today. Those interested in bowling on one of the intercollegiate teams must attend the meeting at 7:30pm in HUB24. Following that at 8:00 p.m. is an interest meeting for a scratch bowling league that starts tonight at 9:00 p.m.

The Albany State bowling Club travelled to Newburgh, N.Y. this past Saturday to compete in a tournament sponsored by the West Point Cadets of the Tri-State Bowling Conference.

The men's team placed 11th on a field of 18 teams. The women keglers took fourth place in their eight team division, falling just short of receiving trophies for third place.

Both teams also competed in the singles/doubles event, which rounded out the six games of the tournament competition. Several of the doubles pairs placed well in this event.

The bowling club will be travelling to Cranston, Rhode Island to compete in

another conference tournament. Other upcoming events include the Schenectady Community College Invitational Tournament and the ACU's in Buffalo.

Upcoming events

Rebounding from a loss to Potsdam, the Albany State men's basketball team travel to Cortland for a SUNYAC game against the Dragons on Wednesday night. . . The Great Dane Grapplers host the Western New England in a dual meet at 7:30 in the University Gym on Wednesday. . . The women cagers host SUNYAC rival Binghamton, who they previously beat, at 7:00 p.m. tonight in the University Gym. The J.V. basketball team travels to Cortland on Wednesday to face the Dragons. . . The women's gymnastics team will travel to Smith College for competition tonight. . . The men's swimming team will compete against RPI on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at RPI. . . The women's swimming team faces Binghamton tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the University Gym.

Women cagers' 11-game string halted, 78-69

Danes ranked second in State

By Kristine Sauer
STAFF WRITER

Currently ranked second by the R.T. French poll for NY Division III schools, the Albany State women's basketball team had been beating teams left and right until their eleven game winning streak was ended on Saturday by St. Michaels of Vermont. The Danes' record now stands at 13-2.

The women hoopsters played an even game with the Division II school. If it weren't for a St. Michaels two-minute first-half spurt, the outcome might have been different.

The clubs' equal play showed in the final statistics. The Danes outrebounded their opponents, 23-21. St. Michaels had 28 turnovers compared to Albany's 31. Albany shot 45 percent from the floor, just behind their opponent's 46 percent. St. Michaels also attempted eleven more shots from the floor than the Danes.

The extra field goal attempts left the Danes came away nine points shy, trailing 78-69. As a matter of fact, they never came closer than five points of St. Michaels.

High scorer for the game was Albany's Rainy Lesane with 23 points. 6'1" Margaret Lynch and Becky Bouchard, a guard, both contributed 21 points for the Vermont school and Pam Batalls added 16 points. Kim Kosalek scored ten points for the Danes and Diane Fernandes had 13.

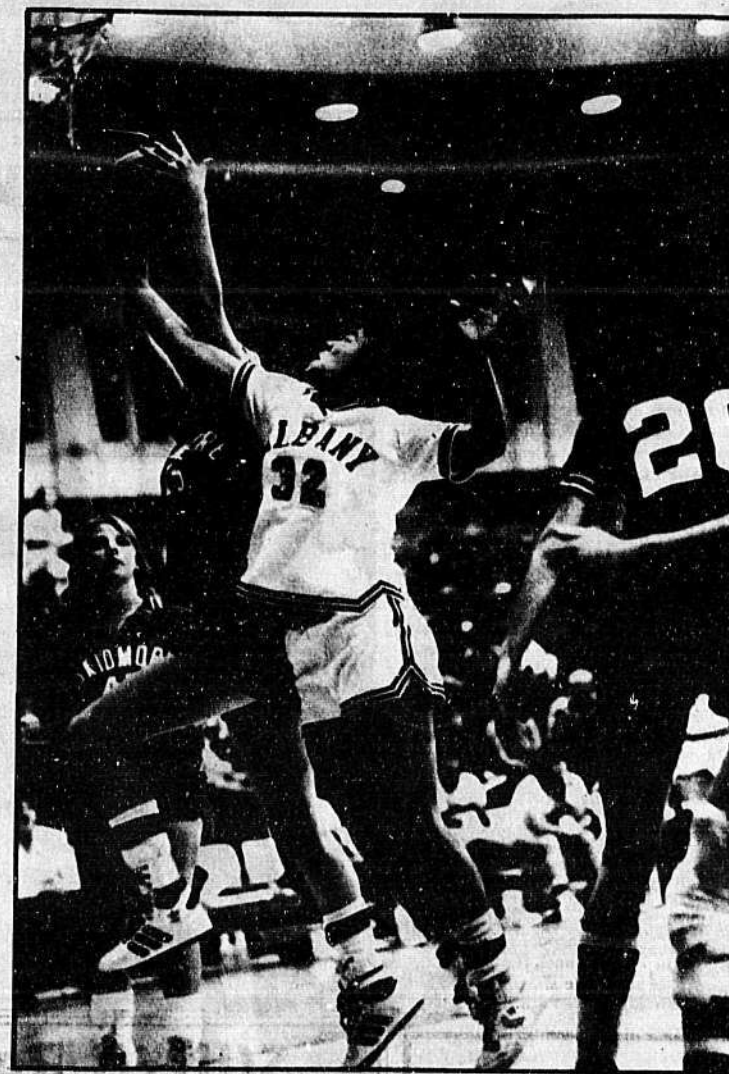
"This was one of Diane's best games of the season," said Albany Head Coach Mari Warner. St. Michaels had been putting pressure on Lesane and Fernandez took advantage of that.

Lesane saw their number two ranking (behind New Rochelle) as "great." She said, "I'm glad we're ranked that high. I think we're a good team."

As for the termination of their winning streak Lesane said, "We could have beaten them. We got off to a slow start."

Over the break, both Lori Bayba and Nancy Grasso returned from injuries while Cindy Jenson is now out with a stress fracture in her foot and Maureen McBride's reoccurring sprained knee has her sidelined.

Before the break, the Danes pulled away



LISA SIMMONS/SPS

The women's basketball team's eleven game winning streak was broken by St. Michaels. The team's record is now 13-2.

from a 23-23 halftime score to defeat Castleton, 65-46. High scorers were Lesane with 17 points, Jenson with 14, 12 of which were in the second half and Ronnie Patterson with 11 points.

Following that game, Albany State defeated a strong Hartwick team, 77-62.

Trouble in the first fifteen minutes was a Chris Cannata/Donna Hughes spark in which the Danes went down nine to up nine at halftime. Jenson had 18 points, shooting 11 from 14 from the line. Lesane was the high scorer with 26. Hughes contributed 11 points.

The Danes went into the break with an 8-1 record. On their early return, they defeated Skidmore, 78-45. At halftime Albany was ahead, 37-23. High scorer was Lesane with 24. A ten-point contribution came from Hughes.

Continuing on their streak, Russell Sage suffered a 30-point loss to the Danes. The Danes, ahead 37-22 at halftime, pulled way ahead to win 70-40. Lesane scored 15 points. Cannata added 12 points on 5 for 6 shooting from the floor.

Another slow Albany start had them down 31-25 at halftime against Union. After a switch from an ineffective man to man to a two thirds half court press the Danes took control to win, 65-46. Lesane

"For one of the first times we played two halves."

—Coach Mari Warner

and Nancy Grasso, in her returning ball game, both scored 14 points. Grasso had seven rebounds.

The following game against Oswego was an important game to Warner. "With this game we could tell where we stand in the West. We just played a beautiful game. For one of the first times we played two halves," said Warner.

Albany defeated Oswego 69-42 with 11 for 13 shooting from the line. The Danes held Oswego's Linda DeWrike to ten points, only four of which came in the first half. Another strong Oswego player, Carla Quinn, was held to eight points. Lesane was high scorer again, with 21 points.

At 7:00 p.m. tonight, here at Albany, the women hoopsters face Binghamton, a SUNYAC contender. The Danes defeated them 68-56 earlier this season. Warner feels Binghamton is a "much improved team" and is "glad" the game is at home.

The Danes will concentrate on Helene Thomas, a top Binghamton player. She's a forward who plays everything except center. Last time she was held to ten points, only two coming in the first half.

Lesane said, "We'll have to work harder. They know our whole team and who's a shooter and who's not, but we can beat them again."

Women gymnasts too much for Rhode Island

By Cathy Errig
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

"We'll be working out over the semester break in order to maintain the same level of fitness we're at now," had been head coach Pat Duval-Spillane's strategy concerning the Albany Women's Gymnastics team's dual meet with Rhode Island College. The tough regimen the women endured over the semester break resulted in a decisive 149.1-137.1 victory over R.I.C., their second straight seasonal win.

The majority of team members had reported back for conditioning on Jan. 9th. Led by captain Lynn Saravis, the women's daily workouts included weight training, swimming, long-distance running, and aerobics.

"It was important for us to come back for conditioning," remarked Junior all-arounder Brenda Armstrong. "Most of the team doesn't get to work out over the winter break, and it brought us back into the feeling of being a team."

It wasn't an easy goal to attain. "What's the matter with you?" yelled Saravis upon seeing the exhausted, discouraged looks of her teammates. "Don't you know it's

all a mind game? Think of something else besides the exercises; can't you beat yourself?"

By Saturday, the team was past beating themselves and was ready to accept an outside challenge. Albany took an early lead in winning the first event, the vault, 38.8-37.45. R.I.C.'s Cathy Dusza executed the most difficult vault of the meet, a tsukahara, but didn't have the form or control of Albany's Sue Leskowitz. Leskowitz won the event scoring an 8.3, followed by Dusza. Armstrong was third, scoring a 7.95.

On the second event, the uneven parallel bars, Albany pulled further ahead by substantially outscoring R.I.C. 36.95-28.1. It was Albany sophomore Leslie Steckle's solid, strong routine that earned her a 7.65 from the judges that took top individual honors. Albany's Nora Bellantoni threw in a spunky exercise featuring two consecutive beatfalls for a 7.55, and Armstrong was right behind with a 7.5 to close out the top three positions. After two events, Albany had a very commanding 75.75-65.55 lead.

The third rotation was to the balance beam, and coming off the high-power vaults and bar

routines that precede this event often makes it difficult for the women to obtain the steady rhythm and concentration necessary to successfully execute a routine.

Albany freshman Michelle Husak, whose graceful movements and relaxed expression gave one the impression she was walking on a sidewalk rather than on a four inch balance beam, won the event with a 7.85 score. R.I.C.'s Dusza, again executing the most difficulty, but accompanied by two falls, was second with 7.65. Albany's Karrie Brooking was third with 7.4.

Albany won the event overall, 36.35-33.2.

The final event, the audience's favorite and usually among Albany's most consistent, was the floor exercise. Unfortunately for Albany, their first two competitors received somewhat low scores and the third, sophomore Lisa Albanese, in for Armstrong, who had injured an ankle during the balance beam competition, fell while performing and was unable to complete her routine.

It was Saravis, the next competitor for Albany, who brought



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Danes 'poisoned' by Bears to end win streak

By Rich Sheridan and Jerry Campione

The Potsdam Bears, utilizing an aggressive pressing defense and a balanced scoring attack, defeated the Albany State Great Danes, 75-65 Saturday. The loss snapped the Danes' five game winning streak accumulated over the Christmas break.

The Bears put four players in double figures with Brenden Mitchell leading the way with 15 points. John Leonard, Ed Okuneuski and Troy Turner had ten points each for the Bears. Mitchell also pulled down ten rebounds.

Mitchell, one of three Division I transfers joining the Bears this season, came into the game leading the team in scoring with a 15.18 average, and continued to dominate the Potsdam offense.

Albany State Head Coach Dick Sauers said he was most impressed with the 6'5" forward, saying, "we don't have anybody as good as Mitchell." Also transferring to Potsdam this year from Division I schools were Turner, from Siena, and Leonard, from Fairfield University.

Greg Hart led the Danes with 13 points and a game high 11 rebounds. Adam Ursprung, Albany's leading scorer, averaging 13.1 points per game since returning from an injury, had ten points on the night while Dan Croutier, John Mracek and Brian Kauppila added eight a piece.

The loss was the Danes' fifth straight against Potsdam at Maxcy Hall, their last victory there coming in the 1981 SUNYAC championships on a pair of late free throws by Mike Gatto.

Early on it appeared as though it would be a long night for the Danes as Potsdam jumped to a 27-11 lead with 8:47 left in the first half. A spectacular slam dunk by Turner off an alley-oop pass by Tom Conboy capped an eight point run by the Bears, while their full court press continued to give the Danes fits.

Albany managed to cut the lead to 32-25 by halftime, outscoring Potsdam 14-5 over the last eight minutes of the half. Hart had six points and grabbed three rebounds in that span.

Potsdam coach Jerry Welsh said that he felt he might have substituted a little too early, enabling Albany to get back into the game. "We were standing around on offense," he said, "and that hurt us."

The Danes pulled to within 39-35 on an outside jumper by Ursprung three and a half minutes into the second half, but that was as close as they were to get. Potsdam took advantage of Albany turnovers and outscored the Danes 10-3 over the next four minutes to give the Bears a comfortable 49-38 lead from which the Danes could never quite recover.

Albany scored 11 points in the last minute, but not nearly enough to catch Potsdam, who had opened their lead to 17 points with two minutes left to play. Roosevelt Bullock closed out the scoring for the Bears with a slam dunk on a breakaway layup in the closing seconds, making the final score 75-65.

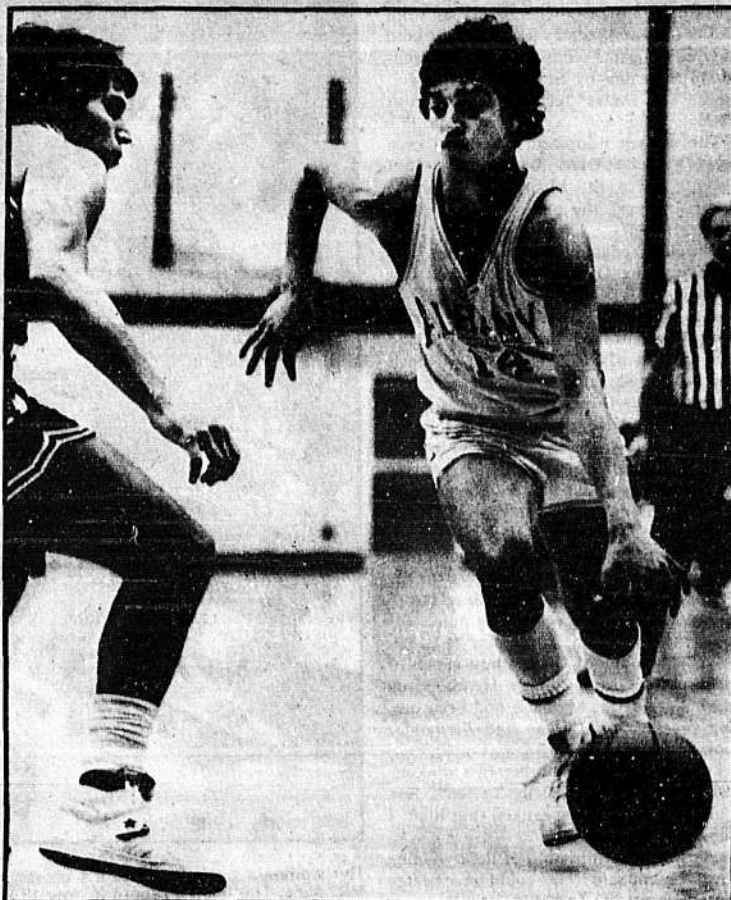
Albany was outrebounded by Potsdam, 40-29, which may have been due in part to starting center Pete Gosule being sidelined with food poisoning. Also suffering from apparent food poisoning and seeing limited action for the Danes were Dave Adam, Rich Chapman and John Carmello. Jan Zadoorian, missing from the Danes' line-up since December with a broken hand, is expected to be out until early February according to Sauers.

Potsdam's inability to hit from the free throw line (13-27) kept the score closer than it otherwise might have been. "We noticed that they weren't shooting free throws well," said Sauers, which led Albany to foul often late in the game to force Potsdam to the line.

"It was a typical Albany-Potsdam game," said Welsh. "Albany is well-balanced and everybody can score. They'll do well."

"We were a little uptight. The team had heard so much of Potsdam's reputation they may have been a little afraid," said Sauers.

Sauers added that the team "needs to be more patient. Our reserves were more patient and executed better than our starters."



LUCKEY UPS
Jan Zadoorian, whose broken hand will put him on the shelf for two weeks, dribbles to the hoop in a contest earlier this season.

Potsdam, ranked seventh in the nation and first in the state in Division III, is now 17-1 overall and 4-0 in the SUNYAC East Conference following their sixth consecutive victory. Albany fell to 13-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

HOOPLA: A crowd of 3,000 was largest at Maxcy Hall this season. The game had to be stopped several times due to fans throwing toilet paper on the court, prompting Potsdam coach Jerry Welsh to plead with the fans to refrain from such behavior. Following the third stoppage in play Potsdam was assessed with a technical foul which Dan Croutier converted for the Danes.

Amazin' Dane grapplers post 15th straight win

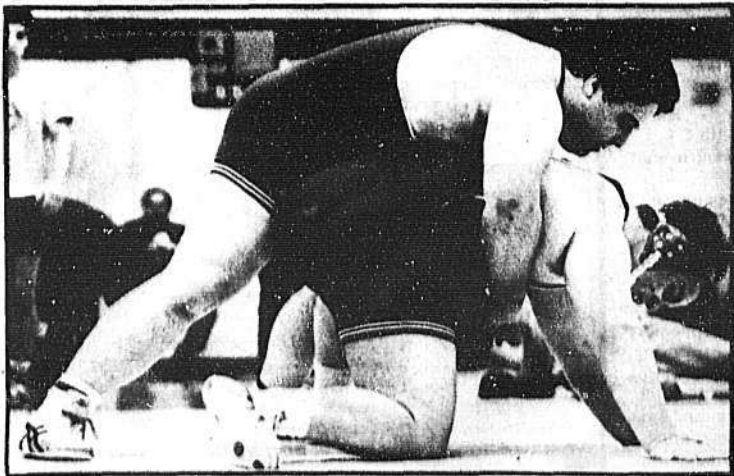
By Cathy Errig
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

What can you say about the Albany State wrestling team?

What can you say about a team that added nine victories to its already undefeated

record over the winter break, bringing its season total to 15?

A team that placed sixth in the NY State Competition, the only Div. III school that defeated the Dane grapplers being top-ranked Ithaca college?



LUCKEY UPS
Ivan "The Terrible" Katz has been a strong force at heavyweight this year.

A team ranked nationally among Div. III schools? A team that has been massacring its opponents by scores of 53-0 and 55-0?

Ask the grapplers themselves and the adjectives "awesome" and "phenomenal" are popular responses. "Unbelievable" is another.

But the Danes are to be believed. Williams and Fairleigh Dickinson Colleges will agree to that as the Danes defeated them 49-3 and 53-0 respectively on Jan. 8.

Things weren't any different for Albany's competition on the 12th as Albany crushed Oneonta and Oswego 35-6 and 39-5, and then humiliated Kings College, 55-0. The meet included four technical falls and two pins.

The N.Y. State competition, held at Ithaca on Jan. 18-19, slowed the grapplers down somewhat. Facing teams from all three divisions the Danes placed sixth, their strength sapped a bit by injuries suffered by Ivan Katz, Jim Fox, and All-American Dave Averill.

"Individually, we had some great finishers in that match, but as a team I don't think we were up to our best," said Demeo.

Still, the team did defeat every Div. III

school except top-ranked Ithaca. Individually, Andy Seras and Shawn Sheldon placed second, and Matt Ryan finished third.

"He (Ryan) has been the biggest surprise of the season," said Demeo. "His finish was nothing short of unbelievable, he didn't sneak into it either. It took five matches including three overtime matches."

Ryan, a transfer Junior from Brockport, has been pleased with the coaching he has received at Albany.

"At Brockport, the coach tried changing my style to shooting, not using my upper body much," said Ryan. "Here, my upper body is emphasized and my shooting is better. I'm also in good condition, which was a big factor in the overtime matches."

The team rebounded from the State competition by cruising to victories over Hunter, 43-12, Newark, 44-8, and Keen, 41-12. Seras was impressive in defeating Hunter's Kevin Troche, a formerly undefeated All-American.

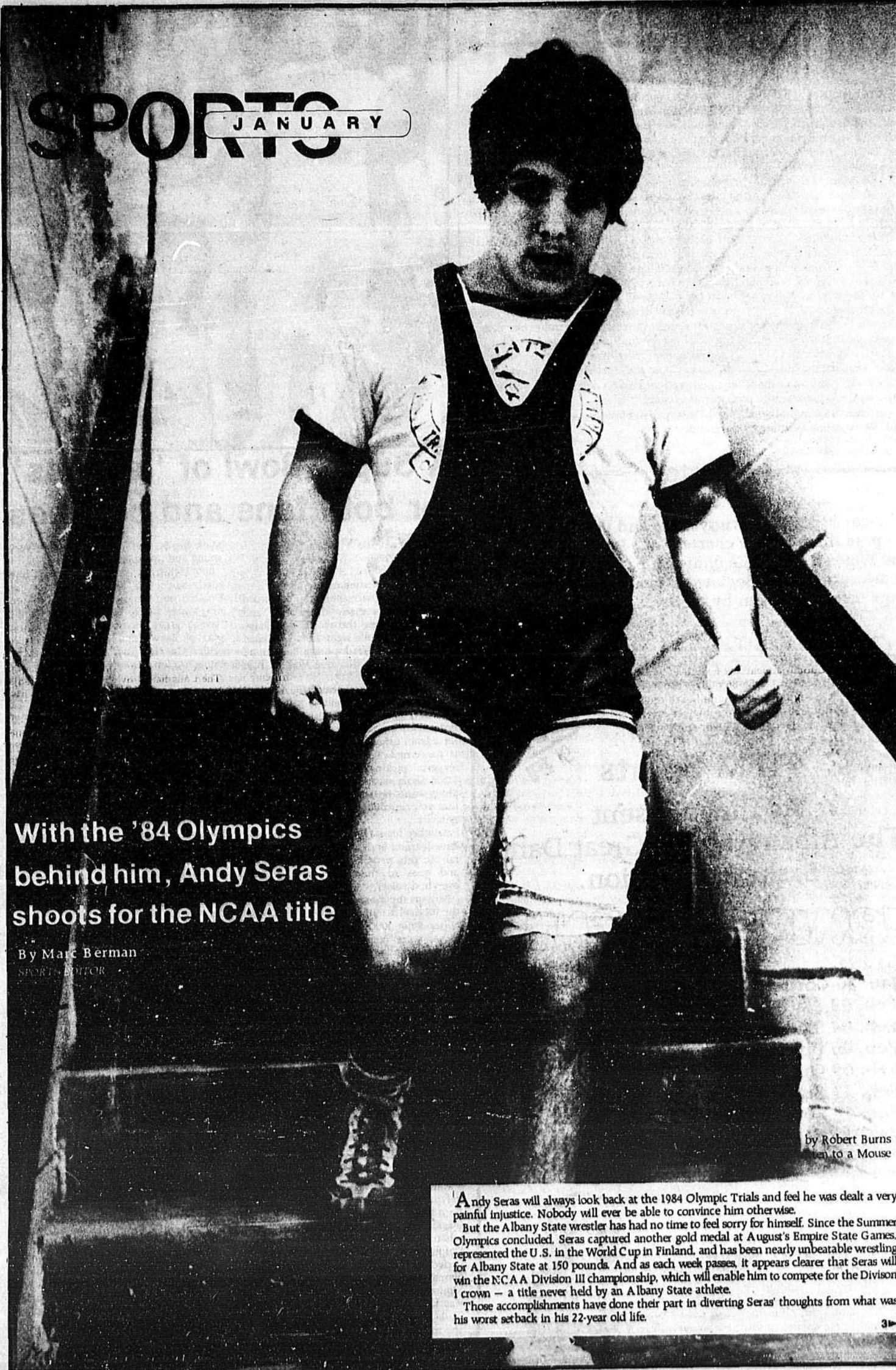
When asked if there was anything gained in defeating teams by 30-plus margins, Demeo's response was, "It's great. It lets us know how good we really are. It really

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SPORTS JANUARY

With the '84 Olympics behind him, Andy Seras shoots for the NCAA title

By Marc Berman
SPORTS EDITOR



by Robert Burns
...to a Mouse

Andy Seras will always look back at the 1984 Olympic Trials and feel he was dealt a very painful injustice. Nobody will ever be able to convince him otherwise.

But the Albany State wrestler has had no time to feel sorry for himself. Since the Summer Olympics concluded, Seras captured another gold medal at August's Empire State Games, represented the U.S. in the World Cup in Finland, and has been nearly unbeatable wrestling for Albany State at 150 pounds. And as each week passes, it appears clearer that Seras will win the NCAA Division III championship, which will enable him to compete for the Division I crown — a title never held by an Albany State athlete.

Those accomplishments have done their part in diverting Seras' thoughts from what was his worst setback in his 22-year old life.

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From the Editor

We're back. Not at full strength, but back nonetheless. After a brief hiatus, the Sports Magazine has returned, albeit in an abbreviated version. This month's supplement has been shortened to four pages, down from our normal eight-page section. In the following months, we will return to our eight-page format. But this month's reduction in quantity does not mean there's a reduction in quality. Exactly the opposite.

Sports Editor Marc Berman, in perhaps his finest moment as a sports writer, profiles Albany State's star wrestler Andy Seras. Talk about your best laid schemes going astray. Seras was victimized by a horrendous decision by the officials at the Olympic Trials, and lost a match not meant to be lost.

Olympic alternate. It doesn't quite have the ring of Olympic gold-medal winner, or even Olympic team member. But that's what Seras had to settle for, at least until the 1988 Olympic Games roll around. For now, he'll have to settle for trying to be Albany State's first Division I wrestling champion in history. The task won't be easy, but after the hardships he suffered in Michigan last year, Seras is ready for the challenge.

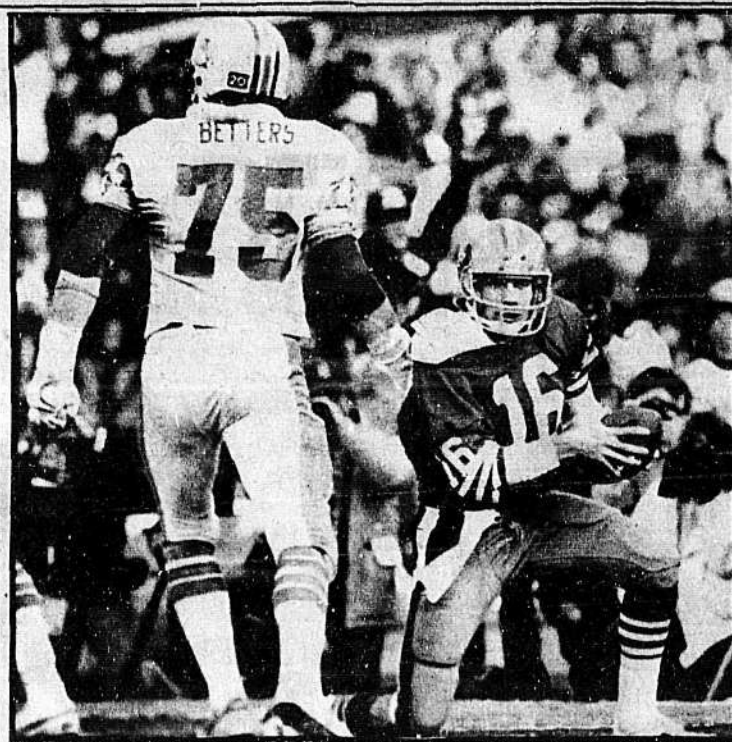
For those of you still trying to get over the end of the NFL season, Andy Targovnik takes one last look at this year's not-too-Super Bowl. Yes, even he makes mistakes, as he was one of many who picked the Dolphins to win. But he's learning.

And finally, columnist Mark Levine fills us in on college basketball's two powerhouse conferences, the Big East and the A.C.C., and looks at the probable contenders in each. Incidentally, Mark wrote the column prior to Georgetown's defeat to the Redmen on Saturday; he is not one who predicts past events.

Next month's Sports Magazine will be eight pages of features, columns and a center-fold. We're getting healthier by the minute.

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A Super Bowl of 'lessons' for both fans and coaches

By Andy Targovnik
SPORTS WRITER

"May the better team win." The commonplace sports fan has heard this expression many times over and over. These were the words that President Reagan spoke right after he tossed the coin. Never has a phrase been more appropriate than this one was in Palo Alto in Super Bowl XIX.

There were many lessons the NFL fan may have learned from the Super Bowl blowout. One was that Don Shula is not omniscient. A coach can not win a game for a team especially when a Super Bowl is concerned. I actually heard so-called 'experts' picking the Dolphins because "Don Shula wants to win and what Don Shula wants he usually gets." They forget that you can't have a circus without the animals.

Another lesson that the NFL fan may have learned is that Dan Marino is mortal. He gets nervous, throws bad passes and goes to the bathroom just like everybody else.

Perhaps the most important lesson that the football fan may have learned from Super Bowl XIX was that powerful offenses score points; good defenses win games. Just look back to Super Bowl XVIII. Nobody looked capable of stopping the Redskins. In the previous two weeks before the Super Bowl they had racked up 51 and 28 points. So how did they only score nine points in the Super Bowl? They ran into a great Raider defense.

So why didn't many fans learn their lesson from the past? They were caught up in the belief that Dan Marino was invincible, that the Dolphins' high-powered offense could outscore anything or anybody that was thrown at it. They didn't want to admit that the Dolphins had a relatively young and inexperienced defense. All they knew was that the Dolphins were magical.

Many people liked the Dolphins' defense especially since Joe Montana had been far from perfect in the previous two weeks against the Bears and Giants. But what they failed to see was that the Dolphin defense had been far from perfect too. All people were thinking about was that Marino was better than Montana. Forget that the Niners' defense was far superior to the Dolphins'. Even Shula failed to realize this. He didn't pull any magic out of his bag of tricks.

Dolphin fans didn't take into account that the Dolphin middle linebackers,

Mark Brown and Jay Brophy were very young and inexperienced.

Bob McKittrick, the 49er offensive line coach said, "I'd like to say that the Dolphins are the greatest thing since running water, but to be honest, they don't have a great defense." Concerning the play of Brown and Brophy, McKittrick said, "On the play action, they were biting too long. Even veteran players will go for the fake then race over. But they were staying and staying and taking the fakes for too long."

But let's also give the 49ers credit. The defense was insurmountable as they shut the Dolphins down. They're not fancy, just a good, experienced hard-hitting team. The 49ers' offense also played a perfect game, executing everything like it's supposed to happen in the playbook. The Niners' offense even got help from the referees and Reggie Roby who didn't live up to his Bowl status. But the way the 49ers executed, none of that mattered. Montana could have driven his team 200 yards if he had to. All Shula could do was offer praise: "And that Joe Montana, wasn't he something? He was simply at the very top of his game, huh?"

The 49ers weren't a big play team like their opponents. Their offense and defense executed flawlessly. You do that against less talented teams and you usually come out on top. Said Head Coach Bill Walsh, "This is a complete team. This team would have to be considered one of the best in football." Nobody seems to be arguing.

Usually the less talented and undermanned teams can't play straight up against stronger teams and win unless they pull off some odd plays. The Dolphins' only touchdown came when they were running a two-minute offense in the first half. This trickery shouldn't have stopped there. But Shula was caught up in the "Dan Marino will win the game on his own" myth.

After the reality of the defeat set in, Shula saw what everybody should have seen all along. "You look at this one and you could really see our age showing," he commented, "particularly on defense. The 49ers just took advantage of it. I just kept thinking about how much further along they are than us. They are so much more experienced."

To all people who picked the Dolphins: You were fooled once! Don't be fooled again! Just think back to the lessons you hopefully learned from Super Bowl XIX. I know of one person who has learned his lesson - yours truly. □

The Olympic ordeal of Andy Seras

Front Page

It was a bright, cheery June afternoon in Allendale, Michigan, the site of the 1984 Olympic Trials. It was going to be an especially bright day for a 21-year old wrestler from Schenectady, N.Y., in the Grand Valley College Gymnasium. Seras was about to fulfill part of his lifelong dream by disposing of arch-rival Jim Martinez, just like he had done two weeks before at the final Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Minnesota - Martinez's home state.

A victory over Martinez that day would cement Seras' name into the starting lineup of the 1984 U.S.A. Olympic Team in Greco-Roman wrestling. With part one of the dream fulfilled, part two - a gold medal - was to be taken care of next month in Los Angeles at the Russian-less Olympics.

When Seras stepped on the mat that afternoon with his college coach, Adirondack Club coach, advisor, and number one supporter since the tenth grade, Joe DeMeo, he wasn't exactly expecting it to be easy.

"It's tough for him to be 'very' confident when you're going up against a guy that has beaten you twice in four matches," DeMeo had said before the beginning of the trials.

Those who know Seras, however, know of an intense competitor, who, if not cocky, is quite confident of his abilities. But if there was one wrestler in the world which Seras respected, it was Martinez, a 26-year old NCAA All-American and Big-Ten champion.

There were few who doubted that this two-out-of-three series would extend the full three matches. As it turned out, everyone was wrong. Seras and Martinez were forced to wrestle four times before a winner was determined.

The first two matches were customary of their past meetings - tight, low-scoring duals. Seras triumphed in the first, 1-0, and Martinez rebounded in the next, 2-0. Then came the third and deciding bout.

or so it was thought.

Seras was on top 1-0, 1:30 away from an Olympic starting berth. What occurred next was the move of infamy, one that has replayed in Seras' mind a countless number of times.

Seras grasped hold of his opponent's arm, throwing him backward to the mat. Seras landed on one shoulder, then quickly rolled over on top of Martinez, who was out of bounds. Two points for Seras and a comfortable 3-0 lead.

The referee saw otherwise. Ruling Martinez initiated the move, he awarded two points to Martinez since Seras landed on a shoulder. Seras received zilch because Martinez was out of bounds when Seras had control. The score changed from 3-0 in favor of Seras to a 2-1 advantage for the Minnesota wrestler, which is the way the match ended.

With the sounding of the referee's whistle ending the match, DeMeo and Seras immediately filed a protest.

"The question was who initiated the move," stated the assistant coach of the 1976 Olympic team. "There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Andy did."

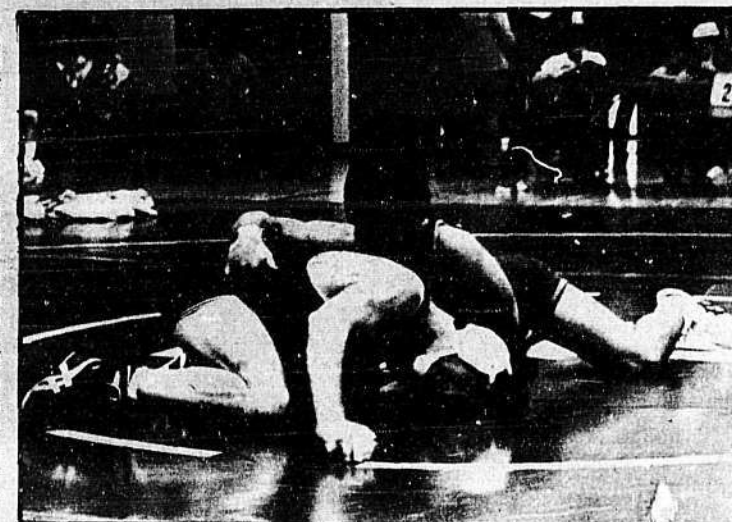
The officials proceeded into a private office to view the match on videotape. Clearly, the replays showed Seras initiating the move. With that in mind, the heads of the trials were faced with two choices: 1) rescure the bout, which would've given Seras the win, or 2) disregard the match and let them wrestle it over.

To the dismay of Seras, DeMeo and the rest of the Adirondack Club entourage, the referees filed out of their 30-minute meeting and announced a rematch in 20 minutes.

"In any other international meet," said the irate Albany State coach, "they would have rescored it and given the match to Andy."

The pressure floating around the gymnasium in those 20 minutes of rest was enough to cause another volcanic eruption from Mount St. Helen.

"Yeah, there was a lot of undue mental



strain," recalled DeMeo. "He thinks he lost it although he knew he won it. And then they tell the kid to go out there and do it again. All this for a 21-year old who has to go up against someone who's 26."

"I guess I was happy I got to wrestle again," says Seras now. "But I felt gypped. I had won it and I felt they had taken it away."

The elder, perhaps more experienced wrestler prevailed in the make-up match, 1-0. It was another nip and tuck battle, proving further how evenly matched the two wrestlers are.

The protest did not die there. Seras and his family took their plea to American Arbitration Court while Andy flew to L.A. to practice with the Olympic team - as an alternate.

He says the hardest times came during that span from mid-June to early July, when the three-time All-American was training in L.A., not knowing what his status was.

The dream officially came to a halt on July 3 with a phone call from DeMeo reporting the bad news.

"I think he prepared himself for the loss in court," said DeMeo. "It was a legal question and it had nothing to do with the match. The court only examined whether the criteria set up by the Olympic committee was applied fairly."

Some noticed a change in Seras up in the L.A. training camp once he learned he would not be starting.

"He was working out hard, but once he found out, he didn't try as much," said ATWA teammate and Olympic starter Frank Famiano, a Schenectady resident who finished fifth at 125 pounds. He had nothing to shoot for, if it happened to me, I would've felt the same way."

Seras says he tried to help Martinez at training camp, but his heart just wasn't into it. He hung out mostly with Albany State's Shawn Sheldon, who qualified as an alternate at 118 pounds. The two roomed together in Los Angeles.

"There's a saying among wrestlers that your best friends will never be in your own weight class," said Seras.

Once the games began, Seras turned spectator and rooted for his ATWA mates Famiano, Chris Catalfo, and Olympic gold medal winner Jeff Blatnick. Seras was heartened by the gutsy effort of Blatnick, his former housemate on Morris Street. Seras was in the stands on that electric evening in the gym and saw his friend turn into an instant celebrity because of a wrestling match. Afterwards, the whole gang went out to celebrate.

"I couldn't have been happier," said Seras. "He made a lot of people happy. It was exciting."

Seras has noticed no change in Blatnick, whose picture continues to appear in every sports publication in the nation.

"I think people's perception of him has

changed," said Seras. "But he's the same with his friends. I still call him 'Fatty'."

The 1984 Olympic experience is behind him, but Andy says "it will continue to live in my mind forever." His sights are now set on an accomplishment never done by an Albany State athlete. The college senior, who red-shirted last season, is looking to not just win his first NCAA Division III championship, but to take the Division I title as well.

"Winning Division III is something he hasn't won yet, so that will be big," said the Danes' coach. "But ever since he came to Albany State it's been his goal and mine for him to be the Division I champion. I would say right now he's among the top five in the country at 150 pounds."

Seras doesn't feel in his top form for college style wrestling even though he has been wiping out opponents with relative ease. The Great Dane team is undefeated in dual meets (9-0) and so is Seras as of this writing.

"I had been wrestling 17 months of Greco so I'm still not as sharp as I'd like to be," said Seras. "March is where all the marbles are and by then I'll be ready."

DeMeo believes Seras has an edge over most college wrestlers in experience.

"The key to winning a tournament like the NCAAs is being at your personal best that day and you get that from experience," lectured the Dane mentor. "He's been wrestling in tournaments all over the world, so when he gets into a tournament like the NCAAs, he's not going to be so nervous of the 'Event.' Without experience, a guy goes in saying, 'Oh my god, I'm at this major championship.' That person worries about that instead of wrestling itself."

Continued DeMeo, "Andy's wrestled Russians and they are the best in the world. It's not good to have too much respect for an opponent. Andy doesn't overrespect anybody."

After the collegiate season is over, Seras is hoping to meet up with Martinez in the National Greco-Roman Championship. It might be the last time the rivals ever meet. With Martinez turning 27, many observers are expecting his retirement shortly.

A Martinez retirement could make it relatively easy for Seras to gain a starting berth on the 1988 Olympic squad.

But the promising future doesn't heal the disappointment Seras endured in 1984.

"It's a tragedy in that the mistakes of a few men kept him off the team," said DeMeo who plans to train Seras for 1988. "Nothing anyone can say will ever make it right. It will always be wrong. As in everything in life, maybe it will be educational and help in the future."

For Seras perhaps, it was educational. He learned firsthand that sometimes dreams are meant to be broken. □

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Who to watch for in the Big East and the ACC

By Mark Levine
SPORTS WRITER

I was really psyched this year. While I'm not as avid a football fan as I am other sports, I really thought that this wouldn't be a letdown after two weeks of hype.

Wrong. Oh well, at least there's college basketball, which is one heckuva thing to fall back on. What I'd like to do is examine two of the top conferences in the nation, what I think of the top teams, and which of them you're likely to see on the tube on that glorious Saturday in March known as Final Four Day. You may or may not agree with some of my opinions, but remember one thing: they're coming from a college hoop junkie.

BIG EAST

It all starts with Georgetown, but it may not end with them. If certain things continue as they are now.

The way I've seen it so far there are only two Big East teams that can beat Georgetown, and one of them is Georgetown, and that's almost happened more than a couple of times this year. Putting it bluntly, Michael Jackson is killing the Hoyas. Yes, they're unbeaten and yes, they've beaten lots of tough teams, but if Michael Jackson doesn't turn his game around Georgetown is primed for a major upset in the NCAA tournament. We're talking early rounds, folks, and I firmly believe it could happen. Jackson has turned into the second coming of Fred Brown — A.K.A. the Human Turnover Machine. He's not a true point guard, so I can understand his erratic play up to a point. But that doesn't mean he can't run a half-court offense adequately (which he can't) or hit a good percentage of foul shots (which he hasn't) or hit his jumper as consistently as he is capable of (which he



isn't). Patrick Ewing and Bill Martin have saved the Hoyas on numerous occasions this year, but they are primed for a loss, and I will predict that their first loss will be a close one and their second one will be by at least 10 points. I know it's hard to criticize a team that's unbeaten, but they don't seem as solid as they were last year.

The other team that can beat Georgetown? St. John's. They will do it at least once this year, because they are just starting to rev up. Chris Mullin may not be scoring as much, but he's doing so many other things on the floor, who cares? If Bill Wennington can stay out of foul trouble and Mullin stays healthy, the Redmen could be in Rupp Arena for the Final Four.

Villanova and Syracuse are also threats in this league. The Wildcats are a close-knit group that's been together for four years, they play super team defense, and in Dwayne (D-Train) McClain and Easy Ed Pinckney they have two superior athletes

who can play with anyone in the nation. Pearl Washington leads the Orangemen, and he might be the best one-on-one player I've ever seen, with the possible exception of a guy named Jordan. He's also a whiz in the open court, but the Orange, and Pearl in particular, are mediocre in a half-court game.

ATLANTIC COAST

Despite their recent blowout at the hands of N.C. State, Duke looks like a team to beat. Although they don't have a true center, the Blue Devils play probably the best man-to-man defense in the nation and have a great backcourt in Tommy Amaker and Johnny Dawkins. Mark Alarie hits from the perimeter as well as any forward anywhere, and Duke won't ever really get hurt on the boards even though they're small because they box out very well. This is also a cohesive unit, as they've been together for three years. With no seniors, the Devils may lack that intangible quality a Final Four team

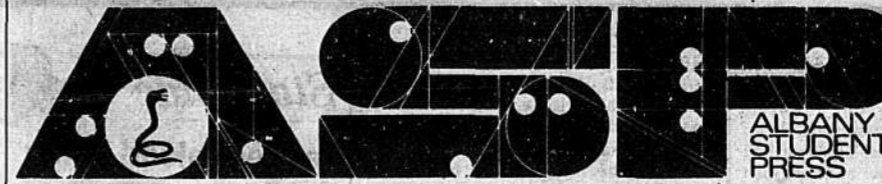
needs, but in Dawkins they have a three-year starter on the brink of greatness.

North Carolina is not going to the Final Four and may not even come close. Dean Smith is doing a brilliant job keeping the 'Heels in the top 10, because I can think of at least a dozen teams that have more talent on paper. In Kenny Smith, you're looking at a sophomore who could probably play in the NBA tomorrow. Other than that, the thing that sticks out about the 'Heels is that they're very slow. However, they're very disciplined, play tough team defense and are a team that absolutely refuses to give up.

For evidence of that, just ask Maryland and N.C. State, who are two of the teams who have a reasonable chance of knocking off Duke. The Terrapins definitely had a game at Chapel Hill in the bank, then missed foul shots down the stretch and came up short. At 6'8", guard Adrian Branch should take his athletic ability and his smooth jumper right to the NBA. But the player to watch on the Terps is junior Len Bias, a 6'8" small forward who will be All-America next year and will be a better pro than former Maryland standout Albert King.

N.C. State had a chance to be a force in the A.C.C., until Chris Washburn decided to borrow someone's stereo without asking him. This team now has no depth up front and a pathetic backcourt. So Spud Webb can dunk and he's only 5'7". He can't hit a 15-foot jumper and is too out of control. State may now be hard-pressed to get anywhere in the NCAAs, but they have Lorenzo Charles, and that should keep them in plenty of ball games. Georgia Tech can also surprise some people, but probably are a year away.

My post-season predictions will come later on in the year. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the season. □



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Students stand to lose much aid if Reagan's proposed cuts stick

By Beth Finneran
STAFF WRITER

Middle income students could be devastated by Guaranteed Student Loan cuts recently proposed by President Reagan, as 32 percent of SUNYA students who receive the loans could lose their aid, said the University's Director of Financial Aid Donald Whitlock.

Reagan's proposal will be formally presented to Congress on February 4, said Eric Bowman, a United States Student Association Board member from SUNYA.

Reagan's proposal would make a family income level of \$32,500 the cut-off for Guaranteed Student Loans and an income level of \$25,000 the cut-off for Pell Grants, ignoring other factors such as family size that may affect need, according to a memo by Whitlock.

"If you have more than one student in school you'll be out of luck," said Bowman.

In addition, Reagan's proposal includes a ceiling of \$4,000 on federal aid, which includes both loans and grants, according to Whitlock's report.

Bowman emphasized that this cap of \$4,000 hurts graduate students who currently receive up to \$5,000 in aid, as well as students attending private institutions, which cost substantially more than \$4,000.

Senator Robert T. Stafford, (R-Vermont) and Chair of the Senate's Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee denounced Reagan's proposed cuts during a telephone interview. "To cap the eligibility for the (Guaranteed Student Loan) program at \$32,500 or to limit aid per student to \$4,000 a year is absolutely ludicrous and will meet with strong opposition," he said, adding he "would suggest that anyone advocating the elimination of a good portion of middle income families from the Guaranteed Student Loan program does not understand the purpose of the

loan program."

"Middle income families have not asked for a free ride from the federal government, only limited assistance which the student will pay back after school. Without it many students will be unable to attend the school of their choice or attend college at all," he continued.

According to Whitlock, if Reagan's proposals are passed 1,500 of the current 4,760 SUNYA GSL recipients will be eliminated from the program. Those no longer qualified would be forced to use Parent or Auxiliary Loans at rates of about 12 percent interest, while GSLs are currently available at 8 percent. Furthermore, Parent Loan recipients would have to begin paying back both the principal sum and the interest immediately after taking out the loan, while GSL recipients do not begin repayment until after they finish school.

Whitlock also noted that projections indicate that 10 percent of SUNYA's students already receiving Pell Grants would no longer qualify. These students are usually from large families and have already been driven to take out loans due to previous grant reductions, he said.

The major problem of Reagan's proposal is that it doesn't take into consideration needs based on different family circumstances, Whitlock said.

"The problem before any of these families between \$30,000 to \$45,000 is that they're already finding it difficult to receive financial aid — in other words, it's another heavy blow to the middle class," Whitlock said.

Whitlock illustrated the problems inherent in the proposal by using the example of a family with one child and an income of \$31,000 which would qualify for aid while a family with six children, four in college and an income of



"That doesn't mean he (Whalen) has to move against all violations" of the grouper law.

— Vincent O'Leary

O'Leary predicts grouper law could force dormitory tripling

By Eric Hindin
STAFF WRITER

Tripling of students in SUNYA's uptown dormitories will probably be one way the University deals with next semester's anticipated shortage of off-campus housing, as the city of Albany gets set to enforce its "grouper law," according to University president Vincent O'Leary, who returned several weeks ago from his fall semester study leave in Yugoslavia.

Speaking at a press conference Thursday morning, O'Leary stated that conversations with Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen had led him to believe that while the mayor was determined to enforce the law, "he was of a mind to do it in a systematic and prudent way," as opposed to making an "overnight sweep" of all

houses in violation of the law.

The mayor, according to O'Leary, "will want to move against the most blatant violations, but that doesn't mean he has to move against all violations." As such, said O'Leary, there will probably be no drastic changes in the number of off-campus students, next semester.

At this moment, according to O'Leary, of the approximately 1,100 students living in violation of the grouper law, about 400 would have to be displaced to achieve the law's mandatory limit of no more than three unrelated persons living together in the same apartment.

The University, according to O'Leary, is also looking at some long term solutions to the problem, and is talking with local

Students begin statewide Ethiopian relief drive

By J. Michael Malec

A group of students has been organized in Albany to raise funds to aid the famine stricken East African nation of Ethiopia. Calling themselves Students Opposing Poverty in Ethiopia, or STOP, the group is chaired state-wide by SUNYA student Madeline Cuomo, and is organizing committees on SUNY campuses across the state, according to Upstate Coordinator, Michael Freedman.

Students at Albany will have the chance to donate food to the Ethiopian famine relief movement simply by not eating one meal at their quad cafeterias February 13, which is just one of several planned events.

The group was formed by Cuomo and others who share her concern for the plight of the starving, shortly after newspaper and television accounts of the crisis began to appear, said Freedman. Chapters have been organized across the state since a STOP presentation at a Student Association of the State University (SASU) conference, he added.

"Students Opposing Poverty is dedicated toward easing suffering and famine in Ethiopia," said Cuomo. "By encouraging student leadership to bring the problem to the attention of young people we are confident that we will make a difference."

On February sixth, Governor Mario Cuomo will issue a proclamation designating February as African Famine Relief Month in New York State. In support of STOP's efforts, the signing will

take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Campus Center Assembly Hall at SUNYA.

Echoing the Governor's recurrent theme of the "Family of New York," the proclamation says in part: "In a crisis where half a million people will die of hunger in a single year in just one African country, we must extend our boundaries as a State as we extend our arms as a family." The

Governor concludes by asking every New Yorker to consider making a contribution to a relief organization, and to include the African people in their prayers.

Most events on this and other SUNY campuses will coincide with the State-proclaimed month, including the one meal fast on February 13 as a centerpiece to Hunger Awareness Week. UAS will be

cooperating with STOP on the fast for meal card holders, while commuters and off-campus students may contribute directly to the SUNYA campus STOP committee, according to Campus Co-Chair, Joanne Fuchs, at tables in the Campus Center lobby.

Fuchs reported other events during the

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