

Last seen eating cake

Proctors (346-6204) Marcel Marceau, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.
 Spyrogyra, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.
 Troy Savings Bank Music Hall (273-0038) The Banquette Musicale, Feb. 26, 8 p.m.
 Albany Symphony Orchestra, March 1, 8 p.m.
 SUNYA Performing Arts Center (457-8608) "Modes", concert of Music by Handel, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.
 New York State Museum (474-5842) Jazz at Noon, Feb. 14, 21, 28, 12:10pm
 Half Moon Cafe (436-0329) Thomasina Winslow, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.
 Russel Sage College (270-2000) Two for the Show. Dance concert performed and choreographed by faculty and students. Feb. 21-23, 8pm.
 ESIPA Quintet Feb. 24 and 25, 3:00 p.m.
 Chamber-Music Commission and Music by Mozart and Beethoven, Feb. 24, 3:00 p.m.

288 Lark (462-9148)
 Skinflints
 Fri/Poor Boys
 5-8pm and 10pm-2am
 Sat/Downtown
 Pauley's Hotel
 Fri and Sat/Joe and the Night
 Fairs
 Sun/Wolfgang and the Demons
 Thirsty's
 Fri and Sat/Donnybro-
 Fair
 Skyway
 F/S/Trivet

Crossgates 1-12 (456-5678)
 1. Mrs. Soffel 12:20, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, Fr. and Sat. 10:30
 2. Tough Turf 1:50, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45, Fr. and Sat. 12:00
 3. Turk 182 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:30, Fr. and Sat. 10:40
 4. Witness 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35, Fr. and Sat. 11:55
 5. Falcon and the Snowman 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, Fr. and Sat. 11:40
 6. Mischief 12:15, 3:10, 6:10, 8:50, 10:50, Fr. only, Sat. 12:15, 3:10, 6:10, 10:50 The Sure Thing Sat. 8:00
 7. The Breakfast Club 12:30, 2:55, 5:50, 8:45, Fr. and Sat. 11:00
 8. The Mean Season 12:50, 3:30, 6:20, 9:00, Fr. and Sat. 11:15
 9. Heaven Help Us 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00, Fr. and Sat. 12:10
 10. Beverly Hills Cop 1:20, 3:40, 6:45, 9:20, Fr. and Sat. 11:30
 11. Fast Forward 12:40, 3:40, 6:00, 8:50, Fr. and Sat. 11:20
 12. The God's Must Be Crazy 12:40, 3:40, 6:00, 8:50, Fr. and Sat. 11:20
 3rd Street Theater (436-4428)
 Comfort and Joy Feb. 22, 23, 24, 7:00 and 9:20
 The Tall Blond Man With One Black Shoe Feb. 26, 27, 28, 7:00 and 9:10
 Spectrum Theater (449-8995)
 The Talking Heads Stop Making Sense 7:00, 9:00, Fr. and Sat. 11:00, Sun. 4:00.
 Madison (489-5431)
 A Soldier's Story, 7:15, 9:10
 Center (459-2170)
 1. Mischief 7:30, 9:30
 2. Breakfast Club 7:40, 9:40
 Cine 1-8 (459-8300)
 1. Passage to India 1:00, 4:15, 7:45, 10:45
 2. Beverly Hills Cop 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00
 3. Fantasia 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 8:30, 11:15, 12:10
 4. Witness 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10, 11:30
 5. Amadeus 1:45, 5:00, 8:15, 11:15
 6. Starman 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50, 11:50
 Saturday, 6:50, 11:00 Sneak Preview: TURK 182, 9:00
 7. Nightmare on Elm Street 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50, 11:55
 8. The Falcon and the Snowman 1:20, 3:50, 6:30, 9:20, 11:45

Theatre, Music, Dance

Clubs

Spectrum

Albany Institute of History and Art (463-4478) New York State Barns: Form and Function, River Moods, Steel... The Show From the Institutes Collection, There Had to be a Better Way: Inventors and Inventions of the Upper Hudson Region
 New York State Museum (474-5842) The Sound I Saw: The Jazz Photographs of Roy DeCarava. The Educated Eye: Art Collections from State University of New York campuses. Three Generations: Immigrants and Their Families in Broome County
 Center Galleries (445-0640) Original Graphic Multiples. By Audrey Kuhn. Calligraph, serigraph, and more. Opening reception Feb. 24, 4-7pm.
 Hamm/Brickman Gallery (463-8322) Original works by area artists, The Valentine Show.
 Dietel Gallery (274-4440) Sandy Noyes. Photography.
 Half Moon Cafe (436-0329) Black Dimensions in Art.
 Harmanus Bleeker Center (465-2044) Songs of the Fields: Leo Loomie explores the Hudson River landscape with a strong sense of color and design.
 The Albany Academy Gallery (465-1461) Sculpture by Kathleen Schnieder and Bill Davidson.

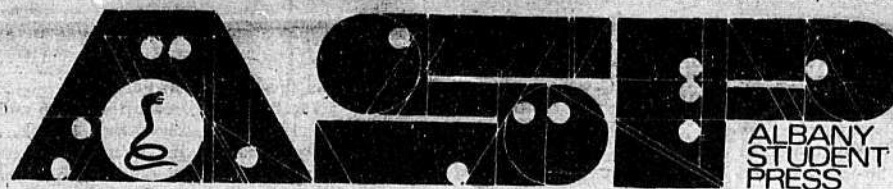
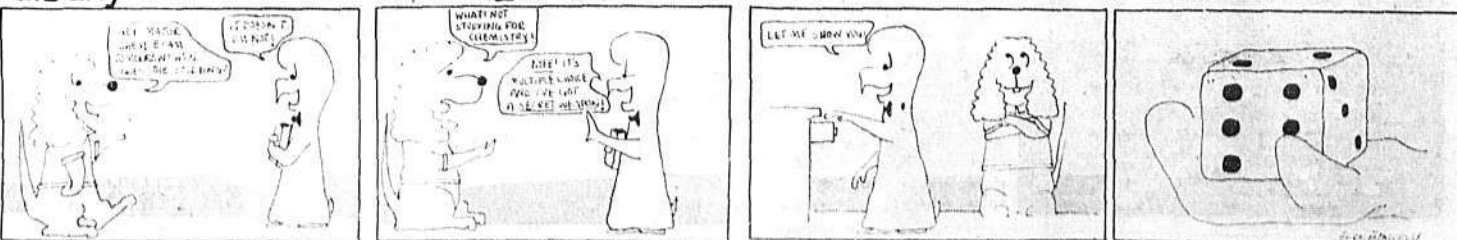
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Initial bus survey returns indicate major complaints

By Ken Dornbaum
STAFF WRITER

Efforts are currently underway by Alumni Quad Board, Student Action Committee, and the Student Community Committee to conduct a survey that would examine the positive and negative attributes of the SUNYA bus system. "Much of the impetus to begin the survey has come from the extreme and valid complaints about the bus system," said Student Action Committee chair Steve Gawley.

The survey, which was distributed in the commuter cafeteria in the Campus Center last Thursday and in Walden cafeteria on Alumni Quad Sunday night inquired about the user's satisfaction with the buses and the frequency with which they rode them. Preliminary results showed that "the vast majority of students are dissatisfied with the bus system," said Gawley.

Among the complaints that Gawley and Alumni Quad Board president Rich Wilson have heard are that buses do not keep to their schedules and come in groups of three, rather than being suitably spaced. Moreover, "on weekends, the Wellington bus sometimes doesn't show up — leaving students stranded for hours," said Wilson.

"Two Saturdays ago, I waited from 2 p.m. until after 4 at the gym for a

bus," said Audrey Fischer, a senior at SUNYA. "I'm really fed up with the poor service."

Administrators at the Physical Plant, however, were not aware of any problems. "The buses are supposed to stick to their schedules and as far as we know they do," said Meg Beidl, Assistant to the Director of the Physical Plant. "There are thirteen buses out in the morning and in the late afternoon."

Repeated calls to Physical Plant Director Dennis Stevens were not returned.

Rich Dalton, chair of Student Community Committee, said that the scheduling problems were "just the tip of the iceberg. The bus drivers are very obnoxious and don't care if they leave a student stranded. Also the buses are in very poor condition - the shock absorbers are in terrible shape as are the brakes. Because of this, standing on a crowded bus is not safe."

Beidl disagreed, saying, "Buses are in basically good condition... preventative maintenance is our priority. Oil is changed and brakes are checked quite frequently. Every night the bus driver notes on his or her sheet any problems he or she has had with that vehicle to let the mechanic know. Also, we've never heard anything bad about our drivers."

"I heard a bus driver complaining one



UAD President Rob Plija and Student Action Chair Steve Gawley

Many campus conveniences are inaccessible

Day of wheelchair practice is a vehicle for awareness

By Beth Finneran
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 25 individuals maneuvered their way around campus in wheelchairs Monday in an attempt to understand the everyday problems and frustrations faced by disabled students at the University.

University President Vincent O'Leary declared Monday Disabled Awareness Day to a crowd of approximately 50 people outside the Campus Center, as the participants, consisting of members of different campus organizations and two faculty members, manned their wheelchairs and prepared to spend four hours living their lives as if they were disabled.

Some of the tasks participants were asked to complete included going to the bookstore, going to the bathroom, using an elevator, going to the infirmary, and using the tunnels.

Student leaders and faculty reunited at 4:00 in the Administration Building to discuss some of the difficulties they con-

fronted during the day. "My forearm was worn out," said Professor Harold Canon, Dean of the Business School, adding that he also got his wheelchair stuck behind his desk.

Student Association President Rich Schaffer said his biggest frustration was his trip to the gym. "I almost met my doom on the hill going down," he claimed.

One major problem shared by most of the participants was difficulty in going to the bathroom. "There's just no way you can maneuver the wheelchair to use those rails (in the bathroom stalls)," emphasized one student.

Another concern was the lack of sufficient means for disabled students to get to different campus locations. "It's incredible how far out of your way you have to go," said John Sayour, Colonial Quad Central Council representative in regard to the need for ramps.

Steve Landis, Central Council member from State Quad, noted that there was only one elevator to get in and



A SUNYA bus "the vast majority of students are dissatisfied"

RA named in tower robberies

By Pam Schusterman
STAFF WRITER

A Residential Assistant from Mohawk Tower on Indian Quad reportedly burglarized six floors of suites over intercession, but administrators say they have no idea how much was stolen.

The burglary, for which former twelfth floor RA Jim Geraci has been charged, happened, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Frank Pogue, "sometime after the second or third of January through the twentieth." Geraci was allegedly able to get a hold of a set of master keys, Pogue said.

Geraci was charged with the thefts, Pogue said, after his name was traced through a receipt issued by Barnes and Noble for books returned from the burglarized suites.

"We are still investigating how he got the key," said Pogue, "but we are also taking preventive methods to see that it does not happen again."

Pogue said no specifics of the new policy had been planned as of yet.

The amount of valuables stolen from floors seven through nine and fourteen, fifteen and sixteen is

still under investigation. Alice Corbin, Director of Judicial Affairs said, "My impression is Public Safety is working on how much has been taken." She added, "We don't have an accurate handle on it yet."

Jim Williams, Director of University Police refused to comment due to what he called "youthful-offender status" of the suspect, who is registered as a junior. "Most articles have been recovered and returned," he did say, however.

Several residents of Indian tower disagreed, though, reporting that some of their items have not been returned. One student said, "You don't realize some of your things are missing until you go to use them."

Students from the burglarized suites said that among the items stolen were a Commodore 64 computer, valued at \$200, a typewriter, a radio, a calculator and various small items such as vitamins, detergent, loose cash, tapes, albums, baseball bats and a pencil sharpener.

Also stolen were text books which, according to



DAVE ISAAC UPS

DOC GETS 500TH WIN: Albany State's Dick Sauers recorded his 500th career win last Friday night by virtue of the Danes' victory over Brockport at University Gym. Sauers became the 38th coach in college basketball history to reach this plateau. Sauers, the winningest active Division III coach in the nation, sports a 500-231 career mark spread over 30 years at Albany State. He will lead the Danes into Worcester, Massachusetts on Friday in pursuit of a national title, one of the only achievements that has eluded Sauers in his career. Sauers' magic moment against Brockport is featured in this month's Sports Magazine, found inside this newspaper.

NEWS BRIEFS

Worldwide

Gromyko visits Italy

Rome (AP)Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Monday took his campaign against NATO's nuclear missiles and the Reagan administration's "Star Wars" plans to Italy, where he may meet with Pope John Paul II.

Gromyko was making his first official visit to Western Europe—apart from attending international conferences—since the start of installation in late 1983 of U.S.-built missiles in Italy, West Germany and Britain to counter Soviet rockets in Eastern Europe.

A meeting between Gromyko and the Polish-born pope was "possible," said the Vatican, which declined to confirm media reports that a session was scheduled.

Chernenko reappears

Moscow (AP)President Constantin U. Chernenko has appeared in public after being out of sight for two months, but his faltering manner and the way Soviet television managed his appearance did little to dispel doubts about his health.

Carefully edited television footage less than two minutes in length was aired Sunday on Soviet television. It showed Chernenko, 73, sitting, standing and murmuring a few words as he voted in an election for the Parliament of the Russian Republic.

Western diplomats said they doubted Chernenko voted at a regular polling place.

Egypt seeks U.S. help

Washington, D.C. (AP)Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has asked the Reagan administration to act as host in direct peace talks between Israel and members of a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, The New York Times reported Monday.

Mubarak said Egypt would also be willing to act as host for such a meeting of the two sides, or would be willing to attend one "anywhere" that is agreeable to all concerned.

He announced in Cairo Monday that he was sending his top political aide Osama el-Baz to Israel later in the day for talks with Prime Minister Shimon Peres on ways to promote Middle East peace efforts and improve bilateral ties.

NATO secrets sold

Oslo, Norway (AP)The chief prosecutor said Monday that former diplomat Arne Treholt told of being sexually blackmailed into providing nuclear and other military secrets from Norway and NATO to agents of the Soviet Union.

Treholt told interrogators he attended a private party in Moscow in 1975 which turned into an "orgy," prosecutor Lars Qvigstad said, and later he was confronted with photographs by a Soviet agent who proceeded to quiz him on his access to secret material.

In his first presentation in the opening sessions of Treholt's espionage trial Monday, Qvigstad outlined years of a long series of contacts after 1975 between Treholt and Soviet agents.

Nationwide

Meese struggle ends

Washington, D.C. (AP)Edwin Meese III was sworn in Monday as attorney general, his year-long struggle to become the nation's law enforcement officer finally at an end.

President Reagan attended the brief, informal ceremony at the White House, according to White House spokesman Robin Gray. Vice-President George Bush, Reagan chief of staff Donald T. Regan and other staff members also attended, Gray said.

Grant salvage urged

Washington, D.C. (AP)A group of Northeastern governors has urged Congress to keep economic development programs President Reagan wants consigned to the scrap heap.

The Coalition of Northeastern Governors—with Pennsylvania the sole negative vote—also endorsed a new plan that if adopted by Congress would reduce pollution from acid rain.

Sponsored by Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, the resolution on economic development programs singled out Urban Development Action Grants and Community Development Block Grants as examples of programs that should be salvaged.

According to the resolution, the Northeastern states have received \$1.5 billion in UDAG grants since 1978 and the awards have led to an additional \$8 billion in private investments and created and retained more than 250,000 jobs.

Bomber to be tested

Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. (AP)A B-52 bomber carrying two cruise missiles took off early Monday for the second free-flight test of the missile in Cana-

dian airspace, the Air Force said.

The bomber roared off at 12:06 a.m. and 10:59 a.m., said Karen Fralick, a spokeswoman at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. At that time, the B-52 will launch one of the cruise missiles over the Beaufort Sea, near the Arctic Ocean, she said.

The cruise will then begin a 1,500-mile journey to its eventual landing near the Primrose Lake Evaluation Range near Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake in northern Alberta, said Maj. Alton Waller, a base spokesman.

Statewide

Cuomo proposes ban

Albany (AP)Mario Cuomo has re-introduced legislation prohibiting most employers from requiring current or prospective employees to take lie detector tests as a condition of employment.

"Despite the claims made for lie detectors, science had yet to create a machine which tells what the human mind thinks," Cuomo said Saturday. He noted that New York and many other states ban polygraph results as evidence in court.

A similar measure has been proposed in the past few years, Cuomo aides said, but neither the Assembly nor Senate had taken it up.

Goetz eludes charges

New York (AP)Federal prosecutors will not investigate the subway shootings of four men by Bernhard Goetz, U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani said Monday.

In a statement, Giuliani said his staff "has determined that federal civil rights do not provide a basis" for a new probe of the shootings.

Giuliani said Goetz appeared to have been acting out of the belief — justified or not — that he was imminent danger, not out of racial prejudice. Goetz is white; the four men he shot are black.

Officer suspended

New York (AP)A New York City police officer was suspended from active duty early Monday following the shooting death of a 22-year-old man on an elevated subway station in the Bronx Sunday, police said.

Paul Fava, 22, of Country Club Road in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx, was shot to death by a police officer who had been called to the Westchester Square-Tremont Avenue subway station shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday to investigate reports of someone tossing light bulbs, said police Sgt. Ed Leschack.

Officer Mervin E. Yearwood, 32, of the 49th precinct, was suspended without pay effective 1:15 a.m. Monday following a preliminary investigation that determined Yearwood had not acted within police guidelines in the shooting, Leschack said.



SUNYA student Yvette Lejeune made headlines last Tuesday when she paraded through legislators' offices as an ostrich to symbolize the way lawmakers have supposedly buried their heads in the sand on environmental issues. Lejeune (in background), is an intern for the Environmental Planning Lobby this semester.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

free listings

call 489-8573.
A Scripture Series will be held Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Chapel House.
History Club will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in BA 229. You do not have to be a history major to attend.
Professor Josiah Gould will give "a commentary on Aristotle's Logic" Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. in HU 354.
A Statistics Colloquium featuring Professor Stanley Lemeshow on "Survey

Strategy Used on Immunization of the World Health Organization" will be held Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 4:15 p.m. in ES 140.
The Rape Crisis Center of Rensselaer County needs volunteer counselors. Training will begin soon. For more information call the Rape Crisis office at 271-3445.
Student Political Awareness Night will be held in Aldon Hall first floor lounge on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Professor Jacob Reich will

speak at a mathematics colloquium on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 4:15 p.m. in ES 140.
"Real George's Backroom" television show will be shown in the Rat every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. on the big TV screen.
Telecommunication — "How it will effect us in the future" will be presented by Bob Mayer Thursday, Feb. 28 in LC 8. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.
Mid-Eastern Ethnic Dance classes will begin Thursday, March 14 at SUNYA through

the Division of Continuing Studies. For further information call 465-6121.
Purple and Gold is accepting applications for membership from members of the classes and 1986 and 1987. Applications are available from Alumni House and the Office of Campus Life, CC 130. The deadline is March 1.
Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish honorary society is accepting applications for membership until Thursday, Feb. 28. Applications are available in HU 233A.

The survey, of some 182,370 students, revealed

Group aims to teach, promote women's safety

By Douglas Tuttle

In response to the growing concern over women's safety, Student Safety Committee has been sponsoring self-defense workshops on State and Colonial Quads and hopes to expand the program to Dutch and Indian, according to the committee's chair, Valerie Pawlewicz.

Women's safety on campus is this year's theme for Student Association of the State University's (SASU's) Women's Caucus, to which Pawlewicz is a delegate, and she organized the Student Safety Committee as a means of heightening awareness here. "our goal is to improve student safety on campus," she said.

The Self-Defense Workshops began last year on State Quad as an R.A. project by Greg Ritucci-Chinni. Ritucci-Chinni, who said he is a black belt in karate, runs the weekly meetings, held Tuesday nights in the State and Colonial Quad flagrooms. "The objective is to help women understand emergency situations so they'll be prepared to defend themselves," he said.

"Basic defense skills as well as the techniques to kill or maim an attacker are taught," said Ritucci-Chinni. "Basically," he said, "it's important to know how to get away."



UPS

Although the program is geared towards women's safety, according to Ritucci-Chinni, about twenty-five percent of the up to forty people who participate each week on both quads are men.

Student Association Vice President Suzy Auletta, a member of President O'Leary's Task Force on Women's Safety, said she supports the efforts of the Student Safety Committee to promote the Self Defense Workshops. "Self defense is something

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—Suzy Auletta

that every woman should know. You never know when you'll need it. Having it on the quads is the best way to get it to the students," she said.

Jim Williams, director of Public Safety, who also said he supports the self defense initiatives, said "If it makes people feel confident, it's great."

Williams also said he believes that "the campus is very safe," adding that incidents in which women are assaulted on campus

are "very rare."

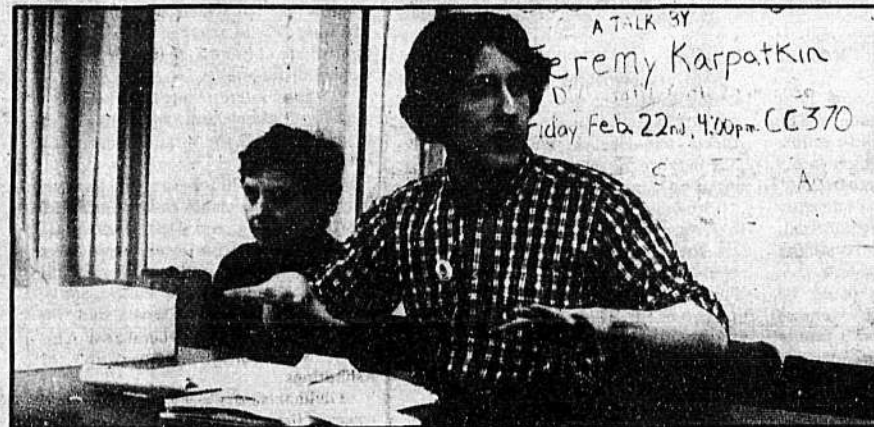
Some people involved in the Student Safety Committee, however, expressed concern over safety on campus. "Because of the way the campus is situated," Ritucci-Chinni said "there is the potential for bad situations."

According to Pawlewicz, one of the objectives of the Student Safety Committee is to push the administration to improve the lighting on campus. Williams also expressed the concerns about lighting and said "I wholeheartedly support any improvements in the lighting."

Other goals of the committee include requiring all R.A.s to be instructed in self-defense, Pawlewicz said. In this manner, Ritucci-Chinni explained, R.A.s could familiarize the students in the building with self-defense techniques.

One of the students who attends the workshops. Drucilla Lamagna, said that she participates primarily for the workout. She also said, however, "I don't feel the campus is safe."

Another participant, Carmel Reilly, said that she felt safe but added that "Self defense is worthwhile learning because if you're placed in an unexpected situation, you can handle yourself." □



DSA National Youth Organizer Jeremy Karpatkin

Karpatkin outlines prerequisites for left to assume political power

By Eric Hindin
 STAFF WRITER

The "mass left" must work together as a self-conscious group and stop acting like special interest groups if they hope to implement any social change in America, according to Jeremy Karpatkin, national organizer of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

Speaking to about twenty-two people in the Campus Center this past Friday, some of whom were members of DSA, Karpatkin outlined several "prerequisites" for social change.

"Members of the mass left must recognize the relationships between electoral and nonelectoral politics," stated Karpatkin, adding, "Efforts to attain desired change must be a continual effort, not just an election year push." The left must also, according to Karpatkin, become more involved in politics at the state level rather than restricting their efforts to action at the federal level.

Karpatkin suggested several directions that the student left might pursue, if they hope to attain the social change. First, he said, the student left must stop treating themselves as if they were marginal. "We must not be intimidated by the myth of student rights."

"Students in America are not as far to the right of the political spectrum as most people think," nor are students who are members of DSA as radical as most people would believe, according to Karpatkin.

Karpatkin cited figures from a January, 1985 article in *U.S. News and World Report*, which reported the results of the 19th annual survey of first year college students conducted by the American Council on Education and the University of California at Los Angeles.

that a record 53.6 percent favor busing to achieve racial balance in schools, 86 percent favor a national health care plan that would cover everyone's medical costs, and support for increased military spending dropped to a low of 32.5 percent, down from 36.9 percent in 1983. The survey also showed that for the third consecutive year the percentage of freshmen who thought of themselves as liberal increased.

In the 1984 election, according to Karpatkin, the DSA as well as most other groups of the left were solidly behind Mondale, from the very start of his campaign. The paramount issue, Karpatkin stated, was defeating Reagan. The DSA, however, was not happy with Mondale, who is, Karpatkin said, quite conservative, and even far to the right of Jimmy Carter, regarded as a conservative democrat.

Mondale's failure has shown the folly of backing an inadequate candidate, and in future elections, says Karpatkin, the DSA will "spill some blood if necessary" in finding new leaders which are to the DSA's satisfaction.

The terms Democrat and Socialist are redundant, said Karpatkin, adding that "democracy is what Democratic Socialism is all about." The members of DSA are socialists said Karpatkin, because they want Democracy to include economic life, as well as politics.

There was never any "Golden Age" of liberalism, said Karpatkin, pointing to George McGovern's candidacy in 1972.

McGovern, supposedly the champion of the students and liberalism received only about 45 percent of the votes, while his opponent, Richard Nixon received about 55 percent. Karpatkin compared these figures to this past election, and insisted that

Excess rules found to shackle SUNY's future

By Rebecca Lutz

Decision-making at SUNY schools should be moved out of the government and onto the campuses. That was the message put forth at a panel discussion Monday, held by several state legislators at a Student Association of the State University Legislative Conference (SASU) at the state capitol.

Assembly member Mark Siegel, chair of the Higher Education Commission, and Senator Kenneth LaValle, chair of the Senate Committee of Higher Education Issues, spoke on proposed changes in legislation concerning the State budget review process and how it effects the SUNY system.

"We must increase the participation of students and faculty in decisions which affect their lives," said Siegel, adding, "While authority must reside with the campus president, there must be mechanisms by which the president comes into contact with the objects of his policies."

LaValle stated that "the University is not living up to its great potential because of its present structure. We need to make the SUNY system more adaptable to the future."

According to Tom Swan, SASU Vice president for Campus Affairs, "The exclusion of faculty and students is an example of a trend by many administrators to circumvent faculty and students within the governance process in order to impose their own agenda on the University." SASU recommends, he said, that students be given the ability to determine policy surrounding administrative fees which can raise tuition costs. These fees are presently determined by the individual campus president.

According to Siegel, even after the University's budget has been allocated by the governor, the University has to justify its programs and expenditures to the state officials and have them ap-

proved. "Because a university is run on a tight semester schedule, such bureaucracy can cause serious delays in programming," he said, adding that his intention is to eliminate such bureaucracy by bringing the decision-making process to the campus, replacing government officials with university representatives.

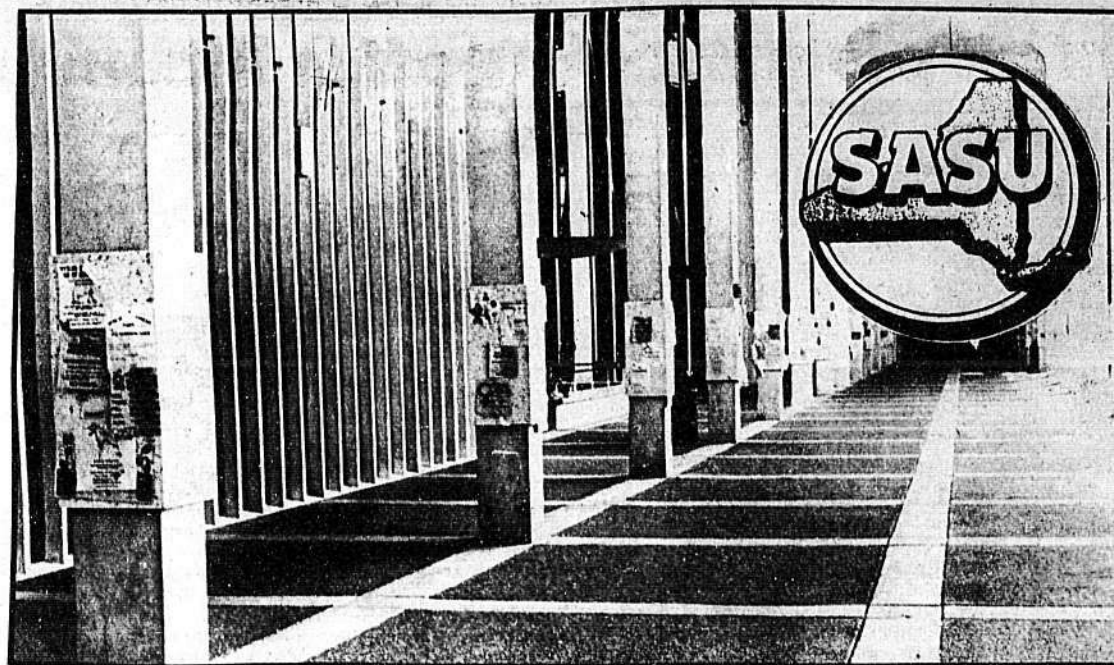
Siegel's comments came after almost two months of debate on the issue, which was sparked by a commission's report on the future of SUNY. The report urged that SUNY be allowed greater budgeting and decision-making powers and that the system be released from many of its legislative constraints.

Both officials said they were opposed to President Reagan's proposed reduction in federal financial aid by \$2.3 billion, which would mean the elimination of nearly one-third of all students currently receiving federal aid.

LaValle first made it clear that, as a Republican, he is a staunch supporter of Reagan, claiming that "the economy has never been better." However, he went on to say that he does not agree with the President's policy on the proposed budget cuts, stating that "the federal component of financial aid is extremely important in maintaining access of low-income individuals" to the SUNY system.

Siegel said he thought Reagan's policies were "a bad example of government by anecdote" and that "officials offer irrelevant tales to justify their programs." He said the budget cuts "showed a lack of understanding of the vision of equality of education in America and its role in maintaining a classless society."

According to Siegel, the cuts which would be most harmful were ones planned for the Pell Grant program and in federal loans. Siegel claimed that the state officials and have them ap-



Plans to cut financial aid opposed

By Karen Silverman

More than 26,000 SUNY students will lose \$50 million of financial aid if President Reagan's proposals are enacted, said several speakers at a workshop held Sunday in downtown Albany.

The session was part of the Student Association of the State University's (SASU) Legislative Conference held this past Sunday and Monday at the State Capital.

"Student aid is a top issue that needs an immediate response," United States Student Association Legislative Director Kathy Ozer, adding, "They need to hear from students now or they will not be aware of the students' feelings." Students can help themselves by showing their concern and getting involved, she said.

SASU Regional Organizer Kevin Koumes said, "Reagan's budget is the most aggressive attack on fundamental principles of access to equal educational opportunities since the history of financial aid." This view, amongst others, is shared by members of SASU, United States Student Association (USSA), and other interested members of the SUNY and general community.

Since 1980, students have been forced to accept cuts. In the 1983-84 fiscal year cuts were made which passed in the House of Representatives by a small margin of only seven votes. None of these have even compared to the radical ones proposed in

President Reagan's budget, Koumes stated.

According to the fact sheet, *Kiss Your Aid Goodbye*, which was compiled by SASU, federal financial aid will be reduced by \$2.3 billion, from 8.6 billion to 6.3 billion, representing a 27 percent cut. Nearly one-third of all students currently receiving financial aid will be eliminated, while the vast majority of the remaining recipients will have their aid reduced.

Guaranteed Student Loans could be denied to all students with family incomes above \$322,000 and students with family incomes above \$25,000 will become ineligible for Pell Grants, Work Study Programs, and all campus based aid programs.

A \$4,000 cap will be placed on total annual aid—grants, direct loans, work study, guaranteed loans—to any one student. SUNY graduate students are expected to lose an average of \$2,000 per year.

All students under 22 years of age, unless orphans of wards of the court, will be defined as the court, will be defined as economically dependent. Students 22 years and older will have to meet strict new standards to establish their economic independence. Figures show that there are more older students (above 22) than ever before. Koumes said, they are also having a harder time of proving their self support. Sometimes, they are denied work study programs, while they are told that those will help prove their independence,

he added.

SASU is launching a statewide letter writing campaign, and also urges SUNY students to get in touch with high school students and educate them on the situation, for they are the ones who will be most affected by it in the future, said Koumes.

"Students must understand," said Koumes, "that these cuts will not only affect the one-third of the students that receive them, but all SUNY students." The lack of aid will bring about a decline in enrollment, which in turn will put pressure on program cuts or tuition increases. Koumes said, "The quality of the education will be affected by these cuts."

With all the obstacles now standing in the way of graduate students, and prospective college students other alternatives might be sought out instead of a college education. It would be difficult to get well paid jobs, for many corporations require a college degree, so they would turn to the military. The American Council on Education claimed that the proposed restrictions on aid would be a benefit to the national security, for the lack of financial aid might lead these students into the armed forces, according to Koumes.

More and more middle class and lower income students would also be denied higher education because of their lack of financial aid in the future. "College should not be the privilege of the few, but the right of all," said Koumes.

SASU asks students to pay dues increase

By James Thomas

Students are being asked to pay for "more efficient and more effective" service from the Student Association of the State University, said Steve Gawley, SASU delegate from SUNYA explaining the new dues students are being asked to pay.

"The (SASU) Board of Directors passed dues of \$1.50 increase" through student activity fees, to be "effective the fall semester of this year," said Rich Schaffer, President of Student Association at the University.

SUNYA students will only pay an extra \$1.00 a year, however, because the school already contributes \$3.00 a year per undergraduate, Schaffer said. Students will, therefore, be paying \$4.00 a year each

to SASU starting next semester.

SASU dues are paid by students as an additional fee to the student activity fee each semester.

According to a SASU Campus chapter Budget Report the increased revenue will be used to improve recruitment and

response to local campus issues, to supplement SASU's printed materials, and to help with registration fees and travel expenses. "Twelve cents of the increased dollar per student will stay on campus," stated Gawley.

SASU dues are currently \$3 per year or \$1.50 per semester. "You're going to see better services" as a result of the increase, said Schaffer.

"There is (little money) for the type of organization they're running," said Schaffer. "The dues increase has been proposed to the 25 SASU member campuses," said Stew Freidman, business manager of SASU's Board of Directors Budget committee. Freidman also stated that "(We) feel it's imperative to have a strong national student movement."

According to Freidman the last increase in SASU was in 1981 where the dues went from 75 cents per semester to \$1.50 per semester. "This was a big jump," said Freidman, adding that there are currently no contract agreements with the campuses,

but with the new budget there will be contracts made between individual campuses and their SASU chapters.

Funds are needed to fight issues such as "loss of money to child care for students with children," said Gawley, and also for "SASU's response to growth and response to change" in SUNY.

By increasing the dues more money will be used for the campuses. "Campuses will have more flexibility," Freidman said, adding "We wouldn't be doing this if we felt the organization hasn't grown within the last two or three years."

According to Freidman, all campuses will raise the dues to \$1.50 but "campuses that do not raise budgets will not get on-campus budgets" for their individual chapters.

Eveline MacDougall, Communication Director of SASU said that in past years SASU struggled to fight issues concerning students because of lack of funds, and hopes that the students will see the need for funds for SASU materials and for support for SASU interns and projects.

Businesswomen at SUNYA seek national affinity, fulfilling careers

By Karen E. Beck

The boardrooms and headquarters of corporate America have traditionally been male dominated, but a new association at SUNYA may help women break down the barriers to management positions.

The Association for Women in Business, funded by Student Association, was founded last October by President Nancy Estrada and Vice President Sue DeLeo because, said Estrada, "Many things come as a surprise to women who have chosen a career in business."

Also in the works is a plan to become a chapter of a national organization for businesswoman.

The Association is "geared toward organizing women and trying to establish them more firmly in their career decisions," said the group's Public Relations Director Julie McNamara. She said that a separate women's association is needed "because of the number of men at the top of the business ladder who view women differently."

At their interest meeting held two weeks ago, about 20 students showed up to hear about the organization, said Estrada.

Seminars and luncheon workshops are planned for this semester on topics such as office politics, and guest speakers will include women from local employment consulting agencies and members of the MBA/ms Association in the School of Business. In addition, Estrada said, the Alumni Association and University Auxiliary Services will help with the luncheons.

Several seminars are already running, reported Estrada, on topics such as assertiveness, time management, and internships.

Estrada said she was also working on having the group become affiliated with the American Businesswomen's Association, which is headquartered in Kansas City. The ABWA, she said, has a diverse membership of women already established in business careers.

The ABWA not only provides a network which SUNYA business school graduates could tie in to, but Estrada said the national organization also brings together women from different levels of the business world — such as businessowners, corporate executives, and analysts — to meet and exchange ideas and share insights on the role of women in business today.

In creating a local chapter, the SUNYA group would receive "input from practical, experienced businesswomen through lectures, luncheons, and seminars," said ABWA Chapter Coordinator Pat Dellva. "A liaison will have to be established between ABWA and the Association for Women in Business before a local chapter could be set up in the Albany area," she added, explaining that the nearest chapter of the national organization is in New York City.

Although no student chapters of ABWA presently exist, Dellva said she is working to create such a network. "I've thrown out the idea to local businesswomen and have tried to establish a committee of businesswomen to aid in the creation of a student arm of ABWA," she said.

The Association has a \$300 income line, money they must raise and return to SA as part of their \$500 budget, said Estrada, explaining that bagel and donut sales are being planned, and each member of the group pays \$3 in dues as well.

Non-intervention pledge kicked off in Albany

Irene Weinstein
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

As the names of missing and deceased Central American dissidents were read Sunday night in Albany's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 people lined up single file and approached the altar to light candles in honor of the oppressed people of Central America.

The crowd chanted "presente" after each name was read and sang songs of solidarity. They also came to sign "The Pledge of Resistance." Participants in the "pledge" promised "to join with others to engage in acts of legal protest" or "in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience", in the event of a United States military escalation or intervention in Central America.

"The Pledge of Resistance", a national campaign sponsored by many peace organizations throughout the United States officially began in the Capital District last night. "Forty thousand people have signed the pledge in the United States already," said volunteer staff member Naomi Jaffe, who added

that the national campaign started last summer.

"This is a public resistance to the Reagan administration's intention to overthrow the government of Nicaragua," and to the continued bloodshed throughout Central America, said Maureen Casey, another volunteer, who led Sunday's program.

"We hope if enough people sign these pledges it will be too politically costly to militarize in Central America," said Casey.

The current Nicaraguan Sandinista government has been in power since a successful revolution in the summer of 1979, said Jaffe. According to "A Pledge of Resistance" pamphlet, the United States supports the Contras, a counter-revolutionary group, which perpetrates attacks against Nicaraguan cities and villages.

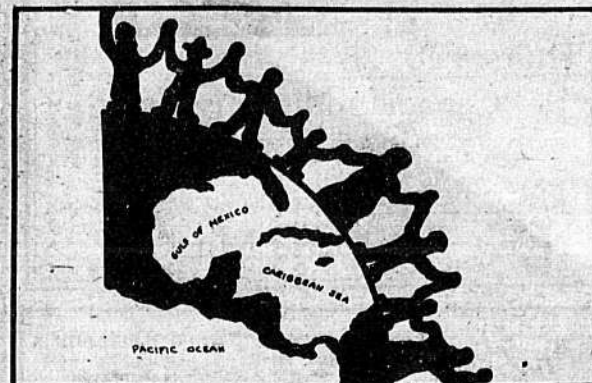
"Throughout Latin America, dictatorial governments are supported with U.S. aid," said keynote speaker Reverend Gary Dorrien. "The U.S. trains and finances armies to oppress the people," he said, adding that the U.S. asks in return only that they "fly their flags against

Communism."

Workers are "herded around like cattle" to different farms planting crops "like hash to be exported back to the United States," said Dorrien. "They are 20th century serfs," he added.

Dorrien related to the silent audience the tale of a Central American priest who said, "When I bring food to the poor I am called a saint. When I ask why the poor are hungry, I am called a communist." The priest was later killed by unknown assailants while saying mass, Dorrien added.

Peasants, under the old Nicaraguan regime, knew "poverty, disease and back-breaking toil," said Dorrien. The Sandinistas have given land to the peasants and formed farm cooperatives. They have eradicated diseases like polio and also police terror, and have built hospitals and schools where none



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had existed, said Dorrien. The situation in El Salvador is very much the same now as it was in Nicaragua before the revolution, asserted Dorrien. In El Salvador, medical care can only be obtained through permission

cards given out by the army, and people are executed in the streets. "Medical care is free in Nicaragua and capital punishment has been outlawed," said Dorrien. "The opposition press

New cheating policy a model for integrity

By Robert Benfatto

Students now have a model for conduct and a statement of expected academic integrity standards courtesy of a recently passed University Senate bill.

The bill, approved by SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary "came about from a task force formed two years ago by the University," said Senate chair Patricia Rogers.

The task force had been charged with creating a new cheating policy for the university in the form of a statement on academic integrity.

According to this new bill "It is every student's responsibility to become familiar with the standard of academic integrity at the University." Therefore, "claims of ignorance, of unintentional error, or of academic or personal pressures are not sufficient reasons for violations of academic integrity."

Student Association (SA) President Richard Schaffer said this new bill, "gives us a clear definition of what the university feels about qualities for academic dishonesty where before this there were no real guidelines."

Irwin Weinstein, Senate liaison, said "the idea behind this bill was to put on paper what wasn't there before." Weinstein also said there was "no problem in the passing of this bill," except for questions about files to be maintained on each student. This problem was restored quickly once the complaint was looked into and shown to be records kept only for the purpose to see how many offenses a person might have, said Weinstein.

Once "the Dean of Undergraduate Studies receives a second academic integrity report on a student, the Dean will request a hearing before the University Judicial System." The bill also states that "upon graduation or separation of the student from the University, these confidential reports will be destroyed."

A list of behaviors considered

to be illustrations of academic dishonesty include plagiarism, cheating on exams, multiple submission of work, forgery, sabotage, unauthorized collaboration, falsification, bribery, and theft, damage or misuse of library or computer resources. According to the bill, however, the preceding examples should be understood as "infractions rather than an exhaustive list...Individual faculty members and the judicial boards of the university will continue to judge each case according to its particular merit."

Penalties for being caught violating the policy can include a warning only, redoing a plagiarized paper, or the lowering of a grade on a test for the course by the faculty member involved.

A faculty member can also refer the case to the Judicial System along with citing the student with certain sanctions, as well. According to the bill, "Students who feel they have been erroneously penalized for an academic integrity infraction or think that a penalty is inappropriate may grieve these issues through procedures developed for each college, school, program, or department of the university."

Rogers said the bill was passed unanimously and that she had expected no real problems either, and added that the plans "to recommend that the university extend the idea of academic integrity to include graduate students due to their work in research, dissertations, and so forth," because "unfortunately there is some cheating going on at the graduate levels."

"Students do have more rights with this bill than before, nevertheless, our main concern will be on vigilante behavior with this bill," by faculty, said Schaffer. "If the bill is used properly it could be very successful, but if it's abused by certain faculty members it could cause some problems," he added.

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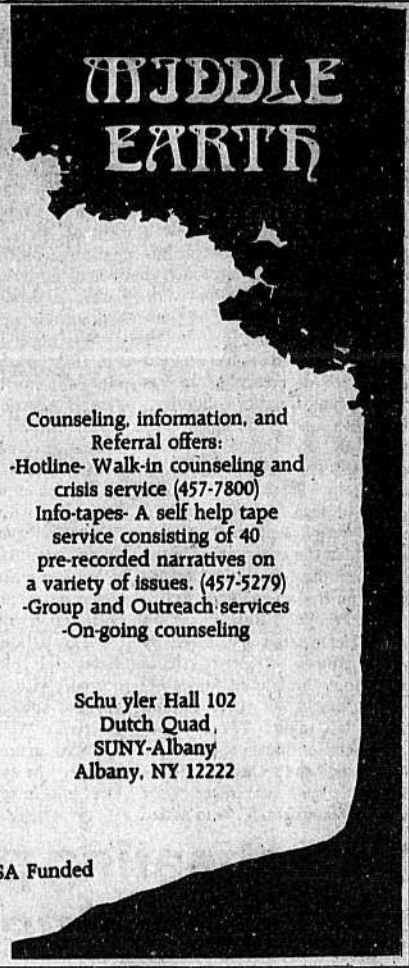
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Test relaxation tips can lead to improved marks

By Kathleen Brenock
 How many of you have found yourselves walking into an exam with sweaty palms or shaking nervously? Do thoughts such as "Oh, I'm so nervous, I know I'm going to flunk" or "I'll never do well, I'm not going to remember any of this material" sound familiar? If so, you are probably experiencing the effects of test anxiety.

Test anxiety can be both a physical reaction — such as a rapid heart beat, sweaty palms and shakiness; and a cognitive reaction such as negative ideas about oneself or about one's test performance. Both can affect performance by distracting our attention from the exam. So what can we do about it?

The use of relaxation techniques is usually very helpful in dealing with the physical component of test anxiety. During an exam it is often helpful to sit back and relax for a minute or two and

to take a few deep breaths. There are resources on relaxation techniques available at the University Counseling Center, located at the Student Health Center and at Middle Earth's Counseling, Information and Referral Center, located at 102 Schuyler Hall, Dutch Quad.

It may also be helpful to mentally visualize the test taking situation and to practice testing yourself at home. If your exam will take place in a room you are unfamiliar with, locate the room prior to the exam, find a seat and try to imagine your upcoming exam taking place there. This rehearsal will make the actual exam more familiar and will help you to relax and handle the exam with confidence.

The cognitive reactions of test anxiety are made up of negative thoughts and ideas of one's performance prior to and/or during an exam. These negative thoughts

and ideas will affect one's performance by channeling concentration and energy away from the exam. Don't concentrate on poor preparation or performance. Instead, offer praise and reassurance to yourself. Thoughts of poor performance or lack of preparation will only cause added anxiety. Try to become aware of these distractions as they occur and use a relaxation technique which you have found to be useful.

Consider your personal views on test-taking. Do you consider each test a measure of your self-worth? If so, you are placing undue pressure on yourself and this type of pressure will only serve to exaggerate the importance of tests. It is important to realize that your performance on a test is not a direct reflection on you as a person.

The following are additional tips that will help reduce test anxiety:

- Get a good night's sleep before the exam.
- Avoid panic — study from summary sheets so you don't overload yourself.
- Don't put any activity between your review and your exam except sleep.
- Have a positive attitude and feel confident.
- If you are tense, use relaxation techniques.
- Don't rush before an exam — give yourself plenty of time.
- Bring a watch to the exam — figure out a time schedule for each part of the exam and stick to it.
- Answer easy questions first and then go back over the more difficult ones.
- Don't sit near your friends, they will distract you and you may feel pressured by them, especially if they finish before you.

Test anxiety is something that everyone experiences to some degree, but by redirecting the effects of anxiety away from the self, one can use the energy from cognitive and physical arousal toward the exam to improve performance. For further information of Test Anxiety, please call Middle Earth's Info-Tape (457-5279) and ask for tape number 206, "Test Anxiety." Other related tapes include number 207 "Relaxation," number 208B "Study Skills" and number 210 "Dealing with Anxiety." Middle Earth also has several resources on exam related topics, such as "Examination Skills," "Exam Review Techniques" and "Managing Your Study Time." Please feel free to call (457-7800) or walk-in, from 9 a.m. - midnight, Sunday through Thursday and 24 hours Friday and Saturday to ask for these resources and to discuss these or any other concerns.

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In memory of Renita Wright

By Todd Wynne
 IN MEMORIAM
 Students crowded into the Assembly Hall last Wednesday night for the Memorial Service of popular SUNYA student Renita Yolanda Wright.

"Nita," as she was affectionately referred to by family and friends, was found dead on the roof of a Washington Ave. building in the South Bronx on Valentine's Day.

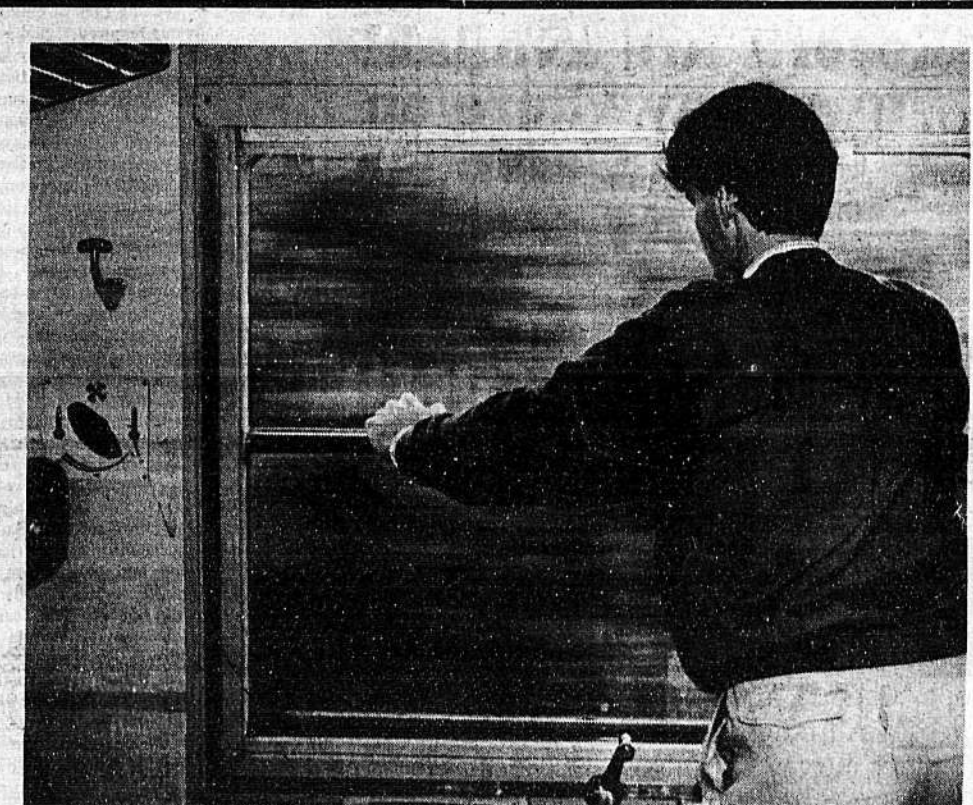
Some loyal friends further extended their heartfelt bereavement by journeying 140 miles south, to the Northeast section of the Bronx, to attend Nita's funeral procession at McCall's Funeral Home. Hosts of students made the trip. Two vans and three car loads full of grieving students trekked their way to the Bronx for this very unhappy occasion. As one student so fittingly asserted, "too bad we had to come to the city together for Nita's funeral and not for something else."

When news of Nita's death was received, two Fridays ago, a wave of shock shot across Albany campus, transcending feelings from disbelief to unharnessed anger, such as exhibited by junior Lehman Yates — a close friend of the deceased — who received 10 stitches in his knee cap after a very unamiable encounter with a class window.

Students, at the memorial service, grieved openly and vocally throughout, many of them, on numerous occasions, bursting into tears and hastily exiting.

A team of speakers came to commemorate Renita's short but tragic life, eloquently extolling endearing and gracious praise on her. Included among them was her guidance counselor Virginia Rifferbeck who used words such as "highly principled" and "vivacious" to describe Nita.

But I think Yusuf Green summed up Nita's tragic plight best when he stated that "somewhere in the beginning, our happiness was kidnapped and hidden in this illusion we call life." In essence, Mr. Green was saying, don't shed any tears for Nita, we are the unfortunate ones, Nita has "found" her happiness.



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Indian Quad burglary

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Pogue, "were the key to our lead on him." He explained that the stolen textbooks were detected by the bookstore and traced back to the receipt Geraci reportedly filled out to get the money from Barnes and Noble.
Geraci, the suspect, faces charges of burglary, second

degree criminal possession and possession of burglary tools. Pogue said, "He has been removed from his RA position and has been arrested by the University Police Department." He also said that Geraci will appear in Police Court sometime in the near future.
"In addition to losing his job as an RA he has also been referred through our (the University) judicial system and is pending a hearing now," said Pogue. He added that it is not unusual to delay process pending the arrest outcome.

Pogue said, "We have no real indication why he did it, it is something he probably has asked himself a thousand times."
Pogue explained that they have taken a special interest in this case because, "we had every indication that the RA was a reliable person who showed commitment to being an RA." Pogue described Geraci as "someone responsible and reliable who worked well with students."
According to Pogue, counseling has been made available to Geraci and he has responded favorably.
Geraci said he had "no comment in connection with anything" when reached by telephone Monday.
Geraci is no longer living on campus but was not forced off by the administration, Pogue said, saying he was just reassigned to a new location and chose to move off himself.

"After legal consideration is given and he has gone through the judicial system, pending his outcome, we would want him to return as a participating citizen," Pogue said.
"I believe our judicial system is based on education and not concerned entirely with punishing the person," Pogue said. □

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Bus survey shows problems

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evening that he could not get his bus repaired," said Rich Wilson. "The day driver found the bus in good condition, but the night driver had problems with the lights and heater; neither worked well at all and he could not get them repaired, or checked."
Another major complaint made by students is "the ridiculous bus ticket system," said Gwaley. "The booths are never open when you need them. The I.O.U. system is made out for the convenience of the drivers." According to Beidl, one needs simply go to Security to pick up an I.O.U. if one cannot get a ticket.
Students stranded downtown without a ticket or sticker however are not helped by this system. Linda Cronin, a sophomore who lives on Dutch Quad said she was almost stranded downtown last Saturday night after she visited a friend off campus and realized that she lost her return ticket. "Calls to Security did not help. They said there was nothing they could do," said Cronin. "I had to ask strangers for a bus ticket so that I could return uptown at a reasonable hour."

Dalton also asserted that "as paying customers, we should have more say in the service. There are not enough buses at appropriate times. In the mornings downtown it takes up to 45 minutes to catch a bus to class. There should be more buses at appropriate times to pick up the surplus students. A student picking up a bus at Allen and Western, for example, does not have a fighting chance to get on the bus unless they are out very early. The average student who lives downtown commutes 80 minutes per day, including time wasted waiting for a bus."
"There must be a lack of communication between students and us," said Art Burt, Transportation Supervisor. "I devised this year's bus schedule in accordance with the class schedule and have yet to hear a complaint. If there are complaints, I'd like to know. I think we have a very good system."

"Also, it's a bunch of crap that our buses aren't safe," said Burt. "For example, the loud breaks people hear are fine; they're loud because of the hard linings. Even though there are one or two buses out of service, we do our best to keep the buses in good condition, and we use a mini-bus so that the schedules are not screwed up." The oldest bus was built in 1975, the newest in 1984. The University has 16 buses in its fleet.
A final complaint is that students are not quite sure how the revenues from the bus system are being spent. "I think they are using the bus fee system to perpetuate their own bureaucracy and justify their jobs," commented Audrey Fischer. Neither Stevens nor Beidl could be reached for comment on how the revenue is used.

The three groups will be continuing the survey through the weekend and expect to have final results by Wednesday of next week. □

Disabled Awareness Day

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Other important concerns were the inaccessibility of vending and Moneyomatic machines, lack of seating arrangements in the lecture centers, the high bookshelves in Barnes and Noble, narrow doorways, lack of sidewalks around perimeter road, the different problems of fire drills, and the condescending attitudes of others.
"People who said 'Hi, Hello' every day didn't even see me as a person," said one of the participants.
One result of Disabled Awareness Day was the formation of an Accessibility Committee which will be made up of those

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out of the lecture centers. "You have to backtrack a hell of a lot," Landis said.
Robert Pipia, president of University Action for the Disabled (UAD), stressed how impossible it is to get indoors unassisted if a building is not equipped with automatically operated doors. "Sometimes you can wait around for fifteen minutes before someone comes along to open a door for you," he said.
Pipia estimated that it costs \$1,000 to install electrically operated doors.
Sayour, however, said he saw the electronic doors as a waste. "As far as I'm concerned, the \$1,000 was wasted...there was no way to get through the second set of doors," he said, referring to the fact that the electronic

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GALA's Speaker's Bureau ready, willing to force open closet door

By Jim Glenn and Chris Mayo

Everything you wanted to know about homosexuality but were afraid to ask will probably not be taught in any of the academic courses on this campus. In fact the mere mention of lesbians and gays being at our University may strike fear or repulsion in the hearts of many. While this is not unexpected, it is unfortunate because there is much more to gain for both gays and straights by an open dialogue than by a forcibly closed closet door. One of the means of starting this communication is the Gay and Lesbian Alliance's Speaker's Bureau.
In existence for over ten years, Speaker's Bureau has been able to provide informative panels for such diverse groups as students, police officers, church congregations, teachers and health professionals. The members of Speaker's Bureau are just as varied — everything from the ardent lesbian feminist to the young upwardly mobile gay man. By drawing its speakers from different racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds GALA hopes to dispel the simple stereotypical image of exactly what a lesbian or a gay man is supposed to be. To adequately represent all portions of the lesbian and gay community would be impossible since there isn't a room large enough. However an attempt is made when organizing a panel presentation to present different viewpoints.
The Speaker's Bureau was formed in response to an ignorant homophobic climate at SUNYA. The rationale behind the concept was that much of the hatred of an violence toward gays and lesbians could be prevented by talking to the very people who could possibly be a threat. Certainly it is not true that each and every heterosexual out there wants to physically injure a gay person but there are other ways; besides violence, of contributing to homophobia. Many people may feel that it's just fine to make gay jokes or scrawl anti-gay graffiti. After all generally this is done in the company of friends and who could be hurt? Well first of all, statistically speaking, one of those friends is probably gay and probably not too thrilled to be around people

who are unwittingly making fun of them. Secondly, "humor" that degrades or disparages any minority is not simply a good time but a way of making prejudice and hatred acceptable. So if it's fine to write "kill faggots" on a stairway wall, then it's one step nearer to being all right to do just that.
The panelists from Speaker's Bureau all hope that by telling about how they came to understand they were gay or lesbian they can reassure both those who are in the process of coming out and those who have chosen heterosexuality. In this way another of their tensions between gays and straights can be relieved. One of the driving forces of homophobia is the fear on the part of a straight person that they might be gay, that other people might notice gay traits. So to overcompensate they become vehemently anti-homosexual.
But these fears are based on stereotypes of what it means to be gay and what it means to be straight. Both gay and straight people have elements of both sexualities in their personality. The Kinsey study, one of the most thorough studies on the topic of homosexuality, redefines our concept of two sexualities. Kinsey found that in fact only 10 percent of the population was strictly gay or lesbian and only 10 percent strictly heterosexual. The rest fell somewhere in between. The social stresses that force gay people to conform to the so-called heterosexual norm then also force heterosexuals to cut off parts of their experiences and behaviors. We all lose when it comes to unthinking acceptance of stereotypes.
It is by no means easy to challenge much that we have all learned. It certainly isn't socially acceptable in many circles to have a lesbian or gay friend or family member. It is Speaker's Bureau's hope that its panelists can provide the information and support that might not be immediately available in all environments. By coming to organizations and classes the panelists are able to make the need for understanding between the lesbian and gay community and the heterosexual community more apparent. If you or any of your classes would like to hear a Speaker's Bureau presentation call GALA at 457-4078.
People Like Us will appear every two weeks in the ASP.

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evening that he could not get his bus repaired," said Rich Wilson. "The day driver found the bus in good condition, but the night driver had problems with the lights and heater; neither worked well at all and he could not get them repaired, or checked."
Another major complaint made by students is "the ridiculous bus ticket system," said Gwaley. "The booths are never open when you need them. The I.O.U. system is made out for the convenience of the drivers." According to Beidl, one needs simply go to Security to pick up an I.O.U. if one cannot get a ticket.
Students stranded downtown without a ticket or sticker however are not helped by this system. Linda Cronin, a sophomore who lives on Dutch Quad said she was almost stranded downtown last Saturday night after she visited a friend off campus and realized that she lost her return ticket. "Calls to Security did not help. They said there was nothing they could do," said Cronin. "I had to ask strangers for a bus ticket so that I could return uptown at a reasonable hour."

Dalton also asserted that "as paying customers, we should have more say in the service. There are not enough buses at appropriate times. In the mornings downtown it takes up to 45 minutes to catch a bus to class. There should be more buses at appropriate times to pick up the surplus students. A student picking up a bus at Allen and Western, for example, does not have a fighting chance to get on the bus unless they are out very early. The average student who lives downtown commutes 80 minutes per day, including time wasted waiting for a bus."
"There must be a lack of communication between students and us," said Art Burt, Transportation Supervisor. "I devised this year's bus schedule in accordance with the class schedule and have yet to hear a complaint. If there are complaints, I'd like to know. I think we have a very good system."

"Also, it's a bunch of crap that our buses aren't safe," said Burt. "For example, the loud breaks people hear are fine; they're loud because of the hard linings. Even though there are one or two buses out of service, we do our best to keep the buses in good condition, and we use a mini-bus so that the schedules are not screwed up." The oldest bus was built in 1975, the newest in 1984. The University has 16 buses in its fleet.
A final complaint is that students are not quite sure how the revenues from the bus system are being spent. "I think they are using the bus fee system to perpetuate their own bureaucracy and justify their jobs," commented Audrey Fischer. Neither Stevens nor Beidl could be reached for comment on how the revenue is used.

The three groups will be continuing the survey through the weekend and expect to have final results by Wednesday of next week. □

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So long, thanks for all the books

So Long, And Thanks For All The Fish
By Douglas Adams
Harmony Books, pp.204, \$12.95 hardcover

Don't panic. Just relax, slip a Babel fish in your ear, and settle back in your easy chair as Arthur Dent, hapless but hopeful protagonist of Douglas Adams' popular "Hitchhiker's Trilogy" explores one of the strangest planets he's yet encountered; a reconstituted Earth.

John Keenan

A quick note; there are certain series of books (the Tarzan series is a good, non-literary example) that boast that you can begin reading "with any book." This series is not one of them. Trying to read *So Long, And Thanks For All The Fish* without first having read *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy* is liable to make you very cross, give you small headaches, and start you muttering about "those damn cryptic British writers" again.

For those of you who are familiar with the series, however, *Fish* makes an excellent epilogue. The absence of Zaphod and Trillian may offend some purists, but the story really doesn't need them.

While everybody else on the planet is trying to puzzle out where all the dolphins disappeared to (the title is the dolphin's final message to mankind prior to leaving the Earth), Arthur Dent is just trying to make heads or tails of where this brand-new world came from (old Adams fans will recall that the Earth was destroyed in the first book of the trilogy). Adams, meanwhile, has populated this planet with some of the most off-beat characters he's yet created, among them "Wonko the Sane," a man convinced that the rest of the world is mad, and "Rob



McKenna, Rain God," who is followed by loving clouds who want to "be near him, cherish him and water him," and who is very upset because he hasn't had a pleasant vacation in years.

This "Fourth book in the Hitchhiker's Trilogy" (the embarrassingly cutesy blurb plastered across the front of the work) is perhaps Adams' strongest since the original. This is due in part to his admittedly brilliant humor, but for the most part can be attributed to the fact that this is the work where, for the first time, Arthur Dent becomes a hero rather than a schlepp.

This is one of the book's strongest points, for in the earlier books, the sole represen-

tative of mankind was a bit too pathetic to be a completely sympathetic character. In *Fish*, however, although Dent retains his nerdishness, he becomes a three-dimensional character.

This transformation is aided by the introduction of a love-interest for the previously semi-androgenous Arthur. "This Arthur Dent," Adams writes, "what is he, man or mouse? Is he interested in nothing more than tea and the wider interests of life? Has he no spirit? Has he no passion? Does he not, to put it in a nutshell, f-k?" (Actually, I put in the dashes myself.)

The transformation of Arthur from schlepp to hero occupies most of the work,

but in between Arthur and Fenchurch (the woman who basically changes him) manage to find time to figure out just who rebuilt the Earth, where all the dolphins disappeared to, what God's final message to his creation was, and how a Dire Straits album is like a Fuolornis Fire Dragon.

Not bad for a man who doesn't even like inter-galactic hitchhiking.

Adams has said that *Fish* will be his final "Hitchhiker" book, and if it is, he should be congratulated on knowing when to stop: at a high point. *So Long And Thanks For All The Fish* is one of the most enjoyable science-fiction and/or humor books that I've read all year.

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The moving zombie of the campus

He goes to the TV room. He goes into the video game room and thinks something. He seems to be watching the people who put their quarters in. He leaves before anyone finishes, or in video terms, is killed. He walks to class and writes something. He goes here and does something. But he never stays seated, and he's always forgetting what he's done, always wishing it would be pleasant for him to do nothing. That's what sex would be, for other people.

Mike Dermansky

Everyone hates him. No one knows or remembers him. He eats candy and drinks coffee like everyone else, but he's a deviant.

How-do I know him? I made him up. Ha. That's how I feel. You see, I'm writing what you're reading right now and it is going in my folder. Maybe my orange folder. I'm not sure which folder I put things in. I walk somewhere else, do something else and keep with this chain of events, tearing the gaps of time. Time when I must think these things, these lonely fruitless, decoloring thoughts.

I lean back in the university's black chair. In it, I think it is mine. I look under a wall mural that is propped half a foot off the wall with an opaque panel. Someone wrote *God is Entropy* on the underside of this supporter of the mural and I just read it, along with the other graffiti. People other than myself have bent their necks back, contorted their bodies over the tall cushions of the university chairs to look up, and better yet, write on the underside of a mural. The word "entropy" is familiar, but I am not sure of what it means. I heard it in high school chemistry.

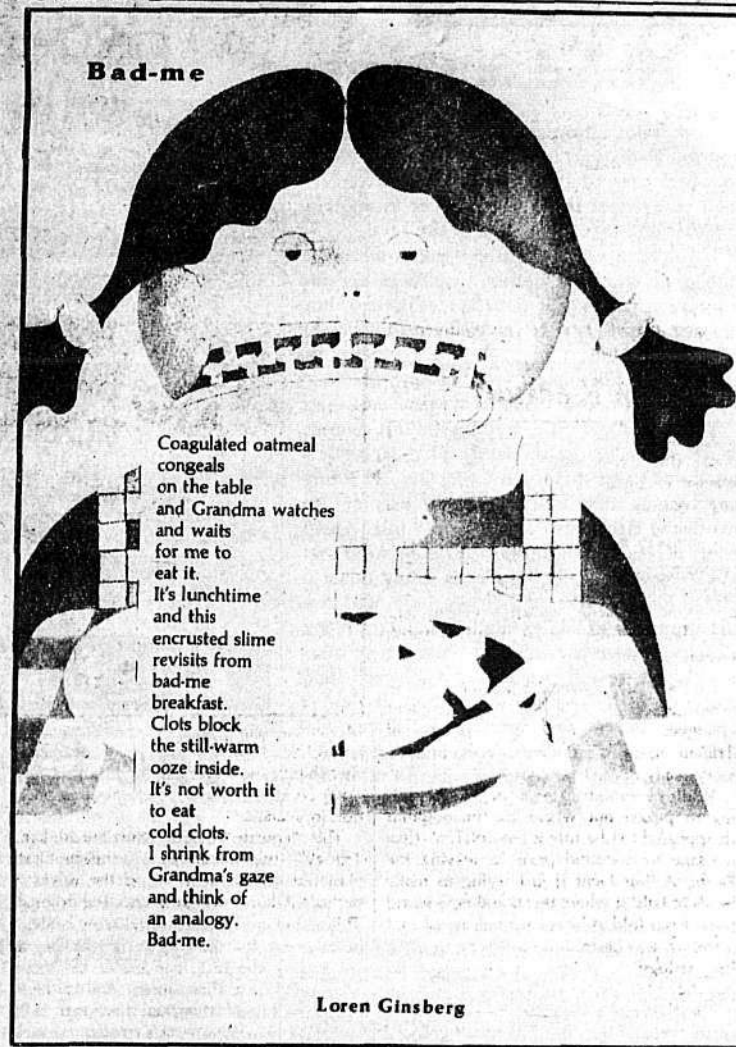
Atoms colliding or in motion is how I remember it.

Someone with a dirty gray-blue ski jacket, a dirty red knap sack and a thick beard looked at me, walked by me, and entered the men's room which is inside the wall of the mural behind my head. He's still in there. I'm going to keep writing until he leaves. Ah, someone else walked out of the bathroom. He walked towards me, turned and walked around the corner. He had a thin beard. A Chinese guy walked into the bathroom. The girl studying across from me has her Paper Mate pen in her mouth and her eyes off her notes. The Chinese guy walked out, by me, and down the stairs. I noticed his thin, suede, narrow black boots. That guy is still in there.

God is ENTROPY

I don't remember what he looks like. Across the hall is an Indian girl holding a cigarette, looking at a girl speaking, who is hidden behind a white square pillar. The man walked out. He didn't look at me. He rubbed his running shoes on the carpet, looked out over the railing, whistling as he left, leaving the same way the guy with the thin beard had, around the corner. As I wrote these last two sentences the girl studying the university's ceiling put her coat on, picked up her books and left. I should leave too.

But as I think about leaving she walks into the bathroom.



Bad-me

Coagulated oatmeal congeals on the table and Grandma watches and waits for me to eat it. It's lunchtime and this encrusted slime revisits from bad-me breakfast. Clots block the still-warm ooze inside. It's not worth it to eat cold clots. I shrink from Grandma's gaze and think of an analogy. Bad-me.

Loren Ginsberg

Mrs. Soffel, more than a love story

Mrs. Soffel
Starring Diane Keaton, Mel Gibson,
Matthew Modine
Directed by Gillian Armstrong

Advertisements for "Mrs. Soffel" describe the film as a true story. But whether or not Kate Soffel did actually live in turn of the century Victorian America, this film addresses social problems between women and men that remain relevant today. "Mrs. Soffel" examines choices, decisions, and consequences associated with free choice.

John Labate

Diane Keaton stars as Kate Soffel, a woman trapped by the hypocrisy and conventions of her time, and Mel Gibson plays the death-row inmate, Ed Biddle, who liberates her. The themes director Gillian Armstrong develops are nothing new - even the setting of Victorian double-standard society is one type of cliché for a film about female liberation - but she blends them together smoothly and emerges with an intelligent, well crafted and very well acted film.

As the film opens, Kate returns to work after recovering from an illness that has kept her in bed for three months. As wife of the County Warden, she works at the prison handing out bibles. She moves from cell to cell; as the camera tracks her repetitious movements, she seems mechanical and has no feeling for her work. When she offers bibles to the new inmates, Ed and Jack Biddle (Matthew Modine), who have been convicted of murder, and will soon be hanged, Ed rejects it. Soon afterwards he responds to her company, and the two develop a relationship from opposite sides of the bars. Ed puts the first test to this relationship by asking Kate to help them escape from prison.

Swayed by Ed's anti-religious death-row arguments and her own opposition to capital

punishment, she agrees to help. Her involvement in the Biddles' escape quickly becomes an projection of her desire to free herself from her marital and social restrictions.

Throughout the film, the director (Arm-

strong) focuses on confinements, and she works with them on several levels. As a wife, Kate is expected to act in accordance with her husband's attitudes, so her marriage places limits on her freedom. When Kate

gets close enough to Ed and his brother to sympathize with them, she writes a letter to the governor, trying to prevent their hangings. Her husband is furious about this act, since he feels that it might jeopardize his position, and he orders her not to visit the prison. Her decision is overshadowed by her husband's concerns. In another scene, Kate's wedding ring serves as a reminder of her confinement, which she eventually overcomes.

Preceding their escape, the imagery is heavy, with iron bars and dark stone walls all around (boundaries), while the pacing, especially in the earlier scenes, is deliberately slow. Such devices enhance the oppressive mood and cinematically develop images of confinement. For the prison scenes, the camera captures an enclosing quality by filming the prisoners within their cells from various angles. And Kate is similarly trapped by her surroundings. In her house, she is either surrounded by tasteful clutter, or the house itself appears to close in on her.

If "Mrs. Soffel" is much more than a love story about Ed and Kate, then that more comes from a tragic sense inherent to the film. You come away from it feeling affected by the characters and their choices, and somewhat intrigued by it all. Kate's actions affect her family deeply, and perhaps a braver character would have sacrificed her own happiness for the happiness of others. But the film does not judge her decisions; it recognizes the costs of liberation (the ending will surprise you), for both Kate and Ed.

Mel Gibson might also surprise you; he develops Ed's character with great depth, recalling Henry Fonda's performance as the loner Tom Jobe in *The Grapes of Wrath*. Gibson seems like a wild, desperate animal when behind bars; a simple man on the surface with deeply held, almost child-like confusions beneath. A fine performance. Like the rest of "Mrs. Soffel", Gibson and Keaton draw the audience into a love story, and much more.





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Matt Tormey, a 5'9" guard for Black Sheep, scored 33 points in a 69-65 loss to Hard House. This was a game that also saw former Albany student, Wilson Thomas, hit 27 points for the winners.

Tormey, a junior out of Manaroneck, N.Y., is averaging 16 points a game for Black Sheep. For his play, Tormey is the Lite Beer - AMIA player of the week 2/4/85 - 2/17/85.

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EDITORIAL

Disabled answers

If you're in a wheelchair in the campus center and you want to get to a lecture center, you have to wheel over to the Performing Arts center, take an elevator down, wheel over to another elevator and take that down to the LCs.

If you're in a wheelchair and you want to get into an academic building, you're in for an adventure; the outside door is mechanized, but the inside door isn't. If you're there after classes have begun and no one is around, you may be there for a while, unless you can open the door yourself, but not all disabled students can.

The fact is, almost everything on this campus is accessible to the disabled. That is, there's some way to get there, but it may involve a long and tedious trek, that in the end may not be worth the effort. For example, is Indian Quad really accessible if a ramp there is so steep, that UAD president Rob Pipia says riding down it makes him feel like he's on the Indy 500? Are the academic buildings really accessible if the elevator controls are too high for most wheelchair bound students? And can blind students really walk the podium in safety knowing that a few sparsely distributed low hanging chains are all that stands between them and what would probably be a fatal fall off the podium?

Disabled students deal with this everyday. Yesterday, a group of mostly students and a few administrators spent a few hours in wheelchairs or blindfolds, getting just a brief taste of what it's like to be disabled on this campus.

The program began at 12:15, with a few brief remarks from President O'Leary. Participants then spent the afternoon attempting to get to classes, the infirmary, Stuyvesant, to the bookstore, and the bathroom. At 4:00 everyone met at the President's conference room to discuss the problems they encountered.

After just a few hours in wheelchairs, the participants found that there's a lot to be changed, both in access and in attitude. One common experience was that of having a friend walk right by without saying hello. It seems that people usually look right through disabled students, afraid that they will appear to be staring at them. Another frustrating experience was being treated with a sort of condescending friendliness that was more degrading than helpful.

Students can fight the attitude problems, but it takes administrative support and money to make the campus more accessible. Unfortunately, faculty and administration seem to consider this a low priority.

Six faculty members and administrators agreed to participate in the program. Of those, only Bob Gibson from CUE, took full part. Here's what the others contributed: Residential life director John Martone called in sick, Student Affairs Vice President Frank Pogue used a wheelchair, but missed the 12:15 and 4:00 meetings, Sociology professor Al Higgins never showed up for any part of the program, Business professor Harrold Cannon used a wheelchair but missed the 4:00 meeting, and Director of Physical Plant Dennis Stevens used crutches for the day, but missed both meetings.

At the 4:00 meeting, many ideas for improvements were tossed around, but Gibson was the only administrator to hear them. Stevens, who has the power and resources to implement these changes wasn't there. He told an SA official last night that he did not encounter any significant problems while he was on crutches. Yet, a list of nearly 30 suggestions for improvements was compiled at the 4:00 meeting.

If Stevens or any other administrators had bothered to attend, they'd have found at least one problem to work on: the meeting room itself was inaccessible to wheelchairs. They had to be carried in.

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COLUMN

The faults of divestiture

Amidst protests on the SUNY-Albany campus, one hears demands that the State of New York and the SUNY system withdraw investments in companies doing business in the Republic of South Africa.

Thomas W. Carroll

Divestiture, according to protestors, would heighten pressure on the South African government to abandon Apartheid, a policy of racial separation the Reagan Administration has termed "morally wrong."

The problems with these proposals are manifest to all but those blinded by emotions or ideology. Proponents of State and SUNY divestiture should consider several points.

Is it proper for a university or a state to move forward with divestiture?

No. First, divestiture subverts the responsibility of public investment officers to seek prudently the highest yield possible on investments — a point recognized by the National Association of State Investment Officers, which adopted a resolution in August 1983 opposing South African divestiture. As State Comptroller Edward Regan stated (in relation to the investment of State pension funds), "Directing investments in consideration of major ethical and moral issues is not compatible with the principle and historic purposes of the administration of the fund."

Second, regulation of commerce in foreign nations is more properly the role of the United States Congress. Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution grants the U.S. Congress the power "to regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states..."

What would the fiscal impact of divestiture be?
The potential costs of divestiture could lead to higher taxes or reduced services. The impact could restrain the ability of state universities to maintain instructional services or tuition rates at current levels.

Enactment of a Massachusetts divestiture law resulted in an immediate net loss of \$11.8 million. Figures for losses could be higher once future investment income losses are considered. Evidence that such results might occur elsewhere is reflected in a study done at the request of the District of Columbia Retirement board. According to Meidinger Asset Planning Services, South Africa divestiture laws would prohibit investment in 100 percent of major electronic firms, chemical corporations, and drug companies. Overall roughly 50 percent of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index would constitute prohibited investments.

If divestiture did lead to the withdrawal of American businesses from South Africa, what would the impact be on South African blacks?

South African blacks would bear the brunt of the hardship that would follow the withdrawal of businesses.

The withdrawal of American business from South Africa would rollback the advances made as a result of American involvement. Corporate efforts have done much to help the economic and political positions of black workers in South Africa. For example, in 1983, over 50,000 blacks were enrolled in education and training programs supported by corporations that were signatories of the Sullivan Principles. (The Sullivan Principles were established by Reverend Leon H. Sullivan in 1977 as a corporate code of conduct for business in South Africa.)

Moreover, according to a recent report prepared by Arthur Little, Inc., 100 percent of the Sullivan signatories provide all employees with non-segregated work facilities, equal employment practices, and equal pay for equal work. Such a level of accomplishment, one should be reminded, was not widespread in the United States as early as twenty years ago.

Because of these facts, it is not surprising that black South Africans oppose divestiture. A recent survey, which *The Economist* termed "the most scientific to date," revealed that three-quarters of the 551 surveyed black factory workers were opposed to divestiture efforts.

Moreover, since American investment in South Africa only represents 15.5 percent of total foreign investment there (according to 1982 year end figures), its withdrawal would unlikely change the Apartheid policies of the South African government.

What should students conclude about the calls for divestiture?

Students should recognize divestiture as an approach that:

- (1) lies outside the proper scope of university and state action;
- (2) could add to pressures for tuition hikes and service cutbacks;
- (3) will have a negligible impact on South Africa's Apartheid policies; and
- (4) to the extent that it leads to the withdrawal of American businesses, seriously worsen the lot of South African black workers.

The strident calls for divestiture remind one of Edmund Burke's characterization of bad laws as "the worst sort of tyranny."

ALL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LETTERS

Noisy classroom

To the Editor:

In my second semester here at SUNYA as a junior transfer, I am extremely pleased with the academics offered although there is one small complaint that I feel must be voiced.

I am currently enrolled in "Behavioral Science For Organizational Administration" (commonly known as MGT 341) and classes have been running smoothly until my previous two sessions, Tuesday, February 19, and Thursday, February 21. During these classes, which run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. in Lecture Center 2, there have been extensive, ear-piercing drilling sounds throughout the duration of the class. Not only are they annoying but they are quite disrupting. Professors Carrier and Miltner have tried to battle this nuisance with the use of microphones but to no avail.

It seems to me that such a situation should never be allowed to commence at an institution such as this. College students such as myself do not come by money easily and at SUNYA we expect a quality education under conducive learning conditions. This particular situation is far from quality and I hope actions will be taken to rectify it.

—Michael J. Schillo

Disgusted reader

To the Editor:

After reading Andrew Gewirtz's letter to the Editor of Feb. 22 and subsequently becoming disgusted, I felt compelled to write.

Individuals like Tom Gaveglia and Andrew Gewirtz may be commended for their work on Peace Project, but I found Mr. Gaveglia's view of military life to be grossly distorted. Mr. Gewirtz's letter was shameful. He belittled Jonathan Newman for being a member of the Army Reserve, then called him a "coffee achiever" because he does not believe in the Socialist rhetoric that Gewirtz is so

adept at presenting in his letter. As a member of the New York Army National Guard, I sincerely hope that if I or my fellow Guardsmen die saving Mr. Gewirtz's family from a flood or blizzard someday, he will think more of me than he does Mr. Newman.

Mr. Gewirtz states that he and Mr. Gaveglia want to stop the draft, not evade it. It is difficult to stop or evade something that does not now exist. There is a registration, which makes it much easier to locate people in case of a National Emergency. Many people like Mr. Gewirtz feel that it would be easy for our government to make El Salvador a "National Emergency." The same people refuse to see that a registration is a necessity for a U.S. defense of Europe against a Soviet attack.

Mr. Gaveglia and Mr. Gewirtz make it a point that they object to the killing they might have to do if a war came. They fear that if they registered, they might be forced to "kill on command," and be subjected to the "harsh military life" (both quotes from Mr. Gaveglia). Both show their lack of knowledge (as did the ASP editor in his editorial of some two weeks ago) of the registration process, and the military in general. The registration guidelines clearly state that if a draft occurs, an individual may classify himself as a conscientious objector and as such would work in a military hospital, public service, or non-combat role, and not be required to carry a weapon. Many religious bodies instruct their members to serve in this capacity in case of a draft. As far as Mr. Gaveglia fearing the "harsh military life" of the armed forces, perhaps he would like the Soviet Army, where 2-3 percent of troops die in live chemical warfare training. As Mr. Gaveglia can see, the U.S. Army can not afford to train with broomsticks as they did in 1939. Anything less than a toughly trained U.S. force would fall quickly to the Soviets.

Finally, it is a simple matter to use catchy Socialist phrases about present day U.S. servicemen who die defending "U.S. corporations," than use that as an excuse not to register. In doing so, Mr. Gewirtz also forgets U.S. servicemen who died liberating Nazi death camps, or those who died at Pearl Harbor. Excuses are fine, but the fact remains that registration is "safe" even for those who morally oppose killing. I too would not wish to die in a conflict like Vietnam or Central America where purpose and goal are vague at best. What I would find more distasteful however, is dying for "brave" men like Mr. Gaveglia and Mr. Gewirtz who seem unwilling to work even in a military hospital.

—Timothy L. Taylor

The assumption that the editor-in-chief of the Albany Student Press is male is incorrect. —Ed.

Unique opportunity

To the Editor:

SUNYA students will be provided with a unique opportunity on the weekend of March 1-3. On that weekend the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPiRG) will be holding its annual Spring Conference here at the SUNYA campus. NYPiRG members from all over the state will meet to discuss issues of statewide concern, exchange ideas, and develop strategies that will lead to good government, consumer and environmental protection and corporate accountability in New York State.

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The NYPiRG chapter here at SUNYA encourages all students to take part in the conference. For more information and to sign up for the conference, contact the NYPiRG office in CC 382.

—Joseph Hilbert

NYPiRG Local Board Co-chair

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To the Editor:

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Please join us in the fun!!

—WIRA Council

Faulty food plan

To the Editor:

We feel that the situation of the University Auxiliary Food Services is becoming very irritating. The purpose of this letter is to address two issues: The deteriorating service on Alumni Quad and the Campus Center dinner option at the Rathskeller.

As students living on campus, who unlike students attending other SUNY branches, have no sufficient and functioning in-dorm cooking facilities, we are forced to subscribe to the UAS monopoly. To put it succinctly, they've got us "by the balls." The situation that we are presently forced to endure is one akin to a nation on a war economy. In other words, jobs for all and supplies for none. It seems that there are more people working for UAS than ever before. Paradoxically, there is a grave lack of service.

"Please Sir, may I have some more?" "More... There is no more." This Dickensian dialogue best depicts the normal dinner at UAS. Are there any knives No, we have no more. Where are the glasses? We have no more. Where the entire salad bar? It's all run out. Can I have the alternate dish? No there is no more. How about some peanut butter then? Ask him, it's not my job. And so on, ad infinitum.

Why do we even have to ask? It is the responsibility of the workers and of the management to ensure a constant supply of all foods offered as well as adequate utensils. This is simply not the case. And even worse, on weekends this situation intensifies when the Walden dining hall is forced to take on "Brubacher Refugees."

We suggest the following reprimands: Increased worker efficiency by whatever it takes. It is not asking too much for the workers to be more dedicated and for the management to give more incentives, if need be. Secondly, more emphasis should be placed on the student who does not seek to join in on the initial dash for food as soon as dining hours commence. Simply put, the same service should be offered to all students at all times during every meal. Also, we suggest that the Brubacher dining hall should be kept open during weekends or there should be more workers in Walden or the weekend hours should be longer in order to accommodate the surplus of students. Naturally, the former two solutions would include an augmented increase in food output. Basically what we are saying is that there is no excuse for any kind of shortage whether in seating, service, or food.

In this country we like to think of justice as a pure looking woman, blindfolded and holding scales that balance perfectly. However, applying this analogy to the UAS campus center dining option, it comes closer to Sam the Butcher purposely holding his thumb on the meat scales as he weighs out some fatty tongue. Not quite as pretty as most American ideals. We are currently sustaining what strikes us as a terrible inequity. The lunch is somewhat more as it ought to be, as we are paying \$21.50 to convert our quad lunch, valued at \$2.53, into a \$2.25 allowance for campus center food. This strikes as pretty fair compared to the world money market. However, when applied to dinner the "exchange rate" is \$4.13 quad to \$2.25 campus center. This makes us feel like European tourists eating in America. The lunch conversion allows for a skimpy but nearly complete lunch of limited items only. The dinner conversion allows for a pathetic parody of the day's largest meal consisting barely of a one course meal of which the only choice is "Rat-food."

Our solution: Simply increase the dinner allowance. We realize that UAS is run like a business and won't give away something for nothing. However, under our solution there would be more subscribers to the dinner campus center option. Face it, UAS would still be making a handsome profit on each option. Also, it is logical to conclude this strategy would lure a significant percentage of the "burger-and-beer" crowd away from such establishments as Suter's Mill and the Across the Street Pub. How about this idea to help "Save the Rat"? And for the Rat, hasn't it occurred to anybody that if the tables and chairs were cleared out at night, and a slick WCDB dj spinning some boss tunes, you'd have the biggest dance space in Albany But this is beyond the scope of our letter...

We hope these immodest proposals are put to some good use.

—J. Hirschman

—Brad Feldman

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Central America

45 may be censored in Nicaragua, but in El Salvador there is no opposition press at all," he added.

"Women, children, and old people are raped by the army in the El Salvadoran countryside, fires are started, men are tortured and killed," said speaker Gustavo Arce, a Salvadoran refugee. Arce fled El Salvador five years ago and sought political sanctuary in Mexico. He was unable to seek asylum from the United States because it does not recognize political refugees from Central America.

According to Arce, President Duarte, who heads the El Salvadoran "right-wing" government, is a puppet of the United States. "(Duarte) does what the United States tells him to do," he maintained.

Of the five million people in El Salvador, 55,000 have been killed or have disappeared under the Duarte regime, said Arce, adding "The majority of people are women and children. The men are dead."

Protesting students are frequently attacked by the Duarte regime, said Arce, who told a story of a couple who were captured by the army. The girl's nude body was found on a country road, her belly mysteriously distended. During an autopsy, the doctor discovered the head of the girl's boyfriend inside her stomach, he said.

During Vietnam, the attitude was "shut up, show some guts," said Bill Crandell, the representative for the Albany Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Latin America is another matter, however. "We will not let our best, our bravest go off on some pointless mission of doom without making a terrible racket," he promised.

Reagan is in countries like El Salvador "for his corporations to exploit the peasants," asserted Doug Bullock, a representative of the Puerto Rican Independence Solidarity Alliance at SUNYA. "Today, the excuse is the Soviet Union. In 1897, before there was a Soviet Union, the excuse was Spain," he said, referring to the U.S.'s history of intervention in Central America.

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43 cuts were a trend toward more distinct social barriers by limiting access of low-income individuals to a college education which has become increasingly necessary to earn a living in our society. He said that "the denial of the opportunity to go to college makes a mockery of our slogan of equality of education."

Karpatkin

43 there has been no real shift to the right in America during recent years.

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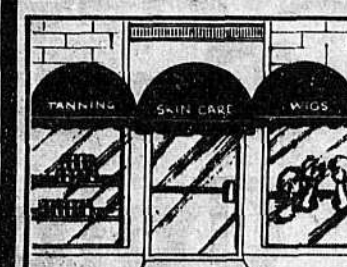
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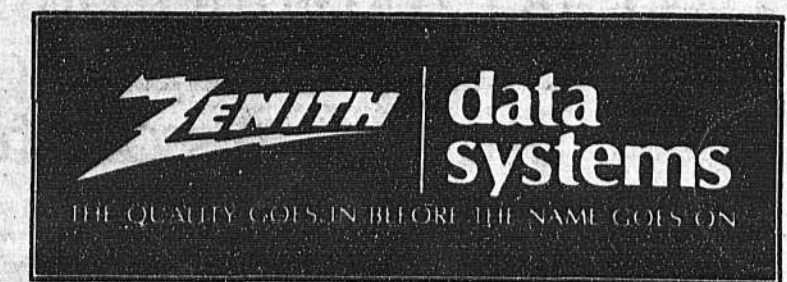
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Women swimmers finish seventh at SUNYACs

By Rachel Braslow
STAFF WRITER

After numerous days of practicing and competing, the Albany State women's swim team's season has come to a close. The SUNYAC championships held February 22 and 23 at SUNY Oswego marked the end to an 8-6 season for the Lady Danes.

The Dane placed seventh at the SUNYACs with taking Cortland capturing the championship. First year Head Coach Dave Turnage said, "Although the team placed 7th, it was not as well as I would have liked. However, with hard work and good recruiting, we should do well next year. I think mainly the season was a learning one; they had to get to know me and I had to get to know them."

However, there were many good performances by the Lady Dane swimmers. The top twelve swimmers in each race scored.

The 200-yard medley relay, consisting of freshman backstroke Doreen Clark, sophomore breaststroke Linda Cerky,

sophomore butterfly Carol Pearl, and senior Kris Monohan placed fourth.

The 800-freestyle relay quartet of sophomores May Daly, Randi Morrow, Nancy Smith and junior co-captain Claire Blanthorn placed 7th.

Pearl had an outstanding meet, placing fifth in the 100-yard freestyle (58.2), and the 500 yard freestyle (5:37.6). Her sixth place finish in the 200-yard freestyle (2:05) combined with her other finishes to accumulate needed points for the team.

Smith also did decently overall, placing 9th in the 1,650 freestyle (20:41.6), and 12th (5:56.71) in the 500-yard freestyle. Carol Elie, too, had a remarkable day. She placed ninth in the 100 freestyle (58.9) and 13th in the 50 freestyle.

Clark placed 12th in the 100 backstroke. Sophomore Gail Mendel was 16th in the one-meter diving event.

Coach Turnage praised the performances of Elie and Pearl throughout the season. He recognized the "multitalents" they possess. He noted that Daly and Pepper Schwartz really came on towards the

end of the season as well as Clark. He said that Branthorn was very useful in many different events. As captain of the team, she was well represented. Since most swimmers are coming back, he is looking forward to a good season next year."

Albany State will be losing seniors Sue

the Cortland game, they played a box and one on her. I didn't know why, but I figured we'd better."

Rebounding was a major factor in this ball game. Albany was led by Lori Bayba and Patterson with seven rebounds each. Normally, Cindy Jensen and Kim Kosalek are up there too. Buffalo State had another strong rebounder in Karen O'Callaghan, who had 9 rebounds.

"We were intimidated because some of our players were getting so beat up," said Patterson. "They didn't even have the strength to get them after being thrown around. It was tough to get in there. They would push you before. It was so physical, some of the players couldn't handle it."

Playing a tougher, more physical game the day before may have helped the Bengals in the finals. "We worked real hard on rebounding for the Cortland game," said Buffalo State coach Gail Maloney. "I think it carried over into tonight's game."

Other than rebounding, things were pretty even between the two teams. The Danes scored more off the floor, but the Bengals sank 26 out of 37 free throws. Albany only had 14 points from foul shooting. Both teams shot low from the floor.

"It was the kind of game in which we don't play well," said Warner. "It was a physical, out of control ball game. We really got taken out of our style. They

Hrib, Jewel Rambo, and Monohan to graduation.

Coach Turnage also mentioned the club's supporters. "I would like to thank the four gentlemen who attended all of the home meets and travelled with the team to Cortland. Loyal fans like that are greatly appreciated by the coach and team." □

Women cagers to host ECACs

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handled it better than us."

Both Maloney and Warner plan to complain about the officiating. "The officiating was consistently poor for both teams," said Warner. "Those were two of the worst officials I've had in the last 2 years. For a SUNYAC Championship that shouldn't be allowed to happen."

"Discipline won the ball game for us," said Maloney. "I've been criticized in the past for not having disciplined players. At halftime I told them to concentrate and be disciplined. Our offensive execution, especially when we have the lead, was controlled. That was the key to winning it. Had we taken bad shots it could have put ourselves right out of the situation."

Leading Buffalo State was Timm with 20 points. O'Callaghan followed with 18, 10 of which were in the first half. For their performances, they were both named to the All-Tournament team. Lorraine Lynch was close behind with 16 points. The night before, she had 27 points. Lynch was the tournament MVP.

"That's the most production I've had out of Jane for the season," said Maloney. "Karen is as tough as nails. She's strong both physically and mentally. She plays 40 minutes and doesn't stop."

For the Danes, both Lesane and Patterson contributed 16 points each. They were both named to the All-Tournament team. Bayba was right behind with 15, 14 of which were off the floor.

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Gymnasts lose to Long Island University by two

By Lisa Jackel

The Albany State women's gymnastic team suffered a close defeat on Sunday, losing to Long Island University by a mere two points. Despite the loss, which brings the team record to 9-2, the Danes received a high team score of 150.75. This score will aid them in qualifying for ECACs, which will be held here at Albany March 9th, and the NCAA Regionals - held at Ithaca March 16th.

The Danes had an outstanding overall team performance. They received the highest floor score of the season, a 40.0. Michele Husak, a freshman on the team, has been going strong all season. She has captured first in every meet except one, in which she tied for second. In this meet, Michele set a new school record as she took first with an incredibly high score of 8.9. She showed great form and poise. Her routine was filled with plenty of zest.

"Gymnastics is a lot of fun and I couldn't live without it," said Husak. "I'm happy to be doing so well."

Nora Bellantoni, also consistently strong for the team, finished third in the floor exercise with a score of 8.1.

Jennifer Cleary captured first on the balance beam with a score of 8.25. Karen Bailey and Brenda Armstrong added to the beam total, both with marks of 7.15.

Leslie Steckle, strong for the Danes on the uneven bars, placed third with a score of 7.95. Brenda Armstrong and Bellantoni also had solid routines, scoring 7.4 and 7.2 respectively.

Sue Leskowitz and Armstrong both tied for second on the vault with scores of 8.25. Armstrong, who has been consistent in all four events, captured a medal for third place in the all-around division with a score of 30.45.

This was a good meet for the Danes, showing that this Division III school can compete on the Division I level.

Last Saturday, February 16, the Albany State women's gymnastic team had a double win, beating Bryn Mawr and Hofstra University in a tri-meet. The Albany women's gymnastic team also blew away Westfield in a dual meet Wednesday, February 20, winning all four events.

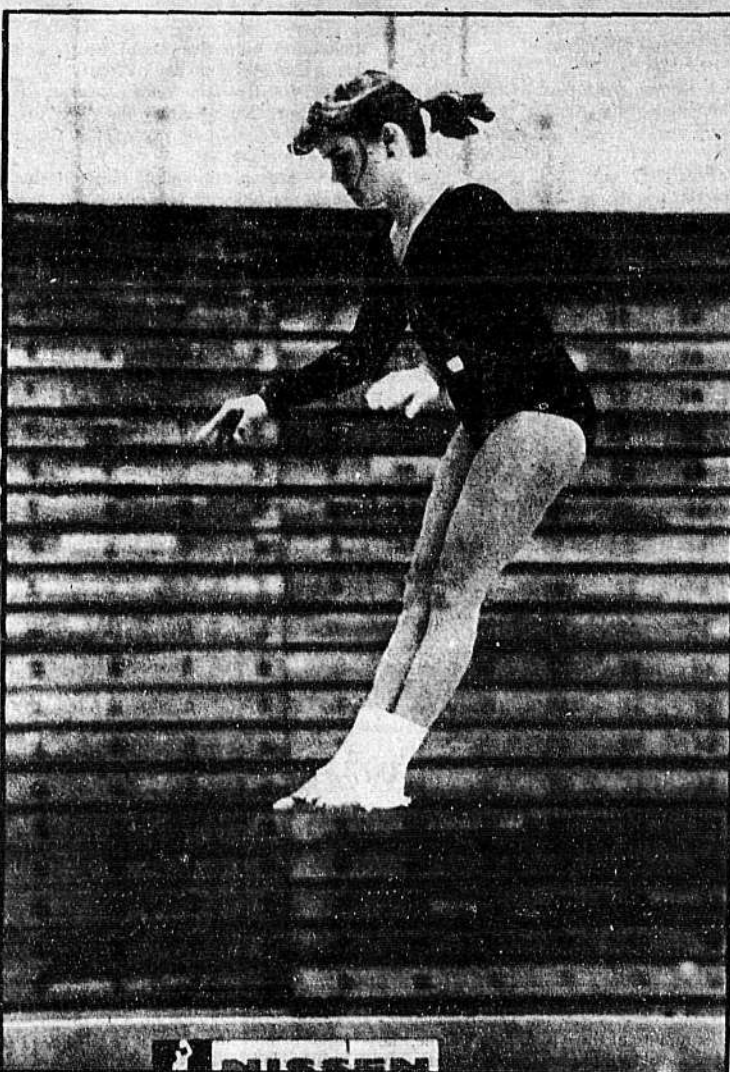
The Dane gymnasts narrowly defeated Bryn Mawr 148.15 to 144.45. Hofstra scored a low 117.55 points to make for an easy win for the lady Danes. It should be noted, though, that Hofstra was at a big disadvantage by only having four women on their squad. Instead of taking the usual top five scores for each event, they could only take the four scores that they had. According to sophomore Leslie Steckle however, "Even if Hofstra had a fifth girl to add to their scores, we still would have won, only by a closer margin."

Sophomore Sue Leskowitz took first place again on the vault with a high score of 8.45. She was only .05 from her seasonal record of 8.5. Sophomore Nora Bellantoni, consistently strong on the uneven parallel bars, placed third with a score of 7.65. Strong on the balance beam, junior Brenda Armstrong finished third with an 8.0. Season record holder in the floor exercise, freshman Michele Husak, tumbled into third with a score 8.25.

"This was a great opportunity for many of the girls to perform in front of family and friends - as many of them are from Long Island," stated Coach Pat Duvall-Spillane.

Although the Dane gymnasts took all four events and beat Westfield by a whopping 38.4 points, the meet was a disappointment for the lady Danes. "This is our second lowest score of the season (143.85). The judges were extremely disappointing," commented Duvall-Spillane. "For example, Michele Husak usually scores between an 8.2 - 8.3 on the floor exercise and she only got a 7.65. I don't know what the judges were looking for but the only fair scores they gave were on the bars. The girls have been competing all season and their routines weren't that drastically different in this meet to deserve such low scores."

The strongest event was the vault. Brenda Armstrong did really nice vaults and nailed first with an 8.35. Sue Leskowitz, consistently strong on the vault, took second with an 8.3. Karen Bailey, Michele Husak, and Karen Thamsert also added to the team score with 7.85, 7.7, and 7.65 respectively.



Karen Bailey in flight for the Albany State gymnastics team. The Danes lost to Division I LIU on Sunday. DAVE ISAAC UPS

Men tracksters place fourth at RPI Invitational

By Ian Clements

The Albany State men's indoor track team had its best overall performance of the season as it finished fourth in the ten-team Marty McDonough Invitational at RPI.

Ithaca was the winner with 109 points. RPI and Cortland scored 90 and 86, respectively. The Danes had 78 points.

"It was the first meet all year where we seemed to put things together," said Coach Bob Munsey.

One Dane who has been putting things together all season is Marc Mercurio. The senior from Burnt Hills broke his own school record in the 35-pound weight for the third time in a month with a 54'3" toss.

The throw, which eclipsed his old mark by 5 1/2 inches, was not far enough to beat Union's Scott Remillard, however. The massive junior threw 54'6" to push Mercurio into second.

"From what I heard Mercurio is among the top three weight throwers in the country," said Munsey. The All-American will be competing for the NCAA Division III crown in Maine on March 9.

Another senior who had a fine day was Paul Mance. Despite a sore toe, he won the triple jump with a hop-step-and-jump of 44'10-and-1/4". "[The toe] hurt him like hell but he came through," Munsey noted. Mance began his day with a 20'6-and-3/4" long jump to place fifth.

Though Mance was Albany's sole winner, many other Danes had satisfying days as they recorded their best performances of the season.

Chris Hermanson had his best jump of the year (6'1") to finish fifth, while freshman Curt Wiedman pole vaulted four inches better than his previous season record to place second. He soared 13'10". Pat Dowling was fourth with a 12' vault.

Kevin Sheehan had a "major breakthrough" in the 3,000-meter run, according to Munsey. The injury-ridden junior did not place, but his 9:07 was 12 seconds faster than his previous best race of the year. He was named Albany's athlete of the meet.

Freshman P.J. Paul used a furious kick to nip Sheehan by one-tenth of a second and win the unseeded section.

In the seeded heat, Beantown's own Ed McGill placed fourth in one of the toughest fields of the meet. His time of 8:49.2 was over eight seconds swifter than his previous season's best. Tim Hoff also had a fine performance, placing seventh in 8:59.5.

Defending SUNYAC champ Ray Volper cut twenty seconds from his season's best to place third in the 5,000-meter run in 15:54.6. "I'm running real steady this year, I hope I can keep it up," said Volper.

Jack Glaser also lowered his best time of the year substantially. He improved by four seconds to place fifth in the 1,500-meter run in 4:11.

Dave Blette and Clinton Bell cut two seconds off their bests to place third and fourth, respectively in the 800-meter run. Blette ran 2:00, with Bell nine-tenths of a second behind.

In the 1,000-meter run, Tom Kacandes finished sixth in 2:39.7.

John Reilly was fourth in the 400-meter run. His split of 52.4 was his fastest of the season.

Bruce Van Tassel placed fifth in the 50-meter hurdles with a time of 7.2.

The Danes picked up bronze medals in the relays. The 4 x 400-meter squad ran its quickest time of the year (3:34.6) despite the tight turns of RPI's track. Reilly, Ed Levy, Pat Saccocio and Bell comprised the team.

The distance medley improved by 11 seconds. Freshman Pedro Valerio led off with an 800-meter split of 2:04.2. Levy's 400-meter time was 54.5. He handed off to Kacandes, who ran a fine 3:13 for 1200 meters. Jim Erwin anchored with a 4:26 1600 meters.

Munsey hopes that his distance medley can win next week's SUNYACs. "I like to think we can get a third" place finish, he added. Fredonia is favored to win its fourth crown in five attempts.

Last Saturday, a T-shirt enabled the Albany State men's indoor track team to

Danes receive NCAA bid

←Back Page points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Croutler and Adam were also in double figures with 15 and 14 points respectively.

For Brockport, Eddie Green, the lone representative of the Golden Eagles on the All-Tournament team, hit for 20 points. Dwayne Holloway added 12 points for Brockport.

HOOPLA: The Danes have two new additions to the University gym in honor

of Sauer's 500th win. A banner is now hanging outside the entrance to the men's locker room on the first floor, and a purple and gold "500" is hanging on the wall inside the gym. The spirited fans created a "human wave" for the first time ever at University Gym Saturday night. WCDB will be providing live coverage of Albany's NCAA playoff games with Steve Goldstein and Adam Goodman at the mikes.

overcome its manpower shortage and defeat Plattsburgh at the loser's frigid gym, 75-69.

Plattsburgh's 4x400-meter relay came across the line first in the next to last event of the meet but was disqualified because its anchorman wore a T-shirt underneath his singlet. The result was a 10-point swing in the Danes' favor.

Coach Bob Munsey's team had no fashion problems, but he wished more Danes had suited up for the meet.

"We were plagued with missing persons," agreed Assistant Coach Chris Callaci.

All-American weightman Marc Mercurio dressed formally Saturday - he attended a wedding.

Jumper Paul Mance may soon be sporting a cast if the ailing toe that forced him to miss the meet is diagnosed as broken.

Distance ace Ed McGill and sprinter Dana Melvin were also absent.

All of the missing Danes except Melvin would have been favored to win at least one event.

A night of festivity for Buffalo State basketball

By Marc Berman
SPORTS EDITOR

It was business as usual on Sunday for Albany's University Gym maintenance crew. The 8,000 fans who attended this weekend's SUNYAC basketball playoffs had left their mark. When it was over, the University Gym resembled a sea of debris.

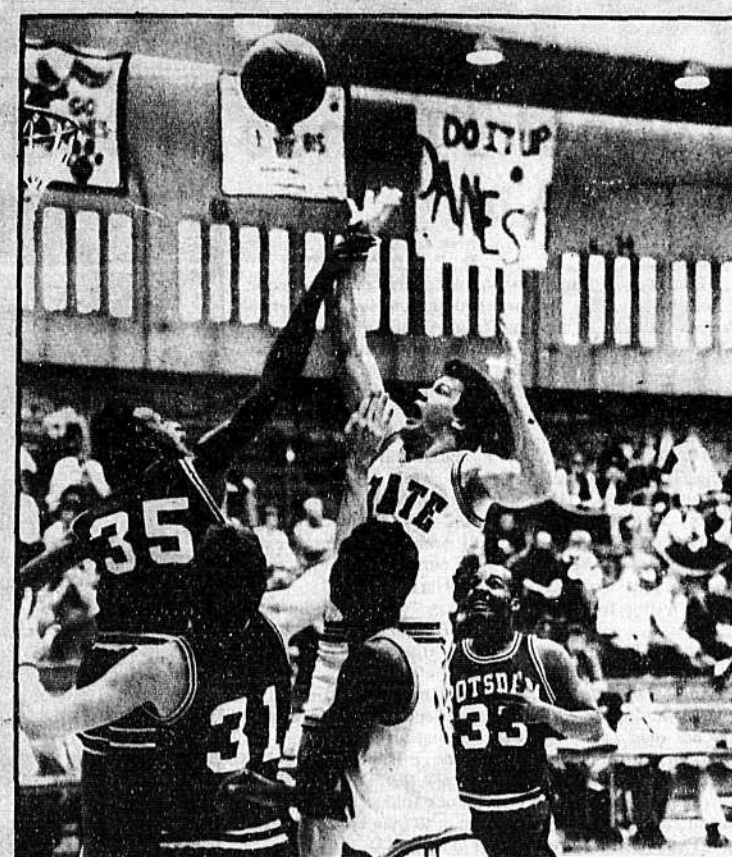
With the cleaning routine finished, the maintenance crew was called upon to complete one more task. The basketball rims inside the gym were naked, stripped bare of their nettings. The crew was ordered to redress them.

The iron rims' disrobed appearance was not the result of vandalism, even though the two Buffalo State basketball teams did "steal" the show this weekend. And there wasn't any mystery to where one might find the University Gym's former basketball nets: their new home now being 270 miles west in the city of Buffalo. The new proud owners are Buffalo State men's basketball coach Richard Bihr and Gail Maloney, the coach of Buffalo State's women's team.

The Bengals' two basketball squads trekked into the Capital District Thursday night both looking to defend their 1983-84 SUNYAC title. Sunday morning, the two squads departed this city as champions again, and with a couple of University Gym's souvenirs to boot.

The task was far from easy for the road-weary Bengals. The women's team disposed of Cortland and the men's squad squeaked past formerly top-ranked Potsdam on Friday. These victories put the Buffalo State teams in the finals against two nationally-ranked Albany State teams. It also put them up against a frenetic SRO crowd bent on making life miserable for the visitors.

The Bengals ignored the distractions on this Saturday night. From the opening tap of the women's 7 p.m. game and from the first minute of the 9 p.m. men's game, the Bengals played like seasoned veterans, appearing poised in building a sizable early lead. Through 80 minutes of basketball Saturday night, the two Buffalo State



Buffalo State's Tim Burkhart battles for a rebound against Potsdam. DAVE ISAAC UPS

teams never trailed.

The victory celebration came at 10:45. Following the awards presentation, the Buffalo State men's team huddled together, jumping around in jubilation. Soon to join the celebration were the five orange-clad, orange-faced Buffalo State fans, who, although outnumbered 600 to 1, did a fine job in making their presence known.

Moments later, the women's team, who sat in the stands during the second game, charged out of the bleachers to join in on the fun. After the hugging, hand-slapping, and jumping had ceased, the two Buffalo State teams split up, the men took the east-side basket while the women went west. The net-cutting ceremony had begun.

Meanwhile, Coach Bihr chatted with reporters alongside the press table. His

voice was soon drowned out by his players, who were chanting for their coach to come over and join them. The net was now hanging by a thread, waiting for its final snip.

"That's my trophy," Bihr told the reporters. "I'll be back in a minute."

When Bihr trotted back to the reporters minutes later, his "trophy" was dangling around his neck.

He spoke of how proud he was of his road-weary players and how they overcame so many things this week.

Wednesday night, the Bengals won a hard-fought victory in Alfred. Thursday was spent sitting in a bus headed for Albany.

Then, the defending SUNYAC champions were thrown into the gym Friday afternoon for their first round match against Jerry Welsh's Potsdam Bears, who were ranked number one in the nation in the Division III polls until this week. And then came Saturday night, when the Bengals went up against the red-hot Danes and their impassioned fans.

"We've been on the road 19 times this year," said Bihr. "We're so used to it already. I think the players like it now."

Later, in the locker room, the basketball net still dangled like a medalion. Coach Bihr was asked about why he thought his team was snubbed in the Division III polls all year.

"I guess it's the snow up there," joked Bihr. "The news of how good we were was never able to penetrate through the snow."

He was asked if he thought Buffalo State would be the host of next week's NCAA Northeast Regionals, which his 22-4 club automatically qualified for by capturing the SUNYAC championships. "I don't see how we can't," said Bihr. "I don't know how else we could've done better."

The NCAA Committee thought otherwise. Sunday night, the committee announced that Hartwick University will be hosting the regionals. Buffalo State will be on the road again looking to add two more souvenirs to the collection.

Dane swimmers head to Potsdam for States

Team finishes dual-meet season with two wins

By Donna Altman

The Danes had an impressive past week clinching a big win over Union last Wednesday and an even bigger triumph over Middlebury 59-54 a week from Saturday.

The team agreed that the meet against Middlebury was by far the most intense and exciting meet of the season.

"This meet was a fantastic way to close the season," stated Jeff Ball.

"It was an amazing meet," added Marc

Lebowitz. "Everyone was going crazy."

Ball came out with a season best in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a fabulous time of 10:59. He also swam in the 200 backstroke along with Michael Wright. Wright swam a fine race and took 2nd with a 2:14, with Ball right behind him taking a time of 2:15.

"We were all even the whole race," stated captain Ball.

The always impressive Jeff Kennedy came through shining this past Saturday. He swam in the 500-yard freestyle, pulling

his best time of the year with a 5:07.8. Kennedy swam another phenomenal race in the 200-yard butterfly. He took first by a touch with a time of 2:12, making another best time for the swimmer.

Mike Wright performed with excellence in the 200 individual medley. It was one of the key events in the meet. He had his best time of the season, a 2:12, which earned him first place. Andrew Motola swam in that same race with a solid time, but was disqualified.

"It was disappointing that Motola got disqualified, otherwise we would've had first and second place," commented Ball. "There was no room for error in this meet."

Lebowitz had a terrific day despite his foot injury. He qualified for the states with a flat 24 in the 50-yard freestyle.

"I'm satisfied, but I know I can do better. Hopefully I'll prove that in the states," added an optimistic Lebowitz.

Both Mike Feldman and Mike Koutelis swam competitively in the 50-yard freestyle. Feldman had a consistent time of 23.2 and Koutelis pulled a 25.

"I'm looking forward to going under 23 and making the finals in the states," said Feldman.

The divers also had a decent day in the pool. Mike Vardy performed with style, taking first in both 1-meter events. His teammate, Mike Cano also had a fine day taking second in the 1-meter competition.

The 400-yard medley relay team consisted of Wright swimming backstroke, Koutelis with the breaststroke, Kennedy swimming the butterfly and Fred Greenbaum finishing up with freestyle. From

beginning to end the race was close, but the men pulled through and grabbed first. The meet was exciting and tension filled.

It came down to the very last event. The team needed first and second. Koutelis and Dean Wilson impressively took care of the job. Koutelis took first with a time of 2:25, with Wilson right behind him taking second, a fine time of 2:31. This sealed the Albany State victory.

This victory was not only exciting because the Danes broke Middlebury's undefeated season, but also because it gave Albany a winning season.

The coach couldn't be reached for comment, but according to Wright, coach Turnage was just as excited as the swimmers were.

Coming up tomorrow, the team will travel to Potsdam for the state competition.

"We're sending a lot of people this year. It's a new experience for many of the swimmers," stated Ball. "Overall as a team we should hold our own."

The swimmers have put in a lot of hours of training for the three-day competition next week.

"The states are the only thing on our minds," added Wright.

Crew cuts and shaving down will all be a part of the state competition.

"Can't wait to see the Big A on my chest," commented Feldman.

The Danes are optimistic for Potsdam. It should prove to be an exciting competition.

"I expect to be celebrating heavily Saturday night with Coach Turnage and my fellow teammates," added Feldman.



The Albany State men's swimming team will travel to Potsdam on Wednesday for the State Championships. LUCKY UPS



Buffalo State shocks Danes in SUNYAC finals Albany still receives NCAA bid

By Rich Sheridan

and Jerry Campione
The Albany State Great Danes will be going to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time since 1981 despite losing the SUNYAC championship game, 73-64, to the Buffalo State Bengals.

The Danes will be competing in the New England regionals after being one of two teams in the nation swung out of their own division. The tournament opens Friday night in Worcester, Mass. with Clark facing Westfield State. Albany plays host to Worcester Polytechnic Institute (17-7) in the late game Friday night.

Two other SUNYAC teams made the NAAs; Buffalo State, the SUNYAC champs, and Potsdam State. They will be competing in the North East Regional and will be joined by Hartwick and the winner of a playoff between Alfred and St. Lawrence.

Interestingly enough, should the Danes win the New England Regional, they will host the winner of the North East Regional in the quarterfinals on March 9.

Buffalo State won the SUNYAC championship for the second consecutive year as a result of a solid all-around performance in their defeat of Albany Saturday night.

The Bengals took control early, scoring the first seven points of the game, and extending their lead to as much as 12 points midway through the first half, before

Albany regrouped and made a serious run at Buffalo. The Danes managed to pull within three on several occasions, but could not overcome the strong Bengal defense.

Buffalo's zone defense gave the Danes trouble all night, and, although they are usually a good shooting team from the outside, Albany managed to hit only 14 of 38 shots in the first half. The Dane guards, usually the backbone of their offense, managed only 12 points combined in the game with Dan Croutier and Dave Adam hitting for six a piece.

"We couldn't get them out of the zone," said Albany State Head-Coach Dick Sauers. "We didn't have good shooting."

The Danes not only had problems with Buffalo State in the second half. Their own clock also gave them trouble. The clock went haywire at the start of the half, ticking off seconds in spurts and losing what seemed to be ten seconds at a time.

When play was finally stopped, the officials apparently estimated that 15:39 was remaining in the half and resumed play at that time with a mechanical clock at the scorer's table. However, it was the popular opinion of many in attendance that at least two minutes were lost in the shuffle.

Despite the delay, the Danes were able to fight back, cutting the Bengals lead to three with approximately eight minutes re-

maining. But, Buffalo rattled off seven unanswered points over the next two and one-half minutes to snuff out Albany's hopes.

Buffalo cruised through the last five minutes, never allowing the Danes to draw closer than nine points.

John Groover, the tournament MVP, paced Buffalo State with 21 points, while All-Tournament guard Frank Memoli added 15. For the Danes, Adam Ursprung, the only Albany representative on the All-Tournament team, scored 14 while Hart added 15.

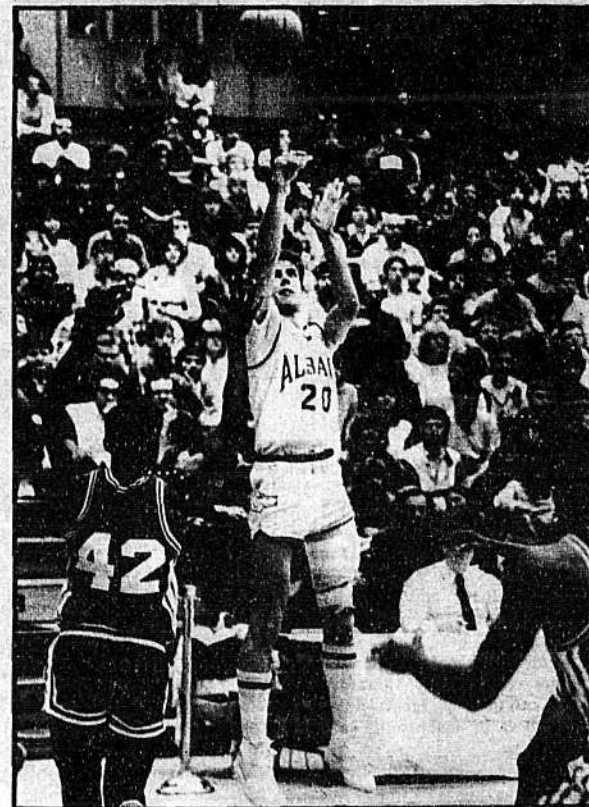
"It was obviously Buffalo State's day," said Sauers. "They deserve it (the SUNYAC championship) after beating Albany and Potsdam on the road in the same weekend. They prove they were the best team here."

"It was a gamble playing a zone," said Buffalo State Head Coach Dick Bihl. "I didn't want to go man to man against Dick's (Sauers) team."

Bihl said his team had more confidence in themselves than he did. "The kids knew, more so than I, how good we are," he said, adding that "the road doesn't bother them."

In Friday's action, the Danes trounced the Brockport Golden Eagles 91-66 behind a balanced scoring attack that saw four players in double figures.

The Danes were a little shaky in the first couple of minutes and the lead see-sawed back and forth through the first half, with



Adam Ursprung shoots a jumper from the corner.

Albany taking a three point lead into the locker room.

But the second half was all Albany, with the Danes scoring 53 points to Brockport's 31 to cruise to the east victory, giving

"Doc" Sauers his coveted 500th win.

Ursprung led Albany with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Greg Hart returned to form, scoring 15

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Women cagers lose to Buff. State in SUNYACs

By Kristine Sauer

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The home court advantage held out for eleven consecutive games for the Albany State women's basketball team. It was in their 12th game during the SUNYAC finals that the Danes tasted defeat for the very first time this season in their own University Gym.

Albany fans, numbering 2,500 in the game's final minutes observed many things on Saturday night at the SUNYAC Cham-

pionships. They watched defending SUNYAC Champions, Buffalo State, capture their second SUNYAC title by defeating Albany, 74-64. They witnessed Albany's Rainny Lesane sink the 1000th point of her career in her third year playing for the Danes. And finally, what they viewed in the Danes was a team that was knocked down, elbowed and pushed around, but never gave up.

The Danes received another disappointment this weekend. They were hoping for

an NCAA invitation and didn't get one. Last week, they were ranked 19th nationally. Rochester, New Rochelle, and Buffalo State, which moved up after the SUNYAC win, will be in it. The fourth team will be Allegheny College, as a swing team. They'll host the ECAC tournament this weekend instead.

"I know the loss Saturday night hurt us," said Warner. "It's tough to overlook a team that's 23-3."

"Losing hurt. We were the better team.

Sportsmanship is part of the game too," said Albany's Ronnie Patterson. "That's what hurt, to see them win with all the abuse."

In Saturday's final, the Danes, who beat Buffalo University 71-58 to enter the finals, never captured the lead over the Buffalo State Bengals, who defeated Cortland 59-51 in the initial round. With 4:30 left in the game, the Bengals had a 14 point lead. The Danes, sparked by 7 points by Rainny Lesane, were able to pull within seven points with a little over one minute remaining.

The championship was still within sight for the Danes. In the final minute, Buffalo State missed six consecutive free throws.

"In the last stretch we couldn't convert down at the other end," said Albany's coach Mari Warner. "They were missing the foul shots but we were getting tied up in rebounds or jump balls. It hurt us not to convert at the other end."

"We didn't give up and we kept hanging in there and hanging in there," said Patterson. "At the end we just couldn't convert."

The Bengals were ahead 33-28 at halftime. Jane Timm scored ten of their first 22 points and had 14 points with 7 rebounds at the end of the half. Timm was a very big factor in the win for Buffalo State. The Bengals out-rebounded the Danes 50-38. Timm led with 15 rebounds. "A big part of it was the rebounding," said Warner. "Timm needed to be contained. We played a box and one on her. In

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Lesane first Albany woman to reach 1000

Going into the finals of the SUNYAC tournament, Rainny Lesane needed nine points to reach the 1,000 career point plateau playing for the Danes. That point would make her the only woman in Dane history to achieve this.

After having been fouled by Lorraine Lynch, Lesane stepped to the free throw line with 18:28 remaining in the second half. She sank the shot, an announcement was made, and Lesane was presented with a ball and flowers.

"When I heard the announcement I wanted to run out on the court and congratulate her, but I didn't want my team to get a tech," said Lorraine Lynch of Buffalo State, who was sitting on the bench with three fouls, the third of which brought Lesane to the free throw line.

Lesane now holds the all-time leading scorer record at 1007 points after Saturday night's game. For a junior, that's quite an accomplishment. She also holds the highest single season record. Lesane is ranked sixth in field goal percentage shooting in the nation. Last week's statistics had her shooting 58 percent from the floor.

"It was nice that we were able to stop the game and give her the ball and flowers in front of all those people," said Warner.

Lesane knew she was close, but wasn't sure how many points she needed. Ironically, she ended the half with eight points, just one point shy of the record. When she found out it was nine at half time, she had lost track of how many she had scored and still wasn't sure when the ninth point would come.

"I was really surprised that they'd stop the game," said Lesane. "A lot of people expected me to cry. If it would have lasted a little longer I would have."

—Kristine Sauer



Rainny Lesane against Buffalo St.

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Dick Sauers reaches the 500 mark

By Dean Chang
MANAGING EDITOR

With five minutes left to play in the game, the chant began:
500!... 500!... 500!

Albany Head Coach Dick Sauers remained motionless, his eyes transfixed on a game whose destiny had been decided long ago.

500!... 500!... 500!
Sauers looked up for a moment, and motioned to Rich Chapman to get in the game. The Danes were beating the Brockport Eagles, 73-59, but more importantly to everyone except Sauers, this victory would be number 500 in his illustrious coaching career.

The crowd silenced itself, much as misbehaving children would in grade school. But with two minutes left, the chant resumed, louder than before.

500!... 500!... 500!
Sauers looked at the clock in acknowledgement of the fans' cheer, and put reserves Brian Kauppila and Jan Zadorian into the game. The Danes responded to the crowd by opening up a 33-point lead, 85-62.

Senior Greg Hart joined the chant on the bench, his knees pumping up and down in raw enthusiasm. Assistant Coach Barry Cavanaugh, who was co-captain of the Danes six years ago, offered his hand in congratulations. This was the win the players and the fans were waiting for all year, and they weren't going to let Sauers spoil his own party.

Two gold, purple and white banners materialized with the number 500 emblazoned in the center. Senior co-captains Dave Adam and Danny Croutier held one together, as did Hart and senior center Pete Gosule.

The game was no longer important; the two central figures were Sauers and the clock. As reserve Tony Dickens hit the first of two foul shots, Hart and Gosule stood on the bench, arms upraised, banner in hand.

A smile creased Sauers' lips, as he placed his hands on his waist in apparent satisfaction and relief. The congratulations were coming fast and furious, and not even Sauers could deny the emotions that he was fighting off the week preceding number 500.

The clock ticked its last second; the game was over. To the approval of 3000 or so fans, Hart and Gosule hoisted Sauers onto their shoulders, and paraded him onto the court. While everyone else was caught up with 500, Sauers pointed his fingers to the sky, alternating two on one hand, and one on the other.

"I wanted to put things back in the proper perspective," said Sauers after the game. "It was number 21 for the team (this year). That's the way to look at things from now on."

21 wins seemed a long way off at the beginning of the season. The Danes were coming off their worst season in eight years, finishing with a 14-11 record. Only three times in Albany basketball history



have the Danes had as many as 21 wins in a year; the team's work was obviously cut out for them.

Sauers makes his players write down their personal goals before the year. He doesn't know how many players wanted 21 wins as a goal; he claimed, "Probably a lot of them." Never argue with a coach, especially not with this one.

Speaking for the team, Croutier said, "We've had up and down years recently. Before this year, our aim was to get 21 wins. The closer we got this year, the more we knew we would get it."

The Danes opened up the season in the Capital District Tournament by beating RPI. Hart remembered saying, "20 more to go" in the lockerroom after the game. "I've been thinking about it (500) since I first came here," said Hart. "We were going to take one game at a time — we had to win it."

The scenario on Friday night against Brockport was a Hollywood scriptwriter's dream. The weekend before, Albany defeated the number-one ranked team in the nation, the Potsdam Bears, and earned the right to host the SUNYACs. The following day saw the passing away of Sauers' mother, which kept Sauers from Tuesday night's game against Hamilton, his first crack at his 500th win.

Without Sauers present, the team came out empty and lost to Hamilton by 17.

Checking up on Doc

Coach Bill Detrick, Central Connecticut State:

"The two guys that are the toughest game coaches I know are Doc Sauers and Ed Bilak of Springfield."

Coach Bill Scanlon, Union:

"The thing about Dick is you always have to prepare so many things, because he does the unexpected."

Dr. William Moore, Director of Athletics at Albany:

"His reputation among coaching fraternities is well-known. Basketball coaches are a very tight group; Dick has been held for many, many years in high regard in the New England area."

Dennis Stevens, Plant Director at Albany:

"The sight I enjoyed the most (after win 500) was Dick being showered with champagne."

Dave Adam, Albany shooting guard:

"Tonight we got to jump on him, hug him... even pour champagne on him. Sometimes he's rough on us, but we know he's doing it to make us better." **Ed Steitz, Springfield Athletic Director and Editor and National Interpreter of the NCAA Rules Committee:**

"He's a very, very outstanding coach. He maximizes the potential of the material of players he has to work with. If he were coaching on a Division I level, not many people could stop him if he had equal talent. He's a good thinker, a great fundamentalist, and a great teacher. To get 500 wins in Division III takes a lot of time and dedication. You really have to like it to get 500 wins."

Assistant Coach John Quattrocchi, Marist:

"Doc's very thorough, a great competitor. He knows his basketball better than everyone. He makes average players good and better players even better. He gets all of his players to play to their best abilities. Doc Sauers can coach at any level; he's as fine as a coach there is. He enjoys the pure, coaching part of the game."

work of one man: Dennis Stevens.

"Dick and I have been friends for a long time," said Stevens, Plant Director at Albany. "I wanted to do something that indicated that. Banners are good for school spirit."

Stevens had the banners planned a week ago, and was ready in Hamilton if the Danes had won. An hour before Friday's game, Stevens showed Dr. Moore the banners. One minute before the end of Friday's game, Dr. Moore showed the banners to the players.

500. It was on the players' minds, and according to Cavanaugh, it was also on Sauers' mind.

"It was hard for him not to have it on his mind," said Cavanaugh. "He tried to downplay it, but with all the press he was getting, it was tough."

Everyone knew this wasn't an ordinary game by any means. The local television stations were there to interview Sauers after the game, as were reporters from every local newspaper. The New York Post ran a small blurb earlier in the week, and the New York Times had Sauers in the Sports People column on Sunday. This isn't your average Division III basketball game.

All this exposure might give some people swelled heads. According to Adam, if Sauers' head did get swelled, it wouldn't be for very long.

"Maybe for an hour or so," said Adam. But I'm sure that he'll have Buffalo on his mind afterwards. He'll probably go upstairs and look at films of Buffalo when this is all over."

Sauers, no doubt, did do all of the above. It didn't help the team get win number 501 for Sauers, nor did it win the SUNYACs for the Danes. The next goal the team will try to attain will be to reach the Final Four in the NCAA's post-season Division III tournament. That has proved to be one goal that has eluded Sauers in his thirty years of coaching.

"With the vast amount of tremendously competitive teams in Section II, Dick hasn't had as many shots at a national title as he would have liked to have," said Moore. "The NCAA's is of course a goal of most teams; only five percent of the teams ever get to go."

To the Danes' credit, Sauers and the Danes faced the pressure of the impending 500th win better than Lefty Driesell and his Maryland Terrapins did. It took Driesell five games to get one victory — not just any victory, but his 500th victory. Driesell beat Sauers by one day; he got his on Thursday.

Even if the Danes don't perform as well as they would like to in the NCAA's, they can be satisfied that they fulfilled their primary preseason goal. When will Sauers look back and realize the significance of win number 500?

"It's nice to think about it sometime in April after a birdie putt on 18 after I've won some money," said Sauers. But not now. Right now, Sauers has more important things on his mind. □



Sauers: From his first to his 500th

Sauers Joins Physical Education Staff As Cage, Diamond Coach

The Physical Education staff became enlarged by one recently when Richard Sauers began his duties as instructor at State. Sauers, a product of Irwin, Pennsylvania, will also assume the job as coach of varsity basketball and baseball.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1955: The beginnings of a legend at Albany State.

State Downs New Paltz 92-58; Gary Holway Scores 28 Points

Coach Sauers' hoopsters, having shown their power on their home court, travel to the home courts of Harpur College and Oneonta State Teachers College this week. (Last night, the Peds met Hartwick in the Hartwick gym, but due to a Wednesday night deadline, it was impossible to get any information on that game for this issue of the paper.) The Saueremen, having lost one game on the road, will be out to change their record for the better, as they meet Harpur at 7:30 tonight, their road record for the better, as they meet Harpur at the same time in the Oneonta gym.

Sauersmen Lose Season Opener Via Foul Failure

State College's varsity basketball team opened its 1985-86 season last Friday night at the Union Fieldhouse opposing RPI in one game of an inaugural tripartite. It was a sad opening for State fans, as the Peds squeaker, 55-52.

DECEMBER 9, 1955: Doc's first loss...and his first win thanks to Gary Holway.

Plattsburg Falls, 59-48; Lakers Top Peds, 76-60;

The powerful State team who has surmounted extreme pressure games can't seem to overcome one jinx, namely, the Oswego Lakers. State, losing already this year to the Lakers, had hoped that the tournament in Cortland would finally end this jinx.

Throughout the first half the game was very close, and at half-time the score was tied 30-30. **Lakers Get Hot**
Oswego began the second half with a hot hand as they outscored Albany 29-9. Albany became aggressive in order to try to make a comeback, but in doing so, made many costly fouls. Oswego hit 30 out of 35 free throws including 23 in a row. Because of the free throw lead, Albany couldn't catch up. State hit 36% from the field while Oswego hit 33%. But Oswego hit 36 free throws and Albany only 14. Big Don Cohen led the rebound department with 16. The individual scoring ran as follows:

Albany	Oswego
Cohen	Scheiffer
Oppedisano	Lowe
Wallace	Picciano
Casey	Willar
Bowen	Dembino
Carmello	

MARCH 10, 1981: Albany tops Plattsburgh and Doc gets number 100.

ASP Sports Cagers Smash Hawks; Break Scoring Record



MARCH 1, 1974: The Danes smash the up-town gym's scoring record by scoring 102 points for Doc's 300th.

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ASP Sports



Buffalo State shocks Danes in SUNYAC finals

Albany still receives NCAA bid



FEBRUARY 26, 1985: Doc Sauers has number 500 at last.

ASP Sports

Potsdam Captures Regional In Overtime, 68-



MARCH 20, 1981: Less than perfect. Potsdam avenges their loss in the SUNYACs by beating Albany in the NCAA Regionals.

ASP Sports

SUNYAC Champions



Albany Edges Potsdam For Conference Title



MARCH 3, 1981: PERFECT! The Danes top Potsdam in overtime to win their first SUNYAC crown and a trip to the NCAA's.

ASP Sports

Dick Sauers Weekend Proclaimed

WHEREAS Dick Sauers has coached varsity basketball at the University of Albany for 25 years, and WHEREAS he has brought a title to the University and the basketball program through his leadership, his students, and his high personal character, and WHEREAS he has taken a direct and continuing interest not only in the athletic life of his students, but also in their academic and personal lives, and WHEREAS he is recognized by the University of Albany as one of the outstanding figures in the state, in recognition of all of his achievements and his outstanding contributions to the state, the University of Albany, its faculty, and its students:

RESOLVED that February 8-10, 1980, is designated "Dick Sauers' Weekend" at State University of Albany.

WHEREAS the University of Albany has declared February 8-10, 1980, as Dick Sauers' Weekend in honor of the coach's 400 wins and 25 year coaching stint.

WHEREAS the University of Albany has declared February 27, 1981, as Dick Sauers' Weekend in honor of the coach's 500 wins and 25 year coaching stint.

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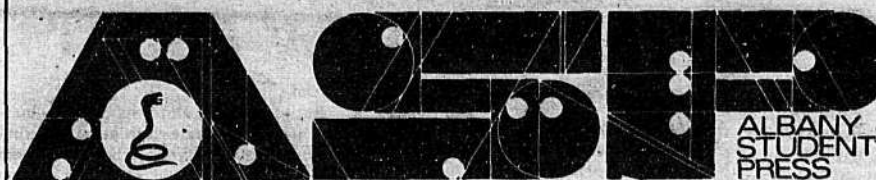
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Right-wing organizing against NYPIRG fizzles

By James O'Sullivan
NEWS EDITOR

Syracuse University students voted overwhelmingly to continue funding NYPIRG in a referendum Tuesday, despite a much heralded conservative push against the consumer and environmental lobbying organization.

In the largest turnout SU Student Government Association officials could recall, 75 percent of those voting agreed that NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) should remain on campus.

Student conservatives at both SU and Washington, D.C. had said that Syracuse was the first of 40 campuses to be "de-PIRGed," but no challengers showed up in Syracuse Tuesday, and members of the SU based "STOPirg" organization kept a low profile throughout the voting.

STOPirg's objective is to stop the funding of NYPIRG through mandatory student activity fee money, even though NYPIRG's funding is voted on through a separate referendum from the rest of the fee.

"STOPirg didn't have their act together, they were not organized, and they did not have the resources," said Karen McMahon, chair of NYPIRG's Board of Directors.

"Our campus presence was subliminal, we were there and yet we weren't, it's that simple," said STOPirg member Troy Smith.

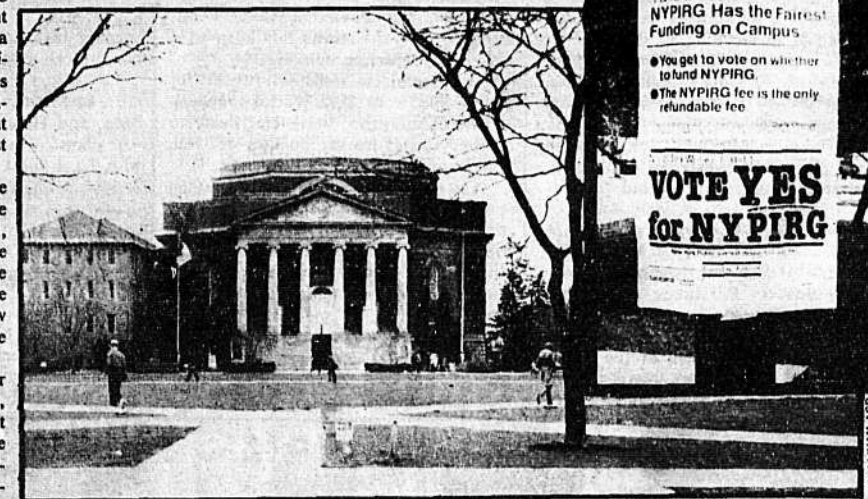
Smith said NYPIRG was so successful because the student government and campus media were all pro-NYPIRG. "The Daily Orange considers themselves the most objective paper on campus...they don't understand that they are so pinkie commie leftist it's unreal," he stated.

The national conservative movement didn't show up at the referendum, McMahon said, because they didn't want to lose the first referendum battle of the year. "They knew that we were organized enough and they knew that we were going to win," she said.

NYPIRG Project Coordinator at SU Mark Schlechter agreed, saying, "The STOPirg people just did not have the support on the campus." He said NYPIRG expected a large battle, and was surprised with the results. "A three to one margin is much more than we had thought," he added.

Attributing the vote to NYPIRG's campus visibility and work on projects such as voter registration, state Superfund, financial aid cuts, and women's issues, Schlechter said, "I think the myth that students are apathetic and conservative just proved to be untrue."

Syracuse University students voted 3 to 1 in favor of continued funding of NYPIRG on Tuesday.



Of the 2,175 undergraduates who voted, according to SU Student Government Association Vice President for Administrative Operations Kim Gardner, 1,614 voted in favor of and 558 voted against NYPIRG, with three absentions.

Voter turnout was heavy, she said, in part because "NYPIRG had a lot of publicity out for it,"

with many chapter members giving speeches to classes, as well as posting and leafletting on the SU quad.

Gardner added that although only about 1,400 SU students usually vote in campus elections, the three to one margin favoring NYPIRG was an accurate poll of student opinion. "A lot of students decided they liked

NYPIRG and felt threatened" by the conservative push, she said.

In an article in *The Village Voice* two weeks before the referendum, Steve Baldwin, listed as a member of the College Republican National Committee (CRNC), said Syracuse was one of 40 campuses nationwide targeted by CRNC to be "de-PIRGed."

Draft resisters at SUNYA unyielding despite possible legal ramifications

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Despite the sentencing of draft registration resister Andrew Mager in early February to six months in prison, most SUNYA students who have not yet registered for the draft remain strong in their resolve to not do so.

Mager was the first New York State resident to be tried for refusing to register.

In an informal poll of twenty randomly selected students, four admitted that they had not yet registered, while the remaining sixteen, one who was handicapped and not eligible for the draft, had registered.

Said one student of the four who had not registered, "I have no intentions of registering now or in the future, even if it means legal action brought against me by the state, or the sacrifice of financial aid." Financial aid is linked to compliance with draft registration by the Solomon Amendment, which requires that in order to receive federal aid, men must be registered for the draft.

Another student who has not complied with draft registration stated that he had not done so because he had "yet to get around to it."

All the students surveyed stated that they did not believe the draft would ever really be instituted, and many said that they did not find mandatory draft registration all that offensive. "I believe," stated one student, "that there are certain situations which could occur which would warrant the institution of a draft, and as such, draft registration is a necessary evil."

Six of the twenty students polled said they felt that students should indeed protest against draft registration if they felt compelled to do so, but through means other than non-compliance. "Our society provides for avenues to get laws changed other than disobedience," said one student who along with three others asserted that the law should come down hard on anyone not complying with mandatory draft registration.

Fourteen of the twenty surveyed supported the efforts of Andrew Mager, claiming that non-compliance was the only really effective way to protest an unfair law, and to initiate change. Several students cited figures in American History such as Martin Luther King Jr., who successfully employed civil disobedience in an effort to change existing laws.

Twenty five percent felt that their support for draft registration would increase if the law were made "fairer" by requiring draft registration and any potential draft to apply to all members of society within a certain age group, regardless of sex.

Students surveyed were split in half concerning the issue of tying financial aid to draft registration. Many of those students against the Solomon Amendment pointed out its discriminatory nature, in that those not requiring financial aid would not be subject to the same government scrutiny as those who do require aid.

University President Vincent O'Leary said that he personally did not find the mandatory draft registration that obnoxious. "Those who do not obey the law," stated O'Leary, "and who are willing to suffer the consequences, while I do not think of them as heroes, I can understand why they do as they do, and I admire their conviction for their beliefs."

O'Leary also stated that he supports a "Universal National Service," made up of all persons of a certain age. "The draft is unfair," asserted O'Leary.

In our society, said Vice President of Student Affairs Frank Pogue, anyone has a right to not comply with any law, though they have to be willing to suffer the consequences of their actions. As responsible citizens Pogue advised all students to register.

Donald Whitlock, Director of Financial Aid, stated that he personally would comply with draft registration if he was of age, though in a democratic society he respects the rights of citizens to civil disobedience, and said he finds it an acceptable means of protesting the law. □



Pogue awarded King medal

Vice President for Student Affairs Frank Pogue was awarded the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Award for 1985 at a luncheon in the Campus Center Ballroom Tuesday.

The award is presented annually by the Office of Minority Student Services to the person who most exemplifies the values of King.

Speaking of Pogue, Laurie Midgette, president of the Albany State University Black Alliance (ASUBA) said, "Many students look up to him for pride in our blackness."

"He's the highest ranked black (at SUNYA), most students look up to him...he deeply deserved it and more," said Student Association Minority Affairs Coordinator Eric Bowman.

Pogue became vice president in 1983 after serving as chair of the University's African and Afro-American Studies Department for ten years.

—Beth Finerman