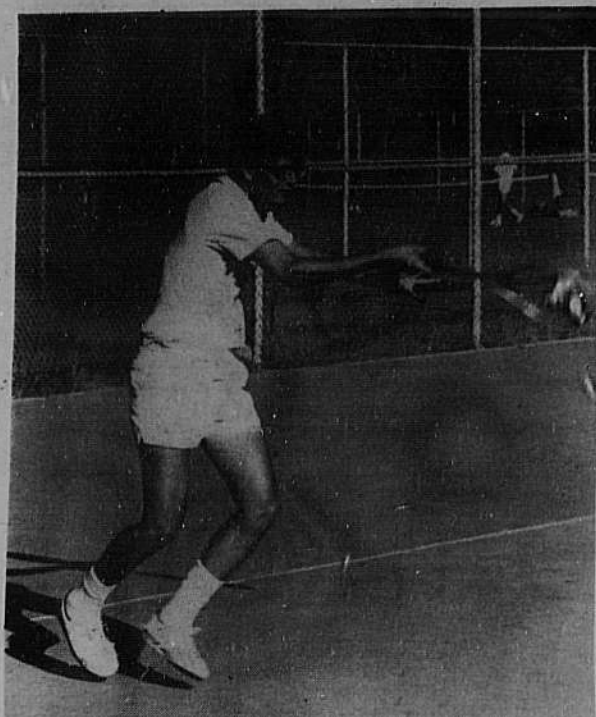


Strong Singles Showing Keys 5-0 Tennis Squad



Lane Lerner, Albany's Freshman third singles player, won all his matches in the Danes' win last week. (Photo: Bruce Friedman)

Albany Sweeps Three Road Matches As Feldman, Linett, and Lerner Excel

by Arnold Reich

The Albany State men's tennis team swept all three road matches on the way to raising their record to 5-0 last weekend. The pattern of the top three singles players winning and the bottom three losing appeared at two of the matches.

After an easy home victory over Union on Wednesday in which Albany won every singles match, the Danes were set to play three different opponents in three days.

On Thursday the Danes won 5-4 against the University of Massachusetts, a tough Division I school. The number one singles player, Paul Feldman, triumphed over Alan Green 6-3, 6-4. Albany tennis coach Bob Lewis called Green "a very good player" and said he was very happy that Feldman won. Larry Linett, ranked number two on the Albany Squad, crushed Jim Barnhart in identical 6-1 sets. Number three Lane Lerner had no trouble beating David Nowak 6-3, 6-1.

However, the Danes four, five, and six single players all lost close

matches. Mike Fertig was defeated by Sergio Strepman 6-4, 6-4. Andy Antoszyk took Mark Heuteman to three sets before succumbing 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, and Derrick Rubin lost by a score of 7-5, 6-2 to Keith Hovland.

The doubles matches against Massachusetts decided the contest. Albany won two out of three, although the number one doubles team of Linett and Lerner was defeated 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 by Green and Barnhart. The key match of the day was Antoszyk and Rubin's 6-2, 6-4 victory over Heuteman and Dan Gallagher. Usually Antoszyk's doubles partner is Randy Young, but Young had hurt his hand, and this was the first time Antoszyk and Rubin played together. The number two doubles team of Feldman and Fertig clinched the victory against U. Mass. by defeating Nowak and Strepman 7-5, 6-4.

After the loss by the Danes' number one doubles team, Lewis said he was "a little surprised at the loss" but he called it an "anticlimactic match" as Albany had already clinched the victory.

On Friday at Siena the Danes won easily, 7-2. Albany took four of the six singles matches and clinched the win even though Lerner did not play. The top two singles players, Feldman and Linett, continued their winning ways. Feldman won 6-0, 6-3 over Tom Crawford. Linett defeated Chris Arnold 6-1, 6-2 and Fertig easily won the first set against his opponent 6-1, but had to struggle to take the second set 7-6. In his first collegiate singles match, Randy Young, playing at number six, defeated Jerry Brehm 7-5, 6-2. The two singles losses were by Antoszyk to Ken Scheffer 6-1, 6-1 and by Rubin to Chuck Koffenberger 6-4, 6-4.

Since Albany had clinched the win before the doubles play the doubles teams played pro sets. This meant that the winning teams had to win eight games in one set to win their matches. Feldman and Fertig downed Crawford and Koffenberger 8-4 and Linett and Antoszyk defeated Arnold and Scheffer 8-3. Siena's number three doubles team defaulted giving Albany the 7-2 victory.

In their third match in as many days the Danes edged by Middlebury 5-4. Once again the top three singles players, Feldman, Linett, and Fertig, were the key players.

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Geneseo Stings Stickmen With Sixth Loss, 12-8

by M.J. Memmott

The Albany State lacrosse team felt the sting of their sixth loss in seven games Saturday afternoon, falling victim to a tough Geneseo State squad. Behind for most of the game, the Danes couldn't overcome their well-disciplined opponents and lost 12-8 before 250 hometown fans.

Forced to play catch-up ball,

Albany never led after the mid-point of the second quarter. Goalie Ken Tirman had another good game for the Danes, coming up with 23 saves. But Geneseo attackman Don Litzelman and Tom Gleason were thorns in Tirman's side, scoring three and two goals, respectively.

"We played pretty well," Albany coach Mike Motta said after the game. "This (Geneseo) is a real good lacrosse team. They just played Hobart and only lost 8-4." Hobart is considered one of the best lacrosse teams in the east.

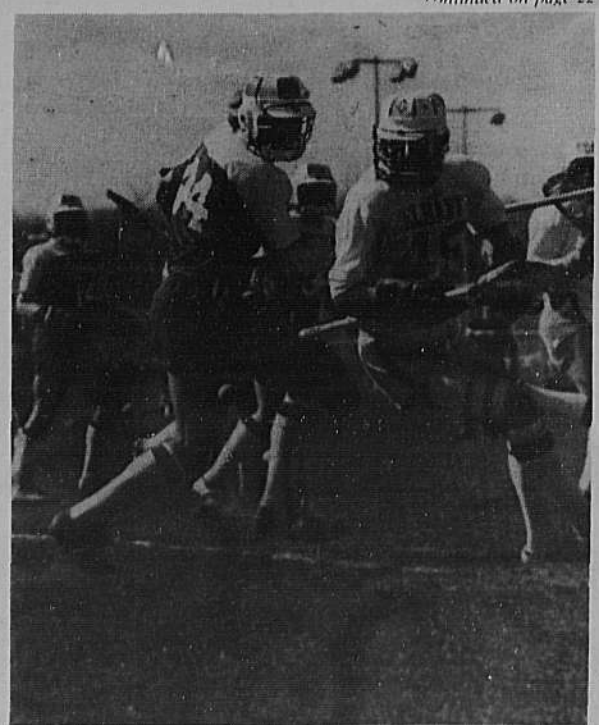
Dane attackman Bill Schmolz scored the first goal of the game, beating Geneseo goalie Dave Fiorini on an unassisted play. But Geneseo came right back to tie the game within moments.

Midfielder Dana Dervay put Albany ahead by a goal, scoring while the Danes had a man advantage because of a Geneseo holding penalty. The first quarter ended in a deadlock though, as Litzelman put in the first of his goals on a hard shot from the side.

The first quarter had seen the ball deep in Albany's own zone for much of the time, as the Danes had trouble clearing the ball because of Geneseo's aggressive rides. Attackman John Nelson put the Danes back on top by a goal at the start of the second quarter. The score was sparked by a long upfield pass by Tirman which cleared the outstretched sticks of the Geneseo defenders. That left Nelson all alone on Fiorini, and he beat the goalie easily. Nelson led the Danes for the day in scoring, coming up with three goals.

The teams exchanged goals to make the score 4-3 Albany. That would prove to be the last time the Danes would enjoy the lead.

Gleason tied the score for Geneseo on a power play goal, and then Litzelman put them ahead for good on a bouncing shot that beat Tirman as it came through the dust cloud in front of his net. Litzelman followed up that tally with another one before the end of the first half to put Geneseo on top 6-4.



Albany attackman Rich Heimerle tries to make a move during the Danes' loss to Geneseo on Monday. (Photo: Roanne Kulakoff)

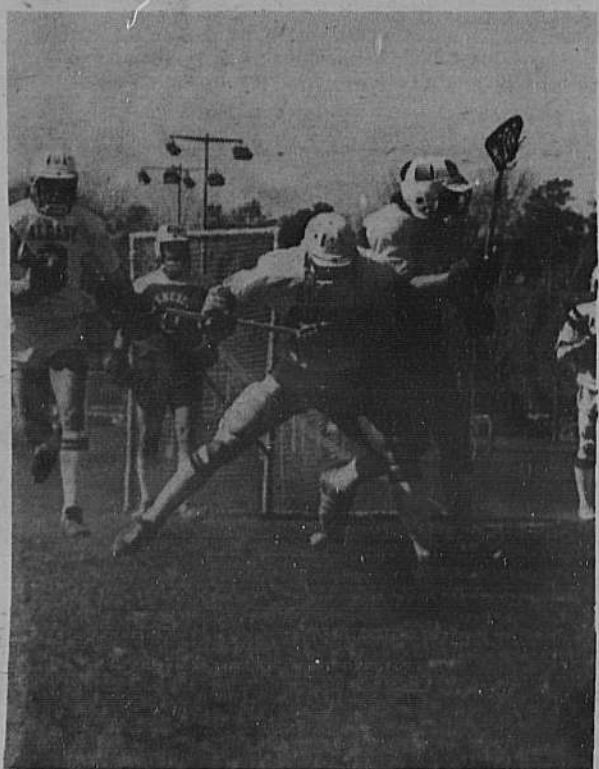
Geneseo picked up right where they left off to start the second half, as Gleason blasted a goal by Tirman from point-blank range. Albany pulled within two goals of Geneseo four times in the second half, but could not seem to get any closer against the tough man-to-man defense they were up against.

Nelson continued to be the bright spot for Albany on offense, picking up his other goals for the game, in the second half. Midfielder Rich

Heimerle put in two goals for the Danes as well, and Schmolz picked up two assists to go with his goal to round out the Albany scoring leaders.

"We just threw the ball away too much," said Motta. "We had a lot of trouble clearing their rides, but I thought it was really a pretty close game."

Albany's next game will be tomorrow afternoon at Union College in Schenectady.



The Danes enjoyed a lead of 4-3 in the first half, but never regained it again in the game. (Photo: Roanne Kulakoff)

SUNY Schools Face Loss Of Status Due To Merger

Downgraded In Prestige

by Aron Smith

Both SUNYA and SUNY Binghamton may soon be downgraded in status from University Center to College of Arts and Science, according to Student Association of the State University (SASU) President Steve Allinger.

According to Allinger, the move will occur within the next few years if the recently proposed state takeover of the City University of New York (CUNY) is passed by the state legislature. The proposal was outlined in a report submitted to the legislature last week by Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair Mark Siegel (D-Manhattan). It has already gathered the support of Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink and Governor Hugh L. Carey.

Although Siegel's proposal stipulates that CUNY remain separate from SUNY, "in recognition of the unique needs of higher education in the City of New York," student leaders have criticized the measure as a giant step toward a merger of the two

institutions.

"When you take over funding of an institution, you have a lot more to say about it," said Allinger. "Not necessarily policy decisions, but certainly fiscal decisions. Once you combine SUNY and CUNY, most state leaders would think of the system as one gargantuan institution, rather than many institutions serving a gargantuan population."

Several steps will be taken by the legislature to economize if Siegel's bill is successful, said Allinger. One of these, he said, will be the downgrading of SUNYA, SUNY Binghamton, and two CUNY institutions of a quality corresponding to SUNY's University Centers. This would leave the combined state city system with a total of four University Centers. According to Allinger, the move would save money in the lower salaries paid to the professional staff of Colleges of Arts and Science.

Of the four SUNY University Centers existing at present, the



This sign that appeared at March's tuition rally may have been an accurate prediction of things to come.

A SUNY-CUNY merger would severely affect students from both schools.

Photo: Sam Terilli

Albany and Binghamton campuses will be chosen for downgrading primarily due to size, said Allinger. The SUNY University Center campuses at Stony Brook and Buffalo are much larger and offer greater depth in graduate programs, he said.

A SUNY-CUNY merger would severely affect CUNY students as well, said Allinger.

"The central administration can't

be sensitive to the needs of both," he said. "CUNY is a special system. It's meant to meet the needs of city students. CUNY students are going to have to rapidly adapt to the fact that the state government is going to have unprecedented persuasion over the fiscal matters in CUNY. There's no question in my mind that you could provide for two separate institutions: one to serve the upstate-Long Island region, another to serve the city."

"You have to look at CUNY in an historical perspective. Our missions are at a divergence at this time," said CUNY Student Senate President Ed Roberts. "CUNY was founded in 1847. CUNY's mission was to provide access to the sons and daughters of the working class of New York City. The private colleges some of which joined together in 1948 to form SUNY didn't want to provide access to these immigrants."

"From a realistic standpoint,

SUNY and CUNY are not the same thing," said Roberts. "CUNY has a larger proportion of low-income students than SUNY has. The University is going to have a mission based on the constituency it serves."

"It's going to be a disaster for both schools," said Allinger. "The City University is a completely different system. To have it centralized, to have one agency taking on both when they have different needs, it's going to be harmful, and it's going to decrease the quality of learning. When it comes time to budget and allocate money, it is going to be much harder. SUNY and CUNY will be fighting over money. It's just increasing the bureaucracy."

"If we are merged into one system, we'll be much more than intertwined," said Allinger. "CUNY will become part of SUNY and CUNY will lose its identity. Maybe they'll still call it CUNY. I don't

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Wharton has helped raise tuition \$150 for freshmen and sophomores.

"Wharton was playing up to the Governor," said Bruce Cronin.

Photo: Sam

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Trustees Hike Undergrad Tuition

Student Campaign Defeated

by Thomas Martello

The SUNY Board of Trustees increased tuition for freshmen and sophomores \$150 Wednesday, sending a four-month student-led campaign against the hike down to defeat.

In addition, the Trustees authorized a \$50 roommate increase which hiked the cost to \$800 a year.

The tuition hike will generate about \$9 million for SUNY, according to Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Harry Spindler.

"Nobody likes a tuition increase," said Spindler. "However we felt that there were some very important things not in the legislative budget which should be funded."

Spindler said that the items that will be funded by the tuition hike include educational equipment raising student wages to the minimum wage, EOP summer programs, and library resources. "Six weeks ago we wrote to the Governor to tell him of our intention to raise tuition, and asked if these items be included contingent upon the hike," said Spindler.

Student leaders attributed a lack of commitment on the part of SUNY Chancellor Clifton Wharton to pressure the legislature as the major factor for the loss in fighting the hike.

"I would put the blame right on the Chancellor," said SA President Paul Feldman. "The tuition increase could have been avoided. There were enough people who believed

that the increase was counter-productive. However, unless you can move SUNY central to believe that, then it's hard to move the legislature."

"We won in the legislature," said Albany Student Union (ASU) representative Bruce Cronin. "They were willing to give us at least part of the money—about \$5 million."

Student pressure against the tuition hike began in January following a statement by Governor Hugh Carey which recommended an increase. The campaign included lobby days at the legislature, meetings with officials and a statewide rally at the capital, which drew over 2000 people on March 21.

Alter Carey's initial statement on the increase, which Feldman termed a "test balloon," the campaign focused on the legislature. When the SUNY budget came out in February, it was substantially less than what had been requested, leaving the Chancellor's office with the decision to increase the hike. "I feel that the legislature was very much opposed to a tuition increase," said Cronin. "We were gaining support."

The Board of Trustees were temporarily stopped from authorizing an increase at their February 28 meeting when 100 students showed up to protest the increase, according to student leaders.

"We knew we couldn't let the Trustees show an intent to raise tuition," said Feldman. "We forced

them to delay."

"It was a temporary victory," said Cronin. "We wanted more time to work on the legislature."

The legislative lobby effort continued—student leaders felt that the \$9 million could be restored to the budget, then there would be no need for a tuition hike.

"Stanley Fink (State Assembly Speaker) was very sympathetic," said Cronin. "He seemed very committed to avoid the hike." Cronin added that an additional \$5 million dollars in the SUNY budget could have been proposed in lieu of a tuition hike.

However, the support of SUNY central was not forthcoming. "Without an increase, our needs were not met," said Spindler. "It is also difficult to call the state funding for SUNY inadequate, considering that they did give us an increase of \$35 million dollars."

"We couldn't get legislative support without SUNY support in the end," said Cronin. "Wharton made the decision. Carey wants a tuition increase and Wharton was playing up to the Governor."

"One question I have is, where was the pressure coming from?" said Feldman. "It was very difficult to plan a course of action without SUNY Central."

Spindler said that the tuition hike won't affect many students. "It doesn't seem to be the economic burden everyone is talking about," said Spindler. "For students

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World News Briefs

Teenage Smoking Decreased

WASHINGTON (AP) Teenagers may finally be climbing onto the no-smoking bandwagon with their parents and other older people. A new government survey due out yesterday was expected to show that the teen-ager smoking rate, which grew from 12 percent in 1968 to 16 percent by 1974, is now turning downwards. That trend would follow the pattern already established by older smokers. An estimated 54 million Americans still smoke, but 30 million have quit since the first surgeon general's report on smoking and health in 1964, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The percentage of adult smokers has fallen from 42 percent to 33 percent. HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. planned what his office called "a major announcement on teenage smoking" yesterday in San Francisco at a conference of the National Interagency Council on Smoking and Health.

Senate Proposal For Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) The Senate gave its endorsement early yesterday to a 1980 budget that would hold the line on federal spending and pave the way for a balanced budget in 1981 and a \$55 billion tax cut the following year. Senators accepted President Carter's challenge to fight inflation by holding down increases in federal spending and went him one better. They voted to limit spending to \$532.6 billion, or \$6.7 billion below the president's recommendation. The Senate approved the budget on a 64-20 vote after three days of debate. But spending for most other government programs would be held to current levels. After inflation is considered, that would mean less spending for dozens of programs, including public service jobs, highway construction and aid to state and local governments. The

House will consider the 1980 budget next week. After the Senate and House agree on a spending ceiling, it will guide lawmakers as they consider legislation during the next 4 1/2 months. The figure will be reviewed in late summer; the final ceiling will bind Congress during the following 12 months. The Carter administration's budget chief praised the Senate's action, saying it "has exhibited responsible restraint."

Elderly May Save Money

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) The Legislature may decide later this year to give elderly citizens a big price break on minimum amounts of electricity. But the Assembly has indefinitely put off debate on a bill which would do the same thing for customers for all ages. The rate-cutting measure, a so-called "lifeline rates" bill, had been described as the centerpiece of a utility "reform" package put together by the Assembly's Democratic leadership. It would make drastic cuts in the average residential electric bill in New York City, at the expense of commercial and other larger users of electricity. But it was quietly pulled out of floor action in the Assembly on Wednesday, apparently because some legislators had objected to its \$50 million price tag and had indicated they would prefer a measure limited only to the elderly.

Rationing Not Rational

WASHINGTON (AP) Congress is giving a rocky reception to the gasoline rationing and weekend service station closing plans that President Carter says he needs to cope with possible shortages. The House Commerce Committee rejected the standby rationing plan Wednesday, and the Senate Energy Committee was expected to take similar action yesterday. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, predicted Congress will fashion some of its own standby mandatory conservation measures, and send others back to the White House for redrafting.

Computer Center Grant

The Sperry Univac Corp. has provided State University of New York at Albany's Computing Center with an unrestricted \$10,000 grant to help finance two projects at the facility. Dewaine Oslan, Sperry Univac's Vice President for Marketing, Eastern Operations, will meet with University President Vincent O'Leary next Monday (April 30) in Albany to discuss the award.

Robert J. Robertson, Director of the Computing Center, said the grant would be used to support two projects currently inactive because of a lack of money. One project, he said, involves the use of external reviewers to critique the Center's programs and operations. "Under this program," Robinson said, "we will bring to the campus outstanding members of the computer or allied professions who can give appropriate seminars and meet with staff and faculty. They will be asked to do a detailed examination of the Computing Center's programs and offer specific criticisms." The second project, he said, "is the outreach portion and involves presentation of research and development results at major conferences worldwide."

"The Computing Center's staff has been a source of major development contributions, and we wish to improve upon that performance. Under this program, we will be able to support unique costs associated with preparing high quality presentations of the research results and also support the associated costs of travel."

SUNYA Blood Donations

During this academic year, SUNY student-sponsored bloodmobiles have resulted in 2,132 units collected on both the main campus and downtown resident campus. Prior to the end of the semester, students will have a final opportunity to donate blood.

On Wednesday, May 2, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on the downtown campus, 11:00 am-5:00 pm, in Waterbury Hall. On Thursday, May 3, the bloodmobile will be on the main campus, 10:00 am-4:00 pm, in the Campus Center Assembly Hall, sponsored by Chi Sigma Theta sorority.

Through the support of volunteer donors, the American Red Cross Blood Service supplies the total blood and blood component needs of patients in 30 hospitals throughout the Northeastern New York Region. All potential blood donors are urged to pre-register for either bloodmobile prior to the day of the visit.

Telethon Leaders Sought

Move over Telethon '79, Telethon '80 now has center stage. Preparations for the largest student-run telethon in the nation has begun, with co-chairpeople Marlene Michaelson and Stuart Gruskin as their fearless leaders.

"We're in the process of picking committee chairpeople for Telethon '80," said Gruskin, "and there's still time to get an application if you wish to be in charge of a committee."

Applications are presently available in Telethon's mailbox in the SA office, and time is of the essence, according to Gruskin. Once the application has been completed, return it to the mailbox and before you know it, you might be a quad representative or the proud head of such committees as gimmicks, solicitations, door prize, among others.

Candidates On The Air

At 2:00 Sunday, April 29, WCDB (91 fm) will broadcast a panel interview with Student Association presidential candidates Mark Borkowski, Steve Coplon, Lenny Harrison, Scott Lonsberry, Phil Meltrier, Lisa Newmark, and Sharon Ward. Correspondents on the panel will include Michele Israel of the ASP, Raivide Bernfield of The Student Voice, Jacqueline Gold of 91 fm News, and a representative (name not yet available) from Getting Off magazine. The interview will be broadcast live, and will last twenty minutes.



Sunya News Briefs

Canal Equipment Checked

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) Equipment at the state's Love Canal cleanup operation came under still scrutiny yesterday after a gasket broke Wednesday, allowing contaminated liquid to splash onto a roadway in an evacuated area here. The amount and composition of the spilled leachate were not immediately known, but Michael Cuddy, state Love Canal Task Force director, said a figure would be determined after an investigation. Estimates ranged from 300 to 2,000 gallons. State officials were able to contain the spill within an hour, but Cuddy said it was probable that some of the toxic leachate from the old chemical dump entered a city storm sewer. No injuries were reported because of the incident, which occurred about 11 a.m. when a Newco Chemical Waste Systems Inc. truck sprang a leak.

Prison Strike Going Strong

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) The strike by the state's prison guards entered its second week yesterday, still going strong. More than 7,000 of the 8,500 correctional officers are out, and the prisons are being manned largely by National Guard troops. The state yesterday began a policy of giving the guardsmen two days off a week, and switching them from 12-hour shifts to eight-hour shifts — a sign officials may be settling in for a long wait. The mediation efforts aimed at settling the contract dispute are still serving mostly as a forum for each side to make gestures of defiance at the other. The latest round of "talks," in which the two sides rarely talk directly with each other, produced no report of progress overnight, after the union denounced the state for being unwilling to negotiate in public session.

NYPIRG—Next Year?

A student referendum that will decide the future existence of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), will be on the SA ballot May 2-4 on the dinner lines and in the Campus Center. The referendum will ask students if they are willing to pay \$2.00 of their tax money to NYPIRG. However, if the referendum does not pass, the \$2.00 will still be taken out of student taxes and will be used for other purposes.

NYPIRG has been a prominent organization at SUNYA for the past five years. Two other NYPIRG referendums have passed easily over those five years. (The \$2.00 tax fee has never raised in price.) NYPIRG naturally hopes that this referendum will also pass; NYPIRG stresses that without a positive vote, there will be no NYPIRG in the future.

HAP Is HAPpenin'

Human awareness is just around the corner! The Human Awareness Program (HAP) is sponsoring a week of activities to enable the University Community to interact, share experiences, and have a good ole' time!

The week of events is as follows:

- 2:30 Wednesday Meet at the Administrative Clerk for a run around Perimeter Road.
 - Thursday Student faculty tennis matches.
 - HAP Day
 - 12:00 — Speakers on podium
 - 12:30 — Countdown for fountains.
 - pop band
 - party
 - 1:00 — Carillon playing
 - 1:30 — Miscellaneous entertainment
 - 2:30 — Dixieland band
 - 8:30 — evening party sponsored by 4 classes.
- Students and faculty should come out and support HAP. Get to know one another!

CAS Approves Two Academic Proposals

by Michele Israel

Plus-minus grading and higher standards for graduating student honors were the subject of proposals approved yesterday by the Commission on Admissions and Academic Standing (CAS).

The two proposals, which would raise the cumulative grade score necessary for achieving graduate honors standing and institute a plus-minus grading system for undergraduates, will be reviewed next week by the Undergraduate Academic Council (UAC).

"The plus-minus decision is merely a suggestion," said CAS Chair Malcolm Sherman. "It's not for next year, but we will discuss the possibility of implementing it."

English Department Assistant Professor Judith Barlow submitted the plus-minus proposal stating that the present grading system does not benefit the students.

"The four passing grades (A, B, C, and D), are not accurate," Barlow said. "Teachers make a distinction between grades on paper by giving plus-minus marks. If a student deserves a B-plus grade, he should get it."

Barlow explained that the new

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A proposal opting for plus-minus grading will raise students' cum and "decrease competition." The present grading system does not benefit the students.

grading system could affect academic competition. "The program will basically

decrease competition," she said. "Tests graded on curves would make use of grade distinction. One

question can make the difference between an A, B, or C grade. With the plus-minus system a student



OCA advisor Jim Kennedy seeks funding for the coordinator post. SA budget committee under "tight fiscal constraints."

SA Tries To Fund Position Attempt To Return \$7000

by Beth Sever

The SA Budget Committee's decision to cut the OCA Coordinator (OCA) position from the 1979-80 budget may be reversed, as SA President Paul Feldman is trying to return \$7,000 to OCA to fund that position. "I am working on a track to have a balanced budget with the OCA coordinator included in it," said Feldman.

Budget Committee Chair Sue Gold said the eleven member committee was forced to cut the Coordinator position because they were "faced with very tight fiscal constraints." The Committee had to budget nineteen new groups for next year although the \$440,000 SA budget remained the same.

Gold said that "the committee felt that the OCA could function

effectively with some sort of student structure," with one or two students acting as chairpersons instead of the hired coordinator.

Present OCA Coordinator John Kennedy said that stipending students to act as chairpeople for OCA is not a good idea. "By the time they learn the problems they're up against... their usefulness is done," said Kennedy.

Kennedy said, "The Budget Committee in making their recommendation didn't really consider their priorities." According to Kennedy there are about 4,500 students living off campus, constituting about half of those students who pay the student tax. However, out of an SA budget of \$440,000, less than five percent went to OCA this year.

Gold added that the decision not to budget an OCA coordinator was "based solely on the position, not the people involved in this position."

The committee put a "rider" or a stipulation in the budget recommending that OCA may "go to Internal Affairs and apply for stipend positions." Internal Affairs is a subcommittee of Central Council which determines stipend policy.

Feldman said that he, SA Vice President Fred Brewington, SA Controller Debbie Raskin, and Sue Gold have been reviewing the budget together to determine whether they can find \$7,000 in the budget to give to OCA, and whether the funding of an OCA coordinator is a top priority.

Kennedy said that this year the OCA coordinator was budgeted for \$7,800. The Budget Committee reduced this figure for next year to \$7,500 before cutting out the money entirely.

According to Central Council Chair Dave Ruffo, Feldman "is going to put the OCA coordinator back in the budget," which will mean taking the \$7,000 away from other

could get a B-minus instead of a solid C."

Barlow added that a student maintaining a C average, could possibly raise his grade if he did well on a final exam. "It could mean the difference between a C-plus or a B-minus rather than a C or B."

Barlow said, however, that B grades can still be balanced by any D grade. "There will be no effect on balancing."

A student survey was taken earlier in the year to determine student reaction to the plus-minus grading system. Fifty-eight percent of the students approved while forty-two percent of the students disapproved. "There was no mandate to push for a change or fight against one," said Academic Affairs Chair Mike Levy, who organized the survey.

According to CAS member Jim Mitchell, the honors proposal will raise the averages so that only thirty percent of the students will graduate with honors, rather than the average fifty percent. A cum of 3.0, 3.4, and 3.7 will be raised to 3.25, 3.5, and 3.75 respectively.

"Some believe that too many people graduating with honors doesn't make the university too respectable," Mitchell said. "It hurts SUNYA's prestige, especially in comparison to Ivy League schools."

Sherman said that he will be surprised if the honors proposal doesn't get approved by the UAC.

"Genny Cream is smooth and light and just the beer for me. I drink a pitcher every night, Thank God for Genesee!"

Says: Richard Schenkman, SUNYA

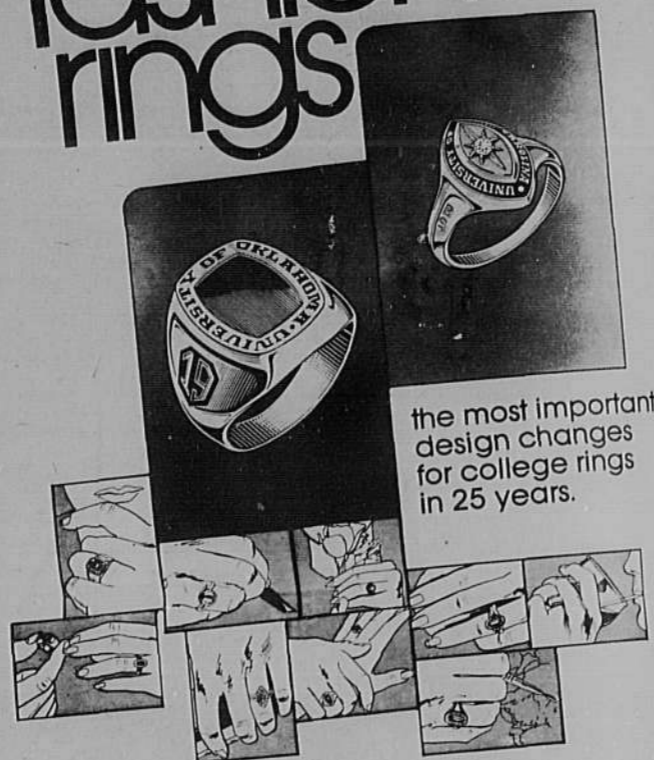


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Energy Committee Alters Carter's Gasoline Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) The Senate Energy Committee breathed new life into President Carter's standby gasoline plan Thursday, but only after the administration promised to alleviate potential gasoline shortages in states where people do the most driving.

The committee voted 9-8 to recommend approval of the plan to the full Senate. As late as Wednesday night, key members of the panel had predicted the rationing scheme would be rejected.

But late Wednesday night, White House aides agreed that 10 percent of the nation's gasoline reserves would be allocated to states where motorists drive further to reach their

jobs, mainly in the West.

"That tipped the balance," said Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., chairman of a Senate energy conservation subcommittee.

In addition, Johnston said, members of the House and Senate have begun to realize there will be serious shortages of gasoline this summer, and potentially serious shortages of heating oil next fall and winter.

"We need a standby rationing plan," said Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the energy panel. On Wednesday, Jackson had said the president's proposal was cumbersome and unworkable.

Jackson said a second element of

Carter's emergency proposals, authority for weekend service station closings, would be voted on and probably rejected on Monday.

It is likely to be replaced by a scheme under which governors of the states would have initial responsibility for devising their own conversation plans.

Only if a state failed to meet an

assigned conservation goal would the federal Energy Department step in and impose mandatory means other than weekend closings.

As late as Thursday morning, the rationing plan seemed dead in both the House and Senate.

The House Commerce Committee has voted to reject the rationing plan, but it will get another chance on the House floor.

for CUNY in the city budget. Such a move, he said, would both symbolize CUNY's ties to the city and make it more difficult for CUNY's identity to be lost. While a token funding arrangement recently gained the support of CUNY Chancellor Robert Kibbee, Siegel, opposes the idea as an unfair tax on the city.

Both Roberts and Allinger are surprised that Koch, who has come out in favor of retaining CUNY as an integral part of the city, refuses to contribute to the funding of CUNY at even the present 25 percent level.

"It's a politically expedient method in an attempt to balance the budget," said Roberts. "Koch said that CUNY is a burden on the city's treasury."

"It's not a priority of his," said Allinger. "It's a nice bangle to have in his city. To Koch, it's like an should retain a token funding le

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know what they're going to do."

Roberts sees a major danger to CUNY in the proposed termination of New York City's responsibility to maintain a 25 percent funding level for CUNY. The remaining 75 percent is currently covered by the state. If, at some time in the future, the city becomes financially solvent, it will then be in a position to

contribute to the upkeep of CUNY, but will remain under no obligation to do so, said Roberts. It will be much more difficult to add an item to the city's budget (particularly one which was previously deleted) than to increase the allocation to an existing item, he said.

Roberts feels that, if nothing else, New York City Mayor Ed Koch should retain a token funding le



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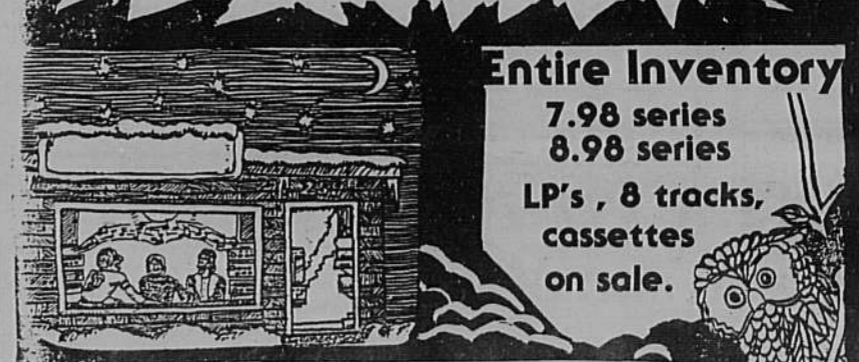
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Thatcher's Travels Seem To Lack Campaign Intent

ELLAND, England (AP) Opposition party leader Margaret Thatcher's sweep around Britain looks more like a royal tour than a campaign to take on Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labor Party in the May 3 general elections.

Callaghan is sticking to a low-key approach that makes 53-year-old Mrs. Thatcher seem positively flamboyant as she bows across Britain in an orange bus, trailing a cavalcade of journalists in more orange buses.

Callaghan's Labor government, beset by striking unions and economic setbacks, lost a confidence

vote in the House of Commons last month. Parliament was dissolved and elections for a new government were set for next month.

Both campaigners preach their causes mainly to the converted — gatherings at party offices or, for Mrs. Thatcher, in hotel dining rooms packed with cheering party workers. Television and newspaper coverage takes care of the wider audience.

So the two party leaders personally see little evidence of the public divisiveness that gives the

Conservatives a narrowing, but winning, lead over Labor in the opinion polls.

Mrs. Thatcher — still somewhat of a schoolmarm in her approach — continues to lag behind the warm, chuckling 67-year-old Callaghan in personal popularity.

In the chilly industrial areas of the northeast, like this Yorkshire town, press and voters get to jostle the ever-gracious candidate as she visits factories and old people's homes.

There are no public meetings and thus no heckling. Party aides say the public meetings are avoided for reasons of security. Police surveillance for both leaders has been stepped up since Irish guerrillas killed a top Tory politician March 30 with a car bomb outside the House of Commons. Fighting over the British presence in Northern

Ireland has intensified and become a campaign issue.

Most observers think Mrs. Thatcher's speeches before ticket-only audiences reflect her manager's privately expressed view that there is little to be gained in exposing her to shouting matches with trade union men in village halls.

Her message that she will lead Britain out of Labor's "drab, grey world of socialism" into an era of free enterprise, lower taxes and restored prestige abroad gets more television coverage than Callaghan does anyway.

Callaghan holds the old-style evening meetings for all, but because of security they are not publicized. Apart from a traveling group of Irish hecklers, audiences appear to consist almost entirely of Labor supporters.

Like Callaghan, Mrs. Thatcher makes her personal appearances in the 50-odd marginal electoral districts the Conservatives must hold or wrest from Labor if she is to become Europe's first woman prime minister. In these districts, a swing of one percent either way would mean victory.

Tuition Hike

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with family incomes of \$20,000 or less, the increase will be covered by student aid—TAP and BEOG. TAP will cover it for 40 percent of the students.

Cronin said that according to figures released by the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), in January, 80,000 students would not be covered by increased aid with the tuition hike.

Oil Profits Lost From Carter's Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) President Carter's proposed "windfall profits tax" will net the federal government only about \$2 billion of the more than \$15 billion oil producers are expected to get over the next three years under the president's oil price decontrol plan, presidential advisers said Thursday.

Details of the oil profits tax, including previously undisclosed figures on exemptions, were revealed at a White House briefing after Carter sent the proposal to Congress.

Before details of his plan were made public, Carter said the tax "is the only thing that stands between the oil companies and a huge bonanza of unearned, unnecessary

and unjustified profits."

The administration has described the windfall tax as a 50 percent tax on excess oil company profits, indicating that the government would collect half the profit resulting from Carter's decontrol of oil prices.

But White House officials made clear Thursday that a substantial portion of decontrolled oil, such as oil flowing through the Alaska pipeline, will not be subject to the "windfall" tax.

Also made clear was that oil companies would be able to deduct the proposed "windfall" tax from their regular federal income taxes.

White House domestic policy

adviser Stuart Eizenstat said oil companies are expected to reap in gross revenue about \$15.4 billion over the next three years "directly from decontrol."

Because so much oil will not be taxed, however, the 50 percent "windfall" tax actually would take in only \$3.3 billion for the government. Since the windfall tax would be deductible from federal income taxes this would reduce by more than \$1.2 billion the amount of federal income tax paid by the oil companies over the first three years, according to Treasury Department figures.

Thus, the "windfall" tax would net only about \$2 billion more from the oil companies than they would

have had to pay under existing tax laws, according to the Treasury Department.

"We think it's the right balance," Eizenstat said.

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electric poodle washer. If it were a priority, he'd make the sacrifice. I have no doubt that he has affection for its tradition, just as he has affection for the city's poodles. But if you don't pay the piper, you don't play the tune."

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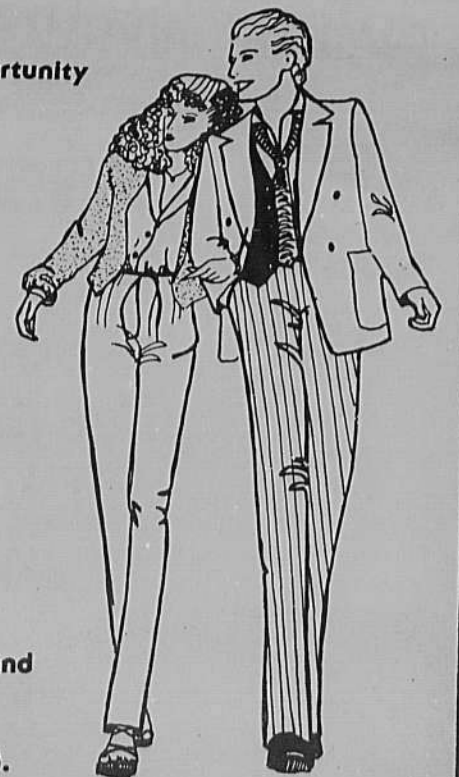
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The *Washington Star* reports that the offices of local psychiatrists are running over with people suffering from anxiety and tension who complain of stomach aches and back aches and express concern over the future.

The *Star* says that the shelves of local libraries have been stripped of all books on nuclear energy, and Governor Richard Thornburgh has set up a rumor-control center in efforts to stop misinformation from being spread.

According to the newspaper, firearms stores in Middletown are selling out of ammunition, and

people who have never owned guns before are buying them.

The newspaper quotes one Middletown gun dealer as giving the reason for the record sales in ammunition and arms. Says Grant Stapleton: "You've got people who are concerned ... they can't see radiation or comprehend it, so they are turning their fears to things they can comprehend, like looters, burglars, or going hungry."

LOW GRADE TREND

The U.S. dollar isn't the only thing hit by inflation these days. A new survey has found that the grades being given to high school students across the nation are inflating as well.

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The 13th annual survey of first-year college students, conducted by UCLA, has found that nearly one in four of the students, 22.3 percent, had an "A" average while in high school. This compares to just 12.5 percent who had "A" averages 10 years ago.

The survey also found that the number of students with "C" averages is way down, with 17.6 percent of today's students boasting C's compared to the 32.5 percent figure in 1969.

The students also agree that getting A's is getting easier. Nearly two thirds of them said they agreed with the statement that "Grading in the high schools has become too easy."

The human tutor for Washoe, the first chimpanzee to use American sign language, says that Washoe's one-month-old son will probably take after his mother and begin using sign language also.

Roger Fouts, who has been tutoring the famous chimp for many years now at the University of Oklahoma, says he predicts that the newborn son, Sequoyah, will probably give his first sign between four and 12 months.

Chimps in several primate language centers around the United States do communicate with each other in sign language, but so far none has passed on its "alien" form of communication to another.

Sequoyah isn't Washoe's first offspring. Several years ago, she gave birth to an infant that died shortly after birth. Fouts says that at the time, Washoe responded by squatting over the corpse, apparently grief-stricken, and repeatedly indicated the words "baby, baby," in apparent efforts to get the dead infant to respond to her.

NAVAL SEXISM

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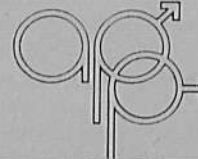
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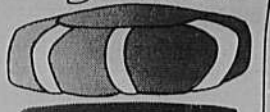
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Mark Borkowski

I am running for SA President for several reasons, but I am most concerned with the attitude that prevails throughout the Student Association and in its officers. As an individual who has been active in the SA, I have watched many good people walk in the office door and be swallowed up in the SA "system" — insulated and arrogant, close-minded and unaware. As a result, SA has often been unable to deal with the concerns of its constituents — mainly because it never bothers to find out what those concerns are. (As an example of what I'm talking about, how many times have you seen, heard, or read about your representatives *telling* what's going to happen, rather than *asking* you what *should* happen?) I have spent many hours during the past semester trying to bring about some change in this attitude, but have not yet been terribly successful. Any change must come from the top, and so far the people "at the top" have been uncooperative.

This attitude problem has also affected the Association's ability to deal with the rest of the University Community. For some reason, SA personnel seem to feel obligated to walk around with chips on their shoulders. This turns me off, it turns you off, and it turns administrators and faculty members off. I believe that we should start by *talking* with people. If that fails, then it's time to start screaming. There are times when it's necessary to yell (and I've done it successfully myself in the past), but in general I've found that I get more done when I try to work *with* people instead of *against* them. SA's top officers (and most of my opponents) disagree with me about this point — and maybe that's why SA always seems to get so little accomplished. I intend to go into more detail on this thought (and give specific examples!) later on in the campaign.

Briefly, then, to some pieces of the rest of my platform. First of all, I have had experience in almost every aspect of SA's operation — from being President and Treasurer of an SA-funded group to being a floor leader in the Senate; from serving as a class of '80 councilperson and working as an Assistant Controller. I "know the ropes" at least as well, and probably better, than any other candidate.

I believe that SA must take an active role in the development of community spirit here, and I think we can start by encouraging strong support for athletics.

SA must cut back on its own bureaucracy. One specific proposal I have would authorize Quad Board Presidents to deal with solicitations requests on their own quads.

There are many other things I should say, but let me finish by inviting any of you to contact me at any time (457-8794); and if there's a lot you'd like to talk about, I'd be happy to try and arrange a meeting.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and I'd appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

Steve Coplon

The position of Student Association President is the most crucial that any student can hold. The president is called upon to work for students in a wide variety of situations. The ability to adapt to each situation is important — and this can only come from a diversity of experience.

I feel that I offer a unique background that is invaluable for an effective administration. I have been very active in Student Association. As a member of Central Council, I chair the Finance Committee. This has given me a keen sense of student association finances and the large number of SA funded groups.

In addition, I became familiar with the various academic, residence, and student services issues.

As an active participant in NYPIRG, I worked extensively on both the state and local levels. Presently, I lobby the New York State Legislature for NYPIRG.

Other issues that I have achieved success in are the state funding of intercollegiate athletics and the Follett Bookstore investigation. My extensive work in achieving improvements in those areas has given me the further ability to adapt to a variety of issues.

Next year, I would like Student Association to actively move in the improvement of student life by fostering greater school spirit. This can be done by increasing the quantity of major university events and having the President of SA make an active commitment to increasing student input into the decision making of SA.

In academics, we must pursue the areas of undergraduate teaching, general policy making, and helping liberal education through interdisciplinary programs.

In student services, we can work with U.A.S. in trying to establish a travel agency, a bakery, and soft ice cream machines. Most importantly, we must find an alternative to check cashing since UAS is relinquishing it. I would hope that the credit union is the alternative.

While it is difficult to elaborate about every amount of experience, accomplishments, and goals for next year in such a brief statement, I cannot overemphasize how my diversity on both campus and statewide issues prepare me for the job of S.A. President.

Lenny Harrison

To those who do not know me and to those who already do, my name is Lenny Harrison and I'm running for the position of Student Association President in the upcoming elections, the first week in May. There are many issues that I could emphasize in my campaign, but I don't think I could accurately account for all of them in this short essay.

There are many problems that face SUNYA and you can be certain that I am fully aware of them, as well as, having ideas for their eventual solution. If it's a problem directly related to your Student Tax dollar, as SA President these would be first priorities. SA exists because of your Student Tax, one does not exist without the other.

Of course, SA with its many committees has chosen to also deal with other student related problems. This is good until it interferes with the workings of SA. One method of solving problems that I have found useful in the past is attacking a problem head on. In many cases this does not work every time. Some discretion is always needed in resolving any difficulty.

I feel I am suited for the job of Student Association President for my skill in dealing with problems and most importantly dealing with people, people who can help change SUNYA for the better. Any officer can do a job, but more can be done with the support of the student who pays a student tax each year.

Most importantly I must ask that you vote on the election days. If not to vote for me at least vote, it's the SA candidates that you should vote for in order for SA to continue running.

And in conclusion, you will not see many posters up with my slogans or accomplishments. I do not want to add to the paper waste that is apparent on the Podium and Quads. I would like SUNYA to be a cleaner place and I would like to do my share to make it a better place. Remember to bring your tax card, without it you cannot vote! If you have any questions you can drop me a note — Dutch Quad, Box 354 or drop by Schuyler Hall 307 during the weekend.

Scott Lonsberry

It is time that Student Association is brought back home to begin serving the students who support it with \$70 of tax money each year. It is this belief which made me decide to run for President of Student Association. While it is important for us to be involved in public education questions state wide, our priorities should be on our campus.

What has S.A. done to address the vandalism problem on this campus? President O'Leary has spoken of returning University vandalism money to the students for section improvement if no damage occurs during the semester. This is one approach to vandalism which would help us build up our university instead of tearing it down. Right now it is only an idea but if S.A. would care enough to do the research, this program is possible.

S.A. spends \$150,000 of your tax money per year on an athletic program which is one of the best in the nation for our size school, but we only gained \$13,314 in gate receipts in 1973. If we are to avoid continual tax increases necessary to keep us at the same level of competition that we are, we must help athletics support itself. A lighted fenced football field would provide community gate receipts to help finance athletics. There were at least 5,000 people at the Ithaca football game last year and 3,000 for the San Jose soccer game both at Bleeker Stadium. The numbers would probably have been higher had they been on our field. President O'Leary is also interested in the stadium idea. If a student president is elected who believes in the same things, then we stand so much closer to achieving them.

Fall Fest was cut last year because of a lack of money. I propose to bring it back in a manner that would raise money. Bring in a carnival in conjunction with Community University Day. We provide a festival unique to Albany, a good time for all, and make money off the community.

Where the hell is academic advisement? I've been waiting for it for three years. The University seems to be more interested in distributed course requirements to cover up lack of advisement. Students may be interested in some degree of distribution but not at the expense of advisement.

These are just four issues that I mean when I say bring S.A. home. Each issue mentioned is very possible. If we elect an S.A. president who is committed to these ideas we stand so much closer to achieving them. The issues are not promises, but ideas to take steps toward. Without ideas to step forwards, we go nowhere. Let's make these and other ideas like them our priorities. Help me to make S.A. work for you instead of for itself.

Lisa Newmark

We have all experienced the problems and hassles associated with going to school at Albany State. Your student Association should be able to deal effectively with these problems. Progress has been made in this direction, but much remains to be done. I have been involved in Student Association and I have worked to solve some of these problems.

For example, as the Vice Chair of Central Council, I prompted the University to install fire alarm boxes in an effort to reduce life-endangering false alarms. As a member of the U.A.S. Board of Directors, I helped to develop the Mousetrap. I worked to revise Sunday Meal hours to reduce overcrowding, and I encouraged the development of a third choice at dinner through the "cooked to order" item. Because of my efforts as Chair of the S.A. Committee for a Safer Campus, the University turned the lights back on that they had turned off in an effort to save money.

As your S.A. President, I will work to solve more of the problems involved with going to school here. Most of us know what it is like to be poorly advised. I will work for better trained, more accessible advisors. Most of us know what it is like to wait on line for an hour only to discover that a hold has been placed on our records. I will work to institute a system that will notify students in advance that a hold is about to be placed on their records. Most of us know what it is like to try to play ball at the gym, only to find that the courts are being used by Albany High School kids and other outsiders. I will work to ensure that the already overcrowded gym is limited exclusively to the students of this school. Many of us know what it is like to deal with the day to day problems of living off campus. I will work to eliminate or reduce some of these problems by improving S.A. Legal Services, encouraging activities that reach out to off-campus students, installing free lockers in the Campus Center so that off-campus students don't have to lug around heavy books all day, and promoting the scheduling of buses around the scheduling of classes to help reduce the time you spend waiting for a bus. Many of us know what it is like to get sick on the weekend or after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, only to find the infirmary closed. I will insist that the infirmary be open 24 hours a day seven days a week to meet the medical needs of students.

The Student Association President should be a person who has dealt with problems in the past and can deal with problems in the future — not a talker but a doer.

The Student Association President should be a person who does not knuckle under to obstacles but works to overcome them.

As Student Association President I will remain hard-working, dedicated, and determined, in an effort to solve your problems. I hope that you will support me.

Sharon Ward

The S.A. President should be a vocal advocate for student concerns in all areas of the University. She should act as an initiator of new projects, and also provide continuity and guidance on past ideas and programs.

Over the past two years, students have become increasingly aware of our tie to the SUNY system, and the importance of statewide issues. We recognize that many decisions affecting our lives on campus are not made here, but "downtown," in the legislature or at SUNY Central.

Each year, we should make it a priority to fight cuts in the SUNY budget, because it means loss of faculty and programs — money for important projects such as improvement of academic advisement, or the student security patrol.

As a SASU delegate and executive committee member for two years, I have seen how working with other state schools can win improvements. For example, this year SASU has made a major breakthrough in the area of state funding for intercollegiate athletics.

I would especially like to see increased funding for intramurals. In addition to representing SUNYA students in the legislature I have worked on three separate budget campaigns on many statewide issues including TAP improvements and the health fee.

Some of the best projects initiated in the past few years have been the food and record co-op. I would like to see an expansion of these co-ops to include automobiles and jeans. An extension of the food co-op in the downtown dorms is a worthwhile and feasible goal. These ideas have been blocked because the University has yet to develop a co-op policy. Any University policy should protect our co-ops, not limit them.

The quality of advisement at SUNYA is inconsistent and in desperate need of improvement. We need a comprehensive program to upgrade CUE and faculty advisement, and establish a student advisor system. I would like to simplify the procedures which allow students to create their own majors, and increase programs giving academic credit for field work.

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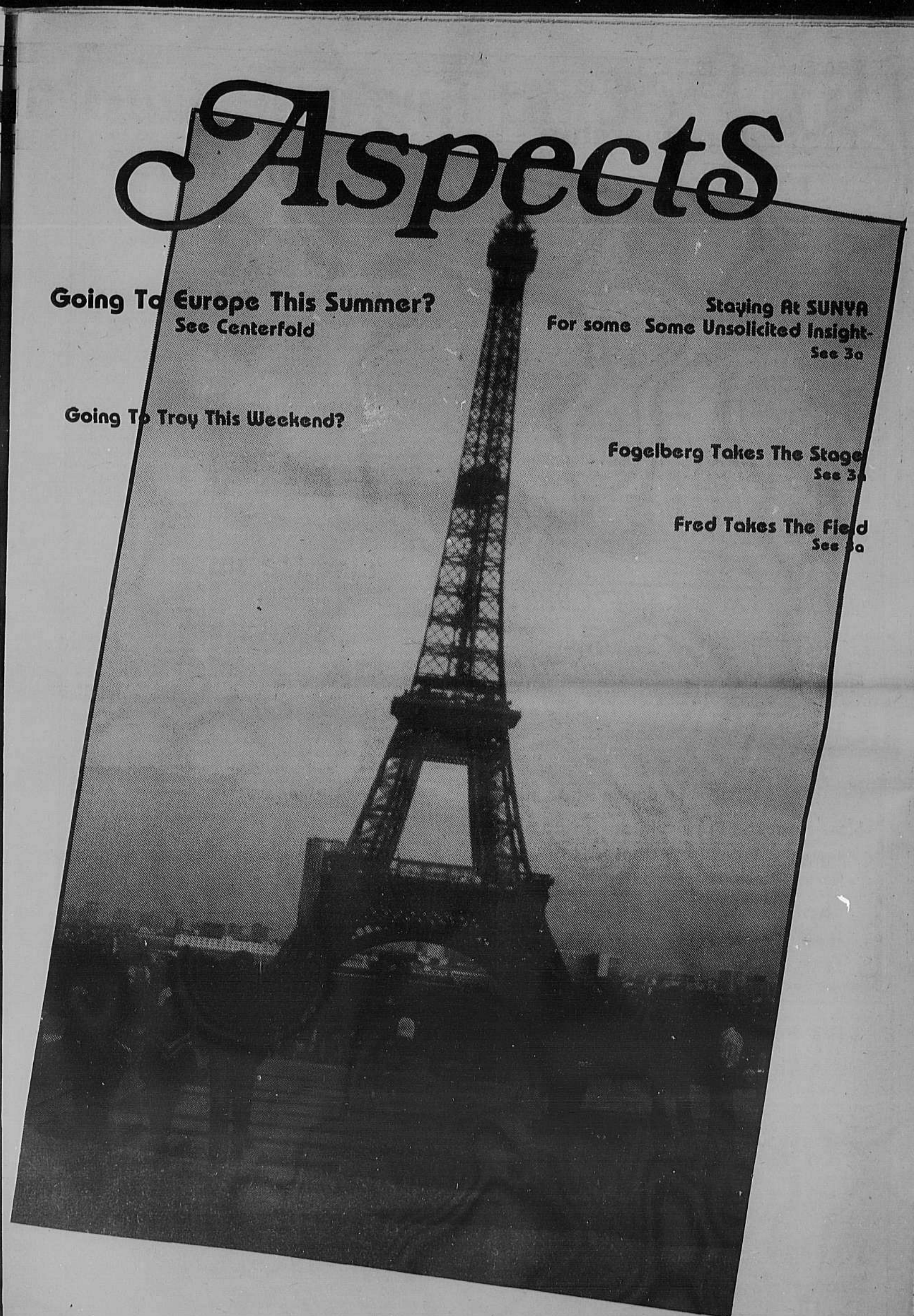
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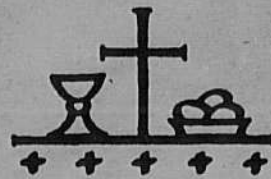
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Sunday Morning Chapel House 10:00

The Lutheran Campus Ministry The Rev'd Christopher Hoyer, Campus Pastor Chapel House: 489-8573 Home: 489-5642

Hand-drawn poster for a concert by Cindy Mangsend on April 27-28 at 9 PM. It lists opening acts: Denny Mike (Sunya Student SA Funded) and Freeze Dried Coffee House (Classroom Hall 50¢ w/tax \$1 w/o FLBOR).

WCDB 91.5M Nightly Specials. Sunday - National Lampoon Radio Hour 11:00 pm. Blast From The Past - oldies - 11:30 pm. Monday - Front Row Center - 11:00 pm. Renaissance recorded live in concert. And tonight at 11:00 pm live music from our studios featuring the Cappucinos.

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NYPIRG Takes Aim On Issues

"True, we don't always win. But we've begun to win." That's what John Ziegler, Albany projects coordinator of the New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc., says of his organization.

Wendell Heddon

NYPIRG is described in its publicity pamphlet as a "not-for-profit nonpartisan research and advocacy organization, established, directed and supported by New York State college and university students."

They have 22 offices in eight cities including Albany, Binghamton, Long Island, New York City, and Syracuse. In Albany, there is an office at Columbia Place, in addition to the University office. Students at 14 colleges in the state employ a team of 100 full-time lawyers, scientists, lobbyists, and researchers who work representing their interests in environmental preservation, governmental accountability, and consumer protection. Eight paid full-time staff workers and 80 student volunteers work in the Albany area.

Donald Ross, who with Ralph Nader, originally conceived the idea of forming statewide citizen action groups, in their book, *Action For A Change*, helped form NYPIRG in 1973 and is currently the director. SUNYA became a full-fledged funding member in 1975.

Ross claims that since 1974, the first year NYPIRG advanced a legislative program, "more than a dozen bills, researched, drafted or principally lobbied by NYPIRG have become law."

This year, NYPIRG considers 50 bills to be the core of their legislative program. Support of the "Truth in Testing" legislation "one of our top priorities this year," according to Ziegler. The bill is supposedly designed to make producers of standardized tests, such as the Educational Testing Service, more accountable to test-takers.

Ziegler feels that NYPIRG can give a matter visibility through media publicity or by taking it to court. "Even if we don't win, it becomes an issue," he says.

"We are respected and we are effective," says Larry Baer, chairperson of the local NYPIRG board and former

NYPIRG lobbyist. He says NYPIRG doesn't have money to "wine and dine people" but is a "credible source that the legislators can rely on."

"As far as success or failure, lobbying very often takes many years," he says. "Working in the legislature is not a simple task." Baer says it may take five years to get a bill passed and, following reaction by various interest groups, it may have to be revised.

In lobbying for or against legislation, according to Baer, industry fights with money and NYPIRG fights with information. "Facts don't always determine a situation," he says. "We are greatly outnumbered. When we advocate change, they advocate the status quo very often and it's easier to maintain the status quo."

Baer claims to have also derived many "personal gains" from being a NYPIRG member and lobbyist. He says he became an expert on the issue he researched and lobbied for. Other benefits for him include increased confidence and developed speaking and writing skills.

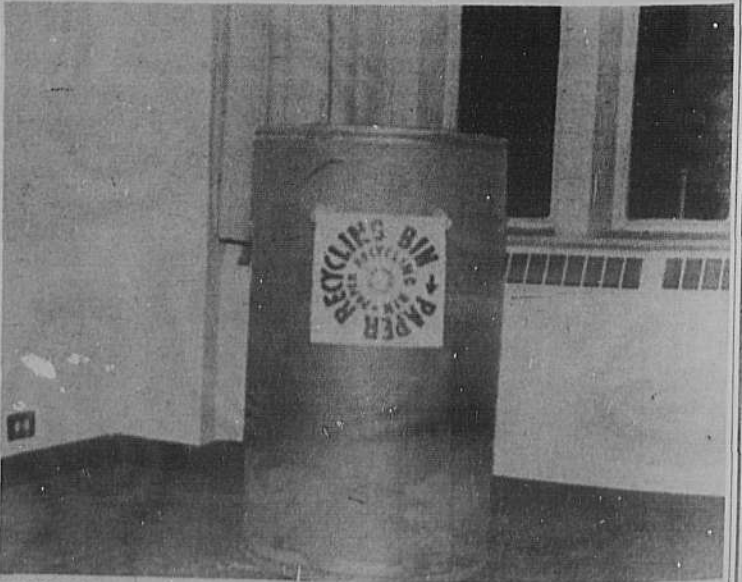
Baer adds that a person working as a lobbyist intern, besides earning academic credit, may make contacts useful for future employment. "Working for NYPIRG can be time-consuming but brings many unique experiences," Baer says. For instance, at age 18, he testified at a legislative hearing.

Amy Adelman, NYPIRG communications coordinator, says NYPIRG has been criticized for not paying enough attention to campus problems. She contends this is not true and cites the paper recycling bins placed in all residence quads as an example of something done exclusively for the University.

"NYPIRG's educational qualities really are not stressed enough," Adelman says. "Students working at NYPIRG can pursue academic interests while working on projects related to their field." The Albany students have an advantage — they're at the capital. They can be lobbying while they're still at school.

Ziegler pointed out that 10 students, including two from SUNYA, are lobbying at the legislature this semester. He says there are also four media interns, two from SUNYA.

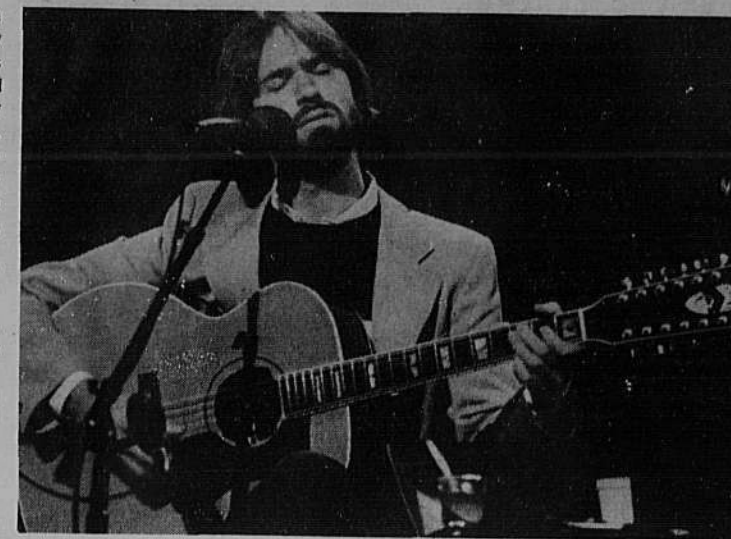
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NYPIRG has been criticized for not paying attention to campus problems, but the recycling bins are an answer to the criticism. (Photo: Karl Chan)

Fogelberg Takes The Stage-Alone

What's so special about a Dan Fogelberg solo gig before a capacity crowd at the Palace theatre? Well, this reviewer, along with a couple thousand other listeners was treated to the answer as Mr. Fogelberg put in a good night's work last Friday. A fine time was had by the sell out audience as they put in their share too — helping Dan out through the chorus of the encore, "There's a Place in the World for a Gambler".



Dan Fogelberg's current tour features no other performers, a format that constricts the variety of songs he may play. (Photo: Scott Areman)

Hy Stadlen

Casually clad in blazer and blue jeans, Fogelberg began the concert with the title track from his *Netherlands* album; a traditional opener for him. The music, at first, sounded somewhat empty. There was neither an orchestra, nor his old back-up band Fool's Gold behind him. But the audience was soon to realize that Fogelberg doesn't need any back-up to make good music.

A good number of songs were played from each of Fogelberg's five albums plus a preview of two tunes from an album still in the making. Included in his repertoire were instrumentals, during which he revealed his deftness on the piano and guitar. Pythagoras would have loved the way Fogelberg was using his delicate harmonies in "Full Moon Mansion". In a bossa nova taken from the film "Black

Orpheus" Fogelberg broke into a modern swing and quoted a few bars from the Rogers and Hammerstein classic "My Favorite Things", a gimmick that always gets a reaction from his audience.

Although a talented instrumentalist, Dan Fogelberg's strongest asset is his voice. He has one of the most dynamic and powerful falsettos in the business

On Friday night he was more open with the audience than he has been in the past. At no point though, did he really achieve the excitement that he used to when he toured with Fool's Gold.

Fogelberg's career is going well at this point, but he better start varying his act somewhat if he is to continue. The Palace performance was almost a carbon copy of his past few tours. Since his *Twin Sons of Different Mothers* album with Tim Weisberg, he has been drawing larger crowds than ever. Because of the high percentage of newcomers to his concerts he can still get away with his old routine. This certainly won't last long.

While Fogelberg handled the show quite competently on his own, one still has to consider how it might have gone had Fool's Gold been present. Rockers like "Love Gone By" have highlighted his performances in the past. Friday night's concert was a bit more on the mellow side.

Is Dan headed in a new direction? Or is this simply a brief departure from his previous style? Can he keep on selling out concert halls all by himself? For the answer to these and other questions, sit tight and when the next Fogelberg album and tour happens, we'll find out exactly what he's got in mind.

Today. Add to that his cute image and you come up with the magic that Dan Fogelberg has built his success on. Mr. Fogelberg's stage presence was slightly different from his previous tours. He has neither the electricity of a Peter Gabriel nor the composure of a Kenny Rankin. He carries his act somewhere between the two extremes.

Did Anyone Ask For His Opinion?

It's been said before, by people far better than myself, but it bears repeating: Nobody Asked Me, But

THE STEPS IN the Lecture Center would trip up even Barishnikov. They're too close together, yet too far apart.

Rich Mermelstein

THE RACQUETBALL COURT shortage has been lessened moderately since court time was cut from one hour to 45 minutes. Those who complained aloud managed to create the hope that an eye will be kept on the situation by the gym staff. Perhaps it's getting time for a new fieldhouse proposal.

THE GRATEFUL DEAD and SUNYA simply were not meant to be united. But the fault really is not Concert Board's — they've tried valiantly to bring Garcia & Co. to the area, and have been screwed time and again.

CONSIDERING THE SIZE of our

school, under 10,000 students, and our refusal to hand our lucrative athletic scholarships, our teams have been nothing short of sensational this year. Coaches Ford and Sauters, in addition to the entire sports staff deserve a lot of respect.

SOME GREAT BUYS on campus include a buttered bagel in the Rat, a strawberry Dannon in the Food Co-op, a game of bowling, or a new release in the Record Co-op.

SOME SURE RIP-OFFS on campus include the cap and gown outfits, tampons (you can look it up! It has something to do with the any-port-in-a-storm theory), and Fogelberg tickets.

GRANTED, THE COMPUTER CENTER has to close up sometimes, but why can't the keypunch be relocated so that it can be used even when the computer is not open for business? The typing of the cards could be done on weekends if the keypunch was available, and the fight to

get to it would be reduced.

ONE OF THE highlights of last year was the festival during opening day ceremonies for the fountains. This year's could be even better with nicer weather.

PERSONALLY, I'm sick of Chris Rush. There were far better comedies at the Night at the Improvisation at school two years ago. Why don't we get one of them for Mayfest, instead of a guy we've had twice before. Get Barry Diamond. Or Bob Shaw. Or Bob Wall.

WHY AREN'T THERE more celebrities on campus? We could really use some personalities, whether they're great singers, government saps, friendly teachers, loony administrators or comics. There aren't too many household names here.

IFG HAS PUT TOGETHER one of the best line-ups of films during these past two semesters that I've seen at any school.

THE BEST PLACE in the United States to buy a cut-out is at Just A Song. The worst place to buy a HI-FI is also in Albany. I can't remember the store's name though.

THE PILOT PROGRAM to allow meal card holders to buy dinner at the Rat was a dreadful experience for those off-campus students who are forced to eat at the Rat five minutes before evening classes.

SPEAKING OF THE RAT, their frozen yogurt and soft ice cream is superb. You can never tell; they say even Mussolini had some wonderful traits.

ONE OF THE finest groups on campus, the ones most likely to lead SUNYA toward being a pride-evoking word, is, you'll never guess, the Pep Band.

HERE'S A POST-CHRISTMAS gift idea: wouldn't it be rather nice if everyone of us who has ever thanked Butch or Chuck or any of the other bus drivers we've come to know gave them a buck at the end of your bus-riding career?



Hopefully, the weather will be nice for the opening day ceremonies.

THE REGISTRATION PROCESS at the community service sign-up stand is amongst the most poorly run events around. The pushing, the lack of communication, and the overall layout force a lot of students away.

THE CAMPUS CENTER ELEVATORS were designed by the same fellow who makes up the analogies on the Regents scholarship exam.

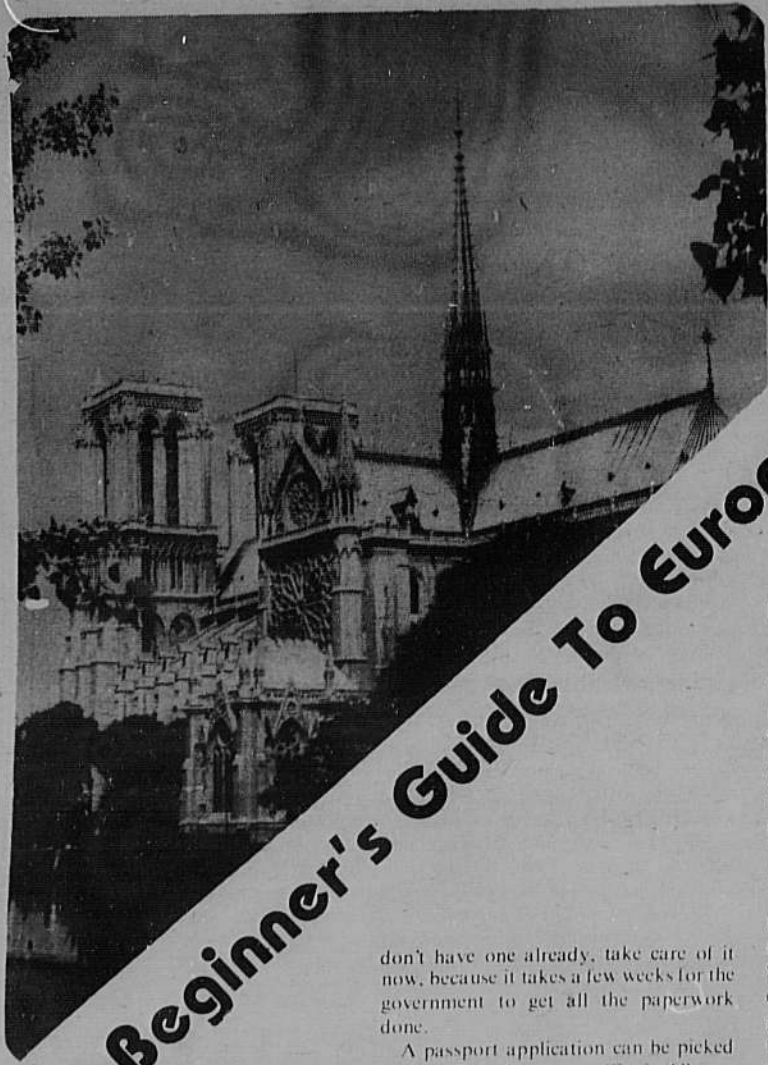
THE ONLY TEACHERS and administrators in favor of the ill-conceived tenure process are those who have tenure. Teachers are, theoretically, people whose forte is implanting knowledge and ideas in others. The publish-or-perish tenure rules have underscored this belief.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS I've lived with five different people who have

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A student ready to battle the most annoying steps on campus — neither too close together, nor too far apart, the steps always win. (Photo: Karl Chan)



A Beginner's Guide To Europe

There will be times when you hate it. The toll from night after night of sleeping on trains or in overcrowded hostels will begin to tell on your health and your disposition. After four days of nothing to eat but bread and cheese sandwiches with maybe a little tomato thrown in for variety you'll start seeing Big Macs before your eyes when nothing's there.

M. J. Memmott

The cities will start to look alike, both the faces that stream by and the buildings that crowd together on the narrow, winding streets. Your mind will confuse Munich with Zurich, which looks like Brussels, which is similar to Amsterdam, which reminds you of Copenhagen, which brings to mind ...

But it's worth it because of what you'll see and experience. There's lunch in a park beside the Eiffel Tower, dinner at a restaurant right on the Grand Canal in Venice. And you'll never get another chance to see that little blond French boy with his face so cute and determined, as he carries a dozen loaves of bread which are longer than he is tall.

You're there, you're doing it. You're travelling in Europe for the summer of '79.

If you're going to Europe this summer, and planning to travel as most students do (cheaply), there are probably a hundred different things you have to take care of before ever walking down the ramp to your waiting 747 at Kennedy Airport. This article doesn't even pretend to list all of them, but it should give you at least an idea of what to do.

Perhaps the most obvious necessity for travel in Europe is a passport. If you

don't have one already, take care of it now, because it takes a few weeks for the government to get all the paperwork done.

A passport application can be picked up at the Broadway post office in Albany, and they even have a special window set up for it. They will tell you just how many pictures you'll need and what size. If you're worried about carrying a passport with a photo that makes you look a little less beautiful than you really are, don't be. The people who'll be checking it when you cross borders don't really care how good the picture is, just that it's of you.

The next things to consider are where you want to go, how you want to get there, how long you want to spend, and how you want to get around once you're there. It may seem like these plans can be considered separately, but you'll find that since they all cost quite a bit of money, they have to be planned together.

How you get to Europe and where you're going to go obviously affect each other. You have to pick just which city you'd like to fly into, which means that's where your travelling will start. (Travelling to Europe by sea has been ruled out for the purpose of this article because of the cost.)

Most students fly into London to start their travels, and Laker Skytrain has proved to be one of the favorite ways of doing it. For just about \$250 roundtrip you can get there and back, but there's no reservations and no fancy frills once you're on the plane. The major drawback to Laker's flights last summer was the four or five day wait to get a ticket for the flight back home.

The wait didn't mean people had to stand on line 24 hours a day, however. Those who were in that situation last year organized themselves into a little village called Lakerville, and they set up a system whereby they took turns standing on line. Chances are the same thing will happen again this year, so if saving \$50 or so on the flight to London means that much to you, the Skytrain may be your best bet.

The biggest hassle encountered by people flying to and from London last year was the stand-by flight. None of the major airlines were prepared for the great numbers of mostly American students who came looking for a stand-by ticket



Women are definitely taking a chance if they plan to hitch, either alone or with another woman. A man and a woman together are both reasonably safe and a good bet to get picked up. Two men are safe, but less likely to get a ride.

Hitching can probably be used more effectively as an alternate method of travel if you want to get somewhere the trains don't run to. But in Europe it seems like the trains go everywhere, and they're probably the best in the world.

home. The scene at Gatwick Airport outside London was a madhouse. People had to wait four or five days for a ticket, and unlike the Laker operation, there was no convenient system whereby they could leave the line for most of the day. Once you were there, you stayed or lost your place. If you're considering going stand-by, you might want to consider again. The cost is usually the same as that of the Laker flights.

Perhaps the easiest way for students to fly over and back is what the airlines refer to as the "budget flight." Last year for \$300 roundtrip, the budget flight offered everything the normal second-class passenger expects, the only catch being the loss of spontaneity. The budget flights required you to notify the airline at least 30 days before the day you would like to depart (both coming and going), and the airline would pick a day that week when you would fly.

The airline would tell you your exact flight number and day of departure within 10 days of the date you had requested. It may sound like a hassle, but assurance of having a reserved seat both coming and going was worth both the hassle and an extra \$50 for many students.

This year some airlines have reduced or eliminated the requirement that you give them 30 day notification. Any travel agent would be able to tell you about the various plans.

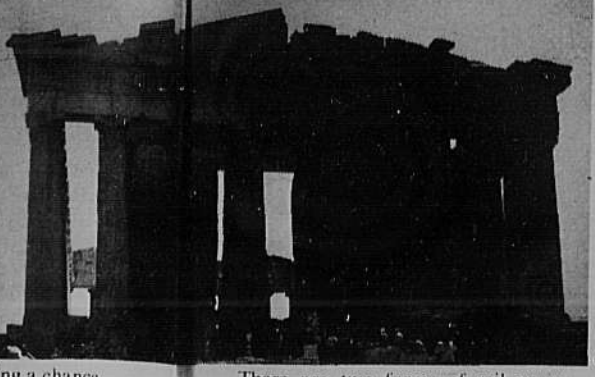
But when considering how to get to Europe, you shouldn't just set your sights on flying into London. You may be able to save even more than on a Laker flight by flying to somewhere like Amsterdam or Copenhagen.

For a short time last year, Pan Am offered flights from Boston to Amsterdam at the unheard-of price of \$199 roundtrip. The response was large enough that this year more airlines are offering reduced rates to various cities on the European continent. These plans usually apply only to students or those under 26 years of age, and once again you should check with a travel agent to get all the specifics.

After you've picked where you're going to land, the time comes to consider just how long you're going to stay, where you're going to go, and how.

Bicycling around Europe is for those who are in the proper shape — both mentally and physically. They're a definite minority. However, it could be a great way to see the country and the people up close.

Hitchhiking is another. In Europe hitching is generally accepted as a part of life. The kind of encounters with the natives that can be had are countless. However, the same dangers that are associated with hitching in the States apply there.



There are two forms of rail passes available to the travelling student, and if you're serious about seeing a number of countries in a short time you'll definitely want to invest in one of them.

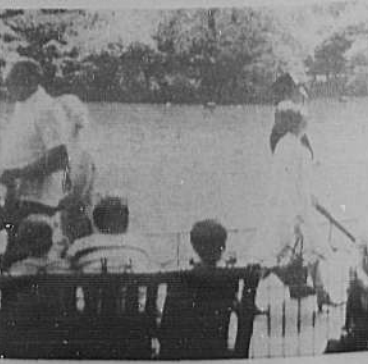
The Eurail pass can be bought only in America and the second class card is available in both one and two month forms. The first class card costs almost twice as much, and the difference between first and second class seats on a European train isn't great enough to



Once you have planned how to go, and what to take along, the sights are infinite in number — Notre Dame, Venice, and the Swiss Alps are amongst them. (Photos: John Morris, M. J. Memmott)

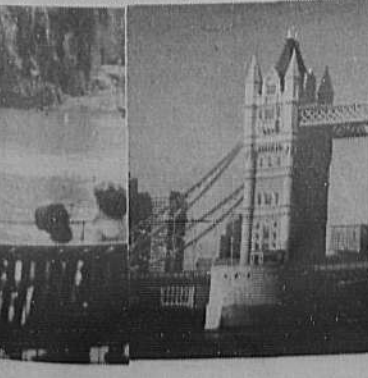
They are a marvel of efficiency, at least in the northern countries. When the clock on the station wall strikes 12:04, you can bet the 12:04 will start pulling out. Then, after hundreds of miles and maybe half a dozen stops, that same train will drop you off at your station the exact moment the schedule says it will.

Except for Spain, Italy, and Greece, the trains are usually clean, comfortable, and air-conditioned. And everywhere they are full of fellow travelers, many of them Americans.



warrant the extra expense. At \$260, the two-month pass is probably a better buy. It allows you to travel anywhere on the continent, usually without a reservation. In addition, such things as the boat ride between Italy and Greece, various city subway systems throughout Europe, and a whole variety of extras in Switzerland are included. A Eurail pass can be purchased from any travel agent, but it takes a few weeks to get one and you have to have your passport first, so if you are interested

do it now. The other type of rail pass can only be bought in Europe, and it's called Inter-rail. The major drawback of Inter-rail is that within whichever country you buy it, you still have to pay half fare to travel on the trains. Everywhere else you can use the pass just as you would the Eurail. If you plan on getting an Inter-rail pass, buy it in a country you don't plan on travelling in very much.



The major advantage of Inter-rail, though, is that it is valid in the British Isles. So if you want to see a lot of England and Ireland as well as the continent, Inter-rail should be your choice.

The trains will be more to you than just a means of transportation. You'll sleep in them, eat in them, meet hundreds of different people in them. They will become as important and meaningful a part of your trip as the Coliseum or Big Ben.

The key to how long you travel in Europe will be which rail plan you choose, and which time length. Once the pass runs out, so does the "free" travel it allows you. Consider carefully just how long you want to stay and how much you want to see, and go from there.

Unless you're very nervous, or your parents are bugging you about setting down a schedule for yourself, don't try to map out your journey too specifically before you go. Places like London, Paris, and Rome are a must. But the beauty of a rail pass is the freedom it allows you.

If the weather's bad in Munich, hop on a night train to Venice. Maybe Vienna won't really impress you, so just get on a train to Geneva. To really enjoy seeing Europe, you don't need a time-table to weigh you down. Pick out a few places that you definitely want to see, and once you get there build your trip around them. But don't expect to see everything, because if you do you'll just end up frustrated. There's only so much time (and money) to fit everything in.

The next thing to consider is what to take with you. The first, and possibly most important, member of this category is your backpack. Suitcases are totally impractical for train and hostel travelling, so eliminate them right away. It's your pack that you'll live out of every day.

If you don't have one already, make sure you go to a reputable sporting-goods or camping store. It's also best to take along a friend who knows something about packs.

The first rule about what kind of pack to get for your summer of travelling, is not to get one with an external frame. An internal frame is much stronger, and doesn't take up as much room. The last thing you need is to get off the plane in London and find your frame snapped by the weight of the other baggage on top of it. And you'll find the more compact

internal-frame pack easier to swing into a train's luggage rack.

The second rule is to make sure the pack is the right size — both for your needs and your body. Packs come in different sizes, just like shirts. Ending up with the wrong size could force you to leave that extra sweater behind, or turn you into the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

The pack's weight when it's fully loaded should be comfortably distributed between your shoulders and your hips. Comfort is a relative term. At first, your whole body will let you know just how much it appreciates the added weight by reacting with a variety of aches and pains.

Once you've got your pack, it's time to decide what to put in it. First and foremost come "The Books." These are your Bibles for the trip, the books written by those who've been there before. They can tell you where to eat, sleep, drink, and catch a good play.

The best of these is *Let's Go Europe*, which is written and produced every year by students from Harvard. The book gives you a general run down on each country, including such information as its best foods, its monetary system, what languages are spoken there, and how stringent their drug laws are.

Then, within each country's section in the book, they break down further to outline the major cities or provinces of that country. A list of the cheapest and best places to eat and sleep in each city is included. It's almost a must when you're arriving in a foreign city knowing absolutely no one and speaking a different language. Small city maps are even included.

The other book which might prove useful is *100 A Day*, written by Arthur Frommer and his bubbly wife. Aimed more at middle-aged travellers, *100* is still better than *Let's Go* when evaluating where to eat.

Do not, however, believe everything "The Books" have to say. Occasionally they will send you on a wild goose chase to the "world's best hostel," which turns out to be a roach-infested sweatbox with no running water.

Just as important as "The Books," but something that you'll wear rather than carry in your pack is some kind of a money belt. American passports are a

highly marketable item for thieves in Europe, and if you lose your rail pass you're really stuck because they can't be replaced without shelling out for them all over. Since your pack is much too easy to steal, it's out of the question as a hiding place. You need a place to safely keep them on your person at all times.

The best kind of money belt to use can be bought at any men's store. The pouch is about ten inches long, and thick enough to hold your passport, rail pass and other valuables. It ties around your waist with a long cord, and is worn underneath your clothes. Uncomfortable at first, it soon becomes just another part of your wardrobe. Once you realize how important protecting your valuables is, you'll appreciate it.

Two more things you'll want to keep in your money belt rather than your pack are an International Student Identification card, and a Hostel card.

The student ID can be obtained through the International Student Office in the Social Sciences building. With it you can get discounts or free admission to museums and theaters all over Europe. It's a good investment for any full-time student.

The hostel card can also be bought in the US, but it's cheaper if you get it at one of the larger hostels in Europe. It allows you to stay at any of the International Youth Hostel Federation hostels for less, and for a longer time.

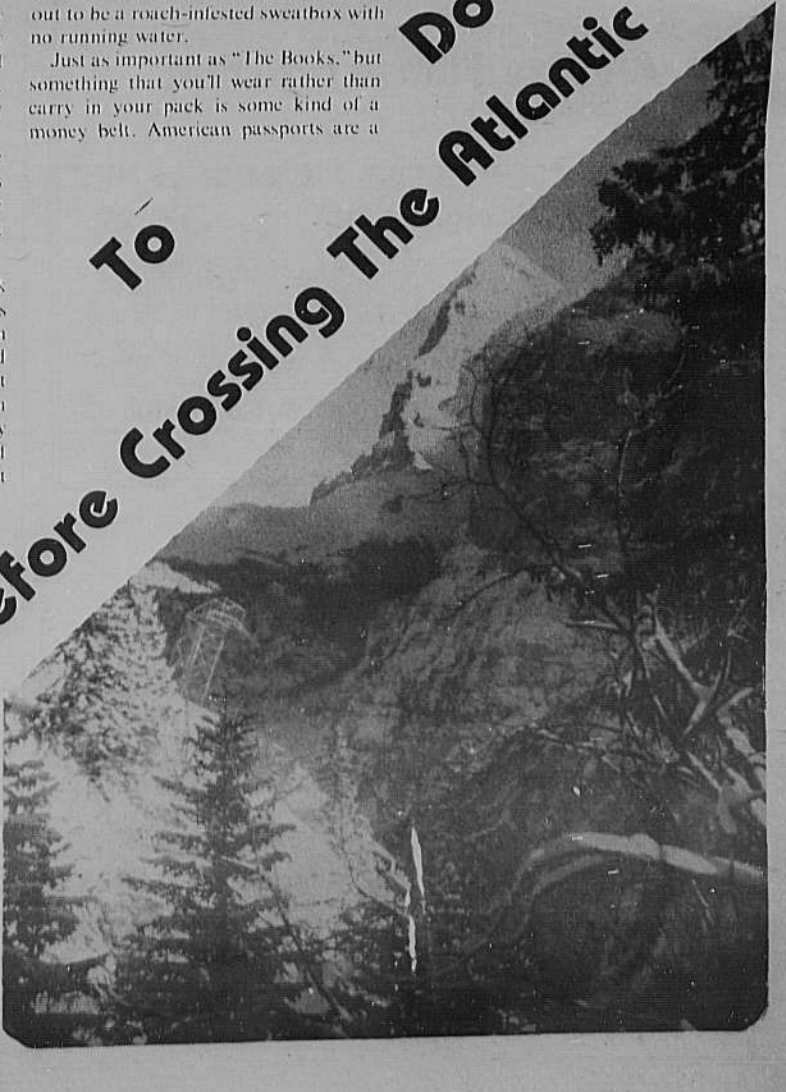
Hostels are both the cheapest places to stay in Europe, and the best places to meet other travelling students. A hostel card will be a definite asset.

After you've got "The Books" into your pack, and your money belt around your waist, the rest of the pack needs to be filled up. The basic rule of thumb is to set out everything you think you'll need, then cut it in half.

Obviously you'll need clothes. That means one pair of jeans, a pair of shorts, a few t-shirts, one good shirt or blouse, one good pair of pants or a skirt, some underwear and socks, and comfortable

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What To Do Before Crossing The Atlantic



Lenny Harrison

for
Student Association
President


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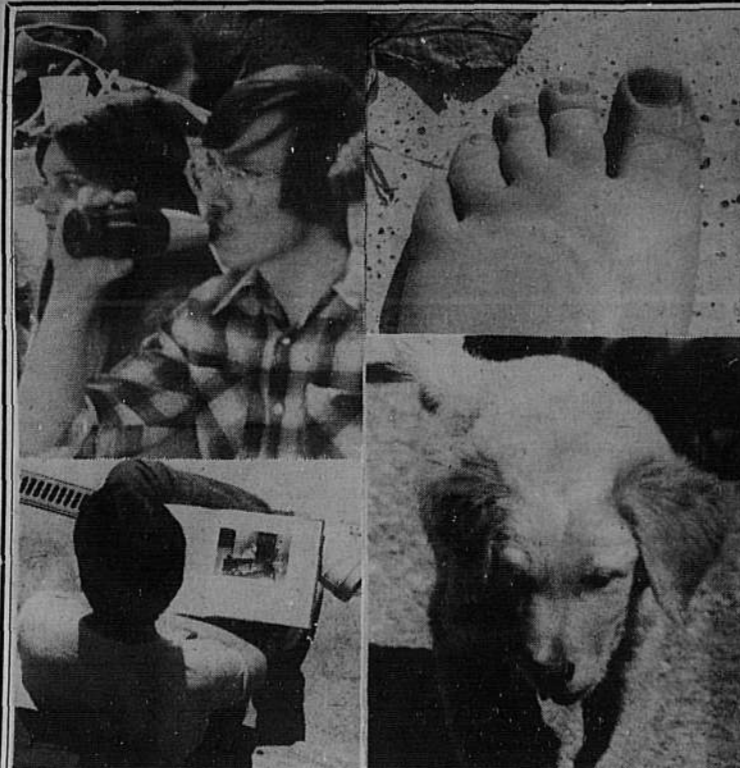
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Travelling To Europe

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shoes. A sweater or sweatshirt and a roll-up poncho are all musts.

Keep clothes to a minimum, though, because you'll need room for a small sewing kit, a first-aid kit, a jack-knife, your camera and film, vitamins, a towel and soap, shampoo, suntan lotion, playing cards, and at least one good novel. And of course, don't forget your toothbrush and toothpaste.

Finally, even those who don't plan on doing any camping will still appreciate having a light-weight sleeping bag with them. There will be those nights when sleeping on a Greek beach looks much more enticing than spending a few drachmas for a room.

That's it. For the rest of the way you're

on your own. There are items missing from this article which you'll find you used everyday. There are items included which you may never use.

But that's how travelling in Europe is. Each person who has gone there for a summer has come away with a different experience. To one, the hash bars of Amsterdam are more memorable than its canals. To another, the beer halls of Munich may mean more than that city's beautiful bells.

But there is the common bond of having travelled in the countries which spawned our own. Of having seen how another part of the world operates, and how it's people live.

Of having been in Europe for the summer of '79.

We Still Haven't Asked

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relied on Higher Education Services for some financial assistance. Not one of the five received their money on time and without unending hassles.

A LOT OF PEOPLE complained that Student Association spent a lot of our tax money moving their offices to the first floor of the Campus Center. Judging by the number of new faces (and they're not all new freshmen faces) found roaming around CC 116, the move was well worth it.

THE RATHSKELLAR PUB FRISBEEES distributed some time ago rise and then dip in mid course. They're great. Next weekend incidentally there's a

frisbee throwing contest scheduled on the football field.

FINALLY, IT HAS REACHED the point where very few thoughtless slob smoke in classes. Next step: Trying to curtail the number of fools who blow smoke at on campus movies.

THE VILLAGE PEOPLE were the most entertaining ensemble of crazies I've seen perform on a Telethon stage.

YOU CAN HAVE the green hills of Cornell in May or the Square in Harvard come June or the huge outdoor pool at the University of Illinois or the trees at Westwood or Manhattan and State Island in the summer in the city. I'll take the fountains.

NYPIRG

continued from 2a

Zeigler says involvement in NYPIRG is an introduction to student activism and an opportunity to sharpen skills in citizenship, investigation, and research.

In a referendum to be presented at the Student Association elections May 2 through May 4, SUNYA students will decide whether to fund NYPIRG for the coming year with \$4 from each student's activity fee.

Failure to get student approval would cost the group its funding and would have serious impact on NYPIRG statewide, Zeigler says. He commented that the cost is the same as during the last four years, although NYPIRG has grown.

SUNYA has contributed \$32,000 to NYPIRG during each of the last two

years. Money from groups around the state is "pooled centrally," according to Zeigler, and is allocated by the NYPIRG Board of Directors. The student Board, which includes two SUNYA representatives, sets general policy and directs resources from its \$1.2 million budget.

A local board, headed by Baer, controls day-to-day expenditures in Albany offices.

"NYPIRG uses its money efficiently," Zeigler says, "in challenging the powers that be."

He urges approval of the referendum and thinks it will pass. "I think most students are aware of NYPIRG," he says. "We have shown results."

Let's Take A Trip To Troy

Don't knock it until you've been there. Good sound advice. I've worked in Troy for the better part of the last four months, or I should say, the worst part of the last four months.

So I'm qualified to knock the hell out of it.

Rich Mermelstein

Never before have I seen a city which so richly deserves its poor reputation. That includes Philadelphia ("I spent a week there one day"), Trenton ("This place smells like a universal fart"), and even Gary, Indiana (which I once drove through at sunrise, and started praying for an eclipse.)

In order to get to Troy from Albany, it is necessary to cross the Hudson River. There used to be three local bridges which were quite useful in aiding you to do so, until the Green Island Bridge collapsed two years ago.

Some people claim the bridge was sabotaged by a gang of mercenaries from the Capital District who plan to blow up all routes to and from the soon-to-be island of Troy. I don't believe this theory.

I think the bridge committed suicide.

A new bridge is being built, for some reason, and should be completed by the end of next year. The main newspaper in Troy, the *Times Record*, ran a Name the New Bridge Contest. They even asked Governor Carey to consider using the winning entry, and he agreed to do so. His stomach must have churned when the winner was announced: The Collar City Bridge. No kidding. *The Collar City Bridge*.

As you all most certainly know, the first removable shirt collar was developed and patented by a Troy native. An article in the April 25 edition of the *Times Record* hails the choice of names for the bridge, pointing out that "in 1913, 89.5% of the nation's collars and cuffs were manufactured in Troy." You can look it up.

Once you do span the Hudson and get to Troy, you'll immediately notice that there's no turning back. Every road is a one-way street going the wrong way. Sometimes you have to go crosstown to make a right turn.

There's one road where a two lane street narrows into a one lane street.

There's a sign forewarning you of this. But unlike normal cities, where the sign would say "Merge" or "Left Lane Ends", it says: "Form a single line!"

Authoritative, direct. No talking while forming the line, or you'll get detention.

These Troy roads are not well kept. If you happened to find yourself being chased by the police or a mugger (which is a favorite pastime in Troy), you can simply hide in one of the many six-foot potholes. During the winter, as the potholes get even bigger and are more widespread, a Volkswagon doesn't stand a chance.

And after a wet winter's day, the roads become so dirty that the muck which splashes against your car as you drive clings to your fenders. Come spring, the muck has to be chiseled off.

Then there's the Trojans — that's what they're called. We're no luckier in our titles: Albanians. Strangers think I'm from somewhere in Europe.

There are many truly fine Trojans. They are aware of Troy's poor PR, and are working hard to change the image. A magnificent new mall, The Uncle Sam Atrium (I don't know who sponsored the mall-dubbing contest, or why) is slowly sprouting up. It will, hopefully, aid commerce in the town.

But aside from these interested people who are striving to change Troy, there are all too many who take after a female hitchhiker whom I gave a lift to Albany, from Troy, her hometown.

"Hi."

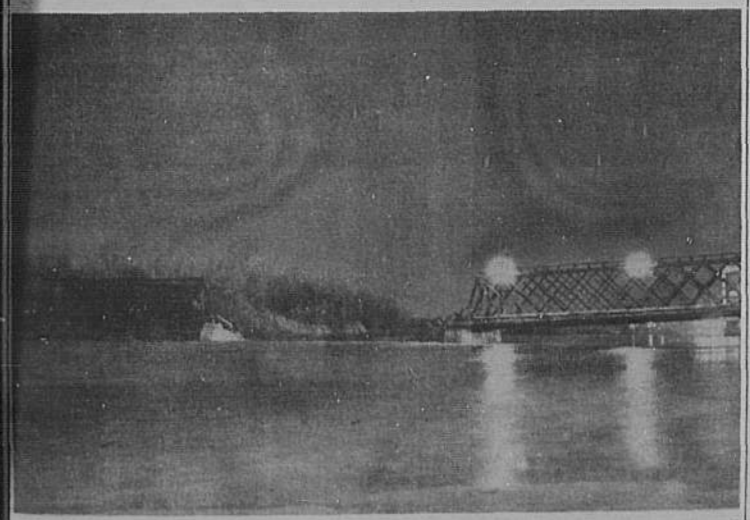
"Hi, my name's Gina."

"Isn't this a rather dangerous way to travel at night Gina?"

"Nah. I do it all the time. 'Sides, if anyone tries anything funky, I just stab 'em." End of quote.

Indeed, there may really be changes in Troy's future. The Gina's will move on, the Hell's Angels, which tried opening up a Troy branch, are having trouble with the police, and the government is earmarking funds for renovations.

At a corner on River Street, near the construction site of the Collar City Bridge, stands a sign, which apologizes for the traffic difficulties caused by the construction. The sign says "Sorry for the inconvenience, but we're rebuilding Troy." It may prove to be an undertaking too great for mortal men.



The collapse of the Green Island Bridge led to construction of a new bridge, and engaged the Trojans in a bridge naming contest. (Photo: Mike McMahon)

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Peter Rowan Band, JB Scott's April 30
Pousette Dart Band, JB Scott's May 3
Pat Metheny, Hullahaloo May 5
Ian Matthews, JB Scott's May 6
Papa John Creach, JB Scott's May 7
Buffy Saint Marie, JB Scott's May 9

Movie Timetable

Mohawk Mall 370-P920
Bedknobs & Broomsticks Fri., Sat., 7, 9
Norma Rae Fri., Sat., 7, 9:30
China Syndrome Fri., Sat., 7:15, 9:45

Fox Colonie 459-1020
Deerhunter Fri., Sat., 7, 10:25
Hurricane Fri., Sat., 8:30

Wash. Ave. Hellman UA 459-5322
Coming Home Fri., Sat., 7, 9:20

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Poker hands
6 mater
10 Police alerts
14 Trifling
16 Arequipa's country
17 Roll garnish
18 Miss Markey
19 Formerly
20 Words of confidence
21 Highway (abbr.)
22 and flutter
23 Mr. Gerswin
25 Ending for leg
26 Imaginary monster
30 Football great
32 Best policy
33 Ground one's teeth
35 Zeno of —
36 Bread spread
37 Wall or ceiling attachment
41 Pay through
44 Sir Arthur Conan, et al.
45 Aging agent
46 Ugly
47 Wrestling medium
48 Zeta's neighbor

DOWN
1 Calumet
2 Love, in Spain
3 Mischief makers
4 Entranced
5 Piggery
6 Basement access
7 Legal claim
8 Far from the — Crowd
9 Finisher up the track
10 Imitator
11 Olympic event
12 Dairy product from France (2 wds.)
13 Like root beer

ACROSS
49 Maid of India
51 Lifts weights
53 Footnote abbrevi- ation
57 Bit of sarcasm
58 Perfectly fitting
60 One's partner
61 On the average
62 Mad components
63 Bread and whiskey
64 Allocates, with out

DOWN
15 Chaperone
22 Unseid of basket- ball
24 Organization for Kildare
26 VIP in haute cuisine
27 1942 Crosby movie (2 wds.)
28 Unyielding
29 Like good bacon
31 In harmony (2 wds.)
34 Activist
38 City on the Danube
39 Nuclear
40 Sea inlet
41 Vine supporter
42 Discovers (2 wds.)
43 Rater of mpg
46 Myope of cartoons
50 Attention-getters
52 Fair feature
53 Nagy, Hungarian hero
54 Enticement
55 "As — as a painted ship..."
56 Actress Susan, et al.
59 30-Across, in 1977

Great Moments In History Quiz



Can you identify the former governor pictured here, waving goodbye to New York?

Bonus: Who has he just voted for?

SPRAT POPS
TALLIPOT BANANAS
ALAMEDA DULCETE
SIC ROTATIS MIA
SEAMS TNT GOAL
ONTO METER ORTS
TENSORS HORSE
DIPS GIRO
BLADE HANDLES
HEEP SHAME LAHR
ESCE ORB TARRY
WIT WIMPOPO RID
EDUCATE LONGINE
DERIVES SPANNER
SEDER SLUGS

Trivia Time

by Vincent Aiello

This week TRIVIA TIME has decided to go to war — the Korean War, that is. So let's stop in and say hello to all the personnel at the 4077 MASH unit. While we are there, they've got a couple of questions to try and stump us with. So let's see how quickly we can answer them, because in the distance I can hear choppers bringing incoming wounded. Special thanks this week to Dennis Coates.

MASH

- Who is the fourth person in the tent with Hawkeye, Trapper, and Frank?
- What does Radar mail home piece by piece?
- Who does Col. Flag work for?
- Who leaves the same day B.J. arrives?
- What does B.J. stand for?
- What does Klinger set the MASH record in?
- What does MASH stand for?
- When Col. Blake salutes, he always hurts himself — what happens?
- Who is Ho-John?
- What sport does Father Mulcahey's sister play at the seminary?

Answers to last week:
1. Fort Courage
2. Howwees
3. Fell off cliff, said "Where the heck awes we!"
4. Davy Crockett
5. Holenmueller
6. Jane Angelica Thrift
7. Morgan, Randolph
8. Left at rock that looks like a bear, right at the bear that looks like a rock.
9. Hannibal Dobbs
10. Wilton Parmenter

Fred The Bird

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL BEGINS AND BOY, DO I LOVE IT.
IRONICALLY, I NEVER PLAYED WHEN I WAS A KID. I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHY.
HOLD EVERYTHING!! WHAT'S THIS BIRD DOING ON THE FIELD? HE'S STRICTLY BENCH MATERIAL!!
SUDDENLY, IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME.
THERE!
TOSSE!
I BETTER GET THE HIGHEST MARK ON THIS TEST OR... RELAX, IRVIN. IT'S ONLY A GRADE.
YOU'RE TOO COMPETITIVE. TRY THINKING ABOUT YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS FOR A CHANGE.
MY FELLOW STUDENTS?
I HOPE THEY ALL FAIL.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT... SMILE!
ONCE AGAIN I FACE IMPENDING DOOM, WANTING RETENTION BY THE BIRD I LOVE.
WHY? I ASK MYSELF WHY DO I PUT MYSELF THROUGH SUCH TORTURE?
I THINK THE ANSWER IS PRETTY OBVIOUS...
... A STUPID TOOLHOUSE.
YOU KNOW SOMETHING, YOU'RE A STUPID TOOLHOUSE.

and Two)

The Candidates Speak Out

Considering that at least half our population lives off-campus, S.A. should work more closely with the Off Campus Association (OCA) and actively pursue off campus issues. As an intern with the United Tenants of Albany, I worked with OCA to repeal the anti-grouper law, and an increasing housing code enforcement to improve the quality of student housing.
In addition, I would like to see expanded services for off-campus students, such as better use of Student Dwellings, Page Hall, and opening of the Draper Gym.
Since the Financial Aids Office (FAO) must spend more time doing paperwork than counseling students, S.A. should provide "alternative" services for students. For example, financial aid information workshops, including a financial aid handbook
We should establish a peer counselor program to assist both students and financial aid personnel, in which students trained in all aspects of financial aid could counsel and advise fellow students.
S.A. must take an active role on these issues, and many others. An active S.A. and a strong Student Union must work well and open up lines of communication with all S.A. groups to better serve the student population. In organizing the Student Alliance, I helped foster trust between campus groups enabling us to work together more effectively.

Phil Meltzer / Don Sapala

Ideally, a position statement should inform the readers about how a candidate stands on certain issues, why he wants to be elected, and what he will do for the voters if elected. This creates a problem for us. We've taken no stand on any issue. Our aim is not installment in the S.A. offices, and because of that, we've taken the trouble to get our names on the ballot. The answer is clear. In the three years we've been attending SUNYA, we have seen nothing more grotesque than the tactless wallpapering routines and nothing more unjust than a candidate elected because of excessive campaign spending. Rather than create an issue as many candidates have done, we have let the system create the problem and we have acted upon that. Our publicity is satirical and plainly shows our disdain for the present state of affairs.
Apparently, some candidates are worried, or at least concerned, about the effect we're going to have on the election. We hope this is an indication of our success.
Incidentally, our campaign is in no way an indictment of the candidates themselves or of S.A. Personally, we feel that S.A. has done a commendable job this year.
Many people have asked us what we will do if we should win. They've told us that we're unaware of this issue. In response to this we can state nothing. As candidates, we have purposely avoided mentioning issues. To do so would be to make a mockery of everything we've accomplished so far. Issues are not why we are running. And bringing them up now would make us 10,000 times worse than a candidate who plastered every square inch of white concrete with his epigram. They cannot and will not be stated here. Of course, as individuals we have opinions about campus matters; because we are reasonable individuals, our sense of judgment is at least the equal of the other candidates. If elected, we will continue to use our best judgment and try to be effective in the actions we take.
As stated before, our goal is the vote of every student who feels unmoved or uninformed those who won't vote because they feel a slogan shouldn't be elected, and those who want to vote but don't know how to cast their ballot because of the Madison Ave. campaign tactics.
Never in our wildest dreams did we expect such a positive reaction to our campaign, and never has a change in the system been so close and quickly attainable.
Show your support. Don't put a slogan in office.

Tito Martinez

Throughout my involvement in S.A. I have been exposed to the many functions and aspects of this organization. By being in Central Council, in various committees and in some S.A. groups I have become familiar with the internal and external responsibilities which S.A. has and at the same time with the means by which these are achieved. Some of this includes distributing and managing the student tax, dealing with local and statewide issues which affect the students and also providing certain services to the many S.A. groups.

By being a part of S.A. one can see that our Student Association is a very well established organization with a very solid foundation. Looking back on the last two years I feel that this foundation has been strengthened by the many projects and services developed by the Dave Gold and Kathy Baron administration. Some include the women's Health Clinic, the expansion of the S.A. Legal Service, the new office complex, the copypgraphic machine and the experimental student patrol. This past year many projects were continued and some achievements were made in the area of academics and in organizing the internal structure of S.A. Some examples include: the publishing of ACT, the move of the co-ops, the FM radio station, and the credit union.

Now, from these past achievements, I hope to continue building up the Student Association and at the same time place more emphasis on improving some student services, such as the bus schedules and re-establishing the Student Patrol, and at the same time help the S.A. funded groups offered more and better educational and recreational programming. I also feel we should direct some of our energy and resources to continue certain projects, policy changes, and investigations which directly benefit the students.

I believe that with my involvement with S.A. and with the experience I have gained by working with some of the groups, I can successfully continue building S.A. into a very strong and effective Association of students, by students, and for the students.

Craig Weinstock

Within the past few years Student Association's role in the University Community has drastically changed for the better. Student Association is no longer merely a means of allocating student tax revenues, it is the acknowledged representative of students and their collective concerns. The office of Vice President has played a major role in this transformation. Next year, I hope to continue expanding SA's role as an advocate while insuring that the careful allocation of student tax monies is not neglected.

I feel that the Vice President's role will be an extremely important one next year. The Vice President must have the knowledge and experience to find solutions to many of the problems that confront students. I feel that I have the ability to find solutions to those problems. My work in the areas of Advisement, Athletic Finance, and Academic Policy have demonstrated this ability.

In the coming year I will work for improvements in Health Service, Bus Service, Career Planning, Advisement, Academic Policy and many other areas.

I believe I'm going to be effective in these areas because I was effective in eliminating the "W" extending the "S U" deadline, working for peer advisement, and working to get one-to-one advisement. I cannot promise that all the changes we want will happen next year, but I can promise that if I am elected I'm going to pursue those changes with dedication, strength and enthusiasm.

editorial

On The Plus Side

The bottom line of academics at this and just about every institute of learning in America is grades. Whether it's the report card of the transcript, or whether it's mom or a prospective employer looking at it, it is your performance as a student, and those eyeing it will deem it so.
With that being the case, one would think it an obvious assumption that the more accurate this report could be, the more accurate picture one gets of the student it describes. When the extent of the accuracy is five letters, though, the picture just cannot be too clear.
Unfortunately, the system is so designed, that an extremely accurate picture of any student is just not possible, from a computer generated piece of paper. Yet, there are certain steps that can be taken to increase this accuracy, and some are being taken now.

The approval of proposals yesterday to institute plus/minus grading by the Commission on Admissions and Academic Standing was a good first move in the right direction. Simply put, adding plus/minus allows for a little more pin pointing of a student's performance, as the breakdown scale has increased from five possible grades, to thirteen possible ones.

For students, the question should not be a ridiculous one: will it hurt me or help me? That is not the point. If you get all c-'s then it will hurt you, and if you get all c plusses then it helped you. The point is, though, it will reflect you more accurately, and isn't that the most important thing?

It is our hope that the approval by the Commission will set the wheels in motion for eventual realization of this system that has proved extremely successful at many other colleges all around the nation.

Election '79

Today, the ASP has given all of the SA Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates the opportunity to write a short essay for you from which we hope you may arrive at a clearer picture of the situation.

Read these statements carefully: See through the bullshit and don't miss the facts. Try to gather from them what you can. Voting begins Wednesday.

And speaking of voting, if you would like to do so, then you must have a tax card present. If you don't have yours yet, then pick it up at the SA Contact Office, and you will be able to cast a ballot.

And just one more thing: Please vote.

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Women's Career Day

sponsored by the Feminist Alliance of SUNYA

Saturday, April 28, 1979
in Humanities Lounge Room 354
10 am - 4:30 pm

Career Counseling with Dr. Burns, Director of the Women's Resources Center at the SUNYA Counseling Center

Career Placement and Perspectives on the Job Market with Ms. Mary Ellen Stuart from the Career Planning Center

Women in Government with State Senator Linda Winikow

Alternative Careers for Women From Project Open, Speaker, Sandi Rubail

Resume Writing Workshop With Pattie Snyder Quad Coordinator

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Eugenio, P (sei il fratello perfetto) - 1. Buon compleanno. Tu sorellina.
Decon Williams, the man with the fast feet - 9.6 sec. Rev. Jed

D-connection
Hi Karen, It was really nice to hear from you again. I think it's great that you made R.A. Can't wait to check out the results of Florida.
Wishing the best for you, Jim

Dear Andrea, Arthur, Cathy, Linda, Lisa, Karen, and Kathleen, Thank you for making my 18th birthday the best birthday ever. You're all very special friends and I love you for it.
Love, Joan

Randia, Happy birthday, and do it up! Hope this birthday is the wildest one yet. Get blitzed much?
Love & kisses, Deura, Mary, Sue, Nancy, and Sue Baum

P.S. A.Y.W.A.B.?
Dear Maria, Just for being the person you are, (beautiful). When you feel better, you owe me a night out dancing!
Love always, Artie

Dear Creep, I know this is sort of late but happy 20th birthday!
Love always, Nancy

P.S. Do you wanna get scarfed?
DON'T FORGET!
Snake Pit's Party
Saturday May 5th
COME ...

Indian Quad: Re-elect Frank Baitman to Central Council. Stacey

Found in Fulton Hall
Life is like a water nymph
Floating on a lily pad in the deep,
dark valley of eternal death.
Pablo and Vinny

Lida, I'm not too sure how to say this. However, you're terrific and I hope in the future I can get to know you better.
Joe

Bobby L., You make my body tingle. Come let me see where your tan ends.
Love, Fourteen

Dear Mr. Basner, Happy birthday to a real good friend and my favorite moiek.
Love, Hlyse

P.S. Glad to hear the lobotomy was a success!
Schools.

Ain't it great being able to write personals in the ASP without the usual crowd saying, "Nice personal ya' got there!" Well, I know it's not much of a person, but here goes...
Thanks for all the great times, kiddo! Starting from, "How ya' doing Big Eyes?", till, "Yesterday you were wearing your rust sweater" (my favorite); from "Sorry kid, I can't tell you why I'm mad," to BF, I.G. and T. It's all been beautiful!
Anyway Kid, I like ya' face.
Love, A slightly colorblind, forgetful, uncultured dope (nanu nanu)

Vote **JODI FLICK** for Secretary - Treasurer, Class of 1980.

Dear KSF, Happy birthday. Let's make it your best birthday ever. I love you.
Stacey

Dutch Quad
Re-elect
DAVE WEINTRAUB
to the
Senate.
Foxes, Betty, & Barry, Thanks for a great year, I'm really going to miss you.
Love, Sue-Ho

Indian Quad,
Elect **Peter Weinstock** Quad Board President.
Vote for the better candidate - **Tito Martinez**, S.A. Vice President, May 2-4.
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Commuters!!
Elect
Ed Grodsky
to Central Council.
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R.V.W. & K.T.B.

Dear Serpe, Welcome to SUNYA! Glad you could come (even though it means I get kicked out!)
Love, The Fagot

Dear Cheryl, A special thanks for being my best friend.
Love, Glenn

Dear Mark, Happy 6 months! (Not very original but sincere.)
Love always, Linda

For a day of fun, come to Indian Quad's Arts & Crafts Fair! Sat., April 28 1-6 pm

John, Thanks for a nice time at the Grinch a few weeks ago. Try to keep in touch.
Carol

Attention Russ Friends,
To everyone who made my weekend what it was - thanks!
Tom

I love
CQ!

Don, just to say I love you, thank you, and I think you're the best!
Love always, Susan

Pat, Thanks for listening. I feel better now.
Steve

Don't go away M.A.D.!!
The 1979-80 Ludes are coming! Beware SUNYA.
Fish.

Please! Please! Please!
Love, In need on Kent Street

Dear V.P. ABJ,
Congratulations!
Love, Ellie

P.S. Surprised, huh?
David: Thanks for dinner over vacation. I think I'm converting.
Love, Your favorite shikas

P.S. French fries and ice cream cones.
Happy birthday Mrs. Hood!
Love, Kasia, Linda, Phyllis, & Sue

Dear Dr. Donna A. Della,
Good luck. Good luck. Good luck & happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Stacey

I LOVE
CQ!

Dear Cheech, **Beep-beep!**
Love, Shnooky (or is it Chong?)

Capt. Admore, **Go for it!**
Speck

Mama Gina,
Eye to eye contact!
Love, Phils

Bry, We hear you're moving to the Wellington next year. There's a saying "Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but in your case it's more like "Out of sight, out of mind."
Sept. and Cohorts on you.

P.S. Next time the "load" gets dumped on you.
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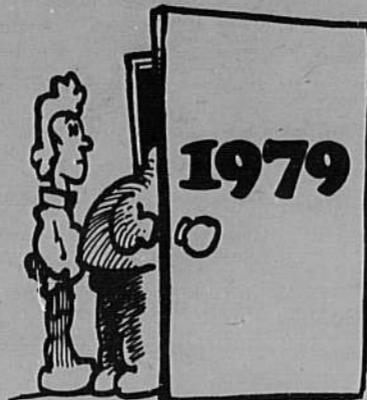
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An Islander Fan Remembers Seven Short Years

by Brian Kurtzer

The biggest New York vs. New York confrontation of the past two decades began last night. Seven years ago no one would have guessed it. Back then, speculating on a "Subway Series" went:

"Maybe if the Yanks get lucky, or the ABA merges, or the Jets and Giants rebuild."

Well, the Yanks bought a lot of luck, but the Mets used all of theirs up; and the ABA did merge — but the Knicks retired and the Nets were exiled; and the Jets and Giants are still rebuilding, and rebuilding, and rebuilding, and . . .

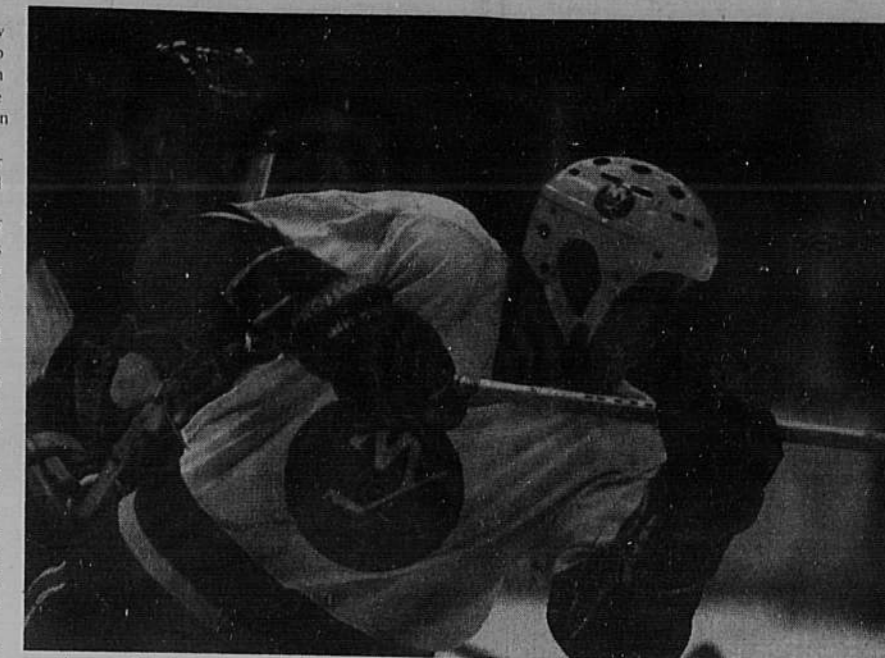
So instead, it's the Rangers versus the expansion team, who have kept expanding way past most people's expectations. Including mine.

Seven years ago I was a Ranger's fan. Even used to listen to them on radio — every Sunday night. Hadfield, Ratelle, Gilbert, Park, Eddie. Each year I stuck with them till the bitter end. Which was always sooner than at least one other team's "bitter" end.

Meanwhile, they were forming this young expansion team about fifteen minutes from my house. So a bunch of my friends proclaimed their loyalty, sight unseen. I just laughed. And kept laughing, when the new team broke records — the ones you break while your goalie's lying on his back. The Rangers, meantime, did not win the Stanley Cup in 1973.

The next year, I went to a preseason Islanders-Rangers game at the Nassau Coliseum. I planned to heckle the second year club and watch the Rangers romp. But the game ended in a 4-4 tie, a moral victory for the upstart Islanders. I was quiet when it was over. It was time to reconsider my position on New York hockey.

Looking at it objectively, I was rooting for a team that was on its



way down, painfully. Because they had not seen the summit. It would soon be time to reevaluate the talent. Coaches would go, players would be crucified. And nothing would be gained. It was becoming all too apparent that the Rangers just weren't clutch, and never would be. When the going got tough, the Rangers got out. Taking it to seven games was the most you could hope for.

But the Islanders — the Islanders really did represent the hope of the future. Sure it would take a while. But they were doing the right things. Good hockey people were brought in — Bill Torrey as General Manager, Al Arbour, undoubtedly one of the best to coach. He would instill his system in the players, and if they were lucky in the draft —

the team would be on its way. Meanwhile, they'd manage a big win once in a while. It would be fun. I switched my allegiance.

Someday came sooner than anyone thought possible. By 1975, the Islanders played steady enough defense to make the playoffs. The preliminary round was against the Rangers. With the series in sudden death overtime, J.P. Parise scored and the upstart Islanders laid claim to New York hockey supremacy. I was watching on closed circuit television at Roosevelt Raceway, and became so caught up in the excitement that I didn't make a bet all night.

Of course, there were some people who had predicted the Rangers would be beaten. But no one predicted what the Islanders would

do in the quarterfinal round against Pittsburgh.

When one sports team trails another three games to zero in a playoff series, the comment is soon made that the team on the short side "never gave up." This usually means that the series ends after four games, but the fourth was a close one. To the Islanders, as to only one hockey team before them, it meant that they never gave up. As all sports fans know, the final score: Islanders beat Pittsburgh four games to three.

When the Islanders fell behind defending champ Philadelphia in the semifinals, three games to none, no one knew what to expect. Which is very strange for a three-oh series. It took Kate Smith to halt the upstarts in the seventh game.

During the next two years, the

Islanders improved their record, and were the only team to win games from Montreal in the playoffs. Some felt they had become the second best team in the NHL.

Then, finally, last year, they won their first division title. The defense had always been solid, but the past three years saw the arrival of quality forwards, who could carry the puck out of the zone, and score. To prove their new punch, they became the first team to have five 30-goal scorers. But, in the playoffs they were beat up and upset by Toronto.

So then, this is it. The year to prove themselves as champs. They came back strong during the regular season — no less than the best record in the league. All sorts of individual marks — leading scorer, leading goal scorer, leading defensive scorer . . . But the playoffs are a different game.

A loss to New York would be a loss of New York. And two successive years of upsets could hatch the beginnings of a "choke tradition" similar to their counterparts. But that's getting ahead of the story.

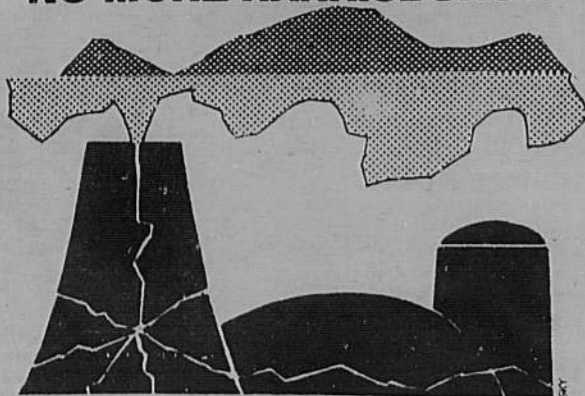
The Islanders have made progress during every year of their history. But this year they're expected to make a run for The Cup, which means getting into the finals. And they've never gotten past the semifinal round.

Appropriately, their opponents are the Rangers, the first team they ever played and beat in the playoffs. And importantly, and excitingly, the Rangers are also good. Good enough to beat Montreal during the season's series — good enough to also win the Cup, if you believe that Sonny Werblin can erase tradition simply by making some trades and waving his pocketbook at a great coach and a couple of foreigners. I believe, however, that tradition is forever, and besides, the Islanders are just too good.

The "Spinner Spencer" banners are gone. And Eddie Westfall will soon play his last game. And Billy Harris is no longer their biggest star. Last night they started their fourth semifinal playoff series in the past five years. Favored to win.

Within a month, it is possible that captain Clark Gillies will take a victory lap around the ice, holding Lord Stanley's Cup aloft. It would be the culmination of a seven-year plan that the Russians could be proud of. So take heart, Ranger fans, if the Islanders do romp over the Ranger upstarts in the battle of New York.

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Credit Union In Bad Light

Endorsement Tactic "Unethical"

by Michele Israel

SA President Paul Feldman deemed one Credit Union member's endorsement of SA presidential candidate Steve Coplon as "unethical." The Union should maintain integrity and fair play," said Feldman.

Feldman's statement was made in response to the actions of Credit Union Board member Brian Furlong, who phoned approximately 25 union members last Thursday, asking them to support Steve Coplon.

"It's really a personal value

judgment," said Feldman. "Groups shouldn't be involved with a conflict of interest, such as supporting specific candidates. The Credit Union is a student service; students shouldn't be hassled on the phone and told who to choose."

Furlong said he called the members, stating that Coplon was not involved with the endorsement. He also said that he told members to support Coplon because he had made commitments to the union while he "hadn't heard of any other candidates making commitments to the union. People were misin-

formed. I didn't slander anyone," said Furlong.

Credit Union's President Ron Nimkoff said he did not feel Furlong's acts were unethical. "The lists of members used by Furlong were legal," as stated in SA regulations and in the regulations of the National Credit Union Association (NCUA).

Feldman said he had been "told" that incorrect information was being given to the members. The information stated that Coplon was the only candidate who supported the Credit Union.

One union member who was contacted said Furlong did not speak against any other candidates.

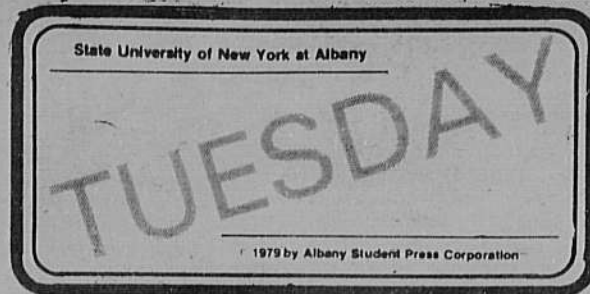
Coplon said he is acquainted with members of the union who are involved with the campaign. "I told them that if they did support me, it should be done legally. I condemn slandering," said Coplon. "I don't know who did it, if it was done."

Nimkoff, said in the future the Credit Union will not be involved with SA elections.

Paul Feldman disfavours Credit Union for endorsing a candidate.

"The Union should maintain integrity and fair play."

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Tax Fee Is Questioned; Students Make Decision

Mandatory Or Voluntarily?

by Wendy Greenfield

In addition to casting the ballot for SA President on May 2, 3, and 4, students will vote on the SA referendum to have either a voluntary or mandatory student tax (activity fee) for next year, according to SA President Paul Feldman.

A referendum for a mandatory/voluntary student tax is required by the SUNY Board of Trustees every four years. Feldman said that SA has adopted the policy to vote on the referendum every two years. The last time SUNYA had a referendum for the mandatory/voluntary student tax, according to the Trustee guidelines, was Spring 1976.

The student tax is a mandatory fee of \$70 per year which provides funds for SA to allocate to student groups for funding. Feldman said last year a referendum to raise student tax was passed increasing the \$66 tax to \$70.

"In the past student tax has always been mandatory," said Feldman. He said this year it was mandatory.

"I am an avid supporter of a mandatory student tax," Feldman said. "Without student tax the quality of life on campus will dramatically change."

Feldman said that without the student tax most SA funded groups and clubs will not exist. "If students vote for a voluntary student tax, we

will have no idea how many students will pay and how much money we will have."

According to SA controller Debbie Raskin, approximately \$560,000 is collected from student tax; \$420,000 is allocated to SA groups and clubs and \$140,000 is given to intercollegiate athletics. From the annual \$70 tax paid by every full-time SUNYA student, \$16 goes to athletics, \$4 to NYPIRG, and the remainder is spent on funding groups.

"If the student tax is voluntary, we will have cutbacks on groups and the

athletic program," said Central Council Chair Dave Ruffo.

Ruffo said without a mandatory student tax, the current tax differential will decrease. For example, Albany State Cinema charges \$75 with a tax card and \$1.25 without one. "We may not be able to have this differential," said Ruffo.

Ruffo said there will be cuts in various social programs. "These programs are the basic social life on campus," he said. "The University does not fund social and cultural activities on campus."

Ruffo said the State won't give SUNYA extra money to fund these programs. "The State won't make additions," he said. "It keeps cutting back SUNYA's budget. If we don't have a mandatory student tax, this campus will only have its academics."

The student tax funds over 80 groups. Some of them include Camp Dippikill, International Film Group (IFG), Oil-Campus Association (OCA), WCDB, Legal Services, 5-Quad Ambulance, Inter Collegiate Athletics, Concert Board, Quad

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W-CDB Off The Air For 28 Long Hours

by Rich Behar

Sudden complications in WCDB's power supply forced a transmitter shutdown which began at noon on Sunday.

After replacing certain malfunctioning parts, SUNYA's FM radio station resumed operation on Tuesday, 28 hours later.

The problem was cited on Friday afternoon when Program Director Paul Henneghen heard "an unusual buzzing sound" coming from the station's ten watt transmitter. "By Sunday the noise had grown worse and the unit was overheating," Henneghen said.

WCDB's reaction was to immediately shut off the transmitter. They then called the consultant from the Educational Communications Center, Jerry

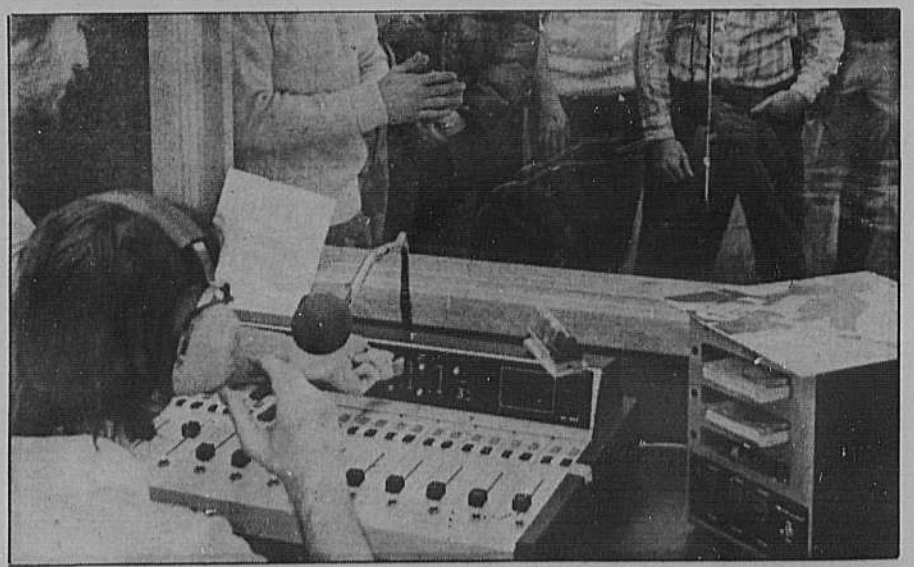
Jones, who holds a first class FCC license, and the station's Chief Engineer Steve Otruba.

"The transmitter was corrected after we replaced a faulty capacitor and bridge circuit," said Otruba.

"The situation was under full control due to built-in safeguards which prevent total overheating of the system."

WCDB General Manager Dave Reisman commented that although the shutdown was far from a serious crisis, it was the station's first major technical problem since WCDB received its FM charter fourteen months ago.

"We have had some minor problems this past winter with ice sticking to the antenna causing us to briefly turn off the transmitter," he added.



WCDB's broadcast studio was inactive for 48 hours on Sunday due to transmitter failure. An "unusual buzzing sound" was heard from the transmitter.

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