Student injured during downtown shooting

By Lori Hament
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Patrons of an Albany restaurant witnessed some unexpected action Friday night when a SUNYA student was injured during a shooting.

The incident took place at Peabody’s restaurant on Lake Ave., between West St. and Central Ave. around 10 pm.

The student, John Heimann, was working as a bouncer at the restaurant-tavern when a ricocheting bullet grazed him near the shoulder.

The alleged gunman, who police identified as Dominick Raimo, proceeded to walk a block, turn and drunkenly fire the shot which hit Heimann. A few minutes later, five more shots were fired, one shooting another near by car, and four hitting nearby cars, the bartender said.

The patrons of Peabody’s were told to get down on the floor on their stomachs. Police arrived with guns pointing at the ceiling and said, “No one make a sudden move! Everybody stay down and turn off the music,” according to a customer at the bar.

“At one point, approximately 60 bar customers were on their stomachs on the floor,” the bartender said.

The police checked the inside of the building and the bathrooms and took statements from witnesses before cleaning out the bar.

“I was in the middle of the bar, having a good time, when everyone heard a noise that sounded like a firecracker and glass breaking. Then someone screamed “get down on the floor!” People were “really confused because no one knew what was going on,” he said.

“This just doesn’t happen everyday in Albany,” the customer said.

A published report said that the police identified the alleged gunman as Raimo.

Raimo returned to the scene and was seen by the bar owner around 12:30 am Saturday. The police were called and Raimo was arrested.

He was charged with attempted murder and assault, according to the report.

Heimann was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and released in two hours.

By Ingrid Muller
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A SUNY Binghamton student was recently arrested on two counts in connection with the much-publicized, anti-semitic vandalism of the University’s Jewish Student Union office last November. The accused student was president of JSU at the time.

James Oppenheim, a senior at SUNY-B was arrested on Sept. 13 by the State Police in Endwell. He was charged with fourth degree criminal mischief and third degree false reporting of an incident.

Oppenheim could not be reached for comment.

According to Endwell State Police Investigator, Charles Gould, Oppenheim had cited the door and four hitting nearby cars, the bartender said.

The vandalism was discovered shortly after SUNY-B students celebrated the 50th anniversary of Kastallnacht, a night commemorating the Nazi’s first organized persecution of Jews.

Upon returning to their office, several JSU members found three of the walls covered with swastikas and various anti-Semitic slogans.

Oppenheim, then President of the JSU, had organized a vigil to condemn the vandalism and was one of several student representatives who negotiated with administrators for more effective measures against campus prejudice. He was known to be an outspoken activist for the Jewish community and made an unsuccessful bid for the position of Student Association president.

Oppenheim had organized the organization of the Kastallnacht vigil and subsequent sit-ins as credentials during his campaign, yet he failed to win the endorsement of the JSU.

Oppenheim was arraigned last week at the Vestal Town Court where he pleaded not guilty to both charges, according to goyette. Oppenheim will have to go through a pre-trial conference where it will be determined whether there is enough evidence to bring the case before a jury. Oppenheim has been cited by police regarding another incident.

JSU President Elias Scherzer refused to speculate on the arrest.

In a statement read at a press conference last week, Scherzer would only say that the Executive Board of JSU would wait for Continued on page 17

By ASP staff and wire reports

Victims of Hurricane Hugo scrambled to meet life’s basic needs Sunday, enduring ever shortening of food, fresh water, cash and electricity. Unable to cook or wash clothes, people stood for blocks waiting for hot meals.

“There’s no bread, there’s no meat,” said Harold Washington, 21, at a supermarket that had no staples. “You can’t survive like that. Things just aren’t working fast enough.”

Washington, who lives with his mother and four siblings, said the family was burning candles at night and washing clothes by hand. They worried that the water they were using to brush their teeth was contaminated.

SUNYA students are among the concerned people trying to help the storm’s victims get back on their feet. Members of the Phi Iota Alpha fraternity, which gained recognition by the SUNYA Panhellenic Council last year, raised $500 in a fund drive on campus last week. The money will be donated to the Banco De Ponce Hurricane Hugo Relief Fund in Puerto Rico, according to Mark Porrata, a brother in the fraternity.

Puerto Rico was devastated by the storm. Thousands were left homeless and extensive property damage was caused by the decade’s most powerful hurricane. Porrata said the roof of his great grandmother’s house in Puerto Rico, and other members of his family suffered damage to their homes.

Many Caribbean residents are boiling rainwater to drink, he said. Porrata said he and his brothers - Carlos Sanchez, Ray Rosario, Oscar Diaz, Adam Ortiz, James Iniguez, and Rudy Garcia - had hoped to raise more money for the storm’s victims, but were still thankful for the generosity they saw. The money has not been earmarked for a specific purpose, but will go “wherever it’s needed,” Porrata said.

On the southeastern coast of the United States, Hugo’s victims were busy Sunday trying to put their lives back in order. In Charleston, National Guardsmen with M-16 rifles patrolled the streets of the battered city of 65,000 people, guarding against looters and keeping order at locations where people sought ice to keep their food fresh.

“We are...begging for ice,” said Staff Sgt. Bill Pety of the South Carolina National Guard. “There were fistfights in the line. They were down on the ground fights - men and women.”

Without electricity for a third day, residents were unable to cook, boil water for drinking or get cash from bank machines. At stores that managed to reopen, people waited in line for four hours. The Red Cross dished out hot meals from lunch wagons. At the Citadel Square Baptist Church, the line stretched out for three blocks, spokesman Brian Roby said.

Officials said six branches of the South Carolina National Bank would reopen Monday to case a money shortage. The city also planned to resume trash pickup Monday, officials said.

As a cold rain fell Sunday morning, church bells pealed above the hum of generators and the buzz of chain saws.

“We have no roof and we’ve got three feet of water in the living room,” said Jimmy Bailey, a state lawmaker who attended services. “But we all have what we were born with and that’s good health... the rest is just gravy.”

Hugo clobbered Charleston for six hours late Thursday and early Friday with 135 mph winds and a storm surge of 17 feet of water.

The death toll from Hugo’s six-day rampage stood at 51 - at least 27 people in the Caribbean and 24 in the Carolina and Virginia and New York. A South Carolina woman and her two children died Sunday when their rural wood-frame house caught fire from candles, officials said.

Weather

There’s little relief in sight from the rain that’s been plaguing Albany for the past twelve years or so. Grab an umbrella on your way to class, and dress warmly (in temps in the low 50’s).

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The World

Decision called for

MOSCOW (AP) President Mikhail S. Gorbachev told parliament today that the Kremlin will take firm steps to settle the dispute over an Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan if local officials can’t solve it quickly.

Gorbachev addressed the ethnic issue as the revamped Supreme Soviet began its second session, addressing the country’s huge budget deficit and ambitious bills to redefine property in a Communist state and overhaul the tax system.

"If the situation doesn’t stabilize, I think our government, along with the republics, will have to take concrete steps," Gorbachev said of the dispute over the autonomous region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Armenia and Azerbaijan, two neighboring southern Soviet republics, have been locked in a bitter 19-month dispute over the control of the enclave. About 100 people have died in the ethnic conflict.

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Gorbachev did not say what measures he had in mind, but in replying to legislators’ questions Gorbachev indicated that he wanted the problem resolved within days.

Protection sought

BEGOTA, Colombia (AP) Judges threatened to strike unless they receive more protection from cocaine traffickers, and a congressional leader called today for the government to begin negotiating with the drug barons.

Three bombs exploded Sunday night at banks in the capital but caused no injuries. The blasts are among more than 100 attacks that have killed at least six people and injured 130 since the government’s war on drugs began Aug. 18.

The president of the House of Representatives, Norberto Morales, said today he favors a peaceful settlement with the traffickers.

"We have to open a way toward this initiative because we are bleeding to death (and) our economy as in rains," Morales said in a live interview with the radio chain Caracol.

Guerillas retaliate

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) Afghan rebels have closed a critical supply route between Kabul and the war-battered eastern city of Jalalabad, a guerrilla group said today.

About 1,000 fighters overran four government posts Sunday along the strategic 75-mile road near Sariobi, 30 miles east of Kabul, said Masoud Khalili, a spokesman for the powerful Jamiat-i-Islami guerrilla group.

Earlier this year, Jalalabad was the scene of the bloodiest fighting in the rebels’ 11-year-old war to topple successive Communist governments in Kabul.

Jalalabad, located 45 miles west of the Pakistan border, was seen as a test of guerrilla strength following February’s withdrawal of about 103,000 Soviet soldiers from Afghanistan.

The Nation

Battle continues

WASHINGTON (AP) A judge’s ruling in a divorce custody battle over frozen embryos is an aberration not likely to survive on appeal, legal experts say.

But at least for now, they say, the decision may have unforeseen consequences for fetal research and the technology of fertilization outside the mother’s womb.

Tennessee Judge W. Dale Young ruled Thursday that "life begins at conception" in awarding temporary custody of seven frozen embryos to a woman who is divorcing her husband.

"This is just a tragic case," said Professor Ellen Wright Clayton of Vanderbilt University Law School, an authority on reproductive rights. "But, yes, I’ll say it’s an aberration. No judge has said this before."

She added that the Supreme Court, while showing increasing hostility to its 1973 ruling legalizing abortion nationwide, is not likely to hold that life begins at conception.

Speed still kills

WASHINGTON (AP) It’s cheap, it’s easy to produce and drug dealers tout the fact that it’s “made in America.”

Methamphetamine, known in the 1960s as "speed" and now widely called "crank," is making a resurgence in the United States as an inexpensive alternative to cocaine or crack.

Users are beginning to smoke it, sending an instant jolt to the brain. But unlike crack, crank can give the user a high that lasts several hours.

"I think there’s sound reason to say this stuff is more dangerous than cocaine or crack,” says James N. Hall, executive director of the Up Front Drug Information Center in Miami. "Speed killed in the 1960’s and it can still kill in the ’90’s.”

Salvage completed

NEW YORK (AP) salvage crews Sunday finished removing the wreckage of a USAir jet from the East River so federal investigators can examine the parts to see if mechanical problems contributed to the crash.

And Queens District Attorney John J. Santucci’s office has entered the investigation to be “on the lookout for violations of local laws,” said Santucci spokesman Richard Piperno.

A source in Santucci’s office said a grand jury may be asked to investigate possible criminal wrongdoing in last week’s crash of the Boeing 737-400 at the end of a LaGuardia Airport runway. Two passengers died; 59 passengers and crew members survived.

Frederick Hafez, a lawyer for the captain, Michael W. Martin, and co-pilot Constantine Kleissas, said Sunday he saw “no basis” for a grand jury.

Search goes on

BETHLEHEM, NY (AP) divers on Sunday searched a third day for a worker who fell into the Hudson River while on oil spill cleanup detail, state police said.

Robert Caputa, 27, of Ballston Spa, was one of two workers who fell overboard Friday morning while cleaning up last weekend’s spill some 70 yards from the Hendrick Hudson Park in Bethlehem, according to state police in Loudonville.

The other man, Larry Smith, 32, of Schenectady, was rescued by workers in another boat as he clung to a piece of driftwood, police said. Smith was treated for trauma, cuts and bruises and released from the Albany County Medical Center.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free listings

TUESDAY September 26

Contemporary Issues in the Bible will be discussed at 7:30 pm in CC 320. Call 442-5670 or 442-6987 for more information.

Revisionist Zionist Alternative (RZA) will be holding its weekly meeting at 8:30 pm in HU 125. All are welcome to attend.

Irish Club meets in HU 132 at 7:30pm. For more information, call 436-6346.

WEDNESDAY September 27

Feminist Alliance is having a general interest meeting at 6 pm in CC 347. For information call 436-8020.

Art Council/Student Art Gallery meeting is at 5:00pm in FA 313.

SUNYA Women’s Club will be having its fall meeting at 7:00pm in CC, the Assembly Hall.

Hillel will be having a Bowling League. Call 442-5670 or 442-7199 for more information.

THURSDAY September 28

Adult Children of Addictions meets at 7:30 in the Health and Counseling Building (Infirmary) Room 202.

Korean Student Association meets every week at 7:00 pm in HU 132.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
Alcoholics Anonymous meets on campus all semester. Call 442-6777 for times or more info.

Preview of Events is a free service to campus groups. These are not ads, just a bulletin board of the happenings at SUNYA. Bring your free listings to CC329.

Deadlines are Sundays and Wednesdays by 3:00 pm.
King's son speaks on race issues

By Paul C. Webster

Saying that the United States needs to create a more multi-cultural community and that students should step to the forefront of the movement "during these critical times," Martin Luther King III gave his views on America's racial problems in a speech at Skidmore College on Monday night.

The hour-long speech, part of Skidmore's Monday convocation series, was held in front of an estimated 2,000 people who crammed into the school's Sports and Recreation Center.

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"I received a degree in political science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and for the last several years has toured the country promoting social change.

"In a recent newspaper article, that said that racism is the biggest problem faced by the United States today. Adding that prejudice becomes racism when it is used to oppress others, he blasted America's Racocentrism of thinking, holding the English language in contempt.

"Our language system has conspired against African-Americans in a negative light," said King. "In the media, good guys wear white, the bad guys wear black. A white lie is better to tell than a black lie.

"The bad member of a family is called the black sheep. But what makes me angry," he said shaking his finger at the audience, "is how a white cake can be called Angel food cake, and a brown or dark cake gets named devil's food cake.

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New Paltz student leaders blast bias report

By Eric F. Coppolino

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"It has taken us over 20 years to get over the 60's," he said, noting that little social progress has been made since the civil rights movements. "In 1968 we passed the Voting Act, and 20 years later in 1989 people are worried about who's going to live next door."

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SASU survives SUNY Buffalo referendum

By Morgan Lyle

The student government at SUNY Buffalo apparently wants to sever the school's ties with the Student Association of the State University, SASU officials said.

Although the student body at Buffalo voted just last spring to continue using part of the school's activity fee to fund SASU, the president of Buffalo's Student Association said he was "aghast" at hearing asking whether or not to drop the funding to the fall SA elections, SASU communications director Brian Ohab said.

However, the referendum was ruled improper by the SA Supreme Court, Ohab said. But the SA president, Derek Lamarsh, left the vote on the ballot, calling it an "opinion poll," Ohab said.

Obach maintains that the poll backed on Lamarsh, which the students voted overwhelmingly in favor of SASU, he said. No Buffalo SA officials could be reached for comment yesterday.

Ohab said the students at Buffalo want to stay with SASU, and the desire to sever ties with Lamarsh.

But last year, students at SUNY Plattsburgh did vote to dump SASU. The group has only 15 member schools in SUNY's 64 campuses, including SUNYA.

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Further, the students contend they were subjected to verbal abuse which was based on their racial differences with the officers. For example, when they asked why they were going to be transported to Public Safety headquarters, one officer reportedly said that a garbage truck would be used, but it was too clean for them.

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New Paltz Student Association President Jason Black called the report a "whitewash," and was especially critical that SUNY officials had been given the task of writing an "objective" report on their own colleagues.

At a press conference here Friday, he was also highly critical that the report concluded that no use of force had occurred because no students were taken to the hospital, and its seeming conclusion that the incident did not involve racial bias because no overt racial slurs were used by the arresting officers.

Black criticized the investigation for ignoring the issue of racial malfeasance by other students and/or officers who perceived the incident.

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The Public Safety officers involved in the incident, officers Fay Smith and Vincent Vitalle, told investigators they had no knowledge of the document's existence, and had never read it.

The "vestment of authority" document is like the Public Safety department's charter, and explains the most important procedures and responsibilities of officers and their superiors.

Included in that document are procedures for use of outside, armed backup on campus.

The investigation team has not yet concluded whether such use of outside backup was appropriate in this situation.

Campus president Dr. Alice Chandler recently told reporters that armed response was allowed on this campus only with her prior consent, or in the case of a life-threatening emergency.
Safety stats make for unreliable comparisons

(CPS) The University of New Mexico reported more violent crimes in 1988 than any of the other 356 campuses that voluntarily supplied the Federal Bureau of Investigation with statistics.

Based on the agency's annual Uniform Crime Report released August 6, the UNM campus, with an enrollment of 24,124, had two rapes, one robbery and 50 aggravated assaults.

The report, said UNM police Capt. Alex Roybal, is misleading. "The other guys aren't reporting them and we are. Crimes of violence — and I mean violence — are very, very rare. Most of these things we report are fistfights."

Much of the violence, added Roybal, is caused by outsiders from surrounding Albuquerque.

Campus police and public relations officials long have criticized the annual FBI report as flawed, if only because the raw data are unverified.

While one campus like UNM may report "fistfights" as violent crimes, another will report only felony-class incidents. Students sometimes are surprised to find that highly publicized rapes or brawls that may have terrorized them last fall don't show up on the FBI report.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students, for instance, were frightened by two sexual assaults reported within one week last October, but campus police reported only one violent crime — a rape — to the FBI.

The result is that the statistics don't provide a very good picture of how safe or unsafe any one campus is.

A footnote in the FBI report cautions against using the data — in which campuses are listed by state, together with the number of crimes that were reported on them — to make "any inter-campus comparisons."

The FBI, says spokeswoman Joan Laclair, is only the messenger. "We just publish the data. What the public does with the data is really up to them." Just behind UNM in honest reporting of crime, if not in crime itself, was New Jersey's University of Medicine and Dentistry, which, despite an enrollment of only 2,305, processed reports of seven rapes, 15 robberies and 29 assaults in 1988.

"We're located in the hardest crime area of the city, and a lot of people (off-campus) will call us before they call the Newark police," explained university detective Anthony Consolo.

In fact, the crime rate is quite low, at least for university employees and students, Consolo maintained. "I can't recall one rape in the last five years of a student or employee."
Abortion issue heats up again

(Ap) Pro-choice forces appear to have seized the momentum in the nation's renewed battle over abortion, but anti-abortion activists say they expect the tide to turn as legislatures - and the Supreme Court - return to session this fall and winter.

So far, a half-dozen states have emerged as early legislative battlegrounds, but most lawmakers appear reluctant to open the door that was unlocked by the Supreme Court in July.

"I would say it's basically a standoff," said Lydia Neumann, a spokeswoman for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which favors access to abortion.

In the nation's two governor's races this fall, pro-choice candidates have used their viewpoint for its potential political advantage, while anti-abortion candidates have sought to shift attention away from the issue.

In New Jersey, Republican James Courter macerated his strong anti-abortion views and is widely perceived to have been hurt either by his views or by his waffling. Democrat James Florio strengthened his pro-choice stance.

In Virginia, Democrat Douglas Wilder is aggressively advertising his pro-choice position in hopes of gaining ground on Republican marshall Coleman, an anti-abortion candidate who is considered the front-runner.

Burke Balch, state legislative coordinator for the National Right to Life Committee, insisted that a strong anti-abortion position was not a political liability, but in general, he conceded that pro-choice forces have had the upper hand in the 2 1/2 months since the Supreme Court upheld Missouri abortion restrictions.

"We've seen a season in which our friends on the other side have had the natural advantages with them," he said. "Because it's been a debate not about the specific legislation but about abortion in general, and with the considerable funding they've had to ... have their say in the media, they've had their innings."

He said the balance would shift this fall, when legislatures begin to consider specific bills and when the Supreme Court begins another round of abortion rulings.

Pennsylvania and Michigan are the most likely states to enact new abortion restrictions this fall, while prospects are less certain in four other states where the issue is expected to come up before the end of the year.

Florida and Illinois are both expected to take up the abortion issue at special session, and abortion bills are expected to be introduced at a special session in Minnesota.

But legislative leaders in Florida and Minnesota doubt that they'll take votes on abortion during the special sessions, and an abortion rights lobbyist in Illinois describes the issue there as "up for grabs."

"I may get a few more gray hairs on that one," said Illinois state Sen. Judy Baar Topinka, a Republican who hasn't made up her mind on the abortion proposals.

The Wisconsin legislature is likely to approve changes in its abortion law, but only to remove obsolete penalties that became null after the Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973. More restrictive abortion bills remain stalled in committees.

Many more states will take up the abortion issue in January, when most legislatures return for their 1990 sessions. An Associated Press survey of the 50 legislatures suggests that abortion will be a major issue in at least 23 states.

Both sides agree that the most likely states to enact further abortion restrictions next year are Missouri and Louisiana. Balch said he considers the 13 states that offer publicly funded abortions to be the least likely to enact restrictions.

The coming abortion battles are likely to be fought along Continued on page 17
Nearby ski resorts get face lifts

By Ian Wagreich
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

With SUNYA situated within an hour’s drive of many Catskill mountain ski resorts, students may briefly remove their earmuffs to hear what has been going on at the slopes over the summer.

Belleayre Mt. and Ski a Windham have announced a total of $16 million in renovations, upgrading everything from condominiums and lodges to innovative snowmaking systems.

At SUNYA, more than 500 students are members of the Albany State Ski Club, a group that travels to local areas in Vermont, Massachusetts and New York more than twice a week.

The ski club president, Gil Weber, said he hopes the renovations can help draw more students to the sport and to the ski club.

At Hunter Mt., skiers can now stay overnight in slopeside condominiums.

The first phase of the condo development calls for 110 units “on the slopes,” but 22 are only completed, officials for state travel promotions said.

Also at Hunter Mt., which calls itself the “snowmaking capital of the world,” the $2 million first phase of a major snowmaking system improvement debuted this season with a state-of-the-art computerized facilities form York Snowmaking Systems in France.

The system is the first of its kind in the country.

Weber said the areas in southern New York need to upgrade their snowmaking systems because warmer temperatures cause short seasons and icy slopes.

Belleayre Mt. increased its snowmaking capacity from 34 percent of its slopes covered to 85 percent covered by artificial snow.

Other than increasing its lodge size, Ski Windham has added a new feature to skiing, valet parking.

Those students that travel from SUNYA to various areas don’t always drive. The ski club provides busses and students can usually enjoy a full day of skiing, transportation provided, for about $30.

If you don’t mind travelling a little farther north, Whiteface Mt., and Gore Mt. have also plowed money into their trails.

Weber said he hopes those investments can handle an increasing load of ski enthusiasts.

Dec. 2 with an expedition to Mt. Snow in Vermont.

Snowmaking expansion now finds 34 of Whiteface’s 37 trails covered by the system.

Also, Gore Mt. has upgraded its base-lodge and renovated the popular intermediate trail “twister”.

State officials said they hope the private monies that have been put into the various resorts can increase tourism and travel in New York.

"The exciting developments that are taking place show that our ski areas are competitive not only in price and location, but in quality and delivery of service as well," said Robert Megnin, executive director of Ski Areas of New York.

The ski club will begin the season on Oct. 13 with an expedition to Mt. Snow in Vermont.

Microfilm stolen from thirteen campus libraries

(CPS)—Thirteen universities are trying to figure out who spent June and July matching from their libraries microfilm containing patent information of the past two decades.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced August 24 it has joined the hunt for two thieves who apparently took almost 3,000 reels of microfilm—its contents ranging from trivial information about orange peelers and toilet seats to detailed data about high technology—all jumbled together on thousands of feet of film.

The thefts were discovered at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Others missing patent information include the universities of New Mexico, Texas, Idaho, Utah, Michigan and New Hampshire, as well as Ohio State, Texas A&M and Rice Universities, and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The thefts occurred over a two-week period in June and July. Federal Bureau of Investigation officials said the last week of August that whoever took the microfilm wants a full set of patent data, dating back to 1969, probably to sell.

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Bush challenges the Soviet Union to cut stockpile of chemical weapons

United Nations
(AP) President Bush, challenging the Soviet Union to "rid the earth of this scourge" of chemical weapons, said the United States will destroy more than 80 percent of its stockpiles if Moscow reduces its arsenals to an equal level.

"The world has lived too long in a shadow of chemical warfare," Bush told the United Nations General Assembly, seeking to spur a 40-nation treaty conference aimed at banning the weapons entirely.

While the chemical weapons plan was the centerpiece of his remarks, Bush also paid tribute to the Soviet Union for removing "a number of obstacles" on treaties reducing long-range nuclear weapons as well as troops and tanks in Europe. The superpowers made progress toward a strategic arms agreement during weekend talks in Wyoming.

Bush's nationally televised speech marked his first to the United Nations General Assembly as president. Bush served as U.N. ambassador in the early 1970's.

In his prepared remarks, Bush said the world was witnessing a "rise of freedom," and cited advances in Hungary, Poland, Latin America and Africa.

"Make no mistake. Nothing can stand in the way of freedom's march," the president said.

"Today we are witnessing an ideological collapse, the demise of the totalitarian idea of the omnipotent, all-powerful state," he said.

Yet, he cautioned, "We have not entered an era of perpetual peace." He said regimes throughout the world were emerging "armed with old and unappeasable animosities and modern weapons of mass destruction."

Bush said regional conflicts "may well threaten world peace as never before."

His offer to slash U.S. chemical weapon stockpiles was both a challenge to the Soviet Union to follow his lead and an invitation to the 38 other nations whose negotiations in Geneva to ban the weapons are moving at a snail's pace.

"Let us act together, beginning today, to rid the earth of this scourge," he said.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze was given advance word of the administration's proposal during his meetings over the weekend with Secretary of State James A. Baker III. At the sessions, in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Baker and Shevardnadze agreed on a two-stage U.S.-Soviet program to exchange information about their chemical weapons and to inspect each other's plants and arsenals.

Only the United States and the Soviet Union admit having poison gas. But Bush said more than 20 nations possess chemical weapons or the capability to produce them.

Bush outlined a series of steps the United States was willing to take "to rid the world of these truly terrible weapons" and move toward an international ban to take effect 10 years after an agreement was signed.

These are the three major elements of Bush's plan:

While working to complete a global agreement, the United States will eliminate more than 80 percent of its stockpile of "if the Soviet Union joins us in cutting chemical weapons to an equal level, and we agree on inspections to verify that stockpiles are destroyed," Bush said.

Once an international treaty is signed, the United States will destroy more than 98 percent of its current chemical weapons stockpile over an eight-year period, provided the Soviet Union joins the ban, "I think they will," he said.

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New Paltz
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Also charged are SUNY New Paltz undergraduates Christopher Alton, 20; Ronnie Cardwell, 23; Broderick Clark III, 18; Michelle Gonzile, 19, who is charged only with obstruction of public administration; Stephen Stewart, 26; Darold Thompson, 21; and Gary Woodson, 20.
Campus disciplinary charges are being suspended until the criminal charges are resolved.
"This is a complex situation," the campus president, has called for the district attorney to drop the criminal charges in exchange for the students' entering mediation with the college on the issue.
The district attorney has stated publicly that he does not intend to drop the charges, but some observers close to the case believe that he is yielding to public pressure to let the issue be resolved out of court.
The case has been receiving significant media attention in this area.

The county recently requested a 30-day postponement of the trial, which was granted, in order to deal with the objections of the students' attorneys.
The students are represented by a legal team headed by Joan Gibbs, director of the Center for Constitutional Law in Manhattan.
The investigation committee included assistant directors of Public Safety from the Buffalo and Albany University Centers, a minority recruitment official from SUNY-Central and a student affairs vice president from SUNY Albany.
Plack, the Student Association president, said that the Public Safety officers, in particular, are poor choices to be non-biased investigators of their own colleagues.
Black also called the report biased, in favor of SUNY employees, and criticized its use of euphemisms, such as substitution of the word "baton" for the T-24 riot stick, and "headlock" for choke-hold.
University officials were not available at press time to comment on these charges.
However, a spokesperson for Chandler said that the report was incomplete at this time, and that additional information was expected from the committee sometime in the near future.
The 29-page document was the result of a five-week investigation, which reported contacted 40 different persons who witnessed or were involved in the incident.
King
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plan for action. Students have to demand these courses." King said that improvements in our nation's educational system is the best way for America to achieve greatness once again.
Noting how Asian students come to this country and excel, he said "America must begin to train its students how to work hard.
We need to make education exciting. We keep losing people education fun," he said. "Students must set that agenda. It may be too late for America to come back, but certainly if we do not deal with the racism we will not come back."

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Comic Relief in Campus Center

Comic Randy Levin, Village Gate regular and self-labelled Long Island Jew, appeared before an eager "hoarde" of nearly fifty students Thursday night in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Jeff Humphrey

Levin began his college-oriented act fashionably late, at 8:25, ("where ishin Bozo?" someone behind me asked) and performed for a little over an hour, including a short encore. He has visited some of his campuses on his recent tour, and began by reminding the audience that SUNYA spelled backwards is AYNUS. He proceeded to deprecate his alma mater, Nassau Community College, his last stop, Schenectady Community College, and community colleges in general: whenever appropriate, he brought up his educational background to excuse any lame jokes. "This, community college," he would say with a moronic grin.

For the most part though, the soon-to-be thirty-one Levin managed to avoid falling flat. Some of his obviously pre-written material sucked, but a few of his improvisations were just short of excellent. The audience seemed most pleased with Levin’s physical humor, specifically a very clever bit with a volunteer and a hilarious impersonation of a crossing guard on Midol. He went on to talk about cramps and throw in the mandatory handful of dick jokes.

The audience failed to get some of his better stuff, including numerous references to Albany’s desolate sisters, the wastelands of Troy and Schenectady. Apparently, few people in the audience ever stray far from campus to see these jewels. He went into some harmless ethnic material, but cut it out early when he learned a member of the audience was a "brother from Howard Beach."

"Oh, Shit," he said, and hid under a chair. "I wasn’t there." Levin filled us in on the gory details: Camaros, gold chains, etcetera. After claiming to be an abstainer, Levin went into a lengthy discourse on college drug and alcohol culture, and explained why all the smurfs are blue.

Led by drummer and founding member Anton Pier, the Palominos, whose alumni include REM’s Michael Stipe and solo artist Syd Straw, alternate barroom stomps and pretty acoustic selections somewhat effectively, never letting one mood prevail for too long. "Shattered image," is graced by a heartbreaking melody over simple, jarring chord changes, while "Lucky" is a pleasing blues-based number. "Darklands" is a graceful folk acoustic offering along with the traditionally flavored "Wild River."

As with every Palominos record, Pier has brought somewhat fresh faces through the turnstiles, and Dead Horse features Rolling Stones alumus Mick Taylor, whose expert blues guitar is featured on "Wild River," along with honky tonk pianist king Chuck Leavell, who’s also been featured with the Stones on records and tours. Somewhat eclectic, Dead Horse needs some combing through, but with some patience, yields some real gems.

— Richard Crist

Golden Palominos

Dead Horse

The loose umbrella group of musicians known as the Golden Palominos continue their search of traditional and popular music forms on their latest, Dead Horse, an often achingly beautiful and deft offering.

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"We Too Are One"

These ten songs don’t sorrch with that feral rage of last year’s raw Songs. That’s not to say they lack any kind of intensity. These songs are clearly more thought out, more rational, and in many cases more desolate and desperately melancholic than any this superb duo have penned in the past.

Lennox and Stewart are still analyzing their torn romantic liaisons in poigniant songs like "Don’t Ask Me Why" or the very pointed "You Hurt Me (And I Hate You)."

The album touches on many styles the band has implemented in the past — from the sax-touted pop of "The King and Queen of America" to the red hot electro-funk of "Revival" to the euro-techno-beats found in several tracks. Most impressive, though, are the smooth, tranquil numbers like the soulful "Angel" — just like Elvis Presley singing psalms on a Sunday — or the album’s climencer, the reassuring "When The Day Goes Down," where the angelic voices never hint more than whispers.

Lennox and Stewart certainly are one in the marriage of fine-crafted, introspective songs, at least. Let’s hope they never break those vows.

— Raymond Rogers

Ohhh Nooo: An SNL Pop Quiz

This Sunday night marked the fiftieth anniversary of Saturday Night Live with a commemorative special, featuring some of the show’s most popular segments. Here’s a SNL quiz to see just how special you really are when it comes to remembering all those wild ‘n crazy SNL episodes.

1. How did Roseanne Roseannadanna and each of her Editorial Reply segments?  
2. What was Ronnie Basso’s favorite food?  
3. What did Connie Cindehead call her ex-boyfriend?  
4. Who has baseball been to Chico Escuela (Garrett Morris)?  
5. What did Dan Aykryord call Jane Curtin on Weekend Update?  
6. What was Emily Litella’s favorite expression?  
7. Who is Ham’s and Franc’s cousin?  
8. Who should you "get to know" if you want in on Weekend Update?  
9. What actress was John Belushi impersonating as he pretended to choke on a chicken bone while devouring a meal on Weekend Update?  
10. Which character exclaimed, "I must say..."?  
11. What are the only items served at the Greek Olympia lunch counter?  
12. What is the profession of Eddie Murphy’s Dion Diner character?  
13. What was the name of the family with 60-inch backsides?  
14. What happened to Julia Child (Dan Aykroyd) during her cooking show?  
15. What was the name of the blender touted by Dan Aykroyd as “Rovco’s new amazing new kitchen tool”?  
16. Eddie Murphy played a convict-poet whose ode to burglary included the words “C-I-L-I, my landlord.” What was the character’s name?  
17. What planet were the Coneheads from?  
18. Eddie Murphy portrayed the convict-poet whose ode to burglary included the words “C-I-L-I, my landlord.” What was the character’s name?  
19. What are the first names of the Blues Brothers?  
20. Name the perfume Gilda Radner promoted “for one night stands.”  
21. What was the name of Lisa Looper’s boyfriend?  
22. What was the name of Lisa’s mother (Jane Curtin)?  
23. What was the name of the blender touted by Dan Aykroyd as “Rovco’s new amazing new kitchen tool”?  
24. Who portrayed “Kate and All” (Katharine Hepburn and Mohammad Ali)?  
25. Who spoofed Andy Rooney?  

ANSWERS:  
1. "It just goes to show you: it’s always something."  
2. Beer, potato chips (and fly strips)  
3. Parental Units  
4. "Beisbol been berry, berry good to me"  
5. "Jane, you ignorant slut!"  
6. "Nevermind"  
7. Arnold Schwarzenegger  
8. Jon Lovitz  
9. Elizabeth Taylor  
10. Ed Grimley  
11. Cheesburgers and Coke (no Populi)  
12. Buck Henry  
13. Hairspray  
14. The Widetits  
15. The "cut the dickens" out of her finger  
16. John Belushi  
17. Remulak  
18. Tyrone Green  
19. Joliet Jake and Elwood  
20. "Hey You"  
21. Todd DaLuca  
22. Eddie  
23. Bass-O-Matic ’76  
24. Martin Short and Billy Crystal  
25. Joe Piscopo
Freak in the Funhouse: Dancing naked in the Mirror

"Ooh. We've been talking for over 45 minutes. Ooh, I'm sorry," said Gregory of Gregory's Funhouse. It's okay, he's reassured. "Most people are whiskey stinky pukey sinkheads," he continued, "I usually hang up on so many people.

Stef McDonald

"So many people go, 'So how long have you been different?'," he explained. "And I say, 'can I call you back later?' CLICK."

It's a listen to his slightly demented, often sexually perverse lyrics ("I scratch the surface of human sexuality," Gregory explained, laughing at his own use of understatement,) that presupposes the question of his "different-ness." "People say my writing is oral pornography, or they call it homo-core, you know, like hard-core," he said facetiously. "I don't know where these people get this idea from," he said.

"From the Front" (next line: "from behind")— and yes, it's sexually explicit—is a song Gregory likes to kid about. "The Arabian circus has come to town," Gregory explained. "And I say, 'can I call you later?' CLICK.

Gregory thought otherwise, and chose the Beatle's "Norwegian Wood." "Really, I don't sing. I don't have the voice. And I am, " he said, "I am twisted, yes, I am," added Gregory, reacting, no doubt, to the silence at the other end of the line. "I don't mean to offend anyone personally. I intend to offend all or none at all."

"So how long has he been 'different'? As the story goes, Gregory spent his 'wonder bread years' growing up in Coney Island, a bit too close to the Amusement Park. "When I look back, yes, I've really been influenced by this place," he said.

There was a row of funhouses across the street from Gregory's home which he visited often. The price of admittance to the houses was twenty-five cents, but as a regular Gregory only paid five cents. Sometimes he didn't pay at all. And then, of course, there's the beach.

In "Arabian Circus," Gregory recaptures his seven-year-old view from under the boardwalk. "Outside my tent! a cacophony! A thousand year old stench] In the breeze/ I squint across/ A semetic sea/ Broken sound of caliopy/ The horizon holds an entourage! A caravan! It's no mirage/ Three legged camels and naked clowns/ The Arabian circus has come to town."

Words are Gregory's game; he says that after a disturbing and bizarre childhood, he tried to make a living as a performing artist and then as a poet. Gregory joined the world of rock'n'roll with a group of his musical friends to re-enter the Funhouse. "Some of my friends were doing the band thing and never attained a singer," Gregory explained. "They finally said, 'Gee, you should put your poetry to music. In a last ditch attempt, they said, 'do you want to sing? Do you want to recite?'"

"Really, I don't sing. I don't have much of a voice. And I am, " he said, pausing for irony, "a lead singer! (devilish laugh.)"

The Funhouse got their "singer" in Gregory, whose voice has been likened to that of Boris Pickett (of "Monster Mash" fame) and even Vincent Price (on acid). But without much in the way of lead singing ability, the question (following the obvious "Why are you so different?") of his inability placing a restraint on the band must be raised.

"Restraint? It's funny you should mention restraint," said Gregory cheerfully. "There's nothing wrong with restraints. Everybody's into bondage. I'm very glad you brought this up..."

Just as much excitement came from talking about Halloween. "You live in Coney Island and it's Halloween 365 days of the year," he said. "You can save admission and just sit in your car— with no pants on." Or you can listen to Gregory.

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Overlooking the podium at dawn, you see the campus in a different way. The crowds around the tables and the fountains have long since dispersed, and students all across the cities are basking on their alarm clocks, delaying the inevitable journey to classes. There's not the sort of enthusiasm under this light that there is during the afternoon, and those that walk by at this hour look dazed; not at all in the mood for the mid-day fraternizing that takes place later.

The whole campus looks gray, and at times, it is. Perhaps there's something inherent in the campus, something mundane that doesn't inspire much creativity. For years, Albany State has been called an atheletic (ugh, that word again) campus. Is it? Of course not. But people, mostly outsiders, think that because the campus is gray and uninteresting, nothing much goes on. Tell that to the Student Association, the Greeks, the folks in WCDB, the APS, or one of hundreds of groups that try daily to dispel the atheletic myth. If you tell them that, they'll prove you wrong.

Of course, you really can't be convinced of that unless you want to see that this is not an atheletic school. The only way to do that is to get involved. It's simple enough. Nobody's going to make you get involved; you've got to want to do it. And once you take a leap into an activity, a fraternity, a sorority, a team, or an organization, you honestly come out better for it.

When I joined the APS in my sophomore year, the last thing I intended was to get seriously involved. Journalism was something I was always curious about, but I never considered pursuing it as a career. Within a few months, I had found a career goal, one I plan to pursue to the top. I had people here helping me, teaching me the fundamentals, and advising me. Most of those people are professionals now, working at daily newspapers, magazines, or businesses in the "real" world. I'll always be grateful to those people for showing me the way.

Just as important as those people, if not more so, are the ones here now. These are people I worked with every day, suffered through enormous crises with, and laughed with. And when someone said "you guys are like my family," I knew what he meant. Because they are like my family; they're my friends. And all that because I was silly enough to attend an interest meeting.

So I found a career, made a lot of friends, and learned more about myself than I could with the normal 15 credit class load. And I think I'm better off for it.

Vivian V. Gordon

This column is written in response to Paul Webster's "A shameful absence from the vigil" column printed in the September 22 issue of the Albany Student Press.

Enrollments in African American Studies courses are at an all-time high her at SUNY and across the nation, probably because of the crisis in Black survival in America for which the death of many innocents is symbolic. There are only two full-time African American faculty in the Department of African and African-American Studies here at SUNY. All other such persons who constitute the faculty are either part-time, adjunct, or jointly appointed with other Departments to which they also hold responsibility for teaching and service. Professor Leonard Slade is in his office daily from about 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. unless he is in class or serving in his capacity as Chairperson of the Department. As many students will tell you, although my office hours are scheduled to end at 6 p.m., I am often there until at least 7 or 7:30 p.m. in addition to the other scheduled evenings of the event. You certainly did NOT ask me why I was not present. Also, the tone of your column suggests that you are not aware of the extensive personal, and professional pressures that African American Studies faculty in such programs have paid in behalf of quality Black Studies. do you know anything about the academic isolation within which such faculty function, or the academic disincentive and the stereotypes which African Studies faculty confront?

Did you know that several members of the Department faculty discussed the event first with the Vice President and then with the Presidents of ASUBA and that such persons made several observations and suggestions at least one of which was immediately acted upon. Did you know that we did not know about the event until the afternoon of the day before when one of us was hastily asked to speak at a then not clearly defined program. No announcements were sent to the Department or placed in the mailbox of adjunct or part-time faculty who have a limited (not daily) presence in the Department. However, even had all such faculty known about the event with adequate notice, one must ask to what extent a given faculty presence at a given event is a measure of commitment to or participation in the African American Liberation struggle. Certainly to have been present only to showcase to "You didn't do it for the Department" or as you suggested - would have been hypocritical. If I had been present, my focus would have been upon the education of the students and not with "filling the chairs of the corridors outside BA 115" as you have also suggested.

Daily, some of us carry a light in our hearts for ALL of those who have died in behalf of the liberation struggle. Without information about our individual or collective experiences you have condemned and called for censure. Did you know that one of the faculty persons from the Department who spoke to the ASUBA Vice President and President and offered some constructive criticism is a person who served as a field secretary for the Mississippi CORE and was shot the course of the struggle? Have you read ANY of my books or articles? Have you read ANY of the poetry by Leonard Slade? If you do not have at least this perspective, by what presumption do you propose that students should enroll in African American courses to "keep us on our toes?" Not only should you remember that we are the ELDERs, but you should now that we presume that students who enroll in our classes will expect quality teaching, which includes a consideration of the research in the field; meaningful classroom exchange which includes debate; assignments which have been designed to teach and not test and fair grades. Your reference to the Department as "Slade and Co." undercuts this kind of academic expectation and contributes to the entrenched stigma which confronts Africana Studies across higher education. Your behavior plays into the hands of those who question the academic validity of this emerging discipline. Obviously, you do not know the history of the struggle in behalf of African Studies.

After only two weeks of school, without correct information about a given event, you have
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To the Editor:

In reference to Rory Whelan's (Chairman, College Republicans) recent article, we feel the need to protest certain of his remarks.

In your call for a boycott, you have given no attention to the psychology of oppression which identifies black with negatives. For example, you are asking all who might participate in a boycott to express MOURNING to the Black American community.

PROTEST, you say. Might I suggest that you PROTEST the inequality in education that results in African-American students who are often so anxious, laced and depressed by college competition that they flunk out before graduating in spite of their many abilities.

PROTEST the fact that 90% of all the New York homeless are African American and Latino.

PROTEST the absence of additional full-time senior African American faculty in the Department and across the total SUNY teaching faculty. PROTEST a budget that results in no long distance access telephone lines for faculty who need to be able to telephone in behalf of students and their own professional work. PROTEST the quality of thermofax copies which you receive for use in class as faculty in the Department must give serious attention to handout materials because of budget cuts. You know that many of the African American Studies department does not have a thermofax machine or even a mimeograph machine and yet faces a limited budget for the use of the University copy center.

PROTEST the limitations which prohibit the library purchase of many valuable resources from small independent African American presses; thus, the use and loss of the books and resources of the Department faculty.

PROTEST the faculty's limited awareness of the research which documents this problem. Not only learn about such conditions, but where they become familiar with the research which documents this information, as well as those meaning proposals for reform. For example, you mention the most recent report by the New York Board of Regents. Have you read (over 150 students of African American studies have read) the statement ofVISION from the New York State Committee on the Dropout which reported the same information over three years ago.

Finally, one wonders if you discussed your views with any of the students who have been at SUNY longer than 2 weeks and who are AAS majors and minors or who have studied any of the courses? Surely, their views deserved some consideration before you decided to call for a boycott of the Department with you condemnations of "shame".

Word to the brother: Some people have been watching Channel Zero when they should have been doing their homework. Such people should understand that: A primary means for the manipulation of an oppressed people is the tactic of divide and conquer. This becomes especially effective when THOSE WHO WOULD BE KING participate in such manipulations to enhance their chance to occupy the MINOR king. Some people advocate rule or ruin to enhance their agenda. The wise avoid becoming pawns in that game which can only end in further destruction.

A little investigation would have revealed in information to this could have prevented your column and your destructive call for a mass condemnation of AAS faculty. I hope that this lengthy response has addressed some of the issues and implications of your column which has been founded upon misinformation or no information. Most importantly, I have tried to call to your attention and that of your readers the extensive life and death issues that exist for African American students in the SUNY community. All of our skills are needed. We must waste our vital energies through a war waged by use of the ASP. I call upon you to set aside the bitter tones of your last column and that you receive the editors of the Current Issues with the concept reflects yet another difference between our two organizations.

In addition, I want to thank and congratulate the SUNY community for recognizing that the McCarthy years are over and that communism is no longer a dirty word. Our meetings are filled with YCL'ers and non-YCL'ers and that's the way it should be. We should all read as much as possible and beware of people like Mr. Whelan who tell's us not to.

-Daniella Katorzer
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Lara, Lush, and Lou (yeah, the three of you), I love you, all of you. Your friendship has made a lot different in my life, and has left me with memories I'll always cherish. Hey, what are you doing Thursday night?

Bryan

Mr., Well, it looks like the start of something just so making you and you know where you can be reached for those late night emergencies (you get the number to WTF, right?) Best of luck, bud.

Ruben

Sandie, Don't matter a damn bit who was right or wrong, cause I'm smart. That's why I'm retiring as an educated professional and you're still a towly person! Seriously, best of luck, and thanks for the laughs.

Richard

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Lamarsh was unhappy with SASU's efforts on behalf of students statewide, Obach said. Obach dismissed the notion that the group wasn't working for its money by pointing to SASU's fight with the state government last spring, when tuition hikes and budget cuts were threatened, and the group's efforts to stem the tide of bias related incidents on campuses.

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for further developments before offering a response.

"For now, we would like to express our faith in the system of due process," said Scherzer. "We trust that justice will prevail and that the guilty party will be held accountable.

Abortion

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several fronts. In many states, anti-abortion forces are preparing legislation that mimics the Missouri law that was upheld by the Supreme Court on July 3, that banned abortions in public hospitals and stopped public employees from counseling women about abortions. It also required doctors performing abortions to first test any fetus over 20 weeks old to determine if it could live outside the womb.

Next year's anti-abortion drive also is likely to include bills to ban abortions that are performed because the parents are dissatisfied with the gender of the fetus, and those that are performed in lieu of birth control.

One of the most contentious issues will be laws that require minors to inform their parents or get parental consent before having abortions.

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Another "fun" Sunday for NFL defenses

(AP) Disciples of defense will be happy to know that the 662 points scored in the NFL on Sunday weren't the most since... Last Sunday, when 672 were scored.

So far, the 1989 season has hardened back to the early days of the American Football League, circa 1960, when it was hard to determine if the game being played was football or basketball.

Sunday was an object lesson. There was the Houston-Buffalo encounter, won 47-41 in overtime by the Bills.

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Football
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End Rich Lansard recovered it at the Chiefs' 48. Kevin Adams clinched it when he scored his first T.D. of the season from the Chiefs' two.

Chechile, who has hit all ten of his PAT opportunities this year, made it the final, Albany 28, Springfield 14.

Now up for Albany are the undefeated Union Dutchmen, (3-0). Saturday's game at Union will also be for bragging rights of the Capital District.

Union is third and Albany fourth in last week's upstate poll. With number one Ithaca losing to number five Alfred, both teams will probably move.

"It's nicer to win," Ford said.

"But you can't be smoking cigarettes on Monday. Union's always a tough defense and a well balanced offense."

"We feel we're on a roll," Rydell said. "I'm sure they're (Union) for real. Next Saturday we'll find out who's the better team."

Afterthought: Ryder was also named ECAC offensive player of the week for his efforts. Pete Pedro "quietly" had 106 yards on 22 carries, another quality performance from the senior.

McNeil had 39 yards on only five carries, a plus-nine ratio. For the season McNeil is averaging over six yards a carry. Adams had 32 yards on seven rushes.

Ryder was 3 of 7 for 31 yards passing. Acker caught two for the 31. James Watson had a 35-25 yard average on four punts, his longest, a 41 yarder. For Springfield, Burkehead had 109 yards on 21 carries, he was 2 of 8 for 57 yards.

Defensively for the Danes, Jeff Davis had 11 tackles, Dan Hershkowitz had nine and also returned a kickoff for 11 yards. Anthony Dattero had the only Dane sack.

Giants
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14 turnovers and have given the ball away five times, a plus-nine ratio. At this rate, New York would finish with 75 turnovers. Last season, they had 28.

"If we can keep playing the way we are now and keep getting turnovers we'd be pretty good," Giants coach Bill Parcells said.

Defensive coordinator Bill Belichick said emphasis has been placed on being more aggressive and forcing mistakes.

However, the bottom line for the offense continues to be Lawrence Taylor. The Perennial All-Pro linebacker, who missed the first four games of last season with a substance abuse problem, has started this season in fifth gear.

He has been all over the field, making tackles and rushing the quarterback. Even on plays when he doesn't make tackles, he occupies two or three opponents, freeing someone else to do the job.

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Albany soccer teams swept by Cortland

Men shutout 1-0, 2nd in state

By Andrew Schotze
This past week the Albany men's soccer team split its two games - a 5-1 victory at Skidmore on Thursday followed by a 1-0 loss at Cortland on Sunday. Their record stands at 4-2-2.

The Danes' win over Skidmore was due to a strong second half. Skidmore was playing with all five new in New York. The Dragons' game plan was a strong contrast to what Albany had seen in its previous contest. Cortland played a "high-pressure" type of soccer and continually forced the ball into the Albany defense.

The defense, which has now allowed four goals in six games, hung tough, with fullbacks Billy Knupp and Scott Grimes, centerback Ken Perkins, and rightback Brian Lehrer keeping Cortland off the scoreboard.

The scoreless tie was finally broken by the Dragons with only nine minutes to go. Albany mounted an allout attack in the final minutes, and nearly knocked it up. Marc Eisenfeld's scoring attempt off a rebound was saved by the Cortland goalie. He was on the ground after an initial shot hit him in the chest, and "jammed off his cheeks," according to Eisenfeld, to make the save.

"They had good size, they were fast, and they switched the field well," said Nardiello. "They deserved the win because for that game Cortland was the better team," he added.

Albany Coach Ann Depperman said, "They deserved the win. If they had taken advantage of the space they were given, they would have been the better team." She added, "They have to try and be more aggressive," which Depperman felt were the key factors in the Danes' loss.

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Women lose to undefeated team

By Rob Permutt
Playing for the first time since sustaining an injury in the second game of the season, sophomore goalie Dawn Deickman had fourteen saves. Despite this fine defensive effort, Albany turned up one save short.

With 25:00 remaining in the first half, Cortland State's Michelle Martin scored. It turned out to be the only goal as the Danes' women soccer team lost 1-0 on Sunday.

The game was not offensively oriented, which saw Albany defend itself against eighteen corner kicks. Albany's defense played tough and did not allow Cortland to score on any of its corner kicks. The majority of the game was played on Albany's end of the field and they were outshot on goal, 23 to five.

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Danes "Ryde" over Springfield; 28-14
Albany QB rushes for 2 TD's, 153 yards in victory

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Pat Ryder was a wanted man Saturday night. After Albany's 28-14 home victory over Division II Springfield, reporters set out looking for the senior Q.B. in the locker room.

"Has anyone seen Ryder?", one writer said.

"We were looking for him most of the day too," replied a Springfield coach.

Ryder has that kind of effect on an opponent. You never know how he's going to beat you.

Behind his two touchdown runs and 153 yards rushing, Ryder helped the Danes raise their record to 2-1.

"It was a super game, and he's (Ryder) a super player," Springfield head coach Mike DeLong said. "The quarterback makes that offense go and he certainly did a great job of running."

On Albany's first offensive series, Ryder on a second and eight on the Danes. David DePasquale kicked the conversion to tie the game, 7-7.

Quickly the Danes led 7-0 with 12:11 left in the first quarter. Ryder said, "There was nobody there. I teemer and went untouched for a 67 yard run." Ryder pitched to running back Steve Traudt, on a third and goal from the Chiefs' 30, with 18 yard splash to Brad Acker; this set up Ryder's run. The score was 14-7, Albany at the half.

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Albany started moving the ball late in the third. Razzle dazzle almost cost them.

On first and ten from the Chiefs' 35, Ryder pitched to running back Steve McNeil who tried the option-pass. Chief Gary Oliver intercepted the ball at the Springfield five.

With five seconds left in the quarter, Burkhead fumbled on a keep at the Chiefs' six. Dane Chris Pizzo, who last week had a 90 yard interception return for a T.D., recovered for Albany.

On the opening play of the final period, Ryder called his own number and the four yard carry was his fourth rushing T.D. of the season. Chechile's PAT made it 21-7.