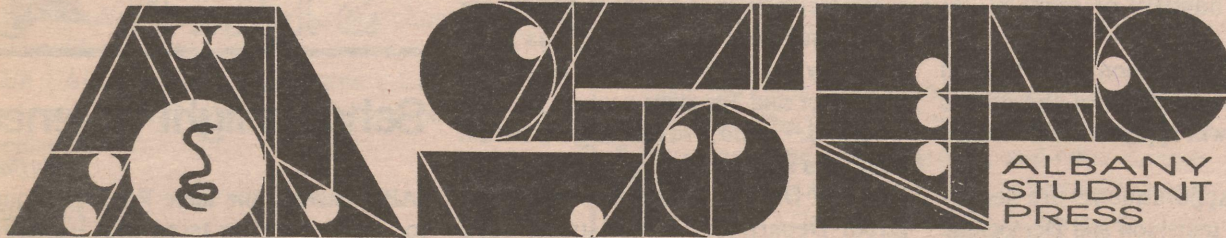


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losing its magic?

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Cuomo hopes the worst is over for SUNY

NYPIRG remains active in fight for tuition freeze

BY JOE FAUGHNAN AND TOM MURNANE

Gov. Mario Cuomo said Tuesday he hopes the SUNY System won't be facing the same severe budget cuts it has suffered the last few years. But, he added, he couldn't say whether he would call for the restoration of those lost funds when he sends his budget request to the Legislature next year.

"While I can't talk about the (restoration of funds) at this time, I can say we are looking to find ways to give SUNY more flexibility in handling their affairs... They've had it rough for a while now and hopefully things won't be as hard on them this time," the governor said. Cuomo made these remarks at the Capital after a press conference he called to discuss a transportation bill he wants the State Legislature to approve.

By mentioning "flexibility" Cuomo could have been referring to a differential tuition proposal which his office supported last year, a proposal which died in the Legislature amid criticism from some colleges, student groups, and legislators, a SUNY Central source said Thursday.

Under a differential tuition plan, some campuses would be able to charge a higher tuition than other campuses, with

university center presidents, such as SUNYA's H.P. Swygert, favoring the idea because more funds would be available to them for "campus-based initiatives." Meanwhile, administrators from smaller campuses across the state disagree. At the heart of their disagreement is a fear that people would think the centers were better simply because their tuitions were higher.

Cuomo's comments come at a time when SUNY Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone has been leading the call for the state to restore funds cut from nation's largest university system. In late October, the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a 1993-1994 budget request that would increase SUNY's nearly \$1.4 billion in state aid by \$112 million-or 8.1 percent.

The trustees' proposal is to be submitted to Cuomo's Budget Division for consideration for his 1993-1994 spending plan.

This request is an attempt to reverse the heavy cuts SUNY has been socked with the last few years. In 1992-1993, SUNY saw \$143 million in state aid slashed, a loss which was partially offset by a \$500 tuition hike for undergraduates and \$800 for graduate students.

However, according to Gannett News Service, even with that tuition hike to

\$2,650 a year for in-state residents--the third increase in two years--SUNY still suffered an \$83 million loss in total revenues, forcing a 4.3 percent cutback in faculty, staff and courses.

Earlier the same day, Cuomo's office received an early holiday "gift" in the form of over 30,000 postcards from students across New York, collected by the New York Public Interest Research Group, calling on the governor to push for the restoration of funds to the SUNY system.

Also accompanying the postcards was a letter signed by over 1200 college, faculty and administrators, according to NYPIRG. And who came along for the gift giving? Santa Claus naturally, or at least someone dressed like Saint Nick.

That's exactly who NYPIRG hopes Cuomo will be like as he prepares his budget proposal.

In a press release issued Tuesday, NYPIRG's chairman said the state budget cuts combined with the tuition hikes had hurt the quality of SUNY.

"In any business, doubling the price and lowering the quality would be called price gouging," NYPIRG chair Ludovic Blain said. "We're here to expose the damage that price gouging has done to higher education in New

York State."

"Advocates of higher education are hoping not to get "scrooged" by the Governor this winter," SUNYA-NYPIRG staffer Kate Gottlieb said in the release.

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AP Laser Photo
Governor Cuomo works to aid SUNY.

Common Council passes bill on security

Landlords made responsible to tenants for certain safety measures

DAN KEEFE
Staff Writer

A recent bill passed by the Albany Common Council Monday, that should help make off-campus students feel more secure in their homes, was among the topics discussed at a meeting of the Committee on University and Community Relations last Wednesday evening at the Albany Police Traffic Safety Building.

The Council unanimously approved the bill, introduced last summer by 6th Ward Alderwoman Sharon Ward, which requires of Albany landlords such installations as deadbolt locks, peepholes, and self-locking mechanisms on doors; lighting around entranceways; and pin locks on windows that can be reached from the ground or other buildings.

Glass on exterior doors must be replaced by shatter-proof

material, while hollow-core doors are to be outlawed under the ordinance.

The bill would take effect 60 days after it receives Mayor Thomas Whalen's expected signature.

Jodie Green, Vice President of the Off-Campus Association, expressed hope that the bill would improve safety for off-campus SUNYA students.

"I think it's incredible that [the law] passed. I just hope that landlords abide by it," she said.

Thomas L. Gebhardt, the Director of Off-Campus Housing, who chaired the meeting, said his office will be sending to the approximately 450 landlords who use the off-campus Housing office's services information on the ordinance.

This will be to encourage the changes landlords may be required to make.

"They're going to have to be in compliance with the law or

else they'll be hauled into court," he noted.

Compliance with the city of Albany's Snow Emergency plan was also urged at the meeting by assistant Police Chief Robert Coleman.

In the event of a snowstorm, Police may announce a Snow Emergency in order to clear the roads, said Coleman, who anticipates more snow this year than in years past.

During the first 24 hours after a Snow Emergency is declared, which will occur at either 8:00 A.M. or 8:00 P.M., motorists will be required to park on the even side of the street, and on the odd side of the street during the next 24 hours.

Coleman said those who fail to comply with the Snow Emergency plan will face a \$65 towing charge, a minimum \$30 parking ticket, plus a \$5 New York State surcharge.

University Police will also be largely keeping clear of city

streets in the near future, said University Police Chief James Williams, in other action at Wednesday's meeting.

Some members of the Committee asked the University Police to look into the possibility of carrying out "driving throughs" of identified problem areas in the course of the University Police's normal duties which take them back and forth between the uptown and downtown campuses.

However, Williams ruled out the idea, saying that once University police officers are off University property, they become regular citizens without police powers.

Henry Madej, Executive Vice President of the Pine Hills Neighborhood Association, said he felt the law does not preclude University Police from being a deterrent against inappropriate or illegal student behavior in off-campus areas.

"Where does it say in the law

that you can't drive down Hamilton Street and pick up the phone?," Madej said.

Williams said he is concerned with putting his officers "in harms way, and moreover, with lawsuits the University Police might incur by operating outside their jurisdiction."

Both parties said they look forward to an amendment, now only in its drafting stages, to the State Education law that Williams said would expand the University Police's jurisdiction as well as allow them to stop and frisk criminal suspects and execute bench warrants.

Williams said the bill, if passed, might allow the University Police to operate joint patrols with the Albany Police. The Committee on University and Community Relations are scheduled to meet again on February 10, 1993, when they will focus on end of the year plans.

NEWS BRIEFS

WORLD 

Syria makes offer

Washington

(AP) Israel publicly urged Syria on Tuesday to improve its peace proposal, hinting it would be willing to surrender territory on the Golan Heights in exchange.

The Syrian negotiator, Muwaffiq al-Allaf, said his side had already made a very detailed and open offer to Israel. And, according to a diplomatic source, Syria did not modify it in Tuesday's session.

Israel held back, waiting for "further clarification from the Syrian side, hopefully in the next several days," said the source, who insisted on anonymity.

Peace talks proceeded at the State Department, and Israeli negotiator Itamar Rabinovich told reporters: "We should rule out the word 'impossible.'"

Rabinovich, who is to become Israel's new ambassador here in January, said Syria was offering "non-belligerency" in exchange for the strategic Golan Heights, which Israel captured in the 1967 Six Day War and later annexed.

Rabinovich said Israel would "clarify" its offer to withdraw "should we hear more from the Syrians in the direction to which we are interested."

Death toll rises

New Delhi, India

(AP) The death toll hit 600 today as Hindu-Muslim riots convulsed the nation for a third day, while in the capital legislators screaming in outrage over the bloodbath forced Parliament to adjourn.

The government today began arresting Hindus who took part in Sunday's mosque destruction. In recent days, it took control of the state where the mosque was located, banned fundamentalist groups and announced it would rebuild the mosque and bring to trial politicians who backed the extremists.

But those moves have done little to halt the violence and have heightened tension between Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's governing Congress Party and the top opposition group, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

NATION 

Cabinet to be named

Little Rock, Arkansas

(AP) President-elect Clinton is approaching his first Cabinet appointments awash in pledges from

Congress to swiftly confirm nominees and act equally fast on an agenda Clinton promises will include serious deficit reductions.

Clinton returned to Little Rock early today after courting Democrats on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, and was said by aides to be nearing a handful or more major appointments.

First, Clinton's transition office planned to release today details of the ethnic guidelines that will apply to major Clinton appointees.

The initial appointments are set for Thursday, with transition and Democratic sources saying Clinton plans to make Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen as treasury secretary and New York investment banker Roger Altman as deputy secretary.

Aides painted those choices as signals to Congress and Wall Street that Clinton is serious about economic reforms and deficit reduction, themes Clinton sounded Tuesday after a day of private meetings with the congressional committee chairmen who will consider Clinton's programs.

With Bentsen as treasury secretary and California Rep. Leon Panetta said to be Clinton's choice to head the Office of Management and Budget, the president-elect is turning to two respected Capitol

Hill veterans to push his economic plan.

Scientist Beats EPA

Washington

(AP) The Environmental Protection Agency has been ordered to reinstate a senior scientist and pay him \$50,000 for emotional distress after he was fired allegedly for whistleblowing activities, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The decision, involving William Marcus, a senior toxicologist in the EPA's Office of Drinking Water, was made by a Labor Department administrative law judge under a federal whistleblower protection statute.

Steve Kohn, who was Marcus' lawyer during the appeal of his dismissal, called it "the most significant case to date for an environmental whistleblower involving the EPA."

Marcus, who had worked at the EPA for 18 years, was fired last May 13 after a lengthy investigation of the scientist's outside activities as an expert trial witness and how they related to his position at the EPA. During the appeal, Marcus maintained that his superiors at the EPA knew about his outside work.

In firing Marcus, the EPA accused him of improperly using agency information for

private gain, using working hours for his private activities as an expert trial witness and engaging without approval in outside employment that appeared to pose a conflict of interest.

STATE 

Schools fight violence

Buffalo

(AP) Teaching the three R's isn't enough for some educators faced with increasing gunfire inside public high schools in recent years.

The first shootings inside public schools in Buffalo and Rochester have prompted administrators to review weapons policies and search for ways to keep violence away from students.

Since a Nov. 23 shooting, Buffalo school officials have prohibited students from carrying bookbags in which they might carry weapons.

In Rochester, educators implemented a program to keep weapons out of the schools. That move came after student Davis Morris shot a classmate during an argument inside a school in October, student affairs officer Ruby Turner said. The last of Buffalo's 76 public schools implemented the ban on bookbags this week in the wake of last month's shooting.

City is recovering

New York City

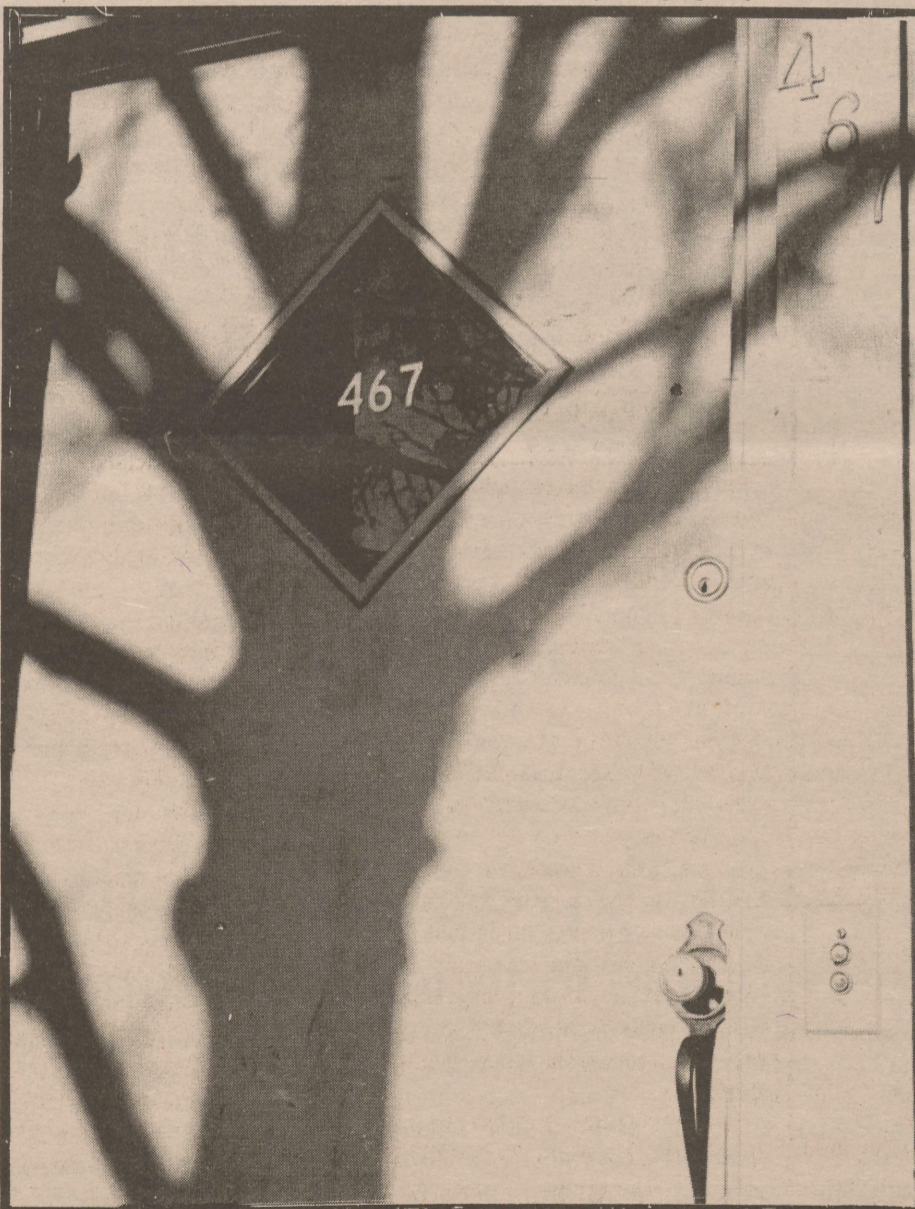
(AP) The city appears headed down the road to financial recovery after years of economic decline, according to finance officials and leading economists.

"The city is well-stanced for growth if it can meet its major challenges," Samuel Ehrenhalt, regional commissioner of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, said at a conference Monday on New York City's economy.

Most economists agree the decline started about a year after the October 1987 stock market crash, which shattered years of dazzling growth on Wall Street, devastating the securities industry. That had a severe ripple effect on a range of other important businesses, from advertising to real estate but a mix of recent statistics shows that, in some areas, the city is simply not as bad off as it was.

The city's finance commissioner and tax collector, Carol O'Cleireacain, said the city is losing 6,000 jobs a month rather than the 17,000 a month it had been losing. But Scanlon said the full recovery will not come until 1994.

Holiday Greetings from the ASP News Department, it's not too late to sign on under the astute leadership of Pam and Allison, Come up to CC323.



Beware Apartment 467! The cursed dwelling on Central Avenue!

Photo by Joe Faughnan

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

FREE LISTINGS

Fri., December 11

A Careers and Languages Seminar will be held in Humanities B39 at 4 pm. The event is sponsored by the Department of French Studies, and will feature graduates of SUNYA who will speak about their careers.

The Irish Club will be holding a social in the RATT beginning at 5 pm. The admission is \$5.

The Beauty and Fashion Club will be holding auditions for their Spring Fashion Show from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Studio Theatre in the PAC Basement. Men, women, and children models are welcome. Models are asked to bring high heel shoes. For more info, call 427-7127 or 442-5429.

There will be a Pre-Final Jam sponsored by the Pan-Caribbean Association beginning at 9:30 pm in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Admission will be \$1 for the whole night.

Sat., December 12

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will be sponsoring The Jam, an End of the Year Blowout Party and Stepshow Extravaganza in the Campus Center Ballroom. Admission will be \$4 before 11 pm, and \$5 after.

Sun., December 13

ASUBA sponsors A Kwanzaa Celebration in the Patroon

Room of the Campus Center at 7 pm. The Keynote Speaker will be Professor Colia Clark. The \$7 ticket price includes dinner. Tickets are available in the ASUBA office. For info call 442-5678 or stop by CC367.

This is the last issue of the ASP for the Fall '92 semester, you can look for the ASP next semester on January 26.

CORRECTION

Tuesday's article concerning "Black male and Female Relationships" was an error. The event was sponsored by the fraternity Akande Phi Delta and the Black Women's Coalition. Also, some of Dr. Vivian Gordon's comments were taken out of context. The Albany Student Press apologizes for this error.

CRIME BLOTTER

Aggravated Harassment

12/2 - *Colonial Quad* - Harassing note on car.
 12/3 - *Oneida* - Annoying phone calls started in October.
 11/30 - *Parking lot* - Papers and note left on female's car by her ex-husband.
 12/6 - *Indian Quad* - Harrassing phone; possible student identified and warned.
 12/6 - *Alumni Quad* - Threatening letter by known male to female; male warned; situation referred to mediation.

Burglary

12/4 - *Clinton* - Phone stolen from suite.
 12/7 - *Montauk* - Cash missing from unlocked room.
 12/7-8 - *Indian Quad Cafeteria* - Gate to serving area pried open.
 12/8 - *Fulton Hall* - Knapsack missing.

Criminal Mischief

12/3 - *Johnson* - Window broken.
 12/3 - *Alden* - Student punched out phone booth glass; transported to hospital by Five Quad for cut hand. Judicial referral by Res. Life.
 12/4 - *Stuyvesant* - Damage to vending machines.
 12/2-4 - *Sayles* - Holes in hallway exit sign.
 12/7 - *Colonial Pay lot* - Car scratched.
 11/22-12/7 - *Brubacher* - Graffiti in black marker at several locations.
 12/7 - *Indian skinroom* - Two phones ripped off the wall.

Disorderly Conduct

12/4 - *Dutch Pay lot* - Report of males attempting to take parking sign-three students identified and warned.

Grand Larceny

12/2-3 - *Campus Center* - Monitors stolen from video music machine.

Harrassment

12/3 - *Draper* - Male pushed by another known male. Victim advised of options and did not wish any action. Subject apologized to victim.
 12/7 - *Waterbury* - Door knob tried and unknown male threw small rocks at the window.

Petit Larceny

12/1 - *Colonial cafeteria* - Purse left in cafeteria stolen.
 11/24-30 - *Clinton* - Change and stamps missing over Thanksgiving break.
 12/2 - *Library* - unattended textbook.
 12/3-4 - *Freedom Quad* - Two rows of mailboxes missing.
 11/29-12/4 - *State Street* - Rollerblades stolen from car.
 12/9 - *Dutch lot* - Ski rack stolen off car.
 12/8 - *Oneida* - Clothes from laundry room.

Possession of Alcohol

12/3 - *Tappan* - Assisted Residential Life with loud party-keg of beer confiscated - all students under 21. Judicial referrals by Res. Life.

Possession of Marijuana

12/1 - *Onondaga* - Residence Director making judicial referral of student he found smoking marijuana.

Reckless Endangerment

12/3 - *University Drive* - Item thrown at car broke window, east-side of campus. Drive not injured.

Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicles

12/8 - *Alumni Quad* - Loaned car not returned

Unlawful Imprisonment

12/1 - *Campus Center* - Unknown male pushed and held female student against wall in hallway. Reported a few hours later.

Students form New World Order

BY ROCHELLE KEUM YUN LEE
 Staff Writer

Nearly three hundred SUNYA students and Albany High School students attended the "Youth and the New World Order Mini Conference and International Market Place" at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center yesterday.

The Clark Class Project, African Studies Department, the Latin and Pan Caribbean Studies Department, Nefer Rohu (a graduate student group), and other campus organizations and students from SUNYA Professor Colia L. Clark's class sponsored the all day event.

"It has been a very invigorating day. Everybody was excited and wanted more of it," Clark said. "We would have liked more participation from faculty and students."

Spike Lee was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend, Clark said. "Carla Page, an actress who appeared in the movie X," talked to students about the film," said Clark. Page is a local television and radio personality.

The Morning Session kicked off with introduction and remarks from co-moderators Kenny Bullen and Christopher Harris. It was followed with speakers on health issues. It ended with a fashion show organized by SUNYA and middle Eastern dancer Donna Floyd.

After a break for lunch, the afternoon highlighted Asian and Latino students speaking on "The New World Order."

Musical groups Sweet Honey and The Rock performed "Speak In A Voice That Must Be Heard."

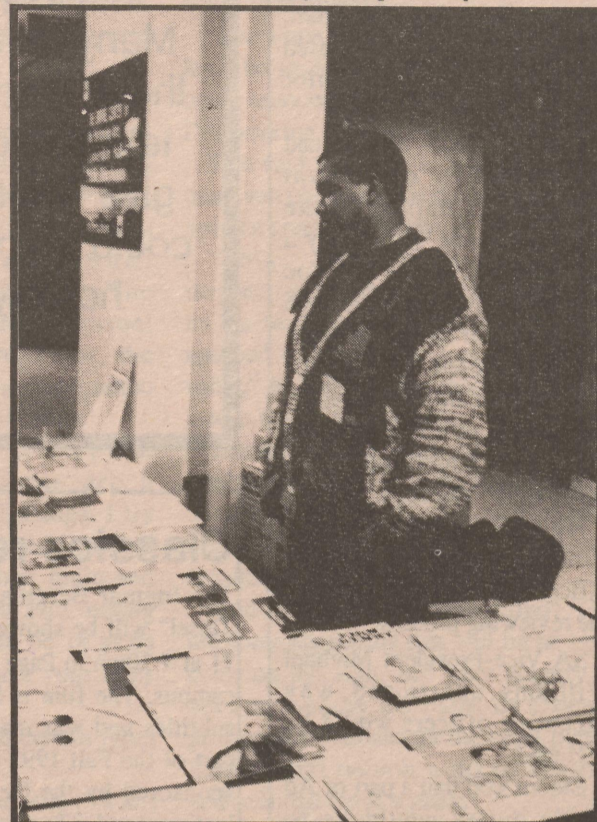
After this brief musical interlude, "The Great Debates on the New World Order" was conducted. The issues included abortion, Native Americans and separate nation status, African-American reparation, and the

New World Order.

The ensuing evening session began with The Albany Dreamers African Dancers from Albany High School.

Other speakers in the evening included Jalah Stratton, Benjamin Islas, and Melaquan Stratton.

"I have enjoyed working on it and it's been a terrific class," said Clark. "I would like to thank everyone who supported us both financially and spiritually."



Staff Photo by David Kaplan
 A vendor prepares his table for the new world order.

SUNYA students sobered by alcohol education program

BY PAM RESNICK
 News Editor

Students gathered on Indian Quad Tuesday night for a sobering presentation of the possible consequences of drinking and driving. The Residential Life Alcohol Education Program is a mandatory program for those students who have violated the Campus alcohol code, said Bryan Moody of Residential Life. The session this week is the second part of the series.

John Murphy, Director of Judicial Affairs, prepared the program which, as he has previously told the ASP, "is a program designed for non-dependent drinkers interested in learning behavioral self-control techniques for an improved quality of life."

The program is also being developed by members of RID

(Remove Intoxicated Drivers), a group which has been active against driving while intoxicated.

Several family members of victims of drunk driving accidents appeared to share their experiences with the students. Each speaker gave a detailed account of the life and death of their loved one.

Linda Campion, mother of Kathy, a victim of a drunk driving accident in 1989 said, Kathy's life "had been violently, senselessly taken."

"Kathy's father still wakes up at 1:15 a.m. [the exact time of her death]," Campion said. "He looks like a mortally wounded man who has just breathed his last breath."

Campion said their lives have changed drastically since the brutal death of their 20 year old daughter. "What's left for us is not life. . ." Campion said, ". . . it's survival."

Manny Schulman is a police paramedic in Albany County and

also the son of a victim of a drunk driving accident. Schulman strongly believes in the necessity for alcohol education. "Enforcement is one side. . . education is the other. . ." Schulman said, "Education is the key."

Schulman left the students with a simple suggestion. "A taxi cab is a bargain," Schulman said, ". . . when you look at the possible consequences."

Anne Russo lost her daughter and nephew to a drunk driving accident three years ago. "I am not here to preach. . ." Russo said, "I want to share a part of my life."

Russo is a native of Italy who experienced prejudice on moving to the United States. However, "A drunk driver is not prejudiced. . ." Russo said, "he doesn't care who you are, he'll change your life forever."

SUNYA sophomore, Steven Steinberg originally went to the program as part of his alcohol probation, but found the program to be a moving experience.

Initially, I wasn't very happy about having to go. . ." Steinberg said, but "it affected me really deeply. . . I didn't think it would."

Cheryl Pullman, an Assistant District Attorney in Albany County said, "a lot of fatalities I see are caused by first time offenders." Pullman said it is usually the individuals that have never driven drunk who injure someone rather than those who have been convicted of Driving While Intoxicated several times.

Dr. Jeffrey Hubbard, Albany County Coroner, said forty-four people die of vehicular death in Albany County each year, about



Staff Photo by Edwil Fontanilla
 Family members recount tragic deaths of loved ones.

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Council may investigate elections

By Jen Schultz
Staff Writer

In the ongoing saga of the failed Athletic fee referendum, a new committee is proposed to "study and review" prior election and referendums.

Andrew Bloom, a state quad representative of Central Council, explained at the council meeting Wednesday a bill that creates the Ad Hoc committee, (which he will be chairman of if the bill passes).

The proposed bill says the Ad Hoc committee will study and review past elections and make recommendations to better future elections.

However, the committee would exclude executive officers from participating in the reviewing process.

SA Vice-President Michael Williams questioned why executive officers would be excluded.

Bloom said that a part of Ad Hoc's duties would be to evaluate executive officers and executive officers really can't check on themselves.

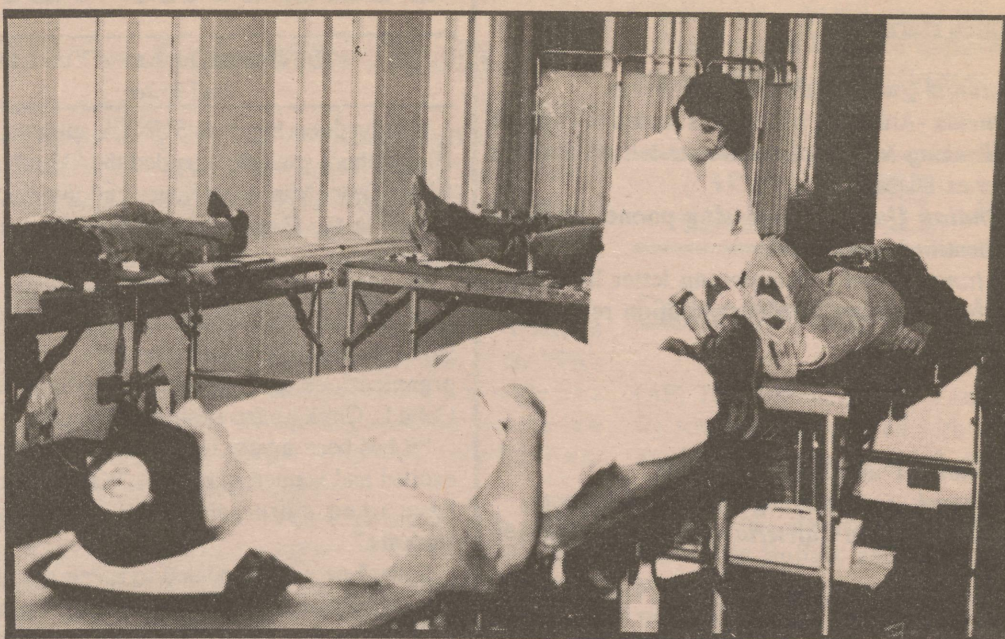
Another debatable issue in the proposed bill was use of the word investigation. Internal affairs officers Daina Wilson said investigations are the internal affairs' responsibility.

To appease central council officers, "investigate" was altered to "study and review."

After considerable debate, and some changes, the bill was tabled until the next Central Council meeting, which will be January 27.

Good to the last drop

A blood drive took place last Thursday in the Campus Center Ballroom. Many rolled up their sleeves and leant a vein to give what they could before the holidays.



Staff photo by Chris Cala

DIGESTS

Classics revisited

The Ingmar Bergman film "Sawdust and Tinsel" will be shown on Friday, December 11 at 7:30pm in Page Hall on the downtown campus. The film is Swedish, with English subtitles and was made in 1953. The film, part of the Fall 1992 Classic Film Series, is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute, and is free to the public.

Eat all you can

The Rape Crisis Program for Rensselaer County will be hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast as part of Family Day at Samaritan Hospital on Sunday, December 15th from 8-11am in the hospital's cafeteria. The cost will be \$4.50 for ages 12 and over, \$2.50 ages 6-11, and children under 6 are free.

Money for poems

The National Library of Poetry is sponsoring the North American Open Poetry Contest, and will be offering over \$12,000 in prizes to over 250 poetry. The contest is open to everyone at no charge. To enter, send one poem to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-ZW, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1992 and should include name and address.

Native way explored

The New York State Museum will be offering hands-on visits to an Iroquois Mohawk longhouse in Living in a Longhouse: Family Workshops on Saturdays January 16 and February 6 from 10:30am to 12pm. Preregistration for the January workshop is required by January 6. The fee is \$6 per adult and \$3 for children. The Museum will also be offering Longhouse Family Camp-ins from 7pm Friday through 9:30am Saturday the weekends of January 22 to 23, and February 26 to 27. The cost is \$24 per person. Preregistration is required by January 11. For information, call 518-474-5801.

Cornell visits SUNYA

Classes for Cornell University's Graduate Studies Certificate Program will begin January 7 at 5:30 at the Cornell office at 146 State Street in Albany. This semester's course offered will be Arbitration. For more information, call 518-449-4161.

Money given for relief

University at Albany students presented a \$1,000 check to the Red Cross Somalian Relief Fund on Thursday at 4:15 in the Patroon Lounge of the Campus Center. The money was raised in the Pack the RACC

fundraiser held last month. The director of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, Bill Moore, presented the check along with student organizers of Pack the RACC John Baynes, Seth Leitman and Erin Sullivan.

Students honored

The 1993 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 78 University at Albany students. These students join other students from more than 1400 college institutes in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Faughnan elected EIC

The Albany Student Press Wednesday elected Joe Faughnan as Editor-in-Chief for the spring semester. Faughnan, a senior from Locust Valley, has been a member of the ASP for a year and has been news editor this past semester. "I'm delighted with the support the staff has given me, and I hope I can make them proud with the leadership I provide", Faughnan said.

Faughnan replaces Tom Murnane in the EIC position. Faughnan is replaced as news editor by sophomore Allison Krampf, who will be working alongside the current news editor, Pam Resnick, a junior.

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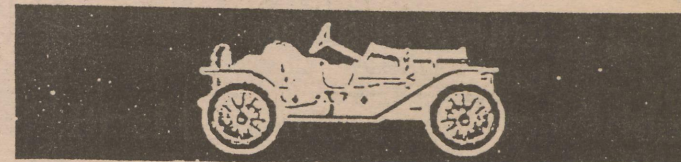
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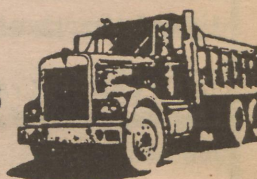
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Piercing and pricking practiced perfectly

(CPS) After 15 not-too-painful minutes in the tattoo parlor, Virginia Tech University freshman Nicole Popovich pulled up her jeans, plunked down \$40 and walked out with a tiny Japanese symbol of courage etched on her hip.

"It was my last rebellious act," she said. Popovich, like many college students of the '90s, is into body art. The trend means bare bodies are out. Bodies that are decorated, stamped, stenciled, tattooed or pierced are in.

"They're addictive," Popovich said of her black tattoo, which she could buy cheaper than a colored one.

"Once you get one—it's such art, it's an art form—you want more."

The communications major, who noted that she wouldn't dream of piercing any part of her body, has carefully planned her next tattoo.

"I was thinking about getting one on the inside of my ankle. You know, more on my foot. Maybe the sun with a yin-yang in the middle," she said, adding that a good friend also wants the same symbol tattooed on her foot.

Has Popovich shared her secret with her parents?

"No way. But I have no regrets," she said of her decision to tattoo. "The symbol means something to me. I wanted something to remind me of what is important."

The practice of pricking the third layer of skin and filling the scratches with indelible ink has its beginnings in Polynesia. Once a counterculture status symbol in this country, it's now hit the middle class. The more recent trend has its roots in the entertainment industry;

many pop culture idols now proudly display tattoos that once would have been treated with disdain by middle-class college students.

Some high-profile tattoos: Cher's black-lace-patterned bottom which made the tabloids, Roseanne and Tom Arnold's matching hearts, Robert De Niro's chestful of fire-and-brimstone symbols in "Cape Fear," and more rock stars than you can shake a needle at.

Even in the conservative Midwest, the hippest, hottest thing to do is show off a tattoo. At Iowa State University, members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity recently flaunted matching ankle tattoos—Greek letters, of course—in a photograph in the Iowa State Daily.

Tattoo artist Chris Ryder works at Lace and Leather, a tattoo and body piercing business in Tuscon, Ariz., where droves of University of Arizona students come to get poked, peirced and scratched in the name of beauty.

"Younger people like the newer styles in tattoos," Ryder said. "It's more of an art, lots of fine line detail, great color, things look *more real*."

Ryder said that older style tattoos used bold lines and poor color, and would fade through the years. Now students bring

pictures in that are meticulously traced, and through a transfer process, copied onto their skin.

For a cool \$90-per-hour fee, Ryder will fill a student's entire back with an elaborate tattoo that may take up to 18 hours to complete. However, most student tattoos are more conservative; Greek letters discreetly placed on an ankle, or a tiny heart on a breast.

Most students pay \$35 to \$45 for a one-color tattoo about the size of a fifty-cent piece, but the price climbs with each additional color. The more unusual the color, the more the tattoo will cost.

"Custom pieces are a challenge. I try to pick it out of their brain and put it on their skin," Ryder said, noting that in Arizona, you have to be 18 years of age to be tattooed or have your body pierced.

Ryder draws the line with certain types of tattoos.

"When it's a kid, and they want something satanic, I try to talk them out of it," said Ryder, who won't etch racial symbols on anyone either.

"No one should be judged by their skin, before or after they're born," he said, referring to folks who look down their noses at people with tattoos.

Patrick Tien, a sophomore at George

Mason University in Fairfax, Va., said his tattoo of Calvin, of the Calvin and Hobbes comic strip is an expression of his inner self.

"I think it's kind of me, you know, the carefree me," he mused. "But if my parents see it they will say, 'Leave the house immediately.'"

"The worst part is they had to shave my leg," he said, recalling the experience of being tattooed. "It cost \$45, is black, and I'm working on getting it colored in."

Tien said the trend is growing so much that even conservative students are giving into the charms of body art.

"This extremely clean-cut student—never done anything bad—just had a tequila worm with a little hat tattooed to her breast. I assume she was sober," he said, noting that nose piercing is also hot on his campus.

Tattoo experts warn students to use established tattoo parlors, and make sure the artist wears gloves and changes needles from customer to customer, sterilizing needles as they go.

And if you change your mind? There are some chemicals that will break up the color on the skin, and laser surgery, not yet approved by the FDA, an expensive process that will shatter the color pigment through 100 million watts of electricity and will still leave a mark.

While being tattooed may require only a dose of patience, body peircing is not for the fainthearted, said Sondra Jones, the body piercer at Lace and Leather, who sticks needles into brave students who desire a ring, a stud, or a post in an unlikely spot.

"It's trendy right now, very trendy,"

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- Sondra Jones, bodypiercer

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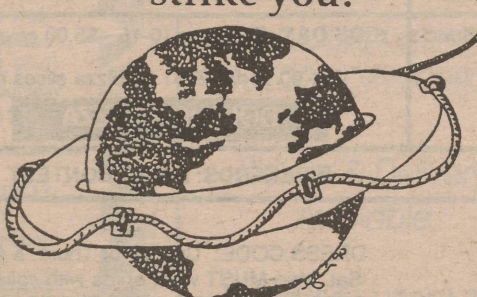
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Crown Heights draws blank

Alleged beating victim refuses to testify to crime

By RICHARD PYLE

Brooklyn

(AP)Brooklyn prosecutors were left virtually without a case in the latest Crown Heights racial incident after the would-be complainant's lawyer said the man would not tell a grand jury how he allegedly was beaten by a gang of Hasidic Jews.

Hours after announcing that he had "advised my client not to cooperate with the grand jury" and accusing District Attorney Charles J. Hynes of pro-Jewish bias in the case, attorney Michael Warren disclosed that his client's whereabouts were unknown.

In a letter to Hynes' office, Warren said he had not seen or spoken to 25-year-old Ralph Nimmons since last Saturday, five days after the incident.

"In fact, I am now becoming very concerned about his welfare. If your investigators or the police are aware of his whereabouts, please advise me at the earliest possible date," Warren said.

Earlier, the lawyer told a news conference in the lobby of Hynes' office building that he planned to ask Gov. Mario Cuomo to appoint a special prosecutor in the case.

At that time, Warren made no mention of Nimmons' having disappeared. Then, in the letter addressed and hand-delivered to Hynes' deputy, Assistant District Attorney Maureen McCormick,

he said nothing about demanding a special prosecutor.

Law enforcement sources said the latest turn of events left in disarray any case against rabbinical student Moshe Katzman, whom Nimmons had identified as among 20 to 30 Hasids who beat him outside the Crown Heights headquarters of the ultra-orthodox Lubavitcher sect.

Katzman told police he was at home with his wife at the time of the Dec. 1 incident and had no part in it. His attorney, George Farkas, said Wednesday that Katzman would talk to the grand jury only if necessary to deny Nimmons' accusation.

"Presumably he (Warren) believes he's acting in the best interests of his client. But without the complainant, there's no case," said one source, asking not to be named.

Patrick Clark, a spokesman for Hynes, said only that the district attorney would "review the circumstances and decide best how to proceed."

After Nimmons failed to show up for scheduled grand jury testimony on Wednesday, Warren used his news conference to make a fierce attack on the prosecutor and the Lubavitchers. He was accompanied by black activist, the Rev. Al Sharpton, who said nothing.

According to police, Nimmons, a homeless man from Jamaica, Queens, complained

that he was beaten up by a group of Hasidim in an alley behind Lubavitcher headquarters.

Nimmons, who has a record of arrests, said he was looking for discarded clothes and denied Lubavitchers' claim that they caught him trying to break into a school building.

Warren said the Nimmons' case was part of a pattern by Hynes' office of mishandling cases in the black community. He noted that there had been reports that police wanted to take a palm print from his client.

Farkas said he expects to have "documentary proof" to support Katzman's claim that he was at home with his wife the night of the beating.

He also said other Hasids should testify.

"They have nothing to fear. Any charges that may be considered against them are easily defensible," he said.

Jewish leaders voiced new appeals for an end to divisive rhetoric over Crown Heights.

The American Jewish Congress said the city could become another Yugoslavia unless blacks and Jews condemn racism and anti-Semitism.

"Our quarrels are beginning to resonate the ugly ethnic factionalism and tribalism that are dehumanizing so much of Europe and laying waste to the continent," AJC executive director Henry Siegman told a news conference.

He called charges of anti-Semitism against Mayor David Dinkins particularly offensive, in view of Dinkins' past record of support for Jewish causes.

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Holiday season soothes the senses

As the semester ends and everyone rushes to complete the tasks that go with closure on course-work, a few points may be important to review. This time of year is known for good feelings; joy, merriment, and peace. However there may be a negative feeling to deal with as well: loneliness, unfulfilled expectations, a harried pace, disappointments, and relational stress. This past year's performance is never as high as desired; maybe New Year's resolutions will help in January. The hurly-burly of the winds down into isolated heads bowed down over books or last minute tasks, and then a flight or ride to be with loved ones. Groups social activities lessen and become more family oriented, leaving many people feeling left out. The presents, the decoration, the "running around," push peace aside for awhile. Everyone's expectations are somewhat unfulfilled; with whom to spend those precious few weeks, doing what, when, where and how. The set up of conflicting reality versus ideals is no more evident than at holiday time.

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The maintenance of your physical health is the first and best place to start an approach to holiday stress. The three basics: a healthy diet, regular exercise, and sufficient rest need not suffer; they are important to your mental health. In spite of of the sometimes chaotic schedule of the holidays it is important to keep regularity and control in these three areas.

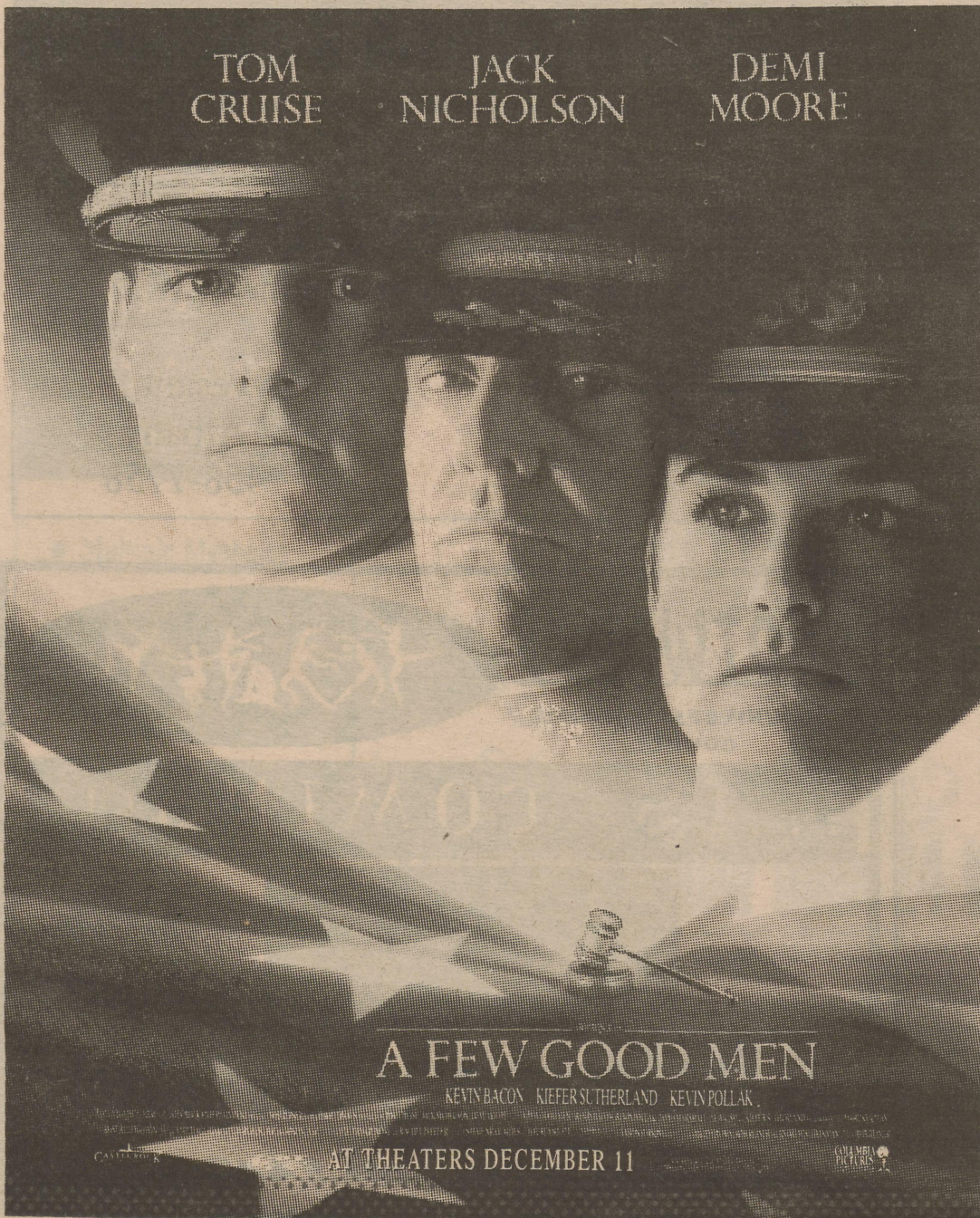
Also, although many of us have achieved success because of our high achieving

approach to life, there are problems with that virtue. One can be too self critical, overly demanding of self and others. Many of us have not learned how to let go, cut our loses and move on. Often we expect what we really have a right to only hope for. Good mental health goes to those who have the capacity to live with frustration and integrate imperfection and incompleteness. Taking some things as they come may be better than trying to write produce, direct, and star in one's own winter vacation.

A playful attitude needs to be a part of the picture as well. We've all lost a lot of our capacity to play since childhood, and sobering media news doesn't help; but look for ways to accentuate the humorous, spontaneous and playful aspects of daily life. Look for the perspective, the forest, not just the trees. Know when to take a break from the business of vacationing, do something that is really enjoyable, not what others expect. Jean Shepard's movie, "A Christmas Story," may help. Touching base with children, their world, their games and play, helps them to relate to us, and help us, too.

The hardest part of the holidays is often the meshing of everyone's overly accentuated expectations. Trying to do everything, taking care to satisfy everyone's else's needs and feelings, living up to family traditions, and the pressure to have a "good time" is a horrendous burden for any army, let alone one person. Put your own needs into perspective. What do you really need to make the holidays restorative, creative

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State Assembly initiates harassment prevention

BY DAVID BAUDER

(AP) New York State Assembly members, ordered by their boss to learn how to prevent sexual harassment, listened to an hour-long lecture Wednesday about "elevator eyes" and legal liability.

The mandatory seminar came two months after a former Assembly staff member testified at a public hearing that sexual harassment was widespread at New York's state Capitol.

"After the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings, times have changed," Francine Moccio, director of the Cornell University Institute on Women and Work told the lawmakers. "It is a different playing field

and we have to watch what we say."

That means curbing sexual jokes and avoiding elevators. That appeared to concern some of the politicians who went through Wednesday's training.

"I really hadn't realized the level of liability all up the line," said Assemblyman Arthur Eve of Buffalo.

Meanwhile, a task force appointed by Gov. Mario Cuomo recommended Wednesday that all employers in New York be required to institute a policy that prohibits sexual harassment. Companies should also be forced to run their own training seminars, the task force said.

The report came from the task force that heard from former

Assembly employee Charmain Neary in September. She said her ex-boss, former Assemblyman Mark Alan Siegel, "introduced sex into almost every encounter with women" and said his behavior wasn't unusual in Albany. Siegel has denied the charges.

Weprin said the training sessions, conducted in four separate groups—three for the house's 101 Democrats and one for its 49 Republicans—were in the works even before Neary's testimony.

The Assembly leader kept the public out of the sessions, but set up closed circuit television cameras so two dozen reporters could watch one of the seminars.

Weprin made the sessions mandatory and put muscle behind his threat, promising to release the names of any Assembly member who didn't show up. Four did not attend because they were traveling out of the country and one because he was teaching a college class. They've made arrangements to take a class later, a spokesman said.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind, a Brooklyn Democrat, was in New York City holding a news conference on racial relations. Republican Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea of Saratoga County did not attend and a spokesman said D'Andrea hadn't given a reason.

Politicians laughed nervously when Moccio, to illustrate how they should question themselves about

appropriate behavior, pointed to a sign asking whether participants would want their actions broadcast on the news.

"This issue has a very short history and a very long past," Moccio said.

While it may not be sexual harassment for a boss to ask a secretary out to lunch, it could cross the line if unwanted overtures are repeated and an employee is made to feel uncomfortable, she said.

Legislators said after the session that they considered it valuable. Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein said she was considering asking the Cornell educators to run a seminar in her Brooklyn district.

She's one of 34 women among the 211 members of New York's Legislature.

"It's easy to mock the idea of teaching us what not to do and what is offensive to people," said Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari, an Albany-area Democrat. "But it's not something that should be mocked."

The state Senate, which said last month that it had planned no similar seminars, now say that senators will be encouraged to attend a harassment training session planned for staff members in January.

Assembly members, during their session Wednesday, seemed most worried about liability. Questions were asked about what politicians should do if they witness sexual harassment involving fellow lawmakers, or if a non-

employee confidentially tells them about being harassed.

Moccio, while stressing the need to keep a victim's story confidential, conceded there is still a lot of "gray area" in laws concerning harassment.

"I said I had a lot to learn about it," Weprin said. "After listening today, I realize I have a lot more to learn."

Honor society welcomes this year's nominees

BY ELLEN KACKMANN
Contributing Editor

With a President-Elect as a Rhodes scholar, honor societies are making the headlines lately. One such society, Phi Beta Kappa, has just nominated 59 SUNYA students for membership.

Phi Beta Kappa, an organization which was founded in 1776, was brought to the SUNYA campus in 1974, according to the Phi Beta Kappa 1991-1994 handbook. Phi Beta Kappa nominates "about 60 [students] each semester," on the SUNYA campus, said Professor Warder Cadbury, the faculty member who oversees SUNY's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has many distinguished members, among them, President Bush.

Cadbury said Phi Beta Kappa looks for "a student with well-rounded studies in the liberal arts," as well as overall academic

excellence. This is founded upon the "idea that academic excellence carries with it some social responsibilities," Cadbury said.

The subject which Phi Beta Kappa examines are the natural sciences, social sciences, the humanities, math, and foreign languages, Cadbury said. This diversified field of studies differs from a vocational set or studies which are honed into one or two specific areas, Cadbury said. The qualities of Phi Beta Kappa students are "focusing on what it is to be a liberated mind."

The search for nominees begins with a computer print out to students who have maintained a 3.6-3.7 C.U.M/G.P.A. The nominees, Cadbury said, are "principally seniors and a few juniors."

After a print out has been produced, a closer inspection for a

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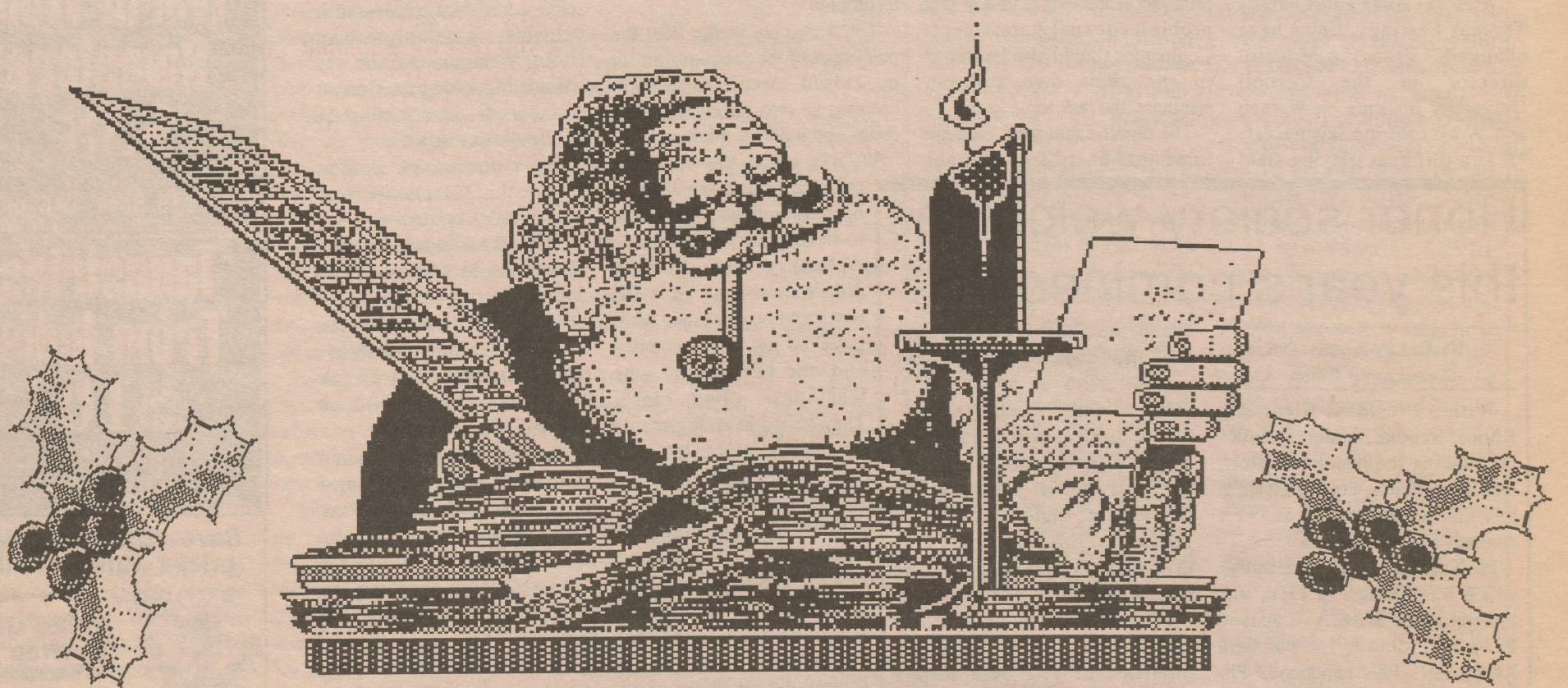
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Friday Features

Losing the MAGIC



By Janine Buxton

From what I remember, as a child, I was one of the most naive, gullible, and trusting kids around. I was the last one out at night still playing hide-and-go-seek while the friends I was supposed to be playing with were in their houses watching t.v. with their pajamas on. There's something to be said about the innocence of a child. Imagine how magical the world would be if there really was a Cookie Monster, or if the sole purpose of each day was to ... play.

I have and always will be a Christmas fanatic. Having been born just three days before the holiday, I think I planned my arrival into this world perfectly. It has never been simply the presents which made the Christmas season so special. It's the different colored lights which illuminate the neighborhood. It's the baking of Santa Claus cookies. It's the last minute gift hunting. It's the trying to watch as many of the holiday shows that are squeezed into a one-week time period as possible.

I was always a believer in Christmas. I don't recall a time, when I was young, of doubting whatever I was told concerning Christmas. And Santa Claus was as real to me then as Princess Leah. I had my doubts about the Tooth fairy, but Santa was never wondered about. I faithfully called the 900 numbers to find out the latest Claus update. And thankfully, though we live in a small house in Brooklyn, it was

equipped with a fireplace on which I dutifully placed cookies and milk each Christmas Eve.

It's a family tradition to go to Rockefeller Center in Manhattan to see the Christmas tree every December. It's such a picture-perfect scene: the most gigantic Christmas tree one can imagine shining with thousands of lights, with people bundled up with scarves and mittens ice skating in the rink directly below. It's a time when everyone is just a bit nicer to one another, and a stranger is a step closer to being a friend. For just a short time the sole purpose of living is giving. And the child within each of us shows its face.

I must have been in fourth grade when the rumors began—Santa Claus was not real. I couldn't believe anyone could possibly say such a thing. When my best friend in the whole world, Christina Colardi, told me that her parents had admitted to her that Santa Claus was just a story, I began to worry.

Well, it was winter of the fourth grade. We were planning on going to Rockefeller Center the next day, Saturday. My brother and I were up late playing, and we were thrilled when, after much begging and pleading, we finally got permission to sleep in the same bedroom. You have to understand, although it was my brother, this was like having a slumber party. My brother lugged his sleeping bag and pillow into my bedroom, and we said goodnight to our parents. Of course, slumber parties don't just end once "goodnights" are said.

My brother and I started laughing and jumping on the beds. My parents called from

downstairs that we had to "keep it down." We agreed. We jumped on the beds more and laughed louder. My parents gave us the same message. We gave the same reply. And we jumped and yelled some more. The sound of footsteps coming up the stairs was always a bad sign—now we knew it wasn't just a warning. Now we had to face THEM. My father walked into the room. We pretended to be asleep, but couldn't pull it off. The light went on, and my brother and I stared guiltily at our parents. "One more time and you'll have to sleep in separate rooms." That was it—just one powerful sentence and an exit. My brother and I weren't dumb—we knew when not to push it. So we said goodnight to one another and went to bed.

We all got up early the next morning for the Rockefeller tradition. It always seemed to take hours to get there. After seeing the tree and the ice skaters, we walked through the streets and ate chestnuts and giant pretzels. This next part of the tradition has worn away in the past ten years or so: sitting on Santa's lap. This part was very nerve-racking. It was almost like report card day. Excitement mixed with nervousness. My brother went first. Santa Claus—or should I say "Santa's helper"—asked my brother if he had been a good boy all year, and what he hoped to get for Christmas.

Then it was my turn. I figured it couldn't be that bad since my brother got off without a warning. I remembered what Christina Colardi had told me, and gave "Santa's helper" a skeptical glance

before I hopped onto his lap. He asked me the routine questions; and as I replied I noticed black hairs escaping from underneath "Santa's helper's" snow white beard. I was getting angry at the whole idea of this Santa set-up. But then "Santa's helper" asked me why I gave my parents such a hard time about going to sleep the night before. I looked up at him stunned. He asked me how many times my parents had to tell me and my brother to go to bed. I couldn't speak—disbelief and pure terror had paralyzed me. "Santa's helper" asked me if it was going to happen again, and I said no. He told me that since I'm the older one I should know better. We chatted a bit more, then I hopped off his lap and waved goodbye.

I couldn't wait to tell Christina Colardi how wrong she was. Santa Claus was real.

I will never forget that day. More importantly, while I was sitting on "Santa's helper's" lap, looking into his eyes, I was oblivious to a Daily News photographer taking my picture. I felt like a star when the next day I saw "Santa's helper" and myself on the front page of the newspaper. When I look at the picture now, ten short years later, I see that I have lost something as time passed on. The world of Cookie Monster and slumber parties and Santa Claus and school from nine to three is different now. And if I were to sit on Santa's lap this December, I wouldn't see the magical belief in my eyes that I see when I look at the picture of myself then. I think that perhaps that is the worst part of growing older: losing the magic.

Next Monday is the last day of Fall 1992 classes. However, the general consensus on campus is that it's no time for celebration. The grey clouds without lining that have taken permanent residence around the podium will only be a reminder that final examination period starts on Wednesday, (Tuesday is Reading Day.)

Expect no miracles as far as Mother Nature's concerned. She'll be blessing us with lots of North Winds and freezing temperatures to keep us inside to study. Make no mistake. Chicago was dubbed the Windy City before SUNY Albany's uptown campus was built. Being that Indian Quadrangle and its brief environs are the only parts of the campus

By Rochelle Keum Yun Lee



geographically located in the city of Albany, (while the rest of SUNYA enjoys the beautiful country air of Guilderland,) it would be erroneous to call Albany the Windy City. Therefore, SUNY Albany should be renamed SUNY Windy. With these brief comments about weather, rest assured that frisbees will not hit you on the head nor will sunbathers block your way in the fountain area as you walk out of the lecture centers. The weather will be conducive to study.

Effective time management in these times is critical. It would not hurt to make a detailed schedule of how every hour of the next two weeks will be used. Make sure to include important details, such as, the time and the place of your final exams, review and/or tutoring sessions, and extra office hours a professor or teaching

assistant will be holding. And of course, be sure to include the very crucial time of day or week when "Days of Our Lives" and "90210" will be on the tube.

If merely thinking about it all is making you want to jump out the window of the Penthouse, call this number, 442-5893. No, it is not the on-campus version of phone sex. It's the Middle Earth's Counsel Tapes where you can call and listen to self help tapes. "Dealing With Anxiety," "Study Skills," and "Overcoming Test Anxiety" are some of the tapes you may want to check out this time of the year.

If all else fails and you live in the residence halls, you can scream your head off during the eleven o'clock scream every night

finals. Where else can you get free refills of coffee at three a.m.? The Gateway Diner is another 24-hour joint to check out during finals. The Half Moon Cafe is also a quiet and secluded place to study most weekday evenings. They don't give free refills, but they have good vegetarian food until the kitchen closes at ten. Pastry and beverages are served until the place closes at eleven p.m..

If you want to stay close

to the uptown campus, the library has

extended its hours and will be open until midnight until the end of the semester.

ASUBA, (Albany State University Black Alliance,) is sponsoring study rooms where refreshments will be served.

There's just too much information and too little time to cram everything. As usual, the bolded, italicized, and the parts that came already highlighted in the ragged used textbook you got ripped off for at Barnes and Nobles are your best bets for the stuff they might ask on the test. If you're being tested on primary sources, sucks for you!

My roommate may hate me for it, but I stick yellow post-it notes with bits and pieces of information for tests all over the room, wherever there is virgin wall space. If you are going to try it, write the letters big enough on the "sticky," (the post-it note,) so that you can see it from a respectable distance. I prefer the three by five

index card sized post-it notes for these doo-dads.

Do not use caffeine in moderation, but only use as much as you need. Unless you want to be up three days in a row and make everybody in your life miserable, don't drink two pots of coffee. Also, research indicates that sleeping may be the key to doing well on tests. If you haven't taken Psychology 101 yet, here's the hot tip. During R.E.M., rapid eye movement, (which occurs when you're in a deep sleep,) your brain works to help you remember all that you're trying to cram.

Take care to get enough sleep and watch your diet during these stressful times. Try your best to eat more than pizza

and wings

everyday. Hit the salad bar and think about vitamins and minerals for your mind as you fill your plate. It's not a bad idea to take a multi-vitamin, like Centrum or One a Day, that gives you all the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recommended daily allowances. Taking a few minutes break to eat right will definitely be better than trying to study or take a test with the flu or

cold.

On the day of the test, make a checklist of all the things you need to bring with you. These include SUNY ID, (for that rare occasion when they do check,) number two pencils, pens, calculator, and your good luck Russ Troll doll. Wear several layers of clothing so you can be comfortable whatever the room temperature may be. This may sound obnoxious, but here it goes. Don't dress to impress that gorgeous girl/ guy you have been trying all semester to hook up with because being the only one in LC 18 who looks like you showered and looked in the mirror to check on your hair in the last 24 hours is not going to get you anywhere this time.

Arriving on time will lessen anxiety. If you don't live on one of the Quads surrounding the podium but you have an eight o'clock final, it might be helpful to sleep over at a friend's who does.

There's a guy on campus who claims he can't study or take a test without being intoxicated with alcohol. According to his friend, this alcoholic pulls over a 3.0 every semester. There's at least half a dozen other SUNYA students that I know personally who did very poorly when they drank before exams. Getting high or doing acid are other great ideas for preparing for finals.

At this point in your life, you should know what does and doesn't work for you when you study. If not, it's really the wrong time to figure out, isn't it?

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EDITORIAL

Musings of a lame duck

Last night I was reminded by a very special senior editor of the first day I walked into the ASP offices two-and-a-half years ago. Truth be known, I needed little reminder of the day that changed my life forever. How can I forget walking into organized chaos, with busy people scurrying around doing, well, newspaper stuff. Or of these brand new faces named Leanne, Kerri and Hope asking me if I'd be interested in sticking around and writing for the news department.

As you can see, I stuck. I hope I've done a good job in the time I've been here. I think I have.

At first I didn't really know why I was here, but I quickly began to realize how much I truly liked this "journalism thing." I liked the feeling of knowing what was going on around campus. The who's, the what's, the why's. I figure it comes from some basic insecurity, always needing to know what's happening. If I didn't, I think I'd go nuts.

This campus is on the cutting edge of life, or to be a bit dramatic, in the eye of the storm. This is really where it's at. What the ASP has given me the chance to do is see a bit of that storm and record little bits and pieces of it. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to have experienced so many different things while on staff.

So many things have kept me here at the ASP. Here you can search the limits of your creativity and tap into abilities you never thought you had. Here at the ASP you get the instant gratification of putting the paper to bed or seeing your work in print just hours after laying out the pages. There's nothing like that adrenalin rush you get when you're onto a good story. Nothing else here at SUNYA could possibly compare to the insanity we willingly subject ourselves to every day. It's addictive as hell.

Then there's the people at the ASP who make the ASP a reality. Each of us is born into our respective "blood" families. But then there are those rare moments in your life-if you're very lucky-that you're thrown in with a group of people who you grow to respect and care for, a second family.

I've been that lucky. After working so closely together to put out this paper twice a week, you can't help but feel like this is a second family. That's the way it is for me and I think it's the same for the others. I've never seen this "family" closer than it is these days.

I've also been lucky enough to have a supportive family, very patient friends, and a few people along the way who saw something in me they liked. Like Fred LeBrun and Bill Rainbolt from the Journalism Dept. to whom I'm deeply indebted.

Ah, what a place. How could I ever possibly miss all those sleepless nights, those bloodshot-filled mornings when I realized another sunrise was upon us and I'm still in the production room with the rest of the fabled Late Night Crew? How could I ever miss crashing on that dusty sofa in the newsroom night after night or consuming nothing but donuts and coffee for days on end?

Easy-just watch me.

Thank you ASP and everyone here for your friendship and support. To steal a line from someone else on staff, it may have been hell, but it's home.

Live long and prosper.

Tom Munnice



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COLUMN

Ideas on finals from Richard Dawson

The second week in December has got to be the most hectic week of the whole year. With the onslaught of finals, unpredictable weather conditions and holiday bric-a-brac, it seems impossible to get anything accomplished. So what are we all doing in order to combat these forces? Managing and budgeting our time in the most efficient and productive ways possible, of course. Right? Now I don't know if your house/suite is anything like mine, but if it is, then your days are probably anything but efficient and productive.

Melissa Cooper

Finals don't start until the 16th so we are privileged with that ONE reading day, in which any capable person will be able to catch up on all their work from 5 plus classes. No problem! So who's stressing? N or me!??

But do any of you have those blessed teachers that want to give finals on the last day of class- not during the allotted "FINALS TIME" - so that you won't be overburdened during the actual week of finals? Hmm-now I wonder why they ever did come up with that silly "FINALS WEEK"? Maybe so students would have time to get ready for their finals? Nah, Nah, that couldn't be it. These teachers are just as anxious to hit the slopes and eggnog as we are, don't kid yourself that they are acting out of kindness.

But I guess you're better off cramming everything in before the 14th than those poor wretches stuck here until the 23rd. What a nightmare!!! Picture this: it's snowing outside, your family is home in front of the cozy fireplace trimming the tree, you're friends are out at T's, slugging down the last drops of 1992's Albany distilled beer, your little sister is home watching the Peanuts Christmas (I always wondered why there weren't any good Chanukah cartoons- What about a Macabee Miser? or the mystery of Mordachai's missing menorah?) so anyway, where are you? Sitting at the table, with a sore heiny from sitting on a cold, hard, wooden chair trying to absorb dates and history of Imperialistic China. Ugh! Then it comes to you. You start to think...."Who really gives a hoot about Imperialistic China? I eat beef with broccoli and that's about all I need to know." So you get up venture over to the coffee maker and now it begins. You've entered the zone of PROCRASTINATION. For those of you who missed the crash course in it-PRO 101: how to spend the most time, doing the least work yet still feeling productive, I will fill you in. But I won't overload your mind with a long wordy explanation. I realize you probably have enough reading as it is. I will give you the simple and unqualified list with brief explanations when needed. Here it goes. Let's start the feud. O.K., dollar values are doubled, we surveyed 100 people on the following question and the top answers are on the board, here's the question-

What do you do when you should be studying? BUZZZZ! Umm, how 'bout watch T.V. Richard (I'm back in the old days of Family Feud- sorry I guess old habits die hard) Survey says...Number One answer! 15,999 students at SUNY Albany of 16,000 watch T.V. during finals when they should be studying. "O.K. darling, you got the number one answer- would you like to play or

pass honey?" Well first of all Richard, My name's Vito, I'd appreciate it if you wouldn't refer to me as honey, and I guess we'll play Richard- as long as you promise not to tongue kiss my wife.

"O.K. Betty Lou, what a beautiful breast, I mean broach darling, here we go, dollar signs doubled, what do SUNYA students do when they should be studying?" Uh, hmm, Oh gosh, what was that I was thinking? Um- **Make deviled eggs for their grandparents?!**

"Now that sounds like a good one BettyLou, let's take a look and see if it's up there- Can we see- Make deviled eggs for their grandparents, please?" Baaant!!!

"I'm sorry dahling. But that's O.K. you still have 2 more strikes to go."

"Hello Clifford, what a beautiful daughter you have standing next to you, and I'm gonna need an answer, 3 seconds on the clock."

"How about **pick their dead ends and bite their cuticles and nails while in the library, Richard.**"

"Let's take a look...Pick their dead ends and bite their cuticles and nails while in the library?" Ding,ding ding!

"O.K. next. Sally Hoe, oops that's Sally Jo now isn't it? What a lovely name. Do you have an answer for us, darling? Do you need me to repeat the question?"

"Um, please."

"What do SUNY Albany students do when they should be studying?"

"How about **masturbate, prostrate uh regurgitate, uh I don't know which one to pick.**"

"Oh, let's just try all of them Sally Jo, can we see..masturbate, prostrate or regurgitate?" Baaant, Baaant Baant! Oh what's that you say- prostrate means the same thing as relax? O.k. the judges say they'll accept that Sally Jo. But since masturbate and regurgitate received strikes we'll have to move onto the Jones. "

"O.K. Billy, Bobby, Jannie, Jeanie and Joan we're gonna need an answer, 3 seconds on the clock."

"Uhh, Talk on the phone, eat, sleep, Umm, talk about doing work, make lists of work to do, go shopping, go to movies, have sex with boy/girl friends, Uhh gee, go out to bars, get something to eat at the Ratt, play pictionary, wash the dishes, do their laundry, write letters to friends they never talk to because they're going home in 2 weeks, order Pizza Hut, clean their rooms, change their sheets, umm uhh, get stoned, go visit friends, bake cookies, do New York Times Crossword puzzle, write out Christmas cards, play in the snow, paint their nails, do a mud mask, rent Gandhi and watch it twice over."

"Rent Gandhi, that sounds good. Gosh I don't know if I should pick sleep or watch Gandhi, Hmm Richard I don't know which one to pick??"

"I'm sorry Billy but the judges say we need an answer. What do SUNY Albany students do when they should be studying?"

"Rent Ghandi, I'm gonna have to go with Rent Ghandi Richard."

"O.K. Billy that sounds like a good answer, can we please see, for the money, Rent Ghandi..." Baaant!

"And the pot goes to the Illegitimate family, Oops I mean Illiterate or rather Idiottish family."

Don't stress, good luck on finals, have a good holiday!

S.A. Council speaks up

To the Editor:

I am responding to the editorial on Central Council on Tuesday, December 8. I would like to first thank the ASP for helping to make people more aware of what Council is and does. If anyone out there has ever been involved in any organization they are more than aware of the frustrations and trials that we face. A lesson that is hard to learn. I have a lot of faith that there are people out there who can and will make a difference. Upon joining Central Council, I had heard the expression that every little bit helps, but I hadn't understood its true meaning. I have been on Central Council for three years and I think that this is part of what has kept me going. I was sick of complaining and feeling that no matter what I did no one would care or notice. I slowly became more knowledgeable and aware of people and things around me. I think we all need to have a feeling of empowerment within our lives.

I am constantly asked What is Central Council? and What is it exactly that they do? My response has begun to lack sincerity because I don't want to give a mechanical answer and try to lure you into the realms of student government. I encourage men and women to become a member of Council or join a committee but I will not beg you to join. Every year the Albany Student Press says that few people know the answers to these questions. The question becomes who do we blame for this lack of education our student body has. We each come to this university and have to make the experience that we want. How can Central Council be truly representative when they are often elected by 25-75 votes on their respective Quads where 1200 students live.

We need to stop and think that if we continue to criticize Central Council and don't do anything to help change it, then nothing will be accomplished. I do encourage all those who are interested in finding out more to come into Student Association (second door on the right in CC 116). If you see a problem or issue that you think people should be aware of, don't be silent! Don't be angry! Make your voices heard. Central Council can be a resource for each and every member of this University. If you are one of those people who cares, come to CC 375 at 7:30 Wednesday nights to see what goes on.

Sarah Zevin
Central Council Chair

Hunter spews "crap"

To the Editor:

In response to Hunter Thompson's recent attempt at journalism, I have to say WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP! Is this 1992 or 1892 where did this guy come from! Pandora was no creation of the gods, she was probably just some poor girl who learned what she had to do to survive in a society dominated by Men.

I hope that the general male population does not agree with many of the age old stereotypes Mr. Thompson's article played on. And I hope that those that do disagree with him don't get offended by this letter.

If you want to talk about driving members of the opposite sex crazy, I could write for hours about men who continuously drive women "bananas" not just once a month or when pregnant, I'm talkin' 365 days a year. However I don't have forever so I'll just list a few examples that I'm sure most women will agree with.

First, I will mention the not so taboo subject of the male EGO which in most instances seems to be much larger than the male brain. Beware the poor unsuspecting or naive female who fails to stroke and groom her beloved mates EGO at least every day or every week, for if she fails to do this the poor testosterone filled brute will mope around for days maybe weeks, or he will go elsewhere to get the attention his precious ego must have to survive.

Secondly, I would like to mention the "S" word, yes sports. Now I personally have nothing against sports and even indulge in them myself occasionally, however guys, you get just a little ridiculous about them. How many wives and girlfriends have been completely forgotten during that inevitable time of the year known as Football, Baseball, Basketball, you name the season?

I would like to mention in closing that there is new evidence to show that men do have what could be construed as a hormonal cycle in which testosterone levels are higher than normal making men irritable, cranky, and more apt to fight. So Hunter next time you're feeling a little bitchy, or under the weather just remember that it's only God telling you that she was not at all pleased with the article you wrote in this week's ASP. Oh and by the way, after four weeks of hovering over the University toilets to take a leak, I believe that there are a few women who could write their names in the snow if they had to.

Adrienne Williams

ASP errs in "X" article

To the Editor:

Thank you for your article which reported about a panel discussion about Malcolm X, sponsored by the Center for Law and Justice. I was honored to have been a participant. I also appreciate the extent to which reporter Tasha Emmons detailed the various presentations.

However, several typing errors have created confusion and hold the potential to misrepresent a part of my remarks. You report "Dr. Vivian Gordon, said Malcolm X was a 'crazy anti-white person' she stay away from." ...In a further discussion the ASP article reports that I said "We were scared to death of him, ...I was afraid because I was afraid of my own rage." The article should have read that I said that I was told by persons I respected at my historically Black College that Malcolm X was a crazy anti-white person that I should stay away from. MANY (not all) of us were scared to death of him, especially me. LATER, when I sought to examine my fear of the messages of the early Malcolm, I realized in many ways, he reflected my own rage. Clearly the intent of this discussion by me was to explain my personal sense of outrage which resulted from the traumatic experiences of my life under American Apartheid. Because I knew that my rage had

to be confronted and channeled, I made a commitment to non-violence — not simply as a political tactic — but, as a personal spiritual commitment.

When I spoke about my rage and the rage within Black Americans (please do not reduce Black to black in this letter) I had in mind the research and discussions by leading Black psychologists, such as: Grier and Cobbs who are the authors of BLACK RAGE; White and Parham who are the authors of THE PSYCHOLOGY OF BLACKS: AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE; Reginald L. Jones and the other contributors to BLACK PSYCHOLOGY, and Fanon who many consider to be the "father" of African American Psychology.

At the end of the ASP article discussion about my comments, an error occurs in the reference of books. One of the books which I suggested that persons who have questions as a result of the movie might wish to read is, THE POLITICAL LEGACY OF MALCOLM X by Oba T'Shaka. T'Shaka is not the author of the two books named in the ASP article. The book by T'Shaka presents an important, and often overlooked political dimension of the legacy of Malcolm X and the impact of his messages. It was not my intention to diminish the important contribution of the Alex Hailey book about Malcolm X.

I am very concerned about the extent to which many thousands of people, especially African American youth, might only know what a movie reports about Malcolm X. I certainly hope that students who have read more extensively will discuss the film with young people and place emphasis upon several important themes, such as: (1) Malcolm's views about the importance of education and the value of reading and research (2) the problematic situations which have emerged when Black leaders have sought to address historic American racism in an international arena and (3) Malcolm X as an example of the fundamental changes that can take place when an individual is devoted to mental and spiritual development through study, travel, critical thinking and debate. All of these should be understood to be an important part of that...necessary means.

Vivian Gordon, Ph. D.


Jews, get with it!

To the Editor:

I am sick to my stomach reading articles about "Zionism" and Jewish complacency. Enough. It seems these words go in one ear and out the other. It's time to stop debating about whose right and whose wrong, about which G-D is absolute. Society has given us these religious freedoms. A Jew is a Jew. Every Jewish person who doesn't participate in any activities which benefit Judaism, shame on you! You think everything is so wonderful. You think that we are immune to persecution. Think again. Your great grandparents weren't born here. They came here to escape persecution and torture. For what? Just being Jewish. I myself am no exception to this dangerous new attitude. I presently do not participate in any Jewish organizations, shame on me! But it's wrong. Dead wrong. Merely being born Jewish means you are Jewish. Take a little fuckin' pride in it. Instead of going to a mixer on Friday night, or going downtown to the bars, lets go to Shabbat dinner. Even making some attempt to get involved in any Jewish organization is a start. In the eyes of the world, we are all Jews. If we don't come together, then picking us apart will not be difficult. In fact, there are millions of people in the world, right now as I write this, trying to do just that. Who knows what will be in ten years. Or even five years. The point is this, get off your ass, stop pretending that it doesn't exist because it's "inconvenient", grab some of your Jewish friends and do something, now! We are the children of Israel. By birthright we are Jews and we shall die Jews. Let's always be proud of that.

Marc Weinstein

Congratulations to Dec. '92 graduates, like myself! The Editorial Pages Editor would like to wish everyone at SUNYA a safe, happy and fun holiday and new year.



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PERSONALS

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Chief typists are neat,
Chief typists are cold rock,
If your not looking,
He'll hit you with his big...block!
(Especially if you wake him up at 2:30 in the morning when he is stoned on Nyquil for apparently no good reason other than your own lack of knowledge of just what is supposed to be in the damn personals. This ain't no personal harangue, this is a harangue about the personals!)

To chief typist skinhead,
Who will, it seems,
Send me personals 'til I'm dead:
My stay at home will be brief,
Oh typist who is chief,
But with you I'll sure to do the ska,
To relieve that Queens and Staten Island blah.
Dress youre sharpest & I'll see ya at the shows!
-Caroline

Caroline, oh Caroline,
to you I crankily whine,
When we hit the city,
It won't be pretty,
Because they're won't be shows to see,
'Till we're back in old ALL-BAN-EE!
-CT

Nancy LeMay is a lameo because she won't put in a personal.

Lisa,
You've been a wonderful Classified Typisto and sorry for doing your work for two issues but it had to be done!
Who loves ya, baby!
-N

Noah, as far a bosses go, you are the

hunkiest piece of authority that ever crossed my path! I love ya

To the cast and crew of the **Bacchae**,
Thanks for the fond memories you've all helped me to create. I loved working with all of you and I'll miss you dearly. **Bill** and **Marcus**, kick some butt at Ithica.
Your old slave,
Lynda

Prayer to St. JUDE. May the Sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. May the sacred heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. St. Jude keep helping us. - M.L.

BUM
Soul sisters we are. Forever friends we will be. Cuz you are so beautiful inside and out. That's all.
BUB

BUST
Stand tall and always smile always. Good luck in everything and lots of love always.
BUB

OTTO,
I will not be accepting any more calls from you before two a.m. Where's the sauce? Keep laughing. Love you.
BUB

ZOMBIE,
Strangely enough, I have nothing more to say to you.
BUB

Jeff Classen,
Are you sure you want to do what youid you will be doing? It just sounds too drastic, that's all. KYLee

Jon,
Hey. Would you really be upset if I had gotten it in green or red? Just curious.
Rochelle

Pam,
We have to go shopping together some time. Really. That way, we can make sure the sweaters are the same colors too.
Rochelle

Joey,
It's been weird and crazy, but I AM proud to be here wasting my time, even if my name will not be in the masthead.
Rochelle

Nancy,
Thanks for the adventure stories and the advice. I hope I'll have the same courage you have one day. You are an inspiration.
Rochelle

Ellen,
I have so many things I want to say to you before I leave, so call me!
Rochelle

Edwil,
I'll miss you. Take care of yourself.
Rochelle

Adam,
Long live the ASP! Take care of yourself. Hope you'll be here when I come back.
Rochelle

Kristen,
Hey. Just because you're last doesn't mean you're least on my mind. Lots of luck on the GREs and everything else that you do. Love ya. See ya.
Rochelle

Everybody who sat through EIC elections Wednesday night, Be well. Take care of your lungs. Take care of the ASP. Take care of yourselves. The ASP Phantom

Yuri,
Don't watch too much TV. You have a paper due. Motemo-eca?
Ericu-chan

Naoko,
Your paper was really good, in fact it was sagoyi.
Eric

Junko,
Sorry you're leaving- we'll all miss you- sniffle, sniffle. Thanks for the green tea.
Eric

Jon,
If only I were GOD ASP, I would make you KING ASP. I really would.
Love, Polo

Arthur- T's bouncer-why are you so miserable?

153/153 Ontario- I love you guys! Lets go crazy before finals end? none of this staying in shit! We're seniors! 1st floor rules the 2nd floor because we have a x-mas tree! Hire **Jardena** for your next party she'll amuse your guest for seconds and herself for hours!! **Nadia** you don't know who the secret santa's are! **Anna**- don't worry you might get a gift before Dec. 25. **Sue** are you becoming a commie? **Col**- Say no to reading 400 pages on the Supreme court! **Jay**- you went to T's without me- **Boo Hoo**- you owe me a shot! **Cara**- Garland

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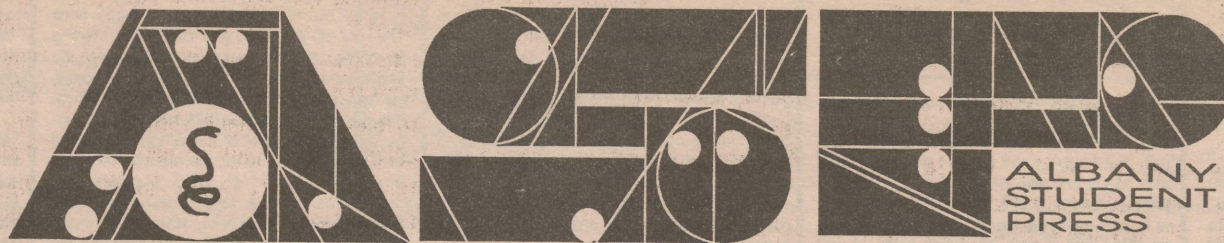
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Troops solidify position in Somalia

BY ROBERT BURNS

(AP) U.S. commanders in Somalia are monitoring intelligence reports of fighting among rival clans in outlying areas but expect no delay in expanding operations beyond Mogadishu, senior Pentagon officers said Wednesday.

Lt. Gen. Martin L. Brandtner, who is overseeing the operation in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon that the 1,700 Marines in Mogadishu were preparing to seize their next objective: Baidoa, an outpost in the center of the famine zone 200 miles northwest of the capital.

The chief of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs, Rear Adm. Michael W. Cramer, said there had been factional fighting in recent days in several towns where U.S. troops are headed later in the operation to provide security for relief supplies.

Cramer estimated that the four major factions in Somalia have between 12,000 and 28,000 men under arms.

Their weapons include mortars, 107mm recoilless guns, rocket launchers, 7.62mm machine guns, 105mm artillery pieces, anti-air missiles and many smaller arms such as AK-47s and grenades.

"Our assessment of no organized resistance in Mogadishu is holding," he said, adding that it was too early to know whether there would be opposition elsewhere.

Brandtner said that by Thursday, the commander of Operation Restore Hope, Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Robert Johnston, would arrive with his support staff in Mogadishu.

He said elements of the

Army's 10th Mountain Division, a light infantry unit based at Ft. Drum, N.Y., would begin arriving in Somalia "very soon." He wouldn't say exactly when.

Cramer said U.S. intelligence sources had reported shooting in "inter-clan" clashes in Baidoa as rival factions contest for territorial advantage.

"That seems to have subsided," he said, adding that security conditions in Kismayo, a seaport in the extreme south of Somalia, were "not as good" as elsewhere.

Cramer and Brandtner said, the Marine-led operation is proceeding as planned. Brandtner said there had been no American casualties and no shots by U.S. forces other than warning shots fired toward a few Somalis running in the harbor area.

Earlier Wednesday, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said the landing of American troops in Somalia was going "very well, very smoothly," and suggested that the withdrawal could begin by Inauguration Day.

"We're very pleased with the results" of the first hours of the operation, during which U.S. Marines quickly and without resistance secured the airport and seaport of Mogadishu, Cheney said in interviews with television network and The Associated Press.

Cheney said there was no chance of having all U.S. forces out of Somalia by the time Bush leaves office on Jan. 20.

He said, "Based on the experience we've seen so far, I don't think it's unrealistic for us to expect once we get our people into the country, begin to get the U.N. peacekeepers going in... that by the end of January we can have begun turning over authority to the peacekeepers."

Loan defaults tied to graduation

Greensboro, N.C.

(AP) Graduation is a key factor in the repayment of college loans, according to a study that recommended universities develop stronger programs to encourage students to complete their education.

Graduation lowers the probability of default by 10 percent points, according to the Terry Seaks, an economics professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and co-author of the study.

The study tracked 1,834 students at two-and four-year colleges and universities in Pennsylvania who had borrowed money from the Stafford Student Loan Program, known prior to 1988 as the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. The study's findings were reported in the November's Review of Economic and Statistics.

The Stafford program was created to provide loans to

students who otherwise might be unable to afford a college education. However, students who borrow the money and later refuse to pay back their loans account for about 20 percent of the total costs in the Stafford loan program.

"With Stafford default claims reaching \$2 Billion per year in 1990, and with over \$10.6 billion in cumulative defaulted loans, it is important that policy makers understand the factors that influence student loan default," said the study, conducted by Seaks and Laura Greene Knapp, assistant director for policy analysis at The College Board.

Aside from making stronger efforts to prevent students from dropping out, the study also showed that there is little universities can do to reduce the default rate.

That's an important, Seaks said, because the U.S.

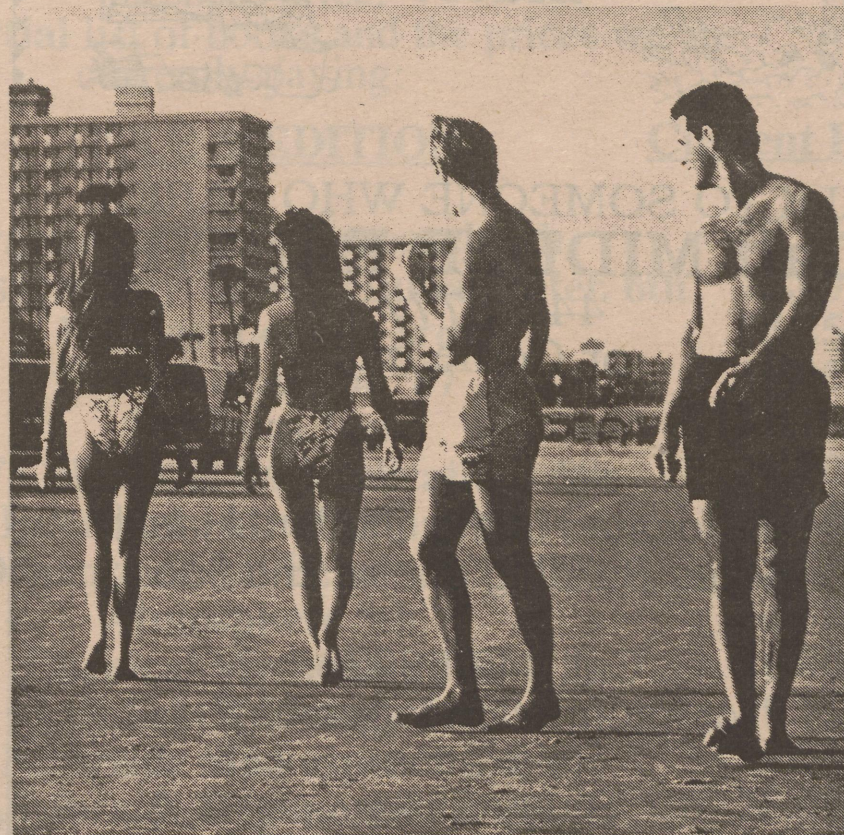
Department of Education announced earlier this year 558 institutions could face the loss of all or some of their eligibility for the aid program because they had default rates of 55 percent or higher, or failed to lower default rates of 40 percent or more from the previous year.

The study said that it was inappropriate to penalize colleges because of high default rates.

"It's not the colleges or universities that cause the problems. It's the clientele," Seaks said.

According to the authors, students are generally willing to repay their loans if they're making enough money. However, students often drop out of college because of financial problems. And, if they can't find work or lack required job skills, the government is unlikely to collect my, regardless of how much is owed.

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Alcohol

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half by drunk drivers.

Hubbard refuses to refer to these deaths as a result of accidents. "I don't call them accidents," Hubbard said. "Most of them are caused by bad judgement. . . someone did something wrong."

"There is no such thing as getting away with drunk driving," Hubbard said, "one drink is enough to do the damage."

Piercing

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Jones said. "People are getting back to their cultures. That has a lot to do with it."

"I've seen tremendous growth. People have this done because it is different and unique. They do it for attention, for a personality change. In the gay community, it's a bonding thing."

"Jones is no longer surprised about where people want to be pierced. She has done piercings nearly everywhere on the human body, including the inside of the mouth, the tongue, breast and genitals."

"Still, a tongue piercing is absolutely the wierdest thing I've done personally," she said, noting that all of her jewelry is either 14k, surgical steel, or niobium, a treated metal that comes in colors.

"Nipple rings are common for both men and women," Jones said.

Piercing guns should be only on earlobes, Jones said, pointing out that only trained people should do piercings.

Body piercing, not including the jewelry, runs about \$10 for ears and \$20-\$25 for facial piercing.

A word of warning: piercing may not be as temporary as you think. Scars often form where the skin was pierced, and can be quite visible.

Jones noted that students used to fly to California to have piercings done, but are coming to their shop now.

The AIDS and hepatitis scares should keep people from using "street piercers" said Jones, who notes that her staff follows strict procedures to keep needles sterilized and surroundings clean.

"I wish they would regulate our business," said Jones, who said she could tell "horror stories" about poorly done piercings that have left people mutilated or numb. While tattoo and piercing businesses may be inspected by the Department of Health, most are not subject to state regulations.

Some states, however, are cracking down on tattoo and piercing parlors. In Florida, for instance, the legislature just passed a ruling that tattoo "artists" must be under the supervision of a physician, osteopathic physician or dentist. While the physical presence of the doctor is not necessary in the parlor, he or she has to provide quarterly training in the areas of infection control, sterilization and

emergency procedures.

The law also says the tattooist must keep written record on clients that are subject to inspection by the Board of Medicine.

Roots

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and productive? Drop whatever does not meet your goals, as a way to focus in on your needs. You may not be able to satisfy each and every objective, there will be give and take, but at least you will have determined what your needs really are. Next talk with family and friends that are concerned; negotiate. Utilize some form of self-expression and self-satisfaction in that negotiation. Talking can help you share the load and can help you find others who are feeling the same way that you do, or at least understand how you feel. In this season of giving, it is not blasphemous to look at your own needs first, in order to give more fully to those who are important to you.

Crown Heights

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At City Hall, Assemblymen Dov Hikind of Brooklyn said the rhetoric on both sides of Crown Heights creates an atmosphere in this city which is very, very dangerous.

A critic of Dinkins' handling of events since the 1991 Crown

Heights riots, Hikind said it was unfair to accuse Dinkins of being a murderer or Jew-hater, but suggested the mayor should also temper his remarks.

"It is equally offensive to refer to those who speak out about the tragedy of Crown Heights as "rabble rousers and demagogues," Hikind said.

Honor society

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well-balanced curriculum is conducted, Cadbury said.

There is also a residency requirement mandating that nominees have attended school for a specific amount of time, Cadbury said. This time period could not be found as what narrows the number of final nominees down. There are award ceremonies held twice a year, once each semester.

This fall's ceremony will be held on Monday, December 14th in the Patroon Room, in a banquet open to all nominees and their friends and families, Cadbury said.

Budget

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"(Cuomo) should present a budget with increased funding for student financial aid, SUNY, CUNY, and independent colleges and stop raising public tuition."

"For too long we have suffered from cuts in higher

education and increases in tuition," said Student Association President Diego Munoz in the release. "This has translated into lost class sections, departments, programs and even classmates," Munoz said.

Gottlieb said she was "extremely pleased" with the students' response to the idea of sending postcards to Albany.

"They jumped right in...once they learned we were fighting overcrowding and tuition hikes," Gottlieb said, adding that the 4,000 cards collected at SUNYA were the most from any of the participating campuses.

NYPIRG's SUNYA chapter head Sean Fitzgerald said that while the postcards might have some effect, the effort to save educational funding would be a "difficult fight."

"Governor Cuomo can't continue to target education," Fitzgerald said.

However, if Fitzgerald thought the cards would have some immediate effect, think again. When asked about his reaction to his "present" and his thoughts on higher education, Cuomo shrugged his shoulders, apparently unaware his office had been deluged by the protesting postcards.

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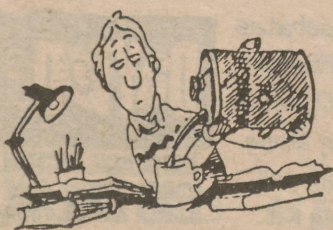


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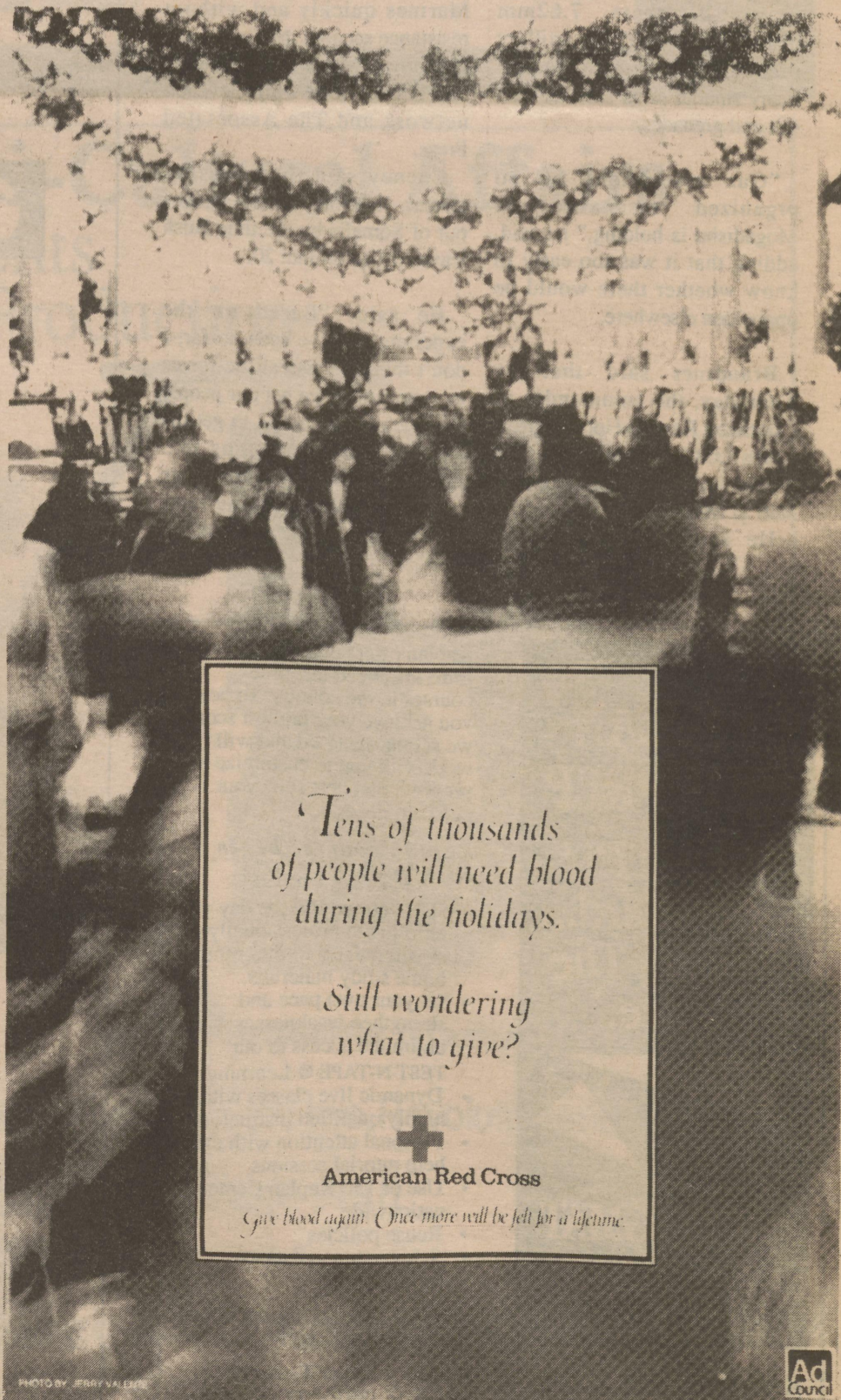
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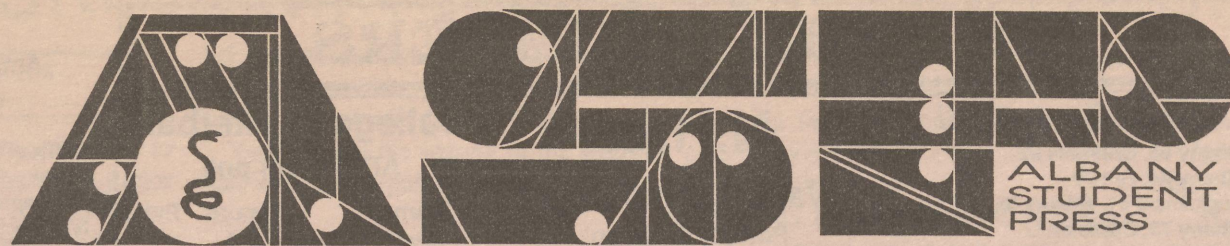


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JV basketball rolls over Hartwick, 85-63

BY MIKE DIRECTOR
Sports Editor

After a disheartening one point loss to the Junior College of Albany the junior varsity basketball team rebounded by crushing Hartwick College, 85-63, Wednesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Carrying the team for the first few minutes of the opening half was George Yund. He scored six of the first eight points for the Danes as they opened up an 8-2 lead in the early going.

"George played really well and is very self motivated," Danes' coach James Jones said.

Yund was a little off against JCA, but he made up for it against Hartwick as he contributed 11 points in the first half to

help Albany obtain a 43-38 half time lead. The Danes shot a respectable 46.3 percent from the field on 19-41 shooting.

Yund opened the scoring in the second half with a nice pull-up jumper from ten feet out.

After Albany's Scott Fuch's missed two free throws, the Warriors hit a three-pointer to cut their deficit to four points.

After Albany and Hartwick exchanged field goals, the Danes' scored five straight points to boost their lead to ten.

The Warriors answered with a three-pointer from way outside the arc and a field goal to cut the deficit to five points.

Dane Josh Graber added a hoop and Hartwick answered to make the lead five points.

At this point (about 13:16 remaining), Albany went on a 20-4 run, ending at the

5:56 mark. This run effectively put the game out of reach for Hartwick.

During the run, there was some nice passing by the Danes and a nice trifecta by Jamie Ferrier.

Midway through this run, Hartwick called a timeout and Jones summed up his feelings in his teams huddle.

"Now...lets get this game over with," Jones said.

His athletes rose to the challenge by scoring ten points in four minutes to seal the victory.

Although Albany won by such a big margin, there is still lots of work to be done, according to Jones.

"We are not staying mentally focused and no matter what the score, the guys should go as hard as they possibly can," Jones said.

Jones is referring to his team's lack of rebounding as well as several defensive mistakes.

He did have words of praise however, for several of his athletes.

"Graber is a good pure shooter with great instincts," Jones said.

"Ferrier played tenaciously on defense," he added.

Yund lead the Danes in scoring with 19 points and Graber added 14.

Albany will next host R.P.I Saturday at 6:00p.m. at the RACC.

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Albany travelled to Hamilton College late last night.

"This is a very good team, but we need to prove how good we are by beating a quality team (Hamilton)," Jones said.

Women swimmers fall to Skidmore, 155-139

BY ERIC DAGNALL
Associate Sports Editor

The women's swim team hosted Skidmore college on Tuesday and came away with a disappointing 155-139 loss.

"We swam hard and many of our swimmers had their best times of this year," coach Dave Turnage said.

The downfall of the team was their weaknesses in the breaststroke events. Numerous times this year the opponents have finished 1-2 in the event, gaining precious points in the process. This meet was no different. Skidmore took 1-2 in the 50-yard breaststroke and 1-2-3 in the 100-yard breaststroke, outpointing Albany, 29-9. "The breaststroke has definitely hurt us this year," senior Megan Fairlie said.

Several good performances helped Albany keep it close.

Junior Katy Duncan and freshman Michele Law were strong in the diving events. In the one meter they took 1-2, with Duncan finishing first with a total of 217.5 and Law finishing with 184.2. In the three-meter, Duncan cruised to a 52 point victory, compiling 224.95 points.

Freshman Susan Oh has had a big impact on the team.

"She has definitely been an asset to this squad, giving us valuable points," Turnage said. Oh won the 100-yard individual medley in 1:11.06. She took second in the 50-yard butterfly (31.36) and third in the 100-yard butterfly (1:12.83).

Senior captain Michele Trudell and junior Siobhan Martinko continued to give the Lady Danes a boost. Trudell won the 500-yard freestyle (5:45.08) and the 1000-yard freestyle (11:43.49). Two minutes after she won the 1000-yard freestyle, she came back to place second in the 50-yard backstroke (31.30), getting inched out by teammate Martinko (30.45).

Martinko also won the 100-yard backstroke (1:04.8) and came in second in the 100-yard butterfly (1:10.08).

"Siobhan had a very impressive meet, especially in the last relay," Fairlie said.

Fairlie helped the team by coming in second in the 200-yard freestyle (2:12.31) and third in both the 100-yard backstroke (1:11.43) and 500-yard freestyle (6:17.51). Like many other swimmers she swam back-to-back events in an effort to improve the team's chances.

Skidmore was lifted to victory by Michelle White, who won three events. She took the 200-yard freestyle (2:08.31), the 50-yard freestyle (27.08), and the 100-yard freestyle (58.46). She was also on the relay team that clinched the victory for Skidmore.

Last weekend, both the men's and women's swim teams had disappointing performances at Stony Brook.

The women took third out of four in the invitational meet, and the men lost, 125-96, in the dual meet. In the women's meet the order of finish was Southern Connecticut, Skidmore, Albany, and Stony Brook.

"Considering the size of the team we took there, I was surprised we did so well," Turnage said.

Duncan and Law placed second and third, respectively, to lead the divers.

Lauren Rais, who will leave the team to study in Denmark, swam well in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:28.76.

The men couldn't match the depth and talent that Stony Brook possessed.

"Six of our swimmers couldn't make the trip and that hurt us," explained Turnage.

Dave Agresto was edged in the 100-yard butterfly by three-hundredths of a second, finishing with a time of 58.99.

Tom Molone came close to the NCAA qualifying time when he won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:05.32.

The Danes take a hiatus for the next month and will return to action on January 16th as they host St. Michaels at 1:00 p.m.

Albany outwrestles Oneonta

BY ELLIOTT GREENBERG
Staff Writer

This past Tuesday, the Albany wrestling team traveled west to Oneonta. When they got there, the team took on a workman like attitude in manhandling Oneonta State, 33-8.

The team wasted little time in jumping ahead as Matt Marks, Dan Rascoll, Rob Appel, and Ray Adams all were successful in winning their matches, giving the team an early 16-0 lead.

Perhaps the most gratifying match of the meet was Marks' victory over Jon Sperber on the 118-weight class. Wrestling in place of the injured teammate Steve Matola, Marks was able to avenge a previous loss to Sperber.

Earlier in the year Marks lost, 3-0, and admittedly was caught off guard by the aggressiveness of Sperber. But this time he was better prepared to defend on his feet.

In the first period, both wrestlers were able to gain takedowns and escapes. But in the second period Marks was able to gain a lead when he was able to

escape.

In the third period, after allowing Sperber up Marks was able to be quick on his feet. After a shot attempt by Sperber, Marks sprawled and used an overhook to gain a takedown victory.

Albany coach Joe Demeo was very proud of his freshman starter who "showed courage and determination to rebound after losing."

Earlier in the week the team competed in the difficult Coast Guard Tournament in Connecticut. With top Division I schools on hand like Brown and Boston Universities, Albany's wrestlers fared well and many encouraging matches took place.

As a team they finished a strong seventh out of sixteen schools. But the most encouraging news was because of the performances of John Pavlin, Al Gordon, and Appel.

For Gordon his fine performance couldn't have come at a better time. Having struggled for most part of the early season, Gordon did his best wrestling of the year and was able to take fourth place overall in his weight

class.

Of his victories in the tournament perhaps the sweetest came against Montclair State's Sean McLearie. In a prior match Gordon lost, 7-2.

This time McLearie wasn't as lucky. Gordon who came out more active, wanted to "keep the pressure on, and pick up the pace." But, McLearie wasn't prepared to deal with Gordon's aggressiveness and lost, 3-1.

DeMeo was very pleased with the effort of John Pavlin. "John wrestled very well," he said, "He was in a very competitive weight class, and could have won."

Pavlin finished third overall in 167-weight class. Also placing was Appel, who finished fourth overall in the 134-weight class.

On Friday the team will travel to Saint Lawrence University. There they will face a very competitive Division III team.

St. Lawrence, who will surely be a test for the Danes, have an All-American in 190-pound Anthony Bevenzia. Also, the Danes may be without Von Fronhofer, one of the team's finest wrestlers.

Men's B'Ball

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reprieve, converting a three-point play after a gorgeous pass from junior guard Dan Keegan. Unfortunately, it would be the only points Albany would score until less than two minutes remained in the game.

Kowal's three-pointer from the key and sophomore LaBron Toles' layin off a Kowal feed gave the Bombers a commanding 56-48 lead with 3:40 to go.

After the Danes called timeout, they came out shooting. But junior co-captain Garry Murray and Hotaling missed three-point shots on Albany's next two possessions.

"They switched defenses on us, from a man to man to a zone," Hotaling said inside a silent Danes locker room after the game. "Our shots just weren't falling."

Hotaling ended the Danes' scoring drought with two free throws, followed by a Graber tip-in off his own miss. Graber was fouled but missed the free throw, leaving Ithaca up, 56-52, with just over a minute to go.

Kowal and Toles each hit a free throw for the Bombers before Fitzpatrick converted an offensive board into two points to keep the score close at 58-54.

Kowal converted two more free throws with half a minute to go to keep the Danes safely in check and send the Bombers back to Ithaca as 62-54 winners.

It was clear to see why the Danes lost. Albany shot an abominable 22 percent (eight of 35) from the field in the second half while Ithaca took half as many shots, but converted 65 percent (11 of 17) of them.

"We got the shots we wanted," Sauers said. "We just weren't hitting them."

"[Also] we gave Ithaca too many open outside shots," he continued.

The Danes' starters shooting performances told the story. Graber, who led Albany with 20 points and 11 rebounds, was only eight for 19 from the field. Hotaling (two of 13) and Murray (two of nine), two of the Danes' best shooters, had their worst games this season, and Fitzpatrick was only three of nine.

Knight was the only exception, hitting five of six shots for ten points.

As a team, Albany was 35 percent from the field while the Bombers were a scorching 59 percent.

Kowal led Ithaca with 20 points (four of five from three-point range) and six assists. Metcalf had 12 points and Walker had 10 points, five assists and three steals.

The Danes host Upsala College (N.J.) Saturday night at 8:00 p.m.

Net notes: Albany traveled to Hamilton College to face the Continentals late last night....Ithaca (39) took 21 less shots than the Danes (60)....Ithaca had 18 turnovers while Albany had 10.

Ithaca (62)

Miller 0-0-0, Metcalf 5-0-12, McGill 2-2-6,
Kowal 6-4-20, Walker 4-2-10, Jones 0-0-0,
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Totals 23-10-62

Albany (54)

Calderon 0-0-0, Keegan 0-0-0, Murray 2-0-6,
Hotaling 2-2-7, Graber 8-4-20, Ferrier 1-0-2,
Breznan 0-0-0, Gimius 0-0-0, Knight 5-0-10,
Fitzpatrick 3-3-9.

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Dane basketball shoots poorly in loss



Jason Graber fights for a rebound.

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By PATRICK CULLEN
Managing Editor

Horrible shooting and soft perimeter defense were the Great Danes' major downfalls in a second half collapse in a disheartening 62-54 loss to Ithaca College (4-1) Tuesday night at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (5-2) came into the

game with the hopes of erasing last year's ugly 69-61 loss to the Bombers at Ithaca's Ben Light Gymnasium. This particular game was Albany head coach Richard "Doc" Sauers' first crack at his 600th career win, but the Danes' poor performance forced him to wait.

This year's matchup wasn't shrouded with such importance, but with memories of last year's

loss lingering in the Danes' heads, it was an emotional game nonetheless.

After hitting eight of its first ten shots from the field to the open game, the Bombers were held in check by the Danes defense, connecting on only three of 11 shots to end the half.

Midway through the first half, Ithaca had opened up a 24-12 advantage on the strength of its hot shooting. Freshman guard Mark Metcalf scored nine points and senior guard Pete Kowal six as the Bombers built an early lead.

But the Danes came roaring back, tying the game at 27 with an impressive 15-3 run that saw their shooting resurge and defense step up to stem the tide of Ithaca's early success.

Sophomore guard Ted Hotaling connected on a jumper from top of the key, junior co-captain Jason Graber converted a three-point play after an offensive board, and junior forward Paul Fitzpatrick hit two free throws after a Graber steal to pull Albany within six points, 25-19, at 7:55 of the half.

After the Bombers' Paul Walker hit a 12-foot jumper, Graber notched two free throws and hit a layup after an offensive board. Sophomore guard Jamie Knight scored on a layup to

bring the Danes within two points at 4:34.

Ithaca called timeout, but it did nothing as Fitzpatrick hit a layup after a Knight steal and Hotaling drained a three-pointer to give Albany its first lead, 30-29, with a minute and a half to go before intermission.

The Danes led 33-31 at halftime.

In the beginning of the second half, Albany was able to maintain its lead, which stood at 45-44 at the 11:25 mark. Then the roof caved in over the Dane's heads.

Albany went ice cold from the

field while Ithaca started to hit its shots. The result was a complete turnaround and change in momentum.

Six straight points from Ithaca freshman guard Vince Perrine gave the Bombers the lead back, 51-45, with 8:29 to go. His beautiful slicing drive in traffic turned into a three-point play after he was fouled. Perrine drained a 16-foot jumper from the left baseline and returned to the left baseline to connect from eight feet out after a nice pass from Metcalf.

Fitzpatrick gave the Danes a
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Gary Murray examines his options against Ithaca's defense.

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Albany indoor track opens on different notes

Men take third at CTC Relays Women looking to improve

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After an incredible cross country season which saw Albany take third place at the National meet, the Danes' indoor track season began December 3rd at the Collegiate Track Conference Relay Championships at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

Albany finished third among 17 teams with 15 points. Seton Hall and Trenton State finished first and second with 40 and 16 points, respectively.

The shuttle hurdle relay team came in second with a time of 24 seconds. Returning sophomores Keith Liburd and Shawn Condell ran the first and third legs while Scott Durivage, a transfer from Hudson Valley, ran the second leg.

Senior Howie Sellers, Condell, Liburd and junior David White brought in a fourth place finish in the sprint medley relay with a time of 3:34.9.

In the 4x1600 meter relay, sophomore Jason DeJoy and junior Keith Reilly, who both ran on the cross country team, set personal bests of 4:33 and 4:32 respectively.

Junior Todd Rogers, a cross country All-American, and freshman Jason Bennett, an up and coming cross country

runner, rounded out this fourth place relay team which was timed at 18:30.

The high jump relay team consisting of sophomores Oscar Almandarez and Kevin Alicea jumped for a combined height of 12'6", which earned them a third place finish.

The only other point-scoring team was the long jump relay team, which came in third. Freshman David Abraham jumped 21'3" and Alicea long jumped 20 feet.

"It was a good early start for us," Dane coach Roberto Vives said.

"[The purpose of the meet] is to see where people are," Vives added. "It is a developmental type meet."

Assistant Coach Kevin Williams said that the Danes are a different team this year.

"We don't have as much depth... but we have the quality," Williams said.

"The distance guys, along with the rest of the team, will do really well this year," Williams added.

On the topic of the meet, he said "we didn't go full strength."

"The reason for this is we rested the cross country guys so they can recuperate from Nationals," Williams explained.

Albany will next compete in a triangular meet on January 6th against Manhattan College and the U.S.M.A.

By RON BALLE
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Albany head coach Ronald White and his women's track team travelled to South Orange, N.J. this past weekend to compete in the Collegiate Track Conference Relays at Seton Hall.

White found that even though it is early in the season, his young team is showing a lot of potential.

The team placed seventh out of fourteen teams, with the highlight of the meet being the shuttle hurdle relay team of Niki McLeod, Corrinna McEwen and Laura Somes. They placed second behind Division I Seton Hall with a time of 25.6, setting a new school record.

The order of finish in the meet was Seton Hall (54 pts), Trenton (22), Wagner (19), Monmouth (16), Stony Brook (12), Albany and Marist (tied with 7), U.S.M.M. (5), LaSalle (4), NYU and St. Peter's (tied with 3), and Queens and Pace (tied with 0).

In other relay events, McLeod, Somes, Gretchen Kennedy and Ewa Liszkiewicz ran a 1:58.6 in the 4x200m and the team of Kennedy, Liz Henning, McEwen and Liszkiewicz clocked 4:38.6 in the 4x400m.

In the sprint medley, Albany sent out

Cathy Healy, Henning, Cathy Cruz and Bernadette Caban, who came back with a time of 5:11.8.

The other relay team to place in the top five in their event was the 4x1600m combination of Rebecca Popp, Julie Lupino, Lara Johnson and Caban. They placed fifth with a time of 23:17.8. The race did not go the full length because the referees miscounted laps for three of the four runners.

Popp, Lupino and Johnson came back to run in the 3K, finishing fourth (11:55.1), sixth (12:19.4) and seventh (12:50.4), respectively.

Albany also fared well in the field events.

In the long jump relay, Healy combined her 13'6.5" jump with Bonnie Boyette's effort of 14'2.5" to finish fifth. Boyette also competed with Cruz in the high jump relay.

In the shot put relay, Lynn Battaglini had a throw of 27'5.25" and Mary Walminski went 30' 3/4" for a sixth place finish.

"These are good early-season times," commented White, "We have a young, enthusiastic team."

White and his team will return for workouts on Jan. 11th, and will compete in the Tufts Invitational of Jan. 16th.