Future SA budgets threatened by $70K deficit

By Angelina Wang
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Fearing bankruptcy, Student Association officials are working to come up with a revision to SA's budget process that would affect all SA-funded groups.

SA Controller Agnes Seminara announced to Central Council Wednesday that last year's $70,026 deficit has left SA with only a $65,000 fund balance. Over the years, whenever SA budgets ran a surplus, remaining monies were placed in a general fund for "fund balance."

All funded groups agree to make back a certain percentage of their budgeted money to SA. "Groups over the years have slacked off, and not made back that income, and that is how we get the deficit," said Seminara.

If SA runs another deficit this year greater than the $65,000 balance, "SA will be in serious financial trouble," said Seminara.

SA's annual audit took place over the summer, but its results were only received last Tuesday, according to Seminara. The audit covered a fiscal year from July 1985 to July 1986.

SA President Paco Duarte said at Council that because of the situation, SA cannot afford to fund any new groups for the rest of the year.

"I am pleased to know the audit reflects financial procedures and management of our budget. However, the audit reflects a very sensitive and drastic financial status of the Student Association," said Duarte.

SA officials are choosing from among a couple of possible budget revisions. According to Duarte, possibilities under consideration are plus-income financial budgeting, the cutting of group budgets, not budgeting of appropriating money to any new groups, or general contingency funds.

"It would be irresponsible for us to make any decisions on particular groups and our results are quick, rational solution," said Duarte.

"What we [SA] need to do is sit down, analyze the financial budget process, the appropriations of all groups and see what is our best possible solution and save SA from financial destruction," said Duarte.

Bankruptcy would mean that future mandatory student activity fees would have to be increased, said Seminara.

"It would be irresponsible for us to make any decisions on one particular group," said Duarte.

Seminara blames SA-funded groups for the deficit.

WORKING OUT

Local businesses have come to depend on students as customers and employees.

Res. Life facing minority gripes

By Jennifer McCormick
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

An increase in reported racially motivated incidents in residence halls has led to claims that the Office of Residential Life is mishandling situations involving minorities.

Weather

It may be November, but it will feel like the dead of winter these next few days. Snow is expected to fall today, changing to rain later in the day, highs 35 to 40 and lows in the 20s. Wednesday and Thursday will be colder with frosty nights, highs in the 30s and lows in the teens. Friday should be a bit milder.

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Student Association Minority Affairs Coordinator Mark Turner has set up an "action plan" to combat what he sees as a "double-standard treatment" practiced by Residential Life.

However, Assistant Vice President for Residential Life John Martone said that his office is taking strong measures to combat racism. "There is a definite attempt to treat everyone as fairly as possible," he said.

Among the grievances cited by Turner in his action plan are: under-representation of minorities on Residential Life Staff, harassment of minority students by staff members, and a lack of minority retention.

Turner said the central problem is what he called Residential Life's misconception that all problems result from difficulties in minority adjustment, which causes unequal treatment of minority students.

But Martone said that Residential Life has "worked as hard as we can to encourage minority students to apply for Residential Assistant positions," and has even employed Turner's aid in the recruitment program.

However, many campus offices have reported an increase this semester in residential problems involving minority students.

Student Association attorney Mark Mishler said "there seems to be more than what I've heard in previous years."

But Shirley Kendall, SUNYA's Associate director of Affirmative Action, said the apparent increase is not budgeting of ap-

Reward offered in attempt to locate Fine Arts arsonist

By Pam Conway
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A $1,000 reward is being offered for information regarding anyone responsible for setting two fires in the Fine Arts building last Saturday.

No suspects have been named in connection with the blaze, which caused almost $90,000 in damages. However, Public Safety officials, who are working in conjunction with state police, are currently investigating "a lot of leads," according to Public Safety Director Jim Williams.

A minor fire also broke out Saturday night in a hallway near the main stage in the Performing Arts Center. According to Williams, the fire caused little damage, but Public Safety investigators are "operating under the assumption that it may be related" to last week's fire.

University President Vincent O'Leary said that the University is obligated to help find a suspect in the Fine Arts building fire and is offering $1,000 to anyone who offers information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Money for the reward is being taken from the University foundation, a fund which can be used at the discretion of University officials.

The Nov. 1 fires broke out almost simultaneously in a third-floor storage room and in a sub-basement room.

Four firefighters were injured in the blaze, but none severely.

Heavy damage was done to the third-floor classroom area and the stairway of the third floor. There was also smoke and water damage on the first and second floors.

The cost for repairing damages done to the Fine Arts building is estimated at $81,000, according to Vice President for Finance and Business John Hartigan.

Hartigan said an additional $6,400 was spent on labor costs for workers to "get the building cleaned up" for operation.

Because of the incident, security on the podium has been increased, said Hartigan, adding that the move has resulted in additional costs. "It's costing us some over-time," he said.

In order to defray repair costs, Hartigan said the University is "seeking relief" from the SUNY Construction Fund and SUNY Central.

SUNYA is not covered by insurance because the state is a "self-insurer," and as a state agency, SUNYA must find its own funds, Hartigan said.

As part of Public Safety's investigation, interviews are currently being conducted with people near the scene that evening, as well as investigations of local "fire bugs."

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Hartigan called the fire a "very grave concern for the students," and said it was among a couple of possible occurrences this past week. Hartigan said.

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Hartigan called the fire a "very grave concern for the people of this campus" and said one of the reasons smoke travelled so quickly was that doors which should have been closed were left open.
NEWS BRIEFS

The World

Israeli faces spy rap

Tel Aviv, Israel

(AP) Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician who told a British newspaper that Israel has secretly stockpiled at least 100 atomic weapons, facesSpying charges and a life sentence, the daily Davar reported Monday.

The newspaper said Vanunu's prosecution would not charge him with treason, which is punishable by death. Davar did not give a source for its information.

The Israeli government revealed Sunday that Vanunu was under arrest and would be tried, but denied that secret agents kidnapped him in Britain and spirited him back to Israel.

Davar reported Monday that it had produced 100 to 300 nuclear weapons—including neutron bombs—at the Dimona nuclear center, a subterranean factory in the southern Negev desert where Vanunu worked for 10 years.

EEC sanctions Syria

London

(AP) The Common Market agreed Monday to impose sanctions against Syria, including an arms embargo, in support of Britain's charge that Syria sponsored terrorism.

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Students only have a short time to catch a last few puffs before the Great American Smokeout, coming later this month.

The Society

AIDS plan debated

New York

(AP) City Health Commissioner Stephen Joseph says he favors conducting a small-scale experimental study to determine if giving addicts clean hypodermic needles would slow the spread of AIDS.

Under state law, such an experimental program could be launched only with the approval of the state health commissioner, said Francis Tarlton, spokeswoman for State Health Commissioner David Axelrod.

Tarlton said today that Axelrod "has indicated he would review such a proposal if it doesn't encourage or facilitate drug use and if it gives us experimental data, but he has made no assurances" about approving such a project.

"He (Axelrod) has indicated he personally is skeptical that dispensing clean needles will be effective," Tarlton said.

Medical costs studied

Albany

(AP) A team of Harvard University professors is studying the costs associated with medical liability in New York with an eye toward future reform of the current system, Gov. Mario Cuomo said.

The study, estimated to cost about $1.2 million, will involve a review of hospital records and interviews with selected patients and physicians, to evaluate the total costs of illness, hospitalization and convalescence and any complications arising from hospitalization. It is scheduled for completion in 1988.

"Our aim is to define the entire society's costs connected with medical liability and malpractice, including insurance costs, workers compensation payments, lost productivity and work time," Cuomo said Saturday.

A piece of the study will begin this month at Albany-area hospitals. Researchers will review some 3,500 hospital records, and interview 300 patients and 100 physicians. All data will be collected in a way that will maintain the confidentiality of individuals involved.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free listings

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

The American Marketing Association will hold a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. in SS 256.

A Support group for families and friends of suicide victims, Safe Place, will hold its meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany.

First Aid Information Workshop sponsored by Watervliet Hall Residence Staff and five quad will be held at 8 p.m. in the second floor lounge of Watervliet Hall.

The Political Science Association will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in CC 361. Terrorism is a topic to be discussed. New members are welcome.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance will meet this and every Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. in CC 375. All are welcome.

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"Sleep" by Woody Allen will be shown at 8:30 p.m. in CC 320 by JSC-Hillel. Admission is $50 cents for members, $1 for non-members.

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Saturday, Nov. 15

Shabbat dinner will be spon- sored by Chavurah, JSC's re- form group, at 7:30 p.m. in Dutch cafeteria. Reservations are required. Call Stacey at 442-6757.

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Beach Party will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Dutch U-Lounge sponsored by the "Beach Bums" from RPI-Sage, Union, and Skidmore colleges. For more info call JSC at 5670.

The Nation

Soviet 'war' predicted

Washington, D.C.

(AP) President Reagan is likely to face tougher battles over aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels in the 100th Congress although the Democrats' Senate win does not dramatically alter the balance of power on issues of U.S. foreign policy.

This observers foresee Contra aid as one of the most closely fought issues in the new Congress and potentially an important battleground in the 1988 presidential race.

This year, Reagan lobbied heavily to win $100 million in military and other aid for the rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government. He prevailed 53-47 in the Republican-controlled Senate and 220-209 in the Democratic-dominated House.

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Mishler targets grouper law issue

By Laura Liebesman

Professional limiter among COM students

By Jamie Garrell

The grouper law does not concern the amount of space in an apartment, Mishler said. A one-family living unit is defined as a cooking area, bathroom and sleeping facilities for three people.

"One of the causes of the problem is the insufficient housing on campus," Off-Campus Association President Steve Zirkel said after the forum. "It forces people to move off," he said.

"Building a dorm (on Fuller Road) is a nice gesture, but no matter what my guests, it is, it won't be opened when they (University officials) said. The bubble is a perfect example," Zirkel said.

The University plans to build a 410-bed housing complex on Fuller Road by early 1988. At the forum, approximately seven to ten students signed their names to a petition to help fight the law.

"I think students were apprehensive about signing the list," SA President Paco Duarte said later. "It will only be used to inform students on active approaches to dealing with the law," he said.

"The law can't be repealed or amended because it is a city ordinance," Mishler said.

"One of the problems was to petition, it wouldn't guarantee a response because a reply would have to be introduced in Albany's Council of Appeals, but a petition of students and non-students would be very limited," he said.

said he wishes there was better access because of the need for communication courses as part of liberal education.

Junior Linda Eastman said pre-registration was "unorganized as usual," and added it was "very hard to get classes you want." She said it took four semesters before she could enroll in Comp 336.

Another student said that in the past "Students fought because of line-cutting" and that he'd seen "more organization in a Chinese fireball."
SUNYA students hot item at local businesses

By Nicole Nogrd

If SUNYA students weren't in Albany the Subway shop on Western Avenue would lose about 60 percent of its business, Jerry's subs would lose about 70 percent of its business, and fast food restaurants are just a few types of businesses affected by the university's students who reside in Albany about eight months a year.

Joe Adragna, owner of the Subway at 1182 Western Ave., said that 60 percent of his shop's business comes from SUNYA.

Subway's delivery service caters almost exclusively to SUNYA students. If students weren't here, Adragna said, there would not be delivery service that we have now, and there would be a 60 percent loss of volume.

Adragna said that offering delivery service, aimed mostly at students, has increased his business tremendously. During SUNYA's vacation periods Subway does not deliver.

SUNYA students also make up a large part of Subway's workforce, said Adragna. About 90 percent of his crew, whose starting salary is $3.50, attend the University.

To accommodate students' schedules, Adragna said he "doesn't shorten shifts because I have such a large percentage of students, and they usually work one night a week. I will let them work only the hours they feel they can handle.

However, SUNYA students do not contribute as heavily to other local food retailers. While 90 percent of Subway's business goes to SUNYA, Jerry Pitt, owner of Jerry's Subs at both 514 Washington Ave. and 419 Central Ave., said that SUNYA students make up only 10 percent of his total income.

Pitt said that although "the students love us," he doesn't make a lot of money from student business because "I have to pay more on drivers at night [for delivery]. We're more like a service because we'll deliver just one sub."

SUNYA's vacation periods Subway does not deliver. "During the school year it does get busier here. Business increases about 25 percent during the summer months.

During the summer months business from SUNYA does decrease, said Ireland, but the store makes up for it with local customers who go away to school and return home in the summer.

Ireland said she has never had a SUNYA student apply for a job at New Wave. As far as SUNYA's effect on the community, Ireland said, "I'm sure business increases because it is such a big school."

Pizza To Go's president Tony DeThomas said students account for about 70 percent of his total business.

"When school is not in session," he said, "business slows down about 25 percent."

DeThomas said his business also makes money when students who left Albany to go away to school return for the summer. If the University wasn't here at all, DeThomas said there would be about a 50 percent drop in sales.

DeThomas thinks SUNYA affects local business "quite considerably," and that "A lot of places give discounts if you have a student ID."

One example of this is McDonald's, which runs a "SUNY Special" for anyone showing a valid SUNYA ID.

Rick Delorenzo, manager of the McDonalds at 1502 Western Ave., said that SUNYA students comprise about 50 percent of the business. "A lot of the business is SUNY," he said. However, "during the off [school] season we're not affected as much because we get a lot of tourists."

Delorenzo also hires many SUNYA employees, and according to Delorenzo, 20 percent of the staff is from SUNYA, including one full-time SUNYA student who is a manager. Delorenzo added that scheduling is based on "make your own hours."

Age discrimination charged after quake center decision

Berkley, Calif. (AP) Sen. Pete Wilson says age discrimination played a part in the National Science Foundation's decision to place a national earthquake research center in Buffalo, NY, instead of Berkeley.

"I find it appalling NSF officials discussed age as a factor in determining where the earthquake center would be located," the California Republican said Thursday. "Is my estimation, this is a case of pure and simple age discrimination."

Wilson demanded a foundation investigation into whether the foundation breached civil rights laws by denying the $25 million research center grant to a group of California universities.

According to Wilson, during an Aug. 15 meeting several foundation board members said that the California researchers were "advanced in years," and that the board was concerned because a large number of the key people were "over 60 years old."

"I think I'd better go home and take a nap," joked Joseph Penzien, a University of California at Berkeley seismic engineer. Penzien, 61, headed the California team.

"I find a lot of these things sort of amusing," Penzien said. "I hate to see things get like this, but I guess it's going to have to run its course. It sounds to me like they were just looking for things to make us look bad so they could give it to New York for reasons that I still don't understand."

Wilson, speaking from Washington, also asked that federal civil rights officials look into possible age discrimination.

The foundation and the General Accounting Office, a federal watchdog agency, are already investigating Wilson's charges that the foundation board favored New York due to improper political pressure and New York researchers lifted whole sections of the California grant application for use in their own proposal.

The eastern group consists of the State University of New York, New York City College of New York, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, and the California Institute.

The California group includes Stanford University and the University of Southern California, as well as Berkeley and Caltech.

Provost William R. Greene of the State University of New York at Buffalo acknowledged some copying took place, but said it was an oversight.
Tenants Association begins drive for members after constitution set

By Vanessa Clarke

Door-to-door registration of students for Student Association's Albany Dorm Tenants Association will begin this week following delays caused by the writing of the group's constitution and by SA's recent focus on voter registration.

The new group will assist students with problems they may experience while living in dormitories, said SA President Paco Duarte.

The Tenants Association's main goal will be to "take grievance reports, educate students that will review funding of SA's Student Legal Services office."

The "campus review board" is comprised of four members appointed by O'Leary and four by Duarte.

SUNY administrators and SUNY Central are currently questioning SA's right to offer individual legal representation because they feel local term cases do not benefit the entire student body.

According to O'Leary, he and SUNY Central would have problem with the single representation of students if mandatory activity fee funds were not involved. However, SA Attorney Mark Mishler, who runs the Legal Services office, said he was unsure if single representation could continue without mandatory activity fee funds.

The university president has reason to question a particular use of activity fee funds, state guidelines specify that the president appoint a campus review board.

The board then reviews the type of expenditure in question and makes a recommendation to the president, who then issues a final ruling.

The committee will make its recommendation to O'Leary sometime this spring. At that time, O'Leary said he will "get advice on it [from SUNY Central] and then make a decision."

O'Leary has selected Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Rodney Hart, Associate University Accountant Paul Spec, Associate Professor Thomas Church of the political science department, and Professor Samuel Aldrich, visiting distinguished professor in the School of Business.

Both Spec and Aldrich have legal backgrounds. O'Leary said he thought Aldrich would be a good appointment because "he has only been at SUNY for a year" and therefore is not very exposed to the issue.

Duarte's choices are 1978 Central Council Chair Dave Ruffo, 1982-83 President Mike Corso, former SUNY Cortland SA President and current Student Association of the State University [SASU] board of directors member Lisa Codispoti, and Maria Maglione, who is the committee's undergraduate representative.

Duarte said that "he hopes that he [O'Leary] will follow the recommendation of the committee."

O'Leary refused to give his opinion of Student Legal Services, "I respect the law and SUNY [Central] control. My own personal opinion is not important," he said.

However, Duarte said, "The University sees it as a threat — a very threatening thing." Duarte added that he doesn't "really comprehend why they [SUNY Central] don't support it."

"SUNY Central doesn't like the power that — a very threatening thing," Duarte said. "On a statewide basis," said Katzowicz, "there will be a push for tenant's rights for all students on [SUNY-based] state university campuses. Also, a current survey will be completed and final results distributed throughout the state for the purposes of gathering information on dorm conditions."

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Cornell profs join students in shanty-building

Ithaca, New York

(AP) Cornell University professors have built a pair of anti-apartheid shanties in defiance of a court order, and an organizer said Saturday that instructors were prepared to be arrested if the university tore down the huts.

The shanties, built Friday, were part of the first organized faculty involvement in Cornell’s anti-apartheid protests, which turned violent last month when 23 people were arrested outside student-built shanties.

The professors said they were protesting companies that do business in South Africa, about getting Cornell to divest, and freedom of speech.

"That's what these protests are all about, getting Cornell to divest, and [justifying] the instrument of the shanty as a visible symbol of South African oppression, and as a gathering point of discussion," said Ronald King, an assistant professor of government. "At Cornell, that instrument has been denied."

"A second aspect of what is happening is to return the shanty instrument to Cornell, which has given this the aspect of a free-speech protest," he said.

The university got an injunction in July 1985 to back up its rule against building shanties on campus.

"Under university rules and regulations, the university has the right to control use of its property," said David I. Stewart, associated director of university relations. He said that in 1985, Cornell had offered students the option of constructing one shanty on a site selected by Cornell.

The professors said they were protesting "That's what these protests are all about, getting Cornell to divest, and freedom of speech.

"The irony of it is if they had cooperated back in spring 1985, it's possible shanties would be permitted today," he said.

The Ithaca Journal reported that 75 faculty members and 300 students gathered Friday before Homecoming Weekend to construct the clapboard and corrugated tin shacks on a hillside. Stewart said the figure was closer to 250 people, with 40-50 faculty members involved.

The protesters, members of Faculty and Staff Against Apartheid, maintained a vigil in front of the huts through Friday evening. About a dozen professors sat at an information table at the huts Saturday in a cold rain, sipping coffee.

No order was issued to destroy the shacks, said Stewart.

"They [the faculty] say they themselves will take down the shanties tonight," said Stewart. "If that's the case, that's fine."

King said that if authorities tried to demolish the shanties "it is entirely possible that individuals may practice passive non-violent resistance" and could be arrested.

On October 8, 20 students and three other people clashed with campus safety officers who accused them of violating the July injunction.

Demonstrators later claimed safety officers needlessly roughed up protesters, and said officers clamped on handcuffs so tightly that some people lost circulation in their hands.

The university denied that its public safety officers had brutalized...
RPI president draws criticism

By Roger Erickson

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is setting down after student leaders recently accused RPI President Douglas Berg of excluding students from campus-oriented decisions and not being accessible to student leaders.

Discontent peaked Saturday, Oct. 25, when students demonstrated in front of the RPI Fieldhouse, where the University's Board of Trustees was meeting with representation by student leaders.

Student Union President Andrew Ginzburg and Marshall Carrie Ekstrand were previously informed by Berg's office that they were not invited to address the trustees as had been traditionally done in the past.

According to Morrisson, Berg told him "the Trustees don't want to meet the students, so why should the students want to meet the Trustees?"

The demonstration took place in front of the Student Union building, and was organized by students concerned about the problem between Berg and student government leaders.

According to Suzanne Cano, one of the protest's leaders, the rally was intended to "bring to attention that Berg wasn't allowing student input in student planning."

It had been a tradition for student leaders to brief the Board of Trustees for three hours on the second day of Trustees' weekend. However, according to RPI's student newspaper, The Polytechnic, student leaders understood, when Berg said students did not have time to speak at the meeting, due in part to a Strategic Planning Process and an important fund-raising presentation.

Berg and student leaders had previously met to discuss the problem, Morrison said. After much arguing, Morrison said he and Ekstrand convinced Berg to allow them to go to the breakfast and lunch.

At the conclusion of their meeting, Morrison said both he and Ekstrand agreed students were not involved enough in any decision-making that concerned them.

According to Morrison, Berg said that although students were complaining because they were not involved in high-level decisions, student input should not be required on every issue.

Student leaders presented a statement to protest saying that Berg ignored Morrison and Ekstrand because they are students, said Cano. Berg does not realize that the leaders are representing a student body and not their own personal beliefs, she added.

According to Cano, Berg doesn't seem to very approachable. "He hasn't communicated very effectively with student leaders."

Canon said she saw a positive response to the rally. After listening to the statement, Board of Trustees chair Ed Hood said he had confidence that positive changes would be made shortly, according to Cano. "Hopefully, they will work on the problem," she said.

In a The Polytechnic article, according to Morrisson, Berg met with students every month, holds a call-in show on the campus radio station, WRPI, and visits the Commons twice a year to hear what the students have to say. Berg also said students can make an appointment to talk to him in his office if he has time available.

Morrison said local media blew the story out of proportion when it covered the protest by saying the students sought to gain access to the meeting. Student leaders only wanted to meet the Trustees at the informal breakfast and lunch, he said.

The dispute actually began in May, when students were under-represented at RPI's Planning Conference, Morrison said. Only he, Ekstrand, and the chair of the Student Planning Advisees were originally allowed to attend, but after a discussion with Berg, more students became involved, said Morrison.

SUNYA programs let local youth get a STEP in the right direction

By Heather Levi

Although SUNYA focuses on post-secondary education, the University also plays a role in educating some of Albany's younger students. Programs oriented toward talented students or science-oriented studies are just some of the types of services SUNYA provides to the local community.

One such program is the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP).

STEP was designed to meet the special needs of minority and/or economically disadvantaged high school students in the area of science, math, technology, and health. STEP also provides services that students need in order to pursue pre-professional or professional educational programs at college levels.

According to Carl Martin, Director of the STEP program at SUNYA, "STEP is an extensive program because many other colleges — RPI, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Union [College] and the College of Pharmacy also participate."

STEP is divided into two branches — junior high and high school. Martin said, adding that SUNYA has set up STEP activities at both Hackett and Livingston Middle Schools. Students there are taught critical thinking, problem solving and understanding, and mentoring by certified teachers trained at the University.

SUNYA has also established a STEP program at Albany High School. However, unlike the middle school STEP program, Martin said the high school program involves after-school tutoring in Regents-level math and science classes. This service is provided by University undergraduates who have either a science or math background, he said.

According to Martin, "The program was designed for students to develop a strong interest in attending college." Funding for the program is being supplied by a grant awarded by the state Education Department.

SUNYA also participates in "The University in High School Program." According to Dr. Frank Carrino, coordinator of the program, "this program is geared towards high school students who are not yet ready to attend college, but are interested in obtaining some college credits."

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Danielle Gagnon

It may sound like a time-warp from the Woodstock era, in a way, is what's created when an audience is pulled together by relics such as David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash. Last Sunday the flower children of days gone by, and those that would have been had they been born earlier, gathered at the R.P.I. fieldhouse to hear Crosby, Stills and Nash and Judy Collins play a benefit concert to elect Mark Green as Senator. (Green ran against Alfonse D'Amato.)

Contrary to popular assumption, Crosby, Stills and Nash are not touring; the R.P.I. show was one of two shows to elect Green before the show began. The show was politically oriented, with politics practically usurping the music. The band has never kept a firm profile in that area, but this marks the first time the band has ever actually endorsed a candidate. The closest they had come previously was to grant permission for "Teach Your Children" to be performed at a recent rally for Green.

The group supported Green because he is environment-conscious, pro-choice, anti-Star Wars, opposes cuts in Social Security, is anti-war, and is a free-ranger. "It's awfully noisy in here, isn't it?" She exploded shortly after, having regained some enthusiasm with another Joni Mitchell cover, "Chelsea Morning."

Following a brief intermission the candidate himself took the microphone, and everyone for their support. He introduced the band by stating, "I am honored by their presence in the Fine Arts building," and I know you are honored by their music, so here they are. Everyone left their seats and flooded the aisles near the stage, and as the lights went down all the "lights" went up.

The trio came out, Crosby looking older and more smiling the same familiar face. He introduced his violin and guitar, and Nash wove in black leather pants with a casual shirt, while Stills looked like a displaced showman in a gypsy piece suit and tie. They opened with "Wasted on the Way" and "Change Partners," then played the first song they ever played together (at the Woodstock Festival in August 1969), "You don't have To Cry."

The three men spoke among themselves for a moment, and Crosby said, "We never know what we're going to do, but this is a song from our favorite group, besides us," then playing "Blackbird" (from the Beatles' White Album). During "Long Time Coming," Crosby's guitar was actually off-key once, but he played an amazing solo nevertheless. As is customary, all three played solo material.

Crosby was the first, and the audience seemed unruly even for the big act, as Crosby paused and joked, "We've got these acoustic guitars you guys, keep quiet or I can't tell a tale." Crosby went on to say that he had had a dependency that became so intense that it prevented him from writing any material for over two years, and then he was arrested. While in prison (and drug-free) he composed the next song, "Compass." This touching song seemed to crystallize his experience as he sang, "I seized Death's doorstep like a fish out of water, waiting for the mercy of the call." Nash then joined him for a version of "Guinivere" that fell nothing short of amazing, and alone justified the price of the ticket to any skeptic. The mesmerized audience swayed back and forth, as each note Nash and Crosby sang was a stone that continually constructed a musical mosaic.

Afterwards, Nash sat alone at the piano, playing "I kissed an apple" only way I was able to translate the word around me, the human experience, the struggle of existence into a meaningful form.

Diane Sepanski

So said Diogenes Fallister, one of six SUNY faculty who were cast in an exhibit at the University Art Gallery. Two new exhibitions: Bill Wilson. Return to Landscape and Recent Works by Six Faculty Artists have just opened at the Gallery and may be viewed until November 26.

Ballarer takes his artistic influences from his Spanish, African and Taos Indian Heritace. His paintings reflect "the visual and tactile language of the Caribbean." Bold, splashy colors and wide, free-ranging brush strokes tell the story of Ballarer's life experiences from Puerto Rico, New York City, and Madison, Wisconsin. An accomplished and cosmopolitan painter, Ballarer is currently visiting the Victor Vale's own in fine form

Bill Wilson's Winter Twilight

from a recent anthropological trip to Benin, Nigeria, where she gained access to the secret rituals of the Olokun religion. Divination Groups/Objects of Prayer is an intriguing essay that engages the viewer while it depicts a total culture. JoAnne Carson is a recent addition to the painting faculty in the Graduate Program at the University. Her work is a fascinating mixture of painting and sculpture which she calls "constructions." Reminiscent of early Lichtenstein and Jasper Johns, her constructions are nonetheless strikingly original. They are intricate, visually demanding pieces which detail the insides of American culture. Carson's work was included in the 1985 Whitney Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. A husband and wife team, Marja Vallila and James Buchman share the sculpture position in the Fine Arts Department. Vallila's sculptures are cast in iron, graphite and steel. While Vallila's work is clean, spare and formal, Buchman's sculpture is jagged and quite irregular. Both artists have numerous exhibits in such prestigious galleries as the Max Hutchinson Gallery and the Zabriskie Gallery. "Funky," "outrageous" and "innovative" are words that come to mind when viewing the fairy tale sculpture of Steve Placco. He combines various mediums such as wood, steel and paper to produce wild juxtapositions of camels and temples, horses and boats. "Attracted to the Museum of Modern Art, Placco's sculpture is in itself worth the trip to the Fine Arts building. As if it weren't enough, Bill Wilson, chairman of the Fine Arts Department, has his own exhibition of landscape paintings. In Vallila's canvases are filled with curved, vibrant, eye-catching scenes. He uses color as light to capture the brilliance of the Hudson River Valley."

These two current exhibits by members of SUNY's Fine Arts Department demonstrate that dynamic and original art does not only exist in Manhattan; there is a very "happening" art scene right here in Albany.
Helen (kneeling, left) and Richard (standing, right) along with the rest of the Tea PRN team. They are preparing for the annual tea ceremony, a traditional event where they share stories and engage in meaningful conversations.
Negative division

Question: What do you get when you divide 440 Communication majors by 8.5 permanent faculty members?

The answer would vary, depending on who's making the calculation. The University would say the answer is about 52 students to 1 faculty member, a bad but workable situation.

The Communication department would say the 52-to-1 ratio is inexcusably high, forcing the department to limit the number of classes, as well as the number of students per class, to ensure a "quality program." Both answers leave Communication majors on the short end of the stick. Most of these students are finding it difficult to complete their major on time, due to the shortsightedness of the University and the Communication department.

About three weeks ago, the department held a pre-pre-registration meeting for more than 440 Communication majors. The students waited approximately two hours, hoping to get the classes they needed. Too many of them left disappointed.

The only way to solve the problem is to teach the classes in large lecture centers instead of in academic buildings. But the department won't do that because it might risk the department's standing as a "quality program."

One department adviser has gone as far as to discourage students from minoring in Communication, a fact he should be ashamed to reveal. After all, what good is a quality program when not enough students can participate in it?

This is a public institution. It should provide ample academic opportunities for all its students.

The Communication department heads should seriously consider expanding class size, even if it only makes room for a few more students.

If they are unwilling to do this, then they ought to severely cut back on the number of students to the program. That way, at least those students admitted to the major could actually get into the high quality classes the department is trying to maintain.

Perhaps the department should follow the lead of the business school and the computer science department by imposing strict admission standards. Currently, the only requirements are grades of C or better in two introductory classes.

To be fair, if University administrators allotted the department more faculty members, this problem wouldn't exist.

This, however, is highly unlikely. The University has been holding the pursestrings tightly, and any money that manages to leak through tends to be aimed at its graduate programs.

As the situation stands, Communication majors can't register for the classes they need; prospective minors are being steered away from the program; and other students shouldn't even bother thinking about taking a Communication class.

The question at the top of this column isn't one that's answerable in numbers. That many students and that few faculty members can only result: in one thing: a workable situation. Granting that intervention can sometimes be deemed necessary, aid to the Contras can still be proven a major foreign policy blunder.

David Finz

In order to determine whether or not to aid the Contras, we must first answer some general questions: Are the Sandinistas deserving of US aggression? Are the Contras particularly worthy of our support? Can the Contras win? What kind of threat does Nicaragua pose to our national security? And finally, what consequences can we expect in the event of a victory (whatever that may be)?

American GI's. If we simply wish to be an annoyance to the Sandinistas then the Contras are fine; however, the hope that Nicaragua is a threat to our national security is an already dated fantasy.

What kind of threat does Nicaragua pose to our national security? Nicaragua is a poor country of three million. It is about the size of Westchester county. I will not even entertain the thought of this tiny republic posting a threat to our national security. While the Sandinistas may be something for the Contras to grapple with, they are not a menace to us. Indeed, they are nothing without Soviet or Cuban help, and then our problem would be with those nations. This is unrealistic, however, as I have yet to see Cuba, a nation many times larger and closer, send its troops crawling up the Florida coast. What these nations want is self-determination. If they are officially in Nicaragua, it is because America's past role in their history, they are eagerly open to our help, and to assume that we are losing American markets (something that has never been my primary concern) is ludicrous.

What consequences can we expect from an American victory? If the Contras overthrow the government, we would be burdened with the task of propping up a government that is not popularly supported (A role not entirely new to the US). We would commit gross violations of international law, as we already have by mining the Managanui harbors, and we would be sending the message to other repressive Latin American governments not to worry about brutalizing their people and keeping them poor, because we would come to their aid. It would also generate a mistrust of America within the popular liberation movements in those countries, and bring them further under Soviet dependence.

As one can see, there is little to be gained by aiding the Contras, but much to be lost. Our real problem with that government is that we have lost our ability to blend Nicaragua dry for our profit. Those who wish to protect slavery in Latin America should call it by its proper name, and not defy the term "Democracy" by substituting it for what is more aptly called imperialism. It is high time the Reagan administration learns to distinguish between democracy and capitalism. Until we realize that the two are independent of each other, we run the risk that the Spanish who were taught in high school may finally have to put to use.

Nicaragua: what now?

The traditional opposition to aiding the so-called "Contras" in their efforts to overthrow the Nicaraguan government has centered around the argument that the United States has no right to intervene in the affairs of another nation. Granting that intervention can sometimes be deemed necessary, aid to the Contras can still be proven a major foreign policy blunder.

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Of birds and bees

To the Editor:

Amidst the pressure of midterms, reading Jeff Leon’s letter in the last ASP was a nice bit of comic relief, but with one problem: I don’t believe he thought he was being funny. At best, it had a bitter side of his view of the world at worst, a scary attempt by Mr. Leon to legislate his personal morality.

Mr. Leon’s basic point, apparently, was to say that there are inherent similarities between religions and cults. There are also similarities between the birds and the bees, but we all know how different they really are. I am not so distressed by his claim, but rather, I am appalled at his supporting criteria. He induces the ultimate negativity of religion from a few odd childhood experiences and historical events invariably presented out of context. His flat assertions are counter to the parent ignoring a child’s view by saying, “Because I’m the mommy, that’s why.”

“Think of the turmoil that would arise if you, openly questioned the validity of the bible,” he says. Maybe a few glares, but hardly the chaos he proposes. Mr. Leon, if you do not agree with the bible, then “take your toys and go home.” There are many sects and denominations — such as atheism and agnosticism — to allow for Mr. Leon’s “questioning mind” to function unfettered, and allow me free choice.

“The social controls exhibited by religion vary from people to people,” Mr. Leon says. The innumerable possibilities to death, M. Leon, these are not the days of Luther; in America no one is beheaded or made to wear a scarlet ‘A’ because they slipped on the ice ten times. The possibility of this happened in Jim Jones’ cults, but not in your neighborhood church.

“If religions seek to make people expand their minds, there would be no need for rigid church doctrines.” I suppose Mr. Leon would also agree that if our democracy is for the good of the people, there was no need to draft the Bill of Rights; if sports are for recreation, there is no need to have officials. In refusing to acknowledge others’ possible beliefs, Mr. Leon is in effect rejecting the very society that allows him this protection. Let him try that in the USSR or Communist country. If Mr. Leon truly wants to reject religion, the American government, mainstream culture, or even the law, that’s fine; he should not need to coerce others into joining his bigoted views.

Finally I must address what I view as a vicious insult to one of the greatest professional organizations in this country: Alcoholics Anonymous. The exact details are not very personal but there was a time in my life when A.A. was the only sun that shone for me. Yes, we participated in prayer; non-sectarian prayer. Not to prescribe a religious belief but one upon which a cosmic or metaphysical spirit we could grasp that we felt made us human, or created us, or promised solidarity in our struggle for sobriety. If anyone has been turned off of A.A. because of Mr. Leon’s casual remarks, they could be missing out on some of the most efficient help available and continue to suffer. Mr. Leon, I hope you sleep well. I only hope that someday you will see that you are “limiting your life” with your “head-in-the-sand” attitude. Mr. Leon, I pray for you.

— Jo-Anne M. Pangburn

Foreign policy

To the Editor:

With the beginning of the next semester, SUNYA’s large foreign student population had to face some drastic changes to the University’s health insurance plan. Not only are many foreign students regarding this as their worst nightmare, but many students who were cut off by this policy.

In order to be able to buy SUNYA’s $98 a year health insurance plan or pick another insurance of choice, foreign students are to buy a new $130 a semester ($260 a year) health insurance plan proposed by the SUNYA University. This drastic change from the new policy made over the summer, such that the foreign student community was not consulted nor given time to comment on the proposal.

Certainly, the majority of the foreign student community is outraged, particularly since the new insurance plan appears to be a real rip-off. Many foreign students have to hold health insurance policies on behalf of their home countries, such that they are covered at home and only in the US. SUNYA’s insurance plan does not cover students while in the US, a definite disadvantage.

So who benefits from the new policy? It’s definitely not the foreign student. It’s definitely not the University. We are the image, or the image of its administrators. As a pure excuse in being insensitive to the need of foreign students, the price seems to be too high.

— Gerd Schwartz

Chancellor who?

To the Search for a SUNY Chancellor to replace Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. has begun. Unfortunately, the Search Committee, appointed by the SUNY Board of Trustees is last month’s meeting, completely excludes students as well as faculty.

The screening and search process for a SUNY Chancellor is very critical for those who are affected by the most by the Chancellor’s decisions and actions.

Therefore, students, who represent the largest constituency within the University, should be included in the search for Wharton’s successor.

The search is still in its early stages. If we express our dissatisfaction to the SUNY trustees, we can try to reverse their decision at the November 19 trustee meeting in Albany. You can call trustee Edgar A. Sandman at 518-438-2143 to relay your concern and demand that Everette Joseph, the student trustee and SASU President, the faculty representatives be included on the Search Committee.

If you want more information, you can call the Student Assistant Office at 442-5660 or the SASU Central Office at 518-465-2406.

— Flip Posner

SASU Chapter Member

Mail insurance

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to the negligence of the SUNY mail system. My car insurance was cancelled three weeks ago without my knowledge because my insurance bills were being sent to the wrong address. From last year, this wasn’t getting forwarded to my present address due to lack of help in the mail room.

I went to Computing and found the insurance bill plus a late notice from September sitting in an unforwarded pile of mail. The excuse that was given to me was that the lady in charge of forwarding went on vacation and nobody did anything in her absence. Meanwhile, I have been driving for three weeks without insurance. Something must be done to improve this system.

— Andrew Fox

To your health

To the Editor:

Most people are aware that the company which carries our student health insurance policies has changed this year but many are not aware of some of the important ways that this policy has improved. This is that hospital room and board reimbursement has increased from one hundred dollars a day to two hundred dollars a day. This amount now covers the cost of room and board at local hospitals.

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Students are invited to sign up for an opportunity to obtain college credits that are transferrable to any university in the country.
Since each course costs only $30, the program is designed to help agift a high school student economically, said Carrino. "A student can pick six credits while still in high school. This can definitely save the student's family a great deal of money in the long run."
While more and more young people are avoiding classes and avoiding teachers, this summer, 13 th
graders from the Albany area have been involved in a special computer seminar run by SUNYA. The seminars are designed to help the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
Although the students came from varied backgrounds, not all of the students had computer training before entering the program.
According to EOP Director Carson Carr, "The students had a wide range of abilities. Students were taught basic computer skills by a UNIX computer coordinator and the SUNYA University undergraduate students. In addition to developing important skills for use in future careers, these students were developing at an early age a strong interest in computers." Carr said.
"The program was highly successful," he said. "The 13 students came away with a better sense of themselves."
"Next summer, if we can receive funding, the program may expand and there may be even more advanced classes."

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area, the said. "Couples are even more likely to be excluded from any group of singles. Houses are difficult to buy because they are expensive and not easily divisible. Expenses paid. Call collect 459-LIMO for more information.
"Women have to be the primary care givers, and as older people move out their houses are bought up by investors," Scholl said.
This investment property is not what it was once thought to be. It is no longer a safe harbor. An average of every 18 months there is no longer that balance of [age] groups that first attracted us to the area.
"I'm glad I went [to the forum] because there were some vague points that had to be cleaned up," SUNYA student Lawrence Schindler said.
"A lot of people were asking me questions about specific information and I didn't have the answers," said Zirkel, who planned the forum.
"Students who approached me with the idea of the forum, originally intended to talk about a city representative present at the forum.
"Mark pointed out that that would have been counterproductive because there would have been conflicting sides of the issue. The purpose of the forum was to get the facts and only that, which was relay information," Zirkel said.
Disappointed with the turnout, Zirkel said he hung up posters announcing the forum, but having worked with a limited budget, relied on word-of-mouth to pass on the word.
"It would have been more exciting and probably would have generated more interest" had he noticed from the city been present. Zirkel said.
State budget cuts force colleges to raise tuition rates at midyear

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE — Colleges as diverse as Auburn, Utah, Alabama and even New Mexico Junior College have announced in recent weeks that they’ll be raising their tuition rates in the middle of the school year.

In each of the cases, the colleges said imposing mid-year tuition hikes was the only way they could cope with mid-year budget cuts imposed on them by their state governments.

The schools fear by waiting until next fall to increase tuition, some programs and courses could be severely cut or damaged.

"The problem was a declining revenue from [state] oil and gas taxation," said Ray Birmingham, New Mexico Junior College’s (NMJC) spokesman.

"It caused a drop in annual revenue of a half a million dollars." With less money to spend, the state legislature told all state agencies — including colleges — that it would have less money to give to them to spend than it originally thought. Such mid-year "shortfalls" have also sent campus presidents in many depressed farm and energy states on elaborate tours to try to forestall cuts in state college funding.

It would not have helped in New Mexico, Birmingham said. "Raising tuition is a move to maintain the services we have." In January, tuition will go up $5 per credit hour, bringing fees for residents of Lea County to $15 per credit hour. Students from outside the county will pay $30 per credit hour and out-of-state students will pay $35.

The increase hardly puts NMJC on a par with the University of Utah's tuition — to be divided between twice academic years.

"But the mid-year hikes were always controversial. In some cases, students protested the increases. In others, state legislatures stopped the practices. In 1984, for instance, 16 University of South Carolina medical students sued the university for imposing mid-year surcharges. The court made USC return each student's $215 fee, starting a spate of suits against colleges for imposing mid-year hikes.

In California, state legislators banned midyear tuition increases in the UC system after two years of fee boosts. Legislators said it was "more honest" for the university of absorbing midyear budget cuts than to pass them along to students.

But this year, while students aren't applauding the increases, most understand the reasons behind the hikes.

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"But cutting back on programs is a last resort because people in the community are very hesitant to see that," he said.

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A meeting was recently scheduled between Duarte and four SUNYA administrators, including Vice President of Student Affairs Frank Pogue, to discuss specifics of the committee.

"The committee will make its own rules," said O'Leary, including whether it will have a rotating or elected chair, and if the meeting will be open or closed.

The meeting was previously postponed because O'Leary had wanted a SUNY Central attorney present after Duarte informed Pogue that he was bringing Mark Mishler with him.

Mishler said Duarte wanted him there because it "could potentially have been a meeting where legal matters would be discussed" and the balance of "four administrators to one student did not seem fair."

When Duarte told Pogue of Mishler's expected appearance, the meeting was postponed so that a SUNY Central attorney could also be present. According to Mishler, "it was much ado about nothing." O'Leary misunderstood "the meaning of my presence," he said.

Voluntary activity fees are not a viable alternative to funding Legal Services according to a 1983 letter from SA Attorney Lewis Oliver to then SA President Mike Corso. Oliver had said that it is not recommended "because voluntary dues collection is always a difficult task and provides an unstable financial basis for an organization with serious responsibilities such as SA."

Mishler said that "grants from foundations could be one source of money, but we [SA] feel that it is proper and appropriate to use mandatory" activity fees for individual representation by Student Legal Service.

The issue of mandatory student activity fees as funding for representation of individual students in court is not a recent one, said O'Leary.

SUNYA is the only SUNY school that still offers single representation of legal services.

Res. Life
minority community and Residential Life occurred recently between a smoking minority student and her non-smoking roommate, also on Alumni Quad.

The student, Debbie Hamilton, criticized Residential Life's handling of disputes between herself and her roommate. Residential Life later apologized in writing to Hamilton.

"If the tables were reversed, they'd be jumping down our throats," she said, adding that she feels Residential Life "needs new administrators — they need a whole new staff."

Despite these incidents, Turner said his major concern is minority retention.

The percentage of minority students that graduate is much smaller than that of non-minority students, he said.

"It's so easy," Turner said, "for a minority student to say 'I'm leaving — I don't have to put up with this.'" Turner added that "what's frightening is that this university says it's very concerned about retention of minority students."

Martone said that low minority retention rates result from "the environment they [minority students] have to function in... they feel they're not treated equally or fairly" and said Residential Life works to alleviate this problem.

"I don't think it's realistic for students to come here feeling everything's okay and without prejudices," said Martone, "and the residence halls will be reflective of that."

Kendall's explanation for such problems with prejudice is that "people tend to be insensitive towards other cultures," and that it has happened to students from other cultures. "It's not only associated with black and white," she said.

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SA deficit

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fees will go toward paying SA's past due bills. "It also means that SA will be at a point where it cannot replace any of its equipment," said Duarte, adding that "nor can we continue to expand and develop Dippikill."

Much of last year's deficit was caused by the $44,811 which paid for unplanned postseason athletic expenditures, which were never budgeted until this year.

"I think the athletic department will be in better shape this year," said Seminara.

One SA-funded group which contributed to last year's deficit was University Concert Board, which lost $37,000 on Mayfest. Other groups included Ski Club, Dance Council, SA Programming Board, University Cinemas, Albany State University Black Alliance (ASUBA), Torch, Alumni Quad Board, WCDB-91FM, and Speaker's Forum, according to Seminara.

If the Athletic Department spends the remaining $25,000 budgeted for post-season play and Mayfest loses $40,000 or more, "SA will be bankrupt," said Duarte.

Seminara said former SA Controller Eric Schwartzman was not to blame for the deficit. "Groups just didn't make enough money."

Fearing a deficit, Schwartzman cut student budgets five percent across the board last year.

"Groups still spent their budgets, but didn't know how to make money — so we still lost," said Seminara.

Essential to avoiding the deficit is the ability of SA-funded groups to make income. "It is out of my hands because I cannot drag people to events," said Seminara.

Groups have been receiving letters from Seminara threatening future action if income lines are not met soon.

Res. Life

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idents. "There are more reports, not more incidents," she said.

Another explanation offered is that the flat percentage of minority students attending the University has almost doubled in the last three years; an estimated 16 percent of this year's frosh are minority students. This makes it harder to distinguish between racial and roommate problems in the dorms, Kendall said.

Kendall stressed that "you should never make an assumption that a problem is racial because the parties involved are of different races."

Two incidents in particular seem to typify Residential Life. Alfreda Thompson, a freshman living on Alumni Quad said she is very upset with Residential Life's investigation of signs left on her door which said, "We don't want niggers on our floor. Leave tomorrow or die!"

Thompson said she feels "Residential Life staff is trying to sweep it under the rug," and are not taking any action to try and find who wrote that and other notes found on another minority student's door in that section. However, Martone said that "there has been an extraordinary amount of time spent on the investigation... We can't find the person at this time. It's very, very frustrating."

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What was noticeably absent from the Bull's offensive attack throughout the first half of Saturday's game was their passing success in previous games. The Bulls gained only 28 yards through the air in the first half, the same amount as the Danes. But the Danes' total offense in yards was 134 to Buffalo's 91. So despite the rain, despite Buffalo's gaudy 7-2 record, despite the presence of Diff 1 transfer Underwood, the Danes were holding their own.

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"There was never a doubt about what we would do," said Dando. "It was just a matter of what play we would run.

"In the second half," Dando continued, "We knew we had to throw the ball. We couldn't run with it, we had to try to put it in the air. They forced us into doing something they didn't want us to do.

"We just didn't move the ball when we absolutely had to," said Ford. "We gave up a couple of drives that we shouldn't have. We didn't do two things that we knew we had to do; we had to move the ball, and we had to stop them. And we didn't do that completely."

In the offensive categories, the Danes were lead in rushing by Pedro, who gained 69 yards on seven carries, Ryder, who had 25 net yards on 27 attempts, and Mitchell, whose 24 net yards move him past Mitchelli, whose 24 yards move him past Sam Haliston for eighth place on the Dane all-time rushing list.

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"We want respect!"
Albany spikers clinch first state championship

By Kristine Sauer

In 1986, only two achievements have eluded the Albany State women's volleyball team. It has won the ECACs and a 32-2 record as well as their consistent rankings in the top ten of the national poll, earned them a 3-2 victory over Kansas, and lost. On Thursday the Danes travel to Juniata College in Pennsylvania to clinch their quest for the national championship.

At the ECACs on Friday night Albany, seeded first, handed Binghamton 15-6, 15-8 losses. St. Lawrence fell next, 15-0, 15-12, to the Danes while Brockport was defeated 15-12, 15-3.

On Saturday the Danes faced off, the tournament's fifth seed, in the quarter finals as they overcame them 15-4, 15-11. In the second finals Albany took third seeded Ithaca 15-11 in the first game, dropped the second 9-15, and then went on to advance to the finals.

The tournament's second seed and host Cortland was pitted against Albany in the finals. One of the Danes' two losses this season came last week at the SUNYACs to arch rival Cortland. This time the Danes prevailed 15-3, 15-5, to capture the championship.

"We played very well," said Albany head coach Pat Dwyer, "we had fun this weekend." Two of Albany's players were selected to the NYSWCAA All-Star team, Patty Munsell, who was on it two years ago, and Amy Rosenberg. "I was upset that two more of our best players didn't make it as well," said Dwyer, "but the important thing is that the team won and we played well."

Albany wrestlers tie in Great Dane tourney

By Al Baker

Beyond the mat, stands the man with shaggy brown hair, glasses and a stocky frame pushed inside a tee-shirt. Writhing figures in their purple and gold uniforms score two as assistant, Albany State wrestling coach Joe DeMeo togethers with DeMeo, a former Olympic Assistant, Pan-American, ATWA (olympic training team) and junior World team coach, coach of World Championship teams and coach of the U.S. wrestling, you can breathe easier when you know Joe is around.

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The Danes are powerful at both ends of the spectrum, and we play very well," said DeMeo. "The smallest and the largest men are devastating in their own respect. Senior and Division III champion in wrestling and track, in the history of Albany State University to every win national championships. Beyond the mat, stands the man with shaggy brown hair, glasses and a stocky frame pushed inside a tee-shirt. Writhing figures in their purple and gold uniforms score two as assistant, Albany State wrestling coach Joe DeMeo togethers with DeMeo, a former Olympic Assistant, Pan-American, ATWA (olympic training team) and junior World team coach, coach of World Championship teams and coach of the U.S. wrestling, you can breathe easier when you know Joe is around.

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