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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 ap-

propriating money to any new groups, or general contingency funds.

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

Bankruptcy would mean that future mandatory student activity

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Seminara blames SA-funded groups for the deficit.

WORKING OUT



CATHY STROUD UPS

Local businesses have come to depend on students as customers and as employees. See story page 4

Reward offered in attempt to locate Fine Arts arsonist

By Pam Conway
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 fires 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 sub-basement room 57. Four firefighters were injured in the blaze, but none severely.

Heavy damage was done to the third-floor classroom and much 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 overtime," 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."

"It's not like looking for a needle in a haystack," Williams said.

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.

Res. Life facing minority gripes

By Jennifer McCormick
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

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

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: underrepresentation 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 due to more people reporting in-

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Alumni quad resident Alfreda Thompson

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 flurries likely, highs in the 30s and lows in the teens. Friday should be a bit milder.

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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, faces spying charges and a life sentence, the daily Davar reported Monday.

The newspaper said Vanunu's prosecutors 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.

The report said Israel had produced 100 to 200 nuclear weapons-including neutron bombs-at the Dimona nuclear center, a subterranean factory in the souther 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, officials said.

The officials, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said in an apparent reference to Greece that one of the 12 nations in the groups could not associate itself with the foreign ministers' statement, but would implement the four sanctions agreed against Syria.

Apart from the arms ban, the Common Market agreed to suspend exchange visits by high-level officials and to tighten surveillance of Syrian embassies and of Syrian Arab Airlines operations.

Icelandic ships sunk

Reykjavik, Iceland

(AP) An American anti-whaling group has claimed responsibility for scuttling two Icelandic whaling boats — half the country's whaling fleet — in Reykjavik harbor.

The Los Angeles-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society said it carried out the attacks. Its leader, Paul Watson, said in interviews with Icelandic state radio and television that a team from his organization sank the 430-ton vessels because the Icelanders were hunting whales illegally.

Iceland agreed to abide by an International Whaling Commission decision to cease whaling from 1986 to 1990. Although commercial whaling stopped, the government permits the Hvalur Whaling Co. to carry out scientific whaling in cooperation with the National Oceanic Research Institute.

The Nation

Senate '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 the issue, analysts on both sides say.

These 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.

Blacks aid Democrats

Washington, D.C.

(AP) High turnout among Southern black voters with intense allegiance to the Democratic Party spelled Victory for four new Democratic senators and this century's first black congressman from Mississippi, observers of the midterm congressional elections say.

This high support level, boosted by

GOP missteps, put Democratic Senate candidates over the top in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina, and made the difference in California as well, black analysts say.

"This should demonstrate to the democratic Party that in whatever Southern strategy they have, they should be careful not to alienate black voters," said Linda Williams, senior political analyst at the Joint Center for Political Studies, a non-profit research organization that studies policy issues of concern to blacks.

The State

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 Frances 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 pilot phase of the study will begin this month at Albany-area hospitals. Researchers will review some 3,000 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.



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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.

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 Waterbury Hall Residence Staff and five quad will be held at 8 p.m. in the second floor lounge of Waterbury Hall.

The Political Science Association will hold a meeting at 8

p.m. in CC 361. Terrorism is one 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.

Movie Night presented by Colonial Quad Board will be held this and every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the pit of Delancey Hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

Open Forum sponsored by the Office of International Programs will be held for students interested in studying abroad at 2:30 p.m. in LC 11.

"Karma, Reincarnation, and Creating Your Future" will be presented by ECKANKAR Stu-

dent Society at 7 p.m. in CC 358.

The Revisionist Zionist Alternative will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in CC 370.

Pre-Law meeting at 7:30 p.m. outside the Campus Center gameroom will be held to discuss a trip to Albany Law School for the week of Nov. 17. Call Lori Stern at 434-3610 for more info.

Interview workshop will be held at 9 p.m. in Pierce Hall. Come and learn impression management.

Class of 1990 will have a mandatory meeting for the newly elected members at 6:30 p.m. in CC 370.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

The Anthropology Club will

hold its meeting at 4:15 p.m. in SS 260. T-shirts and trips will be discussed.

The SUNYA foundation will meet at 7:30 p.m. in LC 13. Anyone interested in science fiction is welcome.

"Is Jesus God?" presented by Campus Crusade for Christ will be held at 8 p.m. in CC 375. Larry Wakefield will speak.

Sleeper 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.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

Career Fair for students planning careers in science, medicine, or related fields will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

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

A 'Go Hawaiian' Party will be sponsored by the Chinese Student Association from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Sayles Hall. Leis will be distributed to the first 25 Hawaiians and pina colodas will be served from 9 to 10 p.m.

A Beach Party will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 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.

DIGEST

Dancers raise money

Telethon '87 raised over \$1,000 from a 24-hour dance marathon held last weekend, according to Tanya Wilcox, operations official of the marathon.

There were approximately 18 couples dancing, and about half lasted the entire 24 hours, said Wilcox.

The marathon began at 8 p.m. Friday, and lasted until 8 p.m. Saturday in the Campus Center ballroom.

"The winner of the marathon will be that person who brings in the most money," said Wilcox. "This will not be determined until December," at which point the total funds will be counted, she added.

An air band contest accompanied the marathon, which was won by Tom O'Conner, she said.

"At one point, there were about 100 people on the scene watching," according to Wilcox.

Spalding promoted

David Spalding, a senior, has been promoted to managing editor of the *Albany Student Press*.

Spalding, formerly an associate news editor, had been training for the position for two weeks.

"Dave learned the job very quickly. He gets along with everybody, has good leadership abilities, and plays a good game of golf. All of these qualities are very important for a managing editor," said Editor in Chief Dean Chang.

Duties of managing editor include hiring and firing of personnel, overseeing production, and assisting in the overall management of the ASP.

First SA forum held

An open forum designed to improve communication between Student Association and the campus community was held last Wednesday.

"We had about 50 people come, including many minorities," according to Duarte. "Not everyone knows how to get involved [with SA] and we have to know our people's needs," he said, adding that SA will become "service oriented to serve students."

The forums will be held monthly, said Duarte. Their purpose will be to increase student involvement in Guinness Day, programming events, University Concert Board, University Senate, and the Test Bank, among other activities.

Students who become involved will "receive a special education that they ordinarily would not get," said Duarte. The forums will especially help minority groups to become involved, he added.

Cervi gets the job

Wendy Cervi has been named Women's Issues Coordinator, a new position created within Student Association's executive branch.

According to SA President Paco Duarte, the position will focus on issues that address women's needs, including public safety. "Cervi will become involved with the President's Task Force on Women's Safety," said Duarte, adding that Cervi will also become a part of the "Don't Walk Alone" program.

"We've never had someone who specifically addressed the many struggles of women," said Duarte. "We have not had such a representation of women before."

A total of eight candidates were evaluated on the basis of interviews conducted by SA.

Cervi will not be paid for the position because "we [SA] don't have a stipend for it. Hopefully in the years to come this will change."

— Compiled by Duncan Shaw

Mishler targets grouper law issue

By Laura Liebesman
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

About 40 students turned out for a Monday night forum designed "to provide up-to-date information to the student body" on Albany's anti-grouper law.

The forum was conducted by Student Association attorney Mark Mishler, who is currently representing 16 students charged with violating the law.

"There is a lot of misinformation floating around," Mishler said, adding that there is a need to disseminate accurate information to students.

One concern students expressed at the forum was what should be done if someone comes to a door asking questions about the number of residents living in a house.

Mishler suggested three options: telling the truth, lying, or not answering the question. He recommended students not answer the question.

If violators are caught breaking the law, which prohibits more than three unrelated people from living in one unit of housing, it is not certain exactly what will happen, Mishler said.

Albany officials issued summonses to six landlords and 20 students three weeks ago as part of the city's first major attempt to enforce the law.

"We're still at very preliminary stages of the current convictions," he said, adding, "No eviction proceedings have been brought against these students. New York state law says you can not be evicted unless a court issues you a court order evicting you."

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.

Students also questioned the University's role in fighting the law.

Expanding SUNYA's bus system may reduce the concentration of students in the student ghetto, Mishler said.

"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 guess 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 volunteer 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 be repealed or amended because it is a city ordinance," Mishler said.

If students were to petition, it wouldn't guarantee a response because a repeal would have to be introduced in Albany's Common Council, but "a petition of students and non-students would be very



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SA attorney Mark Mishler

powerful," Mishler said.

Duarte said off-campus students should get involved in neighborhood associations. "In the past, students haven't been actively involved [in neighborhood associations] partly because of [their] schedules, and they also don't cater to students," he said.

Robert Scholl, a homeowner in the area, said that although the grouper law is not a solution to Albany's housing problems, serious concerns need to be addressed.

"I've seen a change in the character of

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Prof shortage limiting COM students

By Jamie Gerelli

Communication majors are reporting problems in completing degree requirements because too few classes are offered, and one department advisor says the crunch is so bad that he is discouraging students from minoring in the field.

Richard W. Wilkie, director of undergraduate studies for the Communication department, said he believes availability of classes must be limited because of the department's high student-faculty ratio.

The department is only budgeted for 8.5 permanent faculty members, but has at least 440 students majoring in Rhetoric and Communication, said Wilkie.

Many classes are currently being taught by temporary personnel, Wilkie said.

According to Wilkie, funding for the department is lacking because the University gives priority to graduate rather than undergraduate programs to bring the University more recognition on a national level.

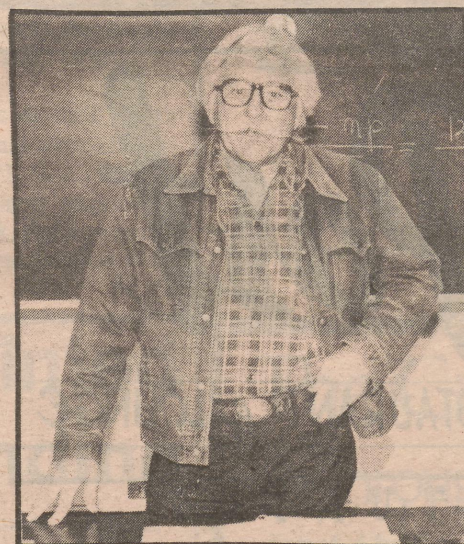
In October, SUNY Central announced that it will be allotting \$84.5 million — about \$13 million of which will go to SUNYA — for upgrading graduate and research programs over the next five years.

Wilkie said at least five more permanent faculty lines must be added to improve the situation. Visiting lecturers and grad assistants are presently teaching some courses.

The Communication department, which has one of the highest student-teacher ratios, refuses to expand the number of students per class or to move classes into lecture centers because, according to Wilkie, we are "unwilling to have less than a quality program."

The problem of the department lies with the University, which "must reduce class size to maintain the quality of instruction at this institution," said Wilkie. "They don't attack the fundamental problem — the need to increase the staff and reduce class size. It's been this way for 15 years."

Department Secretary Vikki Oliver said current department problems stem from a lack of funding. The department's lack of money to spend on faculty expansion



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Richard W. Wilkie

results in the inability to create additional sections, which is the reason for students' limited access to classes, she said.

Many students blame the department instead of the University, added Oliver. "Both the faculty and the students name the same thing — for the department to grow for the better."

Communication majors must take part in pre-registration, which was imposed to control excessive enrollment and weed out those students who are not "interested or capable to be a Communication major," said Wilkie.

The department held pre-pre registration Oct. 24 and over 440 students waited approximately two hours hoping to get into classes.

Non-majors interested in registering for Communication classes must wait until after the department's pre-pre registration period.

Wilkie said he "wouldn't recommend anyone to minor in communications" at SUNYA. It is sad, he added, but can't be helped because majors must have first priority because of the limited number of classes.

According to Wilkie, non-communication majors who would like to enroll in communication classes do not have the access that they should. Wilkie

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

Junior Linda Eastman said pre-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 Com 336.

Another student said that in the past he "almost got into a fight because of line-cutting" and that he'd seen "more organization in a Chinese fire drill." □

Student pulled from air duct after four days

Louisville, Ky.

(AP) A student was rescued Saturday from an air duct in a building at the University of Louisville after apparently being stuck since Tuesday night.

Rescuers worked for two hours before freeing Jerry Livers, 19, of Loretto, from the base of the air passage in the school's humanities building.

Livers was in stable condition Saturday night at Humana Hospital Audubon. He suffered a broken arm and ribs after tumbling about 40 feet, officials said.

He told police that he could not remember how he ended up in the air duct. However, the student's friends told authorities that Livers had explored similar areas in campus buildings when he felt bored.

Livers, who studied chemistry and electronics at the university's Speed Scientific School, was last seen leaving his residence hall Tuesday night.

Friends and campus officials had been stymied in their search for him.

But Saturday a faculty member in a third-floor restroom of the humanities building heard a call for help coming from a mechanical room. The teacher alerted authorities, who found Livers in the passageway below. □

SUNYA students hot item at local businesses

By Nicole Nogid

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 seven employees, and many area businesses would be affected in one way or another.

Pizza and sub shops, hair-styling salons, 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 accomodate 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 con-

tribute 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 SUNYA students make up about 15 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 put on more drivers at night [for delivery]. We're more like a service because we'll deliver just one sub."

Because of this, Pitt said his "overhead is tremendous. It's not highly profitable because although the volume is there, the overhead is more."

Jerry's Subs, which gives a 10 percent discount on subs to SUNYA students, caters many SUNYA functions, according to Pitt.

They also currently employ seven SUNYA students as pizza cooks, who start with a salary of \$5 per hour; delivery drivers, who start at \$10 per hour; and sub makers, who start at \$4.50 per hour. "SUNYA has a great influence on my business," said Pitt. "The business does depend on the students. The overhead is very high but the quality is very good. SUNY has made my business."

Other local businesses rely on SUNYA students as clientele, said Pitt. "People depend on SUNY. There's no question about that. The bars are totally dead in the summer," he said.

However, Pitt said, "Students have a big impact on the community, but food is different. We deliver, so we have to pay for delivery service, extra sub makers and pizza makers, and phone operators [to take calls]. So it evens out."

Other local businesses, however, do not rely on SUNYA students as a main source of income.

According to Imran Siddiqui, manager-in-training at Domino's Pizza, "only 1.5 percent of our business is from SUNY students."

Domino's, located at 571 New Scotland Ave., does not include SUNYA in their usual delivery area, Siddiqui said, but does "go there for a little bit of late night business."

Siddiqui said many of Domino's workers are SUNYA students. "We pay

minimum wage, but they make \$7 or \$8 including tips and gas money."

Domino's employs more students in the summer, Siddiqui said, but other than that, business doesn't change much when SUNY is out for the summer months.

Lirne Ireland, manager of New Wave hair salon in Crossgates mall, said that "during the school year it does get busier here. Business increases about 25 percent."

During the summer months business from SUNYA does decrease, said Ireland, but the salon 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 our night time 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 added that, "A lot of places give discounts if you have a student ID."

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

Rick Dilorenzo, manager of the McDonalds at 1502 Western Ave., said that SUNYA students comprise about "30 percent of the business."

"A lot of the business is SUNY," he said. However, "during the off [school] season we're not affected that much because we get a lot of tourists."

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

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Age discrimination charged after quake center decision

Berkeley, 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. "In my estimation, this is a case of pure and simple age discrimination."

Wilson demanded a foundation investigation into whether the foundation violated 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 earlier 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, City College of New York, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Cornell University, Lehigh University, Princeton University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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

Provost William R. Greiner 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 on University policies, and inform students of their rights," Duarte said.

"The main focus of the association will be as a strong student activist organization and information network," he said.

Each quad will have one "local," or group of students, operating under the umbrella Tenants Association, to be directed by a group of SA officials and representatives of each local.

Locals are expected to take the place of each quad board's grievance committee, Duarte said.

The Student Association of the State University (SASU) and SA's Student Action Committee (SAC) are also involved in the group's organization, Duarte said.

Funding for the Tenants Association's operations — such as advertising — are being taken from the operating budgets of SASU, SA, and SAC.

SAC will focus on registering students for the group. SASU has provided research, surveys, and advice which aided in organizing the group, Duarte said.

Issues that may be addressed by the locals include topics such as racial harassment, problems in

communicating with the Office of Residential life, and questions arising from public safety and a student's right to privacy, Duarte said.

About 35 students are currently on the group's membership list, he said.

Central Council will consider on Wednesday a proposal that would make tenants' rights one of SA's priorities this year, Duarte said.

A general interest meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20.

Students joining the Tenants Association would probably be involved in one of the locals, which would have its own chair and spokesperson, Duarte said.

Overall guidance would be supplied by the association's steering committee, he said.

Any important issue of concern to a student could be brought to a meeting of a local, Duarte said.

The steering committee is comprised of designees of Central Council's Student Community Committee and SAC, SA's programming director and affirmative action office, and the chairs of each local.

"Many injustices crop up during the course of the year which infringe upon the students' right," SAC Chair Phil Botwinik said. "For example, [there were] several incidences of mice sightings in State Quad tower. The mice have been seen running in and out of radiators and we feel that this is one of many conditions to be remedied."

Botwinik said that "one woman on State Quad counted eight mice nesting in her closet, and the committee will investigate areas in which the mice seem to be most prevalent on the quads."

"The key reasons why the committee is important is because Residential Life has failed to treat



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SAC chair Phil Botwinik

students as adults in their own homes," Botwinik said.

Debby Katzowitz, executive vice president of SASU, said she sees a definite need for a tenants association.

"On a statewide basis," said Katzowitz, "there will be a push for tenants rights for all students on [SASU-based] state university campuses. Also, a current survey will be completed and [its] results distributed throughout the state for the purposes of gathering information on dorm conditions."

SA Minority Affairs Coordinator Mark Turner, Botwinik, and a random selection of students from the group's membership are expected to meet this or next week with Assistant Vice President for Residential Life John Martone to discuss the group's goals and objectives, Duarte said.

Duarte said he doesn't expect much of a response from University officials. "I don't expect them to be extremely responsive, but I don't think I'm concerned with their response because it's a student matter." □

Committee members appointed to review Legal Service funding

By Nicholas Schneir

University President Vincent O'Leary and Student Association President Paco Duarte have finalized their choices for an eight-person committee 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.

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

According to O'Leary, he and SUNY Central would have no 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.

When a 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 Speck, Associate Professor Thomas Church of the political science

department, and Professor Samuel Aldrich, visiting distinguished professor in the School of Business.

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

Duarte's choices are 1978 Central Council Chair Dave Ruffo, 1982-83 SA President Mike Corso, former SUNY Cortland SA President and current Student Association of the State University [SASU] board of directors member Lisa Codispoli, 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 own 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 students have when students have access to an attorney like they do here. They feel threatened," said Mishler.

O'Leary said that his power over the situation is limited and students don't understand his situation. Students act "as if I'm taking something away," O'Leary said, adding that he is "only following SUNY Central's guidelines."

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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 two things: Cornell's investment in companies that do business in South Africa, and what they called an infringement of freedom of speech.

"That's what these protests are all about, getting Cornell to divest, and [us-

ing] 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 protesters turned down the offer, he said.

"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 been brutal. □

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RPI president draws criticism

By Roger Erickson

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is settling down after student leaders recently accused RPI President Daniel 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 without representation by student leaders.

Student Union President Andrew Morrison and Grand 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 Morrison, 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 Dan 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 fundraising 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 ap-

proachable. "He hasn't communicated very effectively with student leaders."

Cano 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, Berg said he meets 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 Advisement, were originally allowed to attend, but after a discussion with Berg, more students became involved, said Morrison. □

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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 areas 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 the 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 reasoning 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

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Danielle Gagnon

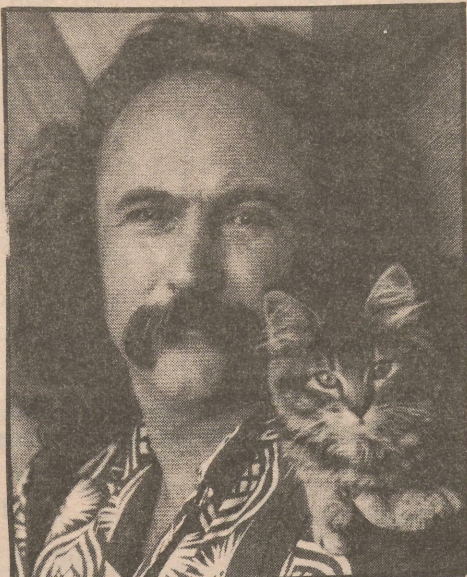
It may sound like a time-war from the Woodstock era-which, in a way, is what's created when an audience is pulled together by relics such as David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash. Last Sunday the flower children of days gone by, and those that would have been had they been born earlier, gathered at the R.P.I. fieldhouse to hear Crosby, Stills, Nash and Judy Collins play a benefit concert to elect democrat 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. There were no shirts on sale, and a democratic propaganda table stood at the back, where photographers surrounded Green before the show began. The show was politically oriented, with politics practically usurping the music. The band has never kept a low 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 used in the 1984 Mondale-Ferraro presidential campaign television commercials.

The group supported Green because he is environment-conscious, pro-choice, anti-Star Wars, opposes cuts in Social Security, Medicare, student aid and Drug Rehab programs, as well as opposing U.S. involvement in Nicaragua.

The audience (especially the younger faction) appeared unaccustomed to politics mixing with music, seeming unenthusiastic at best. They were, however, anxious to see David Crosby, who played this concert in the wake of his release from a Texas prison after serving 2 years for drug charges.

As a warm-up act, Judy Collins flowed onto the stage wearing a flittering silver ensemble and makeup applied with a trowel. The only thing that made Collins a



viable opening act was her enthusiasm for Green. Whoever paired the acts was virtually setting Collins up for a fall, as she is not a big enough attraction to draw her own audience, and is not generally known or appreciated by Crosby, Stills and Nash fans. Collins befriended the audience by opening with Joni Mitchell's "Both Side Now," even singing in Mitchell's style and not her own, but the initial enthusiasm quickly dissipated as she played her own music. Collins began a lengthy political speech informing the audience of Green's fine points, but generally depressed the audience by talking about the late Harry Chapin, "who would be so proud we're doing this for Mark." The restless audience nearly drowned her out, and Collins nervously tried to play it off as she laughed, "It's awfully noisy in here, isn't it?" She exited shortly after, having regained some enthusiasm with another Joni Mitchell cover, "Chelsea Morning."

Following a brief intermission the candidate himself appeared onstage, thanking everyone for their support. He introduced the band by stating, "I am honored by their endorsement, 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 obese and older but smiling the same familiar way, and wearing his usual concert attire of denim shirt and jeans. Nash wore baggy black leather pants with a casual shirt, while Stills looked like a displaced shoe salesman in a grey 3-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 Beatle's *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 siezed Death's doorway/like a fish out of water/waiting for the mercy of the cat."

Nash then joined him for a version of "Guinnivere" that fell nothing short of amazing, and alone justified the price of the ticket to any skeptics. 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 onstage. As the only member of the group that had aged gracefully, it seemed ironic when he quipped, "sex symbols we're not,

so it must be the music." Recalling the recent benefit the group played in California for handicapped children, he lamentfully told the audience that Neil (Young) has 2 children afflicted by cerebral palsy. He then debuted a song written only four days before, "about what a terrible prison it must be to have a beautiful mind trapped in a handicapped body," called "Try to Find Me." He also played the emotional "Magical Child."

Stills played a solo version of "Love The One You're With," and Nash rejoined him for "Southern Cross" and "Our House" the latter of which the audience sang most of the vocals for). Crosby rejoined them for the classic "Judy Blue Eyes," and the band exited the stage.

When they returned, they once again implored the audience to vote for Green with idealist enthusiasm - "You can make a difference!" Their encore consisted of a combined, "Daylight Again"/"Find the Cost of Freedom," and ended with their standard closing song, "Teach Your Children." Altogether they played a show less than 90 minutes long, including political plugs.

Although Crosby, Stills and Nash seek to distance themselves from their infamous past link to the Woodstock/Haight-Ashbury scene ("Don't let the past remind us of what we are not now, no way!" Crosby vehemently sang), one cannot help but associate them with an era passed. The group has retained the excellent musicianship that brought them to fame, but Crosby's voice sounds a bit ragged, and overall they do not sound as good as they did two years ago when they last toured.



SUNYA's own in fine form

"I stayed with art because it was the only way I was able to translate the world around me, the human exchange, the struggle of existence into a meaningful form."

Diane Sepanski

So said Diogenes Fallister, one of six SUNY faculty artists whose work is on 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.

Ballister takes his artistic influence from his Spanish, African and Taino Indian Heritage. His paintings reflect "the visual and tactile language of the Caribbean." Bold, splashy colors and wide, free-ranging brush strokes tell the story of Ballister's life experiences from Puerto Rico, New York City, and Madison, Wisconsin. An accomplished and cosmopolitan painter, Ballister is currently a visiting artist on the SUNY faculty.

Phyllis Galembo is a photographer whose trademark large color Cibachrome format and stylized interpretations of subject have garnered international recognition. Her current exhibition is taken



Bill Wilson's Winter Twilight. from a recent anthropological trip to Benin, Nigeria, where she gained access to the secret rituals of the Olukum religion. *Divination Groups/Objects of Prayer* is an intriguing essay that engages the viewer while it depicts a totally foreign 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 Lichenstein and Jasper Johns, her constructions are nonetheless strikingly original; they are intricate, visually demanding pieces which detail the motifs 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. Both sculpt in cast iron, graphite and steel. While Vallila's work is clean, spare and formal, Buchman's sculpture is jagged and quite irregular. Both artists have had 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 Plaxco. He combines various mediums such as wood, steel and paper to produce wild juxtapositions of camels and temples, horses and boats. Worthy of the Museum of Modern Art, Plaxco's sculpture is in itself worth the trip to the Fine Arts building.

As if this weren't enough, Bill Wilson, chairman of the Fine Arts Department, has his own exhibition of landscape paintings. Wilson's canvasses are filled with fecund, vibrant, eye-catching scenes. He uses color as light to capture the brilliance of the Hudson Valley's natural beauty.

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 scent right here in Albany. □

Marsalis: a classy jazz man

How does one describe genius? In the case of Wynton Marsalis, many words come to mind. "Unbelievable," "intense," and "incredible" are just a few. If you find yourself at a loss for words, however, you could express yourself in a manner similar to that of the gentleman sitting next to me. During an exceptional solo he simply muttered, "Holy shit." That said it all.

Bill McCann

On Sunday, November 2, Wynton Marsalis gave a lesson in pure genius at the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts. Those familiar with this 25-year-old jazz and classical music phenomenon can appreciate the meaning of this statement.

Receiving a very warm welcome, Marsalis with his quintet started with the title cut of his 1986 Grammy winning *Black Codes*. This had a very introspective sense to it as well as a hypnotizing quality.

If you are keeping count, Marsalis has won three consecutive Grammys for "Best Soloist" in jazz. His LP *Think of One* won in '83, *Hot House Flowers* in '84 and *Black Codes* in '85. Marsalis became the youngest and only the second musician to win in three consecutive years. He is also the only artist to ever win both jazz and classical Grammys in the same year, which he did in both '83 and '84. Marsalis notes, "because I've played with orchestras and all that, some people think I'm a classical musician who plays jazz. They have it backwards! I'm a jazz musician who can play classical music."

The audience got its first real taste of Marsalis as he limbered up with a fine solo. This was followed by tenor Don Braden who gave lines similar to those of Marsalis. In the background the exceptional rhythm section was very noticeable. This featured



Marcus Robertson on piano, Bob Hurst on bass, and Jeff "Tain" Watts on drums.

Incidentally, this is the same group that plays with Marsalis on his latest album *J-Mood*. Roberts gave a neatly vibrant solo while Marsalis stood in the background diggin' it all.

Next up was a nicely done rendition of Thelonious Monk's composition, "Boo-boo's Birthday." This was followed by a unique version of a perennial jazz standard, "Cherokee." Those familiar with this Ray Noble classic will likely envision the big bands of the 40's that made it famous.

Marsalis' band, however, had something

else in mind. Marcus Roberts made the piece unique by playing the line of the melody near the end of the tune. The piece came off sounding like a totally different tune, not recognizable as "Cherokee" until the very end. This points out the great depths to which Marsalis takes his music.

The group maintained a very upbeat temper featuring a fine muted solo by Marsalis. His virtuosity on the trumpet was highly evident. "Cherokee" ended the introduction to the band which lasted a good half-hour. The group continued in a fashion similar to where it had left off, giving us what Marsalis called (for lack of a better name), "Blues for McCoy." He credited the great McCoy Tyner with its creation. This tune featured the trio of Roberts, Hurst, and Watts; Marsalis and Braden had left the stage.

The three let loose, using the spotlight to their advantage. Roberts started with an excellent blues riff followed by the first real look at bassist Hurst, whose playing was outstanding. Watts gave us a short but great segment on the skins and did some highly creative trade-offs with Roberts. He was, however, just setting up for things to come.

With the full group back on stage, we heard the title cut from *J-Mood*, a slow blues piece, followed by an intensely upbeat bop number. It took the group but a few bars to roll out of the blues and reach full swing. This rigorous play prompted a great ovation from the crowd.

What followed was the first of two highlights of the afternoon's performance. Marsalis played a heart-melting version of the beautiful ballad "When I fall in love again." To call it breathtaking would not be exaggerating. It was the side of Marsalis most loved. He smoothly wisped around the melody, maintaining a tonal quality matched by none; not even the ballads of

Stan Getz or Zoot Sims could match this. In short, Clifford Brown would have definitely approved. It was the only ballad of the show, and it was too bad Marsalis did not play more of this type of music.

The quintet then went into high gear and never looked back. It gave us a Marcus Roberts original entitled "I'll see you in 1," so named because of its various time changes. Marsalis, caught up in the flow of it all, shouted "Swing," encouraging his cohorts to greater heights.

In a crazed and frantic style the band gave the second highlight of the performance, "Insane Asylum," another track from *J-Mood*. Braden started it off with a fever pitched solo, followed by Marsalis who easily raised the temperature a few degrees. Watts played the instigator, shouting at the other members who promptly shouted back. His drum performance was one of the best, and he is sure to be amongst the best drummers around. With the band screaming like loonies, the audience responded in quite an amusing manner, signifying their enjoyment of it all. This tune was a clear example of 'bop at its best.'

His band playing in the background, Marsalis thanked the audience, telling them "it's not the easiest music to listen to." Urging the crowd to keep the faith, he said, "turn your kids on — get some Monk records." This received a very warm round of applause and a standing ovation, as the band exited the stage.

Returning for a much wanted encore, Marsalis and company continued the psychotic pace. Marsalis again showed why he is considered by many to be the best, by hitting and sustaining a G above high C! The crowd could only gasp at his brilliance. After two solid hours of the ultimate in jazz and two standing ovations, Marsalis ended his E.S.I.P.A. performance.

The crystal vision of Coolidge

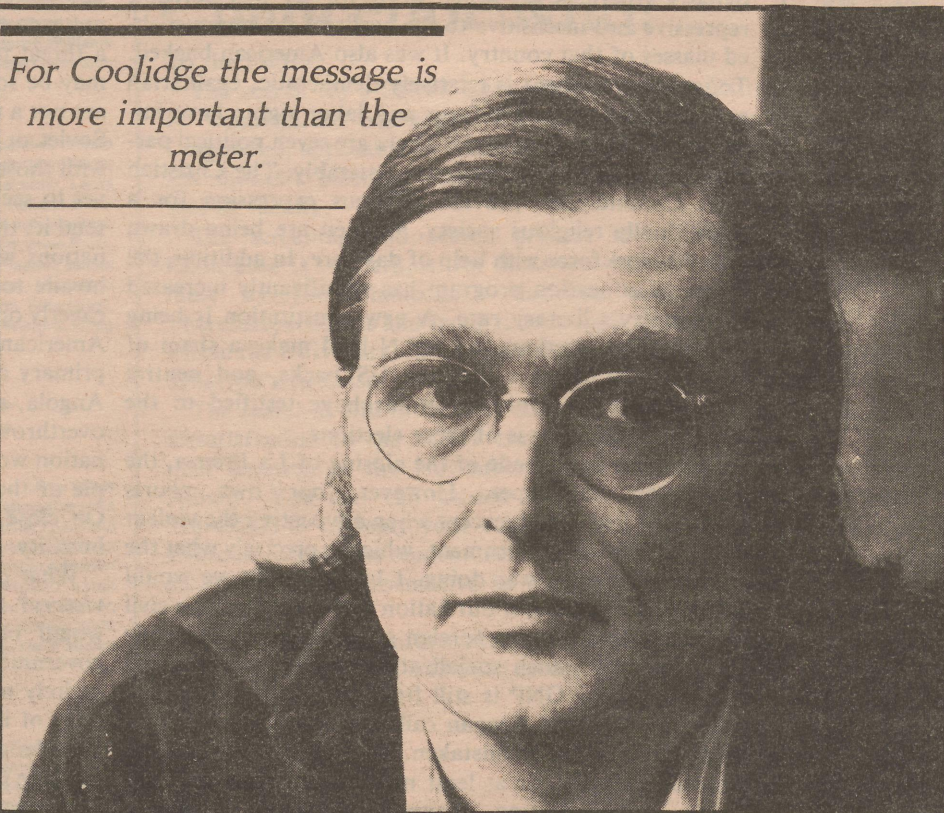
On Wednesday, November 5 at 4 p.m., while most of SUNY Albany's population was either marvelling at nature's first offering of snow, or turning off their televisions during the closing titles of *General Hospital*, a small group of students and well-wishers were entertained by a poetry reading.

Michael Andrews

Although not a household name, poet Clark Coolidge is well known in many literary circles and, for the brief span of an hour, one of those spheres surrounded Humanities 290. His presence was one of a man in his late 40's, early 50's, with mousey brown hair and sparsely grey sideburns. At the bridge of his long, thin nose rested the large, rounded Ben Franklin glasses that he used for reading and someone from every generation has used as a fashion statement. While his appearance in itself was not enough to hold even the most enthusiastic of audiences, it was clear from the first words he read of his newly released book, *The Crystal Text*, that for the next unmeasured period of time, a room of people would hang on his every statement.

Although Coolidge has published some 25 books of poetry over the past many years, 1986 seems to be particularly good one for this native of Providence, R.I. Aside from his aforementioned work, *The Crystal Text*, he has published *Solutions Passage Poems 1978-1981*, a rather large and complicated work that only one who recognizes a perfectly written sentence will enjoy. Indeed, Coolidge's work is not for the poetry fan who can be quoted as saying, "If this is a poetry, how come it doesn't rhyme?" These people will most likely never be able to enjoy the works of Clark Coolidge, for his poetry is typically not

For Coolidge the message is more important than the meter.



constrained by the conventions of rhyme schemes. For Coolidge, the message is more important than the meter.

But, what is Clark Coolidge's message? Well, to say it is unclear would be an understatement. Coolidge did not offer answers to life's mysteries. He simply read from his work, including 30 pages from *The Crystal Text*, and asked for questions. However, after reading his poetry as if it were dialogue from a very sarcastic, one-man conversation, he looked up to a definitely familiar sight: faces as blank as the new paper he uses to write on.

The room was filled with a few bearded

professors, who closed their eyes and let the words rule them; while the rest of the warm bodies tried to rule the words. Yet, as confusing as the books were, they were indeed books of interest. The swiftness and eloquence of his words demanded the closest attention in order to be grasped.

So, how did this man keep a room of people awake? While his dress and appearance may not be that of an adorned royal family member, his voice and rise of language were surely enough to sustain the interest of everyone. His reading inspired the audience to think about the words they use, and misuse, every day.

Coolidge, now a resident of Hancock, Mass., conveys a wide spectrum of ideas

and touches so many subjects that everyone should be able to look through his work and find a quote that they may relate to. However, Coolidge writes for himself as well as others. He makes analogies to his first love, rocks and minerals, and finds new ways to relate these works of nature to more complicated, human feelings and emotions. His words and love of voice, both equally commanding, draw the audience into his world of ideas. But an invitation to enter promises nothing more than a foundation. Coolidge requires you, the reader and listener, to build upon his thoughts.

The more recent works of Coolidge lead one to see a certain amount of commenting on writing. He talks about what separates a prose writer from a poet, why one writes, what it does for him and what it does to him. In the same way that Shakespeare refers to the Globe Theater in *The Tempest* or Woody Allen makes his tongue-in-cheek comments on the film-making process in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, Coolidge reflects on his medium. This is not uncommon for an artist after a period of such proliferation, but as with most subjects presented, he leaves us with no answers.

All things in proper perspective, no major world problems were solved in Humanities 290 between 4 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday. No great solutions for the struggles between men. But, for a few people who did attend Coolidge's reading a seed was planted for the growth of continued thought. For these lucky few, the hour brought them closer to a man moved by his own work and energy who, after a calming drink of cheap red wine from his silver flask, gratefully fielded the questions of those he had confused. For the rest of the world, well, the time brought them an hour closer to Thursday.

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.

One quick 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 admitted 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.

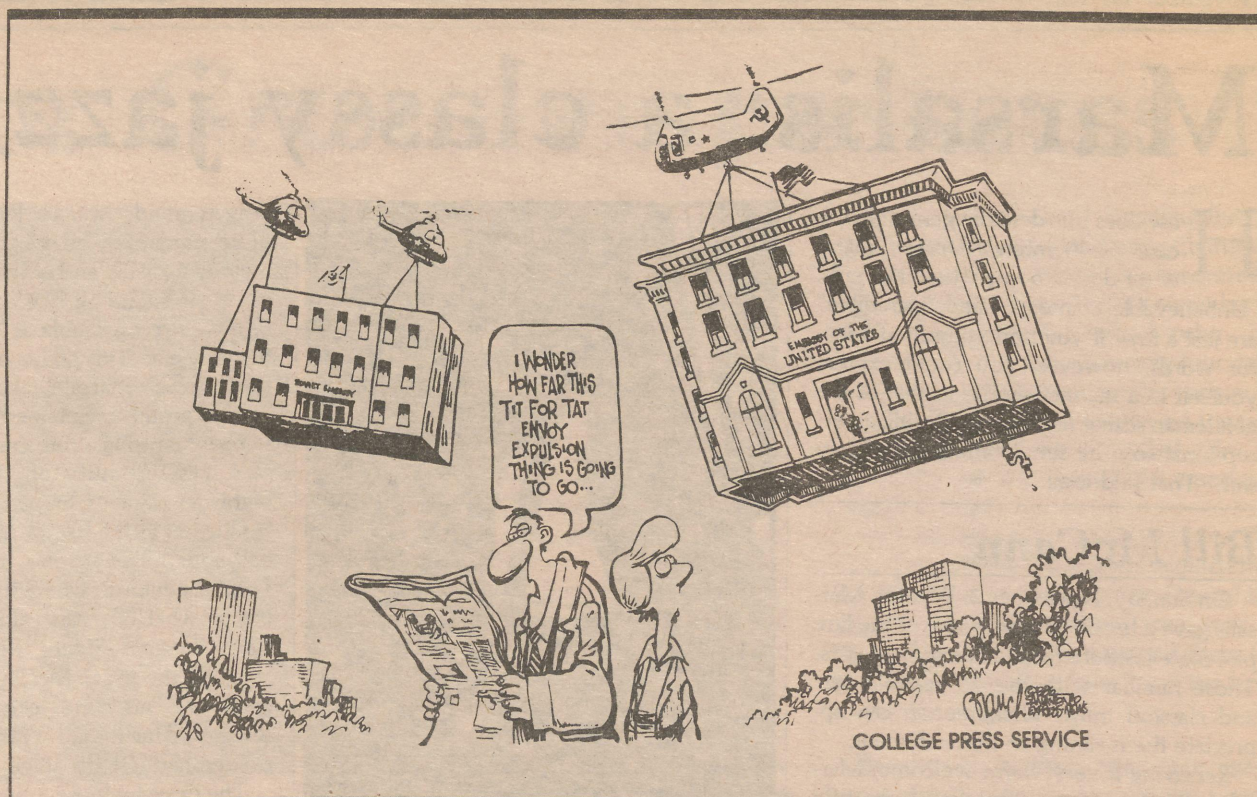
Perhaps the department should follow the lead of the business school and the computer science department by imposing strict admission standards. Currently, the only requirements are grades of C or better in two introductory classes.

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 purse strings 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 negative quotient.



COLUMN

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.

David Finz

In order to determine whether or not to aid the Contras, we must first ask ourselves several 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)?

Are the Sandinistas deserving of US aggression? As revolutionary governments go, Nicaragua is about the least justifiable case for US intervention. In 1979, the people of Nicaragua ousted the Somoza regime. This dynasty (there is no other word for it) was corrupt, repressive and insensitive to the needs of the impoverished masses of that country. It was also American backed. Today's government is relatively democratic, egalitarian and pluralistic. Land reform and labor rights have improved the lot of the people. There are seven political parties represented in the National Assembly. The Christian Base Communities provide religious expression for a traditionally religious society. Women are being drawn into the workforce with help of day care. In addition, the universal education program has significantly increased the country's literacy rate. A new constitution is being drafted. The elections the FSLN held make a sham of some of the regimes that the US backs, and neutral observers at the United Nations have testified to the fairness and openness of these elections.

Much has been made of the closing of *La Prensa*, the opposition newspaper. However, our own courts guarantee free speech except when advocating the violent overthrow of the government, which is precisely what the CIA backed press was doing. I highly doubt we would tolerate such a paper if our nation was embroiled in a civil war being backed by a foreign government. Also, while there has been much socialization of the economy, the majority of the GNP is still from private enterprise. In other words, when Reagan calls the Sandinistas "Communist" he is sadly mistaken. In fact, the Sandinistas were on friendly, or at least not hostile terms with the Carter Administration. However, Reagan's efforts to boycott Nicaragua has forcibly driven that nation further into the Soviet camp.

Are the Contras particularly worthy of our support? The Contras were organized by remnants of Somoza's infamous National Guard. These soldiers have a history of terrorizing the people, and their list of human rights abuses is long. Even those dissatisfied with the Sandinistas are adamantly against a return to the Somoza era, which is what could be expected from the Contras. The Contras are bloody and hard to manage. They have attacked Western nationals within Nicaragua, which has proven an embarrassment to the US.

Can the Contras win? The Contra army is composed of a rat-tat band of 10,000. They are fighting against a force several times larger. It will take a great deal more than Reagan's \$100 million to bring down the Sandinistas. What we must really ask ourselves is, What are we getting

ourselves into? It is not realistic to think that any amount of ammunition can defeat the Sandinistas. The sheer task of occupying the capital of Managua would exhaust the supply of Contra troops. What I am driving at is that American troops would be needed. Anyone who doubts this need only look at what a task it has been for our Russian comrades to hold on to Kabul. General Secretary Gorbachev has begun troop withdrawal, but it is doubtful that Kabul won't be inundated with Mujahadeen (Afghan contras) if he goes through with this. We must question whether we or not we are willing to make this kind of long standing commitment of American resources, not to mention American GI's. If we simply wish to be an annoyance to the Sandinistas then the Contras are fine; however, the people of Nicaragua are not fooled. They know that their sluggish economy is a casualty of the US backed insurgency, not the failure of their revolution. To aid the Contras is to start a long chain of events that smacks of another Vietnam.

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 posing 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 hostile to 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. We continue to invest in Angola, a government we simultaneously would like to overthrow. No sane world leader of an underdeveloped nation would turn away American capital. Even the people of these nations are interested in American culture. On close examination, it is we, not they, who exhibit hostility.

What consequences can we expect from an American victory? If the Contras overthrow their 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 Managuan 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 bleed Nicaragua dry for our profit. Those who wish to protect slavery in Latin America should call it by its proper name, and not defame the term "Democracy" by substituting it for what is more aptly called imperialism. It is high time that 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 we were taught in high school may finally have to be put to use. □

Of birds and bees

To the Editor:

Amidst the pressures 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 was a bitter view of his bad experiences; 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 with 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 accusations and self-righteous opinions are akin to a 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 faith.

"The social controls exhibited by religion vary from petty gossip to excommunication to death." Mr. 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 one of the ten commandments. Maybe this happened in Jim Jones' cults, but not in your neighborhood chapel.

"If religions seek to make people expand their minds, there would be no need for rigid church doctrines." I suppose that 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 even acknowledge others' possible beliefs, Mr. Leon is in effect rejecting the very society that allows him this precious right — freedom of speech. Let him try that in a 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 my personal business, 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 praise a generic religious 'God,' but to call upon whatever cosmic or metaphysical spirit we could grasp that we felt made us human, to regain our human health, to promote unity 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-Ann M. Pangburn

Foreign policy

To the Editor:

With the beginning of the new semester, SUNYA's large foreign student population had to face some drastic changes regarding the University's health insurance policy. Instead of being able to buy SUNYA's \$98 a year health insurance plan or pick an insurance of choice, foreign students are forced to buy a new \$130 a semester (\$260 a year) health insurance plan proposed by the University. The decision to implement this new policy was made over the summer, such that the foreign student community was neither 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 in the US. SUNYA's new health insurance plan only covers students while in the US, a definite disadvantage. So who benefits from the new policy? It's definitely not the foreign students! It's definitely not the University's image, nor the image of its administrators. As a pure exercise in being insensitive to the need of foreign students, the price seems to be too high.

— Gerd Schwartz

Chancellor who?

To the Editor:

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 at last month's meeting, completely excludes students as well as faculty.

The screening and search process for a SUNYA Chancellor is very critical for those who are affected the most by the Chancellor's decisions and actions. Therefore, students and faculty, the largest constituencies 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, they can 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 concerns and demand that Everette Joseph, the student trustee and SASU President, and a faculty representative be included on the Search Committee.

If you want more information, you can call the Student Association Office at 442-5640 or the SASU Cental 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 my SUNY address from last year. They weren't getting forwarded to my present address due to lack of help in the mail room.

I went to the mail room 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 any forwarding 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 students 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 changed. One important way 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.

In addition, reimbursement for treatment and surgical expenses has increased from one hundred and fifty dollars to a maximum of one thousand dollars. This is particularly important with regard to childbirth expenses. Under the old policy women were reimbursed a maximum of one hundred and fifty dollars in total for all prenatal care visits and delivery, which costs fifteen hundred dollars locally. This had made it impossible for women to go to term unless they paid the expenses out of their own pockets or went on Medicaid.

In conjunction with the new policy, the University has made an arrangement for SUNY students to be treated under a special program at the Whitney Young Health Clinic which will accept the student insurance to cover the entire cost of prenatal care and delivery. In addition, in spite of the dramatically improved coverage the premium has remained the same.

The man responsible for all this is Dean Neil Brown who worked very hard to arrange the new health insurance contract and the agreement with Whitney Young during a time when he had very heavy professional and family responsibilities. Dean Brown also personally helped several pregnant undergraduates who wanted to go to term to give birth while continuing their studies at SUNY. All students who hold the *Student Accident and Sickness Insurance* policy owe thanks to Dean Brown who has given SUNY women a real choice and has improved health care for all students.

— Sharon Long

In the name of...

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to Mr. Leon's letter in last Friday's October 31st issue. This I must rectify: Cults and religions are not synonymous or even that "One is publicly accepted; the other is not." Cults exploit a person's need for spirituality and worship. Only a few benefit — leeches that take advantage of individuals who need a system of worship. They offer little, compared to what they gain. Somewhere people are making money off of these bogus cults. Religions generally offer a person an outlet for that need; a whole congregation jointly sharing where the "higher-ups" gain little as far as material concerns.

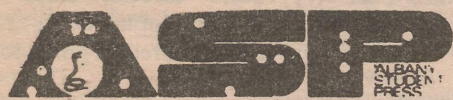
It sounds to me that Mr. Leon has had a narrow range of experiences with various faiths. Jeff, who when approached refers to himself as an atheist, dismisses all "cults-religion." Because of grave and disheartening past experiences in a religion that he did not choose but rather was placed into by his parents, he dismisses all denominations, strengthening his argument with "witch burning" and references to the Inquisition. Imagine that! Where fanatics exaggerate all the good and are blind to all else, you are just as twisted. Mr. Leon, you are not looking at the whole picture, you are looking at the actions of a few radical groups; grains of sand on the beach (of Christianity). Granted, these were injustices used "in the name of..." as an excuse but one cannot put aside a whole sect because of an extremist time in history or some revolutionary group. If there ever was such a thing as "Christian book burning" it was rash, but that doesn't mean that Christianity opposes open-mindedness! By having doctrines, sermons and "thou shalt nots" one is encouraged to expand ones mind in *productive* directions!

You state that one would be alienated from a Catholic congregation if one questioned the validity of the Bible. WRONG. They would offer answers in the hopes of incorporating you (back into the shared theology of the congregation itself). They are NOT out to get you! Religions are not concentrating their efforts on gossip, excommunication and death as social controls. The fact that you even speak of death is laughable. This IS 1986, isn't it??

It is not true that Alcoholics Anonymous can not help you if you do not believe in a supreme being. People have weaknesses, that's why there is an A.A. You have to draw your strength to combat alcoholism, etc. from somewhere. You just need a "higher power" — the group itself can be the higher power from which you tap your strength. Mr. Leon, what is YOUR "higher power"? A.A. is an institution to be commemorated, not defaced.

In conclusion, I hope that Jeff Leon opens his eyes and examines his slight and irresolute thoughts about Christianity and other religions and bases his arguments on points closer to the truth.

— Corinna Rose Angella-Marie Bull-Brown



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The two-week program, an Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) pilot effort, was financed by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Although the 13 students came from varied backgrounds, none of the students had computer training before entering the program.

According to EOP Director Carson Carr, "The students had fun while learning."

Students were taught basic computer skills by an EOP computer coordinator and two 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 going to college, Carr said.

"The program was highly successful," he said. "The 13 students came away with a better sense of themselves," said Carr. "Next summer, if we can receive funding, the program may expand and there might even be more advanced classes."

Grouper law

the area," he said. "Couples are moving out because they can't compete with a group of singles. Houses are difficult to buy because they're a mecca as investment property, and as older people move out their houses are bought up by investors," Scholl said.

This investment property is no longer owner-occupied. "There's no longer that balance of [age] groups that first attracted us to the city," he added.

"I'm glad I went [to the forum] because there were some vague points that had to be cleaned up," SUNYA student Lawrence Schindelheim said.

"A lot of people were asking me questions about specific information and I didn't know the answers," said Zirkel, who planned the forum.

Zirkel, who approached Mishler with the idea of the forum, originally intended to have 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 just to relay information," Zirkel said.

Disappointed with the turnout, Zirkel said he hung up posters announcing the event, but having worked with a limited budget, relied on word-of-mouth to pass along information.

"It would have been more exciting and probably would have generated more interest" had someone 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 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 "short-falls" 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 now."

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 Harvard or Stanford, Birmingham said, but "increasing tuition in the middle of the year makes us less and less of an 'open door' institution. Raising tuition makes us less affordable to lower-income students."

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

For the same reasons, three weeks ago University of Alabama trustees agreed to boost spring semester tuition by an average 11.5 percent at the Tuscaloosa branch. It will cost students at the Huntsville and Birmingham branches — operating on a quarter system — an additional 7.7 percent and 12.7 percent, respectively, to enroll in their next terms.

"At the end of the year," said UA finance chief Joseph Dowdle, "we face a 10 percent cut in new

funds and a 4.2 percent cut through prorationing. So, we decided to increase tuition mid-year to make up for the funding loss."

For students in Alabama public schools, mid-year increases are old hat.

In the late seventies and early eighties, state schools suffered four years of prorationing to help defuse a money crunch. Mid-year tuition increases were common, Dowdle said.

As other states and their colleges tried to cope with inflation during the period — and especially with the first wave of federal college cuts that hit during the 1983-84 school year — they, too, started doing what up until then had been unthinkable: raising their rates between semesters instead of between 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. Lawmakers said it was "more honest" for the university of absorb 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.

Reaction to a 10 percent surcharge on the University of Utah's tuition — to be divided between winter and spring quarters — is mixed, said Gail Norris, Utah's associate commissioner for finance.

"The increase is significant to students, of course, but it comes to about \$37 per student per quarter, so it's really not a large amount of money."

"And most students seem to understand," he said.

"Most students realize the budget situation and that there's not much we can do," said Gwen Hitchcock, an Auburn student who'll pay five percent more tuition to enroll for spring term. Out-of-state Auburn students will pay 38 percent more this spring. □

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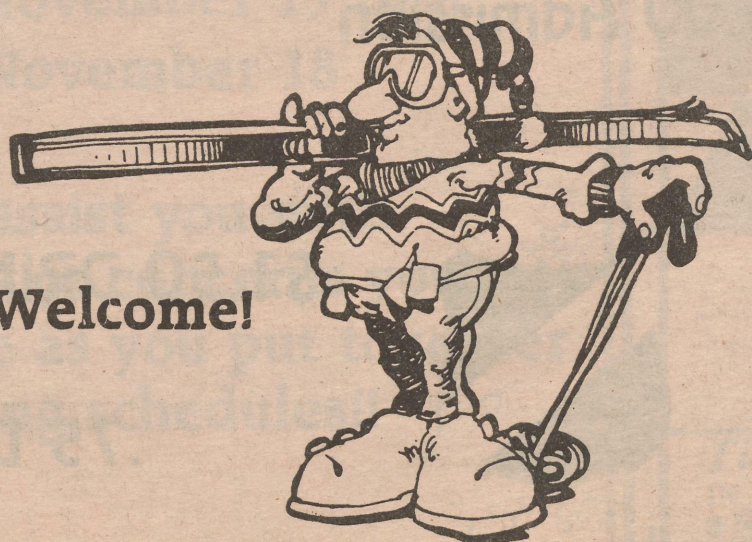
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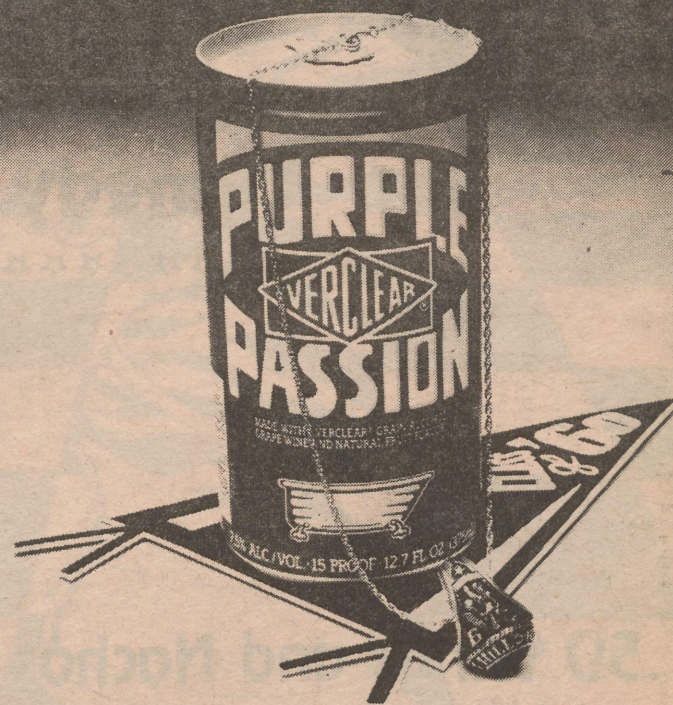
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Legal services

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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

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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 results 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 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 Maufest 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. "The 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

◀Front Page

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-minority student incidents.

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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goal on the next play, and tied the game on Tony Chedile's 26-yard kick.

What was noticeably absent from the Bull's offensive attack throughout the first half of Saturday's game was their passing attack, an attack that had been so successful 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 Div I transfer Underwood, the Danes were holding their own.

In the games' third quarter, Albany did more than that, when they scored the games' first touchdown at 9:08. The Danes got possession of the ball on downs on their own 45, and made it to the Bull's 20 when Ryder completed a 35 yard pass to split end Glen Cardin. Halfback Caesar Revano carried the ball up the middle for a yard on the next play, and Pedro followed it up by making a 13 yard run of his own off the Bull's left tackle. A Buffalo off-sides penalty gave the Danes three additional yards, bringing Albany to within three. Ryder swept right to pick up a yard on the next play, and completed a two-yard pass to Revano to score the games' first touchdown. Tony Chechile added the extra point, and for the first time in the game the Danes lead, 10-3.

The lead lasted throughout the rest of the third quarter and much of the fourth, greatly due to the clutch defensive play of Dane halfback Gerry Brown. Brown had two interceptions during this time period, one of which occurred during a Buffalo possession on the Dane five-yard line.

"Gerry Brown," said Ford, "should have, could have, would have been the hero of the game."

But the game wasn't over yet.

With 6:09 left to play, Buffalo gained possession on their own 26, and Crosta, who had been relatively cold throughout

the games' first half, completing only three of eight passes for 27 yards, came alive.

Crosta made passes of 15, 24, and eleven yards, and ran for 19 yards himself to bring Buffalo within six yards of scoring. He then handed off to Underwood who ran for a six yard touchdown.

And then came the decision.

"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

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That speaks for itself," said coach DeMeo.

"Chris is a great athlete, a great wrestler, and a great guy, . . . I give him all the respect in the world," said teammate and fellow heavyweight Ivan Katz.

Katz and Tironi met again this Sunday in the finals of the heavyweight division at the Dane Classic. And again Tironi took the victory, as he did last year by a 1-0 mark, and was named tournament's outstanding wrestler in the upper weight classes. It is evident how Albany can dominate the heavyweight class.

Also returning to the team after last year's absence is senior Jerry Clark in the 158 lb. weight class, who DeMeo refers to as "an absolutely super wrestler."

Clark, made it to the finals Sunday to face a loss to Paul Schwern, of UNH, who pinned him late in the match.

Returning also for the Danes after a season's layoff is the 142 lb. Rafael Santiago.

Freshman Pat DiCaprie and Isaac Ramaswamy at 118, and Chris Ramsdin at 158 "should be strong additions as freshman," said DeMeo.

"Ben Lerner at 150 lbs. looks good. Also we're in a position now where all our wrestlers look strong and we still have to

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; 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 Mitchell, whose 24 yards move him past Sam Haliston for eighth place on the Dane all-

figure out who will be where, but I'd say we have a good chance of bettering our seventh place finish in the NCAA's last year," added DeMeo.

It was the senior, two-time NCAA qualifier, SUNYAC runner-up in 1985-86, last year's team captain and outstanding team leader John Balog's second championship in the battle of the 142 pounders over unattached Marc Gumble. He won the title last year also.

Back for only weeks so far since he returned from a coaching job with the Olympic Solidarity Program in South America where he coached players and other coaches of such underdeveloped nations as Columbia, Ecuador and Venezuela, was two-time NCAA qualifier, SUNYAC runner-up in 1986, and outstanding team leader at 177 lbs., Marty Pidel.

John Carssie of Springfield won by default over Matt Ryan of Albany in the 190 lb. final match.

For the Danes to do well against tough teams such as Ithaca, Binghamton and Oswego, was well as secure victory in tournaments such as the one coming up on Nov. 22 at Boston College, where they will face Division I BC, Brown and Maine. They must gel as a team and form strength in each weight class.

"We're always good and we'll finish in

time rushing list. Additionally, Pat Ryder completed six passes in 15 attempts for a gain of 79 yards.

Defensively, the Danes were lead by sophomore cornerback Joe Pirecca, who had 13 tackles on the day. Senior linebacker Frank Sarcone added 11, and was followed by sophomore cornerback Darryl Singleton, with nine.

"We did a hell of a job in the first half," said Ford. "We knew, coming into the game, that we'd have to play well and play over our heads, and we did those two things. It was one hell of a tough game, but I have no regrets." □

the top ten in the country again this year. It's amazing how some years we look better than others, but we always do well. With two national champs and three guys who have a chance at All-American, I feel our team is strong," said Feltman. □

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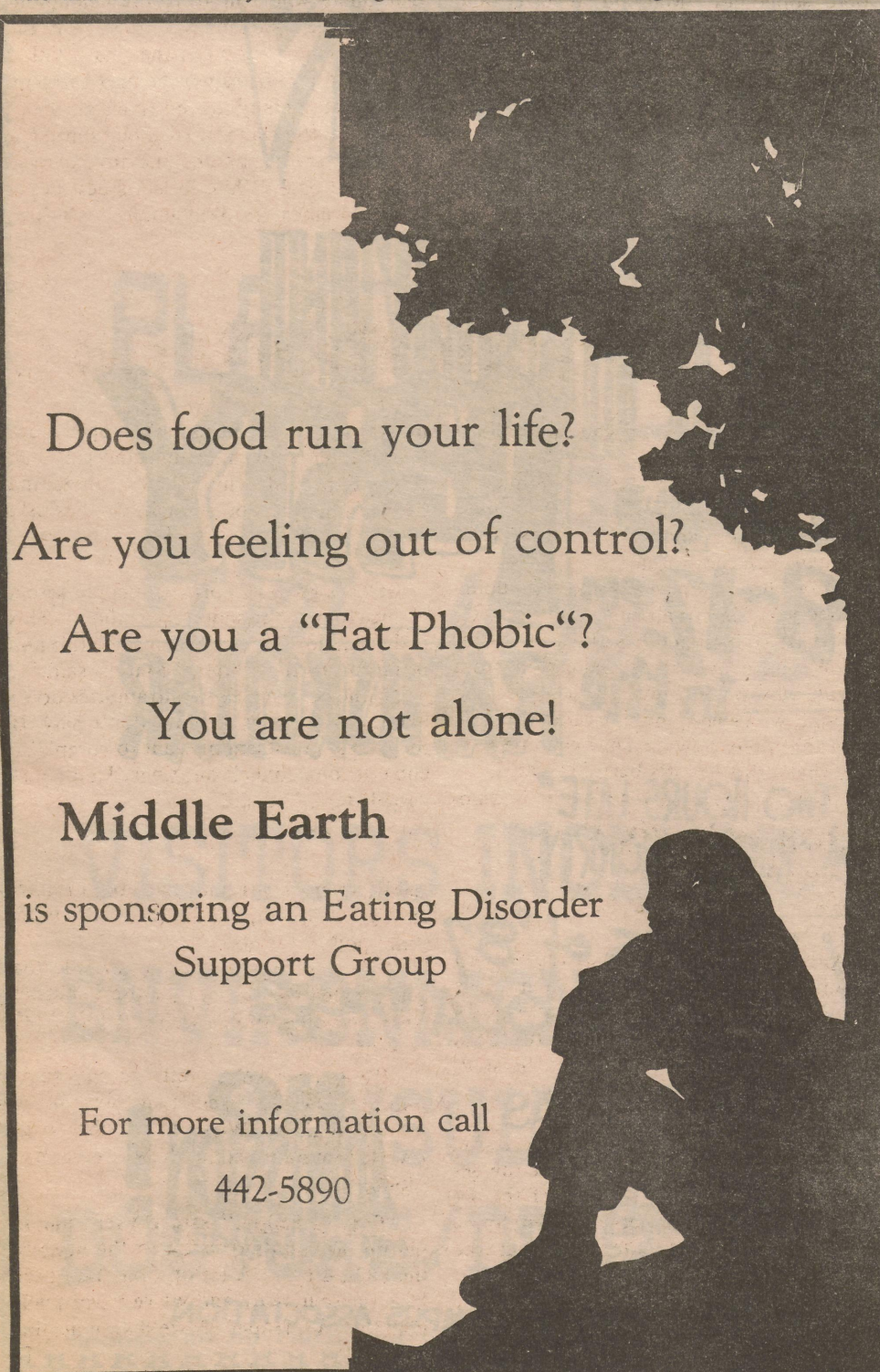
Miller, despite losing his shoe, managed to run a respectable race. He crossed the line in 39th at 28:20.

Finishing four places behind Miller was Schoenig, who was timed at 28:30. This made Albany's time spread between their first and fifth runners 52 seconds, the best the team has had in recent weeks.

Freshman Mark Allman also had a decent race despite a fall two miles into the race. He placed 45th as he registered a time of 28:41.

The next race for the Danes is the Eastern Regionals Saturday at Fredonia College. Three teams from the region qualify for the Nationals. Albany figures to be in the running for the final bid as RIT and St. Lawrence will be the co-favorites.

As Coach Vives said, "If we get a sure effort down the line and put everything together, I think we will make nationals." □



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Albany State men harriers finish fifth at ECACs



Senior Craig Parlato shook off the ill effects of a cold to finish 32nd Saturday to help the Danes to their fifth-place finish in the ECACs.

By Steven Silberglied
STAFF WRITER

Rochester Institute of Technology won the ECAC men's cross country meet this weekend with an incredible score of 16 points. In cross country, scoring 15 points is the best score a team can attain.

RIT was third in the Division III Nationals a year ago, and figures to be amongst the elite once again.

Albany, for the most part running their "B" team (and an injured one at that), finished fifth in the 20 team competition with 161 points. Finishing ahead of the Danes was St. Joseph's(75), East Coast Guard(133) and Amherst College (159).

John Wager of RIT was the individual winner as he ran the 8000-meter course at Sunken Meadow, L.I., in 26:04. The times, in general, were slow as rain made the course slippery. Additionally, the men's race was held right after the women's race, which made traction worse. Wagner was followed by his teammates Dale Foster, Mike Nier and Tim Healy as they secured the second through fourth place positions. They all

ran times under 26:30.

Albany freshman Scott McNamara kept pace in the first part of the race with the RIT runners and was second at the mile mark. No splits were given throughout the race, but it was estimated that his first mile was under five minutes.

Albany Head Coach Robert Vives said of McNamara, "He went out hard and looked very aggressive. He wanted to take advantage of the fact that the first part of the course was flat."

McNamara acknowledged his coaches assessment as he stated, "when we looked over the course the day before, I figured that it would be a good course for me to go out hard. It was my last race of the season and I wanted to give it all I had."

McNamara was not the only Dane who was in a good position. Senior Craig Parlato was eighth. At this point, he was running well despite having had a cold all week.

Junior Tom Schoenig, who had also been sick, was running strong in the top 15. Juniors Paul Dietz and Scott Miller also were in the top 20. At this point, the Danes appeared to be in good position

to take second.

However, at the halfway point the Danes fell back. Parlato and Schoenig tried to hang on, but weren't able to stay in contention as the damp weather magnified their illnesses.

At the three mile mark, Miller lost a shoe and was forced to run the last two miles without it. Obviously, it was not Albany's day.

Four miles into the race, the Danes hit the toughest part of the course, the infamous "Cardiac Hill." They fell back again as six runners passed McNamara.

Still, McNamara was able to finish strong and was the Dane's top finisher, coming in at 21st, timed at 27:38. This was his best race of the season and for that he was named "runner of the meet."

McNamara later said "I felt in control for the whole race. Even when I was being passed on the hill I didn't feel like I was slowing down."

Dietz was the next Dane to finish. He placed 26th with a time of 27:54.

Parlato finished next for Albany. He was eight seconds behind Dietz, which placed him 32nd.

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Williams, Braslow pace Dane women to take sixth

By Brian Voronkov
STAFF WRITER

Coming off an outstanding showing in Saturday's ECAC Championships, the Albany State women's cross country team is anxiously looking to this weekend's NCAA regional to be held in Fredonia.

On Saturday, the Danes placed sixth out of 25 teams. Ithaca College won the meet as five of their runners finished in the top 10. Bates College, from Maine, placed second with a score of 78. Colby College, also from Maine, finished third with a score of 86.

SUNY Cortland accumulated a score of 113 which placed them fourth and SUNY

Geneseo, this year's SUNYAC champions finished fifth with a score of 147.

The Danes were paced by two top 20 finishers. Sophomore Patti Williams led the Danes with a time of 19:59, which placed her 18th overall. Junior Rachel Braslow was awarded the "breakthrough runner of the meet" because of her excellent 20th-place finish in a time of 20:04.

"Rachel is beginning to peak," said Albany Head Coach Ron White. "Patti made a fine showing, but because of Rachel we finished as well as we did."

Freshman Kerry Charron and sophomore Barbara Ascher had an outstanding performance as well. Charron

had a time of 21:20 which placed her 43rd overall and Ascher finished just behind her with a time of 21:28 placing her 45th.

Senior Laurel Sutcliff came in fifth for Albany with a time of 21:45, placing her 56th. The two displacers for the Danes were sophomore Marylou Webster and sophomore Kathy Belantoni. Webster had a time of 22:13 placing her 64th and Belantoni finished 74th with her time of 22:29.

Coach White feels the team had an excellent day, although the times overall were slower than usual. The five kilometer course was held at Sunken Meadow State Park on Long Island where it rained most

of the day resulting in a wet and slippery course.

Next Saturday, the Danes go to what looks like their last race as a team as they travel to Fredonia to compete in the NCAA Division III regional. This race determines who will go to the championships on the following Saturday. Only the top two teams will go to the finals. Other than the top two teams, the next three individual runners go to the finals as well.

In 1984, the Danes earned one spot. The course is very demanding and anything can happen. Coach White feels his best hopes for a placement are Williams and Braslow. □

ACIA making best out of personnel shortage

By Paul A. Lander
STAFF WRITER

"We want respect!"

This is the cry of the Albany Co-Educational Intramural Athletics. Recently, ACIA has recieved a number of complaints about the way intramural sports are being handled.

"People just don't understand what we do," said Lenny Marcus, president of ACIA. "We want the school to know how things are being run. The people that are complaining don't know this."

The function of ACIA is to provide fun for the students. "These are coordinated activities for as many interests as possible," said Bob Masloski, ACIA council member. He added that intramurals are an extracurricular activity; a release for students to get away from school work.

The thing that is really ticking off ACIA is the lack of cooperation it has recieved. Marcus said the students don't realize that there are only about 20 people running all the activities. The catch to this is these people are not paid for this work.

"People want it (intramurals), but they don't want to help run it. We need the support of the students, not the bickering," Marcus said.

Over seven thousand people will participate in intramurals this year. Coupled with the complaints it receives, the ACIA has its hands full both on and off the field.

"If we didn't run it (ACIA), who would? No one would be able to run this.

This is why we're asking for respect all the way around: from the top guns (administration) to the student body," Marcus said.

The ACIA has not always been a co-ed organization. Last year there were men and women intramural groups: AMIA (men) and WIRA (women). The men's intramurals continued to grow in popularity, while the women's athletics was headed for disaster.

"The women's program just fell apart. There was no participation. So, rather than do away with it, we picked it up and combined it with the men's program," Masloski said.

The result has yet really to be seen. "So far most of the women are playing on co-ed teams, not their own teams. That has a lot to do with the season. Right now it's softball season. Not many women have shown interest," Masloski said, adding that "once seasons like basketball and water polo arrive there should be greater participation."

Economics does play a factor for ACIA. However, they are not there to make money. "The school (Student Association) says to make money. If we didn't have to, we wouldn't," Marcus said.

This year ACIA needs to meet an \$11,000 income line. The money for team registration is necessary in order to play the sports.

"This year softball registration was \$30. If you have 12 to 15 players that's \$2 per

person. Where else could you play ball for \$2," Marcus said.

"Included in that \$2 is equipment, referees, SA's who know the rules, scheduled games and field use. That's not too bad," Masloski said.

So far this season, ACIA has been doing a good job. Marcus attributes this to a better ACIA council and better organization.

"We have had some dedication from people who weren't involved last year. As a result, we've been more organized. Early on I told them how ACIA was to be run, and that's the way it's been," he said.

"Last year people were stealing equip-

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Dwyer. "That's kind of nice, I think. You never know though."

Albany plays the winner of the Eastern Connecticut-Elizabethtown match. The Danes have already beaten Elizabethtown this season as well as having beaten a number of teams that beat Eastern Connecticut.

Juniata has also received a bye past the first match and will face the winner of the Grove City-Cortland matchup in the second round. The two winners of the second round play each other to determine who will advance to the final four the following weekend.

A trip to the final four seems very attainable for Albany this year as they are the favored team at the regional.

ment and not giving us any cooperation. We threatened to cancel intramurals, then things improved. This year we are getting dedication, but not enough," Masloski said.

ACIA's goal is to provide people with a chance to play the sports they enjoy. "This is their major leagues. We provide this and bring fun to the school," Marcus said.

"If the people playing intramurals don't like the way things are run, don't play. If they have a problem or want to complain, come to our council meetings. Don't just write letters," he said. □

said Dwyer. The Danes have been ranked as high as fourth, but fell to seventh in the final poll last week.

"We're going in with the attitude that each match we play is no more important than any other match we've played," said Dwyer.

"We know we're pretty good," said a modest Dwyer, "and that may be an understatement. We're not trying to get overly anything about how we've been doing."

"They're happy," said Dwyer, summing up his team's reaction to the news of the NCAA bid. "A lot of them have been here for four years and we've never made it all the way. Hopefully we'll keep playing well." □

Albany spikers clinch first state championship

By Kristine Sauer
SPORTS EDITOR

Over the years, only two achievements have eluded the Albany State women's volleyball team despite having an extremely successful program. This year's team has changed that.

At Cortland this past weekend, the Danes captured the state title for the first time in Albany State history at the NYSWCAA championships.

This leaves only a national title yet to be attained by Albany. Although they failed to gain the

automatic bid via winning the SUNYAC championship, the team's 43-2 record as well as their consistent rankings in the top ten of the national poll, earned them a well deserved NCAA bid. On Thursday the Danes travel to Juniata College in Pennsylvania for the NCAA regionals, step one in their quest for the national championship.

At the NYSWCAAs 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 Nazareth, the tournament's fifth seed, in the quarter finals as they overcame them 15-4, 15-11. In the semifinals Albany took third seeded Ithaca 15-11 in the first game, dropped the second 9-15, and clinched the deciding game 15-5 to advance to the finals.

The tournament's second seed and host team 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 15-13, 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 Munhall, 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."

At the regional this coming weekend Albany will be joined by Juniata, Eastern Connecticut, Elizabethtown, Cortland and Grove City.

The Danes go in with the added advantage of receiving a bye past the first match. This means Albany can't finish lower than ninth in the nation. The best the Danes have ever done in NCAA competition is in simply gaining the bid.

"This time we don't even have to play it [the first match]," said

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Albany wrestlers tie Boston for first place 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. An all-knowing smile crosses his face. On the mat, the writhing figures in their purple and gold uniforms score decisive victory after victory.

It has been this way for years.

Shouting orders to the team he has nurtured and taken care of for seven seasons as head coach in addition to the two as assistant, Albany State wrestling coach Joe DeMeo knows the overwhelming abilities his wrestlers possess may lead them to a more remarkable season than last year's 17-2 finish.

With proven veterans of championship mold and promising newcomers eager to continue the Dane tradition, together with DeMeo, a former Olympic Assistant, Pan-American, ATWA (olympic training team) and junior World team coach, coach of World Championship teams and former head coach of Stanford University's wrestling program. He twice led that team into the top 20 of NCAA Division I ranks.

The Dane grapplers are a breed apart.

"He's the best there is, and when you have a son wrestling, you can breathe easier when you know Joe is coaching," the mother of senior Jerry Clark commented.

The wrestlers got a chance to test the waters of the 86-87 season at the annual Great Dane Tournament this past Sunday in the University Gym where they tied with Boston University for first place as each team scored 77 points.

"We gave them the trophy, though, because they were visiting," said DeMeo.

With 16 teams competing, Albany and BU led all others in number, entering 16 and 26, the highest number of wrestlers, respectively. Springfield, entering 25 wrestlers, finished second with 74 points, while Division I University of New Hampshire took third place with 73 points. Oneonta, Morrisville, Brown and Western New England rounded out the top finishers with 63, 37, 29 and 29 respectively.

All-American senior from East Greenbush, Shawn Sheldon is back for the Danes in the 118 lb. weight class. But once again, the Great Dane tourney evaded Sheldon as he took third place for the second consecutive year, losing to Chris Perry of Springfield by a 6-4 mark. Sheldon came back later in the day to defeat Perry handedly.

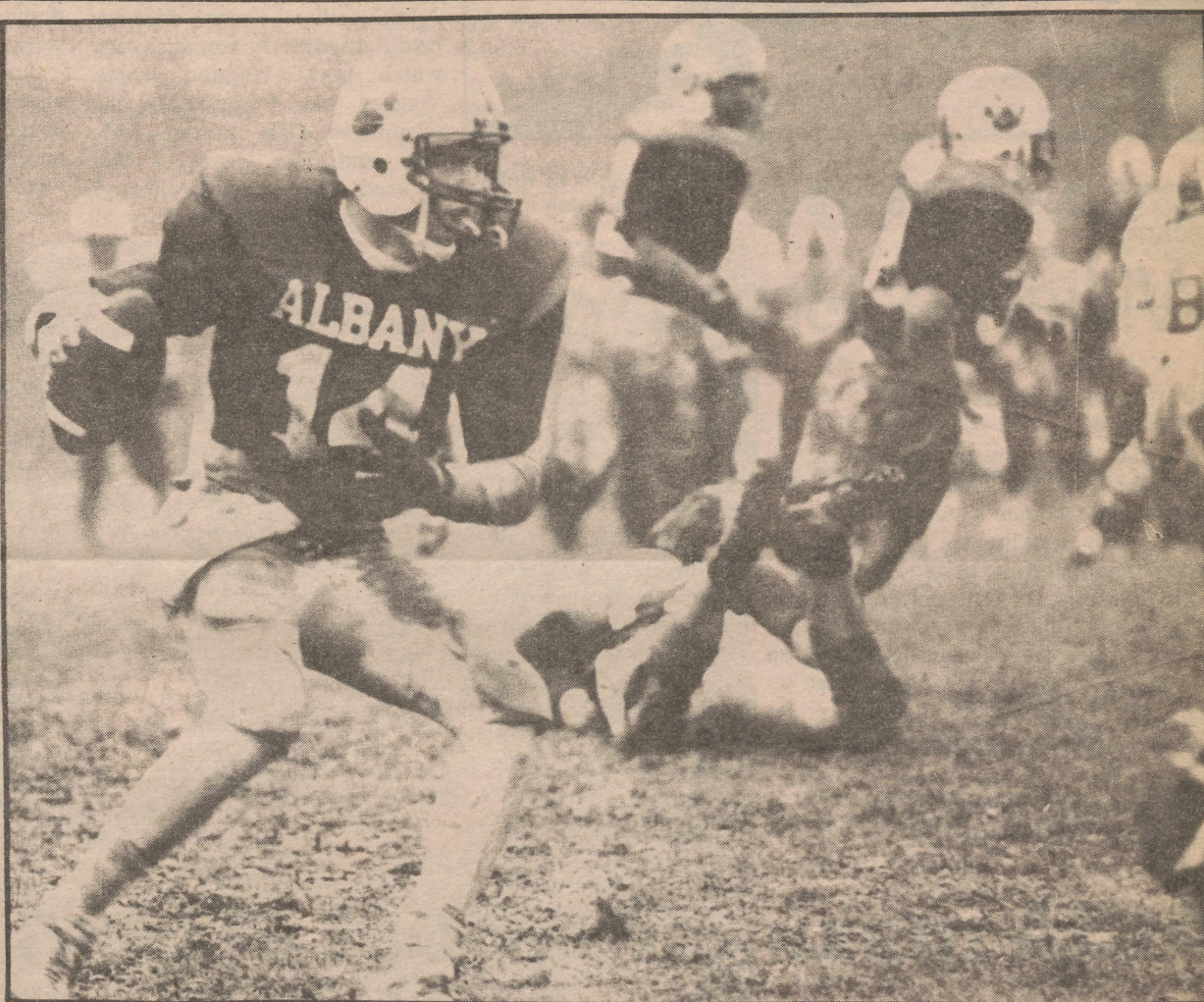
"I haven't been wrestling cleanly, and wasn't ready for the match," said Sheldon, who added, "last year the same thing happened, it won't affect my season though, I'll be working and ready."

"If the Olympics were tomorrow, Shelby would be the man for the U.S.," said DeMeo.

The Danes are powerful at both ends of the spectrum, both the smallest and the largest men are devastating in their own respect. Senior and Division III champion in the heavyweight division last year from Mechanicville, Chris Tironi is a force for the Danes.

"Shawn and Chris, both NCAA champs last season, are two of the five wrestlers and two of the seven athletes, the other two being track stars, in the history of Albany State University to every win national championships.

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HOWIE TYGAR UPS

Freshman quarterback Pat Ryder looks to pass against Buffalo Saturday.

Bulls' conversion edges Danes, 11-10

By Cathy Errig

STAFF WRITER

It all came down to a gamble.

With 3:44 remaining in the game, the University of Buffalo Bulls had just scored their first touchdown of the day, bringing the score to: Albany State 10, U. of Buffalo 9. And now, Buffalo head coach Bill Dando had to make a choice.

An almost guaranteed one-point kick would tie the game. But a less-assured two-point conversion would win it.

Buffalo had been in this situation before. In an earlier season game against Ithaca College, the Bulls had gambled with the conversion, and lost. An Albany victory would bring the Bulls' total losses to three, and end the 19th ranked team's chances of receiving an NCAA bid. There was a lot riding on Dando's decision.

Win it, or tie it? Gamble, or play it safe?

After a time-out, the Bulls returned to the field ready to go for broke. And with just over three and one-half minutes left in the game, Buffalo quarterback Ken Crosta completed a pass to flanker Dan Withers for the extra two points, and Buffalo had won the game by an 11-10 score.

According to Dando, there was never a doubt in his mind as to what his team should do.

"There was no choice," said Dando. "Had there been more than five minutes left in the game we would have gone for the kick. But it was a matter of all or nothing. We weren't going for the tie."

"It was a tough ball game," said Albany head coach Bob Ford, whose team's record now drops to 4-5. "I thought we played well enough to win. The two teams were evenly matched, they put on a great drive at the end."

Neither team did much driving at the beginning of the game; the only points scored in the first half were the result of field goals by both teams.

Buffalo's came in the first quarter, 4:94 into the game. Buffalo outside linebacker Scott McKenzie gained possession of the ball when Dane halfback Ro Mitchell fumbled on the Albany 21, and ran for five yards to the Dane 26. Bull tailback O.D. Underwood followed with gains of three and four yards, bringing the Bulls to within 19, but Buffalo was penalized 15 yards for clipping. Underwood followed with games of four and two yards, bringing the Bulls to the Dane 28, the point at which Buffalo kicker John D'Auria kicked a 45-yard field goal.

The Danes scored their field goal in the second quarter, with 2:54 remaining in the half. Albany gained possession on the Bulls' 30, and gained two yards on their first possession. The Danes got a first down on the next play, when freshman quarterback Pat Ryder handed off to fullback Pete Pedro, who rushed for 12 yards. The Danes made gains of four and five yards on subsequent plays, then lost three yards on a Ryder keep when within one yard of another first down, and with seven yards of a touchdown. Albany opted to attempt a field

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