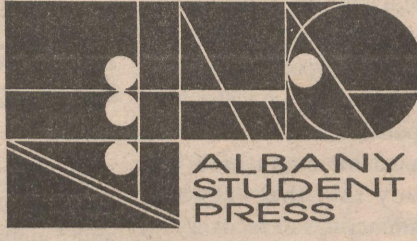
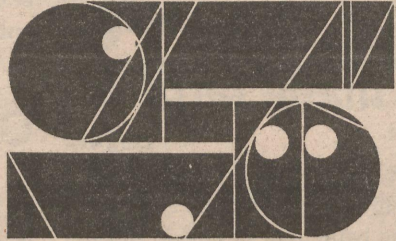
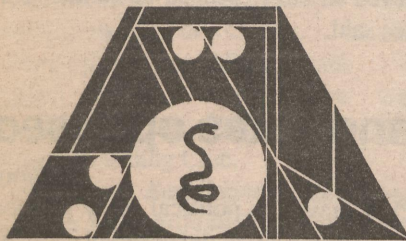


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NYPIRG lobbies legislature to fight tuition hikes

By Allan Talusan
STAFF WRITER

Over 300 NYPIRG activists, students and faculty from 24 different colleges and high schools across the state gathered at the Capitol Wednesday to lobby legislators to stop the proposed budget cuts in higher education.

Out of the 300 lobbyists, only six or seven were from SUNYA. According to Michelle Gibbens, a NYPIRG Board of Directors Member, it was hard to hold the lobbying effort during midterm week.

"I find it funny that many students aren't here today working to save the future of higher education because they're uptown working hard to do well on their own actual education," Gibbens said.

The day consisted of different teams of lobbyists making appointments with about 100 legislators to discuss the problems with the higher education cuts and raises in tuition and how they are having a direct effect on the students of the state. New York State has \$56 Billion to spend on the upcoming fiscal year.

According to Chris Meyers, one of the organizers of NYPIRG's Lobby Day, what NYPIRG wants of

the New York State Legislature is to set aside 1/112th of the state budget, or about half a billion dollars, for higher education.

This money would go towards programs and funding for both SUNY and CUNY systems as well as aid in the Tuition Assistance Program and other forms of financial aid.

What is currently being proposed in the

state legislature are more cuts in higher education, while simultaneously increasing tuition another \$800, a 188% raise in tuition from when the seniors of SUNY first started.

"The strongest tactics to winning the legislators over is not through facts and graphs, but through personal experiences of how such budget cuts are currently affecting you," Meyers said. "What we

want essentially is for the members to scream out to their leaders to stop hurting the students. We demand that they put their money where their rhetoric is."

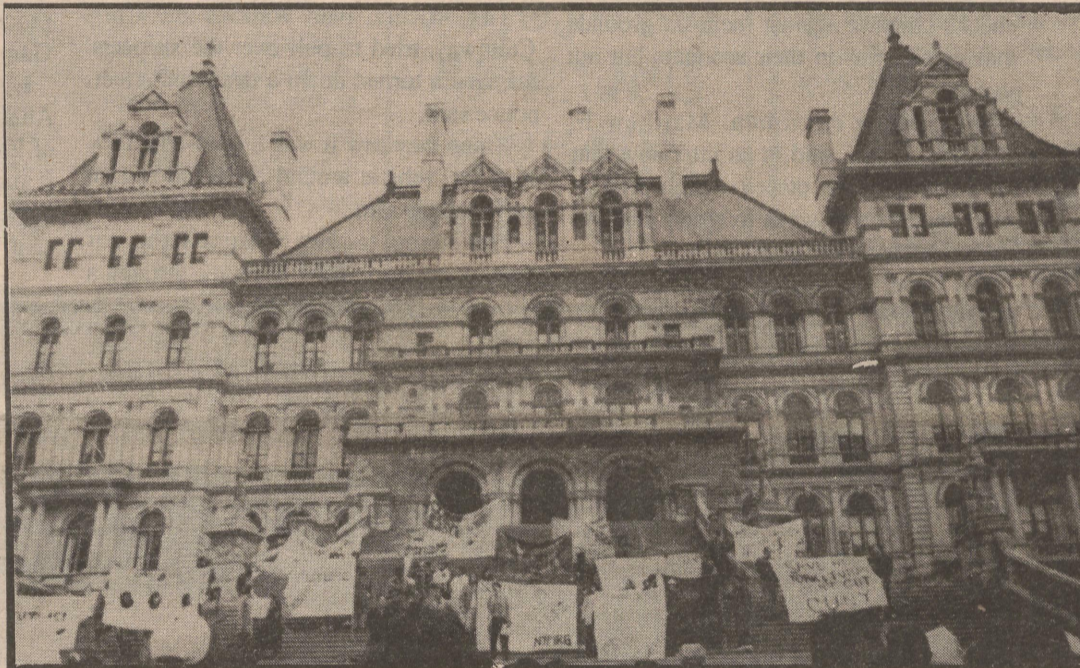
According to Meyers, the students don't deserve such ignorance from a state which has the second or third largest budget in the nation.

Lu Blain, NYPIRG activist from CUNY, agrees. "We know how important an education is to us, the students. We also know how important education must be to the state. We are the future taxpayers of New York. We are the future residents and citizens of New York. We are the future and we are not going to let them take away what is our right."

Gibbens said she feels that this day combined with the March 7 rally for higher education are potent indicators to the governor and the state legislature that the students are unhappy with these proposed cuts.

"I feel that this day will be successful when it is combined with our rally at the governor's mansion," adds Gibbens. "It shows that we are following up on our demands and that the people can

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File photo by Brian Levine

NYPIRG kept the pressure on the legislature Wednesday in the wake of the March 7 rally at the Capitol.

Robert guilty of patronage on State Quad

By Robb Perlman
STAFF WRITER

State Quad Board President Cliff Robert openly admitted to using his authority and status on campus to get friends out of disciplinary trouble, and also allowing them to use the closed State Quad weight room before its opening this February.

During a forum titled "What Does Quad Board Really Do?" on Monday night, Robert said he wanted to "dispel untrue rumors" and to "tell his half of the story."

Robert's term as president got off to a rocky start in September when he was accused of racial and sexual discrimination during check-in. Robert said these charges, coupled with his refusal to open up the State Quad weight room "snowballed" into a situation where it was "Res. Life, MAP (multicultural awareness program) and the RA's versus me."

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Presidential race may ruin US-Japanese relations

By Glenn Teichman
STAFF WRITER

A local expert on international affairs warned Wednesday at a SUNYA-sponsored Campaign Watch forum the United States' relationship with Japan is going to be destroyed by the upcoming presidential election while other faculty members voiced their views on different international developments.

Dr. Steven Leibo, chair of History and Philosophy at Russell Sage College, discussed the dangers of presidential candidates attacking Japan to win votes. "Asia doesn't need our help," he said, "it needs our respect."

Leibo added Japan and other Asian countries are important to the U.S. economy and by blaming them for the recession, the candidates are angering these countries.

Dr. Jane Zacek from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College's Graduate School of Public Affairs talked about problems with which the former Soviet Union is grappling. First on her agenda was the economic crisis which the former Soviet Union and its Eastern-bloc neighbors are undergoing now there is no central economic system. She also discussed the problems of ethnic hostility in these countries and the problem of nuclear weapons since, Zacek said, four republics have warheads. With the fall of the Soviet Union, she said, there has been a shift from a bi-polar world to a tri-polar one. The

new powers are the United States, Japan and the European community, lead by newly-unified Germany.

Dr. Karl Barbir, a Siena College History professor, talked about the problems in the Middle East. He said one of the main challenges is to make a lasting peace between the Arabs and the Israelis.

According to Barbir, "It's a tribute to President Bush and Secretary of State Baker that this conference was started at all." Other concerns discussed were the creation of a

Palestinian entity and human rights.

Dr. Carlos Santiago, chair of the SUNYA department of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, discussed the situation of the Latin American countries. Comparing the economic crisis in Latin America to the Great Depression, he said the solution to the problem was a policy of structural adjustment which would reduce the role of the state in the economic system. Most of the Latin American countries, he said, are

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Staff photo by Sal J. Coniglio

Attendees at the Campaign Watch forum ponder the state of US-Japanese relations.

NEWS BRIEFS

WORLD

Bomb kills Israelis

Buenos Aires, Argentina

(AP) An Islamic fundamentalist group in Beirut claimed responsibility Wednesday for the Israeli Embassy bombing that killed 21 people, injured more than 250 and reduced the building to chunks of concrete and twisted metal.

The death toll seemed likely to rise. Rescuers who worked slowly all night with picks and shovels, eventually switched to cranes and front-end loaders as the possibility of finding survivors faded.

An embassy spokeswoman said five Israelis were missing and believed dead in the rubble.

Tuesday's explosion at the French-style embassy near the city's central business district was caused by a car bomb containing 220 pounds of explosives, said Interior minister Jose Luis Manzano.

In Beirut, the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim group Islamic Jihad said an Argentine convert to Islam carried out the attack to avenge the Feb. 16 killing of a Shiite leader and his family in an Israeli air attack in Lebanon.

Bill's veto upheld

Washington

(AP) The Senate on Wednesday upheld President Bush's veto of a bill that would have imposed human rights and other conditions on renewal of China's normal trade status.

Failure to override means China's most-favored-nation trade status, which confers the lowest available tariffs on its imports, will almost certainly be renewed when it expires in July.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell accused Bush of blindly adhering to a policy of engagement with Beijing left over from the days when the United States needed to use China as a counterbalance to the other communist superpower, the Soviet Union.

"The threats that face the world today do not emanate from a strong Soviet Union," Mitchell, D-Maine, said. "Instead they can be traced in part to the actions of regimes like China," which sells weaponry to unstable countries and has a trade surplus with the United States topped only by Japan.

NATION

Feds are hopeful

Washington

(AP) After months of surveying the nation

and finding little good economic news, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that business sentiment is now "modestly more optimistic."

The Fed cited a number of hopeful signs, such as rising home sales, increased retail demand and even glimmers of a turnaround in manufacturing.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said pointedly that similar hopes a year ago proved ill-founded because of restrictive Federal Reserve policies.

Even in the hard-hit manufacturing sector, the survey said that "several districts report glimmerings of recovery in manufacturing, with improving expectations for future activity."

Deposits missing

Washington

(AP) The House bank did not put time stamps on lawmakers' deposit slips, making it difficult to resolve members' claims that many overdrafts were due to delays in crediting their deposits, the chairman of the ethics committee said Wednesday.

Many members caught up in the overdraft scandal are trying to persuade the committee to lower the number of bad checks counted against them on grounds that money was in their accounts but not posted.

The panel's chairman, Matthew F. McHugh, D-NY, said in an interview that the committee has placed a high priority on the question of when to credit deposits but has made no decision.

The General Accounting Office, which

reconstructed accounts for the committee, used the bank's posting dates in deciding whether to count checks as overdrafts. But lawmakers say there frequently were delays in the recording of deposits, topped only by Japan.

STATE

Cops made targets

Buffalo

(AP) Three men were arrested after a shootout with police, the latest incident in an escalating battle that has made Buffalo police the target of violence by drug dealers.

A fourth suspect was being sought Wednesday in the shootout, which took place on a dead-end street Tuesday night.

The gun battle came five days after at least 20 shots were fired at a Buffalo police station in a driveby shooting. No one was injured. Police said they think that shooting was carried out by drug dealers trying to retaliate for a police narcotics crackdown.

In Tuesday's incident, two police officers spotted four men in a car, apparently involved in a drug deal, investigators said.

The officers, Ivan Watkins and Chris Calloway, tried to pull over the suspects' car, which turned down a dead-end street, police said.

"Once they saw it was a dead-end, they spun the vehicle around and tried to ram us," Watkins said.

The suspects then whipped the car around again and tried to ram it through a

barrier at the end of the street, he said. When the car stopped, at least two of the suspects opened fire on the officers, he said.

When the shooting stopped, the suspects ran away, police said. Three were caught nearby, while the fourth was believed to have escaped in another car, police said.

Candidates opposed

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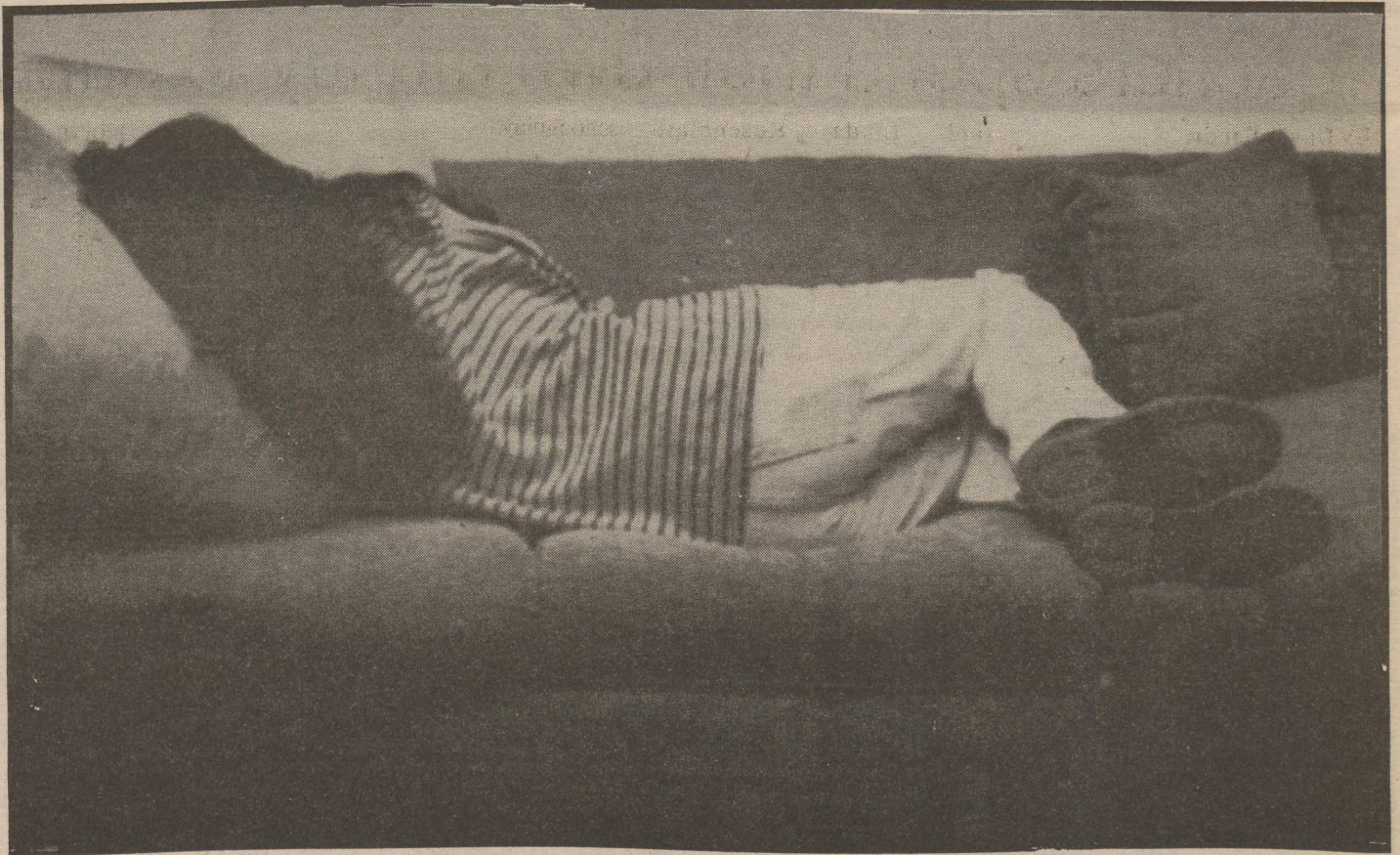
(AP) A maverick political party pressed its effort to throw candidates Paul Tsongas and Jerry Brown off the New York presidential primary ballot before a mid-level appeals court Wednesday.

The New Alliance Party wants former Mass. Sen. Tsongas and former Cal. Gov. Brown off the April 7 Democratic primary ballot. The party alleges the two candidates violated state election laws in filing petitions to get on the ballot.

A state Supreme Court judge earlier this month ruled the two candidates should stay on the ballot, but the New Alliance Party brought an appeal to the court's Appellate Division.

"I don't believe the delegate candidates are even eligible to participate in these proceedings," New Alliance Party lawyer Gary Sinawski told the five-judge panel.

Even if it loses the case, the New Alliance Party will demand a state Board of Elections investigation of its charges of fraud in how the Tsongas campaign collected petition signatures, Sinawski said.



Staff photo by Krystyn Kohler

There's no place like Daytona...there's no place like Daytona.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

FREE LISTINGS

Wednesday March 25

The SUNY Board of Trustees meeting begins at SUNY Central. Call 443-5555 for more information.

Thursday March 26

The SUNY Board of

Trustees meeting continues at SUNY Central. For more info call 443-5555.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 30-April 4 ASUBA presents Black Womens Week:

Mon. 3/30: The play "Love My Black Woman" will be at the PAC Recital Hall at 8pm.

Tues. 3/31: The Dating

Game will be at 8:30pm (Room TBA).

Wed. 4/1: A forum, "Black Women in the 21st Century; Where will we be?" will be held at 8:30pm (Room TBA).

Thurs. 4/2: African Dancers will perform at Page Hall at 8:30pm.

Fri. 4/3: Umoja Day on Podium will start at 11am, including a talk show on relationships and the Dating Game

results at 8:30pm (Room TBA).

Sat. 4/4: ASUBA's Black Ball will begin at 8pm at the Empire State Plaza. For more info on these events, call 442-5640.

Wed. April 1

Theta Phi Alpha will hold its first annual Greek Talent Show to benefit the American Cancer Society at 7:00pm in the CC

Ballroom.

Tuesday April 14 Student Association Elections begin. For more info call 442-5640.

Wednesday April 15 Student Association Elections end. For more info call 442-5640.

They Might Be Giants, sponsored by University Concert Board will be at Page Hall.

Journalism class grills *Times Union* reporter for exposing test results

By Melissa Cooper

Gripes, questions and comments regarding *The Times Union* article, "SUNYA students guilty of being uninformed" were addressed by the article's author during a SUNYA journalism class, Wednesday.

The article, which appeared on the front page of the January 25 *Times Union*, revealed poor scores from a pop quiz given to a SUNYA Supreme Court class. Also included were an array of incorrect and simultaneously sarcastic answers, suggesting the students' lack of knowledge of the court systems.

John Caher, a *Times Union* reporter who usually covers the courts and law beat, admitted he didn't know all the answers to the quiz, but at the same time said, "I think it's important to know all three branches and how the system works."

A question was posed as to how other *T.U.* reporters would score given the same quiz. Caher said they would perform better than the students did, which according to the article states only one of 50 students knew all nine Supreme Court justices and three didn't know any.

Caher decided to translate the quiz scores and data into an article because "the results were interesting and the weird names were what made it a fun story," he said.

Some SUNYA students were outraged as well as embarrassed by his decision.

Jacqueline Berler, a sophomore, was infuriated at first sight of it. "I'm just so

angry," she said, while she struggles to phrase her question as to why the students' side wasn't included.

Caher said he didn't know who to contact since none of the students who

took the quiz were identified during the phone conversation in which he received the information.

several examples, such as the fact the quiz was given on the first day of classes, it didn't count for a grade and was taken anonymously.

Caher said he wasn't sure if he knew all

"It's a matter of principle."

John Caher, reporter for *The Times Union*

took the quiz were identified during the phone conversation in which he received the information.

"I wasn't interested in knowing the names of who took the test. I don't think it mattered who gave the answers," he said.

Other students were interested in Caher's source. In some instances, it was assumed to be Stephen Wasby, the professor who popped the quiz on 50 students the first day of school. "It's obviously Wasby," Berler said, as she inquired about Caher's reasons for protecting his source.

"It's a matter of principle," said Caher. "I think it's important that my notes don't become a fishing pond for anyone who wants information."

Nick MacIlvaine, also a sophomore, was disturbed by the abundance of facts missing from Caher's story. He cited

this information at the time of writing the article.

In response to MacIlvaine's question of whether he regretted doing the article, Caher said, "I'm not ashamed of it and I don't regret it."

However, he said, if he had the chance to do it over, he might try to get some comment from the students.

Among the other issues students didn't take kindly to were the article's headline and front page placement, neither of which Caher is responsible for. In fact, he was surprised about its placement. "I went home Friday and I didn't think I had a page one story," he said.

The idea of representing the students in another article was suggested by several members of the class. Caher rejected the idea saying, "I don't think it's worth a follow-up."

Star of *Pippin* falls ill due to viral meningitis

By Cheryl Torrontor

ASSOCIATE ASPECTS EDITOR

Dutch Quad Board's production of *Pippin* was thrown into a quandry Saturday when their lead male had to go to the hospital to be treated for viral meningitis, according to the play's director.

Director Gary Engel said yesterday Omar Bell had been suffering from mononucleosis before contracting the disease.

Executive Producer Chris Turner said Bell may be replaced by understudy Derek Reyes, the choreographer for the show. Reyes also choreographed "A Chorus Line" two years ago.

Bell was taken to St. Peter's hospital Saturday and was discharged and returned home Monday.

"When I talked to the guys at 5-Quad they said it looked like mono or a bad case of the flu," Turner said.

"He's better now, but he's still really tired," Turner added.

When asked if there was a chance if Bell would resume his part in the production, Turner said, "You never know at this point. I don't think Gary or I want to take the chance of him getting sick again."

Engel agreed, saying, "We just wanted to let people know the show is going on."

Pippin will be performed in LC-18 on April 9, 10, and 11.

Teachers spend their own money to supply classrooms

By David Bauder

Albany

(AP) Teachers in New York state dip into their own pockets for an average of \$333 a year to buy supplies like pens and paper, according to a union survey released Wednesday.

New York State United Teachers say elementary school teachers spend the most - an average of \$400 annually.

"I think it's a testament to very genuine concern and caring on the part of New York's teachers,"

said Linda Rosenblatt, spokeswoman for the union. "I also think it's a travesty that they have to go out and buy things like chalk and toilet paper."

The union said teachers are spending more now in times of budget problems for local school districts.

Patricia Brody, a special education teacher at elementary School 19 in Rochester, estimated that she spends \$1,000 a year on books, art supplies, field trips and costumes for the

school play.

Her school district gives teachers an annual \$150 budget, but "that doesn't go very far," she said.

Veronica Cox, a middle school English teacher outside of Utica, said she had to buy 17 extra copies of "Call of the Wild" herself when she had extra students signed up for her class.

The union timed the release of the survey for its annual convention and for the annual legislative debate over state aid

to local school districts. NYSUT ran a public relations campaign this winter fighting a proposed cut in school aid.

NYSUT had 461 responses to an anonymous survey sent randomly to 800 teachers across the state, Rosenblatt said.

"It's our sense that, if anything, that's too low," Sharon Loughheed, spokeswoman for NYSUT's rival National Education Association of New York, said of the \$333 average. She said an NEA survey

conducted six years ago found teachers spent an average of \$500 a year.

School teachers and administrators traditionally dip into their own funds to help kids, said Richard Thomas, executive director of the School Administrators Association of New York. But if they're spending more now, it's probably because families - not necessarily the school districts - are poorer, he said.

"I don't think it's a budget-driven thing," Thomas said.

The New York State School Boards Association refused comment on the survey.

Individual amounts spent by teachers responding to the survey ranged from zero to \$2,500 a year, NYSUT said.

Heal Appeal appealed to many



Photo by Stacey Thomas

Over 300 people came together Wednesday night to help raise over \$1,000 for the Albany chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home at the first ever "Heal Appeal" dance.

"I'm very happy with the turnout we had, considering it was a dry event and the day after St. Patrick's Day and during exams," said Scott Lantzman, the creator of Heal Appeal and a member of one of three organizing groups, Alpha Tau Omega.

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Senate bill to extend statute of limitations of child abuse reporting

By Jennifer Ringston

A bill calling for the extension of the statute of limitations for reporting cases of child abuse was recently introduced in the New York State Senate.

Senator David Paterson introduced the bill to change the current law which requires minors who are victims of child abuse to report the incident within three years.

Paterson said the problem is this limit does not give children enough time.

The new bill states, "...Assault to a minor may be brought by such a person within three years after such person attains the age of twenty-one or within three years after such a person discovers or reasonably should have discovered that an injury was caused by an act of abuse which occurred when a person was less than eighteen years of age..."

The bill, which was co-sponsored by Sens. Connor, Galiber, Halperin, Leichter, Markowitz,

Masiello, Mendez, Nolan, Oppenheimer and Smith, was making little progress, said Paterson's Secretary Vicky Mayo.

"It hasn't been put on the agenda," Mayo said. She added there will be upcoming "crucial" public hearings where "many victims will be in attendance with their attorneys and others to voice their opinions."

Testimony will not be restricted to just New Yorkers at the hearings, and victims will not be required to sign their testimonies.

Mayo said many people have stepped forward as public support for the bill continues to build and because the bill is not on the agenda, there are no signs of opposition.

Mayo said the public hearing will be at the Legislative Office Building in Hearing Room A. She added people are invited to visit Paterson's office in the L.O.B., Room 413, for more information.

Incidents of gay bashing is on the rise

By Kim I. Mills

Washington, D.C.

(AP) Hugh Callaway wept as he told the story Thursday of being beaten, stood up against a wall and shot by a gang of youths who called him and his lover "faggots."

Callaway survived; his partner did not.

The attack, according to a gay rights group, was part of a surge last year in anti-gay violence that the group said was nurtured by a climate in which homosexuals were vilified by politicians and the entertainment media.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute released a survey counting 1,822 reported incidents of anti-gay violence in 1991 in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston and Minneapolis-St. Paul. They ranged from reports of verbal harassment and police abuse to arson and murder.

The total was 31 percent more than the 1,389 reported incidents in the same cities in 1990, the group said. It counted incidents reported by gay victim service agencies in the five cities.

Callaway, of Dallas, told a news conference Thursday that he and his lover, Thanh Nguyen, were beaten and robbed last October in a park by three youths.

"Their hate for us and the viciousness of the beating seemed to intensify every time they called us a 'fag,'" Callaway said. When the men "got tired of beating us," one shot them "as casually as one does when shooting tin cans off a fence post," he said.

One of the youths is awaiting trial on a capital murder charge. The other attackers have not been caught, Callaway said.

Dallas police disagreed that hate was the crime's motive.

"The motive for that crime was robbery. The individuals were there to steal the victims' jewelry and money," Dallas Police Sgt. Joe DeCorte said Thursday.

"That case was extensively investigated and solved," he said, adding that he could not remember whether the other youths were caught.

Kevin Berrill, director of the institute's Anti-Violence Project and author of the report, blamed the reported rise in anti-gay violence on "official gay-bashing in politics and popular culture."

He complained that Republican presidential hopeful Patrick Buchanan had made numerous anti-gay remarks - including an assertion that AIDS is nature's "awful retribution" against homosexual behavior - and that former Democratic presidential candidate Bob Kerrey and Vice President Dan Quayle's press secretary, David Beckwith, had made insulting jokes.

Berrill also said that some "traditional values" groups portray homosexuals as evil and that there is "destructive stereotyping" in films such as "Basic Instinct."

"Each attack sends a message of hatred and terror intended to silence and render invisible not only the victim but all gay people," Berrill said.

New policies aim at aiding Latin American economy

By Jeff Feldheim

Addressing the past, present, and future foreign relations between the United States and Latin American countries, Dr. Jolyne Melmed-Sanjak, an economics professor at SUNYA, spoke at the fourth Great Decisions meeting.

"When their economy is not doing well, there will be an increase in immigrants, creating more competition for jobs," Melmed-Sanjak said, citing it as a reason Americans should care about foreign economies.

She also cited the drug wars as reasons to be concerned. "When one is impoverished, the illegal economy of drugs becomes a viable solution to one's problems."

Under the old policies, the Latin American corporations were protected from trade tariffs and taxes, Melmed-Sanjak said. At the same time, many infant industries were protected by their governments under the belief they would soon learn how to compete in the open market and, soon after, in the free market.

She criticized this, because, as she said, "Some feel the infant industries never grew up and

were never weaned from the state."

The new policies discussed seek to reverse the old policies and place an emphasis on the regulation of traditional exports such as sugar and bananas.

One of the keys to institutionalization of these policies is President Bush's Enterprise for the American Initiative. EFAI has been used in both the Caribbean and Central America where results have been seen, but still some question these results.

"It is my point of view to support free trade and means that enhance Mexican economy, and I believe that is Bush's point of view," said Linda Sorenson, an attendee.

The Great Decisions series as a whole is "trying to reach the general public and it was originally run in the downtown library in hopes of catching the lunchtime business crowd," said Bonnie Beard, coordinator of the series.

The discussions are from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Albany Public Library on Washington Ave., near Lark Street.

DIGESTS

Deadline for poetry contest nears

The American Collegiate Poets Anthology is sponsoring a National College Poetry Contest.

The contest is open to all students who wish to have their poetry anthologized. There is no restriction on length of pieces.

First place is a \$100 cash prize, second is \$50, third \$25, and fourth and fifth are \$20.

Deadline for submission is March 31. For more information, write International Publications, P.O. Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

Bone marrow drive meeting to be held

On Thursday, April 2, a meeting will be held to discuss plans to organize a bone marrow drive.

The gathering, which will be held in CC-370, will be run by the Bone Marrow Resource Foundation. For more information concerning the meeting, contact the B.M.R.F. at 93 Hetcheltown Rd., Scotia, NY 12302.

Students ready to "Take Back the Night"

The "Take Back the Night" rally and march against sexual assault has been moved to April 10 this year to coincide with Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The march is being sponsored locally by the Albany Rape Crisis Center and the Rape Crisis Coalition of Eastern New York.

The deadline to endorse the event is March 23, 1992.

There will be a community meeting held for anyone interested in volunteering on March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Albany Public Library.

Last day for SA nominations

Student Association is currently accepting self-nominations for several positions for the upcoming elections to be held April 14 and 15. The nomination period deadline is today.

Positions are open for: SA President, SA Vice President, Central Council and University Senate seats, Class Councils seats, University Council members, Student Association of the State University delegates, Student Assembly delegates, NYPIRG Board of Directors, United States Student Association delegates, and Alumni Board.

Terms of office are from April 22, 1992 to April 1993.

The requirements for potential position seekers include full-time status in good academic standing.

Applications for self-nomination are available in the SA office, CC 116.

Abilities Awareness Month activities to begin in April

April is SUNYA's Tenth Annual Abilities Awareness Month and to celebrate this year, the University has invited Bill Demby, a champion for the rights of the physically challenged, to speak on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the CC Ballroom.

"Abilities Awareness Month is designed to increase the awareness of the campus community to persons with disabilities," a press release stated.

For more information on the various events, contact Lisa James at 442-3093.

PODIUM PERSPECTIVES

What are you doing for spring break?



"I'm going to Daytona for 5 days and party."

- Andy Laufer, senior, political science



"I'm going home to the Bronx and relax."

- Andrea Christie, freshman, pre-med



"We are going home to relax."

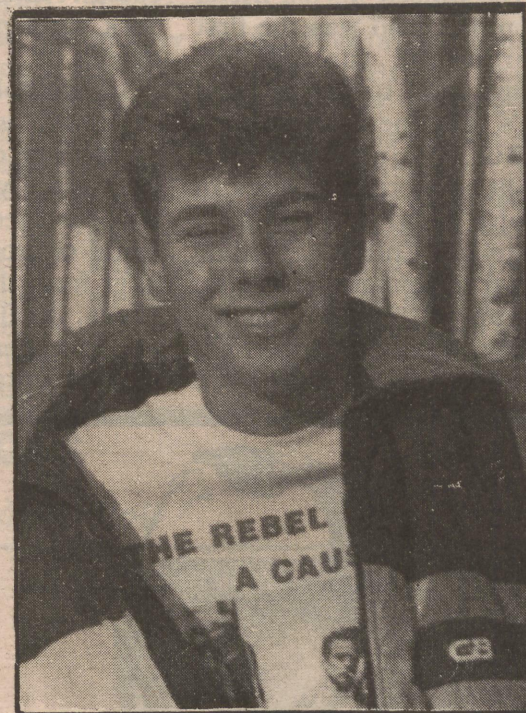
- Corneil Augustin, freshman, chemistry

- Mikdyva Augustin, freshman, psychology



"At first I was going to see U2 and take a trip to the Poconos but I couldn't get tickets and have no money. Now I'm going to go home and improvise."

- Robert Gibbons, freshman, accounting



"I'm going to Miami to party, drink, and have a good time."

- Jon Isler, sophomore, accounting

Photos by Leanne Warshauer
Text by Cindy Chin

Friday Features

Let's Get Political

Small Town Player Joins The Governor's Team

By Jennifer Young
Editorial Assistant

As a child, Darren Dopp dreamed of being a baseball player, but he never dreamed that his love of the game would one day lead him to work for the governor of New York State.

While playing for the reporters' softball team in Albany, Dopp got the opportunity to get to know one of his opponents on the Governor's team quite well. During a chance conversation, Dopp met Governor Mario Cuomo and found they shared a common passion for baseball.

"Not too many people have heard of the game 'Pepper.' But to those who have played it, it means a lot," Dopp said, referring to the one-on-one baseball game both he and the Governor found out they both played as children.

A few years later when the Governor needed a new Press Officer, his old friend from the field was the first person he thought of. Dopp went to Albany, and he's been there ever since.

But, journalism and politics weren't always in Dopp's career plans. A native of Endicott, a small town in upstate New York, Dopp attended SUNY Binghamton for his undergraduate education

and majored in Business.

"I took Business because it was the major of the 80's," said Dopp and went on to explain how he got into journalism.

"I guess you just stumble into things," he remarked. While attending Binghamton, Dopp became active in their campus newspaper "The Pipedream." He enjoyed working with the paper, and went on to spend a semester doing a journalistic internship at American University in Washington, D.C.

"It was at that time that the political bug bit me," said Dopp, recalling the days he spent there. His assignments included being in the Senate Press Gallery and "tagging" politicians such as Ted Kennedy.

When Dopp graduated, the country was in the midst of the 1982-83 recession. "The recession hit the newspapers hard. I couldn't find a job at a New York state paper," he said quietly.

So the college graduate made do with the only position he could find, at a local grocery store. But, he was soon rescued from the world of groceries by a job offer from the Binghamton Press. At first, the eager young reporter was given assignments like covering

the school board and town board meetings. Later he was given the chance to do some business writing, editing and layout work.

"I was always a real workhorse—very enthusiastic," said Dopp who revealed that at times he would have as many as five by-lines in the paper at once. His ambition payed off when the Associated Press (AP) added Dopp to their staff soon after.

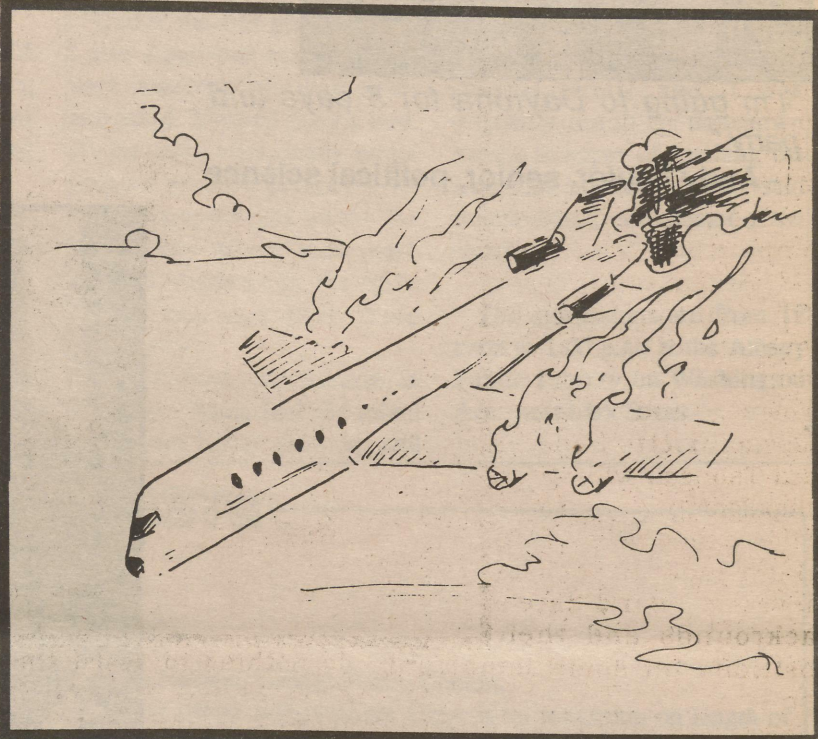
Explaining his duties at the international wire service, Dopp said, "At first everyone has to do a stint at the desk. Any moron could do it. But you have to recognize mistakes and be quick and accurate." On of his assignments while working for the AP Bureau in Albany was to cover the Governor. It was at this time that Dopp and Cuomo swapped stories during a media versus the Governor's team softball game. But, his days with the New York State Government had not begun yet.

His next job was at the AP Bureau in Buffalo. "I covered the Bills and Sabers while in Buffalo. I'd see the Governor when he made appearances in town." Luckily, when a position opened up in the Governor's staff, Dopp was chosen. His AP days were over and his government days had begun.

Now, as the Governor's Press Officer, Dopp is in charge of making press releases, answering calls from the media, and even traveling with the Governor. "The plane we travel around in is 20+ years and real rickety," said Dopp lightheartedly and

continued, "Sometimes the plane even fills up with smoke and we have to make an emergency

before he was to appear on "This Week with David Brinkley," and he said he could tell Cuomo was



landing!"

Members of the press often accompany the Governor and Dopp on their travels, but, once, a rather "dignified reporter" from The New York Times, got a little frightened on the plane.

"There was fire coming out of the engines and he got up and started yelling and screaming. The Governor and I told him to relax. We had to explain to him that the fire was normal and the pilot was only getting rid of some extra fuel." Dopp said the embarrassed reporter "turned bright red."

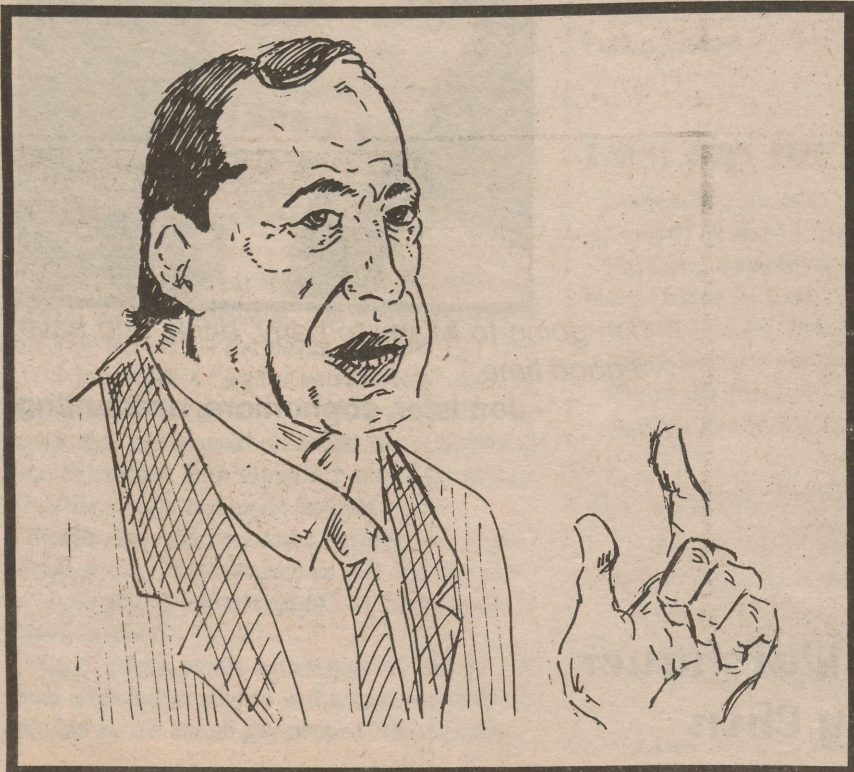
Dopp explained more of his duties for the governor, admitting how challenging it is to make the Governor look good in the public's eyes all the time. "I have to get people to see both sides. Everyone knows Cuomo and they always lay the blame on him. But there is another side to the story, there are 211 other law makers that should share the blame," he stated firmly.

One of Dopp's most important duties is to brief the Governor before making public appearances. Two weeks ago, Dopp was with Governor Cuomo right

getting nervous about speaking before 50 million people because, "The Governor chatters when he is nervous. So I said to him, 'Let's focus.' Then I gave him that look. He calmed down and got ready to go out and speak," said Dopp in his soft spoken voice.

Though Dopp feels "it is a privilege to be with the Governor," he can't do it forever. "The job is too demanding to a certain degree. But I will see this through and I won't whine about it," Dopp stated with conviction. His future plans include possibly going back to school and becoming a Journalism professor.

Ultimately, Dopp said he would like to be able to tell people, "I tried a lot of different things, and had an interesting life." But, most would agree that 30 year old Dopp has had quite an intriguing life already!



Have a nice
Spring Break
and don't
forget to vote!!

Primary Pandemonium

The Facts On The Candidates Who Are Running In Your New York Primary

By Scott Bursor

Unless you've been living in a cave or studying way too much to have taken time to glance at the evening news, you're undoubtedly aware that the 1992 presidential race is well underway. With the New York primary only a couple of weeks away (it will be held April 7th), this might be a good time to take a closer look at the candidates, their backgrounds, and their views on important issues.

On the Republican side, President Bush will be running unopposed in the New York primary due to this state's stringent election laws which make it exceedingly difficult for challenging candidates (i.e. Pat Buchanan) to get on the ballot.

The Democrats, however, have a very competitive three man field. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, former Governor of California Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown, and former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas will all be campaigning for your vote in the coming weeks. Let's take a look at each of these candidate's backgrounds and their positions on some important issues.

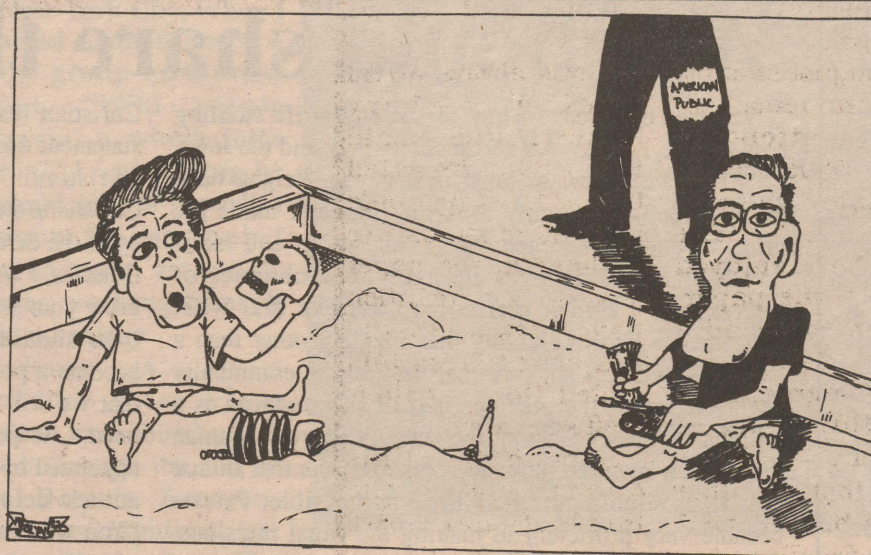
Following his dramatic sweep of the south on Super Tuesday, Bill Clinton has taken the role of frontrunner in the quest for the Democratic nomination. Clinton, who has been elected to five consecutive terms as governor of Arkansas, emphasizes a middle class tax cut of \$350 per year - to be paid for by raising taxes on those who earn more than \$200,000. Another program Clinton proposes is "a domestic GI bill to guarantee a college education to everyone if they're willing to pay it back as a small percentage of income or through two years of national service in their communities as police

officers, teachers, health care personnel, and other vital professions." Clinton's plan also includes fully funding Head Start for all eligible young children, a national apprenticeship program for young people who don't want to attend college, and a national health care plan which would insure coverage for all citizens. To pay for these new domestic programs Clinton says he would reduce spending on defense. Clinton has been very critical of his chief rival Paul Tsongas. Particularly his pro-business economic plan, which he says will

tax cut because he says it will do nothing to stimulate the economy or create jobs. During his congressional career, Tsongas wrote and negotiated legislation including the Gay Rights Bill, Homeless Relief Bill, the Small Business Innovation Research Act (which provides research grants to small business), and Export Trading Law which helps U.S. companies sell more abroad. He also chaired the first Congressional hearings on global warming and was one of the first to press for solar energy and other alternative fuel sources. Tsongas

and other officials. Brown refused to live in the Governor's Mansion that Ronald Reagan built because upkeep and security wasted \$500,000 of taxpayers money per year, choosing instead to rent a small apartment at his own expense. Since leaving politics in 1983, Brown has worked as a volunteer at Mother Theresa's mission in Calcutta, helped her establish an AIDS hospice in San Francisco, gone to Japan to study their culture and economy, traveled the Middle East, and met with world leaders from China, Russia, and Central America.

Brown's campaign has focused on taking our country back from the "greedy, incompetent Alliance - big campaign donors, lobbyists, and corporate executives who pay themselves 100 times more than their workers whose jobs, pay, and health care they have sacrificed." Brown, advocating campaign reform will not accept contributions over \$100. He proposes a national health insurance system to cover all Americans and replacing the current



COME ALONG CHILDREN, WEVE GOT SOME WORK TO DO.

do nothing to assist the middle class. He has frequently rebutted Tsongas' statement he will be "the best president Wall Street has ever had," by saying Tsongas has more concern for wealthy businessmen than the forgotten middle class.

Paul Tsongas, however, proves to be Clinton's chief rival. The winner of several primaries including New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maryland, the former senator from Massachusetts outlined his plan for economic recovery in his 85 page booklet "A Call To Economic Arms." Tsongas' plan calls for a reduction in the capital gains tax to encourage businesses to make long term investments and to focus on "longer corporate horizons." Tsongas is against a middle class

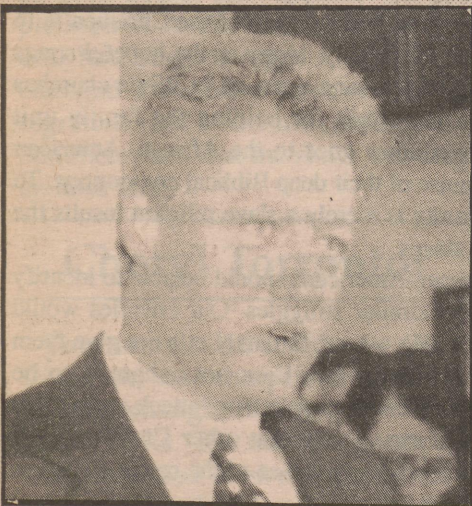
has criticized Clinton on a number of issues, primarily his middle class tax cut which Tsongas says is economically irresponsible and an attempt at pandering to middle class voters, "Clinton wants to be Santa Claus...not a leader." But, critics of Clinton have questioned his character because of extramarital affairs and draft evasion during the Vietnam War.

The winner of Colorado's primary, Jerry Brown, served two successive terms as governor of California during which he created 2.2 million new jobs, made California the world leader in use of alternative fuels, passed a billion dollar tax cut, and trimmed nearly \$2 billion in wasteful government spending including vetoes of pay raises for himself

tax system with a flat 13% tax on all personal income. The new tax law, he says, will prevent greedy special interests from rigging tax codes in their favor. Brown has criticized both Tsongas and Clinton calling them "just more of the same." He has found fault with their policies of accepting thousand dollar contributions and money from special interest groups. Critics of Brown have often referred to him as "flaky," emphasizing that he is known as "Governor Moonbeam" in California. Brown has also been called a hypocrite because he solicited contributions from special interest groups during his gubernatorial campaigns in California and now faults his

Democratic Candidate Mugshots

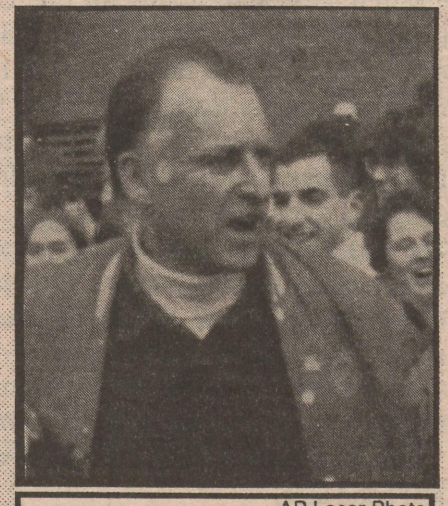
Would You Trust One Of These Guys To Run Your Country



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Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton: "All I've been asked about by the press are a woman I didn't sleep with and a draft I didn't dodge."

Editor's Note:

Since the writing of this article, former Sen. Paul Tsongas has dropped out of the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination, due to financial considerations. However, the above comparisons between the candidates and the former candidate are still valid reading material.



AP Laser Photo
Former Calif. Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown: "That's 1-800-426-1112." (said during his campaign debate on TV—asking for people to call in for contributions.)

EDITORIAL

Fighting for our right to party

Today marks the beginning of the most anticipated academic intermission of the year - spring break. After half a semester of studying, relaxation is certainly in order.

Less than a month after we get back from the break, the Student Association will attempt to give us students another outlet for revelry. Party in the Park will make its return, after last year's absence, when SA had difficulty ironing out the arrangements for the Party and it never got off the ground.

This year's event has a catch, though. It won't be the come-and-go-and-drink-and-party-as-you-please fest that we've grown used to. Out of necessity, SA has taken the Party along a different path. In fact, the 1992 version will be catered, of all things.

Because SA is taking care of all the arrangements and providing us with both food and drink, we will be paying for Party in the Park out of our own pockets, as there will be admission charged.

Before we gripe about this development, let's consider the behind-the-scenes effort that went into putting the Party together.

First, SA went out of its way to find a place that would grant it a liquor license. It's a fact that many students like to drink when they party and with a liquor license, these students will have more incentive to attend.

Second, the facility is a classy one, with provisions for basketball, baseball, and volleyball. This sounds like a better setup than the 1990 Party at Lincoln Park, which was certainly a success.

Third, SA, realizing the greater distance students will face to get to Castleton, set up free buses which will relieve partiers of the burden of driving and make the roads that much safer.

All in all, the event seems destined to be successful. Some students may be upset about having to pay to attend, but after considering the benefits, the 1992 Party has the potential to be worth it.

Deserving of a 21 stick salute

There will also be celebrating of a different sort during the upcoming week.

On Monday, the University at Albany's newest varsity team, women's lacrosse, will make its initial entry into the University's athletic record books. The team will play its first game as it makes a swing through North Carolina and Virginia.

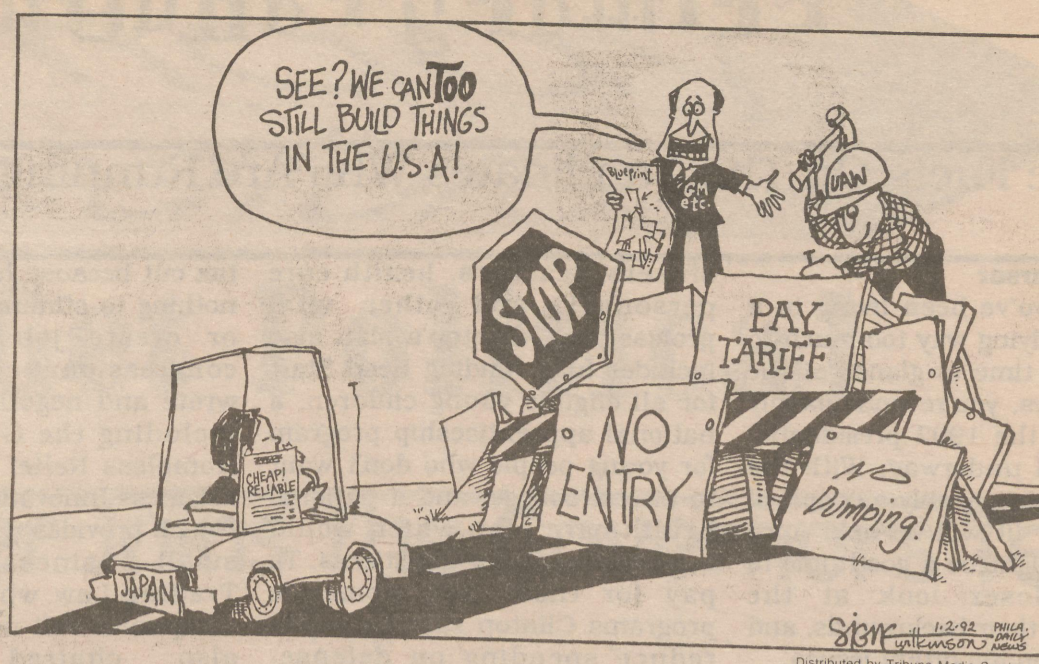
The University made the right move in adding the team. After four years of showing sustained interest and fundraising ability, the women's lacrosse club had proven it deserved the opportunity to move up.

Much ado was made of the University's imbalance in athletic opportunities for men compared to those for women. Although this imbalance clearly existed, the club's founders and catalysts of the push for varsity, Laura Garcia and Laura Damast, didn't want to use a federal law to enhance their case, although they could have. They wanted the club to earn its status.

Judging by the University's attitude toward the team's achievement of varsity, the move was apparently based on merit.

As John Houseman would have put it, they did things the old fashioned way...they earned it.

Congratulations to Albany's 21st varsity squad and good luck.



COLUMN

We should share the struggle

It causes me great sorrow to see any strife existing between the African-American community and the Jews. As most are quite aware, tensions in Crown Heights have not subsided. If we only took the time and made the effort to understand each other, rash words and racist comments would never be a given a channel of expression. I find it difficult to believe that what happened in Crown Heights was anything other than a terrible accident. I am sure that the Hasidic community deeply mourned the precious loss of life. Judaism is a religion that teaches about the sanctity of every human life. Jewish law even took measures to ensure that animal sacrifices should suffer as little as possible. Priests became very proficient in making the ritual incisions. The pious hasidim have not forgotten such virtues.

Both groups have endured the hardships of slavery and

Paul Czelusniak

have learned to work together for common goals. Let's not throw away the progress that has been made because of a simple misunderstanding and the hasty emotional responses of some, made under the strain of a tragic situation. Although the riots should not be glossed over, neither party should try to put all the blame on the other. It should be a given that both sides are in need of each other's forgiveness. Give love a chance to heal the wounds.

As a Christian, the conflict between my Jewish brethren and men like Kwame Toure deeply concerns me. Their fight is my fight. I have no quarrel with Pan-Africanism. Mr Toure hopes to achieve his goal at the expense of the Jews. This I have a serious problem with. A vast majority of African-Americans disagree with his views. Nevertheless, he is a very dangerous man who calls Castro his hero and he needs to be confronted by the strong elements of Christianity deeply rooted in the African-American community. When I protested his presence at RPI, I carried a sign stating that he would have to kill a lot of Christians if he ever tries killing Jews. Christians in Europe made no such message clear to the Germans. If they had, the Holocaust would never have happened. The Holocaust was a crime against humanity and such rhetoric will not be tolerated. We need to make it clear to the world that the Jews no longer stand alone.

Jesus teaches us in Matthew chapter twenty-five that He will judge the nations by the way they treated the Jews. He says, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did to me." [Matt. 25:40] The Greek word used for brothers in its literal translations means "from the womb." Jesus was a Jew. He is clearly speaking of the Jewish people. The apostle Paul says in Romans chapter eleven that we through Christ can now share in the spiritual blessings that once belonged exclusively to Israel. It stands to reason that since we have gained so much from Jewish spiritual wealth, we should also share in their struggles.

I encourage my African-American brothers and sisters in Christ to come out to the Jewish-sponsored events and to rally around them. The church has failed miserably in the past and we cannot fail them again. In the forties,

Christian resistance to the Nazis was minimal, let our statement this time be a powerful, unified one from every Christian. We can bring about a brand new era of Christian/Jewish relations. There is much hope. "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: See I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders" [Isaiah 49:22]. In order for this to become a possibility, we must gain their trust and prove that we will always be there for them when they are in need. As people who call on the Lord, Christians are appointed by God as watchmen for the sake of Zion. Our attitude defined by the Scriptures should be as follows: "You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest and give Him no rest till He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the Earth" [Is.62:6-7]. Isaiah also reminds us; "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns" [Is.52:7]. Christians should be a constant source of support, hope and encouragement to the Jews.

Our support for the Jews and our defense of Israel should not be conditional upon their acceptance of Jesus. Jesus' example of love for us was unconditional. Romans 5:8 reminds us that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This is the crux of the gospel message. As humans, we are all in need of God's grace. Jesus accepted me as I was, with all my sin and failures, and do we should accept one another as is. With a grasp on the proper perspective, Jewish/Christian dialogue should also become easier with such acceptance as a foundation. We have much to gain and learn from interaction with each other, especially in the area of religion.

I implore African-American Christians on this campus to "stand in the gap" [Ezekiel 22:30], that has recently separated your people from the Jews. Kwame Toure is very vocal; his inspiration is Islam. Christians need to be more vocal to drown out hostile voices. Christian silence allows Mr. Toure and minister Farrakhan to speak for us.

Africans have always been a bright shining example as followers of Jesus in this country. The African slaves saw poor examples of Christ-like behavior in their masters who claimed to be Christians, yet they had faith enough to know the real thing. They preserved the Christian faith in this country courageously. Many of the hopeful songs of redemption that they sang are sung in White churches today. Much of the credit for holding the family unit together in this country goes to the African-American community because of their deep Biblical convictions. To say that Christianity is merely a slave religion insults the integrity of the slaves.

Jews and African-Americans should be able to identify with each other's similar struggles. Our enemies would love to see us at each other's throats. Let's not give them the satisfaction. As for me, I am not ashamed to be identified with the Jewish people. Any attack upon them is an attack upon me. I pray that other Christians will follow suit in like manner because of the reasons cited in this article.

Aspects

March 20, 1992

The Toasters Turn Up the Heat

On Monday night I got a transfusion. When I stepped into Bogie's to see a band I'd never heard of. Wait, what was their name again? Oh I forget! Well anyway, when I walked into Bogie's, I was clueless. I decided to venture towards the stage and ask a few people about this "Toast" band, or whatever they were called. I found this guy named Buck, (short for "Bucket" I later discovered) with an English accent who is the band's guitarist and accompanying vocalist. We chatted for a few minutes until I got the gist of what he and his posse were all about. He told me their music is "reggae on crack," a descriptive statement which I pondered for a moment. Then he added, "Ska music." A-ha! I realized that his former remark didn't imply that the "Toaster Cakes" did drugs, just that the music would be, well, fast.

Stacy Savran

Although Buck explained that it wasn't the band's first time performing in Albany, he said they had never played at Bogie's before. A diehard "Toasties" fan verified this info for me. Elizabeth Madigan, a SUNY Albany student, said she saw the band at Pauley's on Central Avenue in Albany but that she and her friends "hung out in the coat room," because they didn't have proper I.D. Luckily, Monday night at Bogie's was only 18 and over. Another "Cinnamon Toast Crunch" fan and

student at SUNYA, Aaron Kaufman, said he saw the band many many times, but the best time he could recall was at the old Ritz in New York City. When I asked Aaron to describe the group he blurted out, "Wild people havin' a whole lotta fun!" I was hoping he could control himself. I mean, the band hadn't even begun yet and he was working himself into a frenzy.

Boom! All of a sudden there was a clean hard sound which cut through the still air at Bogie's. Everyone scuffled rapidly to get close to the stage. The horns (a sax, a trombone, and a trumpet) were brilliantly clear and concise. The bass was the funkier. I checked out all the guys to see who Buck was telling me about before. I saw the lead vocalist, who's called "Cashew" (yes, like the nut!). Then there was Matt on the bass, Donald on drums, Eric on the trombone, "Sledge" on trumpet, and a substitute for Fred, the original saxophone guy who was unable to make it Monday night. The band got totally into the scene and put on a terrific stage show, jumping up and down and dancing in sync. I stood near the stage, but managed to lose my spot as a result of the audience's



Staff photo by Debbie LoScalzo

severe "slamwaving." That's the term I gave the phenomenon, because it looked like a massive wave of bodies pushing forward towards the stage.

I felt a rush of adrenaline shoot through my body at the speed of light! This is what I meant when I said I got a transfusion. The band gave its audience a rush of adrenaline and energy that was absorbed directly from the stage. Music is a magical thing because of the higher plane it can take people to. It's like a form of spiritual worship with the bowing and chanting that goes on—"Hey! Hey! Hey!" Bogie's was converted into a trampoline as everyone bounced up and down to the crazy-

fast beat.

I decided I like ska. And I decided that these dudes from Manhattan are all right! THE TOASTERS, that's the name of the band! I finally got it! Their latest record is on the shelves as I write, and it's called *This Gun for Hire* (from Moon Records). Their record-in-making is called *New York Fever* (Moon Records), and according to Buck it's about "how disgusting it is to live in the city." Joe Jackson is mixing it in Berlin and it will be finished in May. Take my advice and check out The Toasters. I promise, you won't get burned.

A Little Sondheim Music at the PAC

I walked into the PAC on Saturday night with no prior knowledge of Stephen Sondheim's musical compositions and some serious doubts about the quality of the production. At the end of the review, I still had several regrets. They had changed drastically however. I then regretted that I was unfamiliar with Sondheim and that the show was only an hour long.

Cheryl Torrontor

The show, directed by Paul Dingman, was comprised of fifteen songs from eight different Sondheim productions. The musical ensemble was comprised of twelve performers, with additional performances by four others. The sixteen performers were dressed in black, usually with shirts in red or purple. There was minimal

scenery or lighting involved in the review, but that did not detract at all from the quality of the performances.

The review was a collection of songs from Sondheim's musicals, reflecting the changes in the relationship of Moe (Maureen Reilly) and Bill (William J. Coulter Jr.). While all the songs (and singers) were excellent, there are several that stand out in my mind. Among these are "The Miller's Son" from *A Little Night Music*, "A Little Priest" from *Sweeney Todd*, "Agony" from *Into the Woods*, "You Could Drive a Person Crazy" from *Company*, and "Unworthy of Your Love" from *Assassins*.

The songs send the listener a mixture of emotions from tender and loving to comic and satirical. Excellent performances were given by all, but by Dawn DeMaio and Paul Dingman in particular. Laurie Lawson and Christopher I.J. Dippel also did an

admirable job. In general it seemed as though the songs sung by the women were more emotional, while the songs sung by the men seemed to be more comical and were better received by the audience.

One off-beat selection that might have been rejected by a less understanding audience was "A Little Priest" sung by Rebecca Fishel and Patrick Ferlo. John Fico is listed in the program as "the body". The song itself is about a butcher trying to decide what meat to serve and the merits of each type. Priest meat, for instance, is usually of excellent quality, but "only available on Sundays."

The biggest problem I had with this review was that the songs were too short. I understand that the review was supposed to give the observer a "taste" of Sondheim, but this "taste" only served to make the viewer

hungrier, and did nothing to whet the appetite of the listener. In fact, some of the songs were over by the time I realized they were on a new one. That's probably just stupidity on my part, though.

The transitions between the songs were well handled, even if at times you could tell that it was written as a lead-in to another song. The object of the review was to give a brief view of Sondheim's work, and not to have a brilliant interworking of songs and scenes. This was, after all, a review, and not a full-fledged musical, so I suppose I can't really complain.

To sit here and list the merits of every single song would take forever. That is why I regret that "Perfect Relationships" was only on one night. If it lasted more than one weekend, I would tell you to go watch the review this weekend. It's not, however. For everyone who missed it, it's your loss.

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I have survived.
 What else is there to say? I have visited the bowels of hell and returned, with a minimum of bodily injuries and my sanity—the existence of which has oft been debated—in tatters.
 As you must've guessed by now, I have been babysitting.
 The worst part about it is I wasn't even the babysitter. The four bucks an hour didn't go into my pocket. I had gone along as a spectator, because I'm a nice guy and my Wench wanted some companionship whose age was in double digits.
 After sleeping for twenty-six hours or so, I rolled out of bed and gave my Chick a call. We arranged to meet at the ASP office in an hour. A fitting place for two apprentices of evil to visit.
 She met me at the door. "Adam!" she gasped (note: ASP word). "They're driving me nuts!"
 "You're already nuts, dear," I told her.
 "Stick your head in front of a moving propeller. On second thought, don't. I want you to watch the brats while I go buy my books."
 "No problem," I said.
 "That's what you think."
 "I'm a veteran of nursery camp and a former babysitter. Kids love me."
 "These kids love no one." And she walked out of the office.
 They look like small angels. The girl, age nine, is named Katie; the boy, seven, is Dan. Heart-shaped faces framed by fine brown hair. Freckles sprinkled across their bright cheeks. They greeted me with wide smiles.
 "Let's dangle him down the elevator shaft by his testicles," Katie said.
 "Okay," Dan said.
 "Hold on a minute, here. I have a deck of cards. How about we play Crazy Eights or something?"
 "How much money have you got?" Katie said.
 "Enough. Why?"
 "Let's play poker," Dan said.
 "No gambling," I said. "That's not something little chil—"
 They lunged at me, head first. I wrestled with them on the floor as they pulled clumps of hair from my head and tore my clothes to shreds.
 "Enough," I cried. And they stopped. Finally I had regained control of the situation.
 "Come on," Dan said, "I've got his car keys."
 "Get back here." The problem was I was not being firm enough. This was all a test. They were trying to see how much they could get away with. Now was the time to assert my authority. "We're all going to sit quietly until your cousin gets back."
 "Fuck you," Katie said.
 "Now is that a nice thing to say? Didn't your mother teach you to how to address someone politely?"
 "I'm sorry." She smiled. "Fuck you, Mr. Meyer."
 "Do you have a gun?" Dan asked me.
 No, I thought, or I would shoot you both in the kneecaps so you wouldn't cause anymore mischief. I did not say that. I said, "No, of course not, guns are very bad."
 "Our friend Vinnie has a gun."
 "Really?"
 "Yup," Katie said. "And he shoots stray dogs with it. Sometimes he lets us watch."
 "How cute." The children were standing between me and the telephone or else I would have called the police. I decided maybe I could get a conversation going. "Do you guys like movies?"
 "Yes," they cried in unison.
 "What's your favorite movie?" I figured they'd tell me something like *Lassie* or *Cinderella* or *The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.
 "Psycho III," Dan said.
 "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," Katie said.
 Okay, I told myself, you are not going to lose control. After all, this is just a nightmare. It isn't really happening. It can't be. Of course, I thought, maybe I could get a column out of this and share it with all of Gaspland. That would make it all worthwhile (not).
 "You have a column?" Katie asked.
 My jaw was scraping the linoleum.
 "That's right, I can read your mind," she said.
 No, I thought.
 "Yes."
 Suddenly I understood. No child could be this evil on her own. She was possessed. Worse, This was Satan incarnate. Her brother was really her apprentice.
 "Katie, dear, you wouldn't hurt me, would you?"
 "Don't call me Katie. My proper title is Queen of All That's Sick and Twisted."
 "Queen of All That's Sick and Twisted, would you like to do some coloring?"
 "The only coloring I'm going to do is when I paint the floor red with your blood," she said.
 "I'll take that as a no," I decided.
 It was my duty as a human being, I realized, to terminate the reign of darkness this evil one had wreaked on humanity—not to mention her parents. But how? I reached in my pockets for something with which to arm myself, but all I had was six dimes, a couple of rubberbands, an empty bottle of Jack Daniels, and an old exam. Damn it, I had forgotten my wooden stake at home.
 Katie/Queen of All That's Sick and Twisted opened her mouth and bared her saliva-glistening fangs...
 The door opened and my Wench walked in.
 "I hope you kids have been good," she said.
 Suddenly, they were normal children again.
 "They're demons," I said. "Katie is evil incarnate, I swear it."
 "Seems that way sometimes, I know."
 "No, it is that way."
 I tried to convince her, but she simply would not believe me. (I know, of course that you Gasplers would never doubt me for a second.) Meanwhile the children kept giving me knowing looks that said, Next time you won't be so lucky. I had to admire their optimism; as if there will be a next time.

Adam "Ad" Meyer

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Aspects' Oscar Preview

Best Picture

- Beauty and the Beast
- Bugsy
- JFK
- The Prince of Tides
- The Silence of the Lambs

Best Actress

- Geena Davis, *Thelma and Louise*
- Laura Dern, *Rambling Rose*
- Jodie Foster, *The Silence of the Lambs*
- Bette Midler, *For the Boys*
- Susan Sarandon, *Thelma and Louise*

Best Actor

- Warren Beatty, *Bugsy*
- Robert De Niro, *Cape Fear*
- Anthony Hopkins, *The Silence of the Lambs*
- Nick Nolte, *The Prince of Tides*
- Robin Williams, *The Fisher King*

Best Supporting Actress

- Diane Ladd, *Rambling Rose*
- Julliette Lewis, *Cape Fear*
- Kate Nelligan, *The Prince of Tides*
- Mercedes Ruehl, *The Fisher King*
- Jessica Tandy, *Fried Green Tomatoes*

Best Supporting Actor

- Tommy Lee Jones, *JFK*
- Harvey Keitel, *Bugsy*
- Ben Kingsly, *Bugsy*
- Michael Lerner, *Barton Fink*
- Jack Palance, *City Slickers*

Best Director

- Jonathan Demme, *The Silence of the Lambs*
- Barry Levinson, *Bugsy*
- Ridley Scott, *Thelma and Louise*
- John Singleton, *Boyz N the Hood*
- Oliver Stone, *JFK*

It's that time of year again. On March 30, the brightest stars in Hollywood will come out for the annual Academy Awards ceremony. Although the Oscars may not actually represent the best of the year, they carry an undeniable prestige. Who will wear the tackiest outfit? Will Kim Basinger appear sober? Inevitably, however, the biggest question is: Who will take home a statue and who won't? Trying to predict the winners is almost as much fun as finding out.

Audience favorite *The Silence of the Lambs* is a longshot to win the big prize, Best Picture. It has two strikes against it: one, it raked in big bucks at the box office, and two, it's a thriller. Either characteristic in itself would put the film at a disadvantage, but the combination could defeat it. *Fatal Attraction*, a genre film which had also made a significant impact on the American public, was snubbed by the Academy come springtime, and *Silence* could suffer the same fate.

Beauty and the Beast, despite its critical acclaim, is in the undesirable position of being a first: the first animated movie ever nominated for Best Picture. The conservative Academy isn't likely to break that many traditions in a single year. *The Prince of Tides* is a large-scale production with a pair of nominated actors in its cast. Spanning three decades in the life of a family, it's a grand story with artistic goals. Its chances are good at best, although if Nick Nolte walks away with the Best Actor statue earlier in the night, look for *Tides* to win the big one.

Bugsy is artistic, original, and a period piece. It has a renowned director, Barry Levinson, and an Oscar-winning lead actor, Warren Beatty, attached (both of whom have chances at winning awards this year). However, *JFK* is a social commentary whose

repercussions have been felt far beyond the boundaries of Hollywood, and it's directed by Oliver Stone, one of the best salesmen around. The question is how much of a factor the film's social impact has on the Academy's decision, and whether or not they deem it too

choice.

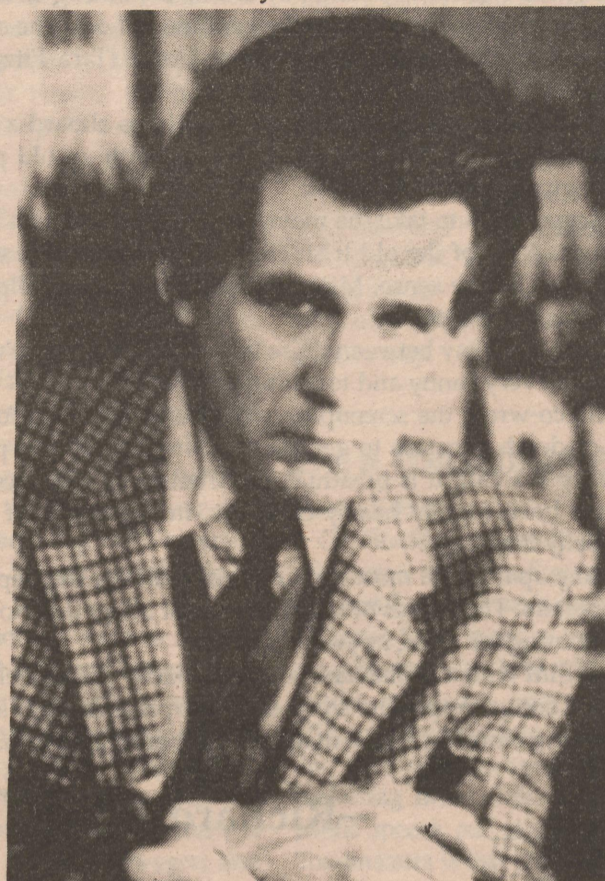
Her co-star, Anthony Hopkins, is the favorite for Best Actor. His name and the Oscars have been mentioned in the same breath since *Silence* opened in February 1991. It's a tough choice to argue with, but as far as talent goes, this is a category in which you can't go wrong.

I wouldn't be a hundred percent surprised to see the Academy give the nod to either Warren Beatty or Nick Nolte, however. After all, they like to keep audiences on their toes. Beatty's new image as husband and father (although not in that order) may make him a more palatable option for voters. Oh yeah, he also gave a riveting performance as the title character in *Bugsy*. Nolte, voted sexiest man of the year by *People*, is at the peak of his popularity. His vastly different roles in *The Prince of Tides* and *Cape Fear* gave audiences a chance to see how versatile he is. Robert DeNiro will get nominated every year no matter what he does. The same appears to be true for Robin Williams, who despite a good but

unexceptional performance in *The Fisher King*, is on the ballot again.

Although his work on *JFK* was not exceptional, Oliver Stone stands the best chance of winning the directorial honors because of all the waves his film has created. John Singleton is too young, and should be seeing more nominations later in his career. If the Academy could shun Alfred Hitchcock as often as it did, Jonathan Demme shouldn't expect any recognition for a thriller. Barry Levinson has a fighting for *Bugsy*, as does Ridley Scott for *Thelma and Louise*.

No one will know for sure until the envelopes are opened ten days from now. In the interim, all we can do is guess.



Sleazebag of the Year honors go to Dr. Frederick Chilton of *The Silence of the Lambs*, a Best Picture nominee.

controversial.

On their own, either Geena Davis or Susan Sarandon would be the top candidates for the Best Actress Award, but together they are doomed. Voters who liked *Thelma and Louise* will probably split their votes between the two. Laura Dern was not seen by enough viewers in *Rambling Rose* to win the award.

That leaves Bette Midler and Jodie Foster. Midler, nominated for *For the Boys*, suffers the same lack of exposure as Dern. What's worse, the film in which she appeared was bashed by critics. Although a two-time winner, Foster gave a superb performance in *The Silence of the Lambs*, and with a dearth of formidable competitors, she is the logical

The ASP staff picks the Oscars

Patrick Cullen, Sports Editor

Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"Foster's image of determined yet innocent Clarice Starling complements Hopkins' spellbinding Hannibal Lecter. It will be her third Oscar."

Best Actor-Anthony Hopkins
"Robin Williams will win a thousand Oscars one day, but Hopkins's unnerving portrayal of Hannibal 'The Cannibal' Lecter will go down as the most chilling performance of my generation. He makes Jeffrey Dahmer look like Mother Teresa."
Best Picture-The Silence of the Lambs

"The image of man-animal Hannibal Lecter will stay with me forever. Slick directing by Jonathan Demme doesn't hurt. Please tell me if there has been a scarier movie in the last 10 years."

Natalie Adams, News Editor
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"Everyone else I think stinks."

Best Actor-Anthony Hopkins
"He is an awesome actor. 'Nuff said. Plus he's got an awesome accent."
Best Picture-Beauty and the Beast
"Cause I liked the movie and I really hope it wins, though I know it won't."

Meghan Howard, Senior Editor
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"She's a normal female."
Best Actor-Robert DeNiro
"This was the first movie of his I ever saw and I had heard he was good."
Best Picture-Prince of Tides
"Because it had the most twisted plot of the year."

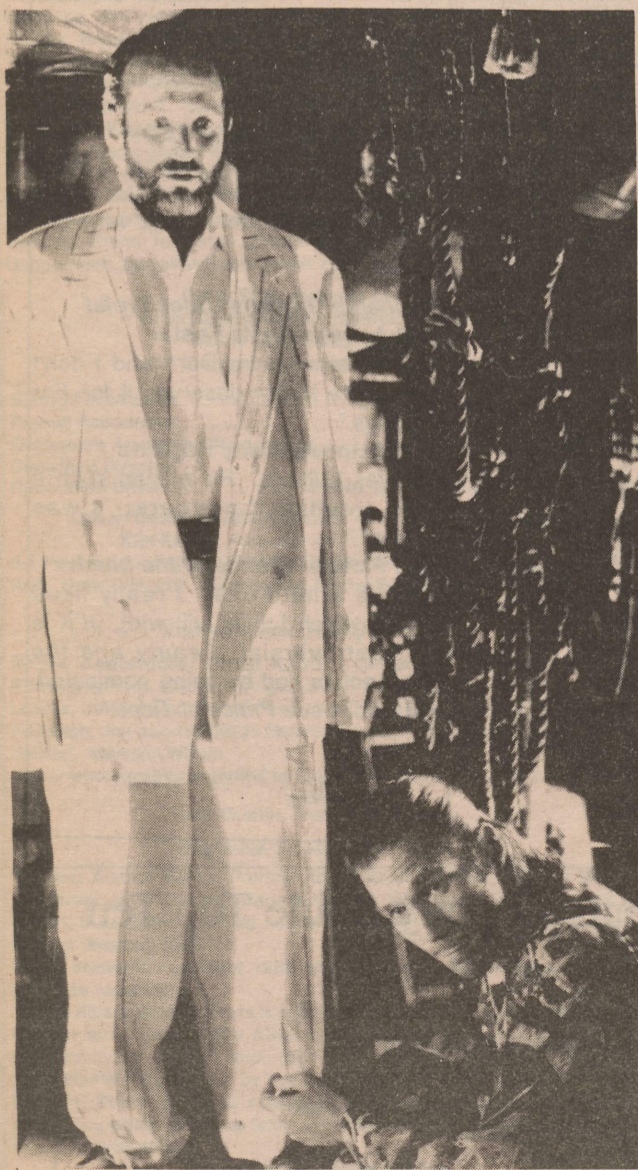
Rob Tiger, Editorial Assistant
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"Clearly the best choice as *Thelma and Louise* pair split the vote."
Best Actor-Robert DeNiro
"A chilling performance in *Cape Fear* gives him the nod."
Best Picture-Bugsy
"*Beauty and the Beast* doesn't make

history this year."

Cheryl Torrontor, Aspects flunky
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"Silence of the Lambs was a great movie. A perfect foil for Hopkins."
Best Actor-Anthony Hopkins
"The perfect villain. The man you love to hate. Makes a great psycho."
Best Picture-Beauty and the Beast
"A ground-breaking occasion. About time someone recognized the excellent job Disney does on its films."

Tom Murnane, News Editor
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"Not too many people have the intensity to play off Anthony Hopkins. Foster does. She wins."
Best Actor-Anthony Hopkins
"For me, he won it long before he issued that classic line 'I'm having a friend of dinner,' but that iced it for

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Robin Williams earned his third Best Actor nomination for *The Fisher King*; Jeff Bridges didn't get squat.

"Hear My Song" Aits A Magical Note

If you're looking for a film that will lift your spirits, and are not put off by light-hearted romantic comedies, then *Hear My Song* is a must see. This delightful movie filmed in England and Ireland, is based on the true story of a concert promoter's attempt to bring the aged tenor Josef Locke (played magnificently by Ned Beatty) out of forced retirement in Ireland to give a concert in his native England, at the risk of going to jail for tax evasion, twenty five years after his initial escape.

The story centers around concert promoter Micky O'Neil (Adrian Dubar), a charming, smooth talking and bumbling rogue who is not above using a little misleading advertising to fill his nightclub, Heartley's. His scheming invariably backfires, and when he tries to pass off an imitation as the genuine Jo Locke, he ends up completely alienating himself from his love interest, Nancy Doyle (Tara Fitzgerald) when her mother discovers he is an imposter.

In order to right his wrong and win back Nancy's love Micky hops aboard a boat to Ireland on a quest to bring back the real Jo Locke. He meets up with an old pal, Fin (James Nesbitt), and the two begin the search for Locke.

The Tokienesque Irish landscape helps to take the movie to another level as it imbues everything with a mystical aura. A bit of the old Irish character also brings a sense of magical and of humor to the film. In one sense, Micky and Fin invoke the help of the "little people" by turning their jackets inside out.

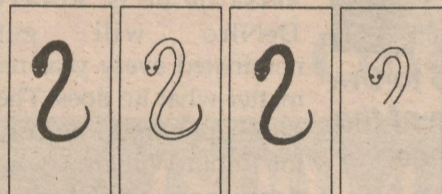
What works wonderfully is the interplay between these two actors. There is a rapport between them which creates some very funny and touching moments.

Director Peter Chelsom, who co-wrote the screenplay with scene, in which Jo Locke confronts Mickey with a life-or-death situation to get the truth from him, take place at night, a top a treacherous, crazy sea cliff. It is breathtaking. Chelsom's visual comedic touches turn what might have been merely hearty chuckles, in the hands of a less-skilled director, into genuine belly laughs.

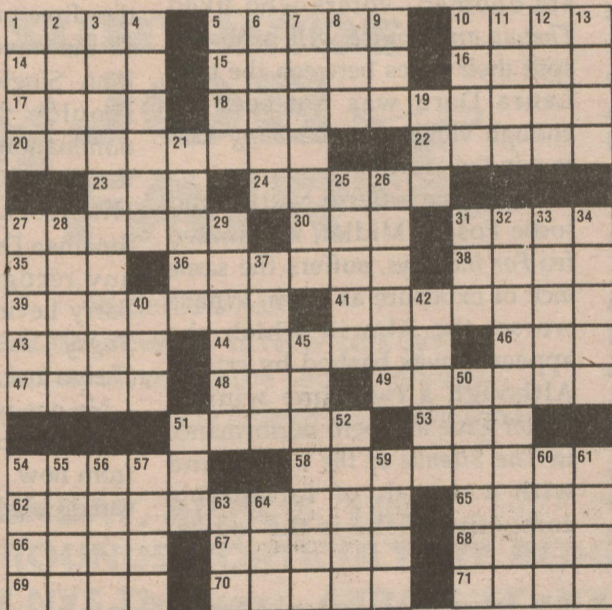
What really sets *Hear My Song* apart from most romantic comedies is the depth and authentic humanity of its characters. The heroes of this film are not altogether noble but one ends up liking them, and rooting for them, anyway.

All in all, this is a wonderful film with a stellar cast, a mesmerizing visual feel, and a triumphant sound track, whose songs propel the story to its surprise ending, and are the most vital ingredient in making *Hear My Song* a magical and memorable film.

--Richard Wahl

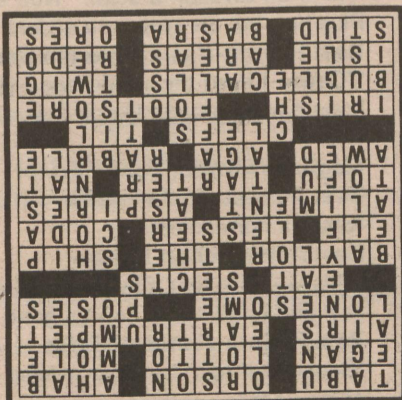


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SAT-SUN MAT 2:10-4:30

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EVE 6:55-9:35
SAT-SUN MAT 1:45-4:15

him."
Best Picture-JFK
"This picture has stirred up more controversy than any other film in recent history. A lot of people thought it was a non-fiction film. It wasn't. It was fiction based on fact. It was a way to highlight how pitiful our government's investigation into Kennedy's assassination really was. It opened people's eyes and made people think."

Kelly Barclay-Spectrum Assistant
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"Her accent was adorable."
Best Actor-Nick Nolte
"Just something about seeing a man cry in a movie..."

Best Picture-Prince of Tides
"It was just a great movie, it kept building layer upon layer of plot until it all exploded at the climax with the rape scene."

Stephanie Grevelis-Chief Typist
Best Actress-Jodie Foster
"I can't stand Laura Dern and I don't think Bette Midler deserves it for *For the Boys*."

Best Actor-Anthony Hopkins
"He was brilliant. He played such a calm, intelligent murderer, it was creepy."

Best Picture-Silence of the Lambs
"This is a hard one. I really liked *Bugsy* (which I think will win), *JFK* is too controversial, *Beauty and the Beast* got its nod by being nominated, and I didn't see *Prince of Tides*."

WCDB Contemporary Soule Top Ten

1. Ain't 2 Proud 2 Beg -- TLC
2. Thinkin' Back -- Color Me Badd
3. How I Could Just Kill A Man -- Cypress Hill
4. My Lovin' -- En Vogue
5. Everything's Gonna Be Alright -- Naughty By Nature
6. Pretty Brown Eyes -- Mint Condition
7. Jump -- Chris Cross
8. Stay -- Jodeci
9. Uhh Ahh -- Boyz II Men
10. Juice -- Eric B. & Rakim

LETTERS

Don't be deluded, Gina

To the Editor:

Gina Barresi's article "Welfare: a blessing or an anathema?" sounded just right to a liberal such as myself. However, I hope she is under no illusions that her humanitarian approaches to welfare reform have a snowball's chance in hell or being adopted in the "kinder, gentler" America of today.

For one thing, the same media that want to hang every welfare "parasite" from the highest tree are far kinder and gentler with dishonest Wall Street brokers, university research centers, bankers and defense contractors. These alleged pillars of society soak the American taxpayer for far more money than even the most wasteful of welfare programs.

Perhaps even worse, the millions of dollars fraudulently obtained by the likes of Milken, Stanford U., Keating and General Dynamics are recycled contributions and other favors for politicians who, in turn, cast a blind eye to this thievery; political wrath is reserved for the welfare mothers.

As long as this double standard is permitted to persist, there will be no public sentiment for reforms to ease the plight of those on welfare. But perhaps there is a solution so that taxpayer's money is not wasted any more than necessary: confiscate the ill-gotten gains of the white-collar criminals and use the proceeds to finance the nation's welfare programs, so that the undeserving rich can serve the poor. Now *that's* social justice.

Mark Schleisner

SUNYA is not apathetic

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Susan Norris' letter about apathy amongst the University's administrators in the March 10th issue of the ASP. I wish to address the remarks she made about our president, H. Patrick Swygert. When the executive board of Golden Key Executive Honor society asked President Swygert to become an honorary member and attend our reception, he was delighted at first. Then, when he realized that the date coincided with SUNY Day he was disappointed that he would be unable to attend the induction of our new members. He personally wanted to congratulate and address some of the most academically distinguished members of the junior and senior classes. Additionally, he expressed great interest in working with our chapter in its future activities.

As a University Center, Albany retains a special part of the SUNY system as a whole. Our academic, research, and extracurricular programs can serve as models for other SUNY schools (as well as as other universities). Because he is an administrator of a University Center, President Swygert needs to address issues that go beyond the domain of SUNY Albany. He succeeds in doing so. Among other things, President Swygert often appears on educational and news programming, addressing SUNY-wide issues. Most recently, he proposed a differential tuition system for SUNY, with two-year and four-year colleges having lower tuition rates than the University Centers. So we see that President Swygert is fulfilling his role as a SUNY administrator.

However, SUNY Albany cannot just serve as a model for other schools. We have problems and issues in our university that need to be addressed within our own community. Patrick Swygert is an effective president of SUNY Albany. He is a highly visible presence on campus; he often walks around the podium to greet and talk with students, to get to know them and to listen to their views on SUNYA issues. President Swygert also takes a great interest in the gamut of student activities. I have personally encountered his involvement with cultural/religious groups, the student leadership, and academic honor societies, and have no doubt that he is enthusiastic about other university students as well.

I agree with Ms. Norsc that SUNY Albany is often an apathetic campus. The cure for this is for all of us to become more involved in our university's activities and programs. Go and discuss your ideas with student leaders, faculty sponsors, and University administrators (including President Swygert) and hopefully we can achieve positive results for SUNY Albany.

Rachel Turkin
Historian, Golden Key National Honor Society

The year of the monkey is here

To the Editor:

On February 29, the Chinese Students Association celebrated the Year of the Monkey in its annual event, China Nite 1992.

The Monkey is the symbolic animal of the ninth of the twelve terrestrial branches. It is believed to have control over hobgoblins, witches, and spirits. Therefore, people worship the Monkey so that He will keep the malicious spirits away from them.

This year, China Nite was held in the Performing Arts Center with over 200 people attending. Carson Carr, the Associate Dean of the Educational Opportunities Program, and Betty Chung, the Residential Director of Alumni Quad, were the guest speakers for the night. The night of festivities also included the Lion Dance, musical programs, a skit, kung fu, cultural dances, traditional and modern fashion shows, and a modern dance.

Five little girls from the local Chinese Community Center also participated in the show. In the traditional fashion show segment, various costumes from Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Korea, as well as China, were modeled. The modern fashion show took the audience across the century from the high-collared blouses and long skirts of the 1900's through the flappers, the poodle skirts, the go-go's, the hippies, the disco era, to today's hottest looks in both casual and formal wear.

The night of excitement ended in the Campus Center Ballroom with a successful party with house, new wave, techno, and hip-pop mixes provided by Marky Mark, the winner of the Battle DJ's.

Katie Yang

Baseball issue strikes out

To the Editor:

In response to your March 6th special edition on

baseball, we the members of the Albany Baseball Team were disappointed. Because we are players as well as avid fans, we believe we can make fair comments in regard to this issue. Granted you dealt with both the pro and con views, most accounts were well "off base." Specifically speaking, the Mets-Yankees controversy has been beaten and reshaped by most of N.Y. as well as National Newspapers, you would think that one would be able to escape it being as far upstate as Albany. In response to "Winning Attitude" we find the correlation between baseball and child abuse unfounded. However, we did enjoy a few articles, namely "Ad's Last Gasp" (the forward), "Suffering with the Sox" and "Those Baseball Hands." But overall, this issue does not fairly portray baseball. For the future we suggest the following:

1) Do research, either in a library, or at the Hall of Fame in nearby Cooperstown, NY.

2) Go to a game and then express your feelings.

3) Consult with players that have played at a higher level than Rec. ! Little League, or high school.

To conclude, this response may have avoided had you contacted the members of our team. We love talking baseball. Hopefully, you will take our critique in a positive way.

SUNY Albany Baseball Team

Be a toastmaster

To the Editor:

On Thursday, March 12 a public speaking seminar was sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, the co-ed professional business fraternity on campus.

Dennis Froio spoke to us about toastmasters, a national organization with over 170,000 members that focus on public speaking, speech contests, and conducting efficient and effective meetings. Toastmasters is co-ed and they offer programs for all levels of speakers, including those individuals who have never made a public speech due to fear. The only requirement to join Toastmasters is that you are 18 years of age.

After learning about the organization Mr. Froio is a member of, the seminar continued with tips on conducting a meeting. The following are some of the tips, however there are many others:

- let communities handle the details of most organization activities
- have a good parliamentarian
- set time limits for reports and debates
- plan to have fun
- recognize exceptional effort

This seminar benefited all who attended; fraternity, sorority, or student club members. These individuals can try these suggestions at their next meeting. Delta Sigma Pi sponsors many useful seminars and professional events throughout the semester. The next event will be held on Wednesday, April 8, and the topic will be "How to Market Yourself." For more information on upcoming events or Toastmasters organization, please contact Nicole Brideau at 235-2671 or Jennifer Blanchard at 427-9672.

Jennifer Blanchard, Delta Sigma Pi

Free speech was not hindered


To the Editor:

This is in response to Sam Hazelton's criticism of our tactics in protesting the Bible Awareness Group's presentation on homosexuality. As one of the protestors, let me assure everyone that freedom of speech is of utmost importance to us. I would never support - in fact, I would vehemently oppose - any government restriction of free speech, or any violent or coercive acts to suppress this precious freedom. However, when dealing with homophobic, bigoted, sexist, medieval ideas it is the right of an oppressed group to do anything it can to disavow those ideas.

A few days before the Friday night event, at which over a hundred people were present, not the few dozen your paper reported, some of my friends found out from a member of BAG that the Friday night speaker would claim that homosexuality is unnatural, abnormal, and self-destructive. Such ridiculous, ignorant, simple-minded views have had far too much of a forum already, while gays and lesbians, and those who support their rights such as myself, have had almost no chance to defend themselves in the past. Gays certainly feel uncomfortable on this campus, and the ideas that BAG wanted to express would have only contributed to this circumstance.

With men like Pat Buchanan and David Duke being in the public eye and spreading racism, anti-semitism, homophobia and other disgusting views, it is essential

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3/23 Christine Polly
3/25 Elise Iacovelli
3/29 Noreen Rousseau

$\Sigma\Phi\Xi$,
The candy necklaces were a treat. The puch was red & oh, so sweet. **Most** of you were great to meet. $\Theta\Phi\Lambda$

To my big sister Kathy, Thanks for being there when I needed you. Your comfort made me feel great.
Love you little sister, Claudia $\Theta\Phi\Lambda$

$\text{TE}\Phi$, $\text{A}\Phi$, $\text{A}\Phi\Phi$, St. Patty's Day was out of sight. Rocking the Post into the night. We all were a little Irish and wetter, And couldn't ask for anything better. $\Sigma\text{A}\Xi$

$\text{A}\Phi\Phi$, $\Sigma\text{A}\Xi$, $\text{TE}\Phi$
Thanks for a great St. Patrick's Day! Let's do it again next year! $\text{A}\Phi$

$\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$
Friday night was mighty fine, We had a really great time. $\text{A}\text{T}\Omega$

$\Sigma\Delta\text{T}$ wishes a happy birthday to:
Cara Bernstein - March 12
Beth Mironchick - March 22
Laura Landau - March 24
Alysha Jacobs - March 26

ZBT -
Thanks for a great & colorful mixer. Can't wait to do it again. $-\text{A}\Phi$

To my lil sis Merry,
It's an awesome match
I \heartsuit you too!
 \heartsuit your $\Phi\Sigma\Sigma$ Big Sis Michele
XOXO

$\text{K}\Sigma\text{A}$, ΣI , $\Theta\Xi$, $\Omega\Phi\text{B}$
Get psyched guys!
Go gold!!! $-\text{A}\Phi$

$\text{A}\Phi$ would like to apologize to $\Sigma\Delta\text{T}$, we hope your aerobathon was a great success.

ΔZ ,
Friday the 13th was a blast.
Dancing and drinking the night away.
Let's continue the fun real soon

As we all head off together to Dippikill. $\Sigma\text{A}\Xi$

To My Little Sis Pigpen , Hang in there! Your Big Sis \heartsuit 's you. $\text{TE}\Phi$

We had a great time at our "glow in the dark" mixer! Let's do it again. $\heartsuit\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

TKE -
Even though we all had diseases, the mixer was fun. Thank! $\heartsuit\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

$\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$ -
Mixing with you is is always a blast, we wish the night could last and last! $\heartsuit\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

Ronni-
Thanks for all your hard work on the Greek Unity party! We \heartsuit you!! $\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

$\text{A}\text{T}\Omega$ -
We had a great time dancing at the mixer-sorry we forgot our bras! $\heartsuit\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

PJ -
We all had a terrific time at the crush party-Thanks for all your hard work! Love, $\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

ΣN , $\Sigma\Phi\Xi$, $\Sigma\text{A}\text{T}$ -
Thanks for a great St. Patricks Day party at the Post! $\heartsuit\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

ΣN , $\text{I}\text{A}\Phi$, ΨT -
H-O-T T-O G-O
That orange team is hot to go... get psyched! $\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$

Pi Sigma Epsilon would like to thank Diego Munoz for his contribution.

$\text{A}\text{T}\Omega$ -
Our mixer with you was very fine. We'll eat tacos with you anytime! Thanks. $-\text{A}\Phi\Phi$

$\text{A}\Phi\text{I}$ -
Olympic games were played all night, Our mixer with you was dynamite! -Thanks $-\text{A}\Phi\Phi$

$\Sigma\text{A}\text{M}$ -
Oneonta with you was really great, Our mixers with you are always first rate! Thanks $-\text{A}\Phi\Phi$

Mike and Jim,
We're very glad that your kitty was returned safe and sound. Thanks for being such good neighbors when our phone [?] service was so rudely interrupted last night; you two are peaches.

Have a good spring break! Stay out of trouble. (and our apartment, in case you have any bright ideas.) $\heartsuit\text{Kelly, Diane and Denelle}$

Keith can burn in HELL. (J)

FAITH-
You had a great last season. Now that it's over, its time to go out drinking. Luv, Denelle

Andy-
Thanks for being patient with me. Things will improve- that's a promise! -Erika

TO ALL ASPIes,
HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!!!
Love Erika

Andy,
it's great to have you back! jaya

kalp
I'm going bonohunting! join me. jaya

Gee
for your information I'd never hang out in cafes discussing the merits of Strinberg. jaya

p.s. hi mark with a c.

My superior Keith,
I don't really want you to burn in

hell. Working with Denelle is more torture than any human should bear. Enjoy your break!

jaya

Putty, Crunchy,, Lorraine, Sheel
Have a great break! jaya

Denelle,
I'm as serious as you are. Jaya

I WANT A MAN.
JAYA WANTS KEITH.

Pat,
You're a great SE. You're the best. I luv ya, man. Sincerely, Denelle

A certain ladybug lights up the room with her fabulously gorgeous spots radiating in the sunlight.

Muffin,
I'll miss you this week. Maybe we can get in some extra cuddling next week...IF you know what I mean.

Boston awaits!!!! It's even BETTER than Myrtle Beach...yeah, yeah, that's the ticket.

God bless this mess.

Jaya writes cheesy stories...THREE of them (not four or more)

Denelle sings better than the average recording of fingernails on a chalkboard.

Hi, Cindy! Hope you don't get anymore calls out of the blue demanding \$1300. Andrew

Wayne must have got some inside tips on the NCAA from Joey Bagels, Bobby No Neck, Charlie Moneybags, and Jerry Goombah

Patrick will soon find out about the ghost of the short, anal-retentive, ex-associate sports editor that inhabits his future house.

Coming soon...ASPECTS special supplement for people in this world who take life much too seriously. Special guest commentary by Jean Paul Sartre and feature poetry by Sylvia Plath. Coming to a dentist's waiting room near you!

Is that Keith's mom's head or did her neck throw up?!

SA candidates can also burn in hell (A).

Paul Tsongas is now free to resume his regular job - the role of Barney on the Simpsons.

Mark fishes for nickelson his hands and knees in the fountain in the mall.

If Jude could be any kind of which one would he be? Mark would like to see him as a banana...IF you know what I mean.

Nat and Steph,
Have a fantastic time in Canada! Bring back some Bradors. Love, Tom

To our News Staff, Enjoy the rest. You guys deserve it. See you all in a week. Your beloved and extremely weary Ne's. See ya next week!

The Babes with Bluers , back together to stat into the sunset... So exactly how many people have fondled Meghan's bluer? We're still wondering...

Hey Adam and Co., Get a REA driver!Don't ever count the ol'626 out...Zoom!(P.S.could you tell me if my back lights are working ok? Ha hahaha...

Kerri, you know that personal you dropped off? For the life of me, I can't find it. Oops. Tom

I can't wait to drool onto my own pillow tonight or oday or whatever it is...

A special hello to our new staff writers **Mike B., Pam and Caron,** I hope this is the beginning of something really good for you guys. Caron, get **Jane** up here!

Jaya can keep Keith. Who's got dibs on Keith's Mom? **Endorse this!**

Andrew, Say hello to the only real baseball park while you're in Boston. take care and have fun. Tom

CROP Walk 1992 to raise money for local food pantries and relief agencies

By Caron Tschampion

Participants for the Fourth Annual Albany C.R.O.P. walk to help fight hunger are scheduled to gather at the College of St. Rose at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 5 to begin their ten kilometer route back to College of St. Rose.

The walkers will tour the downtown areas of Albany though the Clinton Avenue area. "We are hoping to get the walkers more in touch with their community," said Pastor Mark Blice-Baum, the Protestant chaplain of Chapel House.

Funds from the walk are to be collected from sponsors who agree to donate a specific amount of money for each kilometer completed by their sponsored walker.

Seventy-five percent of the funds collected are donated to international and national hunger relief agencies.

"This event is interfaith by nature," Blice-Baum said. "Students may designate where their funds are directed right on the envelope - be it a Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish or other hunger relief agency."

The other twenty-five percent of the funds will be given to the Food Pantries of the Capital District, which serves over thirty-five food pantries

and soup kitchens in the Capital District.

"Right here in the Capital District, the tri-county CROP walks provide funding to well over 40 emergency feeding sites so that they can continue to serve over 14,000 individuals each month. And it doesn't end there," said David Laroe, chairperson of Albany CROP walk.

Blice-Baum said he anticipates a greater amount of students participating in the CROP walk this year than in previous years. Clubs and some Greek organizations are already helping to recruit.

"The walk is a relatively low commitment, but a highly effective service project. It is a perfect way for a student to make a vital difference for those who suffer from hunger and poverty."

To volunteer, Blice-Baum said students should stop by Chapel House and pick up a sponsor sheet and a map of the area. Local libraries, such as Albany Public and College of St. Rose also have materials.

For more information, call Chapel House Interfaith Center on the main SUNYA campus at 489-8573 and ask for Pastor Mark.

JCA comptroller to be charged

Albany

(AP) A former student leader at Sage Junior College of Albany faces charges he embezzles almost half of a \$20,000 fund earmarked for student activities.

Alfred Collins, 27, of Albany, was ordered to appear in City Court today to answer to misdemeanor petty larceny charges. He is accused of stealing \$9,500 in student activity fees while serving as comptroller of the college's Student Government Association in 1991.

As comptroller, Collins had access to a bank account in which the fees were deposited, police said. He allegedly wrote checks to himself in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$800, police said.

The money has not been recovered, and police would not speculate on a motive.

Money in the fund comes from a \$60 fee paid by each of the 750 full-time students at Sage, spokeswoman Maureen Bigness said. About \$10,000 of that money—or \$20,000 per year—is given to the student government, which allocates the fund to student groups.

College officials said they were surprised that Collins, a freshman who enrolled in classes at the two-year college in September 1990, was accused of embezzling the money.

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Aggravated Harrassment:

3/7 Colonial Quad Harassing phone calls.
3/13 Dutch Quad Annoying phone call.

Arson:

3/7 Colonial Quad Trash can fire.

Assault:

3/2 State Quad Dock U.A.S. Supervisor punched by employee; subject arrested.

Burglary:

3/10-12 Dutch Quad Phone taken from office.

Criminal Mischief:

3/1 Indian Lot Tires punctured on four cars.
3/2 Dutch Quad Car taillight removed and taken.
3/7 Gym/Dutch Roadway Parking barrier stakes pulled up.
3/8-9 Colonial Quad Cars vandalized-mirror broken, antenna broken, car scratched.
3/9 Colonial Lot Car window broken, vacuum cleaner stolen.
3/11 SUNYA Bus Bus window broken; two subjects apprehended and arrested by Albany Police.

3/12-13 Indian Quad Minor damage and harassment to male residents reportedly by female residents.

3/14 Indian Lot Car windows broken, tools stolen.

Grand Larceny:

3/7 Phys. Ed. Wallet taken from coat left outside racquetball court.
3/16 Library Unattended backpack stolen, contained wallet.

Harassment:

3/6 State Quad Ongoing roommate conflict involving threats of one against other; TOT Residential Life.
3/7 Indian Quad Notes harassing a Residence Director.
3/10 Campus Center Unwanted physical contact from known male.

Petit Larceny:

3/1 Indian Quad Stereo stolen from unlocked car.
3/2 Indian Lot Tape player stolen from car.
3/5 Colonial Quad Coats left in dining room.
3/6-7 Colonial Quad Candy machine broken into.
3/6 B.A. Road Books and parking hang-tag from car.
3/8-9 Colonial Lot Car tire stolen.
3/8-9 Colonial Lot Car broken into, several items stolen.
3/8-9 Colonial Lot Car broken into, tape player stolen.
3/8-11 Library Bike Rack Bicycle stolen.
3/10 Library Books left unattended for several minutes.
3/10 Humanities Keys left in door missing.
3/10 Phys. Ed. Coate left in locker room.
3/10 Phys. Ed. Beeper left with gym bag outside racquetball court.
3/10 Campus Center Road Parking hang-tag stolen.
3/12 Phys. Ed. Jacket, Wallet, keys.
3/15 Dutch Lot Parking hang tag stolen.
3/17 Colonial Pay Lot Parking decal missing.

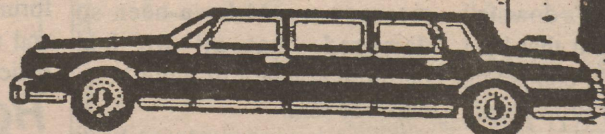
Rape:

3/10 Colonial Lot Unknown male forcibly raped female student.

Sexual Misconduct:

3/14 Residence Hall Male acquaintance forcing sexual conduct on female student. Action pending.

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Striving for the perfect body can make you ill

By Doris F. Tomer

How many women do you know, perhaps yourself included, who have a never satisfied and negative attitude towards their own body? Women who look very much within the normal range, and by most standards would be considered attractive, are walking around with body image problems. Women of the most ordinary sizes, not just anorexics or those who are obese, are entirely obsessed with their bodies and what they are eating and not eating.

MIDDLE EARTH ROOTS An extremely high percentage of women consider themselves to have a "weight problem" and are either on a diet, chronically dieting, about to start a diet, relieved to have just finished a diet or are upset about not sticking to a diet. Whether concerned about 5 lbs., 15 lbs., 55 lbs., or 105 lbs., women spend a tremendous amount of negative energy obsessing over, loathing and trying to change their bodies.

The present cultural ideal of beauty and femininity has equated thinness with representing happiness, competency and success. Most women don't have bodies designed for the modern lean look, but our society glorifies this look as the aesthetic and medical ideal. Unfortunately, in the process of trying to attain this ideal, many women destroy their physical fitness and energy. Saddest of all, the continuous efforts to change the body often represents the rejection of one's real female body.

Our physical attributes, such as bone structure, metabolism, and tendency to put on weight, are largely preprogrammed by our inherited predisposition. Perhaps

as women and as a society we need not continue to be bound by such limited definitions of beauty, but need to appreciate the fact that people come in a variety of sizes and shapes. Each individual can be beautiful in a variety of different ways. This obsession with dieting, compulsive exercising and sometimes even having surgery, keeps women attending to their looks, instead of the circumstances of their lives.

It is not by mere coincidence that the increasing incidence of both anorexia nervosa and bulimia occurs at a time when society strongly stresses the importance of a slim body for women. Many college age women are the first generation of children that have been brought up by mothers in Weight Watchers. There is a strong stigma attached to being overweight in our society, and as individuals we face tremendous social pressures to obtain or maintain a trim body.

A 1980 study of N.Y.S. college students reported that 70% of women considered themselves overweight even though less than 30% actually were. Several studies have estimated that as many as 25-30% of all college women engage in cycles of bingeing and purging, and that one out of 250 adolescent females are anorexic. About 90% of all bulimics and 95% of anorexics are females. The number of women having liposuction, the removal of fat by suction, has increased 81% in just four years from 48,633 operations in 1984 to 87,870 in 1988.

It is important to note that the diet and exercise industry is estimated to be a \$32 billion a year industry. This industry is largely targeted towards the female

population, as women constitute 95% of the membership in weight-loss programs. It is vested and based on the message that women are not O.K. the way they are.

The fashion industry also makes a lot of money from breeding body insecurity in women. Fashion models do not represent the majority of ordinary women. Until we have images of women of all different sizes and all seen as being perfectly O.K., women are apt to feel degraded because they don't see themselves represented.

Many women have a disturbed relationship with food. An early family history that has not fostered the development of a healthy sense of self-esteem to make women more vulnerable to the cultural dictates of feminine beauty and acceptability as a measure of value and self-worth. These women are prone to develop a disturbed or addictive relationship with food in order to conceal the deeper wound of their personal self doubts, shame and feelings of insecurity.

Women with eating disorders take to an extreme the idea that they can change their inner selves by controlling their outer selves. Anorexia and bulimia, with either food restrictions/or binge-purge behavior, becomes a coping mechanism in which the focus is on controlling the body in an attempt to control one's feelings when many feelings and things in one's environment seem to be out of control or confusing.

For more information, contact Middle Earth at 442-5777.

This column originally appeared on Friday, October 19, 1990.

Accused mother free on \$2,500 bail

Syracuse

(AP) A hospital lab technician accused of trying to poison her daughter was allowed to remain free on \$2,500 bail following her arraignment Thursday.

Onondaga County Assistant District Attorney Ralph Tortora objected to the low bail for Kathleen Gordon, 34, of Liverpool.

Gordon pleaded innocent to two counts of attempted second-degree murder and single counts of first-degree assault, second-degree falsifying business records and endangering the welfare of a child. She was indicted Friday by a grand jury.

Police accuse Gordon of trying to kill her daughter, Candace, 12, by introducing lethal levels of warfarin into her system between Oct. 28 and Nov. 13. Warfarin is a substance commonly found in rat poison, but it also is used as a medicine to thin the blood.

Tortora refused to speculate on a motive. The prosecutor said he believes the evidence showed Gordon was trying to kill her daughter.

Doctors said the girl nearly died but has recovered.

Authorities also accused Gordon of altering information in the computer at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital where she worked to keep doctors from discovering the toxic levels of warfarin in her daughter.

She is also accused of withdrawing enough blood from the child to cause her death.

If convicted of attempted murder, Gordon could be sent to prison for up to 25 years.

Gorman adjourned the case for one week. He said he would meet with the lawyers for a pretrial conference.

Paul Tsongas suspends his run for the Democratic nomination

Boston speed.

By Eve Epstein

(AP) Paul Tsongas, 51, pulled out of the Democratic presidential race yesterday, blaming his campaign's downfall on a shortage of cash that kept him from effectively competing against front-runner Bill Clinton.

"The alternative was to play the role of spoiler. That is not what I'm about; that's not worthy," said Tsongas, a cancer survivor. "I did not survive my ordeals to be the agent of the re-election of George Bush."

His exit from the race leaves Clinton as the clear favorite to capture the Democratic nomination, opposed only by the insurgent outsider's candidacy of former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

Tsongas' withdrawal "makes Clinton the nominee, basically, today," said Democratic consultant Victor Kamber yesterday. "The party is now going to try to coalesce around Clinton as quickly as possible."

"He is, barring something totally new and unexpected, the nominee," said Ann Lewis, another Democratic consultant.

He said his campaign was too broke to compete in New York, which votes April 7, and that his commitment to the Democratic Party was too strong for him to stay in the race at less than full

"To go into New York, defenseless in terms of financial resources, would have meant that we could not compete.... The message would have been so damaged, that all we had endured for would have been hurt," he said.

Tsongas congratulated both Clinton and Brown, and said he was looking forward to helping elect a Democratic president.

"It's been a hell of a ride," he told a packed farewell rally at a Boston hotel.

Clinton said Tsongas' decision meant "my strongest opponent is not going to be there anymore."

In the delegate race, Clinton has gathered 947, Tsongas 430, and Brown 129. Tsongas said he would not endorse Brown or Clinton and that he has no immediate plans for the future.

Tsongas exceeded initial expectations for his long-shot campaign by claiming victory in five primaries and two caucuses. Clinton trounced him in the South, and then won key contests in Illinois and Michigan.

Tsongas termed his exit as a suspension of his campaign, a technicality that allows him to keep control of his delegates and to maintain his eligibility for federal matching funds to help pay off a debt approaching \$1 million.

Forum

Continued from front page shifting away from authoritarian governments to more democratic ones. His last concern was the drug war problem in Latin American countries.

The final Campaign Watch forum will be held on April 22 and will deal with the domestic policy.

Robert

Continued from front page The weight room remained closed to State Quad residents until February of this year, although a \$25 activity fee was collected in September from residents. Robert said this money has remained untouched and unrefunded.

Robert attributed these measures, as well as the suspension of all quad activities, to the University's lack of liability insurance. Robert said he was "proud" other quads followed his example by suspending their activities as well.

Discussing the lack of communication between himself and other State Quad staffers, Robert said he only attended two RA meetings, although invited to more, because he didn't want to be "attacked" at meetings.

He also admitted to picking his former vice president Cindy Chase because he "felt bad" about her losing her Student Association position.

Although his term ends in two weeks, Robert looks forward to his friends taking over State

Quad Board, as he plans to run for SA President. He also said the forum was not held to bring attention to his campaign, but to "get the facts straight."

NYPIRG

Continued from front page see that we truly are serious about our gripes."

Gary Gnrirrep, an English teacher and SUNY Albany graduate, led his students from Guilderland High School as part of the Guilderland PIRG to attend the Lobby Day.

"We are basically here because it is not only part of the present, but also of the future, namely my kid's future," Gnrirrep said. "The gist of what we are trying to accomplish on this day is to attempt to get the legislators to commit to finding a long-term financial plan for the SUNY and CUNY systems."

Chairman of Higher Education of New York Ed Sullivan also made a brief speech to the young lobbyists, encouraging them to actively partake in the political process. "Not only is it unfair to cut higher education from the state budget," Sullivan said, "but it is also destructive towards the future development of this state."

The proposed cuts affect other people besides SUNY and CUNY students. Andra Ackerman, a junior from Siena College was also lobbying against the cuts.

"The cuts in TAP and other such financial aids have caused me to take more loans and inadvertently caused tuition to be raised as well in Siena,"

Ackerman said. "It's getting to a point where I might have to seek an education in another state just because I simply can't afford to attend school in this one."

All of the students were well-dressed and well-groomed. Although this was not a requirement, as Gibbens added it may put forth a more positive appearance.

Letters

Continued from page 9 that we confront bigotry and ignorance everywhere. If Adolph Hitler came here to speak I would not let him say a word, and I would hope everyone on campus who opposes his idea would join me in chasing him from campus. Similarly, when the Bible Awareness Group attempts to spout sexist, racist, reactionary ideas, setting the stage for gay-bashing, rape, and violence, they abdicate their right to speak. I will never allow a government to censor ideas, but I urge everyone, when encountering bigotry, to shout SHUT-UP at the bigots and leave it at that. I apologize if anyone who wanted to hear B.A.G. speak missed their chance, but now that you know what their agenda was, I hope you realize we had no choice but to intimidate them and show them that their ideas have no place in the twentieth century world of AIDS, ignorance, and hatred. No, hatred has NO RIGHTS.

Daniel Brezenoff

Look at the true facts about baseball salaries

By Jacob Jonas
STAFF WRITER

The dispute over baseball players making tens of millions of dollars over the course of multi-year salaries will never end. The problem is that most people have the gut reaction: "It's ridiculous how much baseball players are being paid." People that say those things, unfortunately, are in the same boat as many who talk about subjects that they do not fully understand. They do not look at the facts that make this statement ludicrous.

Baseball is a game that seemingly everyone in America has played. They look at baseball players and do not realize that they are the best in the world at what they do. People seem to have a hard time accepting the fact that a second baseman (the Chicago Cubs' Ryne Sandberg) can be paid \$7.1 million per year, partly because they may have played a little second base in little league.

Why do people not get mad at entertainers such as Madonna, Bill Cosby and Oprah Winfrey, who make over \$30 million per year? Lee Iacocca of Chrysler and Michael Eisner of Disney make even more than that, and their companies sometimes lose money. Michael Jackson signed a recording contract with Sony that will pay him approximately \$1.1 billion! People do not even take a second glance at these incredible salaries, yet they get heated up over someone simply getting what they deserve.

Ayrton Senna. Yeah, good ol' Ayrton. Ever heard of him? Well, he made \$20 million this season driving Formula One race cars. Nigel Mansell (\$15 million), Ricardo Patrese and Alain Prost (\$10 million each), are other multi-millionaires most people outside of the car racing world do not know about. Evander Holyfield made \$25 million and was to receive \$30 million for a single fight against Mike Tyson. People do not even bat an eye, because they cannot conceive of themselves boxing or racing cars, but they think just because they played the sport, baseball salaries should be lower.

Why are people against the players anyway? They are the ones on whom most people take out their frustrations. Would you rather the owners line their pockets with even more money? Nelson Doubleday and Fred Wilpon (owners of the Mets) would not pay Bobby Bonilla's \$29 million over five years if they could not afford it. The Herald Tribune company, which owns the Cubs, is not laying off people because they are paying Ryne Sandberg, one of the best all-around second basemen in history, \$28.4 million over four seasons. If the owners get to a point where they cannot afford the salaries anymore (and they have been crying about this since the first free agent class of 1974, Ron Bloemberg and Andy Messersmith), they simply will not pay the salaries.

Ever since Nolan Ryan became baseball's first million dollar man in 1979 and Dave Winfield's free agent windfall (\$15 million over ten years, with built-in cost of living and other increases), owners have been crying foul, trying to put the players into a bad light. The players are just the ones who accept the owners' offers. Nobody was putting a gun to the heads of the owners of the San Diego Padres, California Angels, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Mets for making incredible offers to Bobby Bonilla. In fact, owners have been complaining that money will ruin the game since some major leaguers jumped to the failed Federal League in the late 1890's, where the money was better. The national pastime has done just fine.

The question of why a baseball player gets paid more than a neurosurgeon and who is more valuable to society is nice, but who pays the bills of society? Baseball players are getting their fair share of a multi-billion dollar enterprise.

"Getting their piece of the pie" brings up the really bright idea of a salary cap, similar to the one that saved the NBA. People, once again, do not realize what a baseball salary cap would mean. The first thing is, why would the players put their signature on something that may reduce their salaries? If a salary cap similar to professional basketball was

agreed upon, the owners would end up making less money than they do right now.

The salary cap, introduced by NBA czar-genius commissioner David Stern, contributed to the salvation of the NBA from certain ruin in the early 80's, along with guys named Michael, Magic and Larry, among many others. In a nutshell, the players were actually making a larger proportion of the revenue produced by basketball at the time, as owners were signing players to contracts backed up by money that they did not have.

The then-Kansas City Kings were going to fold, the Denver Nuggets and Utah Jazz were going to merge (the Denver Jazz), about seven other teams were going to fold, and sixteen of the 23 teams at the time were losing money. This is not the case in baseball.

A salary cap would guarantee the players approximately 50% (53% in the NBA) of the revenue. If that occurred in baseball, the salaries would go up. Baseball signed a \$1 billion contract with CBS for the rights to its games over four years. That is \$250 million per season, and approximately \$10 million per team. Each team would have to guarantee its 25 players \$5 million from CBS revenue alone.

Each player would have \$200,000 solely from CBS. Now, you add the Yankees \$500 million (over ten seasons) MSG contract, Ted Turner's TBS

revenue, and the Cubs' WGN money, and that is not even taking into consideration local television money that players would have a right to half of.

Still have that calculator handy? Half of ticket sales, luxury box money, and half of the incredible amount of cash that Major League Baseball Properties rakes in from the sale of licensed merchandise should be added to the picture. MLB Properties is a multi-million dollar (if not billion) per year enterprise. The players would love an agreement like this. Oh yeah, half of concessions, parking, etc. It is endless and would be a fiscal nightmare for the owners.

The question of "Are these guys worth it?" is a relative one. Is Ayrton Senna worth \$20 million for driving a car around a track? Was Mike Tyson worth \$13 million for ninety-one seconds (a million dollars every seven seconds) for his ferocious destruction of Michael Spinks? Are some politicians who cheat taxpayers out of billions of dollars worth hundreds of thousands of dollars per year? Oprah hosts a talk show (I think I could handle interviewing Arsenio Hall) and makes about \$40 million per year. It is all relative and some of the above examples should put it in perspective for those baseball "experts" out there.

Restrictions on free agency? The last time owners tried to

hold down salaries they were convicted of collusion against the players and were handed a \$280 million bill for doing so.

In this time of "fiscal irresponsibility" on the part of the owners, the question of player loyalty comes up. Now that is a good one. There was a form of forced loyalty before Curt Flood bravely challenged baseball's reserve clause to give him some freedom of where he wants to work. In the time of the reserve clause, players either accepted the offer of their current employer, or they could find another line of work. Just think, this was America's national pastime restricting the freedoms of people wanting to explore opportunities in other cities that might (gasp!) pay them more money.

Nowadays, the multi-year contract gives the player and the club some security. If we had one year contracts and free agency, the makeup of clubs from year to year would be uncertain for everyone involved.

Well, if you have lasted this far, congratulations. Why does a staff writer for the ASP spend so much time talking about baseball? You just have to understand that it gets frustrating when I listen to people talk about things that they either do not understand or do not get all of the facts. Ignorance is a very dangerous thing, especially in something as important as baseball.

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N.H.L.

Wales Conference

Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts
NY Rangers	45	23	5	95
Washington	41	24	7	89
New Jersey	34	26	10	78
Pittsburgh	34	29	8	76
NY Islanders	30	33	9	69
Philadelphia	28	32	11	67

Adams Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	41	25	8	90
Boston	32	29	10	74
Buffalo	27	33	11	65
Hartford	23	37	11	57
Quebec	16	44	11	43

Campbell Conference

Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Detroit	38	23	11	87
Chicago	31	26	14	76
St. Louis	32	31	9	73
Minnesota	31	35	5	67
Toronto	27	38	7	61

Smythe Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Vancouver	40	21	10	90
Los Angeles	33	27	13	79
Edmonton	32	30	8	72
Winnipeg	27	32	13	67
Calgary	26	35	10	62
San Jose	16	50	5	37

Standings through March 19th.

Tonight's Games

NY Rangers at Detroit, 7:35p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:35p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10:35p.m.

C.B.A.

Playoffs - Second Round American Conference

La Crosse vs. Grand Rapids
Thursday March 19

Grand Rapids at La Crosse
Saturday March 21

Grand Rapids at La Crosse
Tuesday March 24

La Crosse at Grand Rapids,
Thursday March 26

La Crosse at Grand Rapids, if nec.
Friday March 27

La Crosse at Grand Rapids, if nec.

Quad City vs. Birmingham
Friday March 20

Birmingham at Quad City
Saturday March 21

Birmingham at Quad City
Monday March 23

Quad City at Birmingham
Wednesday March 25

Quad City at Birmingham, if nec.
Friday March 27

Quad City at Birmingham, if nec.

National Conference

Rapid City vs. Wichita Falls
Thursday March 19

Rapid City at Wichita Falls
Saturday March 21

Rapid City at Wichita Falls
Monday March 23

Wichita Falls at Rapid City
Tuesday March 24

Wichita Falls at Rapid City, if nec.
Saturday March 28

Wichita Falls at Rapid City, if nec.

Omaha vs. Oklahoma City
Friday March 20

Oklahoma City at Omaha
Saturday March 21

Oklahoma City at Omaha
Wednesday March 25

Omaha at Oklahoma City
Friday March 27

Omaha at Oklahoma City, if nec.
Saturday March 28

Omaha at Oklahoma City, if nec.

A.H.L.

Northern Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Springfield	36	27	8	80
New Haven	35	29	4	74
Adirondack	33	34	4	70
Capital District	30	30	10	70
Maine	21	42	10	52

Southern Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Binghamton	37	25	9	83
Hershey	32	29	10	74
Rochester	31	28	12	74
Utica	31	35	6	68
Baltimore	25	36	9	59

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Fredericton	38	26	9	85
St. John's	34	27	12	80
Cape Breton	31	31	8	70
Halifax	24	32	16	64
Moncton	28	35	7	63

Exhibition Baseball

American League

	W	L
Baltimore	10	3
California	8	5
Minnesota	8	5
Cleveland	7	5
Boston	7	7
Texas	7	7
Milwaukee	7	8
Detroit	6	7
Seattle	6	7
Toronto	6	7
Chicago	7	9
NY Yankees	6	8
Oakland	5	7
Kansas City	5	9

National League

	W	L
San Francisco	10	3
Cincinnati	10	4
St. Louis	7	5
Montreal	8	6
Houston	7	7
Chicago	6	7
NY Mets	6	7
Atlanta	6	8
Los Angeles	6	8
Philadelphia	5	8
Pittsburgh	5	9
San Diego	3	10

N.B.A.

Leaders

Scoring

	G	Pts	Avg
Jordan, Chicago	66	1973	29.9
K.Malone, Utah	65	1825	28.1
Wilkins, Atlanta	42	1179	28.1
Mullin, Golden St.	62	1612	26.0
Drexler, Portland	65	1666	25.6
Ewing, NY Knicks	65	1563	24.0

Rebounding

	G	Tot	Avg
Rodman, Detroit	66	1255	19.0
Willis, Atlanta	64	1034	16.2
Mutombo, Denver	65	811	12.5
Olajuwon, Houston	60	728	12.1
Robinson, S.A.	65	785	12.1
Seikaly, Miami	64	753	11.8
Ellison, Washington	60	705	11.8
K.Malone, Utah	65	738	11.4
Anderson, Denver	65	737	11.3
Johnson, Charlotte	63	713	11.3
Barkley, Phil.	59	662	11.2
Ewing, NY Knicks	65	713	11.0

Field Goal Percentage

	FG	FGA	Pct.
Williams, Portland	283	468	.605
Garnt, Chicago	395	673	.587
Thorpe, Houston	453	783	.579
Daugherty, Clev.	452	790	.572
Robinson, S.A.	569	1017	.559
Barkley, Phil.	488	886	.551
Parish, Boston	380	703	.541
Nance, Cleveland	428	792	.540
Schrempf, Indiana	393	729	.539
Owens, Golden St.	358	670	.534
Marciononis, G.S.	375	703	.533
Brickowski, Milw.	257	482	.533
Rodman, Detroit	257	482	.533
Manning, LA Clip	514	965	.533
Ellison, Washington	510	958	.532
Mullin, Golden St.	650	1227	.530

N.B.A.

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Knicks	40	25	.615	—
Boston	37	30	.552	4
Philadelphia	30	36	.455	10.5
Miami	30	37	.448	11
New Jersey	29	36	.446	11
Washington	22	44	.333	18.5
Orlando	16	51	.239	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	55	12	.821	—
Cleveland	43	21	.672	10.5
Detroit	41	26	.612	14
Indiana	32	36	.471	23.5
Atlanta	31	35	.470	23.5
Milwaukee	29	35	.453	24.5
Charlotte	25	38	.397	28

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	23	.652	—
San Antonio	41	25	.621	2
Houston	37	30	.552	6.5
Denver	22	43	.338	20.5
Dallas	17	50	.254	26.5
Minnesota	11	54	.169	28

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	48	19	.716	—
Golden State	44	20	.688	2.5
Pheonix	43	24	.642	5
Seattle	36	30	.545	11.5
LA Clippers	35	32	.522	13
LA Lakers	34	32	.515	13.5
Sacramento	20	47	.299	28

Standings through March 19th.

Tonight's Games

Washington at New Jersey, 7:30p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7:30p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 7:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 8p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
LA Clippers at Pheonix, 9:30p.m.
Minnesota at LA Lakers, 10:30p.m.

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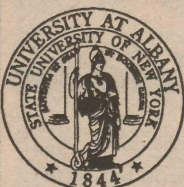
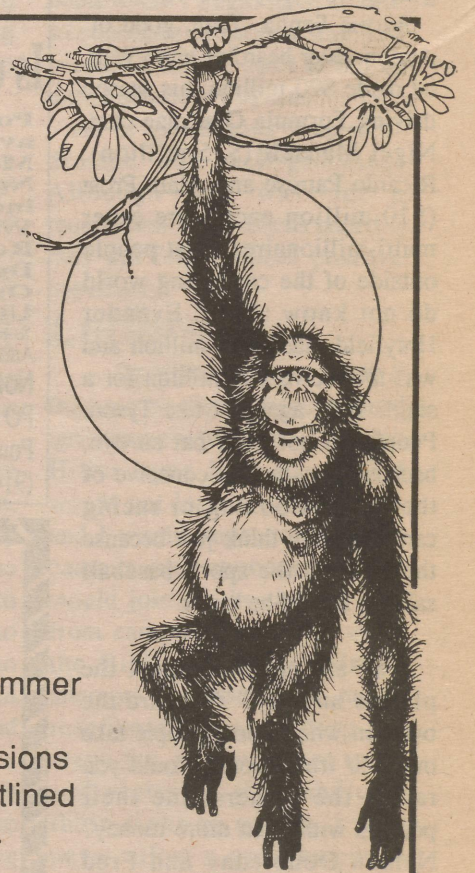
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Albany riding club shines at Morrisville

By Patrick Cullen
SPORTS EDITOR

There is a club on campus that you may have never heard of before. Yet it travels across New York State to compete against some of the finest competition. It only has about 15 members, but it is fast becoming one of Albany's most successful sports clubs.

Give up? It's the Albany State Riding Club, or more descriptively, the Albany State Horseback Riding Club.

The Student Association funded club has been around for about eight years, restarted after its popularity faded during the 1960's. It regularly competes in horse shows across the state, and has brought back with it some excellent results.

The group participates in English style horseback riding, which includes equestrian style riding. For the layperson, equestrian is a rider on a horse jumping over some fences. But to a person with knowledge, equestrian is far more than that.

A rider is predominately judged on equitation, which is the English style of horseback. It includes the grace and the style that the rider must present as he/she rides the horse. Merely clearing jumps will not win medals for the rider.

It is comprised of three categories: novice, intermediate and open.

At the Morrisville College Intercollegiate Horse Show over

last weekend, freshman novice rider Jennifer Padovani was the show's champion high-point rider, an award earned after she placed first in equitation over fences and first in equitation on the flat.

"I was so ecstatic," Padovani exclaimed, describing her feelings after being awarded the first place ribbon.

Padovani was the only rider to capture first in two events at the Morrisville show.

"We think we did well," club president Rhonda Feldman said. "It was a very good show."

"The difference in the number of riders for each club differs," Feldman went on to say. "It's hard to matchup with a team like Cornell, which has about 50 members."

In all, 22 schools competed at Morrisville, including SUNY schools such as Binghamton, Cortland, Cobleskill, Oswego, and Potsdam. Skidmore, Syracuse and a number of Canadian schools were also on hand.

Earlier this semester, the club competed at Skidmore, where Padovani churned out a fifth place finish in equitation over fences.

In the fall semester, they were on hand at three events: one at RPI, with whom they train with at Dutch Manor Stables in Guilderland; a show at Skidmore; and at the Cazenovia College Horse Show.

At this point, Feldman and Padovani are looking to take steps that will bolster the club in the

future. "We are in the process of getting an advisor," Feldman said. "We would like to be recognized as a team," Padovani remarked. "We also need more support."

According to Padovani, Albany has thus far refused to grant the club's request for a coach.

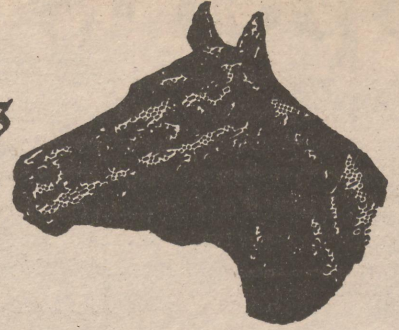
"Every other SUNY school that we've competed against has a coach," she argues.

Nevertheless, the Riding Club will next compete tonight at the Cazenovia College Horse Show.

On Sunday March 29th, the club travels to Ithaca to compete in the Cornell Horse Show.

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Results from Friday, March 13th at Aqueduct

I need a vacation. (See total for week)

Friday, March 20th at Aqueduct

3 Denny Boy posted solid speed figures in his last two outings at Garden State Park. Should be helped out by a wet track.

Play: \$10 to win
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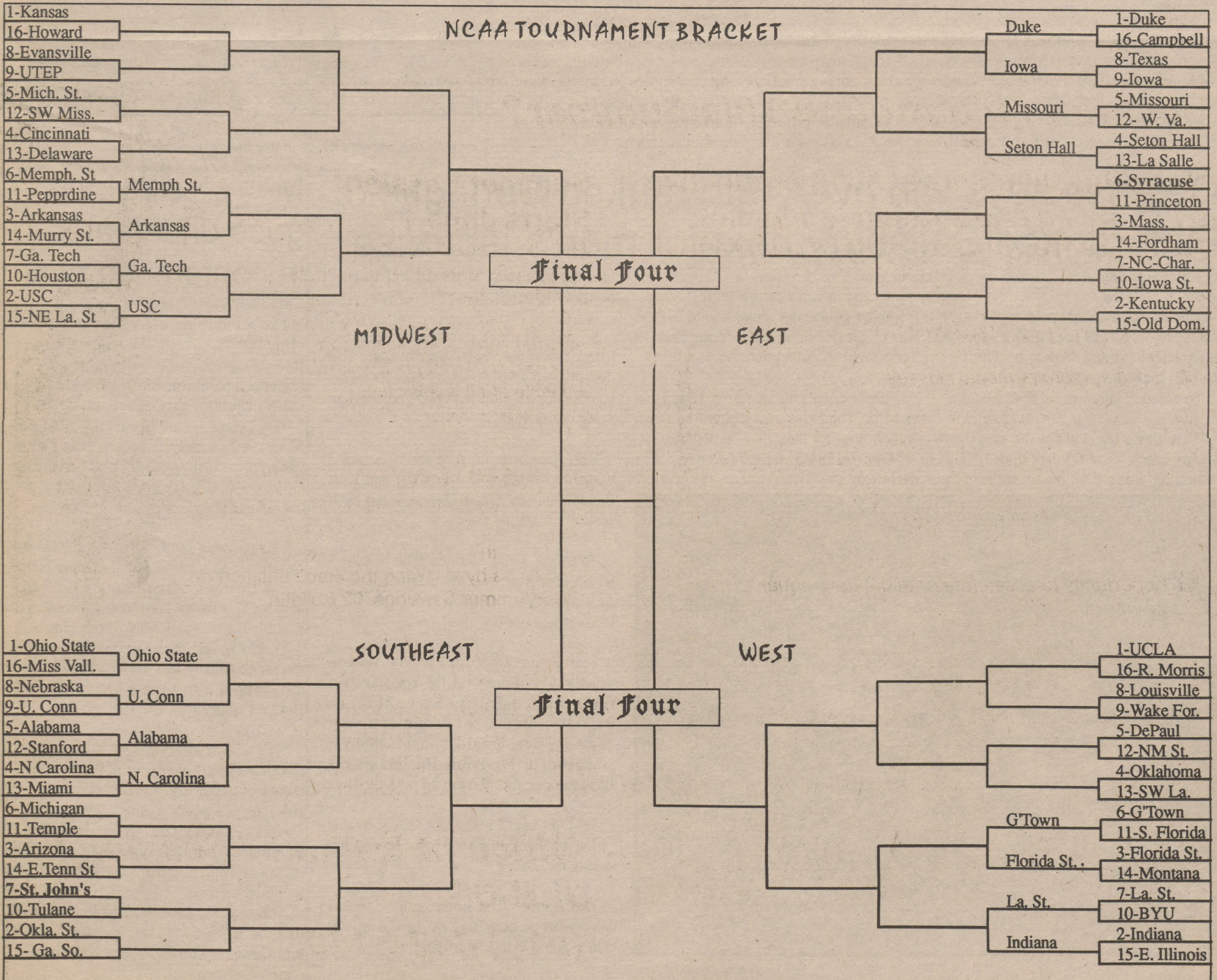
6 Cool Number was a game second in her last race out in Laurel. Seems to fit in with these.

Play: \$25 to win

7 Puppet Show returns to allowance company after a fifth place showing in the Correction Handicap. Should come up big here.

Play: \$10 to win
\$ 5 exacta box with Dance Play and Royal Residence

You can also catch Wayne's picks during his radio show every Thursday at 8:05p.m. on 91FM WCDB.



Sports

Friday

WLacrosse at Guilford - Monday, 4:30

Albany's spring sports season is upon us!

At long last, spring break is finally here!

Women's lax is Albany's newest varsity

Varsity status and a new coach make this a groundbreaking season for Albany

By Andrew Schotz
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The 1992 spring sports season will feature something the University at Albany has never had before - a varsity women's lacrosse team. After four years as a club, the team was added at the end of last semester, giving Albany 11 men's varsity teams and 10 women's teams.

"We're very excited about having another team," said William Moore, the University's athletic director. "It's great to have another spring sport for balance."

With women's lacrosse, Albany will field four men's teams and four women's teams this season.

Once the University made the decision to add women's lacrosse, a search was made to find a coach.

The position was finally given to Judy Finerghty, who was an assistant coach at Bates College in Maine since 1988. Finerghty has also been an assistant coach at William Smith College.

Finerghty was hired on

January 30 and held the team's first practice on February 1.

"I was surprised we had a pretty wide range of experienced players and new players," Finerghty said. "Right now, we're reinforcing basic skills."

Finerghty said the team has the ability to do very well despite being such a young program. She said aside from the top four programs in New York (William Smith, Ithaca, St. Lawrence, and Cortland), Albany matches up well with its opponents.

"We're on par with the majority of our schedule," Finerghty said.

Albany will be tested on April 25, when the Lady Danes travel to Cortland.

"We have a pretty strong senior class," Finerghty said. "We have to strive for consistency."

Moore said the team will travel to North Carolina and Virginia during spring break. The season will officially open on March 23 against Guilford, followed by a game against

Earlham the next day.

The team's first home game will be April 8 against Skidmore.

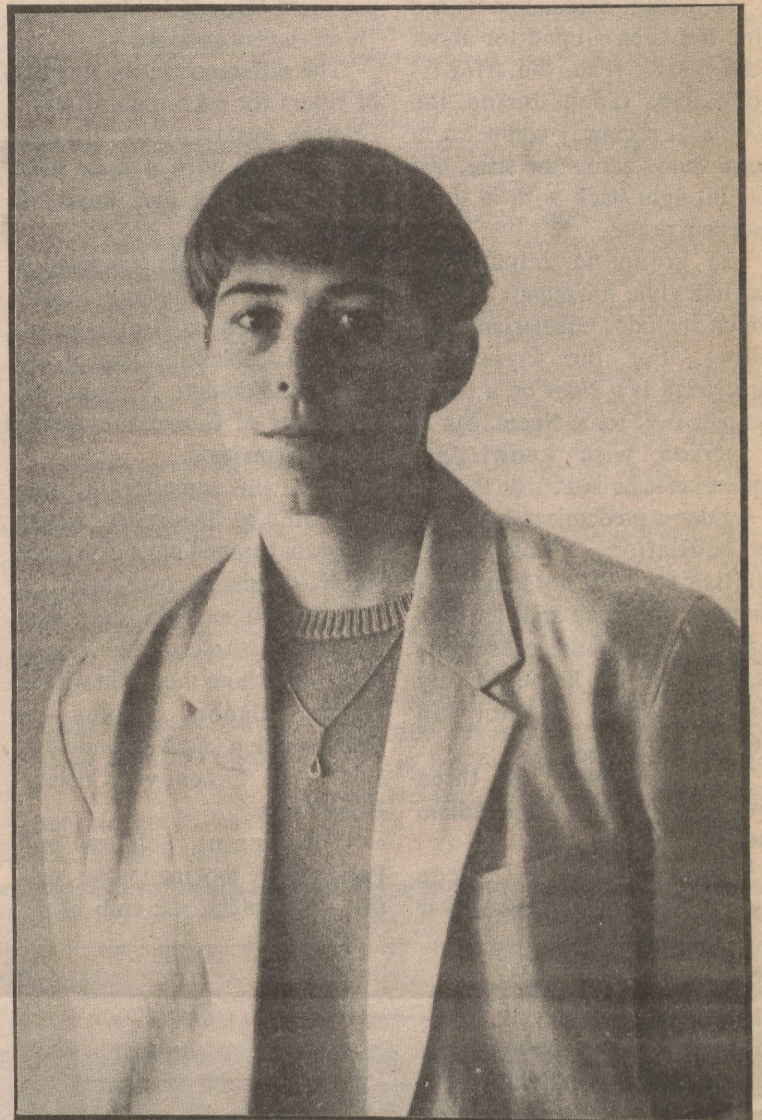
Eight of the nine teams on the schedule are varsity teams, Finerghty said.

Last year, in its fourth year as a club, women's lacrosse finished the year 5-0-1, playing a mix of varsity and club teams.

Last year, the ASP reported on the team's struggle to achieve varsity status ("Women's lacrosse pushes for varsity," April 23, 1991) as part of a series examining gender inequality in the University's athletic department.

The club went from 15 members in 1989 to 39 members in 1991. The issue was discussed by the Intercollegiate Athletic Board, which controls the University's athletic policy and budget.

The last varsity sport previously added at the University is women's soccer, which began in 1979, said former athletic director Bob Ford, presently the head coach of the football team.



Staff photo by Sal J Coniglio

New women's lacrosse coach Judy Finerghty.

Defense keys win over 18th ranked Springfield; Fifth ranked Salisbury next for men's lacrosse

By Patrick Cullen
SPORTS EDITOR

Defense was the focal point as Albany's men's lacrosse team started its season off in excellent fashion, defeating Division III 18th-ranked Springfield College 8-6, on Wednesday afternoon at Springfield.

"This was a big win for the program," Albany coach Steve O'Shea shined. "This is the first time we've beaten them in the

four years I've been here."

Playing in his first collegiate game, freshman goaltender Dave Crone led the way on the defensive end, turning back 19 Springfield shots on goal.

O'Shea cited juniors Aaron Capruscio and Eric Tompkins and sophomore Brian Duperrouzel for their play on defense.

"Our man-to-man defense was definitely the difference in the game,"

O'Shea asserted. "It turned out to be a pretty low-scoring game."

Senior Blake Kim was the Danes' offensive spark, netting two goals and dishing out two assists. Mike Teseriro complemented Kim with two goals and an assist of his own.

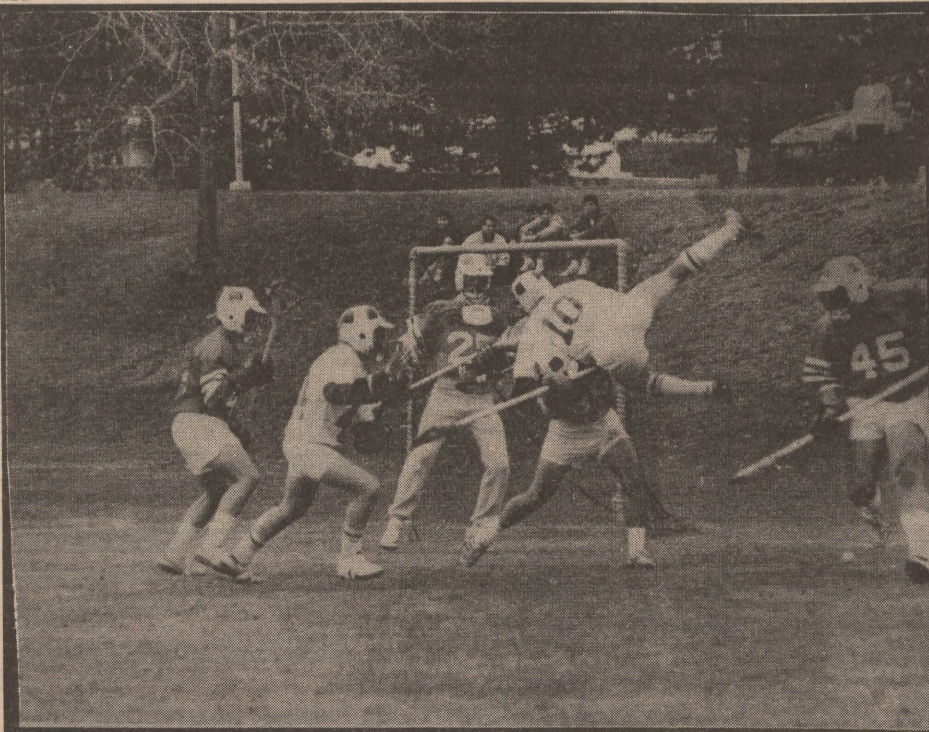
Kort Kim had one goal and two assists while sophomores Darrin King and Kurt Randall and freshman Dave Preston each scored a goal piece.

"We have a run-and-gun type of play - which means we'll score a few, but we'll give up a few," O'Shea remarked. "But today it was our defense."

The Danes difficult early season schedule continues on the road against fifth-ranked Salisbury State (Md.), on Saturday, March 28. A win or strong showing here could boost Albany's standing in Division III, making a breakthrough into the top 20 possible.

Said O'Shea: "We're not ranked at this point, but we hope to work our way up during the season."

The Danes' first home game is after Spring Break, on Saturday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. against SUNY Geneseo.



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The Danes will face a tough early season schedule.

Men's volleyball goes undefeated in conference play

Compiled by ASP staff

The Albany men's volleyball team clinched a berth in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association's regional championship by winning the EIVA's Upstate East Conference.

The Danes, in addition to pounding Marist 3-0 in early February, beat Siena (3-0), Utica College (3-0), and LeMoyne College (3-2) to go undefeated in conference play.

This past weekend, Albany travelled to New Paltz to take on varsity teams New Paltz, Hunter College, Baruch College, and MIT. Albany started off strong by beating Baruch and MIT, (both matches 3-1). However, these were the weaker teams, as Albany lost to New Paltz (3-0), and dropped a five-game heartbreaker to Hunter College.

Said junior captain Jeff Davis, "We competed pretty evenly with these varsity teams considering their advantages in coaching and practice time."

Albany volleyball, which is an SA-sponsored club, has no coach, and has had only four practices all year due to limited gym time.

Nonetheless, the Danes have managed to post a 34-5 overall record, three tournament victories, and a berth in the regional tournament.