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Chinese visa extensions denied

By Keith White

Missouri's Republican senators voted Thursday to sustain President Bush's veto of legislation protecting Chinese students from deportation, one day after the state's entire House delegation voted to override it.

Sens. John Danforth and Christopher Bond got the upper hand in that unusual division of opinion among Missourians, for their votes helped defeat the override attempt.

Bush already has taken steps on his own authority to protect thousands of Chinese students who might be persecuted if they were to be returned home when their college student visas expire.

But congressional leaders argued something stronger and more permanent was needed, and the United States should make a stronger statement

against the violent way in which the Chinese suppressed pro-democracy protests last year.

A majority of senators voted in favor of overriding, 62 to 37, but they fell short of the 67 votes needed for the two-thirds majority. House members

Wednesday voted 390 to 25 to override.

Three Missouri members of the House argued against Bush's veto, including Republican Rep. Bill Emerson of Cape Girardeau.

"While I have no doubt of the president's commitment to freedom, democracy and to the Chinese students living in this nation, I do not feel that administrative action is strong enough, and that the congressional action is legitimate at this point, at this time," he said.

"It is vital that the United States makes every effort to show the Chinese — and the

world — that we in no way condone their actions in Tiananmen Square. I believe our action today conveys the message our people want delivered in support of the students."

But Bond and Danforth said they were convinced Bush's actions are adequate and overriding his veto might destroy whatever diplomatic leverage the president has to convince Chinese leaders to back off.

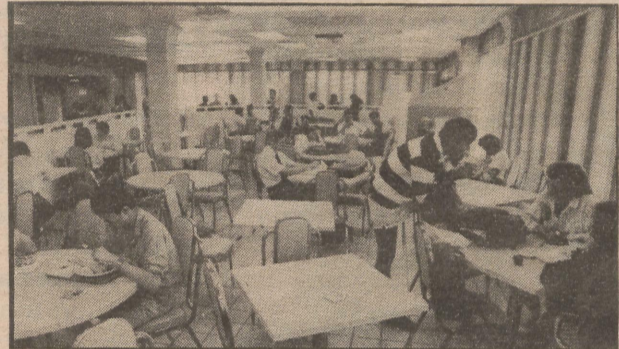
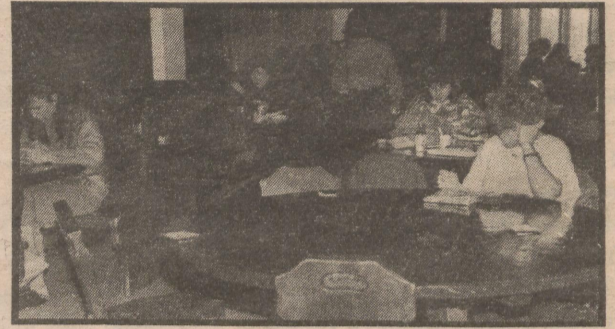
"We should not send students back — who were over here — to be harassed or injured, killed or imprisoned," said Bond. "Through executive order, we have already taken the steps necessary to protect all of the Chinese who were here."

Danforth displayed a handwritten note from Bush as proof that no Chinese student need fear

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Binghamton JSU leader acquitted

(CPS) — A former president of the Jewish Student Union at the State University of New York-Binghamton has been acquitted of charges that he himself vandalized the JSU office.

James Oppenheim was acquitted of two charges that he trashed his own office in November, 1988, apparently, police speculated, in hopes of creating an incident to draw attention to him and the JSU. If convicted, Oppenheim could have served up to a year in prison.

Investigators said they suspected Oppenheim because the student claimed he was "disappointed" by the turnout for a rally he had organized to denounce the vandalism.

It "was a perfectly awful investigation," said Oppenheim's lawyer, N. Theodore Sommer, who added police failed to consider other JSU members and other student managers who had a key to the office as suspects.

Although no other suspect has been identified, SUNY-Binghamton officials said it's unlikely they will reopen their investigation into the incident.

Minority enrollment continues slide

(CPS) — Despite intensified efforts to recruit them, fewer black students enrolled in U.S. colleges in 1988 than in 1987, the American Council on Education (ACE) reported Jan. 14.

The drop continued a decade-long slide in minority college enrollments nationwide, the Washington, D.C.-based umbrella group for college presidents found in its annual headcount of black, Hispanic, Asian-American and Native American students.

In its "Annual Status Report: Minorities in Higher Education," ACE found only 28 percent of the nation's college-aged black people attended college in 1988, down from 30 percent in 1987. By contrast, more than a third of the college-aged African Americans in 1976 took college classes.

Deborah Carter, co-author of the report, attributed the decline in part to growing numbers of middle-class black men who are choosing to join the armed

forces instead of enrolling in college.

Carter also found that, while the proportion of college-age Hispanics attending school increased from 28.5 percent in 1987 to 30.9 percent in 1988, the figure still falls far short of the 35.8 percent recorded in 1976.

"Since the mid-1970s, the college participation of African-Americans and Hispanics has been a picture not of progress, but of major regression," the report said.

Blandina Ramirez, director of ACE's Office of Minority Concerns, speculated that many black males, confronted by higher college admissions standards, might have found enlisting in the military more palatable than taking out loans and going into debt to go to college.

"Our current financial aid programs are not working to encourage low- and moderate-income students to go to college," she claimed.

ACE also found that black women are more likely to go to college than black men. In 1988, 25 percent of college-age black men were enrolled in higher education institutions, while 30.5 percent of black women attended college.

Ramirez also noted fewer blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans are earning education degrees. The trend dims hopes for bringing more minority teachers into the system.

Some states have had more success. Minority enrollment at five Illinois campuses — Chicago State, Western Illinois, Northeastern Illinois, Governors State and Eastern Illinois universities — increased by 2.1 percent in 1989, state officials reported Jan. 16.

Record numbers of minority students, moreover, are taking college-level courses in high schools nationwide, a separate report by the College Board, a New York-based educational association, found in December.

Students help in the search for a donor

By Kerri Lewis
STAFF WRITER

SUNY Albany students are trying to make a difference in the life of a 21 year old New York University student who will die of leukemia unless a blood donor can be located.

Allison's condition is curable with a bone marrow transplant. However, no one in her family has a blood type that is compatible with hers. In an effort to find a donor to save their daughter's life, Allison's family donated money to an organization called Lifeline which has begun to search for a donor for Allison, in addition to others suffering from this type of Leukemia. Although Allison only has a few weeks left, others like her might be helped by what is, in effect, a donor's bank.

Albany Hillel member Dina Berger, concerned about Allison's life threatening

situation, approached Hillel president Rob Stringer about starting a campaign for blood testing here at the University at the start of this semester.

Berger said that since one in 15,000 people have the same bone marrow and Albany has 15,000 students, there is a potential match in the student body.

Medical experts have suggested that the blood donor be Jewish because of the similarity in genes. Albany has 4,000 Jewish students.

For the past two weeks Berger said she has publicized Hillel's search for a donor by posting signs and submitting a letter to the ASP.

Berger said, "Everyone always says that Albany Students are apathetic, but we have had over 50 students volunteer to have their blood tested at a lab downtown."

Lifeline has provided Hillel with 25 vouchers for students to be tested at this

lab.

Berger described the serious nature of volunteering for blood testing for Allison. If a student's blood type matches, he or she will be expected to have a spinal tap. This procedure involves a needle being placed into the person's spine in order to remove some tissue. In spite of the complications with this procedure, Berger said there has been a tremendous amount of support from the students.

Alpha Epsilon Phi has shown empathy for Allison's plight. The sorority is encouraging its member to get their blood tested, Berger said.

Berger said, "I am really surprised at the number of people who really want to make a difference."

Hillel encourages SUNYA students to volunteer to have their blood tested. If interested, call the office at 442-5670.

Weather

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The World



Troops remain

Moscow

(AP) Many Azerbaijanis heeded their leaders' call to "put our grief aside" and return to work in their capital Monday. But the defense minister said Soviet troops could not be withdrawn yet from the Caucasus.

"The situation is not the best." Defense Minister Dmitri T. Yazov told the government daily Izvestia about the ethnic turmoil in the southern Soviet Union.

He cited attempts by extremists to keep workers from their jobs in Baku. The Azerbaijani capital on the Caspian Sea. Weapons still held by those insurgents and their attacks on government buildings. Yazov did not provide details.

Asked by Izvestia when Soviet troops, who stormed the oil center of Baku more than a week ago, would be pulled out. Yazov responded: "Troops will remain until the required order is restored."

Dealers surrender

Bogota, Columbia

(AP) Drug traffickers gave up 2,200 pounds of dynamite Monday and said they had kidnapped a diplomat who was the Columbian consul in Miami for 18 years.

A statement delivered to the RCN radio network said Roberto Garcia-Pena was abducted Friday and would be freed Tuesday with a peace message for President Virgilio Barco.

A bus loaded with dynamite was found in Medellin, the northwestern city and leading center of the drug trade. The traffickers telephoned reporters and said they were turning over the explosives to show sincerity in offering to end a 5-month-old war that cost at least 209 lives.

Since Barco declared war on the cocaine gangs Aug. 18 following the assassination of a leading presidential candidate, drug dealers have carried out 262 bombings and other terrorist acts.

The Nation



Noriega is held

Miami, Florida

(AP) A federal judge ordered deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega held without bond Friday after his attorney asked that their client be declared a

prisoner of war and transferred to a neutral country.

Prosecutors listed homes, bank deposits, sports cars and other assets worth up to \$30 million, including \$5.8 million in cash found in Noriega's Panama ranch, to bolster their argument that Noriega would flee the country if necessary.

They also said Noriega is an expert in counterterrorism and covert actions and still has a loyal band of armed followers.

"Mr. Noriega is an extraordinary danger to the community," prosecutor Myles Malman told U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler. He also said Noriega faces 145 years in prison.

Hoeveler, noting the defense's refusal to participate in the bond hearing, said he had no choice but to order Noriega, 51, held without bond.

Bases may close

Washington, D.C.

(AP) Defense Secretary Dick Cheney proposed closing or realigning more than 60 military bases in the United States and 12 installations overseas today as part of a cost-saving effort.

"These proposed actions are part of an ongoing effort to streamline Defense Department operations in keeping with changing requirements and future budget realities," Cheney told Capitol Hill lawmakers in a letter that accompanied his list.

Cheney released the list of suggested targeted military sites at a Pentagon briefing, in which he also discussed his \$292.1 billion fiscal 1991 spending plan.

Among the domestic bases affected are several in California, including Fort Ord, which played a major role in the recent invasion of Panama; Alameda Naval Aviation Depot, Oakland's Naval Supply Center, Moffett Field Naval Air Station and Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

The overseas bases include seven in Europe, four in Asia and a Naval Air Station in Bermuda.

The State



Gov. wants nickels

Albany

(AP) One of the places where Gov. Mario Cuomo says New York could raise money is from unclaimed bottle deposits, those nickels that New Yorkers never bother to get back from the beverage store.

Of course, Cuomo has been trying to get that money for the state for the past five years. The Legislature has consistently balked.

This year, there is a new twist.

The head of a special commission appointed by Cuomo to investigate the unclaimed deposits issue says he's upset that Cuomo has included that money as part of his proposed state budget. Commission Chairman Robert Amdursky said Cuomo should have waited to find out what the commission thought.

One of the key questions being studied by the commission is whether the beverage industry has been making \$80 million a year in undeserved windfall profits from the bottle law, as Cuomo has claimed.

Valium use is cut

Albany

(AP) Tough new state rules have sharply cut prescriptions of drugs like Valium and appear to have made a dent in the illegal

drug trade, the state Health Department said Monday.

Medicaid claims for benzodiazepines fell by 55 percent between 1988 and 1989, said the Health Department study. For the Empire Plan and the state's prescription drug program, claims were reduced by about a quarter.

"It certainly at first blush appears to have made an impact on diversion and abuse," said Vicki Zeldin, state Health Department spokeswoman.

In an effort to curb abuse, the Health Department required triplicate prescriptions of benzodiazepines, drugs used as tranquilizers and sleeping pills under trade names such as Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Librium, and Serex. The new procedures began on Jan. 1, 1989.



Snow flakes ...

Ho Young Lee UPS

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free listings

TUESDAY, January 30

Judo Club meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm in the wrestling room of the Gym. All levels, everyone welcome. For info call 489-4353.

Chi Alpha College Ministries meets at 7pm in ED 126. For info. call 438-3841.

Albany State Raquetball Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm by the

raquetball courts. All levels, everyone welcome. For info call 442-6582.

Don't Walk Alone will hold its General Interest meeting at 7:15 pm in HU 129. Info on volunteering. All are welcome.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) will hold its General Interest meeting at 8:30 pm in CC 375 and meets every Tuesday at same time and place. For info. call 442-5672.

WEDNESDAY, January 31

Albany State Outing Club meets at 8:00pm in LC5. All are welcome.

The German Club meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in HU 354.

Revisionist Zionist Association will show the PBS film "On solid Ground" at 8:30 pm in CC 370. All are welcome to attend.

KSA meets on Wednesdays,

9 pm in HU 123.

THURSDAY, February 1

The Albany State Philosophy Forum meets on Thursdays at 8pm in HU 209. Discussion topics vary.

Jewish Graduate Students will hold a General Interest Meeting for those interested in forming a group to do activities at 8:00 pm at the Hillel Office in CC 320. For info call 489-8573.

The Office of International Programs will hold a General Information meeting 7:00 pm in HU 354. For more info call 442-3525.

Feminist Alliance meets 8:30 pm in the SA Lounge. Students for Choice meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the SA Lounge.

Softball Tryouts interest meeting will be held at 3:45 in room 327 of Phys. Ed. Building. For info call 442-3043.

DIGEST

Rat gets jukebox

University Auxiliary Services has installed a juke box in the Rat as part of a greater renovation planned for Spring Break.

Currently the juke box is equipped with records and a graphics screen. Powerful speakers and a CD's will be added during Spring Break, said Jonathan Waks, president of UAS corporation.

Waks said that the juke box will play a variety of music and the records will be changed approximately once a month.

Waks said the students seem to be enjoying the new addition. "It's on almost the whole day."

Guinness day limbo

The largest game of limbo is planned for Guinness Day on April 28 Spring Fling Week.

According to Jonathan Waks, president of the UAS corporation, there has never been a Guinness World record for the largest game of limbo. SUNYA will be creating a new record.

He said the planning committee is hoping about 5,000 students will show up for the event. "The more people we get, the longer we'll stay in the Guinness book," Waks said.

Waks said Guinness Day will include a variety of events such as a fireworks display and fashion shows held by sponsors and student groups. He said he hopes students disqualified early in the game will stay and participate in the other activities.

Council on the road

Central Council is taking its show on the road this week.

On Wednesday, Central Council will meet at 7:30 pm in the Dutch Quad Flagroom instead of the Campus Center.

This continues an idea that started last year. The purpose is to give students living on the Quads a opportunity to see what goes on at a Central Council meeting. It also gives residents an opportunity to observe the representatives that they have voted for.

Last year, a Council meeting was held on each of the five quads. No plans to hold meetings on the other quads have been announced yet.

Big brother/sister resumes programs

The SUNYA Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, an affiliate of the Albany County chapter of the National Program, will resume its programs on Feb 3.

Dana Morrell, president of the SUNYA chapter, said the tentative schedule of activities include rollerskating, bowling, a trip to the Howe Caverns, Game Show Day, a talent show and an olympic program that will be coordinated with Siena College.

The programs run every Saturday, when classes are in session, from about 12 noon until 4 p.m.

17 SUNYA students volunteer their Saturdays to work with the kids involved. The programs are run in a group fashion, not in a one-on-one basis. Since the program is run completely by volunteers, several fraternities and sororities lend their support with some of the activities.

There are 32 children in the program. All are from the greater Albany area and most come from broken homes. According to Morrell, the purpose of the program is to provide role models for the children.

SA execs meet, attempt to stabilize govt.

By P.J. Marcus

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The executive board of the Student Association met on Monday afternoon to decide upon the organization's goals and plans for this semester.

The executive board is comprised of the SA president, vice-president, comptroller, programming chairs, media

officer, affirmative action officer, and transportation director.

President Fermin Espinosa said that the meeting went fairly well. Espinosa said he realizes SA could have been more productive last semester, but everything that had to be done was taken care of.

Espinosa said that there

were a few reasons why SA was not as successful as he would have liked it to be.

The first reason that he gave was a lack of stability. Due to the resignation of former President Andy DiPalma, there was a lot of shuffling in the executive branch. While the offices were getting settled, many people were required to fulfill the duties of more than one position. One of Espinosa's goals for this semester is to establish some stability in the SA office.

The second reason given by Espinosa is the diversity of SA. According to Espinosa, the diversity makes it hard to unify all of the offices towards one objective. A main theme of Monday's meeting was cooperation. Espinosa said that if the officers can support each other's endeavors, a lot of progress can be made.

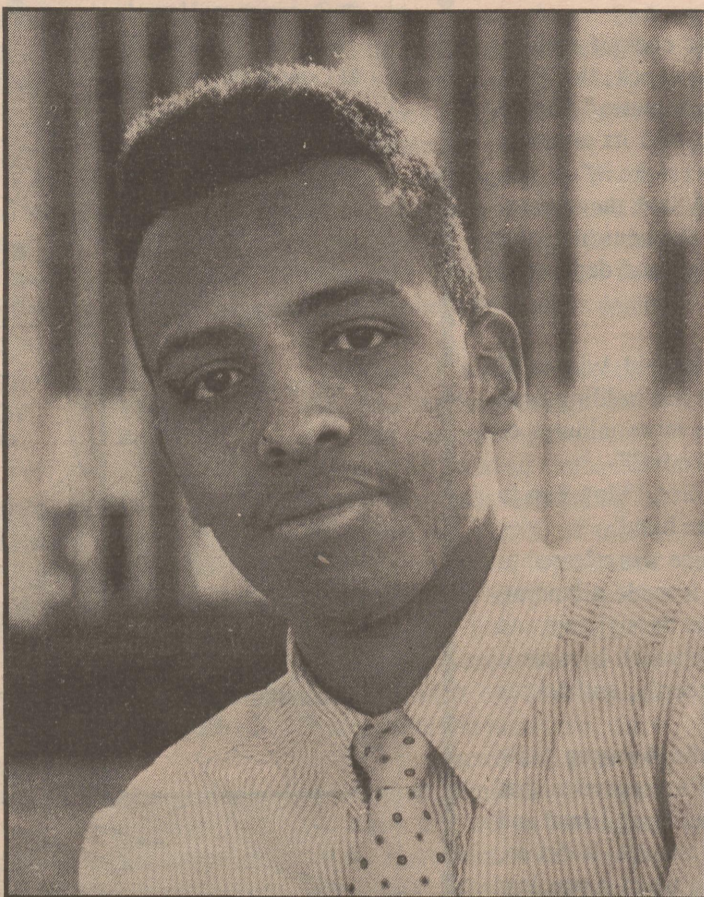
During a gripe session in which officers cleared the air, Espinosa apologized for not demonstrating stronger leadership last semester. He said that when DiPalma resigned, he had a lot of decisions to make. "This semester I'm much more on top of things," Espinosa said.

Espinosa said that there are a few distinct goals for this semester, the first of which is

to improve the overall image of SA. According to Espinosa, in certain aspects, SA looked good last semester, but in others they looked bad. This semester, SA is planning a "major blitz to promote SA and all of the positive good that it can do on this campus," Espinosa said. He said this refers to the services SA provides such as accounts handling for campus groups and organizations, programming events and other "intangibles".

The last thing Espinosa talked about were the main objectives of his office, and the office of Vice-President Paul Faulhaber. Espinosa said that while there are many small problems to be dealt with, the two issues that he and Faulhaber have singled out are Student Legal Services, and bias related issues.

In a highly disputed issue, the SUNY Central Administration has been investigating whether or not SLS has the right to provide students with in-court representation funded by money from the mandatory activity fee. Early reports have recommended not allowing this practice. A final decision is due to be rendered in Cortland next month.



File UPS

SA President Fermin Espinosa

Delivery business dies along with Broncos

As the Super bowl goes, so goes the food delivery business.

Many of Albany's establishments that deliver everything from wings to pizza for the areas armchair quarterbacks reported brisk business yesterday.

That is until Joe Montana, quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, surgically removed the Denver Broncos defense from the game at the Louisiana Superdome.

"It was pretty busy until the 49ers began to rout the Broncos," a manager for Pizza Movers said, "our business died when the Broncos did."

The Superbowl is a mecca of sorts for owners of restaurants that deliver. It is for many the busiest day of the entire year, owners said.

But if the game is a blow out, like the one yesterday, sales almost immediately fall off.

"As soon as the Niners ran up the score to 27-3 the orders stopped right then and there," a Pizza express manager said.

The San Francisco 49ers went on to crush the Denver Broncos 55-10 in the twenty fourth Superbowl. The victory recorded the biggest romp in Superbowl history.

Despite the one-sided victory, Skippers, who delivers wings and other finger foods, had its biggest Superbowl day ever, according to Blondie, an owner.

"It was a good day for us," Blondie said, "even though things slowed down a lot after the game wasn't close anymore."

Blondie said business on Superbowl game days are directly related to how competitive the games are between the two contenders.

"Usually if the game is close deliveries stay strong throughout the day," Blondie said.

Jeff Roberts, Dominos Pizza Manager, said his store sold just over half of what they sold during last year's Super Sunday when the 49ers edged past the Cincinnati Bengals, 35-31. Roberts said more than 250 pizzas were sent out with drivers yesterday.

Other owners said the sales for this year's game day were not as good as last years, but deliveries still constituted a big

day for them.

Roberts added that the Superbowl is especially important because it comes at a time when the local food businesses are in the midst of a "lull period."

"After New Years business usually drops for January and February with the exception of Superbowl Sunday," Roberts said.

Jewish rock music brought to SUNYA to promote unity

By Hope Morrow
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Shlock Rock, a Jewish music group from New York City, performed in the SUNYA Ballroom last Saturday night to a crowd of more than 600 people.

The purpose for the concert according to Rob Springer, president of Hillel, was to promote "Jewish unity and pride as well as peace."

The audience consisted of mostly SUNYA students and community members, but Springer said "people came from as far as Buffalo, Kingston and Poughkeepsie to attend the concert."

Radical Rappin' Rebbes, a local band that got their start in Albany, was the opening act for Shlock Rock, which Springer said was "the largest non-religious gathering of young Jews in Albany in a long time."

Shlock Rock performed their own original songs, such as the Minyan song, as well as take-offs of some popular classics. Some of the songs included: "To Unite All Jews" sang to the tune of U2's "With or Without You", "Every Bite You Take" sang to the tune of the Police's "Every Breath You Take" and "Wash the Way" sang to the tune of Aerosmith's "Walk this Way". All of the songs stressed the importance of Jewish traditions and rituals.

Shlock Rock consists of leading band member Lenny Solomon and a group of 14 other rotating members who are mostly graduate students. The group markets tapes, t-shirts, sweatshirts and other memorabilia; a percentage of which goes to charity.

Steve Gellerstein, vice president of Hillel, said that Shlock Rock "had just finished a worldwide tour that included Israel, Australia and South Africa, before coming to Albany."

Overall, students that attended the concert said it was awesome. There was so much enthusiasm, Springer said "We'd like to do it twice a year if we could."

FAA cites lack of fuel as cause of L.I. plane crash

Melville, N.Y.

(AP) Avianca flight 52's declaration of a fuel shortage was relayed from regional traffic controllers to controllers handling its approach, but the urgency of the warning wasn't clear, authorities said.

The controllers were not told by the pilot that there was an emergency. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Fred Farrar said from Washington.

Farrar said the word used was "priority" which "has no particular meaning in air traffic control. If there is an emergency, you use the word "emergency.""

The FAA report conflicts with information provided Sunday night by the National Transportation Safety Board, which said the regional controllers had not relayed word of the fuel shortage to the local controllers.

The Boeing 707 fell powerless into a secluded neighborhood of Cove Neck on New York's Long Island on Thursday night, killing 73 of 159 people aboard, including the cockpit crew. more than 20 survivors remained hospitalized in critical condition Monday.

Inspection of the crash site on a wooded hillside was nearly complete Monday, and investigators focused on conversations of the crew and controllers.

The investigators said tapes show the crew warned a regional control center that it was low on fuel about 45 minutes before the crash, as it was circling over New Jersey in a holding pattern.

The jet flew in three weather-related holding patterns totaling nearly 90 minutes along the East coast as it flew

from Colombia to New York City's John F. Kennedy Airport.

"We think we may need priority," a crew member told the control center about 8:45 p.m., according to preliminary transcripts, Farrar said Monday.

A regional controller replied, "How long can you hold before you have to go to your alternate?" The alternate landing site was Boston.

"Wait a minute," the cockpit replied, pausing apparently to check, the FAA said. "We can hold five minutes." Shortly thereafter, the cockpit said its alternate site was "Boston. I can't make it."

At that time, the FAA said, the regional controller telephoned the control center that handles approached and departures for Kennedy.

The regional controller said Avianca 52 had just come out of the holding area "and can only do five more minutes of hold. Can you take him now?"

The local control replied, "Slow him to 180 knots and I will take him."

After the call, the plane was released to Kennedy airport and it made a landing attempt 37 minutes later through rain and fog, but aborted the approach because it was coming in too steeply, authorities said.

Investigators say the Avianca crew agreed to a controller's suggestion that the plane loop back over Long Island and come in for a second attempt. It did so, with the cockpit saying twice it was low on fuel, but the engines soon quit and the plane crashed.

Flight 52

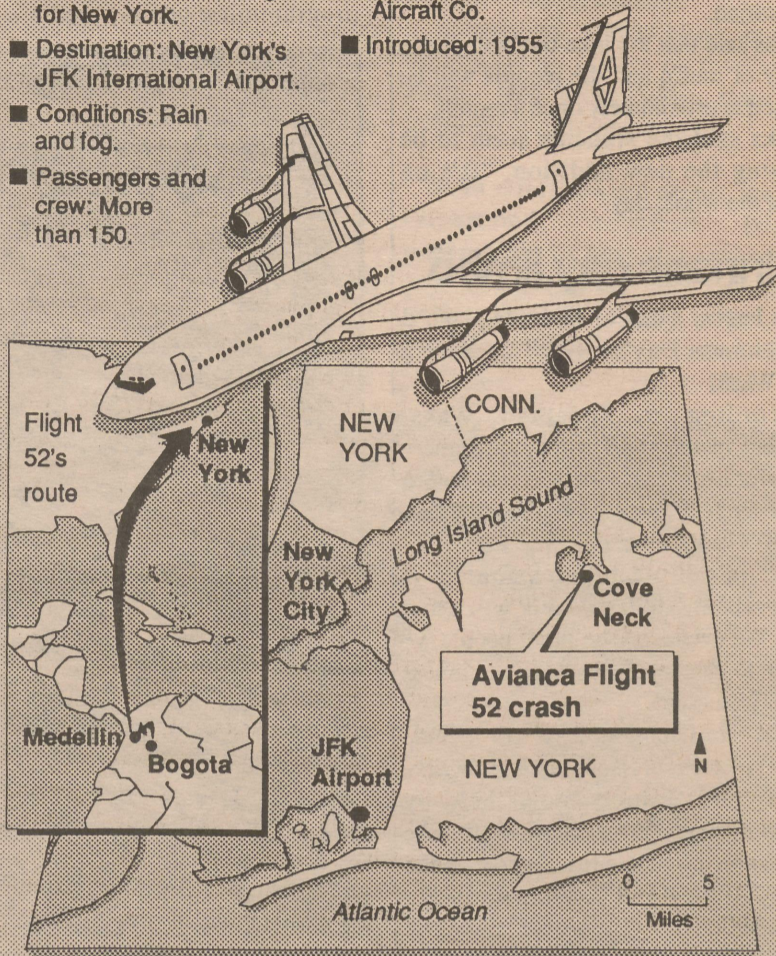
Avianca Flight 52, a Boeing 707, crashed in Cove Neck, N.Y., an affluent area of Long Island, Thursday evening. Avianca Airlines said the plane was circling JFK International Airport and apparently ran out of fuel. But airport officials said the plane made a wrong approach and crashed on its second attempt to land.

Flight 52

- Takeoff: The flight originated at Bogota, Colombia's El Dorado International Airport. It made a stopover in Medellin before leaving for New York.
- Destination: New York's JFK International Airport.
- Conditions: Rain and fog.
- Passengers and crew: More than 150.

Boeing 707

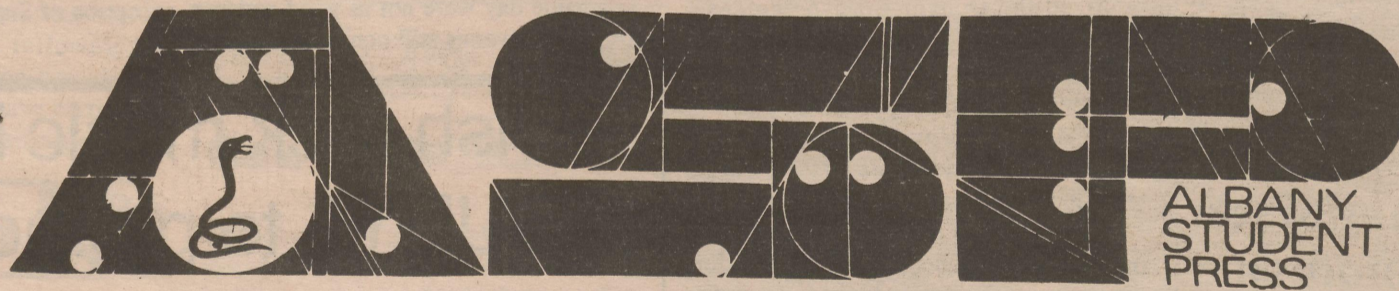
- Length: 152 ft. 11 in.
- Wing span: 145 ft. 9 in.
- Range: 5,755 miles
- Passengers: Up to 219
- Manufacturer: Boeing Commercial Aircraft Co.
- Introduced: 1955



Source: Jane's All the World's Aircraft, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the World's Commercial Aircraft and News research

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News Analysis

Armenia fights for its survival in Soviet conflict

By Raffi Varoujian
STAFF WRITER

On a hill facing the capital city of Armenia. Yerevan, once stood a solitary serene monument.

Called the Fortress of Swallows, it commemorates the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of the ottoman Turks from 1915-1923.

OPINION

The monument still stands, but it is now joined by another, a new statue, that bears witness to the murder of over 50 Armenians in Sumgait, Azerbaijan in February of 1988.

The conflict between ethnic Armenians and Azerbaijanis over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabagh has once again made headlines.

The fight is not new, it has been an important issue within the Soviet Union since that fateful day in February, 1988. But the story for supremacy over the region dates back to the mid 1920's.

When the Soviet Union was in its infancy, one of its main concerns was the problem of controlling its huge Muslim population.

In order to appease Turkey, also a Muslim country, and in the hope that Turkey would help to bring the Muslim territories under Soviet control, Stalin

ceded three historic Armenian areas, Karabagh, Nakhichevan and Zangezur to Azerbaijan.

All three areas contained an 80% Armenian majority at the time.

Of interest in the present crisis are the two areas of Karabagh and Nakhicheva. Nakhichevan, once predominantly Armenian, has since become a largely Muslim area.

It has remained under Azeri control even though it is separated from Azerbaijan by the Soviet Armenian Republic.

Karabagh, on the other hand, is still predominantly Armenian. Before the wholesale persecution of Armenians and the start of the pogroms, over 75 percent of Karabagh was Armenian.

However, the number has dropped as Armenians have been forced out of their homes and apartments by Azeri mobs.

The president of the Azerbaijani Communist Party was unseated because of his apathy toward the persecution of the ethnic Christian Armenian community.

The Azeri government simply stood by while at "peaceful" rallies, address lists of Armenian residences and businesses were handed out of eager mobs, who then went on killing and vandalism rampages.

Without paying attention to age or sex, Azeri's pulled their neighbors from their homes and killed them without a second thought.

Two Armenian women were dragged into the street, stuffed into garbage bags and covered with gasoline, then set alight. Why? Because they had committed the crime of daring to be proud of their ethnicity, because they demanded what was rightfully theirs.

What is the crime of the 8 year old boy, casually tossed out an eleventh story window? Or the infant torn from his mother and shot in the head because he dared to cry?

But there is a bigger question still. As President George Bush plays the ever-smiling politician, and gives Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev a pat on the back for sending in the troops, all 11,000 of them, what have those troops done? The answer is very simple - NOTHING. The casualties continue to escalate, as the Azeri's, aided by Turkish and Iranian guns and munitions, carry on their massacres and pogroms of unarmed Armenian civilians, and claim that we, as Armenians are the aggressors. With what my dear friend? Knives and hunting rifles to your AK-47 semi automatic and bazooka?

This is not a "border" war, it is

a battle for survival.

The Soviet pretends to wonder how brother can possibly kill brother. Well Mr. Gorbachev, let me show you. December 1988, an earthquake hits Armenia, killing 100,000 and leaving 350,000 homeless. What do the Azeri's do to help their brothers? Burn transports, tear up railroad tracks and blockade convoys to keep much needed medical and survival supplies OUT of Armenia. What brotherly love!

For years Armenians have sought peaceful redress of their

demands, but even glasnost and perestroika have turned them a deaf ear.

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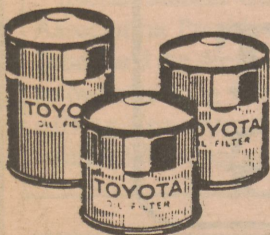
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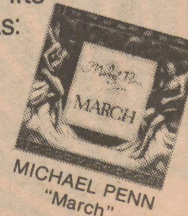
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Beyond the Majority

Changes are needed in our educational system

By Cassandra Worrell
MINORITY AFFAIRS EDITOR

Now that we've been back in school for a few weeks, the facade of learning has kicked in again and we're here to do what we've been trained to do - get good grades.

I think the 80's were an amazing time for most of us. We came of age and realized that life is not the rosy picture that was painted for us as children. And **OPINION** as we continue to mature and move past the later years of adolescence, do we stop to wonder what have we done to change things or can we?

Looking back I'd always thought that 90's would be different and things would have to change but they haven't. We thought racism would go away just as quickly as it appeared but it hasn't. We thought affordable health care would happen but it hasn't. And we also thought we would stick up for what we believed in but we didn't.

America is a great country - let's not fool ourselves because it's the only country where you can denounce the government publicly and not be shot down like in the streets of Beijing last summer. But as one of the world's super powers, we have to realize that the face of

this nation is changing. The United States dollar no longer dictates the New York Stock Exchange - what dictates the market is the Japanese yen, which has sent many investors scrambling because no one wants to invest in American businesses.

Compounding this with the other problems of American businesses - America must change. This change must come through the educational system because this is where American companies cannot compete where we are lacking. American students are not dumb, it's just that we have not been taught to use our noggins. American students know less geography, math and science than their contemporaries in third world nations. For a country that puts shuttles into space, that is amazing. Is it me or is something significantly wrong with our educational system?

The educational system of the U.S. is a joke - students are not taught, they are led by the hand, spoon fed, and learn to mimic regurgitation. But there is also the reality of two educational systems in the United States, one for the rich and one for

the poor. Let me explain: A family with an income of \$50,000 buys a house in a middle class area (the suburbs). They have children and they go to the school in that area. This means they attend a less

crowded high school, with better payed teachers and supplies. But let's say a family with an income of \$35,000 rents an apartment in a metropolitan area, they pay approximately \$600 a month and have little opportunity to save money.

They have kids too and are aware of the problems of neighborhood urban schools, but cannot afford to send their children to private school. And because of zoning (they would have a tough time trying to get their kids out)

which claims prevent overcrowding at other schools (those being suburban and predominantly white) are forced to stay there with more students, fewer teachers and even less supplies.

Race cannot be an issue in terms of education if we expect to compete as a country for world power. This government is going to have to change its policies and

put their personal feelings behind them if they at least want to be in the running.

All we have in this day in the 1990's is an issue of segregation of the schools. The U.S. has found a way to get around the case of Brown vs. the Board of Education to discriminate against people in regards to race and class. Other institutions help support this like financial institutions. They don't see non white families who live in urban areas as sound investments (in terms of home loans) so the lower income family can move to the suburbs. But they see white suburban families as such because of their already owned property and can only see upward mobility. Whereas the other families are constantly digging themselves out of debt.

The point is unless we do away with our present education system we will suffer in terms of economic recession. The children in cities will not be able to function effectively in the work force causing high unemployment and profit loss to businesses. There is no other way around it, the children are the future workers, they deserve a chance. There are many nations going through their own kinds of civil wars because of the lies their governments have perpetuated - I think it's about time we questioned ours!

"Race cannot be an issue in terms of education if we expect to compete as a country for world power"

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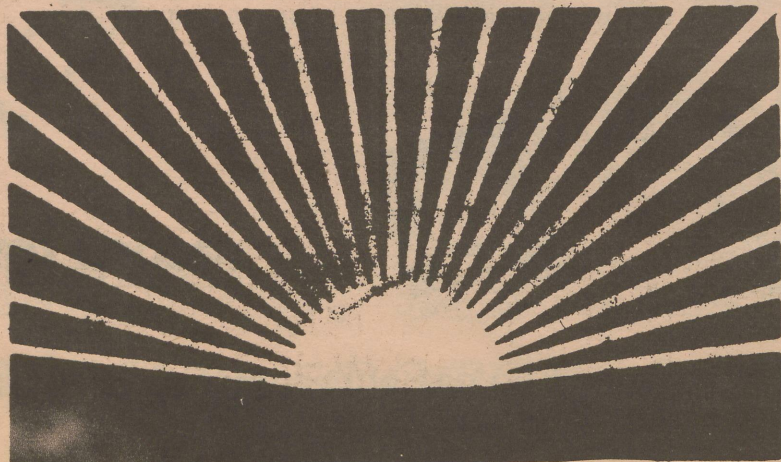
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Middlebury tells frats to shut down or allow women

(CPS) — Middlebury College's six fraternities must begin admitting women members by 1991 or shut down, the Vermont school's trustees voted Jan. 13.

The board stopped short of a special task force recommendation to abolish all fraternities on the Middlebury campus by May 30, a fate that has stricken houses at several other schools recently, including Colby, Amherst, Gettysburg and Castleton State colleges.

In November, faculty at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania recommended abolishing its 13 fraternities and 10 sororities because they are "racist, sexist and anti-intellectual."

At Middlebury, two of the houses, Sigma Epsilon and Kappa Delta Rho, already recruit women. Delta Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon members have said they'll abide by the rules, but Chi Psi and Zeta Psi have vowed to fight the order, said Middlebury spokesman Ron Nief.

The frats must tell Middlebury by March if they'll follow the order. If the answer is no, college officials will shut the house down, and it will be used for student residences, Nief said.

"It's unfortunate," said Jonathon Brant, executive director of the National Interfraternity Council. "It's inconsistent coming from a college with a liberal arts tradition."

Fraternities came under scrutiny after Vermont's drinking age was raised to 21 two years ago, Nief said, and the houses became hot spots.

"Social life at Middlebury College was being dominated by institutions that were already gender restrictive," Nief said. "Sexism was a constant complaint. Women didn't feel comfortable there, and sometimes they didn't feel safe there."

Middlebury has no sororities. Interim Student Government Association President Louise Totten said the decision reflects an overwhelming vote last year calling for retention of a reformed fraternity system.

Rathskellar to be renovated this Spring University artifacts being requested from groups

By Marla S. Cohen and Lori Hament

The Rathskellar, although remodeled during the summer of 1987, will again be renovated during Spring Break to liven up the eating area.

The University Auxiliary Service Corporation is presently requesting organizations to submit artifacts such as photos, greek letters, paddles, and other memories, for display similar to T.G.I. Friday's or Bennigans, according to Jonathan Waks, president of UAS corporation.

"The University has been very supportive in donating Albany memorabilia," Waks said.

He said the Rat decorations will have an Albany theme. Organizations have begun

contributing paraphernalia such as banners, trophies, and photographs. A jukebox was also installed.

The Rat, Waks said, is somewhat "cold and sterile" now, but should reflect what students want most. Since the Rat was already remodeled, "we can't rip it apart, but we can redecorate."

The Albany theme was decided upon for two reasons, Waks said. First, "there's nothing that reflects the age of the school," but with artifacts from the University gym, teams, clubs, and the Alumni House, that can be changed. Second, items such as this tend to get stolen, but if student groups participate, they may be more apt to protect their items.

Some of the non-valuable materials will be hung on walls, like old uniforms and photographs. More expensive donations will be put in a showcase, Waks said. The changes and decorating is to be done during Spring Break and will reopen with a new identity and a new name.

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Soundgarden have all the subtlety of surprise earthquake. Amps on 11, vocals on a range Robert Plant can only dream about, and drums reverberating through your skull non-stop. Full on indeed.

Richard Crist

It's a strange, undefinable quality that can cause 14-year-olds to propel themselves into their mates, hair flying, arms flailing, in a mosh pit of life-threatening proportions. Whatever that mystery x-factor is - Led Zeppelin tried to define it simply as *presence* but that falls way short - Soundgarden have it. In abundance. That was clear at The Chance in Poughkeepsie last Thursday night, as the Seattle-based wrecking crew ran through broadside after broadside of supercharged Seventies-style metal, turning much of the small crowd into a sweaty mob.

But although Soundgarden seem to have all the prerequisites of heavy metal idiocy - Marshall stacks blazing, heavy rifferama, and long curls flying - this is metal with a dangerous twist. The foremost weapon in the Soundgarden arsenal is lead singer Chris Cornell, who possesses a vocal range as wide as Texas. Cornell is arresting enough as a frontman, with

looks and long hair ready made for posters and album covers, but it's his athletic skate-punk intensity that proves him a winner. Cornell is violent onstage, seeming to threaten destruction to the Les Paul he uses as a rhythm bludgeon guitar, threatening to pound a hole in the floor of The Chance with his non-stop feet pounding; even reducing a microphone and it's stand to a shambles. Cornell peaked on "Loud Love" and "Full On Kevin's Mom," both thick slabs of distorted nirvana.

This is, however, also a band with a sense of humor, covering *Spinal Tap's* "Big Bottoms," and their own run-through of "Big Dumb Sex," a song that Cornell says is meant to illustrate stupid sexism.

Imagine a science fiction novel set to thrash metal. A nightmare for some of the skeptics among us, but that would be an adequate definition of Voi Vod. The Canadian quartet, maybe the metal equivalent of Pink Floyd, have woven some pretty far out tales of atoms and protons and things I never understood in my science class splitting and coming to life etc. that are redeemed by some imaginative music.

Voi Vod could have used some of Soundgarden's self-deprecating humor. Where Soundgarden seem to be in love of the sheer dumbness of



Soundgarden

some metal and keep tongues firmly in cheek at times, Voi Vod are in love of metal's excesses, including overblown concepts and ridiculous imagery. Voi Vod are more than capable of conjuring enough musical firepower without having to rely on gimmicks,

like some of the unnecessary soundeffects used, or concepts too far-fetched to believe in. Too hung up on the concept of their new record *Nothingface*, Voi Vod would have done good lightening up a little, rather than relying only on self-importance and precise chops to get the job done. Vocalist Snake is a little too self-satisfied for my liking with his vaguely shamanistic gestures and continual posing, but the crowd ate up the whole schtick anyway.

The whole Voi Vod concept is a little too-overblown, but the band is still capable of head removal, running through difficult tempo changes with deafening accuracy, like on their cover of Pink

Floyd's *Astronomy Domine* proved.

Opens on the triple bill at The Chance, the Big F were hampered by a shoddy sound mix that rendered them nearly inaudible. The too-bassy mix crippled fine numbers like *Kill the Cowboy*.

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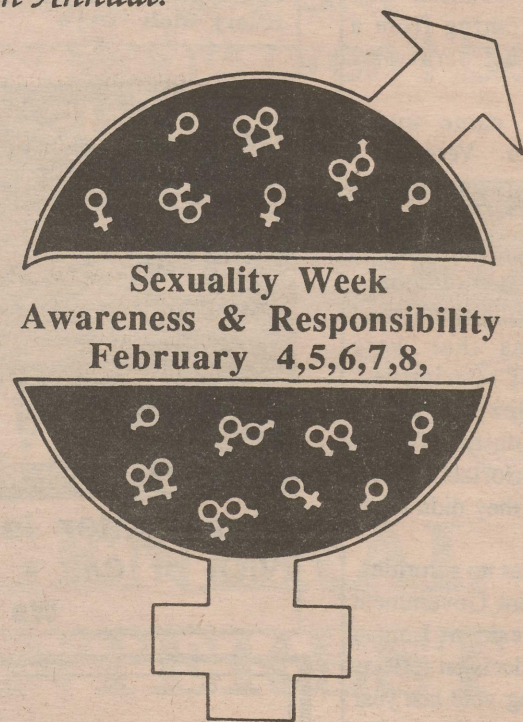
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Bound For Glory

In July of 1863, a young Civil War colonel and his troops began a bloody assault on the impenetrable Fort Wagner near Charleston, S.C. He was white; they were black. Together, they made history.

Clarence Eckerson

This is the true story behind *Glory*, and enlightening chronology of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and their struggles for not only victory, but freedom and respect, as well. The script, written by Kevin Favre, is based upon the books *Lay This Laurel* and *One Gallant Rush*, as well as the letters of Robert Gould Shaw.

The multi-talented and likable Matthew Broderick (*War Games*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Project X*) once again is in top form. In *Glory* he stars as Shaw, who, through experience in combat and the pulling of strings by his abolitionist parents, becomes a senior officer for the North during the Civil War. After being sobered by the horrors of war at the Battle of Antietam (the bloodiest in history), he returns home to learn he has been offered the command of the 54th - the first black fighting unit. When he accepts he learns his biggest obstacle will not be fighting the Confederate army, but convincing the Northern government to allow his troops to take up arms.



Glory doesn't attempt to make any excuses. Intelligently, it looks past racism and questions of black and white, deciding instead to focus on the pride and honor of both races. *Glory* has no villains; only heroes and their personal stories of triumph under trying circumstances.

It also has a fine supporting cast consisting of Denzel Washington (who recently won a Golden Globe for his performance), Andre Braugher, Cary Elwes, and the warm screen presence of Morgan Freeman, a hot commodity these days. Freeman plays John Rawlins, a grave digger who enlists in the legendary unit and becomes the

first black to rise to the rank of sergeant major. He is the voice of reason and restraint among the men, reminding them that the way to freedom comes one step at a time and that the real enemy lies not only on the other side of the battlefield but inside as well in the form of ill will.

Of course looking back over a century ago required a great deal of recreation and reconstruction. Director Edward Zwick (*About Last Night*) effectively coordinates over 12,000 extras to produce realistic fight scenes. Although he succeeds on the battlefronts, by the same measure, some of the other sets look very staged

and unauthentic. *Glory* is no grand spectacle.

Beyond this, the focus is on the soldiers and their relationships, which is where the heart of the film lies. Credit must go to the actors; the performances are filled with such emotional energy that at times it is overwhelming. And even if Broderick's periodic narratives give the film the structure of a history book, does it really matter as long as it is a good book?

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Galaxie 500 On Fire Rough Trade

Time to leave the planet. So says Galaxie 500, a Boston-based trio who make Velvety smooth music. Everyone here on earth acts so strange, looks so funny, breaks each others' hearts, and a billion other inanities.

Here's comfort: Galaxie 500 spit at complacency and the mundane in the

blanketed after streets.

The guitars - whether simple and resonating, or feedback-drenched and cracked - drift in and out of the picture, but, at the same time, always seem to carry it.

The music encasing these songs is melancholic, yet ultimately uplifting; like the release after getting something troubling off your mind or finally crying when no one's around. The band also offers hope. "Blue Thunder"'s harmonic vocals glide over

Eleventh Dream Day Beet Atlantic

The seeming chaos of Eleventh Dream Day's *Beet* is actually a well studied effort. This Midwest band has studied the lessons of underground heroes X and the Dream Syndicate well, incorporating the former's female-male vocal interplay and the careening guitar histrionics of the late, lamented Syndicate. Not that *Beet* doesn't have enough original moments to warrant attention; in fact, the way that this band highlights their influences without becoming overbearing is one of their best assets.

"Between Here and There," the opening track, best highlights Eleventh Dream Day's musical approach - a tale of displacement and loss in a middle class wasteland over manic riffing guitar interplay. "Testify" is slightly more focused and controlled, but not so of "Baghdad's Last Ride," which touches on the story of Bonnie and Clyde.

Where Eleventh Dream Day succeed best is recalling the past (the post-punk heyday of the early 1980's) while keeping an eye on the here and now.

- Richard Crist



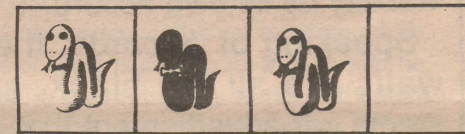
world, posing questions of both rhetoric and cosmic proportions - all the aforementioned ones are included. Their music is somberly beautiful, and appropriately spacey. Spacey in a literal sense, that is - the Galaxie ingredients are one parts to the average band's three.

A certain ambiance sustains throughout due to this gentle, careful positioning of the components. The percussion is very effective, especially on "Snowstorm," building tension with crashing cymbals and then gently letting us down onto pristine,

the feedback guitar scratches to some far-off ray of light beaming through the smallest crevice in a stifling, suburban bedroom. "I'll fly so far away," singer Dean Wareham decides in the end. And he means it.

With *On Fire*, Galaxie 500 act as some sort of mind-expanding stimulant, giving you both the desire and momentum to explore where you've never even known existed. Just where and how far you go is up to you. Burn rubber.

- Raymond Rogers



The Cult's Sonic Boom

The Clifton Park Arena is a simple ice skating rink in a ritzy suburb of the state's capitol. But last Saturday night, it was transformed into a DMZ (demilitarized zone) when the Cult crashed down for an hour and fifteen minutes of hard rocking hell.

Led by vocalist Ian Astbury, who resembled the devil reincarnate, the Cult opened up with "New York City," from their recent *Beggars Banquet* release, *Sonic Temple*. Echoes of Iggy Pop's growling voice behind Astbury's introductory howls turned a crowd of predominantly pre-pubescent rockers, totaling nearly two thousand, into a frenzy.

Guitarist Billy Duffy played the standard Jimmy Page- Les Paul Sunburst in a clean, speedy Zeppelinesque style. Taking searing leads on their most recent hits "Fire Woman" and "Edie (CIAO Baby)," Duffy showed his skill in getting that thick, blues-metal sound the Cult have made exciting once again. Bassist Jamie Stewart began "America House" with a slow punchy solo.

Even the less than enthusiastic crowd was blown away by the encore "Love Removal Machine." The band played an inspiring show that eventually left them soaked and spent.

- Joey Schneider

The new docu-comedy *Roger & Me* will be shown Thursday at 7:30 PM at Page Hall. Me, aka Michael Moore, will be there, so should you.

EDITORIAL

The Once & Future Rathskellar

Upon my arrival to the University at Albany in the fall of 1986, I found a very different Rathskellar than the present sterilized quasi-ice cream palorish neo-pastel plastic showcase. (Please see page one of this issue for a photograph of the old Rat design.) While the new Rat strives to be modern, it has sacrificed all shreds of personality.

The old Rat offered more to the people of this University than quick eats. It cradled its patrons in wooden seats worn comfortable with use. Why, with all the concrete and plastic on the campus, wooden benches and chairs in the Rat were a welcome contrast; a tactile experience to be thoroughly enjoyed. Proper lighting is a factor not to be neglected in the enjoyment of meals. The earth tones did not quite reflect light in such a manner as to sting the retina. Today there is little respite from the assault of high gloss pastel blues and grays.

There are people in the Rat most of the day, but the environment has little viability by its own accord.

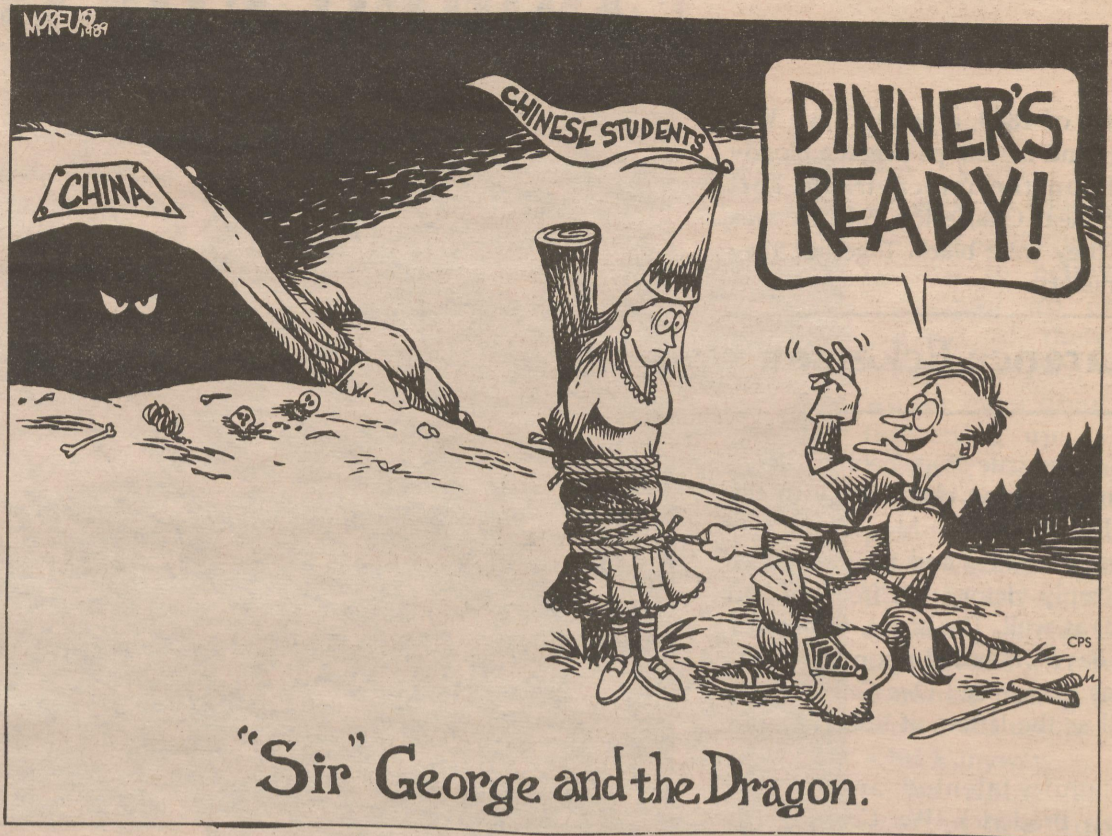
Speaking of Accords, the present walls are all but blank, spare the single car advertisement that outshines a light strip spilling out campus info tidbits. The rest of the walls are empty, void of any signs of life. The air was empty too, but new life has been added via jukebox. This is a step in the right direction.

Now keep your eyes peeled because some other changes could be on the way! Plans to redecorate are in the works, as you read this text, and all that can be said is Hip! Hip! Huzah!

An open call for memorabilia has been made in efforts to install a sense of history, belonging or personality to the Rathskellar. Whether or not this will be a successful venture hinges upon the quantity and quality of items recieved.

Your donations of relics could serve to add to this campus a much needed medium for which people can relate to the University complex of cold concrete and belittling proportions. The Rat could in effect become a warm atmosphere that enhances the time you share with close friend, as opposed to a sterile catalyst in some internal nourishment routine.

Act now. Collect items of interest. Ready them for display. Bring them to the Commissary. For additional information contact Jonathan Waks at 442-5950.



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The world of the Underground Railroad

Their stories are courageous. And they come from a wide spectrum of 19th century America.

They are stories that emerged from the Underground Railroad, the informal network that illegally spirited slaves northward in the desperate decades before the Civil War.

Last week Rep. Peter H. Kostmayer, a Pennsylvania Democrat, introduced legislation to memorialize the Underground Railroad. He wants to create an historic trail, complete with maps, signs and brochures, so that the public can recreate the journeys.

His idea might be a bit impractical. The Railroad was a little too untidy to make a connect-the-dots gift to tourists.

But Kostmayer's overall idea — remembering the Railroad — isn't such a bad notion. In these racially fractious times, it might remind us that much of black history is also white history.

Richard Prince

Many of the Underground "stationmasters" were free blacks. Some were famous — Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. Some were not-so-famous — ministers who built trap doors beneath pulpits.

Many others were whites who were just as larger-than-life.

Their actions are the stuff of folklore, set in places like Washington, D.C.; Bain's Fort, Kan.; Springfield, Ill.; Battle Creek and Lansing, Mich.; Morgantown, W.Va.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Uniontown, Pa.; and Rochester, N.Y.

Some of the names involved might surprise you: In Chicago, Alan Pinkerton was a celebrated detective by day; he sheltered and dispersed fugitive slaves by night. But most were ordinary citizens, nameless to history.

In "Underground Railroad," a book of narratives, Temple University professor Charles L. Blockson retells the story of an anti-slavery convention in Syracuse, N.Y. It took place after the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850, when harsh penalties awaited anyone caught helping to free a slave.

Virginia sent marshals after a fugitive named Jerry. "Jerry, all unconscious of danger, was busily employed, hammering away at a barrel in a cooper shop, when about 12 o'clock he was seized, and after a brave fight, was ironed hand and foot (and) thrown upon a cart ...

"The city was in an uproar; no such excitement had ever been witnessed in Syracuse before. Thousands of people from the country and adjacent towns were there to attend the convention," the narrative continues.

"The fugitives and free colored men surrounded the

building and they were surrounded on all sides by a dense mass of people. Some of the best lawyers in the state were present, and volunteered their efforts to defend Jerry, while one lawyer sold his services to the slave catchers."

During a recess in the trial, a man named Jo Norton gave the signal to his supporters, "and in an instant a stick of timber 20 feet long was mounted on the shoulders of as many stout Negroes as could stand under it; at the word 'Jo,' with a shout and run, the battering ram was thrown upon the door, and carried all before it." The marshal managed to get away, and a bloodied Jerry was freed.

There is the simpler tale from 1851 about a slave woman identified in contemporary accounts only as "Mrs. Jones."

Two sympathetic white men, brothers originally from Connecticut, nailed Mrs. Jones and her 7-year-old daughter inside a box and drove them by wagon from Washington, D.C., to Warsaw, N.Y., southwest of Buffalo. The trip took 22 days and nights.

Soon afterward the woman died, but a Warsaw resident raised the girl and she went on to marry a prominent black Warsaw citizen.

Many "friends of the slaves" were active in the temperance and women's movements, giving their abolitionist crusade a zeal that many found sanctimonious. In Rochester, N.Y., you can see secret rooms at the home of suffragette Susan B. Anthony that could only have been used for one purpose.

Some "friends" were public officials; others were lawyers; others were people with sailboats at their command.

Ex-slaves would hide in woodpiles on the dock, then be spirited away to Canada.

Woodpiles, private homes, actual railroad cars, bales of hay, anything that worked — those were the sites of the Underground Railroad.

It "was more like a spider web, going in all different directions," one researcher told me.

Marge Perez, the historian for Wayne County, N.Y., bordering Lake Ontario, agrees that the Railroad deserves recognition. But, she adds, "the story — who did it and why they did it — is more important than the buildings."

She's right. And when we reflect on those stories, we might ponder one other "why."

Obviously, those life-and-death times forged a remarkable interracial cooperation. Why, today, does that seem such a quaint anachronism?

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LETTERS

'CDB spotlight shines

To the Editor:

As the Assistant Sports Director at the school's radio station (91 FM WCDB), I'd just like to say, "Thanks" to everyone who made the Sunday Sports Spotlight a huge success every Sunday at 11 pm. We had an overwhelmingly positive response from callers asking questions to our live, in-studio guests, Willie Glass, Kevin Rooney, Kevin Adams and Steve McNeil.

We also had interviews with Deion Sanders, and Walt Fraziers with which we had positive responses also. In the new semester we have interviews up coming with former N.Y. Ranger Brad Park, WFAN sportscaster Christopher Russo, San Antonio Spurs' Sean Elliot and David Robinson, Lakers guard Byron Scott, former Arrows soccer player Branko Segota, harness driver Donald Dancer, and hopefully some other surprises.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop by the station to talk. Once again, "Thanks, Albany." We couldn't have done it without your support.

Larry Berger
Assistant Sports Director
91 FM WCDB

Lights, please

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Indian Quad. Since the beginning of the semester, the lights have been out in one of the elevators in the Indian Quad tower. I called the

Department of Residential Life and Housing to complain about it and have it fixed. They told me to call the Indian quad office. I promptly called them and they told me to call the Maintenance Department. After receiving a busy signal for one straight hour, I gave up.

I pay good money to live on campus, and I expect to have safe conditions. This is not too much to ask for. What I am wondering is: Is it going to take somebody getting raped or beaten before this horrendous condition is corrected? It's been two full weeks, and still nothing has been done. It seems that nobody really cares, as everybody has given me the run-around.

-Jeffrey D. Goldman

Looking in the mirror

To the Editor:

I had something to say and it just came out like this.

Rainbow Sally

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An angry angel to all she should meet,
No make-up, hairy legs and dirty feet.
Strange, unique woman always out of place,
Blower of bubbles, smiling happy face.

Null, void, till the camera turns to her,
"No more racism," "Stop animal murder"
She screams, she shouts, making such a racket,
Mad marcher in her black leather jacket.

Curtains fall like petals off a red rose,
Past the striking gold earring in her nose.
Lover of free love, so young, so wild, free.
Drunk, shameful, middle class, empty, lonely.

Reads poems of love, poems of lonely despair,
Writes poems of rainbows for rainbows to hear.
All watch, blind emotions, lost childhood rage,
Till the next screaming actress hits the stage.

Warren Raboy

Helping the homeless

To the Editor:

In 1987, a professional nurse contracted a debilitating disease, couldn't make the payment on her house, now lives homeless in Miami, Florida. In 1988, a steelworker just lost his job, then his house in a fire. After months in shelters, the government put his children in foster homes. His wife continues to live in shelters.

He since disappeared. He lives homeless in Pittsburgh. Homeless people are not freaks, drunks, or bag ladies. They are 34-year-old divorcees, 15-year-old runaways, and 63-year-old ex-shopkeepers.

The Committee to Help the Homeless sees it as every persons responsibility to pull these people from the streets. we can end the vicious cycle of bureaucracy and homelessness.

We feel that a solution is much more money spent on low income public housing. This would not mean new funding, simply re-directing funds already earmarked for maintaining the badly run-down temporary shelters which are privately owned by a few, very rich businessmen.

It's time we ended this pointless waste of millions of dollars and millions of lives by enforcing positive and productive pressures upon our government.

The Committee meets at 7:30 on Thursdays in the Fireside Lounge.

-M. Kazim Ali
Chairman of Committee
to Help the Homeless

Birth of a nation, death of a myth

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, January 24th, I arrived for the second installment of Introduction to Cinema unaware of the racist content of the film to be studied. Professor Lennig introduced the film as "The Birth of a Nation," directed by D.W. Griffith and released in 1915. In the syllabus this film is described as "Film as Art, Epic, Message and Respectable Entertainment." In the previous class, the professor pointed out that this film was racist and was a reflection of the times.

In short, this film could be easily mistaken for medium to recruit impressionable students in to the Ku Klux Klan. This story of the Civil War struck many as simply an excuse to put African-Americans back into slavery after the failure of Reconstruction. The portrayal of lynchings and violence against a minority, with twisted justification by whites, isn't art or history. Plainly put, this film's stylistic influences hardly outweigh its racist overtones.

At the conclusion, when the Klan rises up to suppress the Blacks, it is justified with a quote - "The former enemies (whites of North and South) are united for their common Aryan Birthright." Just one of the many racist points which makes this film offensive to all people.

-Greg Schellenberg

Giving the right of freedom of "choice"

To the Editor:

I have had my civil rights infringed upon, and so have the members of my organization and every other student on the SUNY campus. My right to free speech, my right to assemble, my right to free press, and finally, my right to the freedom of choice have all been interfered with. Although this sort of thing is not as rare as it should be, this particular case is interesting due to the individuals who have committed this infringement against myself and many others.

This infringement upon my civil rights was committed by members of a group on campus which purports to be an upholder of civil rights, particularly the right to the freedom of choice. This group also advocates education over dictation. So why should members of a group such as this wish to interfere with another person's rights? I suppose it is unwarranted to expect those who have no respect for life itself to hold any regard for the mere civil rights of another human being.

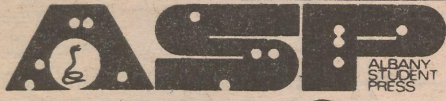
The infringement itself involves the ripping down of posters Friday, January 26 and throughout the weekend. The posters were announcing an educational film and lecture which was to be held on the evening of Monday, January 29. It would surprise me if many of you had seen the posters since few of them remained up for very long. The posters had been approved through the proper channels. They contained no insulting material to anyone. They were, all in all, rather unobtrusive in nature. The only reason I can see for someone to tear them down is to keep the rest of the student body from seeing them. And the only reason I can see for that is that those who took it upon themselves to censor the posters are afraid of allowing the populace to educate itself by attending the educational seminar.

This sort of censorship is not a characteristic of a country in which not only freedoms of choice and speech, and many other rights, are upheld by either the government or its people. It is, in fact, much more reminiscent of the recently fallen, repressive governments of Eastern Europe, which refused to allow their people to see what the truth was, about the outside world, for fear that they might like what they saw and act upon it.

My comment to the hypocrites on this campus who have used their "voice for choice" to stand in the way of my rights, and in the way of learning for every other student on the SUNY campus, is that they should be afraid of the truth, because it could easily lead to their downfall as well.

-Kathryn Johns

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S.C.
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TKE
Thanx for a great party at the Social Club. Let's hang again.
TEΦ

Jeanne
Your birthday has passed but we didn't forget about you. Happy 22. Enjoy your adulthood.
Love,
Nic & Nancy

She only did her dishes, but she did all of my friends.

Congratulations Will and Felicia - you make a great couple. (I'm Joking)

I'm in a Lone Star State-of-mind.
Texas.

Now son, no soda-pop near the computer.

Anne B. Davis is alive.

Howdy, TEXAS!

Lookout, here come the frogs.

Everybody's sucking the same old air, and it's getting harder to breathe here

Bran-
Sorry that Monday night was such hell, but we made it through.
-Pete

Emer-
I love you

Bryan-
I had forgotten what a great friend you are...thanks for reminding me. I know that I'll make it, I just needed reassurance.
-Sandie

Azerbaijan

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justice means anything, Karabagh must be kept out of Azeri hands.

It is Soviet indecisiveness that has led to this "civil war", it is now up to the people who let this "conflict" get out of control to find its solution.

We, as Armenians remember all too well our 1.5 million martyrs in 1915, and the world's apathetic and blind eyes and ears. For humanity's sake, it must not happen again.

The Muslim Azerbaijani and the Christian Armenian can live together, for this is not a religious war.

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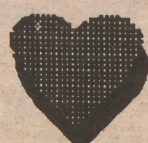
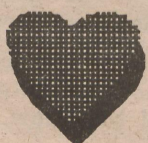
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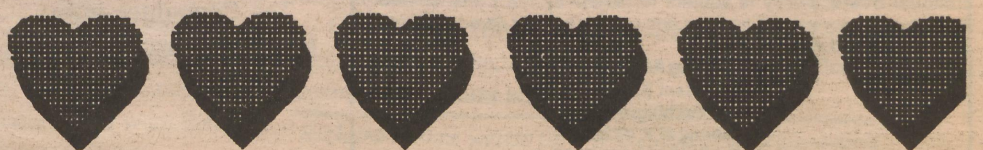
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Pay-per-vue

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"We feel it's very important for all our fans to see our events," says Small. "In the foreseeable future we will not go to pay-per-view. I would be surprised if it ever happened. It's definitely something we are not interested in."

Sports broadcast representatives from the major networks are equally confident that pay-per-view will not wipe out "free television."

Mark Carlson, director of sports for CBS-TV, says pay-per-view does not pose a threat to network television.

"We have always expressed the view that sporting events will always remain on pay-free television," says Carlson.

But as pay-per-view starts luring bigger and bigger events and the price tag of major sporting events continue to rise, Adelphia's Sibley wonders how

long the networks and cable stations can hold out.

"It's going to get to the point where the cable companies and big three networks just won't be

able to afford these big games," Sibley says.

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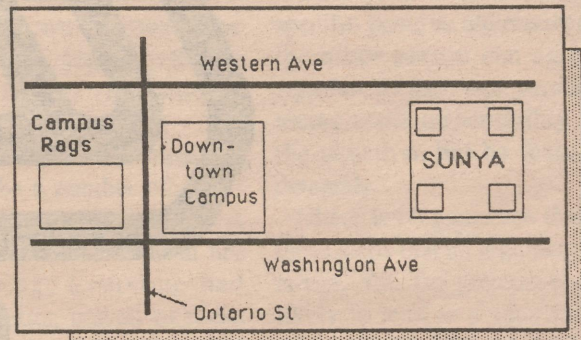
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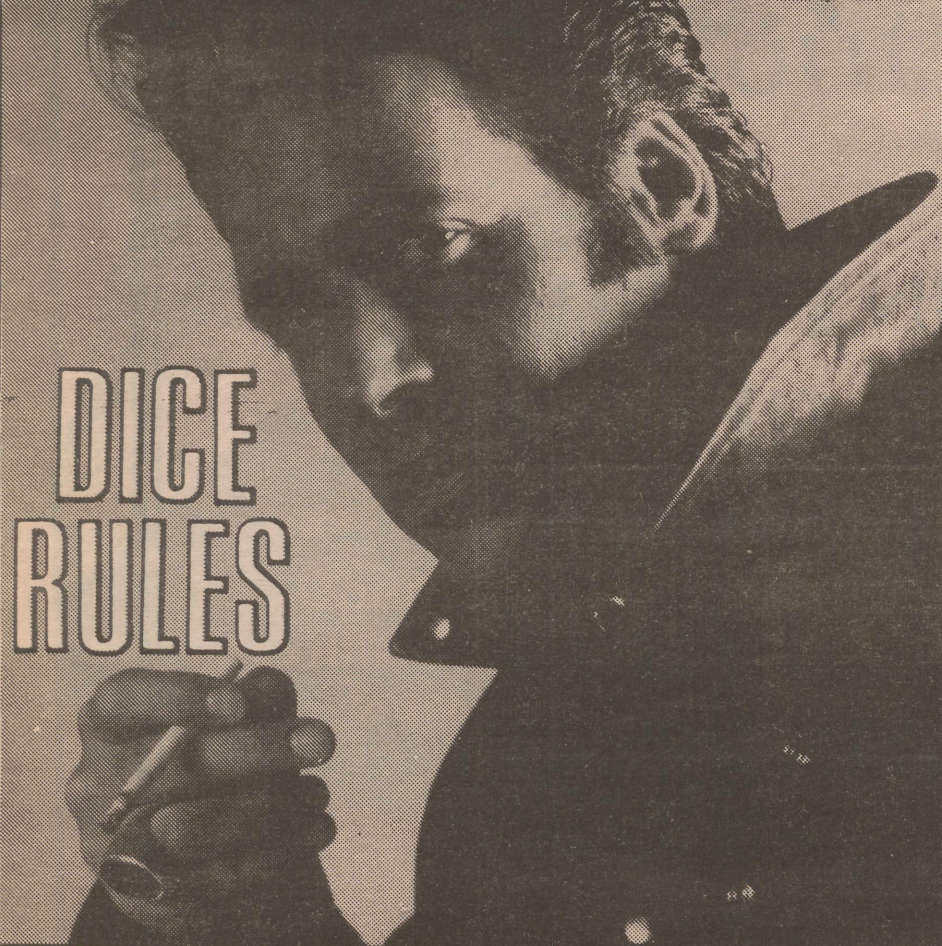
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Negotiations solve peer problems

By Debra Salzman

Does your roommate hog the phone? Is your best friend bugging you? Is your boyfriend/girlfriend calling you five times a day and you feel suffocated? If situations like these are making you unhappy would you know the best way to proceed to handle these issues?

Negotiating is a difficult activity. You may be afraid that you are annoyed by trivial issues, that your friend is going to get mad at you, that a discussion will lead to an argument. However, there are ways to negotiate that will minimize any negative outcomes and maximize positive results. Just as with any other interaction, there are productive ways of proceeding as well as nonproductive ways. This article will highlight steps that will help maximize a positive negotiation.

The first thing to be aware of is that in any negotiation there may be some aspect of your own behavior that warrants some change. To be aware of this, and open to constructive criticism, is an important starting point.

The next step is to pick the important issues. There may be a number of things that a person does that annoy you, but it is important to confront the issues that are the most disturbing. Everyone had idiosyncratic behaviors, but all of these behaviors are not always a source of friction in and of themselves. Without the more annoying behaviors, these other issues may then seem trivial.

A crucial step is to be calm. By sharing differences as they arise and not waiting until you become angry will help the negotiation process from escalating into an argument. Additionally, it is important

to refrain from name-calling. Do not attack the other person. Do not act as if the other person's opinion is worthless. Listen to what the other person has to say. In addition, avoid statements that reflect blame and do not infer ulterior motives for the acts. This will only lead the other person to become defensive which will hinder the negotiation process.

When describing the offensive behavior, be concrete. If your description is vague the other person may not understand what is the actual disturbing behavior. Additionally, cite specifics and avoid "all time" generalizations. For example, do not say that "you always are on the phone" but rather, "after 8:00 p.m. you are usually on the phone until midnight and I am unable to make any phone calls." Do not assume that the other person should know your feelings or should be able to figure them out from your hints. State the way you feel, but remember, no blaming.

Lastly, it is important to focus on specific positive alternatives that you and the other person can agree upon. This signifies to the other person that you are taking some responsibility for improving the situation, but be reasonable in your demands.

There is no guarantee that if you follow these steps that an argument might still ensue. Yet, the process outlined is more likely to lead to a successful negotiation with a positive outcome.

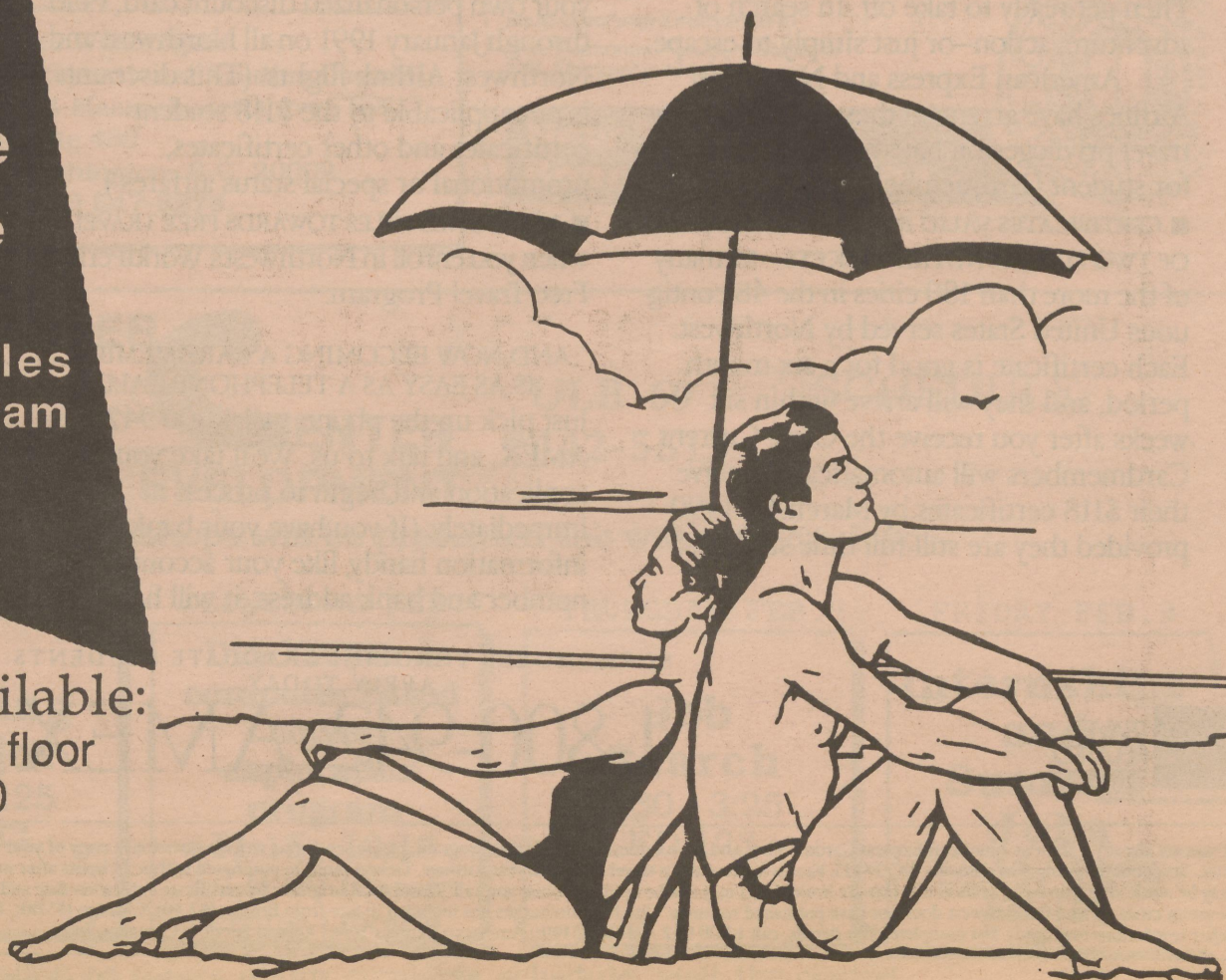
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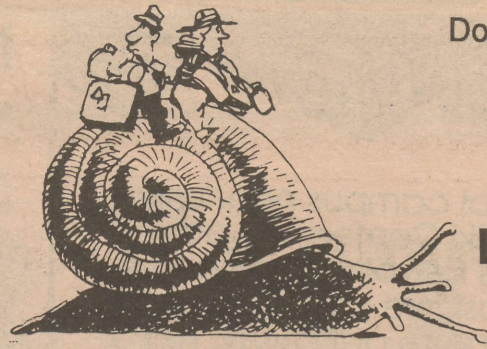
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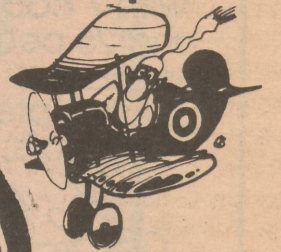


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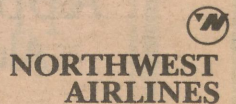
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deportation.

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"I say to Chinese students who are concerned about their future: 'Do not be sucked in by threats that are made by the Chinese embassy or anybody else. You are not going to be sent back to China, regardless how this vote turns out.'"

Danforth said he, like all other members of Congress, abhors the Chinese leadership's violence against the protesters.

"I would only suggest that if you're in the business of sending messages, the best way to send a clear message is to do so with one voice. The best way to do so clearly is for Congress not to try to drown out the president," he said.

Bond said that he felt Congress was in no position to be offering Bush, a former American liaison officer to China, advice on how to best deal with that country.

"I think the president, who is an expert on China, frankly knows more about China than anybody in the Congress and believes that by using diplomacy he is better able to force the Chinese government and bring the Chinese government back to a recognition and acceptance of the principles of human rights, democracy and freedom," he said.

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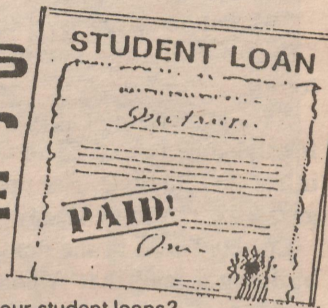
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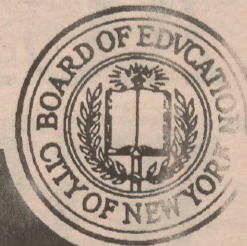
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Women swimmers lose third meet of the season

By Jerry Kahn
STAFF WRITER

Despite winning several of the events, the Albany women's swimming team was unable to defeat Cortland (5-3) and suffered a 142-111 loss.

"Kim McDonald, Sarah Klein, (and) Debbie Brill swam well," co-captain Andrea Caporuscio said, "They've been working on their strokes. It paid (off)."

Albany quickly took a lead of 11-6, when Brill, McDonald, Sari Edelman, and Andrea Caporuscio won the 400 medley relay. Their time was 4:19.89.

"We got ourselves psyched," Brill said. "The 400 medley relay did a pool record."

After Cortland captured the 1000 freestyle, the Danes' Klein was the victor in the 200 freestyle. Her time of 2:06.87 gave a 28-27 lead to Albany.

Cortland won in the next two events, building a lead that Albany would be unable to dismantle. However, the Danes' Brenda Braun won the one meter diving. Her score of 241.50 trimmed Albany's deficit to 63-49. Cortland responded with a victory in the 200 butterfly.

Albany came back by taking the 100 freestyle, cutting the lead to 86-64. Caporuscio's time of 0:56.23 set a school record.

Cortland won the next two events. Braun dove to victory in the three meter diving competition. She had a mark of 274.25. The score was 122-85, in Cortland's favor.

McDonald followed up with a victory in the 200 breaststroke. Her time of 2:39.72 made it 131-95.

Albany dropped the final event and took

a 142-111 loss.

The Danes' next meet will be on February 3rd at Binghamton.

"We have a good shot," Caporuscio said.

Potsdam

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Gardner's fateful trifecta.

Shene, the Danes' leading scorer averaging almost 15 a game, was held to only five points and seven shot attempts from the floor.

"They concentrated on (Shene)," Sauers said. "They did a good job on him."

"The defensive post played him (Shene) very well," Welsh said. "Coach Mitchell (Potsdam associate coach Bill Mitchell) did a good job scouting him."

Michael Brown, who averages 15.5 a game for Potsdam, also had a frustrating performance, going one for seven from the field with two points.

"I don't know what was wrong with him (Brown)," Welsh said. "He missed shots he normally makes."

Albany also had a disappointing performance from McClearn, who had two points and four rebounds. The 6-3 forward came into the game averaging 10 points and seven rebounds.

For Potsdam, Dace had 11 points and Johnson went five for 10 from the floor totaling 10. Scott Burgess had a game high 10 rebounds.

Stephen Mulderry had 8 points for the Danes and Dennis Cutts added seven.

Albany remains on the road to face Ithaca tonight and Stony Brook on Saturday.

Will the Super Bowl fall prey to cable and be pay-per-view?

By Scott Wescott

It's Super Sunday in the year 2000. You settle into your favorite chair, open a cold beverage and call the cable company to pay for the game.

That's right, pay for the game.

Many close to the broadcast industry think that in the not-so-distant future, the fans sitting in the stadiums won't be the only people shelling out ready cash to watch big-time sporting events.

"Eventually everything will be pay-per-view," predicts Craig Sibley, communications manager for Adelphia Cable Co., which serves the Philadelphia suburbs. "I hope (major sporting events) are on free television for the rest of the century."

The threat pay-per-view poses to "free television" appears to be a real one — so real that the National Association of Broadcasters has declared January "Free Television Month" and kicked off an ambitious advertising campaign to persuade viewers that "free television" may be an endangered species as cable and pay television grows more powerful.

Cable representatives say phones start ringing when pay-per-view events are advertised. Major prize fights and pro-wrestling matches have become mainstays on the pay-per-view circuit. Last summer The Rolling Stones and The Who performed pay-per-view concerts.

Whether or not pay-per-view will eventually swallow the "free television" market is something Mark Lockard, general manager of Suburban Cable Co., near Philadelphia, says remains uncertain.

"Things are changing so fast; whether it's (pay-per-view for big games) is going to be a reality or not remains to be seen."

Sibley says simple economics will fuel the shift from "free television" to pay-per-view.

"The bottom line is money," says Sibley. "It costs more and more for the cable companies to acquire programming."

Bill Taaffe, a senior editor and former television-radio critic for Sports Illustrated magazine, says pay-per-view television will prove so profitable to cable TV companies that more and more sporting events will be telecast.

While Taaffe doesn't think "crown jewels" such as the Super Bowl and World Series will ever fall prey to pay-per-view, he says many of the regular season and playoff games will.

"I do think the great majority of sporting events will eventually be pay-per-view," Taaffe says. "I think professional sports as we know them are becoming more and more upscale. They're really close to the wall and it's dangerous for them."

Jim Small, a spokesman for baseball commissioner Fay Vincent, says there is no danger of major league games ending up on pay-per-view.

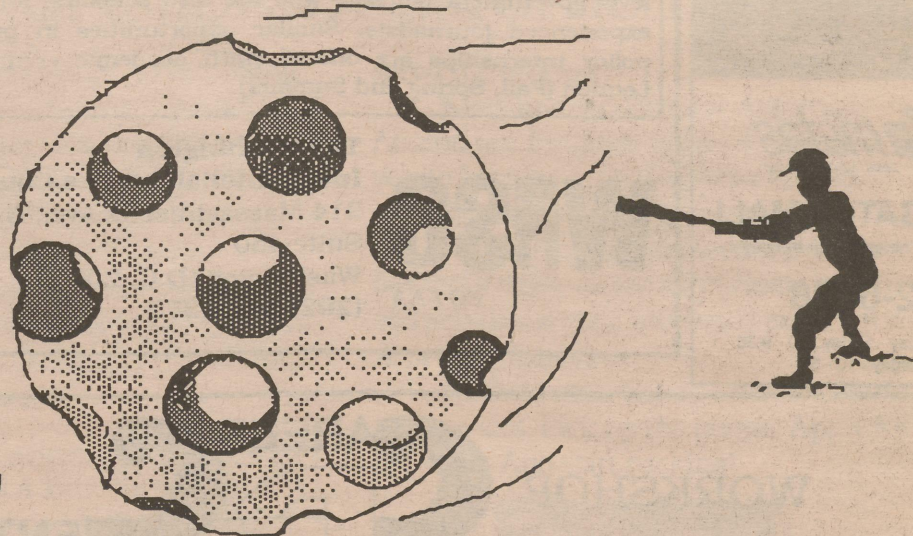
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Colby knocks out Dane women in tourney

By Howard Koppel
STAFF WRITER

Albany (10-8) dropped the championship game of the Lady Dane tournament, 66-57 to Colby (9-4) in University Gym, Sunday.

"Colby has weaknesses that we tried to focus on, like boxing out, but we forgot them at times. Overall I was pleased with the play," Albany Coach Mari Warner said, "The 6, 7 and 8 players contributed good bench support."

The game started with a small controversy. A technical foul was called against Albany for not having their starting line up in on time. "The call did not effect us, it helped spur us on. The call was just pickiness on the referees part," Warner said. Clare DeAngelis hit both shots from the charity stripe to give Colby an early 2-0 lead.

Albany took a 6-4 lead on Faith Miller's pair of free throws at 17:32 of the first half. This was the last time Albany would lead in the game.

A jump shot by Elizabeth Cimino at 8:15 gave the White Mules an 11 point lead, their biggest in the half.

The Danes closed the lead to four, when Senior Gina Richardson sank a pair of free throws at 2:56 making it 29-25. Albany could get no closer for the remainder of the game.

Colby extended their lead to nine on a jump shot by Susan Roberts at :49. Colby took a 39-31 lead in to the locker room at the half.

The second half opened with Albany going on a 6-2 run, closing the lead to four again. Colby extended their lead to eight at 10:05 on a jumper by Roberts.

Beth Montgomery hit a jumper with 2:06 left in the game for Colby, putting the score at 62-51 and sealing the

victory.

For Albany, Richardson exploded for 30 points, 14 rebounds, and a pair of steals, assists and blocked shots. Miller contributed 10 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Kim Derrington gave Colby their most impressive performance. Derrington had 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds, had four steals and two assists.

Warner expressed vocal discontent with the referees several times during the course of the game.

"The officiating was horrendous and disgusting," Warner said, "I think they called a game in Siena yesterday and forgot what level of basketball we were playing at today."

"We ran the offense well and it showed," Albany point guard Laurie Annunziato said, "We got more points and rebounds. The game was very physical but they (Colby) won the game legitimately."

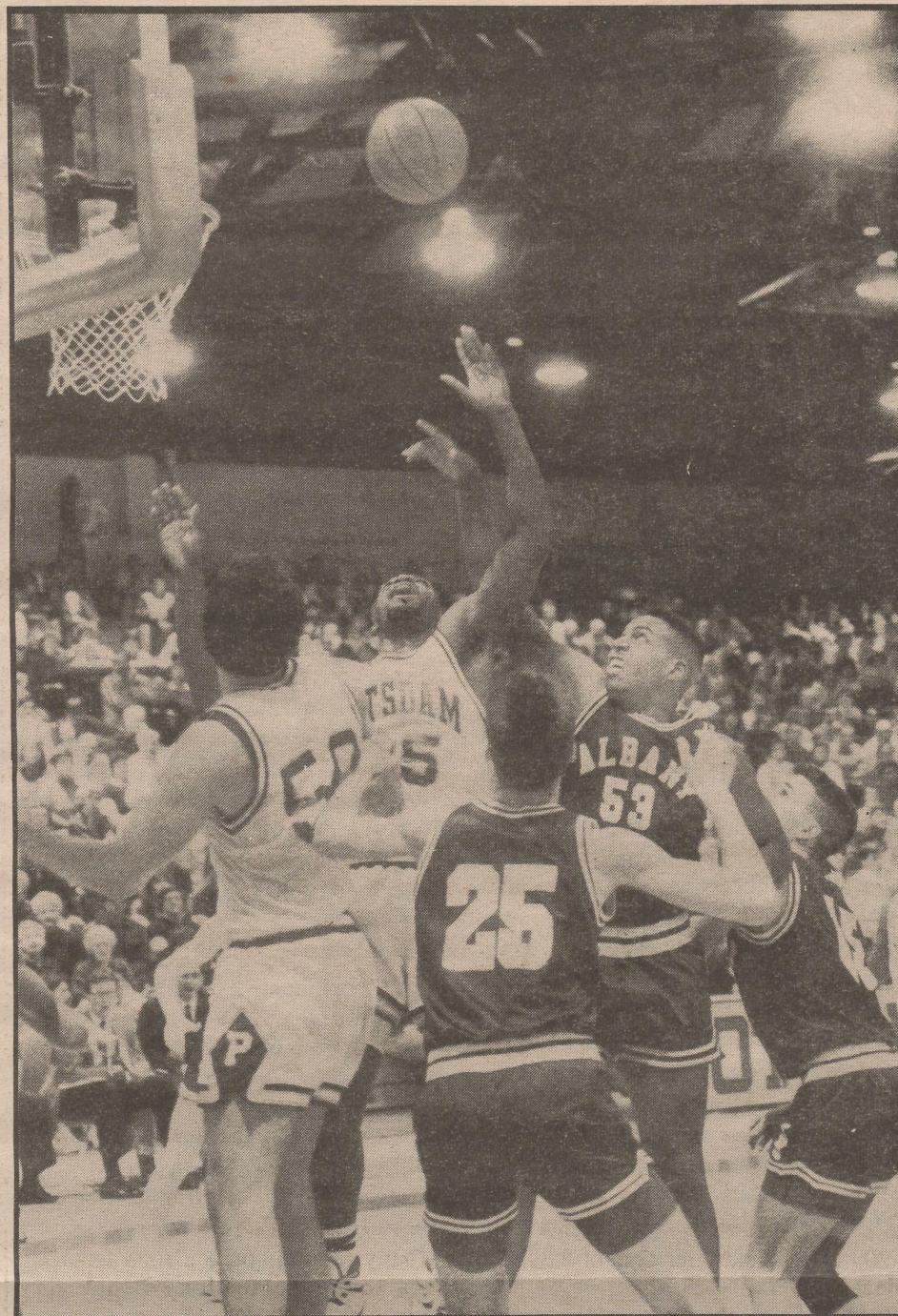
In the opening game on Saturday night, Albany crushed the John Jay Bloodhounds, 71-37.

The Danes opened the game with an eight point run capped off by a jumpshot by Sue Stempsey at 17:43.

Annunziato hit a three pointer at 2:56 to run the score to 38-16, equaling, Albany's biggest lead of the half.

Albany continued their dominance in the second half. Every player on the roster scored with the exception of Wanda Walker who did not play due to a probable season ending knee injury.

Annunziato contributed 14 points, four assists, four steals and three rebounds for the Danes. Teammate Richardson had 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. "The victory was a definite confidence builder,"



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After eliminating John Jay, the Danes lost to Colby in the finals.

Richardson said.

Annunziato and Richardson were both named to the all-tournament team for their efforts.

Albany's next game is on the road against Manhattanville tonight at 7:30.

Walker provides a "spark" for Albany off the bench

By Joshua Rogowsky

Often times major sporting events aren't decided by the marquee player in the game, but instead by one whose name isn't the most prominent. In 1951, Bobby Thompson, hardly a Hall of Fame player, won the N.Y. Giants a pennant by hitting "the shot heard 'round the world'" off Ralph Branca of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Even in the movie 'Hoosiers', the seldom used Ollie came off the bench to sink two free throws to give Hickory a win and propel them to the State Championship.

When the Great Danes traveled to Potsdam on Saturday night to face their arch-rival and nationally ranked Bears, one could have expected their main offensive punch to come from leading scorers Michael Shene and Andy Goodemote.

However, with those two having off nights (five and 10 points respectively) the Danes needed someone else to pick up the slack. That unlikely hero was senior Dennis Walker.

Coming into the 1989-90 season, Walker had taken only 59 shots for the Albany varsity. Already this year, he has taken 112 shots, making 50 including 27 of 54 from three-point land for a sterling 50%.

Against Potsdam, he entered the game

midway through the first half and scored 11 quick points, including three trifectas to turn an 18-10 Bear lead into a 28-22 Dane advantage.

His 16 total points kept Albany in the game until the very end, and his desperate attempt at the buzzer nearly gave the Great Danes a huge upset.

"Dennis has done an outstanding job as our sixth man," Albany Coach Doc Saures said, "He's our best three point shooter and getting well deserved minutes."

With Goodemote returning to the lineup after missing two full seasons, Walker wasn't figuring on getting much playing time, but through hard work and perseverance in pre-season, he earned a spot in the regular rotation.

"Doc switched me to three from two (small forward from off guard)," Walker said, "When I got some important p.t. (playing time) early in the season, it really built my confidence. I like to come in and spark the team. Some times I take bad shots but I always play hard."

Walker was the Danes' high scorer in an early season win over Oneonta, throwing in 14 points and since that time his minutes have increased significantly. Walker's absence (due to an illness) in a one-point loss to Buffalo State, the #2

team in the nation, was a major factor in that defeat.

"His offense gives us a big lift," Saures said, "If he didn't miss the game, it would've improved our chances."

Walker's teammates are impressed with his touch from the outside.

"When Dennis is hot he can hit shots from all over the floor," point guard Stephen Mulderry said, "When a shooter is unconscious like that you just want to get him the ball."

Walker recently moved in with Goodemote, who now calls him 'skin', as a result of a high and tight haircut which a number of Danes including Mulderry, Walker, Goodemote, and Ryan Schoenfeld are now sporting.

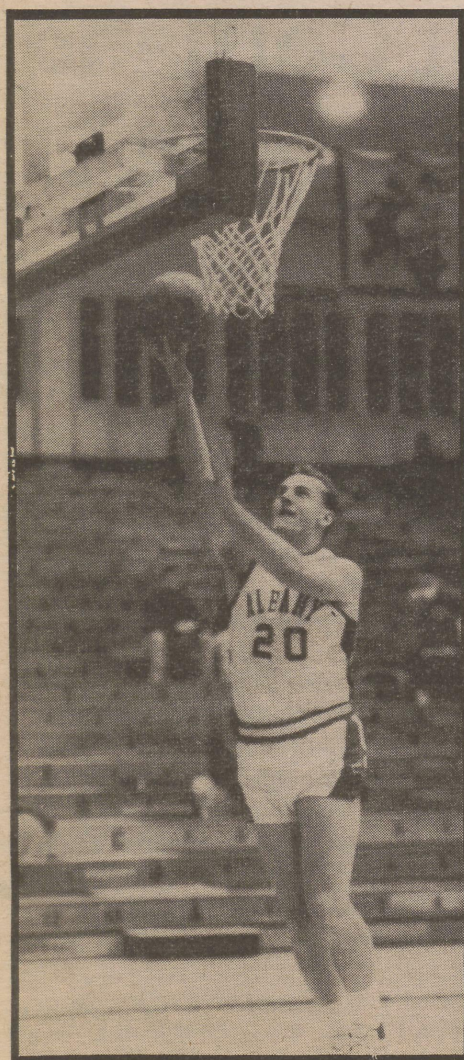
"Skin is a great outside shooter," Goodemote said, "He's been doing so well lately he's getting kind of arrogant."

The Danes loss puts them in a position where they need to win the rest of their games to reach the NCAA Tournament.

"We need to be very motivated for our tough road games," Walker said, "We can win them all but it will take a big effort."

If the Danes had managed to beat Potsdam, the road to the playoffs would be a lot smoother.

"I thought it was going in (the last shot)," Walker added, "When it left my hand it felt real good."



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Walker has provided lift for Albany this season.

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M-Hoops at Ithaca - tonight, 8:00

Potsdam defeats Danes in Maxcy thriller

By Wayne Stock
SPORTS EDITOR

Potsdam's Eric Gardner drilled home a three pointer with 1:30 remaining, in route to a dramatic 56-55 victory over Albany (12-6) Saturday night, before a capacity crowd at Maxcy Hall.

Gardner's trifecta gave the Bears (14-2, 11th in the nation) the lead at 54-52. Potsdam extended their advantage to four, after Corey Dace hit both ends of a one and one at :54.

Albany's Michael Shene then canned a jumper and got fouled at :40. After converting the free throw to pull within one, the Danes trap forced Potsdam's Michael Brown out of bounds at :37.

Alex McClearn then drove the lane and let fly a ten-footer for the Danes that would not fall. Shene got his hands on the rebound but could not convert the follow-

Potsdam's Mike McPeek grabbed the board and was immediately fouled by Dennis Walker at :06. McPeek airballed the front end of the one and one, setting the Danes up for their final shot.

Walker let loose a three point attempt from the left corner that clanked off the back rim at the buzzer.

"Our defense in the second half was as good as it could be," Potsdam coach Jerry Welsh said. "In the first half, we weren't picking up their shooters."

The low score and shooting percentage (34% for Albany, 40% for Potsdam) illustrated the intense defense played on both sides.

"It didn't surprise me," Albany coach Dick Sauers said, commenting on the low score, "when you have two teams that know each other's personnel so well."

Potsdam built their biggest lead of the game, 18-10, following an Anthony

Johnson jump shot at 10:22 of the first half.

The Danes responded with a 9-0 run, capped off by a Walker trifecta at 7:21. Walker had a team high 16 points off the bench, including four of five from three point land.

Albany opened up a six point lead, their largest of the game, following two more Walker trifectas and a jumper at 4:45.

Following a Brown jam and two free throws from Gardner, the Dane lead was cut to two at 1:23. Gardner, an Albany native, had a team high 16 points and pulled down six boards.

Potsdam took a 31-30 lead into the locker room after sophomore Corey Morgan canned a three pointer from the right corner at the buzzer.

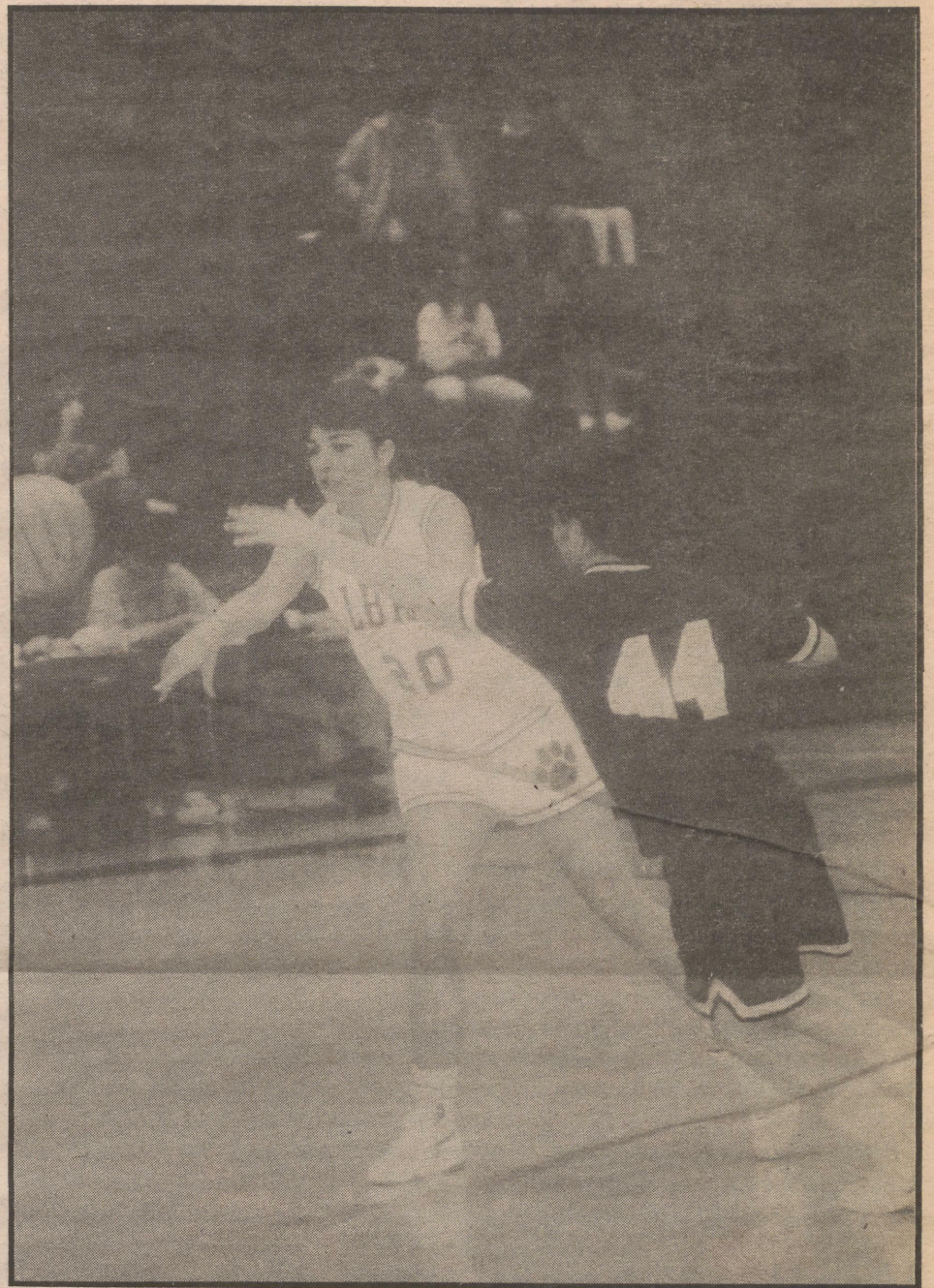
"I didn't know how much time was left," Morgan said, "I just heard the bench yelling for me to shoot...I'm just glad it went in because it gave us some momentum."

Following a lay-up by Potsdam's Anthony Johnson to open up the second half, the Danes went on an 8-0 run. Andy Goodmote capped it off with a 15 foot jumper at 12:25 for a 38-33 advantage.

Goodmote could not seem to find his mark all evening. The 6-1 senior went five for 17 from the field including zero of seven from three point territory, totaling 10 points.

The Bears tied the game at 43 with two McPeek frees at 6:57. Following an Albany time out, the Danes once again found Dennis Walker for his fourth three pointer, and a 46-43 lead at 6:18. The Bears recaptured the lead following

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Albany's Alex McClearn puts up the shot during Danes' 56-55 loss to Potsdam

Wrestlers fall to number one Ithaca

By Adam Dolan
STAFF WRITER

The Albany wrestling team lost to number one ranked and defending national champions, Ithaca, on January 26th, 27-9.

In defeat, the Danes wrestled extremely tough. Victories were recorded by Chris Roberts in the 190 pound weight class over Bill Hansel (5-2) and Steve Mitola won the 118 pound weight class over Passero, 14-7.

The Danes two All-Americans, Chris Zogby and Greg Jones wrestled extremely well, but both dropped their decisions late in the match.

Albany coach Joe Demeo expressed his satisfaction with the team and also that the Danes had the opportunity to wrestle the number one ranked team in the nation. The Ithaca team consists of seven All-Americans.

"I think if nothing else, this meet taught us that we have the talent to compete with top ranked teams, such as Ithaca," Demeo said, "I was very pleased with the performances of our wrestlers, especially Mitola, Roberts, Jones and Zogby."

The Danes were also dealt with a loss of freshman Van Fronhofer to a knee injury. He is expected back soon.

The Danes next meet will take place at home, February 3rd at 1:00 against #4 ranked Cortland and Binghamton.

Men swimmers beat Cortland

By Jerry L. Kahn
STAFF WRITER

In a battle of 1-6 teams, Albany defeated Cortland 121-113 on January 27th.

The lead seesawed between the teams throughout the meet. Neither of the teams swam any of the events in exhibition, except for Albany's last place relay in the final event.

"We had a great meet," co-captain Marc Potash said. Everyone swam well. Our team spirit was incredible. We were barking ... that's our new call. The hard work's been paying off."

With a win in the 400 medley relay, Cortland jumped out to an 11-4 lead. It was quickly cut when the Great Danes' Rob Sullivan won the 1000 freestyle with a time of 11:57.69 to cut the deficit to 18-15.

"Rob Sullivan had an incredible 1000 freestyle," Potash said.

Cortland retaliated by winning the 200 freestyle and taking its biggest lead of the day at 30-21.

Albany came back when Steve Stern, Jason Kaye, and John Bonade finished one-two-three respectively in the 50 freestyle. Their times of 1:22.78, 1:23.48, and 1:24.01 made it 37-33, in favor of Albany.

Cortland returned the favor by capturing the 200 i.m. (individual medley) to cut the lead to 46-43.

They then took the lead by defeating the Danes in the one meter diving. The score was now 56-51.

John Lewis and Potash came in first and second, respectively, for Albany, as the Danes recaptured the lead. Lewis' and Potash's times of 2:19.78 and 2:28.32

changed the score to 64-61, in favor of Albany.

"I dropped ten seconds in the 200 fly," Potash said.

Cortland trimmed the margin to 73-71, after winning the 100 freestyle.

Cortland reclaimed the lead by beating the Danes in the 200 backstroke. The score was 83-80.

Jeff Luks and Aaron Montgomery gave Albany the biggest lead of the meet, when the two finished the 500 freestyle in 5:22.92 and 5:29.05, respectively. The score was now 95-87.

Cortland quickly erased the lead by taking the first two spots in the diving. The score was now 100-98, in Cortland's favor. Cortland raised its lead to 111-106, with a victory in the 200 breaststroke.

It was now the final event, which was the 400 freestyle relay. Cortland just needed to avoid a blowout and Albany needed to win by a fairly large margin.

Albany was the team which fulfilled its requirements. With the foursomes of David Bentley, Aaron Caporuscio, Montgomery, and Kaye, who finished in 3:35.29, and Stern, Bonade, Luks, and Ken Brandeis, who finished in 3:36.57, the Danes managed to win the meet. The final score was 121-113.

"Definitely the highlight of the meet was the B-relay beating the (Cortland) A-relay," Bentley said, "It was a total team effort."

The next scheduled meet for the Danes is on February 1st, against Division I Marist. It will be held at home at 7:00.

"Marist is tough, they are really strong," manager and former Albany swimmer Ed Burton said.