Taxi overcharging situation improving, but fares are still inflated, report says

By Robert Wieland

A follow-up investigation in taxicab charging practices shows that consumers still are being overcharged.

"The students of Albany are being ripped off," says Andrew Greenblatt, a student representative of New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), the group conducting the survey.

In March, NYPIRG revealed that taxicabs were routinely overcharging—especially SUNYA students—by as much as 250 percent.

The follow-up report, released at City Hall Tuesday morning, states that customers are still being overcharged 95.8 percent of the time. Out of 95 passengers polled, only four were charged the correct fare.

The report revealed that each "average multi-fare rider" was charged two and one-half times the correct amount, Greenblatt said.

The survey released Tuesday says "those days are gone," Greenblatt said, that the overcharge factor has decreased to only one and a half.

"It's true, cabdrivers are overcharging, said cab driver Plumhoff. "People don't know the current fare because they don't know how to read the map."

The city of Albany has a "zone system" to set specific fares for cabdrivers to charge. For example, if two students were to take a taxi from State Quad to the Lamp Post, they would be going from Zone "E" to Zone "B," making the correct fare $3.35 (before 6).

The NYPIRG survey also showed that out of 72 people who rode in taxis, only three remember seeing a zone map in the cab. And only one person said he had time to study driving charges by the Code of the City of Albany to "prominently display" the following information: the Chief of Police phone number, zone maps, and badge number of the driver.

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Programming director quits

By Jennifer McCormick

The first vacancy in this year's Student Association executive branch occurred Wednesday when Programming Director Paige McCrensky resigned for "personal reasons." McCrensky served as co-programming director with Rob Berke, and together they were responsible for programming events for SA and its affiliated branches.

McCrensky said her resignation "was best for myself and for SA." SA President Matt Doddo said that although there are no bad feelings, it was "kind of a mutual thing," that McCrensky's personal difficulties had been affecting her job performance.

Berke said that dividing the position between two people, a concept SA instituted last semester, had been hard from the start, explaining that he had done work alone over the summer, making it difficult to incorporate McCrensky into the job once the semester began.

Berke said he was surprised at the resignation. He had attributed the problems to "a slow transition."

"I'm really upset, because she really knows what she's doing and on this campus, a spirited person is a rare thing," Berke said.

One problematic situation resulting from the resignation is that Central Council, SA's legislative branch, was not informed of the resignation at Wednesday's meeting. Some SA officials say this emplifies a communication problem between the two branches.

Internal Affairs Committee Chair Lori Ann Fee said not being informed "really aggravated" her, that to find out Thursday "an ad was placed in the ASP for programming director, and Central Council didn't even know, is appalling."

Central Council representative Jeff Flynn said "we don't think they've been above board with it."

He found out Thursday after noticing her nameplate had been removed from her office door.

Doddo said Council had been informed during the executive reports, and had asked Vice President Steve Harrison to make the announcement because McCrensky had not submitted a written resignation. Doddo said he "was upset" with Harrison, SA President Matt Doddo

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Assemblayman Ed Sullivan

Sullivan urges student unity on dorm issues

By Howard Fox

Ed Sullivan, chair of the New York State Assembly Higher Education Committee, was guest speaker at a residence hall hearing which drew 13 people outside the Student Association Lounge Thursday night.

Sponsored by Student Association of the State University (SASU), topics discussed ranged from dorm self-sufficiency and bathroom maintenance to the presence of asbestos.

The Higher Education Committee of the Assembly deals with, "all education beyond the secondary level: colleges, universities ... vocational licenses, CUNY [City University of New York], SUNY, money for the private sector. New York State gives more to the private sector than all the other states combined," said Sullivan.

Sullivan explained that the dorms used to be subsidized by the State. With self-sufficiency "you [the students] are financially responsible but you, as a class, did not agree to it," said Sullivan. "Look into it to see if it's constitutional."

According to Sullivan the reason for self-sufficiency was bonding which finances big capital structures such as dorms. Payment is thus stretched out. New York state put in a covenant that guaranteed rents in the dorms make the bonds attractive. "That's why rent keeps going up. Dorms must be filled or rent increases. The state needs guaranteed income," said Sullivan.

"Covenants can't be changed but they can't be illegal. Look into it, it could scare people," Sullivan said so a student who didn't like the concept of self-sufficiency.

"You should be allowed normal use of your room to chat, have a party [at 10 p.m.]," said Sullivan, adding students are entitled to "locks, water, repairs ... electricity. This is known as the 'warranty of habitability' but it doesn't legally apply to dorms [which are exempt from the rental law]."

Sullivan urged the audience to not get bemused by names and to concentrate on substance. "Find out what a license or lease does for you," Sullivan suggested as an example for the presence of the license system a person who might want to live in the dorms even though they graduated and no longer attended the university.

"Many groups have flourished because they only had a vague idea of what they wanted," Sullivan said. He emphasized that "you must organize yourself, identify

Weather

Our tickle weather takes a turn for the frigid this weekend. Today looks to be mostly cloudy, with a good chance of light snow mixed with rain before evening. Temperatures will hit 40 early today, but will drop in the afternoon and bottom out somewhere around 20 degrees later today. Very windy tonight. Mixed clouds and light snow showers likely, high in the low 20s. Continued cold Sunday.

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Even if you are being abused because of high rates can get in touch with [Public Safety] on the spot," said Greenblatt.

If the taxidriver doesn't have a badge number, then a $25 fine could be levied against him if a consumer complains, Greenblatt said.

Following release of NYPIRG's March report, the Albany Common Council Taxi Committee held hearings to discuss possible legislation to correct these issues.

Seven months later, no laws have been passed, and the current laws have not been enforced by the City of Albany, Greenblatt contends.

"No legislation has yet been passed, so Albany taxicab passengers are still subject to a poorly regulated system and all too frequent overcharging," Greenblatt said.

NYPIRG held an informal press conference on the stairs of Albany's City Hall to emphasize the fact that it is not the fault of the individual cab drivers, but of the Albany legislature, which they claim has dragged its feet during the last seven months over this issue.

As the legislature decides what it should do, NYPIRG has published a consumer guide to the Albany taxi system, to be distributed in supermarkets, hotels, and SUNYA so students and other consumers will be better educated about the zone system.

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Four new SA positions open for applications

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Soviets sell photos

Moscow (AP) Wheeling slowly in orbit, a Soviet satellite snaps a sharp picture of the Seattle scene 150 miles below: a ship clearing Puget Sound, the Kingdome stadium, factories, jets lined up at an airfield, even Puget Sound, the Kingdome stadium, factories, jets lined up at an airfield, even...Satellite snaps a sharp picture of the Seattle camera with a 1,000mm lens, and other features begun this year to sell Soviet satellite photos and mapping skills abroad.

Our open to do business, and to make money," says Vyacheslav A. Piskulin, general director of Soyuzkarta, a company based in Moscow.

In the opinion of Soviet and Western specialists, however, pictures from a camera with a 1,000mm lens, and other Soviet cameras, surpass anything now available to private users.

Group claims protest

Stockholm, Sweden (AP) A human rights group said Latvians protesting the takeover of their homeland will be held in the CC Perimeter at 6:30 p.m.

The Baltic-Helsinki Group said about 8,000 Latvians fought with police Wednesday in the Latvian cities of Riga and Liebeja. The group, based in Stockholm, cited Latvian exile sources in West Germany. It mentioned many arrests and injuries, but gave no figures. Wednesday was the 69th anniversary of Latvia's independence from Russia on Nov. 18, 1918.

The Nation

Deficit debated

Washington, D.C. (AP) Talks between Congress and the White House on shrinking the deficit are snagged over details of the plan, but negotiators predict they will strike a deal before Friday's deadline.

The bargainers, set to hold a 19th closed-door session today, were hoping to shake hands on a proposal that would save about $30 billion in fiscal 1988, which began Oct. 1, and at least $45 billion more next year. About $9 billion in new taxes this year, and more next year, would be included.

But the negotiators still have several persistent problems to solve, including the threat that even if they reach an agreement, the House or Senate might reject it.

Liberals have complained that more military cuts are needed, while conservatives want more reductions in domestic programs and fewer taxes.

Couple kills teen

Hartford, Conn. (AP) State police say a couple involved in a love triangle with a 17-year-old runaway arranged her triangulation in a wooded area of western Connecticut before going out for pizza.

Raymond E. King, 17 and Katherine Wirkowski, 25, of Goshen N.Y., on Wednesday were charged with murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Mary Vickery of Shipman, Ill., state police said.

King was being held on $250,000 and Wirkowski was awaiting extradition from New York.

King's aunt, Joanne Moore, 35, of New Fairfield, was charged with intentionally aiding to commit murder and ordered held on $100,000 bond pending arraignment today, state police said.

The State

Immigrant shot

New York (AP) Police are unsure if the execution-style shooting of a Russian immigrant on probation and awaiting trial on weapons charges had any connection to the "Russian Mafia," a small Brooklyn gang.

The shooting Wednesday of Boris Rubinov, 31, occurred several hours before another Russian immigrant was shot twice in the back on a Brooklyn street. Police said they did not know if the shootings were related.

Rubinov was found shot five times after the car he had been driving was smashed into a parked car in Brooklyn, police said.

A law enforcement source, who asked not to be identified said Rubinov's arrest record, which dated to 1983, included charges of being a pickpocket, unlawful possession of a weapon, grand larceny and menacing.

Gates: trial was just

Albany (AP) Wygie Gates, the 18-year-old convicted of conspiracy in the shooting deaths of four members of his household, believes justice was done at his trial, according to an interview on the ABC news program "20/20.

According to a transcript of the interview obtained by the Albany Times-Union, Gates answers a number of questions about himself and family, but is committed to the crime.

Wygie Gates was charged with eight counts of murder, but was convicted only of planning the deaths. Despite a confession, jurors said they could not convict Gates of murder because his rights were violated when a lawyer was barred from the room during police questioning.

Blake found guilty

Syracuse (AP) Convicted murderer William R. Blake Jr. was found guilty of robbery and drug charges that could add another 12 and one half years to a prison sentence that already stretches well into the next century.

The verdict was returned Wednesday in the same courtroom where Blake was found guilty in June of murdering Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputy David R. Clark. After the jury foreman finished reading the verdict about 6 p.m., Blake turned to his attorney, smiled and said, "Better luck next time.'_

Blake faces a maximum sentence of 12 and a half to 25 years for the new conviction, Senior Assistant District Attorney Richard P. Plechocki said he will ask Auser to impose that sentence and order Blake to serve for killing Clark and wounding Deputy Bernard J. Meleski.

The robbery and drug possession occurred a few days before Clark and Meleski were shot Feb. 10 outside DeWitt Town Court.

Visiting County Judge Wallace Van C. Auser sentenced him for Dec. 3.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free Listings

FRIDAY, NO. 20
Telethon '88 Dance marathon will be held in the CC Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. This year's theme is Dirty Dancing.

The Jewish Student Coalition is holding Shabbat, Traditional in the Shabbos House (corner of Fuller and Perimeter) at 6:30 p.m.

Conservative Services will be held in CC 375 at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Russell Sage College will be showing Yellow Submarine today and tomorrow in the Schacht Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m. Admission is $1.

SATURDAY, NO. 21
Biloxi Blues will be showing tonight for the last time in the Performing Arts Center, Main Theatre at 8 p.m. $6 for the general public. $4 for students and senior citizens.

The Roman Catholic Community Council is sponsoring A Night at the Movies in CC 375 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcomed. Free refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY, NO. 22
The Hartwick College Choir of Oneonta, the SUNYA Chorale and The University Community Orchestra will be performing Mendelssohn's Elijah in the Main Theatre at 7 p.m. General Admission is $3, students $1. Tickets will be available at the door one hour before the concert.

The Off Campus Association will hold its regular weekly meeting at 2 p.m. in the Washington Tavern.

The Class Council of 1988 will hold its regular weekly meeting at 9 p.m. in the SA lounge.

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New members are welcomed.

Russell Sage College will be showing The Lion in Winter in the Schacht Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m. Admission is $1.

MONDAY, NO. 23
The Central Council Safety Committee will hold its regular weekly meeting in the SA lounge at 9 p.m.

Peace Project will hold its regular weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in CC 361.

COMING SOON TUESDAY, DEC. 1
CUE will be sponsoring a special meeting for Pre-Health students (juniors only) in p.m. in LC 5.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6
Friendship Across Borders, an international gathering, will be held in the PAC lounges at 3 p.m. The topic will be Brazilian mystique, music and singing.
Budgets approved

Wednesday's Central Council meeting passed two budget lines for two organizations previously not Student Association Funded: the SA Supreme Court and the Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (SCARR).

Supreme Court received $435 to be divided among SA services, secretary, wages, room rentals, and supplies. David Ettinger, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was pleased with the budget, saying, "I feel this is a big step for the SA Supreme Court. The funding that Central Council has provided will allow the Supreme Court to run in an efficient and proper manner."

SCARR, for $20, to be split between conference fees and SA services. They had applied for a budget last year, but were rejected and did not appeal. Receiving these fundings moves the two groups from being simply SA recognized to funded status. The fundings will be coming out of the Emergen-
sity Spending Funds of Central Council, according to the discussion at Wednesday's meeting.

Coke is in!

Club Coca-Cola, a corporate-sponsored fund-raising tour is scheduled to come to the University Gym Saturday beginning at 10 p.m.

The event is a dance club party, co-sponsored by the Coca-Cola corporation and Student Association programs. Large screen TVs and a sound system will be set up in the gym especially for the event. Admission is $5 to making students eligible for the door prize an answer sheet.

This event is being scheduled despite University Auxiliary Service's Pepsi-Cola contract for exclusive distribution of Pepsi products. Club Coca-Cola, however, is independent of UAS.

Chairman elected

Dr. Rajender Abraham of Albany was recently elected chairman of the Northeastern chapter executive committee of the Federation of Jews, and director on Nov. 31 by Pat Fattibene, the executive director.

Abraham has served on the executive committee for three years, during the third year as treasurer. An ex-professor of toxicology, pharmacology, and toxicological pathology, he is presently employed as a professor at the SUNYA School of Public Health.

For 30 years, the March of Dimes has been raising money to conduct research to help keep babies healthy. This year, the March of Dimes, announced Nov. 11 by Pat Fattibene, the executive director. Committee for three years, during the March of Dimes, announced Nov. 11 by Pat Fattibene, the executive director.
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Career women discuss job market experience

By Heather Levi

Is it possible for women to "have it all" in our highly complex and fast-paced world? This was discussed in a seminar sponsored by the New York State Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

A panel of six career women from a wide spectrum of fields spoke about their experiences as working women. The panel included Chris Kapostasy, co-anchor for the six and eleven o'clock news on Channel 13; Louise Stoney, executive director for the New York State Child Care Coordinating Council; Bonnie Spanner, director of Women Studies at SUNYA; Marie Maxwell, director of Nursing at the Albany Medical Center daycare center; and Loreta Benjamin-Samuels, Residential Life operations coordinator.

Kapostasy discussed women's career development, saying, "There is discrimination in broadcasting as well as in any profession...there are two ways for women to become a TV co-anchor. One way is to go to school and work hard in the fields of journalism and broadcasting. The second way is to enter a beauty contest..."

Kapostasy added, "It is not going to get better for women until there are women in key management positions."

Two other panelists also discussed problems working in a male-dominated field.

Benjamin-Samuels said, "I work mainly with men and the challenge I face everyday is being gentle and soft as well as acting like a man."

"I have to work not only at the level of my male co-workers but at a higher level," said Benjamin-Samuels.

Maxwell added, "I have moved up the ladder and am now in a management position. There is a lot of stress but also a great deal of satisfaction."

Another main issue raised at the seminar was that of childcare. "The major responsibility for child care is still up to the woman," said McArdle.

According to Stoney, "Women are turning back the clock and taking a personal responsibility. This is the whole superwoman issue."

"We have to act and stop taking personal responsibility," said Stoney. "We have to change our society and our government." All panelists agreed that the nation needs to help in general with this childcare problem and that childcare needs to be a more of a shared responsibility between spouses.

According to Stacey Millman who organized the program, "This project originated when we (NYPIRG) were thinking about career barriers for women. Upon doing research, we discovered that one of the main things that prevents the advancement of women in the workforce is childcare."

"This problem does affect the college woman. In 5 to 10 years college women will be in the workforce and within 10 to 15 years they will be having children," said Millman. "The best way to educate the college woman is learning from women in the workforce today.

Students generally reacted to the program in a very positive way.

According to senior Sherrie Ballario, "I thought the program was really interesting although it doesn't apply to my particular situation. However, it's good to start thinking about it."

Junior Ira Cohen said, "I felt that a lot of things came out that I didn't know about. It will make me think twice when I decide to have kids of my own." Millman added, "I was ecstatic that there was an equal balance of men and women in the audience. It proves that childcare is a family issue not just a 'women's issue.'"
Lankowski emphasizes well-rounded educating

By John Malitzis

Radical in thinking, but caring at heart, Professor Carl Lankowski is an intelligent and concerned man involved with the students and University.

As a professor of political science, Lankowski is dedicated to educating the SUNYA student body. Lankowski, who considers himself a "Europeanist," teaches an array of courses in comparative politics and international relations, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Out of the many courses he teaches, Lankowski is probably best known for Introduction to Comparative and International Relations, or POS 102. He aims to create in his course "an integrating moment so what is learned in one field will be better related in another." He presents to his students many paradigms or models for them to analyze, criticize and discuss.

His course is structured vigorously because he "perceives it as a liberal arts experience, which is lacking at this University." He desires to make up for the gap which exists in this University.

Furthermore, he believes the administrators and professors have not tackled the virtually impossible task of determining "what courses make a well-rounded student." He reasons that because there are so many transfers, there tends to be non-uniformity in the student's education.

Lankowski does say he likes the students and says they are comparable to those at the Ivy League schools. "They listen to Prof. Carl Lankowski in a relaxed mood new ideas and what you have to say," adding he thinks the students are bright, willing, and eager to learn.

He is stimulated by the fact "we are in a research environment." Another advantage for him is he is allowed to teach both undergraduates and graduates.

While pursuing his doctoral thesis, Lankowski spent much time in Germany gathering information on the Green Party. While there a second time, he taught at the University of Konstanz.

Presently, he is working with a graduate and undergraduate student researching protests by the Green Party since 1963. They are preparing for the writing of a major grant to be funded by the National Science Foundation.

He is involved in almost every aspect of the University since he is a member of the social science committee examining the general education requirements, and is also on the undergraduate committee for the political science department.

Lankowski attended the Undergraduate School of Foreign Services of Georgetown University. He later moved on to Columbia University's Department of Political Science where he received his doctorate. The divergent ideologists or moods of the two schools he attended shaped his views and ideas. Where Georgetown is very conservative, and boasts many of "Reagan's people," Columbia is very liberal.

At Columbia, he was active in anti-apartheid and divestment movements, as well as the successful movement to keep Henry Kissinger out of Columbia. Being parts of those movements helped shape his views and ideas.

After receiving his doctorate from Columbia, he then taught at Hobart and on to SUNYA.

"People want to come to SUNY Albany," said Lankowski enthusiastically, "I had a couple of possibilities, but I chose here.

He believes that within the next 20 years, SUNYA "will be among the top 20 [in the country] in political science in undergraduate and graduate, despite the limited resources." Aiding this, believes Lankowski, will be the Graduate and Undergraduate Initiatives.

Outside of his work at the University, Lankowski loves foreign films. He also spends much time with his wife raising their two sons Matthew and Alex.

Lankowski challenges his students to think, reason, and open their minds to enlighten them. He brings into the classroom and his involvement with the administration, his vast knowledge and experience. He is concerned for the University, his research, his students, and the quality of education here at Albany.
Despite rules, residents house strange pets

By Bryan Sierra

Many students may find the idea of having a pet in their dorms very appealing, but unless you're an avid lover of tropical fish, you'll find that SUNYA may not allow your favorite animal friend in the dorms.

According to John Murphy, Associate Director of Residential Life and Housing, the Residence Licence specifically prohibits all pets other than tropical fish in the dorms.

According to Murphy, the University is sensitive to the basic health standards of the students. Therefore permitting pets in the dorms would create unsafe, unsanitary conditions for the students, Murphy said. Sanitation is the big problem, Murphy said. The University does not have the proper facilities to care for the needs of individual pets, he added.

The rule was initiated to protect the rights of roommates in these situations. Many people do not like pets, and it would be unfair to a student to impose an unwanted pet upon his or her roommates or suitemates, Murphy said. However, many students feel that if basic sanitary conditions are met and there is no conflict with roommates or suitemates, they should be allowed to keep a pet on campus.

Some students think smuggled snakes may make good pets.

One Indian Quad resident said that his suitemates agreed to get a hamster "since it's quiet, clean, and no problem to anyone." And residents of one Dutch Quad suite agreed that "as long as our frogs don't bother anybody, why should there be a rule saying we can not have them?"

However, there are pets being kept on campus other than small hamsters or frogs. Quite a few students admitted housing cats in their rooms. One student even said she had a parakeet. Although she knew about the rules, she does not regret getting the bird, "it's something to look at other than these ugly walls," she said.

Many students agreed with this, adding that pets add a home-like environment to the rooms that they're sorely lacking. One student living off-campus this year said that she had a boa constrictor in her dorm room last year. She bought it because it was an interesting pet, and because "pets are an enjoyable part of life, and serve a positive purpose," she added.

A few weeks before school ended, Murphy said that this was the standard procedure. If a Resident Assistant finds the pet, he may ask the student to remove it. The only time action is taken, Murphy added, is if the student does not remove the pet or if he blatantly disregards the rules of the University.

Other than the usual domestic pets, Murphy said that there has not been a strange assortment of pets on campus because students are aware of the rules regarding pets.

While Murphy said that pets are incompatible with an educational environment, one student disagreed. She said she worked as a biology lab assistant and brought her pet snake to class. The teacher "wasn't disturbed," Murphy said.

In reference to next weeks extended vacation, Murphy warned, "if there are pets other than tropical fish, please take them home." He added that during any recess, a pet left on campus may become sick or die.

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EDITORIAL

Reaching out

Dorm tenants rights is an issue that's been floating around campus ever since SUNY announced that dorm rooms will be self-sufficient, meaning that dorm rates would be set to cover the costs of operating the individual dorms. Some student leaders felt that students were now being treated as renters and therefore should have the same rights granted to those who sign a lease and live in an apartment or house. Most recently, the student representatives - the elected student representatives in both SA and SASU - should find out. The University currently has the right to inspect dorm rooms whenever it wants. Student rights are being infringed upon, some say.

But just how many students are actually complaining? Judging from the turnout at Thursday night's open forum with New York State Assemblyman Ed Sullivan, chair of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee, it's not too many. The forum was billed as a "hearing on residence hall conditions," and only 13 students showed up. All but one were from Student Association or SASU.

Are dorm tenants rights what the average student cares about? Or is it an issue that was created and is being promoted by student leaders without strong backing from their constituents? Perhaps our elected student representatives - in both SA and SASU — should find out.

Most of the input SA gets from students comes in the form of someone complaining about something or other. A student's room has mice or somebody can't have a Tupperware party because the University prohibits private enterprise in the dorms, but what about the other 99 percent of the students who don't walk into SA's doors with a problem?

So just reach out to them. It has to find out what they would like their student government to do. A simple survey could accomplish just that — and answer the question of whether or not SA is wasting its time on dorm tenants rights.

Pet peeves?

Mary had a little lamb
Its fleece was white as snow
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go

It followed her to SUNYA one day
Who would have thought
It made the children laugh and play
To see a lamb at school...

Poor Mary. Too bad she didn't have tropical fish.

They're the only pets students are allowed to keep in the dorms, but that hasn't stopped a sizeable number of students from harboring kittens, snakes, birds and ferrets behind closed doors.

But do these animals create problems? That all depends.

Ultimately, the University has a responsibility to its students to maintain sanitary dorms and promote an educational atmosphere there. When animals come in the way of this, the rights of students who pay for their dorm space should supersede the rights of free-loading pets.

To effectively handle the situation, the University has a blanket policy banning all pets without exception. This means that if any student objects to an animal in the dorms, it will be removed immediately.

Pets that aren't a problem are those pets that are well trained andFriendly. They tend to stay in rooms and no one notices them, nobody complains, nobody finds out and nobody cares. But just in case you happen to walk into your room to find a gorilla in your bed, it's nice to know that you can have it evicted mighty quick.

The University, however, doesn't have to be too concerned that its dorms are literally turning into zoos. At least not until Mary's lamb can keep up with her car coming up the Thruway.

COLUMN

Reagan's war on peace

If history is a testament to man's short-sightedness, selfishness and plain ignorance, then the Reagan administration is just adding another chapter by its attempts to finance and prolong a war in Central America which undermines the steps for peace taken by the region's heads of state.

Guillermo A. Martinez

The policy being pursued by the President is nothing new and has been a fact contributing to the poverty, underdevelopment and political instability of Central America for decades, as Right-wing dictators have been given the power to attempt to promote American interests — economic and political. With no real concern for the people's problems, these bureaucratic-authoritarian regimes have created worse situations and in their attempts to stay in power, under great pressure from populist movements struggling for a share of power and wealth, have resorted to creating death squads. Their intention is to arrive at an orderly society through mass murder, terrorism and sabotage of opposing groups. A look at the Civil Rights abuses committed by El Salvador is a perfect example as American guns and money were used and still are being used to wipe out the civil population because their social uprising creates instability and an arena for socialist and communist groups seeking to implement their policies in hope to better the awful conditions in which these people live. It has been estimated that 125,000 Salvadoran men, women and children have been murdered by these death squads. These figures are conservative because they are derived from the bodies which are found. Tens of thousands more are missing. The carnage is unbelievable and yet American policy is persistent in its attempts to use force as a means of diplomacy and short term solution to the area's problems.

Nicaragua, however, has been a different story as of 1979. In July of that year, the Sandanistas took control of the country from a family which for 40 years had reigned the people of Nicaragua to poverty through massive oppression and death. Throughout the 40 years which the Somoza family maintained control, American weapons and financial support never stopped until the Carter administration and its quest for peace saw an alternative with the Sandanista movement. There was a problem, however, not to the Nicaraguan people, but to American politicians — the Sandanistas are socialists and no matter if this was the solution to the social and economic problems of the region it could not be allowed to survive.

Just like the Allende government in Chile back in 1973, it was a government put into office by popular elections but its socialist nature led the Nixon administration to destroy the country economically in order to weaken the parties in control and the CIA added the finishing touch in helping to assassinate Salvador Allende, Chile's president.

In Reagan's pursuit of antiquated goals and ideals, he has allowed the CIA to mine Nicaraguan harbors and even though he doesn't admit to it, stood by as a much younger colonel broke national law (Boland Amendment) and conducted a monarch rape foreign policy which financed the president's freedom fighters. That is, if you can call Somozas ex-national guard, the same group which terrorized and murdered tens of thousands as freedom fighters.

The President has tried to persuade the American public on the threat of the Sandanistas. He has presented their military strength, the largest in Central America, as a threat to peace, but he doesn't realize that it is the fear of the Sandanistas of a U.S. invasion which leads them to a military build-up. Reagan accuses them of mistreating the Church but he probably doesn't understand that the Church in Nicaragua is not its ten bishops, which are advocates for its displaced upper class, but the 3 million Catholics which have lived in conditions worse than anything imaginable. If Reagan is so concerned about the mistreatment of the Church in Latin America why doesn't he denounce the Pinocchio government in Chile which is suppressing the Catholic Church at all levels, both national and local? Why hasn't Reagan said anything about the priests and nuns being murdered by this America-backed dictator in Chile? Reagan attacks the Sandanistas for their ties with communist states but is it not a fact that perhaps if the United States accepted the Sandanistas as a socialist government with a legitimate concern for its people, not as some 1940's ideology to make the world communist, it could probably help develop its economy and stabilize the region through financial support, thereby eliminating the Nicaraguan dependency on Marxist government. This would be an alternative to arming a rebel group, which members average age is 17 years old.

One has to ask why is the Reagan administration so preoccupied with Nicaragua, a country which has a population of 3 million of which 1.5 million are children, children under 15 years of age. Why does this administration create more hardship for these people? Why can't Reagan use his position to create some real change in the world? Do his policies have any ideology? If they do, which will benefit American interest while also preserving the dignity of an adequate life in Nicaragua?

What is going on is that Reagan wants to remove a different individual with such a vendetta towards the Sandanistas for taming his presidency and macho image that he will go to extremes, even violating the law of our constitution. This is not a man guided by logic or any type of rationale. He maintains his stance and is asking Congress for almost a quarter of a billion dollars to keep financing a bunch of guerrillas who can't agree on who to attack — peasants or Sandanista troops.

Reagan's persistence on the issue is creating even greater problems. The President of Costa Rica, Oscar Arias Sanchez, constructed a strategy for negotiation and peace in Central America which four other presidents in the area have signed and endorsed. This is a start to creating some stability and communication between opposing factions in the region. It calls for a cease-fire, an amnesty for the Contras, as well as insurgents in El Salvador. Reagan opposes the proposal and has said he wants more military aid for the Contras. Therefore, Reagan is standing in the way for a peaceful approach to the great problems of Central America. The Administration has helped push Colonel North's slide show on the Contras to colleges and universities around the country in an attempt to misinform the American people on the real problems and the alternatives to a military conflict in the region, an undertaking which should be so hard since most Americans never learn about their neighbors to the South. Perhaps it is left out of any high school curriculum in an attempt to raise support against those minority-stricken people if the need for American troops in the region is ever needed.

Just think of this, how long before Mexico becomes another unstable and revolutionary state (the PRL — Institutionalized Revolutionary Party — doesn't live up to its name) trying to overthrow Mexico's "single party"?
Let's talk turkey!
Ah, Thanksgiving...

Family dinners, football games, the works. Tons of fun, right? Well... Before I actually begin my tale, dear reader, let me explain something pretty crucial; it's about my Mom. She's the kindest-hearted person you'd ever hope to meet, and these compassionate feelings become quite pronounced during the holiday season — Thanksgiving in particular.

It seemed a normal, ordinary Thanksgiving... until I found out who was coming to dinner.

"The Greenes?! Mom, you don't even like them that much," was my shocked reply upon learning the news.

"Now, honey, they're not so bad. And besides, they didn't have anyone else to spend the day with."

"What about their kids?"

"Nice try, but you know they don't have any," Mom told me. We were snagged... again. The only saving grace was that Grandma and Grandpa would be there. Yes, I was thankful for the little things that Thanksgiving.

In and of themselves, I don't suppose the Greenes were that horrible. But when you started taking certain things into account (like the fact that they had their dog's nails polished — usually red), then they became very strange. Very strange.

"This should be interesting. I thought. Boy, was I ever right.

You see, my grandparents had never met the Greenes, so they were in for a real treat. (Hee hee!)

The Greenes — Joe and Bertha — arrived early in the afternoon (oh, joy of joys), all set for a fun-filled day of conversation, eating, parades, eating, ball games, eating, and giving thanks (for the stuff we had to eat).

Surprisingly, things were going along pretty smoothly. Grandma and Grandpa were holding their own, conversing pleasantly with the Greenes, who were behaving themselves quite well. Dad was watching the game; my younger brother Patrick was on the phone (and they thought J was bad with that thing!). All this went on while Mom and I were cooking in the kitchen where Smokey (our faithful family dog, who thinks he's real) was keeping diligent watch for any random flying scraps of turkey, etc.

Yes, the world was at peace, and all was well on that pleasant Thursday. Until.


And what she wound up doing was giving us the punchline to what has since become a major inside joke, way up there on the family's top ten list.

"How's everyone?" (Please note the sarcasm in that... she did.) "Oh, just fine. Why do you ask?"

"No reason. Just curious."

Well, Grandma got what she had come into the kitchen for, or so she thought. Halfway back to the living room, she turned around and came back, with a look on her face that meant she hoped they (the now-infamous Greenes) hadn't seen her.

"Forget something?"

"What's his name? Grandma looked from me to Mom and back again.

"Who?" We asked almost simultaneously.

"The fat man." (Did I forget to mention that Joe weighed about 350-400 pounds?!) "What?" Then, almost as an afterthought, "Shhh!"

"What's the fat man's name? Harry?"

Well, Mom and I lost it on that one. Harry?! Where the hell'd she get that from?! And to top it off, Grandma was sometimes (especially this time) a lot louder than she thought. It was all we could do to get out Joe's name between the laughs.

Every since, whenever we've had company for Thanksgiving dinner (no, thankfully, the Greenes haven't been back since that fateful long day's journey into night), one of us will always walk into the kitchen and do a repeat performance of "What was the fat man's name? Harry?"

Ah, Thanksgiving...
Going back in time with Beehive

I t was a show that overflowed with potential, but which only dripped on stage. Beehive, a chronologically musical revue of rock and roll of female artists of the 1960s, had many elements of a spectacular production, but was lacking in a strong story line.

Matthew Mann

The show is narrated by Wanda, one of the female artists. She portrays a teenager growing up during this era, who recalls how she and her friends imitated the great performers in her garage. Often, the only indication that she was in the narrator role was that she was wearing a juvenile dress. However, this did not always prove to be an accurate determinant, as she also sang with the 'pop' singers she was remembering.

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The show is named Beehive after a song which the Shangri-Las would not want to be associated. Fortunately, from that point on, the music improved. As 'time' progressed, and the music and artists changed, the clothing and wigs did also, intensifying the effect. The 32 wigs moved women from the 'beehive' style (hair teased and piled) to the natural (just what it sounds like). Satin and chiffon gave way to the mini skirt and then to bell-bottom jeans, while the music progressed from rock and roll through the British invasion to Woodstock.

Each musical chapter was marked with a musical change, left unanswered questions due to vagueness in the costumes and wigs. The best aspect of the show was the forty-one songs, starting with the innocent early sixties memories like 'My Boyfriends Back' and 'Sweet Talkin' Guy,' and ending with the more meaningful 'Kind of Music,' while commenting on the music improved.

The biggest of this film's many surprises is the company that it came from. New Line Cinema has existed for 20 years largely on very successful ultra low-budget horror films (sub-$500,000 budget) such as The Last House On The Left, The Texas Chain Saw Massacre, and The Hills Have Eyes. They branched out into the low-budget market with 1984's Nightmare On Elm Street, followed up by its two sequels. Nightmare 2 is their most recent release. The film different are very human acting, humorous, script.

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The real key to The Hidden's success is the interplay between Nouri and MacLachlan. Nouri, primarily a TV actor (Bay City Blues, Rage of Angels) handles his role of special effects, resisting the temptation to overact, and he never lets his character's hesitency degenerate into stupidly. He carefully devotes equal amounts of energy to portraying all the different sides of Beck's personality, intertwining macho to familyman tender. And through his efforts, Nouri makes Beck very human.

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Ed Vaira

The plot begins as a seemingly ordinary businesswoman, Jack DeVries (Chris Mulkey), walks into a bank, pulls out a shotgun and kills two guards. The ensuing getaway scene in a stolen Ferrari makes some interesting in time with Beehive

The cast of Beehive

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It was a windy, stormy day when the Pilgrims landed in the New World to make a home for themselves. Captained by the brave and bold Miles Standish, the Mayflower hit Plymouth Rock with a crash so hard that Standish’s black knickers fell to his ankles. Although a tremendous amount of people originally set sail for America, only a small percentage managed to survive the rocky waters. One such survivor was a young Pilgrim woman named Betsy. She was who she judged, tended to the elder, and still had enough time three times a day to serve Captain Standish his black coffee with cream and sugar.

Not many people know this chapter of the Thanksgiving story. However, it is imperative to understand and totally know what Miss Betsy is all about. You see, if it weren’t for Miss Betsy and her husband, the American tradition of Thanksgiving would not be an annual event.

Miss Betsy, very much enamored of Captain Standish, bade her entire New World-bound journey on pleasing the Captain in every way possible. Unfortunately for Betsy, however, Standish’s feelings were not reciprocal. His every move was to ensure that his followers got to the New World safely. This was a very difficult task, being that Mother Nature was not on his side. Everything seemed to go wrong with the trip such as famine, wind, frost, storm and death.

But lo and behold, on that windy day in 1620, Captain Standish, followed by his secret admirer, Miss Betsy, set foot on Plymouth Rock.

"Ay!", said Standish. "We have reached the New World! Let us rejoice, for this is our new home!" Miles was so proud of the Captain’s bravery that she gave the man a hug and said, "Good work, Captain. You are the bravest man I’ve ever known."

"You straightly at him and batted her eyes flirtatiously.

"Let’s go Pilgrimage! We have a world to create!" Standish gave Miss Betsy a tissue, "Here Miss Betsy, you must have a lash in your eye."

Miss Betsy, very disappointed, did not despair. She knew that one day she would gain Standish’s love and have him to herself.

The Pilgrims walked on further until they found a nice flat, open, set up a "camp". Houses had to be built, and food had to be found. However, a slight problem arose. Before they had time to put their baggage down on the ground, the Pilgrims were approached by dark, red men with feathers in their long, brown hair.

"The Hawk of the Indian."

"By boat, of course," Betsy responded, naïvely rolling her eyes.

"We are not alone. We wish to cause no harm," the Indian stated. He was probably the chief. However, he was very young, and extremely handsome. His long hair blew in the breeze.

Standish extended his hand to shake the Indian’s. "I am Captain Miles Standish, captain of the Mayflower and leader of the Pilgrims. We, too, wish no harm."

"I am called Squanto," the Indian replied. "What brings you to our land?"

Standish explained the whole story of the dominant king and their long journey. In return, the Indians gave the Pilgrims corn and helped them build houses.

One starry night, Betsy was alone in her cabin and feeling blue. Since the Indians started teaching men how to hunt and harvest, Captain Standish was not paying much attention to Miss Betsy. Angry at this, and determined to get her man, Miss Betsy put on the most revealing piece of lingerie she owned and quietly snuck into Standish’s house. Being a light sleeper, Standish awoke immediately to see Miss Betsy’s near bare bosom close to his face.

"Miss Betsy," Standish jumped up, he was very shocked. "Is everything alright?"

Seductively, Betsy walked closer to the bed. "I'm scared, Captain." She used a very sexy voice. "I need to be with somebody. I don't want to sleep in my cabin all alone. I'm so frightened."

Betsy got into bed next to the Captain. Standish, being a proud gentleman, explained to her that normally, it would be improper for a woman to be in bed with him, but since he regarded her as a daughter, it's O.K. Standish then got out of bed, and went into another room in his cabin to sleep.

Very angry, Betsy got up and decided to try another tactic.

"That's it," she said to herself putting on her sandals. "There's only one way to get to this man... jealousy."

Quickly, Betsy left Standish’s cabin and went out into the dark Massachusetts night air once again. Looking around, she spotted Squanto’s tepee and hurried to it. She ran in to find Squanto sleeping under his covers. Quietly, she crept under his covers with him, and started kissing him.

"Waking up groggily, Squanto turned to her, "Miss Betsy, What is this you are doing? Is there something Squanto could help you with?"

Grabbing his long, brown, silky hair and staring directly into his eyes, Miss Betsy said, "Oh, Squanto, I think you are so beautiful. I was admiring you today, watching you plant that corn in the fields. Oh, what a muscular Indian you are." Miss Betsy started to breathe heavily into his ear. Squanto was beginning to breathe heavily as well. Betsy continued, "I think I think I think I'm very attracted to you, Squanto. I'll bet you and I could make better music with each other than you can with that old Peace Pipe of yours."

Squanto was breathing, even harder now. His bare, muscular Indian chest was throbbing to the beat of his heart. He grabbed Miss Betsy and started kissing her passionately.

Nobody really knows what happened in that tepee, but Captain Standish heard from the Plymouth gossip, Josephine, that Betsy and Squanto were together in his tepee.

One day, while hunting with Squanto, Standish asked him about his activities with Miss Betsy the night before.

"There is an ancient Indian saying: If woman enters tepee, you must satisfy her, or it will defiance of the natural laws." Squanto smiled to himself, knowing how gullible the white man was to propose marriage.

This was all that was mentioned about Squanto and Miss Betsy.

It was a late November morning when Miss Betsy decided to tell Miles Standish exactly how she felt about him. He was out hunting some turkey when Miss Betsy approached him.

"Miles," she said, "I am absolutely infatuated with you. I've loved you ever since the first day we boarded the Mayflower. If you don't feel the same way, I'll absolutely kill myself. Say you love me, please." Tears were falling from Miss Betsy’s eyes as she literally threw herself onto him.

Standish was shocked. He could say nothing. He took her hand and kissed it gently.

"I'll give you my answer tonight, Betsy," Standish said. Squanto was a bit puzzled. "Come to my home at sundown, and I will tell you then." He walked away from her to continue his hunting.

Standing alone, Betsy began to pray. Slowly, Squanto came up behind her and grabbed her. He began kissing Miss Betsy, but she tried to resist but she could.

"Get your red, silly hands off me!" she yelled. "I don't want you, Squanto." As she walked away, Squanto was very confused.

"White woman. How do you figure them out?" asked the chief.

"I'll give you my answer tonight, Betsy," Standish said. "What am I going to tell all of the Plymouth gossip?" Miss Betsy was crying.

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You must dedicate your friendship to get over this young, girlhood crush. Wiping her tears, Betsy looked at the chief and said, "I promise," Betsy said. "But I just wish that I will always think of you as my friend."

Back at her home, Betsy made the assumption that Josephine would now come to propose marriage, and decided to throw a big reception in honor of their engagement. She hastily sent her friend to kill a large turkey while she sat a table bedecked with corn, vegetables, and flowers.

At sundown, the Pilgrims and Indians sat around the table to await the guests of honor.

"Betsy was in Standish’s room waiting for him. When he walked in, Betsy jumped on him. "Miles, the others are waiting to hear of our engagement announcement. Let’s go straight away and tell them."

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If Miles hadn’t been so Standish offish...
Those damn pilgrims

by Brian Hartstein

Freewill is the key word. If only those first English colonists had been born with it. Then they would have known what they have stuck us with. Of course, I'm talking about Thanksgiving. A holiday so wrought with tension that the very mention of the word can cause stomach ulcers. In my almost twenty years, I have gained insight into the mystique surrounding Thanksgiving. It's more than a parade (a la Macy's) or a turkey with stuffing and all the trimmings. Rather, it is a family fiesta, complete with twenty or so relatives you haven't seen since last year's feast.

Relatives... the word is almost as ominous sounding as Thanksgiving. I'm not talking about parents, grandparents, or siblings. I mean those fifth cousins nine-times removed. You have to love those family vultures who come each year to eat your food like they've never eaten a meal before, and then they leave, slip five dollars into your hand and say, "Don't let your parents find out." The logic behind this always boggled me. Do they think they are paying me for the dinner (and not my parents), or do they think their five dollars is going to change my life? In either case, I still vow to be mean to them next year.

Conversation with these relatives doing dinner is usually less than thrilling. I say "usually" because sometimes you might catch some good gossip. Things like who's cheating on whom, who was bankrupt, and who's pregnant but not married. Generally perk your ears right up, however, juicy tidbits like these are rare to hear in conversation, and most of the topics stay in the realm of small talk. If I hear, "You've grown so much since last year," one more time, I'll dobber someone with a leg from the turkey.

Which brings us to the matter of food. Let's say it right on the line. Does anyone really like turkey? I sure as hell don't, yet each year my family (as well as everyone else's) feels compelled to buy a thirty-five pound bird. The only place I have ever seen turkey is on an animal farm because those moronic pilgrims could not catch anything else on the one day they decided to be thankful. If they had waited one more day, they might have killed a squirrel instead. Imagine sitting down to dinner but a hot juicy slice of Thanksgiving squirrel. The only delight I take in turkey is watching the little timer pop out of its hide when it's done. (Imagine sitting down to a hot juicy slice of Thanksgiving squirrel.) The only delight I take in turkey is watching the little timer pop out of its hide when it's done. (Imagine sitting down to a hot juicy slice of Thanksgiving squirrel.) The only delight I take in turkey is watching the little timer pop out of its hide when it's done. (Imagine sitting down to a hot juicy slice of Thanksgiving squirrel.) The only delight I take in turkey is watching the little timer pop out of its hide when it's done. (Imagine sitting down to a hot juicy slice of Thanksgiving squirrel.) The only delight I take in turkey is watching the little timer pop out of its hide when it's done. (Imagine sitting down to a hot juicy slice of Thanksgiving squirrel.)

A couple of years ago, my great-aunt brought an unexpected guest for Thanksgiving dinner. I should explain that my great-aunt is very eccentric and very into nutrition. Every year she brings about a hundred newspaper clippings on what you should or should not eat. I always promise to follow her advice but never do.

Anyway, this particular year she brought more than clippings: she brought a little girl. "Jasmine, this is your cousin Brian," I stared down at the little girl. Too young, and a noble one, too. "What do you want to know about Brian?" I asked, trying to get the wiggles out of her. (At this point I really do like Thanksgiving. Although those relatives can be nonexistent, and the turkey tasteless, there is something special about the whole idea that makes it something to look forward to. I guess the Pilgrims did have foresight after all.)

The meal turned out that this girl was a foster child. She was my age, but also a good friend. "I believe you've met Jasmine?" Betsy said to me, "Brian and I took her just to help her feel less alone. She's really a sweet kid."

I looked at her and smiled. "But I just want you to know that I'm going to tell all of the guests. I'm so glad you have her here."

"Make me feel like a babysitter. I came to have the best damn leader those Pilgrims ever saw. Being proud of adult status one year by threatening to torment my little brother by telling him that if he didn't get the bottle of Pepto from the other table, the evil turkey fairy was going to come and peck his eyes out when he went to sleep."

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Our Own Pilgrim

Standish gave a sneaky look. "Well, we'll have to work on the gullibility of the people. Here's my plan," Standish told Betsy what he had in mind.

They went out to the table where everyone was, and Miles Standish stood at the head.

"My friends," he began quieting them down from their ovation. "There will be no engagement as I do not feel I want to get married anymore. It is my fault, and I take full responsibility."

Standish looked around the table at the people's faces. They seemed awfully bewildered, and Standish knew he had to talk fast.

"Do not despair, my friends. We will still have a celebration," he continued. "I feel it is imperative that we continue in honor of Thanks. We are thankful first to God, for getting us to the New World safely. We are thankful to the Indians who taught us to harvest and hunt. But most of all, we are thankful for each other, each family member, each friend, we have each one of us gives each other the strength, determination, and perseverance to make a new life. Each year, after the harvest, we must traditionally give thanks for all we have. And now, a silent prayer."

All the Indians and Pilgrims were quiet for a moment. All of Plymouth Rock was a peaceful silence as tears fell from the eyes of the Pilgrims and Indians. Miles Standish and Miss Betsy looked at each other.

"Do you think they bought it?" Standish whispered to Miss Betsy.

"You did fine, Miles," Betsy responded. "Just fine."

So you see, folks, what began as a cover-up for a foolish girl's hasty assumptions about the one-sided love she felt, evolved into an American tradition. And this, my fellow Americans, was the first Thanksgiving feast.
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Riding the Crest with Jethro Tull

I f Yes has fused classical and rock music, Jethro Tull has taken a less a task, by fusing the uniquely combination of lead singer-guitarist-frontman Ian Anderson and folk and rock. Area fans braved heavy snow to see the legendary band in action last Tuesday night at the RPI Fieldhouse, where they kicked off the first night of their current tour for their newest release, Crest of a Knave.

Danielle M. Gagnon

Striking his dramatic flutist poses, while his guitarist crank out riffs on either side of him, Anderson seems an anomaly, possessing one of the most unique voices in the music industry: the Pied Piper of rock and roll. His voice lends the augmentation of a cello's depth and the grace of a violin's song. As the show began, attention was cast upon a lighted pit where Anderson stood, clad in yellow shirt, purple vest and leather boots, looking every bit the part of the "Minstrel in the Gallery," which he describes as a"little bit of a poet, a bit of a mystic." The walls of the Fieldhouse had probably not contained a sound that could have been more beautiful than a flute. Anderson recited the opening lines of "My God," which he said, "from the composer's point of view is a sort of middle-aged untouchables." The song is written in praise of the middle-aged voyeurism and that "you can't lose track if you sit in the studio for a year. You have no one else, it's not like you have an audience out there. You have nothing but two monitor speakers and your own opinions." Attaining promotional support from your record company, Anderson hastened to add, "is also instrumental. We invited a number of people, 844 or something, who thought the show was really good. If you listened to the album before it was released in order to get some feedback from them in terms of response, you could get around for three years in the States. To give them some feeling about the record and about what you thought about it, we did that and it was very useful. It didn't particularly help me because it said what I thought I would say, in terms of response from the people, which is encouraging." Last week, Anderson performed at an upcoming debut for an extensive tour ahead. Indeed, it is one of the more exciting shows to come to the RPI Fieldhouse this fall.

Conference of contemporary compositions

The University in many ways acts as a patron to artists these days," said Max Lifchitz from his office before one of this past weekend's performances at the Performing Arts Center for the American Society for Composers Region II Conference.

Stef McDonald

Contemporary composers in particular were patronized and given the opportunity to perform, said Lifchitz, who is a member of the organization. For the past two years, Lifchitz described the weekend's conference as an outlet for composers and performers to meet, present their work, and to determine what could be considered his philosophy of style, "living in the Past." Composers presented a variety of music, including the world premiere of a cello piece by the University's own Patsy Rogers' "SUNJA" for the voice and piano. Other composers presented their work at the conference coordinated by Lifchitz, a member of the organization. Contemporary composers in particular were patronized and given the opportunity to perform, said Lifchitz, who is a member of the organization. Contemporary composers in particular were patronized and given the opportunity to perform, said Lifchitz, who is a member of the organization.
**Cine 10 (459-8300)**

1. Flowers in the Attic (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55, Fri, Sat, 12:05
2. Princess Bride (PG) 1:50, 4:05, 6:25, 8:50, Fri, Sat, 11
3. Cinderella (G) 1, 3, 5, 7
4. Fatal Beauty (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40, Fri, Sat, 12 midnight
5. Fatal Attraction (R) 1:10, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, Fri, Sat, 11:50
6. Teen Wolf Too (PG) 1:15, 3:35, 7:15, 9:45, Fri, Sat, 12 midnight
7. The Running Man (R) 1:30, 4, 7:05, 9:35, Fri, Sat, 11:45
8. Hiding Out (PG-13) 9, Fri, Sat, 11:10
10. The Hidden (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10, Fri, Sat, 12:05
11. Date With an Angel (PG) 1:20, 3:55, 6:45, 9:15, Fri, Sat, 11:30

**Colonie Center (459-2170)**

1. Hello Again (PG) 7:30, 9:30, Sat, 1:30, 3:20, 5, 7, Sun, 2, 3:45, 5:40, 7:30, 9:30
2. Fat Baby Boom (PG) 7:45, 9:45, Sat, Sun, 2, 3:50, 5:45

**Crossgates 12 (456-5678)**

1. The Running Man (R) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:05, Fri, Sat, 11:35
2. Suspect (R) 1:35, 4:30, 6:40, 9:25, Fri, Sat, 11:55
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8. Baby Boom (PG) 1:45, 4:25, 7:40, 10:25, Fri, Sat, 12:35
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**Spectrum (449-8995)**

1. Maurice (PG-13) 6:45, 9:30, Sat, Sun, 1:20, 4
2. Hope and Glory (PG-13) 7, 9:35, Sat, Sun, 1:30, 4:10
3. Slamdance (R) 7:15, 9:20, Sat, Sun, 2, 4:30
4. Tampopo 7:10, 9:40, Sat, Sun, 1:45, 4:20

**UA Hellman (459-5322)**

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**THE FAR SIDE**

By GARY LARSON

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**Capital Rep (462-4534)**

Like Them That Dream, thru December 20.

**Siena College (783-2383)**

The Hot L Baltimore, thru November 21, Foy Campus Center Theatre.

**ESIPA (643-5115)**

The Crucifer of Blood, thru November 20.

**Home Made Theatre (587-4427)**


**Performing Arts Center (442-3997)**

Bikini Blues, thru November 21, Main Theatre.

**Proctor's (346-6204)**

I'm Not Rappaport, November 23 thru November 24, Dresden Staat-kspedle, Wednesday, November 25.

**QE2 (434-2023)**

Random Access, Sun, November 22, Carma De Forest with TBA, Tuesday, November 14, Dirty Face with TBA, Wednesday, November 25, Motherless and The Merry Nights, Thursday, November 26.

**Bogies (482-4368)**

Strange Arrangement, every Monday.

**September's (459-8440)**

Expo, thru November 22, Star, November 23 thru November 29.

**Pauly's Hotel (463-0343)**

Junior Wells, Saturday, November 21.

**Metro Night Club**

Johnny and the Triumphs, Saturday, November 21.

**Half Moon Cafe (436-0329)**

Open Acoustic Jam, Every Tuesday evening.

**Albany Institute of History and Art (463-4478)**

Albany's Families: 350 Years of Growth and Change, an exploration of the history of ethnic groups in Albany, Art Wear at the Harmanus Bleecker Center, thru December 12, Greetings: Holiday and Greeting Cards, thru May 1.

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**New York State Museum (474-5842)**

Dinosaurs Alive! Return to the age of Reptiles thru December 18, The Ice Age: realistic exhibitions of life in North American ice age, Blacks in America: A Photographic Record, thru January 3.

**University Art Gallery (442-4035)**

Sandi Fellman: The Japanese Tattoo Series, Katherine Porter: Recent Large Scale Paintings, thru November 22.

**Albany Center Galleries (462-4775)**

The silent issue

To the Editor:

Fleming, which appeared in the November 13th ASP, has prompted me to address the issue of financial aid he so experienced frustration in not receiving financial aid run with aid applications laden with ever new federal regulations and requirements. At no time in the precisely — the SUNYA Administration. The remedy, as I see it, is SUNY students placing the administration on to take the lead on this issue to ensure administration and concerns at SUNY, has been so silent on the issue?

press should be posing to Financial Aid Director Donald

Donald B. Stauffer

Associate Professor of English

Neglected winner

To the Editor:

"Conciliation Decision on Elections Due in Two Weeks" (news story, Nov. 4) and "Judiciary Vote Rules Against Munk" (news story, Nov. 13) both failed to focus on a serious and key issue. It is a sad commentary on student self-interest that while I, myself, the victor in the election held almost a month and a half ago for Dutch Quadrat representative to Central

There should never have been a Supreme Court hearing to begin with. Mr. Munk skipped a mandatory meeting held by Student Elections Committee and gave a false excuse for being absent, claiming he had a class. He cried that he was "advised" by the Vice President of SA, Steve Har- rison (news story, Nov. 13) to run as an independent. He said he could not be the President of SA because he claimed in- nocence in that instance. Does Mr. Munk still need a Jimmy to lead him around and tell him what is right and wrong?

In addition, Mr. Munk had no drive to win the first election, selling me a week before the vote that he would simply be asking his friends in his hall to circle his name on the ballot. All he attempted to do was get press coverage and ASP succeeded in giving it to him, lots of it. Maybe Mr. Munk felt the attention he received would bring him more popularity.

In the two articles mentioned above, ASP not once even mentioned that I had won the election, let alone printed my views on being left in limbo for weeks while on our way to the Supreme Court. It was an injustice.

The writer is editor in chief of the Albany Student Press.
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Dear Pat,

What else?
Love, Rob

Rosa,

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Jacque Macdonald

I've been watching you for a long time, and will be for an even longer time.

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Students kick habit for one day in Smokeout

By Colleen Sexton

Students who always wanted to quit but never did had the chance to participate Thursday in the 11th Annual Great American Smokeout.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the smokeout aimed at getting at least one in every five smokers to give up cigarettes from midnight to midnight.

According to a Gallup Survey, a record 23.8 million smokers participated in last year's 10th anniversary smokeout by quitting or cutting down for the day.

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SUNYA smokers to kick the habit for the day. Sophomore Sedrick Carter said he was "very excited about the smokeout" and that he had a pretty convincing history. We plan to keep it up for as long as needed," Freestone said.

The tragic fact is that 350,000 Americans die each year of smoking-related illnesses. It's time to put a stop to this needless waste . . . and the only way to do that is to convince smokers that quitting is desirable and possible," Freestone said.

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Some couldn't kick the habit for 24 hours.

Ronnie: Sorry, I hung up the hot line so abruptly last night — it's just this whole glasnost thing's got me a bit on edge. Can we try a summit just one more time? I know we can make it work.

Gorby: Eee, a coupla shots of vodka and next thing we'll be together then. Who knows? A few beers and a follow-up program called Freshstart to smokers who want to quit for good. Group sessions led by trained former smokers consist of your one-hour sessions held during a two week period.

One-hour Lotto millionaire?

Well, almost, but not quite

By Colleen DeSlaurier

Ever wonder what would happen if you won the lottery? Ever wonder about what you would do to the person who told you you did and then said it was a joke?

Well, sophomore Adam Bell found out. After being the brunt of earlier practical jokes, Stuart Felson decided to get even.

"It took careful planning for all this," Felson said.

Another freshman, Andrew Gold, also participated in the smokeout, and hopes not only to stop smoking from midnight to midnight, but hopes to quit smoking entirely. "I know smoking is dangerous, it's in my best interest to stop," Gold said.

However, not all students were able to participate in the smokeout by "sponsoring" a smoker and supporting them through the day.

Dutch resident Debra Colderwood sponsored Williams and another sunieate. Colderwood said she made sure that her sunnieates didn't succumb to temptation, by substituting lollipops for cigarettes. The American Cancer Society is offering a follow-up program called Freshstart to smokers who want to quit for good. Group sessions led by trained former smokers consist of your one-hour sessions held during a two week period.

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Despite more lots, parking tickets abounding

By Mitchell Hahn
Leaving a $5 parking fine on 123 cars a day, SUNYA’s Traffic Division takes in approximately $615 daily.

And that figure has grown, from last year’s 111 tickets levied per day.

One reason people may find such difficulty in parking is that 10,000 registered cars compete for only 6,500 spaces across the campus, according to Traffic Division Director James Utermark, although “we added 461 spaces last year,” he said.

But, Assistant Vice President of Physical Plant Dennis Stevens said, “I believe there is ample parking space if the people are willing to use the lots available to them.”

A new lottery system was also created in which some students were “picked-out-of-a-hat” to ensure that they receive a parking space.

All money from traffic violations goes into a special account, used only by Public Safety and the Traffic Division. Last year, two new patrol cars were purchased with the money.

The cost of building the new spaces, last year combined with retaining and straightening old spaces was $100,000, Utermark said.

“What students must understand is there is a group of people who do not want more parking,” Utermark said, refering to those dedicated to preserving campus trees and grasslands.

The problem (with parking) is worse during students’ weather.

“People park anywhere they want,” according to this a “fear of walking.”

According to the Parking and Traffic Regulations, the University President is authorized to declare a snow emergency if “snow accumulation impedes access by emergency vehicles, access by persons who need to park in authorized areas, or when snow removal operations must proceed for the general health, welfare, and safety of the community.”

If a snow emergency is in effect, temporary signs will be posted to tell car owners to move their cars within a 12-hour period, or it will be towed at the operator’s expense.

If a person exceeds a certain number of parking violations and runs up a large bill, the car will be towed away, as well as if a car is parked illegally in a handicapped space, Utermark explained.

Special Permit parking is given for medical reasons, handicapped people, vendors, or anyone else with an extremely valid reason to park very close to a building.

Recently, Utermark has gotten request to expand Colonial Quad’s lot, and to pave the Alumni Quad parking lot, and hopes that eventually he can do this.

Hazel Farrell, an English department secretary, sees the parking situation as “kind of bad. They do a rotten job on keeping the snow away from parking places.”

Resources can aid stressed students

By Jaime Hariton
Personal problems common to University students was the focus of a “round robin” Tuesday night, featuring four speakers on four different issues.

Although turnout was not as great as expected — only 12 people attended — the presentations did provide information about resources available on campus.

Guest speakers from Planned Parenthood, Middle Earth, and Residential Life addresses issues ranging from sexuality and birth control to counseling and substance abuse.

Michelle Kern, a counselor-educator at Planned Parenthood, talked about birth control. “The best methods of birth control are first abstinence-Second, sterilization. Third, the pill, and fourth foam and a condom used together,” she said.

Some services Kern said Planned Parenthood provides are pregnancy test, sexually transmitted disease test, and counseling. Planned Parenthood personnel are in the infirmary on Mondays and Thursdays.

Middle Earth peer counselor Tracy Meyer said, “the basic difference from professional counseling is that we are an undergraduate approach. The point is that peers can call us — a friend — rather than seeking professional help.”

Middle Earth provides an ongoing component where a graduate counselor sees the person once a week. The Middle Earth outreach tries to determine students’ needs to accommodate them, according to Meyer.

Mediation Director Karleen Karlson explained the mediation process. “We’re coming up to one of the most difficult times the after Thanksgiving, pre-holiday crunch. A lot of people lose it, Karlson said. Mediators divide their time between male-female problems and sustenance-roommate problems.

Neutral mediators work out an agreement that the involved parties must abide by, according to Karlson.

Dutch Quad resident director Matt Burns spoke on substance abuse, that “one out of every five people is an alcoholic on a college campus. It is how you drink and why you drink that determines that,” Burns said.

After distributing statistics on substance dependence, Burns concluded, “there really is a problem and we really need to be concerned with it.”

Students reactions to the round robin were generally good. “All of the speakers were great, but one in particular really settled my mind,” one person said.

Another student said, “I had no idea that these places (Middle Earth and Planned Parenthood) offered as much as they do.”

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Strike leads to arrival of new powers in NFL

By Christopher Scriba

The National Football League just passed the midpoint of its 1987 season. It has certainly been an eventful year so far to remember so far. The 24-day strike had no effect, however, on owners, who used replacement players. The regulars soon came back and the league is showing signs of returning to normal.

Normal? The San Diego Chargers who were 4-12 last year, now own the league's best record: 8-1. Mean- while, the defending Super Bowl champi ons, the New England Patriots, are tied for last in the NFC East.

What's going on here?

Well, let's first start with the AFC East. Let's see, the Jets are in first, nothing new there. Wait, hold on, the Indianapolis Colts are in first, too. What gives?

What gives is that after five straight last place finishes, the Colts have drafted some talent in the last two drafts, and suddenly the Colts are playoff contenders. The rest of the AFC East looks like five one-bit traffic — but not bumper. The rest of the division is 4-5 and only trails New York and the Colts by a point. No telling who will finish. This could go down to the wire.

Moving to the AFC Central, the Cincinnati Bengals are the last year's league champion, lead the pack at 6-3. But, here we go again, another surprise, the Houston Oilers, now are sharing the lead, too. They are in fourth in fewest points allowed, not bad for the Oilers.

Heading to the AFC West, we see the most exciting situation. The Denver Broncos at 6-2 have a good chance to take a dramatic reversal. Hanging tough are the Dallas Cowboys, who are fifth in the AFC West, but only a couple of points behind the first place Chiefs. As for Tama Bay, the past, present, or future. Someone please tell them it's over.

They are fourth in fewest points allowed, not bad. The Chiefs feel it the most, they have the best record, 8-1. Mean- while, the defending conference champs: the New York Giants are in second, but can be over taken by the Bills.

In the NFC East, the Philadelphia Eagles are in first with a 6-2 record. The Giants are in second, not bad, but not too bad. The Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants are not too far behind. The Atlanta Falcons have no one to blame but themselves for their 1-8 season. They made the playoffs last year, yet they have yet to make it this season. The Atlanta Falcons have no one to blame but themselves for their 1-8 season. They made the playoffs last year, yet they have yet to make it this season. The Falcons are one of the most disappointing teams in the league. They have a lot of talent but no sign of returning to normal.

Carlin leaves Great Danes as all-time leading receiver

By Kristine Sauer

Glenn Carlin used to be throwing foot- balls instead of catching them. He had his heart set on playing football at an Ivy league school and wound up at a college where hockey is his last choice.

Carlin was predicted to do spectacular things in his junior year (1986) at Albany. He was called a playmaker, who everyone forgot about John Donnelly, a 1985 graduate, who set several receiving records. Instead, Carlin turned in an unspectacular 25 catches for 434 yards and only two touchdown receptions and Donnelly was still on everyone's minds.

But whatever hand was dealt him, Carlin has learned to turn things around. With Carlin, apparent failures become eventual successes.

Carlin attributes some of the adversity in his football career to his dimensions. The split-end is 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds, not big enough to be a quarterback, nor Ivy league material.

"I played quarterback until my sophomore season in high school," Carlin said, "but then everyone kept growing and I sort of stopped. I couldn't see the line." Carlin turned in an impressive junior year at Oceanside High School, making 40 catches and setting some school records.

"That was the best thing that could have happened," he said about the switch to receiver.

With all eyes on him, Carlin's senior year was just the opposite. The team was 0-8 and Carlin caught only half the passes he did the year before.

"That year hurt my college aspira- tions," he said. "I had hoped to go to a bigger school. I was being recruited by some of them. Albany was my last choice. It was at the bottom of my list. As the re- recrution letters started to come, Albany got higher up on the list each time.

Just the opposite happened in college. After a disappointing junior year at Albany, he certainly made up for it this season.

"I wouldn't want to be anywhere else," he said. "If I had to do it all over again and I knew what I know now, I'd come here again." Carlin shattered nearly every receiving record this season. In three years as a starter, Carlin broke the single season reception and yardage marks with 47 ca- ches for 755 yards and set the record for most catches in a game with eight. He improved all aspects of his game from last year to this year, not just in terms of numbers, but in consistency as well. Last year Carlin felt he dropped quite a few "easy" catches and also a number of touchdown passes.

Over the summer Carlin worked at im- proving his concentration. Three times a week Carlin and former Albany State team manager, Lenny Marcus, who is also from Oceanside, practiced for one and a half hours on simply catching a football.

"We worked on the fundamentals," Carlin said, "Concentrating on the ball, catching it into my hands. We did some stuff over the shoulder drills.

Carlin felt his troublesome junior year was due to a lack of concentration and in- tensity, combined with the pressure to ex- cell that he had placed on himself.

"I put the pressure on myself," Carlin said. "I wanted to step in and make everyone forget about John Donnelly."

"Once we left I felt he was a great at- lète. I thought this guy's going to be good," said Donnelly, who lives in Hun- tingdon with teammate Chris Haynor, "He definitely had the potential."

"It's sort of unfair to John," Carlin said about breaking the records. "We rotated three to two, then it's just me. I don't think what John did was all that awesome considering he was sharing time with me."

As for breaking the record, Carlin said, "It's something I'm gonna look back on in a couple of years, but now I'm just disap- pointed about the team and record 15-15. It's nice to say you set a record. At least you left something behind."

Records don't last forever, as Donnelly knows.

"That's what they are there for," said Donnelly, who now works for Dunn and Bradstreet. "All the power to him."

Carlin, 21, would like to go into physical therapy and sports medicine. But before that, he's going to graduate at the top of his class.

"I'd like to try for the pros," he said. "Coach Ford is always saying have no regrets and I don't want to say I should have tried. I know it's a long shot."

In that respect Carlin is once again following in Donnelly's footsteps. In 1986 Donnelly, after trying out for two free agent teams in Canada, got called by the Jets for a tryout, but was cut after playing in a few exhibition games.

"If Glenn gets to a point where he can go to a tryout or camp, even though his chances are slim coming form Div. III, he's got to go for it, otherwise he'll end up regretting the rest of his life," Donnelly said.

Regrets are something, despite some set- backs, that Carlin doesn't have.

Carlin has 81 receptions in his three-year varsity career, including seven touchdown catches this year.
Albany swim teams dunk Hartwick in opener

By Arie Wollenberg

The Dane swimmers will be taking on New Paltz Tuesday.

Great Dane men look impressive in easy victory

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The men, who had many great performances, were led by the diving of Greg Stowe and the swimming of Rick Van Brunt.

Stowe, a former gymnast, won both diving events and was named the men’s "Swimmer of the Meet."

Van Brunt, a junior, won three individual events: the 200 yard free, the 100 yard free, and the 200 yard breaststroke. Van Brunt said about his performance, "I was looking to win all of them. I knew it was going to be hard."

The Danes received other fine performances from Mike Jackson, Ed Burton and co-captain Mike Koutetis.

Jackson blew away the field in winning the 1000 freestyle and the 500 freestyle.

Co-captain Pete Farman finished second.

Burton, who transferred last year from the University of Massachusetts also had two individual victories.

Burton won a tough race in the 100 yard backstroke against Hartwick’s Friedel, a transfer from Maine. Burton was also victorious in the 200 yard individual medley.

Koutetis scored an impressive victory in the 50 yard freestyle and also finished a close second to Ban Brunst in the 200 yard breaststroke.

Both relay teams for Albany were also outstanding, winning both of their races.

In the opening 400 medley relay, the team of Burton, Koutetis, Pete McElerney and Steve Stern were victorious. Strong legs by Koutetis in the breaststroke and McElerney in the butterfly helped insure the win.

In the final relay, the 400 yard free, the Danes took both first and second place.

Jackson, Farman, Stern and McElerney took first place in a time of 3:36.77, while the team of Luks, Pagoda, Hardy and Potash took second.

Head Coach Dave Turnage said about the meet, "Even though we won easily, we still have some events we have to work on."

Assistant Coach Andy Kaufman said, "We won some close races, Hartwick improved a lot from last year."

"We’ve had two good meets so far," Kaufman added. "We had some good times for this early in the season and we just want to see more improvement."

The men’s next meet is Tuesday against SUNY rival New Paltz. It expects to be a real dogfight, as Albany barely defeated them last year in a meet surrounded by controversy.

Andy Kaufman said, "It’s a bitter rivalry, there were hard feelings after last year’s meet, but we’ll be ready for them."

"We’re going to be battling for first place all the way down," said Van Brunt.

The meet will be hosted by the Danes on Tuesday at 4:00 at the University Gym pool.

Danes set to tip off at Capital District tourney

By Mike Brewster

Even an old friend, it seems, will not give the Albany State men’s basketball team a moment’s peace.

Playing a schedule already peppered with traditional Division III eastern basketball powers, the last thing that the Great Danes want to hear is that this weekend’s Capital District Tournament — annually the Danes’ initial regular season competition — does not appear to be the stomping ground of the past, but a testing ground for the new look Danes.

"I don’t know about anyone else, but I know we’re a better basketball team," said RPI Head Coach Mike Griffin. "And I know Union should be tough, and we all know how you guys do every year."

"You guys," of course, meaning Albany Basketball Bobby Cavanaugh’s Danes. For the past few years, this has been Albany’s tournament, a confidence builder of sorts.

Although one would have to favor the Danes leading into the tourney, it is certain that at least two of the three other teams in the tournament are solid basketball teams.

RPI, as Griffin explained, in far from last year’s team that slugged through their Independent College Athletic Conferences with a 7-17 record. And Union, the Danes’ opponent on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., is notorious for giving the Danes’ fits, both in this tournament and in regular season match-ups.

One may remember the final team in the tournament, Skidmore. Barring any very bizarre events, RPI should beat Skidmore and meet either the Danes or Union in the 3 p.m. final on Sunday.

The Danes’ John Carmello will be making his first start as the point guard. Usually in a position to score, not to set up others to score, Carmello is gaining a grip on his new job.

"I hope I can do it," Carmello told the Times — Union.

Taking over Carmello’s scoring guard position will be junior Andy Goodemote. The Gloversville native is not shy when it comes to shooting long jumpers, and will hopefully come out smoking against Union. "Goodemote is a good player," said Griffin. "He can drive as well as shoot."

Brett Axelrod and Russ Teague will bring their physical game to RPI on Saturday in the hopes that Goodemote’s shooting will open up a little elbow room inside. Axelrod is a senior and Teague, a junior.

Senior Tom McGuire will find himself in the unfamiliar position of starting. McGuire, 6-4, will be at the small forward position.

Following the tournament, the Danes will be off until after Thanksgiving Break when they play New Paltz on the road on December 2.