

Sports Friday

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1983-1984 Great Danes: The sports year in review

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After the arduous task of reviewing and analyzing the performance of each of this year's Albany State sports teams, perhaps one generalization can be made; the big-time sports — football, basketball, and baseball — did not have the kind of flourishing seasons that they've been known for in the past.

In this season, there was not a single team that dramatically stood above any other; rather it was the effort of one athlete, wrestler Dave Averill, who outshined all the rest. Averill became the first Albany State athlete in 17 years and only the second in Dane history, to capture an NCAA championship.

The magnitude of the feat he accomplished seemed even greater when you consider how it was done. After dominating his opponents to reach the final round of the 126-pound division, he met up with Puerto Rico's Olympic hopeful Orlando Caceres from Trenton State. With only 29 seconds remaining on the clock, Caceres hoisted Averill off the mat, dropping him on his head in an illegal move. The Dane 126-pounder slipped into a semi-conscious state and was unable to continue; thus disqualifying Caceres in accordance with the NCAA rulebook. Though some will say Averill's title is "tainted," he still wins as Dane athlete of the year, hands down. He will try to repeat as champion next year and his chances look promising considering Caceres will be graduating.

There are two other Albany State wrestlers that soon might find international glory. Three-time All-American Andy Seras, who redshirted this year to concentrate all his time and energy to making the 1984 Olympic team, has a legitimate shot at qualifying. He will find out for sure in June when he competes in the Olympic trials at the 155-pound division. Seras has voyaged to Europe three times this year to compete in international competition where he has placed well against the best of the other countries.

Joining Seras in the quest for international fame, is freshman All-American Shawn Sheldon, who has an even better opportunity of qualifying, more due to a dilution of talent in his weight class than any other factor. Sheldon has also journeyed to Europe for competitions. On the side, he captured All-American honors at the NCAAs while wrestling in a Dane uniform.

Getting back to the performance of Albany State teams, the big-time sports, as mentioned before, had their problems. The Dane football program, which boasted a .700 winning percentage going into the season, saw their record fall to the lowest in their history. Mainly due to a lack of experience in the offense, the club's record read 3-7. However, their clip by no means exhibits the drastic improvement to the team through the course of the season, especially the offense. The line play solidified tremendously as the season progressed and sophomore quarterback Mike Milano at times showed rays of brilliance. That combination coupled with Albany's usual stingy defense should provide an about-face recordwise for Coach Bob Ford and his Purple Gang.

Frustration also came Doc Sauer's way, as for the first time, the Danes failed to qualify for the SUNYACs. Albany instead received an invitation to the smaller ECAC tournament where they were eliminated in the opening round.

Though their record was better than .500, it ranks near the bottom in comparison to his first 28 years as master of the Albany basketball program.

Still, Sauer, like Ford, is staring at a strong year ahead. Only forward Wilson Thomas is being graduated, and the addition of Fields Blanchard, a transfer from Hudson Valley with three years left of eligibility, should steer Albany State back on the track leading to a SUNYAC playoff berth.

The Danes baseball team completed its season yesterday and ended up with another losing season. Rookie coach Ed Zaloom has a lot to look forward to since only two players are graduating. Missed next season will be two-time All-SUNYAC Bob Conklin, who is a good bet to make it a hat trick after this year's awards are announced.

The Albany State men's tennis team continued its "dynasty" ways when they captured their fifth straight SUNYAC title even with Coach Bob Lewis sidelined due to a disc operation. Jim Serbak, who has seen the word interim preceding his name before as women's tennis coach, did an extraordinary job filling in at that spot, taking over two days before the season opener. Lewis was so impressed with the coaching that he wanted him as an assistant but Serbak refused; he is presently back behind the desk at the Registrar.

This spring, with Lewis back at the helm, the Danes are 6-4 with one match remaining. Their record isn't bad considering the level of competition they've been up against. All four setbacks were against Division I schools.

The big news of the spring, however, was the qualifying of Dave Ulrich for singles and doubles along with his partner Dave Grossman. This year's Nationals will be held at Emory University in Atlanta. Last year Albany State had the honor.

Coach Bob Munsey took an unproven but enthusiastic bunch of sophomores and juniors all the way to an 18th place finish in the NCAA Division III National Championships during the season he called "the most exciting surprise of my careers." The Dane harriers used the dual meet season to develop the mental toughness that pulled them through at the NCAA Regionals, where six inch snow drifts and top-level competition could not hold them out of the third place finish they needed to qualify for Nationals.

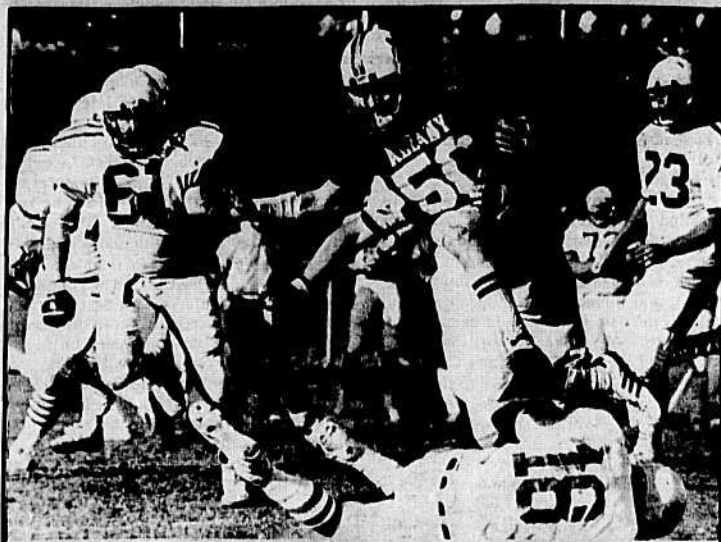
Munsey changed his training tactics and tried a new approach to speed workouts on the young group he dubbed "the Diaper Kids." The team finished second to SUNY-Oriskany at the SUNYACs for the best Albany finish in several years and then sat out of the State meet in order to rest for Regionals where they became the first SUNY team to beat Fredonia in five years and finished third out of the 26 teams in the New York region. Captain Chris Callaci praised Coach Munsey, "He listened to us very closely and made some very smart decisions that allowed us to do our very best."

The men's soccer team finished with a 6-7 clip, but in no way does that tarnish the performance of two players, Mike Miller and Tihan Presbic, who were both named to the All-Conference squad. Coach Bill Shieffelin will surely miss the graduating Miller next year.

The women's swimming team should be labeled as Albany State's most improved squad as they coasted to their finest season ever, 12-1. Sophomore Jane Klotz, a diver, qualified for the Nationals in Emory and copped All-American honors with her ninth place finish.

By stark contrast, the women's softball team should be classified as the most unimproved team. Fielding nine freshman starters, Lee Rhenish's squad is in the midst of a pitiful 2-12 season. Just two years ago, they captured the NYSIAAW championship and last year they reached the semifinals.

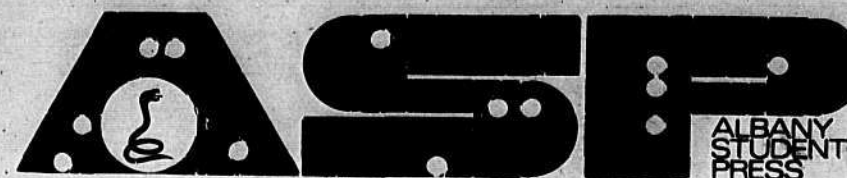
The junior varsity basketball team fared better than the more elderly club. They finished with the second best record in J.V. basketball history, 17-3, with three players expected to



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Albany gears up for orientation; bar owners told to check I.D.s

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With 1900 mostly under-age freshmen flocking to the Albany area for summer orientation, SUNYA officials are warning local bar owners to check I.D.'s more carefully.

"We'll call the local bars" to warn them that a large group of underage students will be staying in the area overnight, said Mary Schimley, who is in her first year as Orientation Director.

"We can't control completely for alcohol," said Schimley, "Obviously, if someone wants to drink, they will." She explained, however, that a full range of evening activities have been planned for the freshmen, most of whom will be under New York's legal drinking age of 19.

While drinking is said to be a popular orientation activity for future frosh, the two-day sessions will also offer opportunities to learn something about the university and to make friendships that often last through four years at SUNYA.

"We help the new students to become comfortable with the university," explained Schimley.

This year's "typical freshman" will have placed in the top 14 percent of their high school graduating class, and have combined SAT scores of over 1,100, according to Assistant Director of Admissions Tom Flemming.

In addition, said Flemming, many students are admitted under one of SUNYA's special programs, which include the Talented Student Admissions Program and the Educational Opportunities Program.

Flemming said that of the 12,000 students that applied to SUNYA for 1984-85, over 55 percent were accepted, which is the same level of acceptance as last year. 2150 freshmen are expected to enroll, Flemming said.

1,900 future freshmen will attend summer orientation this year, along with over 800 transfer students, who will participate in one-day sessions, Schimley.

Schimley said she and her staff of Orientation Assistants have "tried to make it a little bit more exciting this year."

"We're running four programs simultaneously," she explained, "freshman student, freshman parent, transfer student and transfer parent."

"We try to walk the freshmen through the program," Schimley explained, "while the transfers are more on their own."

Both frosh and transfers will be given an opportunity to speak with their advisors and choose next semester's courses, and are given time to socialize and to meet representatives of the administration and the Student Association.

The parents will attend information sessions and slide shows about campus life, and will tour downtown Albany on one of SUNYA's "green machine" buses.

The students, meanwhile, will be experiencing some of the funniest, most bizarre, and memorable moments of their college careers.

A senior recalls that at his orientation, one freshman got drunk in the penthouse in State Tower. "We looked out the window," said Joe, "and convinced him that the greenhouse by the Bio Building was a U.F.O. He called the campus police."

One junior said he spent his entire orientation on roller skates. "I thought it would be cool to rollerskate for two days, so I bought a pair of skates and brought them with me."

Another student recounted an unusual coincidence that occurred during orientation.



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NY State legislators angered over national 21 drinking age proposal

By Steve Fox

and Tony Silber

Despite the New York State Assembly's vote against raising the legal drinking age to 21 last month, 19 and 20 year olds face a possible threat from the United States Congress in legislation that ties the 21 year old drinking age to federal highway funds.

In a move that is being called "political blackmail," the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation June 8 that would take some federal highway funds away from any state that did not raise its legal drinking age to 21. The Senate will vote on the measure before they complete their session in mid June.

The bill provides the 27 states which currently have a drinking age under 21 with a two-year grace period. Within this time they must raise their drinking age. If the states have not complied by the third year, they would lose 5 percent of their federal highway funds, and they would lose 10 percent in the fourth year.

"This is government by sanction rather than government by constitution," claimed New York State Assemblyman Vincent Graber (D-West Seneca). Graber said he believed the law would be unconstitutional, but added that sanction provisions have never been tested in the courts.

Graber noted that various police powers are assigned to the states, and that this provision would "walk on the very powers of the states."

Graber also questioned the relationship between a higher drinking age and highway funding. "How does highway funds relate to the drinking age — it doesn't," he asserted.

The assemblyman pointed out that there have been sanctions before — ones with what he called valid reasons — such as right turn on red and the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit. He added that New York, or any other state, could sue to end government sanction.

Cathy Ozer, the legislative director for the United States Student Association (USSA), agreed with Graber, calling the proposed legislation "tactical blackmail and harassment."

According to Ozer, USSA reiterated their opposition to the drinking age in testimony for the Surface Transportation Committee. "The law targets a specific population, not the societal problem of alcohol abuse," she said.

Dev Tobin, legislative assistant for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIC) said that the question of states' rights would probably be decided in the courts and that a court case could take years to be settled. "It is not within the federal prerogatives to raise the drinking age," he added.

Off-campus housing office uprooted from Campus Center

By Mark Gesner
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In a decision severely criticized by student leaders, Vice President for Student Affairs Frank Pogue has relocated SUNYA's Off-Campus Housing Office (OCHO).

The office, along with its director Karleen Karlson, moves from its spot next to the Student Association on the first floor of the Campus Center to the offices of Residential Life on State Quad.

"In my assessment the Off-Campus Housing Office can be improved upon if it's located under housing. It will be able to better serve the students in a more organized way," said Pogue. The decision was part of the Vice President's January plan for reorganization of the Student Affairs Division.

Karlson, however, is not completely happy with the move. "I don't agree with Frank Pogue that this is not going to have a substantial negative impact on what happens to this office," Karlson said. "Other administrators do not know what my office does. People do not know the high quality of service we give, she added.

The office assists off-campus students with a wide variety of housing concerns. Financial advice, reading leases, apartmentmate hassles, landlord negotiations, and safety tips are among the services offered by Karlson and her staff of student advisors. The office is probably best known for its daily updated display of available apartments in the area.

According to Pogue, having Karlson run a "one person office" cannot fully realize the proper commitment to the off-campus student, and results in the underutilization of a professional position. He said the move allows for a better use of resources and can maximize Karlson's role as a professional within the university.

The relocation has outraged SA Vice President Suzy Auletta, who had served as the SA Off-Campus Coordinator for the past year.

"The responses of off-campus students and especially OCA (Off-Campus Association) members are reactions of shock and disappointment. I feel it is my duty to voice the students' overriding opinion that the upcoming switch is counterproductive for off-campus students," Auletta wrote in a memorandum to Pogue.

Auletta cited several drawbacks to the switch. She wrote that moving OCHO out of the Campus Center would reduce its accessibility and visibility for the off-campus students. In addition, Auletta pointed out that OCHO is presently in close proximity to SA's Legal Services and the OCA office, and

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Karleen Karlson
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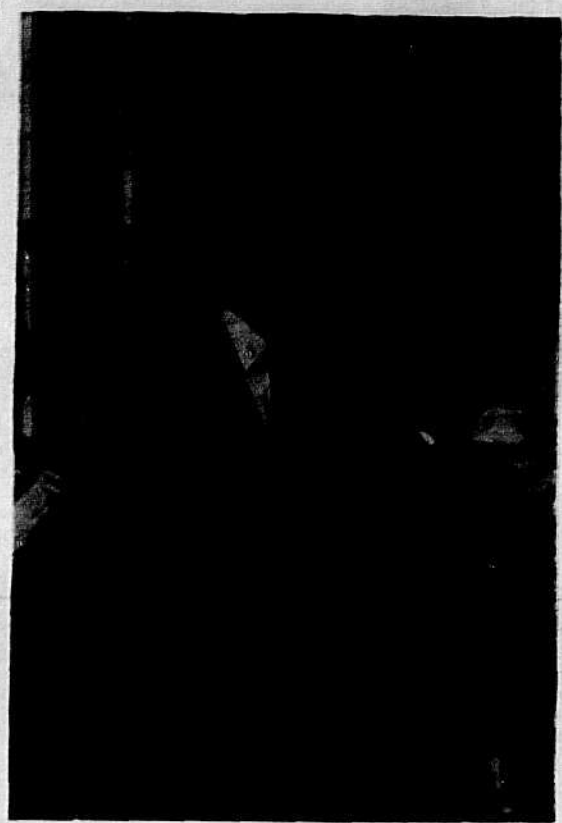
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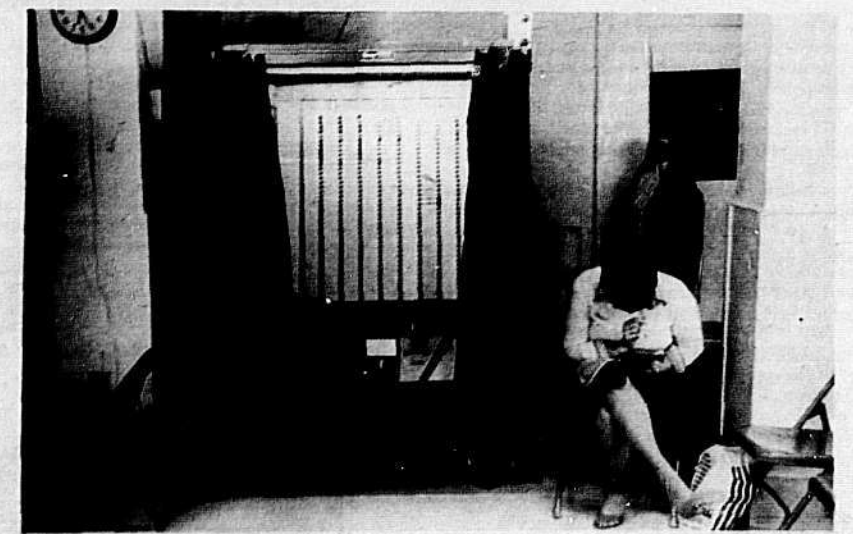
Rich Schaffer and Suzy Auletta were elected Student Association president and vice president in this spring's SA elections. Auletta ran uncontested, while Schaffer fought a hotly contested race with his opponent Tim Hallock which resulted in a run-off won by the incumbent Schaffer. Hallock contested the vote and then withdrew his petition before any action was taken by the Supreme Court.



Professor William Kennedy won the Pulitzer Prize in April for his acclaimed novel, *Ironweed*. Kennedy was also named in February as director of the newly instituted Writers Institute here at SUNYA. He has taught English and journalism at SUNYA.



Democratic Presidential hopeful Gary Hart (above) surprised political analysts with his strong showing in the 1984 Democratic primaries. Hart campaigned in Albany earlier this year, as did Jesse Jackson and Walter Mondale. Hart, who emerged as a strong advocate of educational programs and funding, was defeated by Mondale in the New York State primary.



SUNYA students brought suit against the City of Albany last year charging the city with gerrymandering with the intent of diluting student voting power. In the suit and a subsequent appeal, both of which students lost, it was demanded that the city re-draw the election districts to include on-campus polling places for residents of Colonial and half of Dutch Quad. The remainder of the uptown residents have been provided with on-campus polling places.



Albany State Wrestler Dave Averill became the school's first NCAA champion in 17 years when he won the 126-pound crown by disqualification. Averill, above, was thrown on his head by opponent Orlando Caseres in the final round of the 27 seconds in the match with Caseres leading 9-3. Averill was knocked unconscious from the fall. He was unable to continue, and was awarded the NCAA crown by disqualification because of the illegal move used by Caseres.



Vice President for Academic Affairs Judith Ramaley New policy provides "a fuller picture of an academic career."

New drop-add policy approved; student leaders push for repeal

By Jim O'Sullivan
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Amidst vocal student opposition, the University Senate voted in May to have a "W" placed on a student's transcript if a course is dropped more than ten days into the semester.

Under the new policy, students will also be given more time to add a course.

Student leaders are now looking into alternate proposals to the regulation, which goes into effect during the Fall 1985 semester.

Under current rules, a student has five days to add a course, and can drop a course until the middle of the semester.

The new rules will expand the add period to ten days, but will cut the add period to those same ten days.

About 35 students attended the Senate meeting to demonstrate their opposition to the rule.

Statements against the proposal — usually just called the "W" — were met with cheers and applause from the students, many of whom had come in response to fliers passed around campus by Student Association (SA).

Senate chair Ronald Bosco limited debate on the motion to ten minutes. Attempts to extend debate failed to get the required two-thirds majority.

Following the first vote in favor of the "W," a motion to reconsider was approved. However, after statements from various Senators and SA President Rich Schaffer, who voiced his opposition to the bill, it was approved a second time.

In his statement before the Senate, Schaf-

fer charged that the "W" would discourage students from exploring new fields of interest. He urged the Senate to consider alternatives to the plan.

But supporters of the proposal said it would stop students from registering for more courses than they intend to take, and would help alleviate the problem of closed classes.

A motion by Senator Mitch Feig, a student, to have the proposal moved back to committee was also defeated.

Student leaders pointed to the packed visitors space as evidence of their charges that too few students were involved in the process which created and chose the "W."

But the chair of the Undergraduate Academic Council, Cathy Lasusa, who is also a student, spoke in favor of the "W." She said she believed it would keep courses open to students who intend to complete the course.

Bosco said during a recent interview that it was his policy to follow the recommendation of each committee chair on whether or not to support a bill. "The argument that there was no student representation, I didn't accept," Bosco said, explaining that students on the subcommittee and committee which drew up the proposal voted in favor of it.

"I was quite amazed that students felt they were not represented," he added.

Bosco praised Lasusa's performance as a senator and as the Senate liaison for SA. "She never spoke for herself, she spoke for the students she represented," he asserted.

The measure was passed by a 3-1 margin, Bosco said, adding that more than 35

Draft non-registrants await ruling on their eligibility for financial aid

By Wayne Peereboom
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All sides are waiting for a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to see if male college students who don't register for the draft will remain ineligible for federal aid.

The non-registrants became ineligible for federal aid programs, such as the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and Guaranteed Student Loans, as a result of a law known as the Solomon Amendment. Proposed by New York Congressman Gerald Solomon as an amendment to the Defense Appropriation Bill, the Solomon Amendment went into effect July 1, 1983, according to an aide to the congressman, John Kostas. The law requires that all draft eligible males indicate whether they've registered when applying for federal aid.

According to United States Student Association Executive Vice President Scott Wexler, a Minnesota Federal Court judge ruled that the Solomon Amendment is unconstitutional because it is in violation of the right to due process. Wexler said the judge issued an injunction stopping the law, after ruling that students had a right to a trial before being denied federal aid. Wexler explained that the case was appealed to the Supreme Court where a panel of justices lifted the injunction. He said all arguments have been heard and a final decision is expected from the court by the end of June.

Wexler said there are no estimates on how many students have lost aid or registered for the draft as a result of the bill. "I don't feel the Solomon Amendment has had much of an effect," said Wexler. "People strong enough to resist are also strong enough to get an extra job," he said.

In an interview last Fall, Aid Director Donald Whitlock described the Amendment as an attempt to cut back on federal financial aid to lower and middle income students. Whitlock called the Solomon Amendment "so illogical that some members of the financial aid profession are commencing to feel that some form of administrative harassment is being brought to bear upon them."

Kostas said the congressman's main reason for proposing the amendment was to increase compliance with draft registration laws. According to a 1983 federal government estimate, 500,000 out of 9.8 million eligible men have not registered for the draft.

Kostas said another reason for the proposal was that "non-registrants receiving aid is not fair to people who register."

Solomon is confident that the law will be upheld, Kostas said, and has no alternative plans in the event that the law is struck down. Wexler said his organization will have to regroup if the law is upheld and concentrate on such things as voter education. However, SUNYA Student Association Attorney Mark Mishler pointed out that if the court upholds the law it will "limit any challenge to it in the future."

In the meantime, S.A. President Rich Schaffer said the state legislature is considering a similar bill for state aid. He said the state Higher Education Committee will be voting on the proposal on June 19, but it is unlikely to go before the full legislature before they complete their session the following week.

senators had voted in favor.

Of the four students on the Senate's Executive Committee, Bosco said three voted for the "W."

Bosco explained that he refused to accept the "people who showed up (to the meeting) in opposition as representatives" of the student body.

SA Vice President Suzy Auletta called the proposal "ridiculous." She maintained that the "W" was an administrative attempt to put down on paperwork and also to economize.

"The faculty and a lot of the administrators feel the students are abusing the system... which I don't believe at all, but that's their attitude," she asserted.

Auletta said that various other proposals were being considered by SA officials. "We will be working on trying to repeal it," she added.

The student turnout at the meeting was

good, Auletta said, adding "it got a little out of hand but that's because people feel it's important."

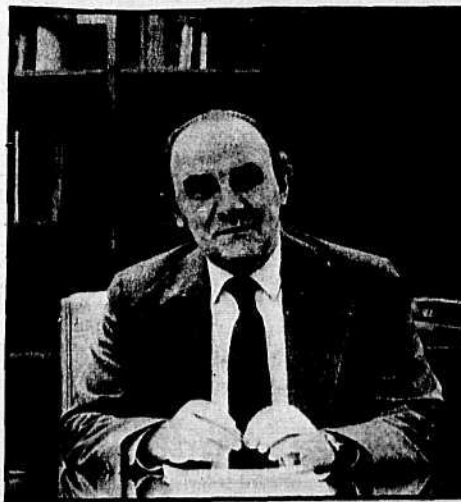
Referring to LaSusa's role in the debate surrounding the "W," Auletta said, "I don't think she should ever have gone along with it."

LaSusa could not be reached for comment. SUNYA Vice President for Academic Affairs Judith Ramaley said she supported the "W" because it would provide "a fuller picture of an academic career."

She said that SUNYA is one of the few schools she knows of which does not record on a student's transcript courses which are registered for but never completed.

Ramaley said that a few "W"'s would probably not hurt a student's chances in applying to graduate school or in the job market, but a string of "W"'s would imply "a pattern of response to the curriculum that the investigator should be aware of."

Library lounge to offer less socializing space



Joseph Nitecki Remodelling provides larger study area.

By Johanna Clancy
STAFF WRITER

SUNYA's library users will lose some socializing space when the second floor lounge is remodeled this summer to create additional study space.

The lounge will be converted into a reading area similar to the one on the first floor, according to Director of Library Administration Joseph Nitecki. He added that the room would remain a smoking section.

As in the first floor study area, no discussions will be permitted in the new reading room, he said.

The change, Nitecki noted, is an attempt to help compensate for the loss of seating on the second and third floors, and to reduce the noise level in the library. The library needs the extra shelf space to house its growing collection, he said. "The library was designed to shelve 1 million volumes," he explained. "We are now 100 percent full. We keep cutting back on seating area on the second and third floors" to shelve more books, said Nitecki.

Nitecki said he decided with the consent of Student Association officials and the Library Council to increase the seating capacity of the red lounge by 20 percent to make up for lost study areas.

Another reason for the renovations, Nitecki explained, is the high noise level in the lounge. He said that some library users have complained about the noise generated by conversations in the lounge.

After the remodeling, Nitecki claimed, there will be less interference with studying because the area will be quiet.

Group studying will be allowed in seminar rooms located in the library, Nitecki said, adding that these rooms must be reserved beforehand due to limited capacity.

The remodeling, which began at the beginning of June, will be the end of summer, in time for the fall semester, Nitecki said.

He also claimed that the cost of the project would be minimized by having it done by staff, rather than an outside contractor.

Additional plans include repairs on library carpeting, and computerization of the card catalog and book check-out systems, he stated.

Scanning labels using the computer bar code will be placed in all the books, eliminating the need to type the information manually during checkout and other procedures, explained Nitecki.

Computerizing the card catalog will give faculty members access to the book listings from their offices, so that they will be able to find out a book's availability, said Nitecki.

"This is just one phase of a long plan of automation," he said. "It will be much faster and much better for the facilities."

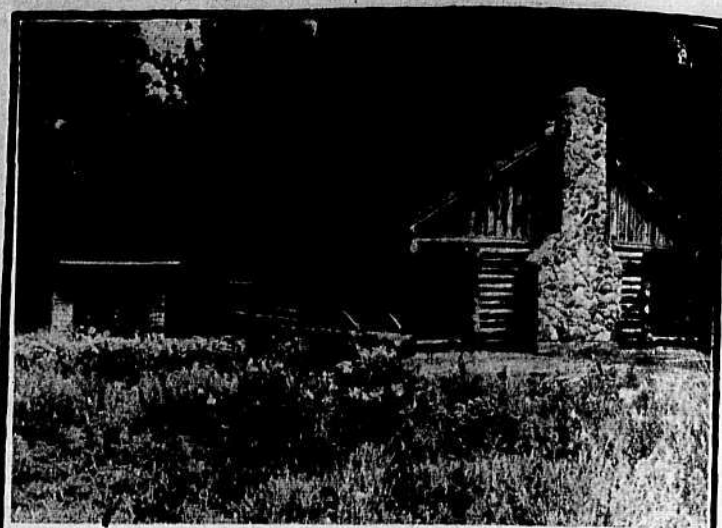
Summer library hours are Monday-Thursday, 8am-10pm, and Friday, 8am-5pm. Saturday from 9-5 and Sunday from 2pm-10pm.

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SASU to emphasize voting

By Patricia Mitchell
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Stressing that a massive student voter turnout is the key to student power, SASU President Sue Wray said her organization will focus heavily on voter concerns in the upcoming year.

"Take any issue last year. If we had voted, it would have changed it. It's so important that we vote," said Wray, the newly elected president of the Student Association of the State University.

The organization, Wray said, will work on student voter registration, voter education, and finally, voting.

SASU has scheduled an organizing conference for later this summer to coordinate student voting efforts state-wide. In addition, Wray said, SASU is planning to help inform student voters by distributing information on incumbent candidates' voting records.

Wray said that students on five SUNY campuses, including Albany, presently have the right to vote in their college communities.

SUNYA students won this right in 1980.

Last November, SUNY-Oswego students won a class action suit giving all students there the right to vote in their college district.

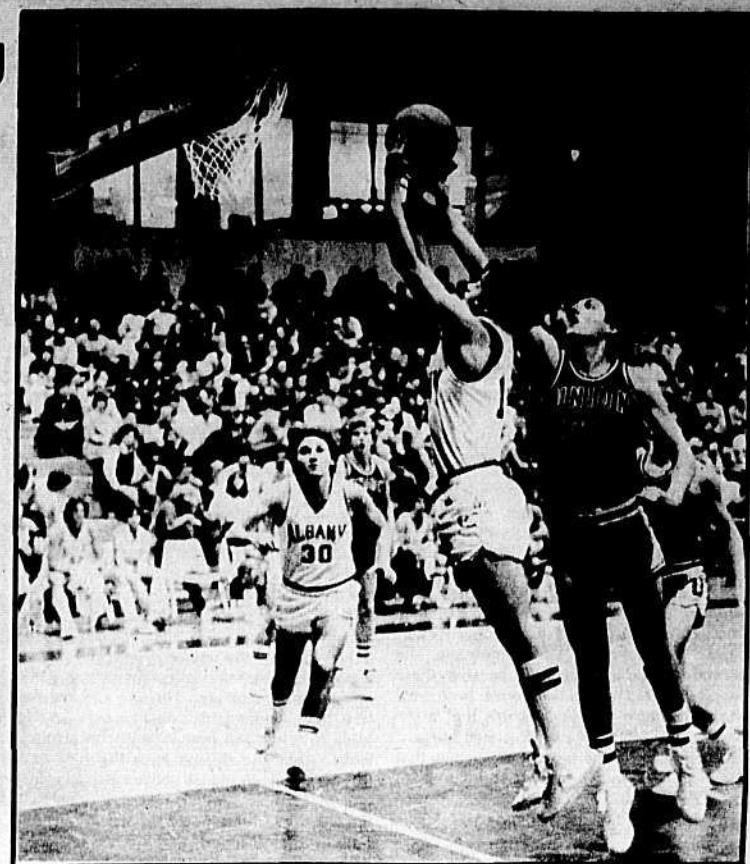
The order was the result of an action in which SASU Counsel Ronald Sinzheimer included Oswego County in the legal suit filed by SUNYA students four years ago.

This year, SASU will also seek on campus polling places for state universities.

In last year's election only two polling places were located on the SUNYA campus at State Quad and the gymnasium. Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III decided to place a third polling place off-campus at the Thruway House after a new election district was created.

In other SASU action, Wray said the group is working with its Third World Caucus to design a plan to recruit more minorities into SUNY and to assess their needs.

SASU is also urging SUNY Central to divest itself of financial ties to corporations.



Legislative proposal could bring Division I sports to Albany Danes

By Jane Anderson
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Several key New York State legislators are currently drafting a bill which, if approved, would cause SUNY student governments to lose control of the funds for intercollegiate sports.

The bill would bypass a similar proposal which is now under consideration by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Student leaders have called the bill an attempt to "usurp Board power." The legislature would not require Board of Trustees approval to implement the proposal.

Both plans would allow the awarding of grants-in-aid to student athletes, and could mean a move to National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I for some schools, possibly including SUNYA.

Intercollegiate athletics are currently funded through each SUNY school's mandatory student activity fee. Students pay approximately \$25 per year to fund the athletic program, and the money is controlled by student governments.

In the SUNY Board of Trustees' proposal, made last April, and in the bill being drafted by the legislature, the athletic budget would be administered by a board of athletic control, made up of students and faculty. In the Board of Trustees proposal, the athletic board would be able to raise or lower the fee by 10 percent every year.

"We don't like the legislature usurping Board of Trustees power," said newly elected Student Association of the State University (SASU) President Sue Wray. She said that she has the unified support of SUNY student governments in fighting the proposal, adding that she didn't think the bill would pass the legislature before the session ends in late June.

Senate Higher Education Committee Chair Kenneth LaValle, working with Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair Mark Alan Siegel, has written a rough draft of the bill, according to Educational Aide to Senator LaValle Molly Gibson.

"Nothing is carved in stone," said Gibson.

By Beth Brinser
STAFF WRITER

After a year of battling the possibility of a fee for riding SUNYA's buses, student leaders say they may lose their fight.

In a May 18, 1984 letter to SUNY Vice Chancellor James Smoot, SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary wrote, "I plan to move forward with the initiation of a user fee (for the buses). . . it is important that we get this fee into effect this summer so we can adjust its administration before the Fall semester."

The letter also stated that the fee will only be charged to "those who are not living in our downtown dormitories, or using the downtown campus, or studying interns."

The bus fee is "now an administrative decision," according to SUNYA Vice-President of Finance and Business John Hartigan.

But the fight is not over yet, according to Student Association Vice President Suzy Auletta. "Rich (Schaffer, SA president) and I have decided not to wave the white flag for the administration," Auletta said.

No official announcement has been made, but Schaffer has said he believes the bus fee could become a reality.

"(Vice President of Student Affairs Frank) Pogue will be sending letters to all students. . . informing them of the fee," Schaffer said.

Neither Pogue nor O'Leary could be reached for comment.

According to Schaffer, the fee will be \$10 per semester or 10 cents per ride. The fee

would be expected to generate about \$84,000 per year. "About half the monies will go towards administrative costs," Schaffer said.

SUNYA's Physical Plant Director Dennis Stevens declined to comment on the possibility of a bus fee, saying it would be "inappropriate" for him to discuss the issue at this time.

Schaffer said he believes the fee may be instituted largely as a result of the findings of the President's Task Force on University Bus Service Alternatives. The Task Force, which presented its recommendations to O'Leary last December, concluded that a bus fee is necessary to maintain "reasonable access" to the University community.

The Task Force's report has also been reviewed by the University Budget Panel and the Educational Policy Council of the University Senate.

Schaffer said that the specifics of the fee, such as how students will be charged and whether the University will use tokens or bus passes have not been resolved.

Both Schaffer and Auletta served on the President's Task Force on Bus Service Alternatives. They expressed opinions against the fee in a minority report that was submitted along with the Task Force's final recommendations.

Auletta said that SA officials are considering several means of protesting a bus fee, including a bus boycott, or encouraging students to refuse to pay the fee.

"SA's end of the battle is not over yet," Auletta asserted.

News Updates

Veterans get grant

The Upstate Foundation of Vietnam Veterans recently awarded a \$30,000 grant to SUNYA which will enable Vietnam Veterans in the Albany area to take career related college courses at a significantly reduced cost.

The grant will provide 75 percent of the tuition costs to Vietnam-era veterans for courses offered through the Continuing Studies Program as well as specialized courses at local community colleges.

Foundation president Robert Dallas said that the program wants to emphasize professional development and career change.

Residents of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Columbia, and Greene counties are eligible and information and career counseling are available through the Division for Continuing Education.

Sigma Xi members

Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, recently awarded associate memberships to

two SUNYA graduate students.

The students honored are Santosh K. Mishra of Orissa, India and Pantelis C. Kelires of Larna, Cyprus who are both students in the physics department.

According to Robert Dutton, president of the university's chapter of Sigma Xi, the organization is dedicated to encouraging research in the pure and applied sciences and membership is awarded on the basis of aptitude in research demonstrated in a written thesis or report of an independent project.

New dean named

Terence P. Thornberry, former director of the Research Center in Crime and Delinquency at the University of Georgia, has been named the new dean of the School of Criminal Justice at SUNYA announced university president Vincent O'Leary in late May.

In announcing Thornberry's appointment O'Leary said, "The School of Criminal Justice has for some years been considered one of the premiere programs in the country. We are delighted that Dr. Thornberry will be joining us as we enter a new era in the life of the school."

Thornberry is a sociologist with a specialization in criminology and has written many articles and co-authored several books on the subject.

The School of Criminal Justice, nationally recognized for its excellence, is the model for other graduate programs nationwide according to a University News release.

Damage fee studied

SUNYA students may soon be forced to pay a \$25 per year damage fee to help cover the costs of any vandalism to "common areas" of dorms, such as lounges.

The fee, currently under consideration by the SUNYA administration, would not be instituted for at least one year, according to Student Association officials, who strongly

oppose the measure. The fee would be charged at the beginning of each year. Any unused funds would be returned to students at the end of the year on a pro rata basis.

The SUNY Board of Trustees approved the fee at their May meeting, leaving it to the discretion of each campus administration to determine whether the fee should actually be instituted on that campus.

At SUNYA, according to SA president Rich Schaffer, University President Vincent O'Leary has decided to spend a year exploring the ramifications of implementing the damage fee.

In the meantime, Schaffer and SA Vice President Suzy Auletta sent a memo to the administration charging that the fee would be "unequitable for students."

In their memo they asserted that the innocent would end up paying for the guilty and that the residence staff would have to become "spies" and "secret agents" to report incidents of vandalism. This, they said, would create unnecessary distrust and suspicion in the dorms.

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My Life As An Ugly Guy Part II

Dating Tips For The Ugly Guy

A date, for an ugly guy, is a challenge far beyond any faced by his more attractive counterparts.

O.K., so let's get a little unrealistic and assume you've asked a girl out on a date, and she's accepted.

method of getting the girl so drunk she forgets who she's with. The biggest danger at the bar, however, is that there are a lot of other guys around, and a slightly tipsy date is liable to forget that she's "his" date.

thy pocket!" If you happen to be both ugly and rich, there's hope. The theory was that sometime around 1977, at the height of the Carter administration as it happened, women were no longer interested in marrying or dating guys with money unless they also had Alan Alda's personality.



alone watching the bartender wipe glasses puts a real strain on even a drunken conversation.

MONEY

Unrequited love has been a central topic in male conversations since the first prehistoric turn-down, but it wasn't until Shakespeare that sensible advice on how to win your woman became immortalized in literature.

Next: More Good Advice For The Ugly Guy Tips on Self-Deception

DATING

On a date, the ugly guy is working for one thing, that pinnacle of ugly guy sexuality, the good-night kiss. Any higher form of physical pleasure will prove too stimulating for an ugly guy's senses, and he will, undoubtedly, lapse into a coma or die instantaneously.

Three popular ugly guy dating alternatives are:

1. The Movie - the universal ugly guy dating arena. This alternative offers the ugly guy the advantage of darkness. No one can see his face, not even (and this is key) his date, who is liable to forget just how hideous he actually looks.

2. The Bowling Alley - A great release for the pent-up frustrations common to all ugly guys. The two most popular bowling strategies are to either bowl so well that the date will be terribly impressed with the ugly guy's athletic prowess and bowling skill, or bowling so poorly that the date feels so sorry for the ugly guy, and doesn't have the heart to tell him he's a toad later, when he tries to kiss her goodnight.

3. The Bar - Back to the basics. Today, only the most chauvinistic (or desperate) ugly guy still resorts to this callous, but almost surefire

Jim Lally

Now, to most teenagers, when the word "personality" arises in a conversation, it's pretty obvious that the person being discussed is at least somewhat ugly, because if he were good-looking, no one would care about his personality.

ASKING

Ugly guys invite girls out on dates very rarely (at least, ugly guys who realize their level of physical attractiveness do), and when they do, it invariably takes them much too long a time to do so, as they will cheerfully spend upwards of a month agonizing over whether or not to ask.

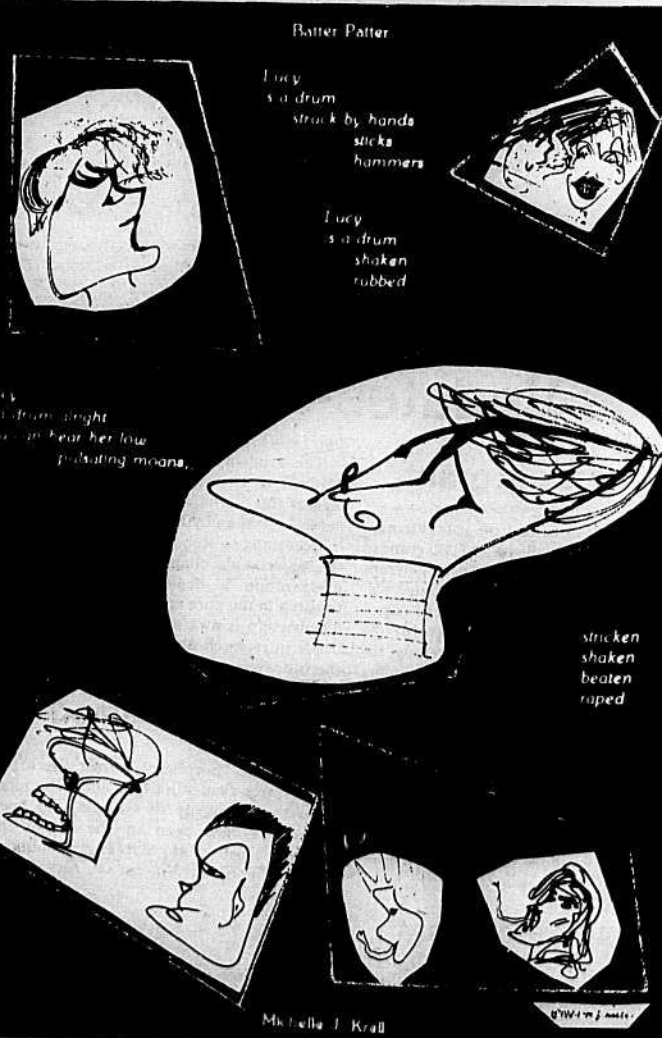
This is because the ugly guy understands that he will probably be turned down when he asks, so the longer he puts it off and attempts to get to know the girl better beforehand, the longer he can feel like he's actually got a shot.



Growing Down

- Being a kid is having your bangs trimmed;
Being an adult is having your hair re-permed
Being a kid is really wanting that 35-cent ice pop;
Being an adult is really wanting that \$2.25 Screwdriver

Mark Barrett Teitelbaum



Michelle J. Krall

R.E.M.'s Day Of Reckoning

They call themselves R.E.M., after the term rapid eye movement, the rapid, jerking eye moments under closed lids during deep dreaming sleep. It is quite a fitting name, because R.E.M. manages to convey through quirky vocals and bouncy, often dancey, music, a rich multi-layered sound that is dreamy in quality.



Daniel Barth

R.E.M. recently released their second album, Reckoning, and their new single, "South Central Rain", nearly four months after all the critics declared R.E.M. and their debut LP Murmur the best new group and album for 1983.

Their growing popularity, signaled by the commercial success of the Murmur single "Radio Free Europe" (a previously released 1982 on IRS Records, revealed to the critics and college radio audience that this band was certainly one to be reckoned with.

So from this we receive Reckoning, an album that combines the more energetic sounds of Chronic Town with the beautifully rich and gently emotional sounds of Murmur. Yet Reckoning takes a step back from the elaborate production put into Murmur. The musical layering isn't quite as precise; the piano that rounded out Murmur is only faintly present in Reckoning.

"Pretty Persuasion" also contains pronounced drums and a full guitar and vocal arrangement. The song moves with a quick dance feel while the vocals and instrumentation melt together to marvelous effect, so that we get the sense of energy and emotion at the same time, a hybrid that R.E.M. seems to

and is the case for Reckoning, too.

The ten-song Reckoning has it highlights, and among them are the songs "7 Chinese Brothers," "South Central Rain," and "Pretty Persuasion," crammed together on side one, or the left side, as R.E.M. calls it. "South Central Rain" is the single and deservedly so. It's got Stipe's crisp sweet pleading vocals, the best bass heard on the album, and a sparser but truly beautiful guitar backdrop.

"7 Chinese Bros." has the same mid-tempo, pretty sound as "South Central," and is actually the same music as the song "Voice of Harold" found on the "South Central" 12-inch single. In that version Stipe reveals his southern accent to the world when he talks through the middle of the song on his thoughts about the record industry.

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perfect song after song.

Listeners may complain of a sameness that exists in all the songs, but the final cut on side one is certainly unique. "Time after Time" is a slow but powerful song. Its meditative swaying feel is created by softly bouncing drums while guitars ring in the background and Stipe croons in the fore. It builds steadily to an emotional climax of guitars and a fading voice. Very nice.

Side two of Reckoning is less a combination of Murmur and Chronic Town than an extension of Murmur itself. "Letter Never Sent" is a cut reminiscent of side one of Murmur, very gentle and introspective and very pretty. And it manages to be so with a less produced, less layered sound, in an age when bands improve only with more production.

"Camera" is in the same vein as "Letter" but it is slower and softer, very subdued, very melancholy. It is the longest song on the album and one of the prettiest. In contrast are the first song on the side, "Second Guessing," and the last, "Little America."

Finally, "(Don't Go Back to) Rockville" is the most southern-sounding songs on the

album, complete with a saloon piano and twanging guitar, very good in its own right.

R.E.M. makes itself a timeless and regionless band. One can't tell exactly where they stand. From where and what they are one can't decide, yet they owe much to the past, hailing from the same musical realm as their fellow Georgia counterparts, the B-52's, Pylon, and the Method Actors. They have been called neo-psychedelia, much to their distaste, and southern rock.

R.E.M. does attribute much of their sound to country music; Reckoning's "Rockville" and the vocal quality of "Voice of Harold" attests to that, but they are more complex than southern music as a whole. Stipe's vocals tend toward the nasal twang commonly heard from the AM country cowpokes, or maybe even a band such as Dire Straits, but though the vocals and music are as simple as, say, Dire Straits, the combination of the two are not. R.E.M. exists as much for not hearing as for hearing, permitting an ambiguity in the lyrics, vocals, and music to hide some meaning and feeling for subsequent listenings.

While straightforward, almost meaningless songs have their place, that place isn't with R.E.M. The greatest quality of their music is that it can be heard over and over again and still have an impact on the emotions, as the mystery is slowly stripped away. It's good to see that musicians can be artists, too and that R.E.M. can be more than just another band. With their new album Reckoning it's obvious that they're not.

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C'est Moi. Hi, incoming freshmen! These three pages (6, 7, and 8) are the Aspects pages of the ASP's summer issue. Aspects is, basically, the ASP's leisure section, and this column is, basically, an egocentric perquisite that I, as Aspect's editor, allow myself. Aspects appears on Friday's as a full 8-page section, and includes articles on books, music, and theatre, as well as short fiction and poetry. 'Big deal', you say with a yawn, 'where are the parties tonight?' Well, I'm not sure, although Johnson has a reputation as a jumping hall, but this column is just to let the few of you who may be interested know that, come September, Aspects is going to be looking for people who can write, who know about music or movies, and who are egotistical enough to enjoy seeing their name in print. So if you're interested, the ASP is listed in the Student Directory. Call and ask for John or Joe. P.S. I usually write better columns than this, but what the hell, it's the summer issue; nobody's going to read this anyway. Aloha. John J. Keenan

But Can They Make Balloon Animals?

They drink. They breakdance. They enjoy singing and listening to music. They simply adored their special screening of *Snow White and The Seven Dwarves*. They belch; they "flash". They must, to be totally credible, also swear in their own, unique way (honestly, director Joe Dante wouldn't be foolish enough to admit such a major detail) - but the curious moviegoer will never know for certain. They raise all kinds of hell, and if it weren't for sunlight they would get away with it and eventually rule the world. They are *gremlins*, nasty little creations of the imaginative and talented Chris Walas, and they are, ironically, the only characters in Joe Dante's *Gremlins* that seem to matter.

Mark Latino

Symbolically, gremlins represent the dark side of human nature. They are ugly. Wart hogs and cockroaches are breathtakingly beautiful by comparison. The gremlin body, in fact, appears to be finely glossed with a double coat of mucous. Even their mother, who in this case is a small, adorable, furry E.T. called a "mogwai," must admit "You guys are damned ugly!"

Actually, a drop of water on the cute mogwai creates other cute mogwais, which is not a big problem. It's "feeding them after midnight," as the warning says, that will kill you every time.

It's also important to remember, however, that evil, smelly gremlins produce other evil, smelly gremlins simply by getting wet. How boring. Perhaps the decadent gremlins are releasing repressed sexual energy. Basically the fun-loving vermin get their jollies by creating dangerous, frolicsome havoc, "fixing" automobiles and appliances and entangling a dog in Christmas lights, for example, without any social or moral conscience. They belch, slurp, and spill their booze freely, and make themselves to home without invitation. Thus, the gremlins represent desire and reality; an individual's natural inclination to be destructive ("I've got to hit something!") when he is upset, but is held back by mores the gremlins don't have.

Obviously, if the gremlins represent man's bad side, then their predecessor, the mogwai Gizmo, symbolizes man's ETish good side. Gizmo is the character you cheer for, go "awwwwww..." when it does something undeniably cute: singing, giggling, and learning to drive. Gizmo is the character you fear for the most, go "ohhhhh..." when a naughty gremlin beats it up and throws it against the wall. Gizmo is the only character the audience could possibly care for, for he is, ironically, the only being in the film that is touchingly human, essentially good. The mogwai is surrounded by people who wish to exploit it. Mr. Pelizer (Hoyt Axton), inventor of useless products for a screwed-up world, expresses a



Zach Galligan and Phoebe Cates star as the gremlin-crossed lovers of Joe Dante's horror-comedy, *Gremlins*.

desire to use water to mass-produce his son's Christmas present and market it as the "Peltzer pet." Additionally, the intended protagonist Billy Peltzer immediately takes one of Gizmo's mischievous children to a science teacher for observation, and forgets to tell him that food and midnight are a no-no. Of course, the ravenous mogwai grabs a sandwich that the teacher leaves well within its sandwich-grabbing range. Then the fun really starts!

All of the person-characters in *Gremlins* are inconsequential. They are mere tools for the real good guy, Gizmo, and the nasty antagonists, the gremlins (who make J.R. Ewing look like Mother Theresa), to strut their stuff. Hoyt Axton plays Billy's father like a country singer with a used-car dealers pitch. He rushes through his lines. Thoughts of "Let me hurry up and finish what I got to say so I can see what those little critters do" seem to occupy his characters mind whenever he utters his dialogue, which is simple and realistic. Zach Galligan performs capably as Billy, a young man with a rather unique problem; trying to win a girl's heart while struggling to conquer those damn gremlins. Billy does establish himself as the least insignificant of the

"person-characters," which is still a rather pathetic position to be in. Oh, he'll have a few great "Kids, those gremlins were mean sons-a-bitches" stories to tell his children, but one of those glamorous tales will not be "How I Saved All Humanity By.....," which is very disappointing considering the traumatic life he leads for a little more than two hours. Phoebe Cates, who plays Billy's girlfriend Kate, and Zach make a cute couple, but there is an absence of romantic interplay between them because they spend the majority of their celluloid lives chasing, or fleeing from, the insensitive gremlins, who just don't know what it's like to be "in love". There is no time for Billy and Kate to exchange romantic, breezy dialogue, make "goo-goo eyes" at each other, or even squeeze in that one long romantic kiss. Therefore, thoughts like "Sure I want the gremlins to die, but will Billy get the girl?" never bother the audience during the gremlins two-hour rampage.

Joe Dante aspires to amuse and frighten his audience while providing them with a philosophical outlook on the grim side of human nature. This creative task sounds im-

possibly Herculean for a very good reason - the chore is impossibly Herculean. Thus, on the whole, *Gremlins* is a vaguely unsatisfying experience. There is far too little bloody gore to satisfy the juvenile *Friday the 13th* crowd, and the abundant comedy does not mix well with the horror. On numerous occasions, the audience finds itself laughing during scenes that are obviously intended to be gruesome and frightening.

Dante could have vastly improved the consistency of his film in one of three ways: adding more of the suspense and "scare the audience into petrification" elements and decreasing the number of slapstick comedy instances (most of which are provided by Mr. Peltzer's spastic inventions), or toning down the horror which often doubles as uproarious but sadistic humor, or allowing producer Steven Spielberg to direct the movie (they, Joe, it's only a suggestion).

Gremlins, it seems, is a very good movie for people looking for mindless fun, but only modestly fair for those willing to think about what they've seen.

EDITORIAL Taking control

College is a very scary place. This isn't your 500- or 4,000-student high school from Lynbrook or Penn Yan - it's a huge university center with tall pillars that look like they're from a bad vision in a Greek deli.

And from the first minute you step on campus, you feel intimidated.

The new city will scare you. Classes will probably frighten you and, of course, professors will try as hard as they can to intimidate you.

Because of all this anxiety building, it's easy (and quite common) to pull into a shell and disappear from the world for a few years. Many college students drag through their four years of education like turtles, crawling through the halls of academia and sticking their heads out only for a exam or a beer.

There's much more available at college than just classes and bars. Not abstract activities to do because they look good on a resume, but actions to keep control of things that effect your life.

When you don't like what's happening around here, don't be intimidated because you just got started here. You've got as much right as anyone else to be heard and be happy.

It's not all that hard. It can start by taking an active interest in how you are educated. Major academic decisions on this campus - usually made by the University Senate - include a significant number of elected student representatives, and students in many departments have at least some say in how they are educated.

It means taking an active interest in how you live. Student activities on this campus are largely run by the Student Association, which does out the \$1 million raised annually in student activity fees. SA is run by volunteers and represented up of students appointed by the students.

Also, the campus' food service, University Auxiliary Services, is run by a corporation with a majority of its board made up of students elected by the students.

SA and other groups also work to involve students in important decisions made by the university administration,

-ranging from the essential bus service to academic freedom. It means registering to vote, so you can have a say in the actions of governments in the towns we live in. Part of Dutch Quad and all of Indian Quad are in the town of Guilderland, and the rest of the campus is in the city of Albany. Most off-campus students live in the city.

Local governments run our new hometowns, and that means our police, city services, housing and security regulations. They are, our tie to our new communities.

It means keeping an ear open to the student organizations that represent us to the State Legislature. You'll soon learn that the quality of a State University education is closely related to the political mood of the Capitol. With the state constantly warning of tightening pursestrings, everyone is needed to make sure SUNY's not a victim of ill-planned budget cuts.

Overall, it means not being intimidated by the new authority figures you'll find. No matter where you turn from now on, there's a whole list of people you'll have to answer to - professors, RAs, employers, bill collectors.

Hang strong. You've got a right to have a say in what happens in your life, and the place to start is here and now.

Wouldn't it be a shame if all you got out of college was a diploma?

LETTERS

Student voting

To The Editor,

During the '84 annual Student Association of State University's membership conference, many issues were placed on the agenda for the 84-85 year. The most important campaign for us this coming year will be voter registration and voter turnout. This becomes especially important since this year is a presidential election year.

There are many reasons why so much effort will be placed on getting out the student vote. It is important for SASU to complete the circle and become a strong representative force for students. We must prove our activism by a strong voter turnout. Once a large percentage of the student body, across the state turn out to vote, our threats will have a vital base.

With nearly all of the students expressing their opinions with legislation, or the responses of legislators, it becomes apparent that the student voice must be heard. The right to vote is one given to us in order to secure adequate representation, and with the trend moving away from low cost SUNY-education and the abuse of students' rights, it is easy to see the need for a strong student representation at the polls.

With SASU building its credibility throughout the legislature, it is vital that the students that SASU represents, show that we are a voting block ready to mobilize a campaign concerning student issues. Once election time rolls around, the legislators will be quite aware of our presence, and therefore of our rights.

-Nathaniel Charry
SUNYA SASU Delegate

More fees

To The Editor:

Fees, fees everywhere and no money to pay for them. This is a common dilemma here at SUNY Albany. Every time we turn around there is another fee being proposed. Since the summer began, we've had to try to combat a damage fee, in

which on-campus students may be required to pay a \$25 damage "deposit." This "deposit" would be used to pay for damages in the "common areas" (lounges). Our main objection to this fee lies in the assumption that students are pronounced "guilty by association." In other words, the students would be required to pay for supposed damage before it occurs. The fee would also mean that many students would be paying for damages that they themselves had nothing to do with. How could this fee ever be fair?

We must also not let ourselves forget about the infamous ever-present, ominous threat of the bus fee. The bus fee is scheduled to go into effect this summer. This fee contains an obvious inequity; the students who will pay the brunt of the fee will be off-campus students. Not to mention that this fee is totally unnecessary. Student Association has been fighting this fee for years!

Presently there is a new fee on the agenda - it's the... athletic fee. This fee would eliminate student control of athletics, while jeopardizing many of our athletic programs as they exist today, especially women's sports. The athletic fee would put us on our way to being a Division I school. While this may seem like an attractive idea to some, there are many drawbacks. Emphasis at SUNY-Albany will be shifted from scholarship to athletic prowess, from diversity to favoritism, from a well-rounded athletic program that serves all the students, to a program in which men's football and basketball rule the gym and all its funds.

In any event, if all these fees become a reality (and there are many other fees waiting in the wings for us) we will end up paying more in fees than tuition! Just a side note, fees are not covered by financial aid or TAP.

It is a very big coincidence that most fees are proposed and/or implemented during the summer, when most students have gone home. This is a sad commentary since students are unable to "fight back" while they are home for the summer. Students must take a more active role in their education, and seriously question how their money is being spent. We can't allow ourselves to be priced out of an education.

-Susy Auletta
SA Vice President



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Aspects
THE ASPECTS SURVEY:
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County eyes ways to make room for new civic center

By David L.L. Laskin
MANAGING EDITOR

Albany County is exploring the possibility of demolishing several buildings downtown to clear space for a proposed civic center site near the Empire State Plaza.

Controversy has surrounded several civic center proposals since early this year when Colonie developer Joseph Futia unveiled his plan for the complex. Since then, bids have appeared from Albany, Latham, Rensselaer and a host of other locations.

One of the first and most in depth proposals came in late January from SUNYA President Vincent O'Leary. His plan outlined a civic center-fieldhouse complex to be built across from campus on Fuller Road and Washington avenue, and financed jointly by the city, county and state.

The spotlight has shifted from SUNYA, however, in recent months. The State Urban Development Corporation is currently studying six possible sites in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties.



CINDY GALAWAY UPS
Thomas Whalen III.

A \$98,000 private report has also been commissioned to study two sites in downtown Albany, in an effort to determine the optimum location for a civic center in the city. The group should release its findings in July, according to Albany Mayor Thomas A. Whalen III.

One site, known as the B site, proposed by developer Nathan Smith, is located east of the Empire State Plaza and north of its main entrance road. The area had been previously passed over because it was considered to be too small. Several buildings on Grand and Beaver streets could be cleared, however, to enlarge the area to 3.5 acres, the size planners are seeking for the civic center.

The other site being studied, usually called the A site, is east of the Empire plaza, but south of the entrance road. This site has been favored in the past, but now planners and officials are apparently undecided as to which will be the preferred site.

Whalen said that if the county submits a proposal for the B site, "we'll support it wholeheartedly." He explained that "it would bring (the civic center) adjacent to downtown." The B site is within a few minutes walk from the plaza and the center of downtown. The A site is cutoff from downtown by the plaza entrance road and the vacant land next to it.

Another factor in the growing interest in the B site has been the support of residents in the neighborhood. They have argued that a civic center at the A site would loom over, and ruin, their neighborhood. The B site, located in the heart of Albany's commercial district, should not pose this problem.

With the release of the two studies by the end of July, the possibility of a civic center in the capital district should move one step closer to realization.

Wray elected to head SASU

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who have interests in South Africa because of that country's alleged racist policies. In addition, SASU is compiling a list of entertainers who have performed in that country.

SASU is also working on the New York State Equal Rights Amendment, which the State Senate recently decided not to act on this year, women safety task forces at member universities, and of course, tuition hikes and dorm fees.

Again, Wray said, students must turn out to vote in order to back up SASU's efforts. "If students voted, the governor and legislature wouldn't be so apt to raise tuition," she said. "It all comes down to voting."

Wray, who attends SUNY Oswego, was elected to her SASU position earlier this spring. Other new officers are: Brockport student Stu Friedman, executive vice president; Plattsburgh student Tom Swan, vice president for campus officers; and Stony Brook student Andrew Chien, vice president for community colleges.

This year, SASU has an operating budget of \$250,000, which Wray said is "not nearly enough." She explained that each member university pays \$3 for each student on its campus. Currently, there are 150,000 students in the New York organization.

Wray said she first got involved in the organization through the SASU Womens' Caucus at Oswego. Working on issues such as the Womens' Caucus or the Third World Caucus is one way for students to become active in SASU.

Another way, she said, is to be elected a SASU delegate. For every 3,500 students at a member university, one delegate to SASU can be elected. Then delegates may run for a director's position of SASU.

This year, SUNYA's SASU representatives are Nathaniel Charny and Steve Gawley.

SUNYA's Student Association Vice President Suzy Auletta, who was a SASU community service intern a year ago, hopes more students will get involved in the organization.

"I think SASU is a great organization," Auletta said. "They're the way we get involved. They're the link."

For example, Auletta pointed to SASU's successful efforts in such issues as the defeat of the state-wide 21 drinking age, the restoration of cut SUNY faculty positions, and the fight against tuition hikes.

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Congress seeking a national 21 drinking age

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Tobin claimed that the drinking age topic has dominated the polls, forcing most congressmen to "jump on the political bandwagon," in favor of 21. Ironically, only a few days before the federal action, the New York State Legislature voted down a proposal to raise the drinking age to 21 from the current 19. An intensive lobbying campaign by Governor Mario Cuomo failed to convince legislators to approve a drinking age hike.

After a period of floor debate in late May, the Assembly defeated the proposal by a vote of 80-69. Because of the outcome of the Assembly vote, the State Senate declined to take up the matter.

Legislators who voted against the bill, which was sponsored by Assemblyman Melvin Zimmer (D-Syracuse), gave several reasons for their votes. Many have stated that they find Cuomo's argument that the legislation would save lives ambiguous.

Graber said that raising the drinking age would punish the vast majority of young adults between the

ages of 18-21 who are not involved in alcohol-related accidents.

Some legislators also pointed out that studies show that the high-risk age group for auto-related accidents is 18-24, not 18-21. "Raising the drinking age to improve safety runs in the face of facts," said Graber.

Tougher enforcement and education of young people coupled with a mandatory seat belt law would be more effective, he asserted.

A bill calling for mandatory seat belt use recently passed the State Senate and is expected to become law.

Tobin noted that the seat belt law is an alternative to raising the drinking age and that it would save 4-5 times more lives than would a drinking age hike.

The bottom line, many observers claim, is that this issue was deemed by legislators as too hot to deal with in an election year. The proposal faced powerful opposition from groups including NYPIRG and the Student Association of the State University (SASU).

Additionally, thousands of bar and tavern owners throughout the state strongly opposed the measure. □

Legislators drafting athletic fee proposal

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adding "We're being very cautious and careful."
Gibson said that LaValle is waiting for the June Board of Trustees meeting, where the proposal will be discussed, before taking any formal action on the bill.

LaValle's bill would establish a separate athletics fee to fund intercollegiate sports on each campus of the SUNY system, said Wray.

Unlike the plan under deliberation by the Board of Trustees, Gibson said, no student athletic fee money would be used to award athletic scholarships not based on need. Instead, she stressed, scholarship funds would be obtained through private grants and donations to the sports program.

"Each campus would decide their own level of participation" through student referendum, under

LaValle's proposal, said Gibson.

Wray said that Siegel and LaValle would "try to ramrod (the bill) through the Senate and the Assembly."

"We're (SASU) doing a lot of talking," said Wray. "We've let the word out that we don't like this."

A Board of Trustees-appointed task force had recently proposed to the Board a similar plan for an athletic fee, but the Board has not yet taken any action on the fee idea.

The task force proposal, which is not connected with any possible legislation, was met with unified opposition from student leaders. In an interview in May Jim Tierney, then SASU president, called the plan "an administrative power grab," and stressed that "students will fight this tooth and nail." □

Off-campus housing office moved to State Quad

Front Page
argued that the move will "greatly hinder communication between these co-existing interrelated services."

Although Auletta expressed other concerns regarding the space and accessibility of OCHO's new location, she reserved her harshest criticism for what she believed to be ulterior motives involved in Pogue's decision.

"It is my fear and the fear of other executive staff members that the switch was done for personal reasons. We feel Karleen Karlson has done an exemplary job and has contributed much time and energy to the university through her work with the students, faculty and the administration. Losing Karleen's close proximity is rather disturbing," Auletta wrote. "It is my sincere hope that this move was done in the best interests of all concerned, but it is my feeling that it was not. It seems as though yet another student service has gotten caught up in the bureaucracy."

Martone went on to note the advantages of having OCHO placed within the Residential Life offices. "I see it as a positive move because of the secretarial support, computer support, and other resources she will be receiving," Martone said.

At the center of the controversy is Karlson, who has directed the office since 1976. In recalling OCHO's move to the Campus Center from Ten Eyck on Dutch Quad in January of 1977, Karlson said the move caused a great increase in the utilization of the office, and projected that the current relocation will result in a 75 percent decrease in the student traffic of the office. According to Karlson, in the last two years OCHO's surveys have shown that one out of every two students used the office.

Administrative Services, which among other things is where students frequent to pay their Health Services bills, will be moved to the spot OCHO is vacating, according to Karlson.

SA President Rich Schaffer agreed that the decision may not have been made for completely professional reasons. He said that Karlson's tendency to "speak her mind" gets many people upset. In addition, Schaffer said, Karlson's role as a student activist and her close working relationship with SA sometimes bothers her fellow administrators.

"I think there is going to be a lot of friction between Karleen Karlson and (Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Residential Life) John Martone. In his position now, I don't think he has a good understanding of what OCHO is about," said Schaffer. "I think they have two different styles that aren't going to mesh."

Responding to charges of a personality conflict between himself and Karlson, Martone said that "it's probably one of the most ridiculous things I've heard. Karleen and I are friends. I don't know what the big concern is." He added that "There are many people on our staff, including myself, that are excited about her arrival."

In response to the alleged personality conflicts, Karlson did acknowledge that different philosophical perspectives do exist. However, she maintained that these and/or any other differences will not stop her from doing her job. "I'm too much of a professional to let personality get in the way. I think the staff over at Residential Life is of such a caliber that I will enjoy working with them," Karlson said.

In Karlson's office, student advisors are trained as para-legals and are able to help students with many concerns that do not require the attention of Mishler. Student advisor Pete Trevoledes said the move will have a negative impact on OCHO's ability to reach out to clients. "With this move we are going to lose the people who just casually walk into the office to ask a question about apartment life. Those people are very important because often their problems are much more important than they thought," Trevoledes said. "The casual clients make up a substantial percentage of the people we service." □

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SUNYA preparing for orientation

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She met Margaret on the Greyhound from Long Island the day before orientation. Completely by accident, they ended up as roommates when they stayed at the school the night before orientation, and they were also placed as roommates for the orientation overnight itself. When Alicia came to SUNYA in the fall, she found that Margaret was again her roommate, completely by chance.

"Our entire circle of friends really came from summer orientation," said a senior. "I lived with them sophomore year, and we got an apartment together junior year. They're some of the closest friends I've got." □

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Football coaches

Albany State student Judy Torel, and recently graduated defensive standouts Bob Jojo and Tom Fogarty have all received football coaching jobs.

Torel will be the aerobics coach for the Metro Maulers, a semi-pro football team that play their home games at Blecker stadium. Ex-Great Dane tight end Bill Banagan is on the Maulers. Torel also has an aerobics class at Colonie Athletic Club.

Fogarty will remain at Albany State to be an assistant coach for the Great Danes. Jojo will travel to Rensselaer to take the job as linebacker coach for the RPI Engineers.

Swale dead

Clairborne Farm's Swale winner of both the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes this year died early Sunday morning.

The colt had finished an early morning workout and according to Sargeant William Lang, "They were washing him down and he keeled over. That's it."

Swale was from the second crop of 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew and his first classic winner. Swale was the tenth horse to have won the Belmont and the Derby without winning the Preakness.

Before his tragic death, Swale had won \$1,790,431 including nine wins, two seconds, two thirds and a seventh place finish in the Preakness.

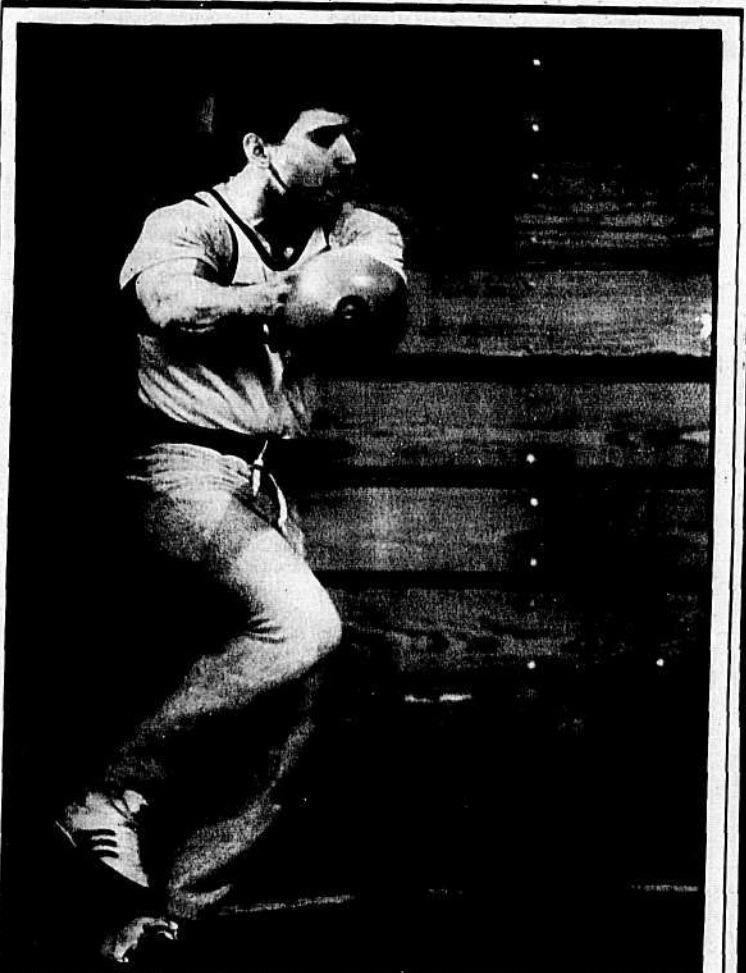


Wilson Thomas sets up for a foul shot.

Danes ranked 12th

The Albany State men's basketball team was ranked the twelfth best foul shooting team in the nation on the Division III level. The Danes made 307 out of their 414 attempts from the charity stripe for a 74.2 percentage.

Point guard Dan Crouther led the way for the Danes as he sank 93 of his 110 foul shot attempts for an 84.5 percentage and a number 18 ranking in the country.



Sportsman of the Year

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Mark Mercurio, Albany State's outstanding weight event technician, was recently chosen Sportsman of the Year by a committee of Dane coaches following his fourth place finish at the Division III track and field national championships.

As a top finisher, Mercurio earned All-American honors for his school record-breaking performance. The Albany senior threw the hammer 179'8" to break his own school record in the championship trials and came back to record a toss of 176'10" in the finals for fourth place.

Mercurio is Albany State's first All-American in track and field since 1974. Head Coach Bob Munsey noted, "Marc has shown that he is as good in his event as anyone in Division III. Two of the guys that finished ahead of him are graduating and if he improves at all no one will be able to stop him anyway."

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Conklin parts with Albany; as always a winner

By Keith Marder
SPORTS EDITOR

After transferring from the Division I University of Buffalo Bob Conklin more than lived up to his advanced billing as a talented baseball player in his tenure as an Albany State Great Dane.

Not only was he a consistent performer on the field, he always willing to sacrifice himself for the team. A prime example of this would be that after enjoying two years of All-SUNYAC fame at his third base position Conklin was willing to move to the outfield for the good of the team. All he found in the outfield was more success as he was named to the All-Conference team for a third straight season this season.

Conklin took his switch to the outfield in stride as he commented, "At the beginning I was a little shaky in center but once I moved to left I got used to it."

The move really turned out to be a big plus to the team as Conklin's replacement at third base, Howie Hammond was named to the honorable mention All-SUNYAC team.

Ed Zaloom who was Conklin's fourth manager since he was at Albany State realiz-



Bob "King Conk"lin had more than three successful years at Albany.

ed the importance of having Conklin on the team. "Bob has meant a lot to the program at Albany since he got here," said the coach. "Especially this year as he was one of only three seniors. He was a pleasure to have on my team and to coach."

As was expected Conklin had a great year

swinging the bat. He was the team leader in four offensive categories with three home runs, 16 RBI's, 15 stolen bases and 19 runs scored in just 65 at bats. Conklin was also second on the team with 20 hits, one triple and a .307 batting average.

The freshman Hammond was the team leader with 22 hits and a .400 batting average. Hammond finished in second place with one triple, 13 RBI's and seven stolen bases.

Conklin has had many fine moments in his stay at Albany, but a few stick out in his mind. Like the time he hit two home runs in one day against Oneonta this past season or the bases loaded triple in the seventh inning to secure an 11-7 victory against Cortland.

Another one of Conklin's finest moments was during his sophomore year when Albany was taking on Middlebury. Conklin got up to the plate and sent a rocket sailing way over the fence. Conklin just stood at home plate admiring his shot ala Reggie Jackson. Going through his mind at that time was, "I don't believe I hit that ball." It was such hitting prowess that earned Conklin the nickname 'King Conk'lin.

In his stay at Albany Conklin has played

for four different managers. Of these he thinks that current Dane skipper Zaloom is the best.

"Coach Zaloom gets a lot of respect from all of his players," said Conklin. "He earns it through his vast knowledge of the game."

"He has a very young and talented team for next season Howie (Hammond), Fred Saccocio and John Kakely are only freshmen. They all have very promising careers ahead of them."

"As far as I'm concerned coach Zaloom has only one fault. He is always listening to Willie Nelson and country western music isn't really my cup of tea," joked Conklin about the fact that Zaloom spends much of his free time relaxing and listening to Willie Nelson tapes.

Conklin believes that the Danes have a very good shot at taking the SUNYAC title next year. "They have a very good team for next year, besides me every other starter is returning," said Conklin.

Next year Conklin will attend Syracuse University Law School and said that there would be no problem for him to make it back to see the Danes play.

Olympics

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site of May's Greco-Roman Championship. The Dane freshman from Niskayuna came out on the short end of an even 1-1 score because of the last tiebreaker rule.

But in the eyes of DeMeo, the match wasn't close: "I scored the match 9-0 for Shawn. I thought the referee called a couple of his throws out of bounds that weren't."

So DeMeo wasn't too surprised at Sheldon's shutout victory last week: "I think it just took time to get used to T.J.'s style," said DeMeo. "Once he did, Shawn proved to be the stronger wrestler."

DeMeo is banking that Sheldon will have top-seeded Fuller's style mastered if they should meet. Sheldon was thrashed by the 23-year-old in 1981's Junior World Championship in Minnesota, 15-3, but the match wasn't as bad as it seems. DeMeo wanted that match to serve as a sort of experimentation for Sheldon, who had never wrestled Fuller before.

"I just told him to use all his moves and later we'll sort out the ones that worked," said DeMeo, who tried out in 1964 for the Olympic team. "We videotaped the match and we've seen it a number of times."

DeMeo wouldn't disclose some of the findings, but he seemed pleased with what he saw on the screen. "Shawn was able to stop Fuller's best two moves."

DeMeo, who flew to Michigan on Friday, is planning to hold practice sessions for his two Dane All-American wrestlers everyday this week while also donating time with Shawn on reviewing the strategy against Fuller. But DeMeo has eight other responsibilities: the other Adirondack club qualifiers. DeMeo will be on the mat all week coaching 114.5 pound Jeff Clark, 125.5 pound Wade Genova, 155.5 pound and No. 1-ranked Frank Farniano, 163 pound Chris Catalfo, 180.5 pound Mike Puguette, 198 pound Phil Lanzatella, 220 pound Lester Ware, and heavyweight Jeff Blatnick.

Regardless of this weekend's outcome, Seras and Sheldon will still make the trip to Los Angeles. Their present seedings assure them of an alternate spot.

"I'll love him (Seras) just as much even if he doesn't make it," said Seras' mother Sheila, speaking in a maternalistic tone.

She added: "I'm proud of both of them. They've followed their dream."

And that dream might turn into a reality in a matter of days. □

Sports Summer

SUMMER 1984

One more match for Dane Olympic hopefuls

By Marc Berman
SPORTS EDITOR

For two Albany State wrestlers, their five year-old Olympic dreams have reached the brink of reality. The cumbersome trail the two have been required to endure in order to gain a berth on the 1984 U.S.A. Olympic team has reached its final pit stop—the Final Olympic Trials.

In some remote town in Michigan named Allendale, Dane All-American wrestlers Andy Seras and Shawn Sheldon will be putting their Albany State purple and gold uniforms away in the drawer, and will instead, fight for the right to wear Uncle Sam's red, white, and blue at the upcoming 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Although the Trials, which are being held on the campus of Grand Valley College, started this past weekend, the two will not appear on the mats until this Friday and Saturday.

Their strong placement on the proverbial Trial ladder leaves the two of them in a most auspicious position.

By placing first in last week's Final Olympic Qualifying Tournament in the 149.5 lb. division (68 kilos), Seras' name is situated on the top rung of the ladder—meaning he needs only a victory over one opponent to etch his name in the United States Greco-Roman starting lineup. Seras will wait in the wings this week and watch the five wrestlers ranked below him battle it out. The winner faces Seras—with the victor officially qualifying as a starter on the Olympic team.

Sheldon is also positioned in a favorable spot. Following his second place finish in Minnesota, Sheldon is seeded second under California's product Mark Fuller, who thoroughly defeated Shawn 15-2 last week.

His number-two ranking will require Sheldon to get past two wrestlers before



Andy Seras, who along with teammate Shawn Sheldon, has made it to the final Olympic trial spars with Coach Joe DeMeo.

reporters can just chop off the second part of the term "Olympian-hopeful," when discussing the Dane freshman.

Sheldon, wrestling in the 105.5 pound bracket, will also have to wait it out with Seras as he anticipates his opponent, which will filter down from the mini-tournament consisting of seeds three through six.

Seras is pretty certain who is opposition will be on Saturday, June 23: former NCAA All-American and Big-Ten Champ Jim Martinez. The two have split their previous four matches against each other.

In Minnesota, Seras came out the winner of a 4-4 decision because of a tiebreaker rule that gives preference to the wrestler who scored with a move worth a higher point total. The three-time All-American was

awarded the match as he scored a 3 point throw compared to Martinez's four one-point escapes.

"It's a two horse race," said Albany State coach Joe DeMeo, who also serves as mentor of the Adirondack Wrestling Club, which qualified eight other wrestlers to the Trials in addition to Seras and Sheldon. "They're two great wrestlers and both are capable of winning the gold. It just will depend upon who has the better day," he added.

In this May's National Greco-Roman Championship held at Albany State, it was Martinez who had the better day, rocking Seras 8-2.

"He wrestled lousy," said DeMeo, using a harsher word than lousy. "He did a lot of foolish things. We have it all on videotape

and he's seen it 12 times." There was more to Seras' collapse. He was wrestling with stomach cramps caused by overeating. To make weight, Seras had to fast four days before the tournament and his first meal after he got off the scale did not agree with him.

Whether the reviewing of the videotapes helped or not, Seras appeared to be a different wrestler in Minnesota.

"He's got to wrestle Martinez in a rougher style than other wrestlers," analyzed DeMeo. "Wrestling is a rough sport as it is, but Seras has got to go beyond that to beat him. That's why he won in Minnesota."

Seras was unable to be reached at the training site in Michigan for comments, but his coach of five years knows what his prodigy is thinking.

"He's expecting to face Martinez; we all are," said DeMeo, who was assistant coach for the 1976 U.S.A. Olympic squad. "It's tough for him to be very confident when you're going up against a guy that's beaten you twice in four matches. He has a heck of a lot of confidence in his ability as a wrestler but he respects Martinez as a great wrestler."

Sheldon's route to an Olympic starting berth is a bit more extensive. He will first hit the mats on Friday and his expected opponent is T.J. Jones, four-time National Greco-Roman Champion. If Sheldon gets by him, top-seeded Fuller is on deck.

But first things first. Jones represents a formidable test for the Dane freshman. Last week in Minnesota, Sheldon blanked Jones 5-0 in round 5 of the six round tournament.

It was Sheldon's first triumph over the 27-year-old in three tries. His two losses were decided on tiebreaking rules. The most recent battle prior to Minnesota was on Sheldon's home turf, University Gym. The

Albany's basketball team goes undefeated in France

By Keith Marder
SPORTS EDITOR

The Albany State men's basketball team recently took their show overseas when they went to France. Don't be surprised if they are not invited back.

As a matter of fact, the Danes returned home sporting an unblemished 4-0 record. They also won the scrimmage they played in.

The first two wins did not come easily to the Danes as they were only able to manage narrow one-point victories. To win these games Albany had to overcome the strong performances turned in by fellow American Skeeter Jackson, who amassed over 80 points in the two games. Jackson was eligible to play on both the Charonnet team and the Racing Club of Paris squad because he is switching from one to the other for next season.

"He was the best player I have ever played against," said Dane point guard Dan Croutier who played against the likes of Andre Hawkins from Syracuse and Notre Dame's Tim Kempton while playing for St. Agnes High School.

Croutier had an outstanding trip of his own. The 5'7" Croutier was up to his usual tricks as he had 48 points, 28 assists and countless steals to show for his trip. His quickness and court smarts won over the French spectators.

"The crowds really liked him," said Albany State Head Coach Dick Sauer. "They recognized his ability."

Great Dane player Greg Hart echoed his coach's sentiments, "They thought he was great, they really liked him."

Dave Adam, Croutier's back court partner told this story that epitomized Croutier's popularity. "The family I stayed with asked me who was the best player on the team, and I pointed to Danny," recalled the Niskayuna native. "They said, 'him, but he is so short.' I told them 'just watch the game."

"He really impressed them, he stole the ball from one guy four times in a row. He would let the guy dribble by him and then steal the ball from behind and then send it down court for a fast-break basket."

That incident happened before the game against Les Pallades which Albany won handily 100-87. To go along with his 10 steals, Croutier also compiled six assists and 14 points.

Two other players who made their presence felt were Hart and Rich Chapman. "Greg played the best of the big men," said Sauer. "Rich has very good instincts around the basket."

Hart believes this trip will be a big factor in the Dane's success next season. "It is going to be great for us," said Hart. "I think it is what we needed to take the league next year."

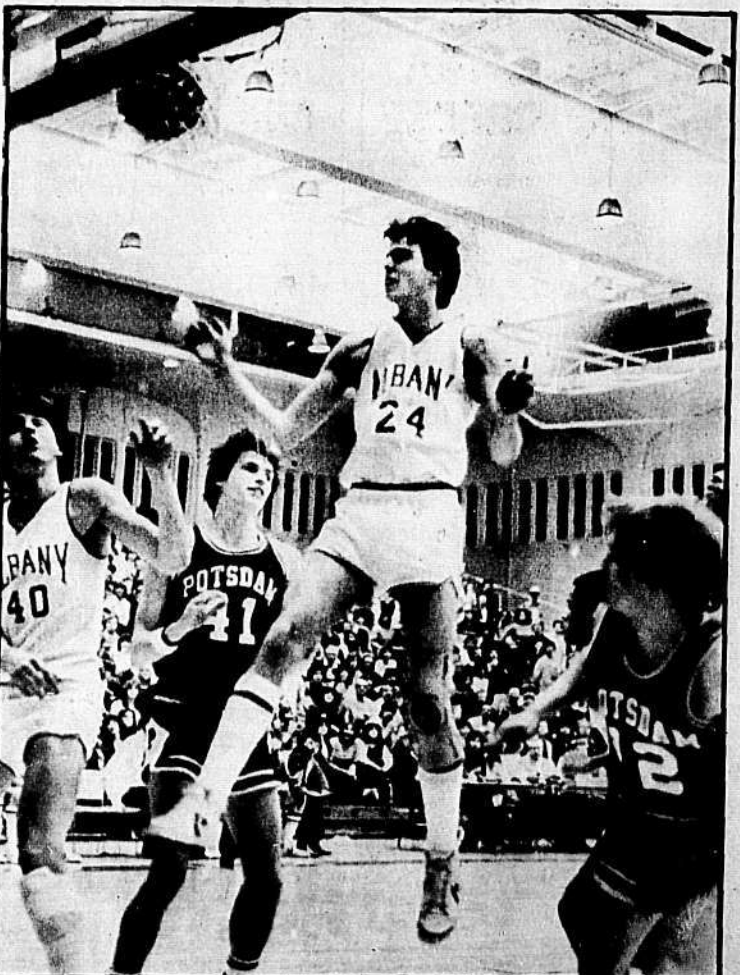
Hart shot 21-36 over the four games. He also pulled down a team high 24 rebounds. Chapman pulled down 17 rebounds including seven of which came in the Dane's final game, a 93-75 drubbing of Club De Maurin.

Another player who played with renewed confidence was Brian Kauppila. Kauppila scored 29 points and had 10 assists to his credit.

Said Croutier, "I think it (the trip) will help us next year. Greg (Hart) and Brian Kauppila definitely gained confidence."

Adam led the team in scoring with 62 points as he picked up right where he left off the season as he shot a sizzling 28-47 in France. John Mracek was second in scoring with 50 points just edging out Croutier and Hart for those honors as they compiled 48 points. □

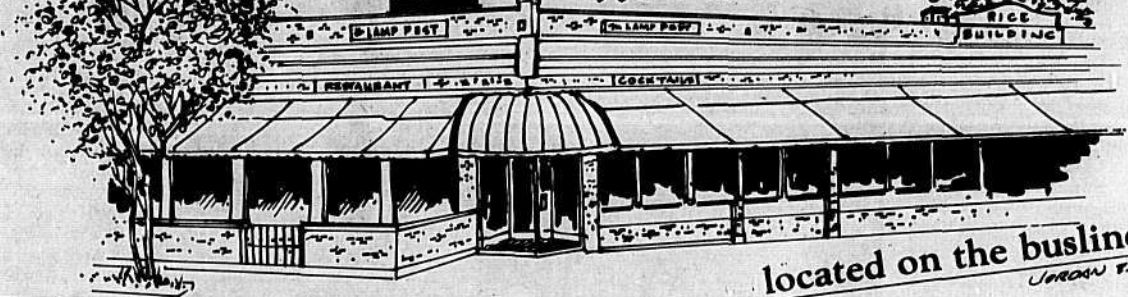
HOOP—LA: The last time the Danes qualified for the NCAA tournament was the year after their last trip abroad, to Sweden in 1980.



Adam Ursprung took his high-flying act overseas as the Great Danes went 4-0 in France.

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