Students gain voice in presidential choice

By P.J. Marcus

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Students demanding a more active role in the selection process for a new university president received a quick response.

University Council Chair Alan Iselin and Central Council Chair Nadya Lawson worked out an agreement yesterday giving students an increased role in the selection process.

Iselin, who has spent the past week in Colorado, received word that Central Council had started a petition calling for a larger student voice in the selection process, according to Lawson.

Yesterday, Lawson said, Iselin called her from Colorado, and together they hammered out terms of the agreement.

The new agreement calls for a committee of 10 students to conduct an umbrella you will need.

Council Presidential Search Screening Committee.

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-Nadya Lawson

Central Council Chair

"Nothing is set yet."

-PETITION

According to Lawson, the committee will make recommendations to the University Council for the selection of the new president. The committee will consist of 10 students, including eight students to be chosen by herself and Espinosa.

Lawson said that the committee was likely to include the heads of Hillel, SUNYA Pan-Hell, and other students with SA-related positions.

The agreement was made public at a press conference in the Campus Center yesterday morning. Lawson called the conference a success, citing the local television and radio coverage it received.

At the conference, Lawson also revealed that the petition, in just two days of distribution, had collected over 4,000 signatures.

"We won," Lawson said. "The most important thing about it is that students took a stance and won."

Lawson called the victory "definite proof that if people get involved, it does make a difference."

"I'm so psyched about this," she said. "I can finally say "Yes, I did something with my year.""

Espinosa makes amends for involvement in fight

By P.J. Marcus and Raina Wilson

SA President Fermin Espinosa publicly apologized for his role in last Saturday's fraternity brawl in the Campus Center at Wednesday night's Central Council meeting.

Espinosa, who was seen wielding a broomstick during the scuffle, said his actions were in self-defense. He also apologized for possibly putting SA's reputation in jeopardy.

Also brought up at Wednesday's meeting was an impeachment motion against Student Association of the State University (SASU) delegate Mark "Gilligan" Cohenfeld.

Council Representative Jeff Luke accused Cohenfeld of being a racist, and being biased. Lukes also said he does not agree with many of the programs and issues which SASU has endorsed.

According to Luke, SASU President Judy Krebs, along with Central Chair Nadya Lawson and Espinosa, has agreed that Cohenfeld is not doing his job.

Genevieve Conner, vice-president for Campus Affairs for SASU, said delegates should be taking more of an initiative. She also said SASU does not have any complaint on the Cohenfeld impeachment.

The case is now in the hands of the SA Supreme Court.

The court will be holding a hearing in the near future, and will issue a decision afterwards.

Students accused of police radar theft

By Bryan Sierra

SENIOR EDITOR

Two SUNYA students were arrested early Wednesday morning for allegedly stealing a radar gun from a Guilderland patrol car.

The rays of sun were sweet indeed, now an umbrella you will need.

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Cashen, the locked car was in the parking lot of Denny's on Western Avenue at 2 a.m. A manager left the building and saw the break-in, said.

Patrolmen and state police chased the students east on Route 20, and apprehended one of the suspects himself in to Guilderland police at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Cashen said.

Heiberger said the two have an attorney, and were advised not to discuss the case. He said, however, that a court date had not been set yet.

Cashen said Heiberger was charged with grand larceny, and Artusa was charged with grand larceny and criminal trespassing.

Cashen said Artusa was charged with trespassing because he was not the one who allegedly entered the car.

The two students gave no reason for the action, Cashen said.

Structure problems close I-90 bridge

By Rich Crist

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

State transportation officials said extreme caution was the best approach after a slight crack was found in the I-90 span over the Hudson River yesterday.

The bridge was shut down to traffic for the "imperfection" in the structure of the bridge was found around 11:30 a.m. The bridge was closed by 12 noon, according to state Department of Transportation (DOT) Region One Director John Taylor.

By about 3:45 p.m. the bridge was reopened to traffic, after inspectors found that the imperfection was one that would not threaten to collapse the bridge, according to Taylor.

Inspectors were in the process of conducting routine examination of the bridge when the "imperfection" was found, Taylor said.

"We try to err on the side of safety all the time," Taylor said.

Weather

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Govt. ignores pleas

Baghdad, Iraq

(AP) - The government Thursday ignored international appeals for mercy and executed a London-based newspaper reporter who was arrested near a military complex and convicted of spying for Britain and Israel.

British officials said it was galloped by the killing of 31-year-old Farzad Bazoft, an Iranian-born journalist who was working for the British weekly the Observer and traveling on British documents.

The official Iraqi News Agency reported the execution but did not say how Bazoft was killed. The normal Iraqi method is hanging.

Bazoft was convicted Saturday by a revolutionary court in a closed trial.

He was arrested in September near a plant where ballistic missiles are reportedly being developed. He was investigating reports that hundreds of people had died in an explosion.

Fire may be sabotage

Tunis, Tunisia

(AP) - Fire broke out at a Libyan plant where the United States says poison gas is being made, and a Libyan official said it may have been sabotage.

Mahmoud Azzabi, press secretary at Libya's U.N. mission in New York, confirmed the fire that began Wednesday at the plant in Rabta some 60 miles southwest of Tripoli.

"There is speculation that it was possibly sabotage, somebody coming in from Tunisia," Azzabi said.

An Interior Ministry official in neighboring Tunisia said late Wednesday that Libya had sealed its borders, but other Tunisian officials later denied that the frontiers had been closed.

ABC News quoted unidentified Libyan security sources as saying the plant was burned to the ground by the action of U.S. and Israeli agents. The United States and Israel denied any involvement.

The Nation

Buses under watch

Florida

(AP) - Spurred by sniper attacks on Greyhound buses across the nation, Florida has joined Ohio in agreeing to keep watch on the vehicles during the driver's strike.

Numerous incidents of vandalism and violence have occurred since the strike began March 2, including a sniper attack Sunday that injured eight passengers on a bus in Florida and shootings in Ohio, Illinois, Arizona and Connecticut.

Dallas-based Greyhound Lines Inc. on Wednesday said it would equip its Florida buses with citizens band radios to allow drivers to call for help.

In a letter to Greyhound, Florida Gov. Bob Martinez said he had asked state troopers to "pay special attention to Greyhound buses as they travel through our state."

Sanctions rejected

Washington

(AP) - The United States rejected on Wednesday demands by Nelson Mandela, the prominent black activist, for a break in relations with South Africa and stiffer economic sanctions in the hope of forcing an end to racial separation in the country.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, meanwhile, made arrangements for a five-hour visit to Cape Town next Thursday for talks with President F.W. de Klerk, Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu and other black opponents of apartheid.

Baker had invited Mandela to meet with him in Nambia on Tuesday or Wednesday while the secretary of state is attending ceremonies in Windhoek marking the independence of the former South African colony.

Mandela, freed last month from prison by de Klerk after serving 27 years, has been on a visit to Stockholm and has not formalized arrangements to see Baker in Windhoek, said a U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Retrieval is planned

Florida

(AP) - An uninsured $150 million communications satellite whirled uselessly around the Earth in a dangerously low orbit Tuesday as its owners raced to devise a way of saving it before it burns up.

The Intelsat VI satellite was propelled into space Wednesday in the fourth commercial launch of a payload by a U.S. company but wound up in the wrong orbit after failing to separate properly from the giant Titan 3 booster rocket.

Intelsat was considering various options to save its satellite, including a space shuttle rescue, Baker said. Intelsat spokeswoman Martha DiSario said. She declined to elaborate on what other options were available before the satellite burns up in about 12 days.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman Dick Young said a shuttle rescue attempt would be unlikely in the near future. Shuttles have brought back two satellites for refurbishing and repaired two others in space.

Small centers favored

Albany

(AP) - The Cuomo administration is considering scrapping two huge, proposed drug treatment campuses in favor of a number of smaller facilities that could be opened more quickly, Gov. Mario Cuomo's chief spokesman said Thursday.

The drug campuses, each capable of treating 1,000 or more addicts, were a highlight of Cuomo's anti-drug abuse plan for New York.

Cuomo spokesman Gary Fryer said Thursday that officials are considering whether they can provide treatment more quickly by opening smaller facilities instead of the huge campuses.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free listings

FRIDAY, March 16

The Classic Film Series presents Man of Aran directed by Robert Flaherty at 7:30 at Page Hall. Free admission.

Don't Walk Alone with Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi begins weekend service 10:30 pm-12:30 am at CC info desk every Friday night.

SATURDAY, March 17

Don't Walk Alone with Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi begins weekend service 10:30 pm-12:30 am at CC info desk every Saturday night.

The SUNYA Faculty Showcase Concert featuring trumpet player James Morris will begin at 8 pm in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

SUNDAY, March 18

Class of 1990 meets in the SA lounge at 5:00 pm. All welcome.

MONDAY, March 19

University Concert Board meets at 8pm in CC 378. For more info call 442-6269.

Small Claims Court Action Center meets every Monday at 5pm at CC 382.

Narcotics Anonymous meets on campus Mondays at 6 p.m. Call 426-6832 for info.

Minority Affairs Office of SA sponsors Black History Game Collegewide at 7pm in LC 7.

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA) meets every Monday in CC 346 at 8:30 pm.

Young Democrats meet every Monday in cc357 at 8:30.

The Art Council meets every Monday at 6pm in FA 114. All are welcome.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are currently held on campus. For further information on rooms and times call 442-5777.

Send us your Previews!!!
SORES

The State Dept of Education (SED) still denies minorities their fair of Regents and State Board Scholarships by carrying out an unfair policy and giving only white students the opportuniy to attend the University. The SED should stop this discrimination against women and minorities. If the SED continues with this unfair policy, there will be a new lawsuit against the SED. The SED should implement a new "formula" to allocate the awards to prospective college students. New data released by NYPIRG claims that the SED has failed to implement a new "formula" in allocating the awards to prospective college students.

By T. E. Kane
NEWS EDITOR

"SED's formula, in effect, counts the SAT's with all their biases and irrelevancies much more heavily than grades," Horner said.

SED didn't have a comment on the NYPIRG charges and said it was analyzing the report. NYPIRG had advocated the use of grades as well as the class rank to be determinants in scholarship but charged that many school officials artificially inflated their students grades in an effort to win more scholarships in the current year instead of the next year.

"This grade inflation reinforced the gender and race discrimination of the state's scholarship formula," the scan report said.

NYPIRG is pushing for the implementation of genuine measures of academic performance such as the SAT's and grades for within school competition, Sarah Stockwell, FairTest University tests coordinator, said.

By Farouk Nasser

By Ben Sofer

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The demise of the Soviet Union is being called a superpower, along with reforms implemented by its president, what have been of great help to the revolutions in Eastern Europe of the past year, and are the sustaining factors in their future. The Soviet Union, however, is gradually disappearing. Gati said on Tuesday in a forum covering the region at PAC's Recruitment Hall.


The other two are Alan Sison, 49, of Boston, and Turner, 41, of Boise, Idaho. Pohl, a New Yorker, is 54. The bandwidth of Pohl's presentation in Arabic said: "The organization of Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine demands economic changes in the Middle East. The revolutionaries are free of human rights and have been threatened with death on a daily basis. The issue is moving towards a solution." Sheik Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual guide of Lebanon's Hezbollah, or Party of God, also said in a February sermon that a humanitarian force changes.

The revolutions in Eastern Europe were essentially political, rather than for economic changes, Gati said. "True, there were [food] shortages, but there was oppression," he said, citing a lack of free press and ability to protest and force changes.

Gati said communism was over in Eastern Europe and probably around the world. "I can't see a communist minister in any of those countries," he said of the new republiics.

The transition from a centralized economy to free enterprise and democracy, however, is going to be difficult ones, he said. "The short run can only bring economic hardship," Gati said. "Debt burden and much unemployment are expected." The fact that the Soviet Union's economy has been in a shambles has been wonderful news for Eastern Europe, Gati said, for it means that retaliation for the revolutions is unlikely. "Communism is a bankrupt ideology," he said. "The Soviet Union's will to defend its interests in the world is gone."
Many different peoples are affected by testing bias

By Cassandria Worrell

MINORITY AFFAIRS EDITOR

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is the most widely used, standardized, post-secondary admission exam in the United States. This test is taken by 1.5 million students annually, and is one of the major determinants for admissions to over colleges and universities in New York State. Females score 60 points lower than males on the average while African Americans and Latinos score 200 points lower. As a result, the majority of recipients for New York State scholarships are white males.

In 1989, federal court order declared that the sole reliance on the SAT to award N.Y.S. Regents and Empire State scholarships was unconstitutional, and violated the federal education law, but New York State still continues to use the test as the basis for awarding scholarships.

The problem with the SAT is bias. Test bias arises when a standardized test does not accurately represent the ability to achieve, or skill levels of some groups, mainly of those women, African Americans, Latinos, and other ethnic groups. The SAT is biased in its composition and structure.

In terms of Composition, depending on the questions asked and the group taking the test, scores can fluctuate. For example, if the testing group was comprised of an equal amount of males and females and the questions asked were about sports trivia, the females would be likely to score lower than males. So, depending on who (the cultural group) determines the questions asked on the SAT, there is the likelihood that people within that reference group will score higher, only because that reflects the experiences of that group.

Structural bias is best explained by an example—studies show that females have more of a chance to solve problem-solving mathematical skills than males. But, SAT math questions are structured the multiple choice format, and females don’t have the opportunity to exhibit their skills in problem-solving with longer, detailed solutions, and giving males a possible advantage.

Test bias is a problem because it is promoting racism in the New York State Educational System. According to the N.Y.S. Education Department, males are awarded 60 percent more of Empire State Scholarships than females. Since females earned better grades overall in high school, it is fair that a test that has content and structural biases be the sole basis for monetary scholarships? The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) thinks not. Through their program Education Watch Project, NYPIRG is fighting to end the use of standardized test like the SAT.

Doug Forand, NYPIRG project coordinator and Michelle Gibbons, NYPIRG co-project leader explained NYPIRG’s position—We’re trying to push legislation to make Regents and Empire Scholarships based on grades instead of SAT scores. This is wrong because of two reasons (1) certain schools inflate their scores on SAT’s resulting in that particular school receiving all the scholarships in the district instead of distributing them school by school; (2) the SATs are biased. Giving out scholarships based on these scores is unfair then, by basing it on the overall achievement we have more of a chance to distribute scholarships equally between the groups,” Forand said.

“Tests give people an opportunity to be judged on achievement rather than fitting into formula standardized tests. It would also get rid of the National Teachers’ Exam (NTE) helping to end discrimination in the certification of teachers,” Gibbons said.

With the SAT exam, people who rank at the bottom of their class can get scholarships based on their score. In ending the use of standardized testing for the purpose of monetary scholarships, schools have the opportunity to reward students within the system they come from. The scholarships are now distributed county by county, so one school can win all the scholarships, instead of county by county, by population.

There are many problems like the tracking test. First and second graders take this standardized test, and based on their scores, what educators determine then, whether or not they’ll be successful or a failure in college. If a child has a learning disability like Daltonism, this system of testing is not appropriate, but these scores from this test still affect the student’s academic career. Teachers read the scores forming biased opinions, which are absolutely harmful to the student.

Once a teacher reads that a student did poorly on this test they will view the work of that student in a negative light.

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Ragan suggests tuition raise for SUNY; increase in student-to-faculty ratio

By T. E. Kane

NEWS EDITOR

State Comptroller Edward Rigan said Monday the state should raise tuition at SUNY, and increase the student-to-faculty ratio, to financially wean the state university from relying totally on tax levied revenues.

Ragan urged the state to take strong management efficiency measures at state agencies in the face of his projected revenue shortfall for next year of $1.4 billion, which is more than $300 million more than Gov. Mario Cuomo’s forecasted deficit.

Calling the state’s fiscal situation the worst since the 1970’s, began the tax cut, coupled with a lack of spending reductions and sluggish economy has put the state in a no win situation.

According to the report, compiled by Arthur Anderson and Co., the state has increased its share of needed spending cut in the state’s contribution to the University System they come from. The study found fundamental fiscal disparities in the way SUNY is funded from the state.

The inflation rate, which increased costs of funding the University, has risen by 29 percent since 1983. This means every dollar the state has put into SUNY over these years has become less in real terms, while costing tax payers more.

“The state should consider adjusting tuition rates to better match the cost of education to the user service,” the report concluded.

The study requested by Gov. Mario Cuomo, proposed tuition rates be pegged on a sliding scale with the cost of education and the rate of inflation, to prevent the difference from what tax payers contribute to the system, and students’ families pay from becoming unbalanced in the future.

“The state should also assess the probability of setting tuition rates as a percentage cost on a system wide basis,” the report said.

The $750,000 study said the rate of inflation has increased the state’s share automatically. If the level of funding for the University had remained the same as in 1983, or about 25 percent versus the 18 percent that tuition rates now for the system, there would be more that $200 million more in revenues for the SUNY System.

In addition, if the tuition rates had stayed at par with the inflation rate from 1983 until this year, the amount of additional revenues gathered would have amounted to $528 million. If the fees would have stayed the same in relation to the growth of the state’s contribution, the University would have more than $200 million in additional funds.

Management within SUNY could be improved if the faculty-to-student ratio was increased by placing more students with faculty per class time. This action would save money because it would get more class time out of professors whose salaries have soared more than 50 percent since 1983, the study recommended.

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Podium Perspectives

What do you have planned for Saint Patrick’s Day?

By Bryan O’Sierra

SENIOR EDITOR

To commemorate the man who drove the snakes out of Ireland, SUNYA’s bogtrotters will flock to bars, parties and parades on Saturday. Albany will host two St. Patrick’s Day parades, one in North Albany and one downtown. The North Albany parade, which will begin at noon, goes through the streets of North Albany and into Menands. In Menands, two flags will be given to the widow of Jimmy O’Brien, last year’s Grand Marshall, according to the parade’s corresponding secretary, Mary Creed.

“On St. Patrick’s Day, I plan to put on my green shamrock tie...I’ll probably go to the North Albany St. Patrick’s Day Parade for a while,” University President Vincent O’Leary, an Irishman, said of his plans for Saturday.

The big parade starts at 2:00, at Central Avenue and Quail Street, Creed said, and will continue down to Broadway. Featured will be high school marching bands and other attractions, Creed said.

The choice of this year’s Grand Marshall, Kathleen Sullivan, the secretary of the parade committee, marks the second time a woman will lead the parade. Creed was Grand Marshall in 1984.

St. Patrick’s Day’s namesake drove snakes out of Ireland in the 5th century. In Ireland, St. Patrick’s Day is more of a religious observation than a celebration. According to Americans, however, celebrate with green beer, corned beef and cabbage, and Irish traditional music.

Local bars, whether Irish-oriented or not, are gearing up for a big day. According to John Jeffers, a manager and bartender at O’Heany’s on Ontario Street, there’ll be “lots of green beer and very cheap corned beef.” Jeffers, who is Irish, said O’Heany’s will open at 10 a.m. and is expecting a big turnout.

“It’s an Irish day, an Irish bar,” Jeffers said.

Skippers won’t be having their usual early morning blowout, according to owner Tim Gunther. “It’s too hard to handle the crowd,” Gunther said. He added the bar expects to lose most of the SUNY crowd.

Skippers will keep up the festive atmosphere, though. The bar will open between 11 a.m. and noon, and radio stations Q104 will broadcast live from noon to 4 p.m., Gunther said.

Washington Tavern will attempt to lure patrons with continuous Irish music from noon until 8 p.m., according to manager Laurie Kendal. Irish band Fancy Train will perform in the back of the bar, and a soloist and a piper will entertain party-goers in between breaks. Kendal, who prefers to be “half-Irish; all Irish on St. Patrick’s Day,” said he expects a huge turnout. “It’s a dynasty day here,” she said.

Shenanigan’s will continue all day at other bars as well. Partridge Pub manager Mike Hall calls the day “one of the best bar days of the year.” Hall said Partridge Pub will open at 10 a.m., and will have Irish beers for $1.25 and the usual corned beef and cabbage.

Most other bars will be having specials, also. The Long Branch is traditionally a hot spot on the day of the green. Mahons on Madison Avenue is having a reservation-only party for $50 all day long. Most other bars should be crowded with green-clad party-goers enjoying their favorite beer and Irish food.

The Irish Club will be sponsoring a social in the Rat Friday at 5 p.m. It will feature bagpipers and Irish music. Ed O’Connell, President of the Irish Club, said. There will be a $5 all you can drink special, he added.

O’Connell said the Irish Club will be sponsoring a bus trip down to the New York Clay St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The bus will leave the circle at 8 a.m., and 45 people are expected to go. “The parade’s always a great experience,” O’Connell said.

On St. Patrick’s Day, Albany has something to offer for the leprechauns in everyone.

“Practice pure hedonism at its best”

Matthew Hartford
Junior

“Wear Green and drink alot, I’m Irish”

Patricia Keogh
Sophomore

“Going to Oneonta to party there or maybe Ireland”

Flip Holman
Junior

Above photographs and text compiled by Adam Pratomo UPS
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7. Park only in designated areas and see that your guests do likewise.
8. Respect your neighbors’ right to a peaceful environment.
9. Respect the landlord’s property.
10. Protect wood and other porous surfaces from water stains.
11. Avoid clogging toilets, drains and garbage disposals.
12. Discuss with your landlord the use of tape, stick-ons, contact paper, nails, screws, hooks, etc., on walls, floors and ceilings.
13. Promptly report all problems or needed repairs.

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Russel Sage
Criminal Justice seminar forums to begin

Seniors majoring in criminal justice at Russell Sage college will present a seminar lecture series beginning Monday, March 19. The program is open to the public. Students have been charged with researching a topic, writing a report, and educating others about their findings. The presentations will take place each Monday night, March 19 through May 7, from 6:30-8:30pm, in Gurley 302 on the Sage Troy Campus.

"The seminars will be an educational experience for everyone involved, and we encourage the community to come and participate," said Dr. Maureen Mclead, director of the Russell Sage Criminal justice program, in a written statement.

On Monday, March 19, Tania Golden will present "Death Penalty for Juveniles," and Elizabeth Poter will present "House Arrest."

Sonia Sanches to give poetry reading

Russell Sage College will present author and poet Sonia Sánchez on Tuesday, march 20 at 8pm in Bush Memorial Center, corner of First and Congress streets, Sage Troy campus. Sanchez will read selections from her poetry.

The program, free and open to the public, is presented as part of Women’s History Month at Sage, a month-long series of lectures, movies and special events celebrating the accomplishments of women throughout history.

The winners of Russell Sage College's Tenth Annual Poetry competition for junior and senior high school girls will receive awards following the poetry reading. There will be a reception in the college's James Wheelock Library at the conclusion of the awards ceremony and the public is invited to meet the poet.

Sánchez, winner of the Lucretia Mott Award for 1984, is an associate professor at Temple University. She is the author of twelve books including Homecoming, We a BadDDD People, and her most recent work Homegirls and Hand grenades.

The program is sponsored by the Russell Sage Student Government, the Center for Women’s Education, the Conferences and Events office, and the college’s library.

Skidmore
Area representatives wanted for Earth Day

The Skidmore Earth Day 20 committee, a group of students responsible for coordinating the campus observance of the international celebration planned for later this spring, is seeking help from area representatives who want to share their knowledge about threats to the environment.

The international celebration scheduled April 22, will feature numerous activities to mark the start of a third decade of environmental awareness and help people celebrate achievements in protecting the environment.

At Skidmore, campus-based events will include a daylong information session in Case College Center that will feature representatives of activist organizations and environmentally sensitive businesses on April 21, and an Earth Day celebration April 22.

Beth Ann McLaughn, who heads the Skidmore Earth Day 20 committee, said in a written statement that other April activities with an environmental theme will include movies and an art show in Case Gallery on the campus, and asking all members of the college community to give up a meal to aid those suffering from hunger.

Skidmore’s Earth Day events are open to the public. The student committee would welcome responses from residents or organizational representatives who also would like to participate in the April 20 information day or the April 21 teach-in.

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West German consul speaks on reunification

By Kerri Lewis

Axel John, a West German consul in New York City, specializing in economics and legal matters, led a discussion on the reunification of East and West Germany as a part of World Week on Wednesday.

John said projected reunification will take place by 1995. "West Germany has always sought to achieve reunification by peaceful means," John said.

According to John, the formulation of a plan for a united Germany was prompted by the disintegration of the Berlin wall.

John said further reasons for an immediate plan to reunify both Germanies included the political and economic crisis in East Germany.

"East Germany is crumbling," he said.

"The East German people have no money, and the people don't trust their leaders anymore. "Because of this they are fleeing to West Germany in great numbers, seeking a higher standard of living," John said.

Among the changes that will take place in East Germany upon reunification, are a free market economy and democratic government, John said.

"If they want to be members of the Federal Republic, they must adopt to our laws," John said. He said the reason East Germany should assimilate into West German policies is that West German policies have been successful in the past.

Specifically, John said West Germany would implement these social programs: a social welfare net, unemployment insurance and subsidization of the East German's pensions.

John said, "It is vital to create as many new jobs as fast as possible."

John said the economic strength of a future Germany relies on cooperation with the rest of Europe and the United States.

A future united Germany will be a reliable partner in the European community and continue to contribute to the social and economic welfare of the whole community," John said.

DIDGEAT

University comes together in 'Unity'

Yesterday, the Student Action Committee sponsored Unity Day to promote awareness of different cultures on campus said Laurie Kisch, head of the committee.

1,800 purple ribbons were given out to SUNY PanHell members and other students. Students were also asked to wear purple to symbolize a unified campus.

Kisch said that the color purple was chosen because it is a "generic color."

Nadya Lawson, Central Council Chair, said, "The response has been overwhelming. Never before has the campus all come together for one cause."

Capital District Greens being organized

The public is invited to a free forum on "Green Politics: Protecting Our Environment and Our Lives," the first in a series dedicated to organizing the Capital District Greens.

Speakers will include Howard Hawkins of the New England Green Alliance, David White of the Batlenkill Greens and Judith Enck, environmental activist, according to a press release.

The Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 7pm, at the Grace and Holy Innocents Church on Clinton and Robin Street in Albany.

Small craft safety courses to be given

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will present spring courses on small craft safety.

The Fundamentals of Canoeing will include instruction in basic paddling skills and boating safety as well as Flat Water instruction. The course will be held Tuesday evenings April 17 and 24, 6-9 pm, and Sundays April 29, May 6 and May 20, 10 am-4 pm. The course costs $125 and will be held at the Albany Chapter House and other locations.

Basic boating will include instruction in the rigging of small boats, basic knots and boating safety. Activity is on dry land. The course will be held Thursday evenings May 3-24, and Tuesday evenings June 5-19 at 6-9 pm. The course costs $125 and will be held at the Albany Chapter House.

For more information on how to register, contact the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Community Services.

University Auxiliary Services at Albany, Inc. ANNOUNCES A CONTEST TO "NAME THE RAT"

Our rathskellar has now settled into its new environment as a modern eating establishment offering a variety of foods and beverages not reflecting its earlier image as a Pub specializing in entertainment and socializing.

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THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 20
The two are in Manhattan today to promote the new film, Blue Steel, in which Curtis plays Megan Turner, a New York City police officer whose career begins with police academy graduation at the film's start and quickly ends the following day's duty when she blows away a gun-wielding local grocery. The gun is carried off by an unmanned witness, Eugene Hunt, played by Ron Silver, who escapes the city streets himself. He eventually hooks up with Megan, and goes on a shooting rampage with bullies engraved with her name. The film fuels on like a burning bomb as Curtis' Cool Blue Steel... her captions try to discover who's doing the shooting, and finally how to stop Eugene after they realize it's him, the main instigator. Curtis and all of her friends and relatives are in extreme danger.

Curtis and Bigelow had been interviewed at MTV, and for being so late, Curtis was out for - jingles - set to the tune of "Blue Moon" - which she wouldn't sing on the air for MTV. "Blue Steel, please let me go back, she called my bed, 'steady on the floor a-stone. Blue Steel, she had the dick in her bed, I had the gun in his mouth, but he came back from the dead."

This is typical Curtis. She has what you'd call spunk. She's very lively, and during conversations she emphasizes with some very strong gestures and clear determined speech.

In Blue Steel, Curtis plays one of her traditionally strong, sexy films, as the role of Megan is a woman cop, for instance. Instead, it is certainly has a hell of a family life, so there are very few similarities, Curtis says, explaining the similarities between herself and the character she plays. Curtis herself is married and has a young child, unlike the character she plays in the movie. Megan comes from a troubled background, with a wife-beating father. In one instance, Megan tries to arrest her own father, just to back down a minute later and let him go. Aside from that, there is very little development of this sub-plot. This is a main flaw in Blue Steel. There are a few interesting sub-plots going on, just too little development of each to even bother including them. This film could look more like a good double standard about being a woman cop, for instance. Instead, it is content to act as a pure spine-chilling thriller.

Despite the tremendous amount of shooting and physical action which occurs in Blue Steel, Curtis says the script wasn't supposed to do much to tricky. "This is a role I was content to act as a pure spine-chilling thriller."

Curtis says that coming from the sort of background she has, several horror films at the onset of her career including the now-classic thrill ride "Halloween" — set her aside the rest of sort of script. "It think it probably was easier to get in character for this film, especially because I had experience in what is obviously another genre of film, in certainly a much more unbelievable, more horrific type of film, but there are elements of horror films that, technique acting for instance, I could use in this film."

For all its linear, straight-ahead paths the script is oft times too direct. Megan jumps into the same cab as Eugene, for instance. That just might happen in New York. Some of the storyline is down-right insulting as well, like the way Megan and her commanding officer Nick Mann, played by Clancy Brown, start off on edgy terms, and then he fucks her in the end. Who would've guessed.

Curtis' Cool Blue Steel

Jamie Lee Curtis whisks in the room, director and screenwriter Kathryn Bigelow hot on her heels. "OK, OK, let's get this show on the road," Curtis snaps, while filming takes place on two or so mini-recorders assembled on the table between the two at the MGM screening room. They're fifteen minutes late.

Raymond Rogers

Curtis' Cool Blue Steel

The movie's about a woman cop, so obviously there's a feminist statement in it, just by the presence of it being a woman cop. I never thought it through, as a d decision particularly about feminism as a criteria in my choice of role. I read the story and thought it was an exciting story, the fact that it was a woman cop was interesting, and obviously I was going to play the cop, so I was very interested. I read the story and it's just the story, I don't look for feminist messages, Curtis admits point blank, when asked about feminism in this film.

Bigelow, who wrote the film with the intent to direct it says it was never made to be a feminist film, but a movie to try to create an everman — not only a character that women could relate to or identify but one which men could identify with. I think what was interesting in that exploration is finding out what the similarities were. Here you have a woman who happens to be a woman who is fighting for her life. That crosses gender lines, that's just very human.

When asked about the amount of violence in movies, Bigelow says I always wish I had a good answer for that, like I was traumatized at an early age. I think that I had a lucid background. I think that film has the potential to be very cathartic. I respond to movies that give me a fix, that have the ability to be provocative, to challenge you, maybe take some risks, I like high impact movies. Something that's what I'm drawn to as a viewer, so I guess I naturally respond to that in the writing or responding to those type of stories that have a real edge. I think it's a great social tool. I don't want to be made pacific, or passive, or made comfortable.

Blue Steel will not pacify you, make you passive, and will keep you on edge. It's a movie that feeling comfortable. That part she's got down pat, now is time Bigelow starts work on the risk-taking agenda. Curtis has already proved herself as a top caliber actress. If her script was tightened up, this movie could have been the greatest kick of the season.
Embarrassments like "Grapes on a Wheel." They Might Be Giants' latest album, is so cheesy this is the only thing applicable to describe it. Any group that utilizes a hallelujah-type chorus to introduce its album (Theme From Flood) and uses an accordion as one of its main instruments is - well, Chee-Whiz.

This is not to say that people should have a little cheese in their lives - for instance, "Minimum Wage" is absolutely hilarious, and the carousel-sounding keyboards prevalent throughout the album help to accentuate John Linnell's nasal monotone. But at 14 songs, Flood is kinda excessive. After the first five, I expected to hear Wayne Newton on guest vocals - in fact, he would've fit right in on the Giants' cover of the 50s tune "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)."

Some songs border on stupidity, like "Dead," which relies solely on Linnell's voice and a piano (not a good idea) and is the story of a guy who feels guilty for returning groceries that haven't reached their expiration date yet, and "Letterbox" - the lyrics of which are too stupid to go into. But "Your Racist Friend" is right on the mark regarding hypocrisy, and the boppish "Someone Keeps Moving My Chair" and "Cheesey Groceries" go into.

Ear Plugs

Mission U.K.

Carved in Sand

The Mission U.K. like to do things in a big way. That's made the Mission, comprised largely of three ex-members of legendary goth-rock pioneers the Sisters of Mercy, a top band in their English homeland. That approach sometimes pays off in big dividends, and sometimes results in embarrassing failures.

Embellishments like "Grapes of Wrath," off their third album Carved In Sand, a track so pompous and almost down-right insulting, but actually meant as a compliment to American farmers in the Dust Bowl. "The sweat upon his brow and the dirt worked in his hands," bandleader Wayne Hussey sings, "The dignity of labor upon a man's own land." And it goes from there and gets even worse. Hussey should spend a day shoveling manure before penning such detached pomposity. Not that he doesn't shovel another kind of manure - lyrical bullshit - throughout Carved in Sand, on tracks like "Amelia" and the single "Butterfly on a Wheel."

Sometimes the Mission are able to walk the fine line between creative idiocy and a decent idea, like on "Deliverance," "Sea of Love," and "Man of Aran." the lyrics to dizzying cheezy heights that are beyond description - well, Chee-Whiz.

- Richard Crist

They Might Be Giants

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And don't forget the accordion and trumpet, used generously throughout the album and bringing the lyrics to dizzying cheezy heights that are beyond description - well, except maybe in comparison to your high-school marching band trying to cover a Motown tune. You get the idea.

"It's a brand new record for 1990," goes "Theme From Flood." If this is the case, then 90s are gonna be one cheese-ball of a year. Everyone whip out the Velveeta.

- Susan Friedman
*Students petitions heed action*

We did it! The presidential selection process is now opened to greater student input. Thanks to the efforts of many in our Student Association who helped to organize and distribute petitions we have called attention to the fact that enough people on campus refuse to be ignored. This action could have profound influence over the decision of the next president of this university.

Thanks also to everyone who took the time out to sign it. The action you took today should be greatly appreciated by the students yet to come to this campus.

One question does come to mind however, and that is why did we have to go to the extreme we did? Is it not logical that candidates should want to meet with students at a university that they may one day head?

What could have been the reasoning in by passing the students’ opportunity to offer input? Who could have possibly benefited from this?

*Welcome…*

Pre-season podiation kicked off this week despite delays of a student lock-out. Students had refused to podiate and attended all classes until their demands were met. They went to the bargaining tables requesting temperatures of over 74.5 degrees fahrenheit, a five and a half percent increase over last year.

The owners Wind, Ice and Snow were the first to give in to concessions. The final owner to budge was Nimbostratus, who gave way to a jetstream rally by the students. Opening day formalities were performed by a student who trekked to the center of the arid fountain to proclaim in a Ricardo Montelbananai, Fashion, “Welcome to Fantasy Island.”

*COLUMN*

Greeks should display unity, not violence

Q: Excuse me my brother/sister? I am interested in pledging a black Greek letter organization and I would like to hear your opinion as to whether I should or not. A: Well, if you want my honest opinion, based on what I have seen in past few weeks here on campus, I would say you should not even waste your time!

Q: What do you mean? What has been happening? Can I tell you and don’t TOWARDS OTHERS. Individual differences that may exist between members of different groups, cannot be assumed to be an issue involving simply two people. Whether people agree or not, once one becomes affiliated with a Greek letter organization, your actions (whether good or bad) will be linked to whatever you may belong to. This in with the in mind, should individual differences escalate to a physical attraction, this will inevitably mushroom into a fraternal brawl from which NO solution can be expected.

Another problem which I feel must be readdressed, is the issue of seeing each other solely as “Greeks” in an organization first, and then looking at ourselves as African Americans or Latinos who share many cultural, and socio-economic factors. Before the letters themselves, we are blacks and Latinos. Period! It is not a question of “He’s a Sigma, “He’s a Que,” “She’s a Delta,” and so on and so on. I know people are tired of constantly hearing what has been previously mentioned.

The above conversation, though not actually heard by my own ears, is one which is probably circulating throughout the entire campus community. From Greeks themselves to administration, students and everybody and their ancestors. What puzzles me, however, is similar to the character who is answering the questions; how does it begin, who begins it and why? Before I disclose my opinion on such a painful topic, I would like to state that this column is not a deliberate attempt to downplay out our dirty laundry. This we have already done at no one’s request.

If you have followed the growth and development of black Greek letter organizations on this campus, you will find that membership, as well as interest groups, have increased significantly. Additionally, you may also notice the extremely close similarities with regards to their respective pledge programs and routines. Both of these attributes, along with other factors, have contributed to the emergence of “inter-Greek” competition with regards to which is considered the most active and positive organization on campus. This particular semester, more pledge lines have existed simultaneously than ever before. Consequently, in the “goodwill” nature of competing for the spotlight, pledges are encouraged by their big brother/sisters to be better, sharper, louder, and sometimes “bolder” than their alter counterparts. Now to me, competition is healthy and motivational, so long as it is kept within certain parameters and respect is maintained for everyone at all times. Unfortunately though, competition, organizational pride and love, as well as individual agendas, have driven many members of these organizations to behave irrationally and illogically in certain circumstances. Furthermore, some of these individuals have used their pledges (unconsciously I hope) as vehicles to transmit their animosity towards other black Greeks be proud in their fraternity (or sorority though this has not occurred). Any individual who has gone through the pledging process will agree that when pledges are asked to perform a specific task or command, they will do so without serious thought regarding the action or its consequences, if it is indeed exercised. So the issue here IS NOT THE PLEDGES! These individuals are really a reflection of those in charge of them, and as such are not to blame for much of the action.

The message that I am trying to convey is as follows: PRIDE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT, AND SHOULD NOT, TRANSLATE INTO VIOLENT ACTION TOWARDS OTHERS. Individual differences that may exist between members of different groups, cannot be assumed to be an issue involving simply two people. Whether people agree or not, once one becomes affiliated with a Greek letter organization, your actions (whether good or bad) will be linked to whatever you may belong to. With this in mind, should individual differences escalate to a physical attraction, this will inevitably mushroom into a fraternal brawl from which NO solution can be expected. Perhaps some black and Latino Greeks have temporarily forgotten their respective principles: to UPLIFT and UNITE the communities in which they live. Much to my dismay, as well as many others, these objectives cannot be effectively carried out when actions are not reflective or in accordance with such ideal motives.

The issue of seeing each other solely as “Greeks” in an organization first, and then looking at ourselves as African Americans or Latinos who share many cultural, and socio-economic factors. Before the letters themselves, we are blacks and Latinos. Period! It is not a question of “He’s a Sigma, “He’s a Que,” “She’s a Delta,” and so on and so on. I know people are tired of constantly hearing what has been previously mentioned. But it seems like there is a great deal of listening and very little, if any, thinking. That which ties us together before we pledge, is the bond which helps build sustained support for ourselves in a complex and dynamic environment. And it is about time that we realize and live by that.
Red Cross is racially biased

LETTERS

To The Editor:

I originally wrote a step-by-step refutation of each specific lie the Pre-Health Professional Ass. wrote in their “SASU Out For Blood” letter. But then I discovered all the facts he has given up to this point has led me to realize that my ink would have gone to waste with that approach. Let’s get to real deal.

...the pamphlet the American Red Cross handed out is racist.
...Racism will not be tolerated.
...Racism kills.

This student body is severely divided along racial lines, as is this institution. You are either part of the solution or part of the problem.

Erika Pine Weinman
S.A.S.U.
Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism-Student Committee

Hope for a solution

To The Editor:

This poem is geared towards the recent intraracial assaults committed by various individuals. These statements are not meant to generate hatred or animosity by any means, but is to provide a possible explanation for recent actions made to fellow African Americans; that an awakening can be achieved as the final outcome.

LET MY PEOPLE GO!

The Red Cross is racially and culturally biased.

This student body is severely divided along racial lines.

The interesting increase of some of our white student leaders took in attacking S.A.S.U. on this issue is not to be traced to their interest in humanity. None of these students disagreed that the pamphlet was racist. They feel that the forum of Speech rights held by all of us are too dangerous in this situation to exercise.

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Greeks demonstrated leadership at forum

To The Editor:

I was invited to address SUNY Albany’s Greek System on Wednesday, March 7 at the invitation of Pi Alpha Nu and Student Activities. I was overwhelmed at the huge attendance at the strong show of Greek enthusiasm to my anti-hazing message. It is evident that your Greek population is growing in numbers and has demonstrated leadership, initiation and strength in seeking positive change.

I want to commend the fraternities and sororities who feel as I do, that hazing, alcohol abuse and all inappropriate behavior has no place on SUNY’s campus.

They deserve the support and encouragement of non-Greeks and administration. Their efforts to address important issues such as educational programming, housing concerns and better relations with each other and campus officials are evident.

I applaud Pi Alpha Nu for their leadership and I think SUNY’s Greek System for their willingness to face the challenges of the 90s. I wish them well.

Eileen Stevens
C.H.U.C.K. (Committee to Halt Useless College Killings)

Thanks for submissions

To The Editor:

The Albany Review would like to thank everyone who has submitted prose, poetry, or art work. All of the submissions we received were well written, but we cannot publish them all. Due to the large number of submissions, making the final selections will not be easy. We are still carefully reviewing the submissions, so there will be no notification until early April. We will again, thank you. Be on the lookout for the Albany Review in mid-April.

-Renee H. Fox (President) and Marcy G. Bremner (Treasurer) and the Albany Review Staff

SUNYA bodies at Palace

To The Editor:

On Friday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., at the beautiful Palace Theater in Albany, the Albany Press and the American Marketing Association will be presenting one of the biggest and most exciting events in SUNY Albany history: The Mr. and Miss SUNY Albany Bodybuilding Competition and Swimsuit/Fitness Extravaganza. Over thirty of the best men and women on campus will be competing in this nationally recognized event as it will be the only student run sporting event of its kind in the country. More importantly, the show will be helping to raise money for a very worthy charity, the Leukemia Society.

Three years ago, upon my entrance into SUNY as a transfer student, I dreamed of creating an event that would be both exciting to the students, as well as beneficial to the university and surrounding community. Being a physical fitness enthusiast, I decided to create a physical contest for SUNY students. After months of organisation and hard work, my dream came true.

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Bridge

Continued from Front page

said of the decision to close the bridge. Taylor said the decision was made by himself.

Even the slim potential of a structural failure in the bridge was enough to eventually close the span, originally constructed in 1968, he said.

The bridge is a major accessway for commuters from Rensselaer and Columbia counties. Approximately 50,000 motorists use the bridge, one of the area’s busiest, daily, according to Taylor.

Taylor said that the caution exercised by DOT was not in direct relation to the Thruway bridge disaster in Schoharie County in 1987.

"We’ve always closed bridges when it’s a possible safety problem," Taylor said, "but it (the bridge disaster) served to heighten our awareness."

Beyond

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The student feeling the vibes from the teacher will not try to excel and could possibly be placed in special education classes like many African American and Latino American nun students are.

So students should take time out to write letters, and actively participate in the struggle to end racism in the United States educational system. The war against it will not end with us being aware, it will and can end with students taking action against racism.

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Despite consumer cutback, cigarette companies still profiting

By Judith Egerton

More American smokers are snuffing the habit, yet cigarette makers still rake in huge profits and profess little concerns over the tarnish on their golden product.

Despite a shrinking U.S. market, tobacco companies are squeezing higher profits from the $35 billion-a-year industry by creating new overseas markets, hikes prices on name brands, and adding generic brands and other new brands.

For now, the strategy appears to be working. But some analysts see serious trouble ahead as anti-smoking forces gain momentum and seek more restrictions.

"The strategy has been enormously successful and profitability goes up every year," said Kenneth Warner, a public health professor at the University of Michigan.

While he predicts that cigarette profits inevitably will decline, companies "are doing their damnedest to halt the erosion."

To lure customers away from competitors, companies are selling more value-priced generics, discounting popular brands with coupons and adding more ultra-lights and slim styles.

Increased production of cheaper generic cigarettes, not available 10 years ago, is an effort to hold smokers who might quit because of rising prices, Warner said. A pack of cigarettes that sold for 90 cents in 1982 cost $1.50 last year.

But the best way to boost sales over a long period is to capture new smokers. Cigarette makers are finding them overseas. The number of foreign smokers is rising 2 percent or more a year, almost exactly offsetting the U.S. decline. In 1989, exports jumped 20 percent, says the Agriculture Department.

Abroad, U.S. tobacco companies advertise on television — prohibited in the United States. They also give away samples, sponsor rock concerts and sell cigarettes without warning labels, said Dr. Greg Connolly, a public health official in Massachusetts.

In 1987, Lorillard and Reynolds promoted their cigarettes in Taiwan by accepting empty packages of Kent and Winston in exchange for tickets to a disco, he said.

With the opening of the Asian market to U.S. tobacco companies, exports have soared. Since 1985, exports have more than doubled from about 59 billion cigarettes to almost 142 billion.

In the last quarter-century, the number of U.S. smokers has plummeted. In 1965, 40 percent of Americans smoked. Now, it is only 25 percent.

The number of cigarettes sold and smoked domestically has dipped since 1982 from 625 billion to less than 525 billion, says John Maxwell, a tobacco industry analyst with Wheat First Securities.

The declining number of smokers provides stark evidence of the strength of the anti-smoking movement. And lately, tobacco industry adversaries have turned up the heat.

R.J. Reynolds faced a firestorm of criticism over its marketing plans for two new brands — Uptown, aimed at blacks, and Dakota, targeted at what a company memo called "virile females" — young, working-class women.

Congress recently banned smoking on domestic flights, 15 states raised cigarette taxes last year, and most now have laws restricting smoking — even Virginia, where tobacco has been the biggest cash crop since colonial days.

But the shrinking U.S. market remains immensely lucrative.

In 1988, tobacco company profits rose an average 15 percent, and similar figures are expected for 1989. With each percentage point of market share translating into $250 million in sales, the six major companies compete fiercely for smokers' dollars.

While tobacco companies agree anti-smoking forces are making inroads, they see no reason to change marketing strategy.

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NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament set to begin

By Lee Creek

When Richard Schmidt went to the University of Tampa eight years ago as basketball coach, he didn’t have much of a team. In fact, he had no team.

Times have changed.

Tampa (26-3) this week enters the NCAA Division II tournament ranked No. 1 in the nation.

The tournament’s first-round games, at each of the eight regional sites, begin Friday, with regional championship games scheduled for Saturday. Winners advance to the March 23-24 quarterfinals.

Being in the tournament is now the norm for Schmidt.

“That first year we made it into the NCAA starting five freshmen,” he said. “We’ve had a good program. This is our seventh consecutive tournament.”

But as good as that record is, it pales beside that of No. 4-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan. The Panthers (26-2) were rated No. 1 for five straight weeks before losing to St. Joseph’s, Ind., 79-75 on March 1.

Kentucky Wesleyan’s tournament history is one of the best in the NCAA, on any level. It has won five NCAA Division II national championships (Division I UCLA is the only team with more than five NCAA titles) and has won 60 NCAA tournament games (three more than runnerup UCLA).

Coach Wayne Chapman, whose son Rex plays for the NBA Charlotte Hornets, has a dangerous team.

“We’ve got a very experienced and very deeply talented team, which makes for a very consistent performance, which is what we’ve gotten out of our players all year long,” the elder Chapman said. Here is a look at each region:

— NEW ENGLAND, at Manchester, N.H.: No. 13 New Hampshire College (25-5) is the highest rated team in the region, but No. 18 Bridgeport (22-8), led by 6-4 Lambert Shell, is a solid threat. New Hampshire opens against state-rival St. Anselm (20-10), while Bridgeport plays New Haven (21-8).

— WEST, at Bakersfield, Calif.: No. 12 Central Missouri State (26-5) and No. 14 Bakersfield State (24-4) carry the favorite’s role. Central Missouri opens against California-Riverside (21-8), while Bakersfield State plays Humboldt State (19-10).

— EAST, at Erie, Pa.: No. 4 Slippery Rock (23-4) is the only ranked team in the region. Six-3 junior Myron Brown (23.6 points, 5.9 rebounds) and 6-6 senior Bill Johnson (20.5, 10.6) lead it in the opener against East Stroudsburg (20-10), while Gannon (22-7) plays C.W. Post (25-4).

— SOUTH ATLANTIC, at Norfolk, Va.: Three Top 10 teams and another team ranked 19th make up this field. No. 8 Virginia Union (21-7) plays No. 19 Morehouse (23-5), and No. 9 Norfolk State (26-3) meets No. 7 Florida Tech (25-3).

Virginia Union features 6-5 senior A.J. English of Wilmington, Del., who leads the nation in scoring (33.8). Norfolk State’s leader is 6-7, 230-pound Jerome Cole (17.4, 10.5) while Florida Tech’s ace is 6-5, 225-pound Dwight Walton (16.5, 10.4).

— SOUTH CENTRAL, at Cape Girardeau, Mo.: No. 10 Southeast Missouri State (24-4) is the highest ranked team in the regional, and No. 16 Southern Indiana is the only other ranked team. They play each other in the first round, the other pairing is Missouri Western (23-6) against West Texas State (24-6). Perhaps the most interesting player in the regional is Southern Indiana’s 6-9, 235-pound junior center Ilo Mutombo, brother of Division I Georgetown’s Dikembe Mutombo, who averages 12 points and eight rebounds.

— GREAT LAKES, at Owensboro, Ky.: Kentucky Wesleyan’s leading scorer is 6-5 junior Corey Crowder (18.5). The other double-figure scorers are Vincent Mitchell (11.2) and 6-8 non-starter LeRoy Ellis (11.2), whose brother LeRoy plays for Syracuse and father LeRoy played in the NBA.

Wesleyan opens against unranked Ferris State (17-10). The other matchup is No. 5 Southwest Baptist (25-4) vs. Ashland (21-7).

Southwest is led by Glenn Stanley (6-4, 19, 9.5 rebounds) and 5-10 Ement Hall (17.2). Ashland has had a season of streaks, losing three in a row early, winning 12 straight at midseason, and losing four of its last five.

— NORTH CENTRAL, at Grand Forks, N.D.: No. 2 Alaska-Anchorage (22-6) and No. 6 Metropolitan State (27-3) rank as the favorites.

Anchorage has had some tough competition, having played at Oklahoma, in the Music City Classic and in the Great Alaska Shootout. Only two of their six losses were to Division II teams. Oklahoma led by one with five minutes left before rushing to a 101-81 victory.

Anchorage’s leaders are 6-8 Ron Fisher (23.6), 6-5 Todd Fisher (21.8, 10.6 rebounds) and 6-4 Vern Robehnau (14.0). Metro State’s Roadrunners are led by 6-2 Gene Edwards (20.6) and 6-7 Shun Tillman (19.6).

Anchorage plays No. 17 North Dakota (24-6), led by 6-8 Dave Voneck and 6-1 Mike Bouchet. Metro State opens against South Dakota (21-9).

— SOUTH, at Lakeland, Fla.: Tampa is led by 6-5 Bryan Williams (23.6), 6-3 Drexel Deveaux (21.7) and 6-5 Roscoe Brown chips in 11.8 a game. First-round opponent is defending national champion and 15th-ranked North Carolina Central (22-4), No. 11 Jacksonville State (22-4), led by 6-2 senior Robert Lee Sanders, and Florida Southern (22-7) play in the other first-round game.

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Rodriguez opened up a 5m lead, in gain All-American status. Six Albany tracksters honored title in the NCAA Division III award bestowed upon collegiate athletes. Westbrook and freshman Howie Sellers, placed third in 3:18.18. Their mark established a new school and state spacious 200m oval.

By Brian Hickey

“Al-American,” the most coveted award bestowed upon collegiate athletes. This past weekend, six members of the Albany track and field team earned this mark, Rodriguez, Richardson, sophomore Wilfredo Rodriguez, sophomore Derek Westbrook and freshman Howie Sellers, were near the front. About 50m into his run, Rodriguez jetted to the lead. His late race charge over the last two hurdles pulled him from sixth to fifth. “I was pleased with my performance, but I felt I could have run better,” York said. “If I continue on my start, balance over the hurdles and lean at the finish, I will run better. The biggest thing for me now is to keep improving.”

York’s sentiments were echoed by shot putter Matt Kieley. His heave of 51.2” was good for sixth place. Although his mark was not a personal record, Kieley was pleased with his throw. However, he is looking to improve outdoors. Although only a sophomore, Kieley wasn’t intimidated by the more experienced athletes in attendance.

Anyone who can make it to a national meet is an intense competitor,” Kieley said. “In the future I hope to be good enough to intimidate the competition.”

The team title was won by Lincoln University with 30 points. Albany placed 17th with nine. Six athletes qualified for the meet and all six earned All-American status. It should be noted that all of these competitors are underclassmen.

With the National Championships being the culmination of three months work, the Danes will take a much needed break from competition. The spring season will get under way April 11th, with a dual meet against local rival RPI at home.

Ewing’s work ethics paying big dividends

By Mike Delnagro

NEW YORK — It’s Christmas Day. The New York Knicks are off.

Patrick Ewing calls trainer Mike Saunders. He wants him to drive to the State University of New York at Purchase for a two hour workout.

“I’m Ash Wednesday. The Knicks are off. Ewing phones Saunders and again drives 45 minutes from his home in New Jersey to Purchase for a solo two-hour workout.

In an age when Work Ethic is akin to Old-Fashioned, Ewing is a Throwback.

The former St. John’s star is always one of the last arrivals at practice and one of the last to go home.

He is coachable.

He rehearse inside moves on his own. He practically inhabits the weight-training room, in season and off.

To grasp why Ewing in his fifth NBA season is making a serious run at his first league MVP award, look no further than his God-given body and talent and his self-directed 1950s work habits.

“Patrick and Karl Malone and maybe Larry Bird and a few others augment their God-given ability with genetic hard work,” assistant coach Jeff Van Gundy said. “I think that’s what separates the good players from the great ones at this level.”

Indeed, this season Ewing is daunting. He ranks among the NBA’s top 10 in four major statistical categories: he is third in scoring with a 28.2 average, second in blocked shots (4.1); seventh in rebounding (10.5); and sixth in field-goal percentage (54%).

“My goal is to be the best ever,” Ewing said. “And I want to be known as a winner.”

Last month he became the Knicks’ first All-Star starter since 1977.

“He has taken his game to another level,” Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers said. “He’s dominating offensively and defensively, and he’s also making the right plays at the right times. He’s leading his team as opposed to before when it seemed he’d just as soon let somebody else lead.”

First-year coach Stu Jackson took over the Knicks in July, and immediately made him the team’s focal point.

Around Ewing, he centered the defense and rebuilt the offense. The result is a 39-22 Atlantic Division-leading team.

“We know who we are,” Jackson said. “When you have a talent as strong as Patrick’s, you’d be foolish not to exploit it. Most coaches go whole careers without ever having a talent like his. There are a lot of nights when I’d hate to be the coach responsible for trying to defend against him.”

“The only way to beat the Knicks is to slow Ewing down,” Lakers center Mychal Thompson said.

Critics claimed his pro defense initially was timid, his rebounding soft, his hands a disaster.

But under Rick Pitino in 1987-88, his game began to develop. He treated Ewing like the franchise player he is. Given confidence, he suddenly radiated confidence.

That should change this season.

Ewing began working with weights as a freshman at Georgetown in 1981. He switched from Nautilus to free weights.

T always thought I was a good player, and I always thought I’ve played up to my potential,” he said. “I’m scoring more now because I’m shooting more, and because my teammates are getting me the ball where I can score with it.”

His biggest shortcoming the first four seasons was rebounding. Despite his 7-foot, 240-pound frame, his rebounding. Despite his 7-foot, 240-pound frame, his

“Whenever I came to New York, people built me up to be a savior,” Ewing said.

“One man can’t save a team. It was tough. I never adjusted to losing. I hate to lose. I always won at every level.”

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His biggest shortcoming the first four seasons was rebounding. Despite his 7-foot, 240-pound frame, his leading ability and his game-time ferocity, he never has finished among the NBA’s top 10 rebounders.

With spring right around the corner, the Albany baseball team has started its training camp. The Danes, led by coach Ed Zaloom, will be looking to improve upon last year's disappointing season.