

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.

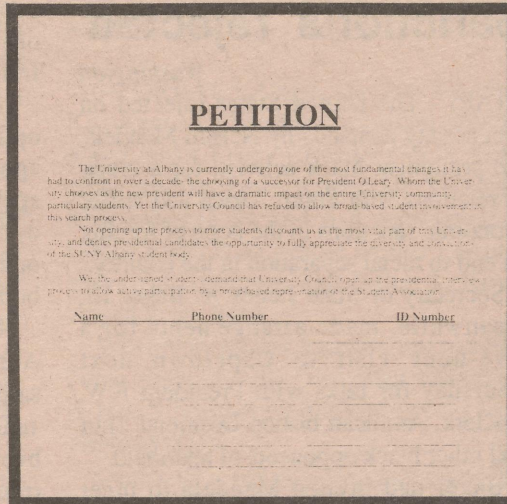
Iselin, who has spent the past week in Colorado, received word that Central Council had started a petition calling for a larger student voice in the selection process, according to Lawson.

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 hour and a half interview with each of the

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—Nadya Lawson
Central Council
Chair



remaining four candidates when each one spends a day on campus, Lawson said.

She said after the four interviews are completed, the committee will make recommendations to the University

Council Presidential Search Screening Committee.

According to Lawson, the committee will consist of her, SA President Fermin Espinosa, and eight other 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.

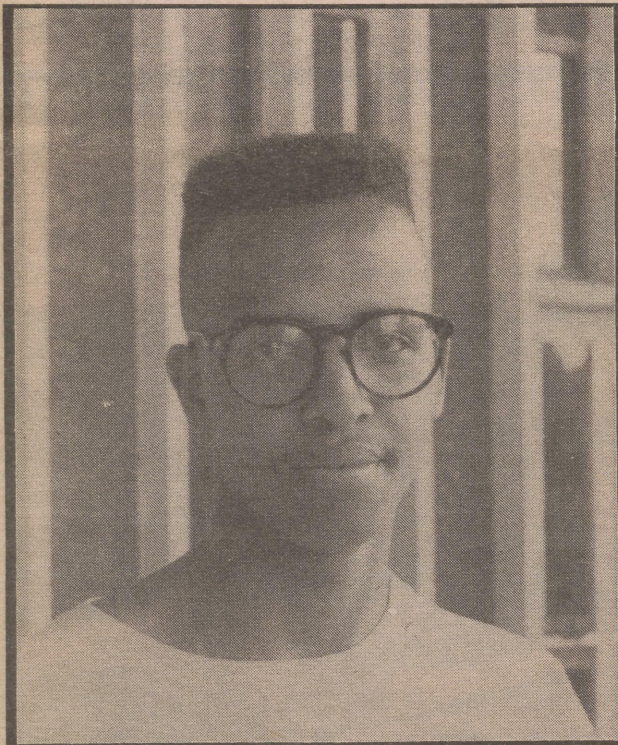
At the conference, Lawson also revealed that the petition, in just two days of distribution, had collected over 4,000 signatures.

"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



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S.A. President Fermin Espinosa spoke to the members of Central Council on Wednesday night.

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

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

Genevieve Connor, vice-president for Campus Affairs for SASU, said delegates should be taking more initiative. She also said SASU does not have any comment 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.

Two members of the Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle (CARP) were in attendance at the meeting as well. Espinosa acknowledged their presence, as well as harassment charges that have been leveled against their organization.

He said people have been complaining of harassment by CARP, and that they have not been true to their constitution.

The Internal Affairs Committee of Central Council will be discussing the complaints, and any measures to be taken against the organization.

Also at the meeting, Off-Campus Representative Suzanne Liese proposed a plan for SA to aid in the recycling effort.

The plan would encourage all SA funded groups to adopt recycling policies and to buy recycled paper. All of the money raised would be donated to the World Wildlife Fund, since the animals are most affected by the waste buildup.

Representative Lisa Austin did not agree with Liese's plan to donate the money to that charity. She said the money should be kept in SA's funds, or be given to a different charity organization.

That subject has also been turned over to the Internal Affairs Committee, which is now charged with making a decision in the matter.

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.

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

The window of the car was down two inches, Cashen said. A police control radar unit, valued at \$1,600, was taken from the car, he added.

A foot chase followed, as the patrolmen and state police chased the students east on Route 20, and then on to Perimeter Road, Cashen said. Trooper Willard Schultz apprehended one of the suspects as he was hopping a fence, Cashen said.

Colonial Quad resident Michael J. Artusa was apprehended,

Cashen said, adding Artusa allegedly had the radar gun, and dropped it.

James Heiberger, also a Colonial Quad resident, turned himself in to Guilderland police at 7 pm 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 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 am. 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

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Weather

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

The World



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.

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

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

Basoft 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 sabotoge

Tunis, Tunisia

(AP) - Fire broke out at a Libyan plant where the United States says poison gas is 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 claiming 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 has 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 Capetown next Thursday for talks with President F.W. deKlerk, Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu and other black opponents of apartheid.

Baker had invited Mandela to meet with him in Namibia 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 deKlerk 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.

Retrival is planned

Florida

(AP) - An uninsured \$150 million communications satellite whirled uselessly around the Earth in a dangerously low orbit Thursday 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 recover, 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.

The State



Supporters fast

Orchard Park

(AP) - Terry Anderson's fifth anniversary of captivity in Lebanon brought solemn prayer and fasting

Thursday to the upstate New York area where he grew up.

Hundreds of supporters planned to gather in this Buffalo suburb for an interfaith service that would kick off a 24-hour fast to commemorate The Associated Press correspondent's March 16, 1985, abduction.

Penny Anderson, the newsman's sister-in-law, and Anne Zickl, a leader of local efforts to keep Anderson's cause alive, planned to make the 40-mile drive from Batavia, Anderson's boyhood home.

Although the service was to focus on Anderson, the longest held of 17 Western hostages in Lebanon, the others were to be remembered too. Among the scheduled speakers was the Rev. Jack Wolter, an Episcopal priest who was an Iowa State College classmate of hostage Thomas Sutherland, Mrs. Zickl said.

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.



"Wait'll they get a load of me"

Michael Ackerman UPS

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Free listings	SATURDAY, March 17	SUNDAY, March 18	MONDAY, March 19
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.	Don't Walk Alone with Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi weekend service begins 10:30 pm-12:30 am at CC info desk every Saturday night. The SUNYA Faculty Showcase Concert featuring trumpeter James Morris will begin at 8 pm in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center.	Class of 1990 meets in the SA lounge at 5:00 pm. All welcome. University Concert Board meets at 8pm in CC 375. For more info call 442-6269. Small Claims Court Action Center meets every Monday at 5pm at CC382.	Narcotics Anonymous meets on campus Mondays at 6 p.m. Call 426-8832 for info. Minority Affairs Office of SA sponsors Black Quest 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 being held on campus. For further information on rooms and times call 442-5777.
			Send us your Previews!!!

NYPIRG claims bias in testing still existing in NYS

By T.E.. Kane
NEWS EDITOR

The State Dept of Education (SED) still denies minorities their fair of Regents and Empire State Scholarships by the heavy use of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), according to the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

"The State Education Department has guaranteed the continued discrimination against women and minorities by choosing an extremely narrow

interpretation of the federal court order ruling which barred the use exclusive use of the SAT," Blair Horner, NYPIRG spokesperson and co-author of the report entitled "Stop the Scholarship Scam."

Last year a New York federal judge found SAT's to be discriminatory against women and minorities and placed an injunction on the SED against using the test as the sole criteria in awarding Regents and Empire State scholarships.

SED Commissioner Thomas Sobal said

shortly after the injunction that his agency would adopt the use of grades and class rank as other criteria for scholarship recipients. At the same time, Sobal told the Board of Regents that a "Supertest" would be developed and used to determine who is qualified for state scholarships and who is not.

NYPIRG claims that the SED has failed to implement a new "formula" in allocating the awards to prospective college students. New data released by

the SED on the ethnic makeup of who received the Scholarship awards for the current year indicates that about 60 percent of the recipients were male, while African- American and Latino students only garnered two percent of the awards.

NYPIRG said less women were selected than men, even though, women achieve better marks in the classroom.

This figure is on line with trends previous few years before the court ruling went into effect, according to Horner.

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

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 school vs. school competition.

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

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

Americans held hostage in Lebanon; lives in peril

By Farouk Nassar

Beirut, Lebanon

(AP)A Moslem extremist group holding three American professors hostage threatened Thursday to kill them if the United States fails to meet its unspecified demands.

The group, the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, also threatened to attack airlines that carry Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel.

It said individuals and organizations who recently said the hostages should be freed on humanitarian grounds should stay out of the affair.

The organization, believed made up of Shiite Moslem zealots loyal to Iran, made the threats in a statement delivered

the independent newspaper An-Nahar.

The statement was accompanied by a photograph of Professor Robert Polhill, one of three American educators kidnapped from the campus of the U.S.-affiliated Beirut University College on January 24, 1987.

The other two are Alan Steen, 49, of Boston, and Jesse Turner, 41, of Boise, Idaho. Polhill, a New Yorker, is 54.

The handwritten statement in Arabic said: "The organization of Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine denounces media reports about humanitarian moves to free the hostages and close this file.

"It asks the authors of these

moves not to interfere in this matter because we are holding agents and spies against our people, and they will be executed if the American administration fails to meet our demands."

Iran's Tehran Times newspaper, which has close ties to President Hashemi Rafsanjani, said in two recent editorials that the hostages should be freed on Islamic, humanitarian grounds. Rafsanjani himself said he believed the issue was moving towards a solution.

Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual guide of Lebanon's Hezbollah, or Party of God, also said in a February sermon that a humanitarian

means of freeing the hostages had to be found.

Hezbollah is believed the Shiite Moslem umbrella group for the extremists group holding the 18 Western hostages in Lebanon.

The statement Thursday did not spell out the demands the kidnappers expected the American administration to meet.

The group had previously offered to trade the three professors for 400 Arab prisoners in Israeli jails.

Israel had rejected the offer and the administration of former President Reagan refused to pressure Israel to change its stance.

Gati: Russian demise cause of revolution in E. Europe

By Ben Sofer
STAFF WRITER

The demise of the Soviet Union as a super-power, along with reforms implemented by its president, were what sparked the revolutions in Eastern Europe of the past year, and are the sustaining factors in their future Union College Professor Charles Gati said on Tuesday in a forum covering the region at PAC's Recital Hall.

"The future of Eastern Europe", the second in a series of forums entitled "The Changing Face of Socialism", contained a panel of representatives from four of the European nations which have recently undergone major political changes. The series is sponsored jointly by the Division of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and the Student Association.

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 republics.

The transition from a centralized economy to free enterprise and democracy, however, will be a difficult one, 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."

A panelist from Yugoslavia said she disagreed with Gati in his assertion that free enterprise will solve Eastern Europe's economic problems and difficulties in the long run. "Social inequalities are being replaced by another type of inequality," she said. Gati said he agreed with the Yugoslavian, but said that with democracy intact, those feeling unattended for will be able to protest and force changes.

The revolutions in Eastern Europe were essentially political, rather than for economic revisions, Gati said. "True, there were [food] shortages, but there was oppression," he said, citing a lack of free press and punishment for going to church as examples.

The picture of a young man riding atop the Berlin Wall with a bicycle is one of two images Gati said he has of the dramatic events of the past year. The other is of a Czechoslovakian concerto being played with President-elect Vaclav Havel in the audience, and a man with tears in his eyes singing along in the fourth movement of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy", he said.

Mikhail Gorbachev had no idea of the far reaching consequences of his communist reforms, Gati said of the Soviet president. He said Gorbachev thought his version of reform communism would gain him stronger allies in the satellite nations of the USSR, and not lead, as it did, to mass revolutions within Eastern Europe.

"Either he miscalculated, or he's a CIA agent," he said,

bringing on a chorus of laughter from the audience of more than 100.

Answering the question from a West German panelist on the ramifications of a united Germany, Gati said German domination of the East is a probability. "The new generation of Germans are going to get what Germans under Hitler couldn't get," he said to a member of the audience.

"The U.S. should welcome it," he said of German expansion.

"Our companies should invest. Profits are not there, but they will come, as the Japanese know."

Reform will not work in the Soviet Union either, Gati said of the first disintegrating nuclear power. "Gorbachev is a misguided idealist who believes the system can be reformed--I doubt it [could]," he said.

"If you own stock in the Soviet Union, you should have sold it long ago," he said. The Soviet Union will not shed its blood to keep communism in power in

Eastern Europe because of its condition, he said.

Gati said he does not foresee the rise of extremists in the evolving nations. Nor is anti-Semitism a "big deal" there, as the press will have people believe, by concentrating on small incidents, he said. "Those who have been anti-Semites for 40 years are still anti-Semites, but now they can say it in public," as they can and do in the United States, he said.

A taste of spring



Jeff LaMarche UPS

Most students got their first tastes of spring on Wednesday and Thursday as temperatures soared to the 70s. As they did, frisbees flew, dogs abounded, and everyone in general seemed to freshen up on their "podiating" skills...

Beyond the Majority

Many different peoples are affected by testing bias

By Cassandra 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 where 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 better 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, is it 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 plans. "We're trying to psdd 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 the 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.

"This gives people an opportunity to be judged on achievement rather than filling out forms on 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 as the basis for 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, administrators 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

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

By T. E. Kane
NEWS EDITOR

State Comptroller Edward Regan 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.

Regan 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, Regan said 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 the burden when paying for the SUNY system, and a tuition increase would amount to a much needed spending cut in the state's contribution to the University system without the reduction of spending in University wide programs.

The study found fundamental fiscal discrepancies 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 those 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 possibility 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 26 percent versus the 18 percent that tuition raises now for the system, there would be more than \$200 million more in revenues for the 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 \$128 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?

St Patty's Day to feature parades and pubs

By Bryan O'Sierra
SENIOR EDITOR

To commemorate the man who drove the snakes out of Ireland, SUNYA's bogtrotters will flock to area bars, parties and parades on Saturday.

Albany will host two St. Patrick 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. American's, 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. "Its 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 station Q104 will broadcast live from noon to 4 p.m., Gunther said.

Washington Tavern will attempt to lure paddys with continuous Irish music from noon until 8 p.m., according to manager Laurie Kundel. 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. Kundel, who professes to be "half-Irish; all Irish on St. Patty's Day," said he expects a huge turnout. "It's a dynamite 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. Mahars on Madison Avenue is having a reservation-only party for 50 all day long. Most other bars should be crowded with green-clad partygoers 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 bagpipes 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 City 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.

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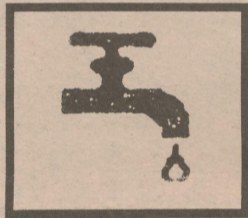
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CAPITAL CAMPUSES

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 6-8:50pm, 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 Potter will present "House Arrest."

Sonia Sanches to give poetry reading

Russell Sage College will present author and poet Sonia Sanchez 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.

Sanchez, 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
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

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 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.

DIGEST

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 Streets 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 sailing 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.



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Axel John discussed reunification possibilities Wednesday.

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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 flipping on the thirty or so mini-recorders assembled on the table between the two at the MGM screening room. They're fifteen minutes late.

Raymond Rogers

The two are in Manhattan today to promote their new suspense-thriller *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 gunman holding up a local grocery. The gun is carried off by an unnoticed witness, Eugene Hunt, played by Ron Silver, who escapes with the evidence, only to stalk the city streets himself. He eventually hooks up with Megan, and goes on a shooting rampage with bullets engraved with her name. The film fuels on like a burning bushfire as Curtis and her captains try to discover who's doing the shooting, and finally how to stop Eugene after they realize it's him. In the meantime, Curtis and all of her friends and relatives are in extreme danger.

Curtis and Bigelow had just been interviewed at MTV, and for being so late, Curtis treats us to a few jingles - set to the tune of "Blue Moon" - which she wouldn't sing over the air for MTV. "*Blue Steel*, please let me go home, where I can be in my bed, 'stead of on the floor a-slone. *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 sprawling hand gestures and clear, determined speech.

In *Blue Steel*, Curtis plays one of her toughest parts yet. Her role as Megan is taut with sincere emotion, from the nervous anticipation on NYPD graduation day, where a small tear drips down her left cheek, to her stronghold, gun-wielding blow-out at the film's climax. In between, we see her grow.

We see Megan shake, and sweat beads form on her forehead, as she stalks the aisles of a local grocery store which is being held-up. Step by step, arms extended, gun clasped in front of her high cheek bones. It's Curtis' character which makes this scene so gripping. We hear her breathe deeply, then quickly. The main plus about this film, as opposed to most cat-n-dog cop chase thrillers, is the development of Megan's character; her strengths and weaknesses...her human-ness.

Curtis says that coming from the sort of background that she has — several horror films at the onset of her career including the now-classic thrill ride "Halloween" — set her up for this sort of script.

"I 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."

Yet for all the fingernail-biting and edge-of-your-seat feelings Curtis brings to *Blue*

Steel and several of her other films, she says she can't stand to watch scary movies. "I literally get very frightened. I know this sounds crazy, but it's absolutely true. Ever since I saw *Oliver*, and my mother covered my eyes when Shaney Wallace got smacked on the head, my little feet twitched. I couldn't stomach it. I can not see anything on any level scare. I won't watch *Bambi*. I will not watch it when Bambi's mother gets shot."

That didn't stop her from seeing *Steel*, though. "Because *Blue Steel* was so much in her [Bigelow's] head and in the camera, it was hard to know what the movie was like, so I was very much affected by *Blue Steel*. It was one of the first things I've ever been in that I went 'Holy Shiiiiit. This is Fuuucking great!!!' I really remember seeing it, going 'Oh, my god, this is really good.' Most of the time you know what you've got, but this was crafted, this was sculpted."

Bigelow's direction builds an icy-cool film that will leave you sweaty-hot, clutching your arm rests. The attention to detail, the eerie foreboding soundtrack, coupled with Curtis' top emotive

and reasoning behind their actions. When Megan discovers it's Eugene who's the crazed killer, he tells her, "You'd do what I do, Megan, if you knew yourself better."

"She's a much more controlled person, much more inward, in conflict person. She 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 into the double standards about being a woman cop, for instance. Instead, it is content to act as a pure spine-chilling thriller. Which is fine.

painting style Kathryn uses in her script-writing, it's unlike anything you've ever read," Curtis says.

"I pay her lots of money to say that," Bigelow interjects.

"It's all written in this very stark, linear way, it's not in rolling dialogue of description. It's like 'The woman cop. The new cop walks down the street.' Describing colors, and light and dark. It's really beautifully done, and it's done just like the movie," Curtis reaffirms.

For all its linear, straight-ahead paths Curtis raves about, the script is oft times too direct. Megan just happens to hop 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.

"The movie's about a woman cop, so obviously there's a feminist statement in it,

just by the nature of it being a woman cop. I never make a decision particularly about 'feminism' as a criteria in my choice of a role. I read the story and thought it was a very exciting story, the fact that it was a woman cop was interesting, and obviously I was reading it to play the cop, so I was very interested. I read something 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 she wrote it with "the idea of trying to create an everyman — 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 person 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 her 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 bucolic 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 movie making. All of this is what I'm drawn to as a viewer, so I guess I naturally respond to that in the writing or I respond 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 pacified, or passive, or made comfortable."

Blue Steel will not pacify you, make you passive, and will certainly not leave you feeling comfortable. That part she's got down pat, now it's 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.



performance is enough to shake the ground you walk on. On a specific level, Curtis notes that this film "is essentially like a black and white film, shot through color."

The scenes are often just a bit extra long, sometimes almost dragging, but usually adding to the already apparent sense of danger. Foreshadowing is used heavily throughout this film. "Why'd you become a cop, Megan?" someone asks at the start of the film. "Because I wanted to shoot people," she retorts.

Among the throngs of press releases handed out before the press conference was one quote describing the film as using "seductive violence."

"It's a beautiful phrase," says the film's author Kathryn Bigelow. "I think violence in a cinematic context can be, at times, if handled a certain way, very seductive. An audience can be titillated by violence in a cinematic context. It's wonderful to take the confines of a beautiful room like this to experience a certain kind of violent, violent images, where you can live out that aspect of your imagination or subconscious in a safe environment, that's what I meant by that, that it can be very seductive."

Megan's new lover, Eugene, revels in his power to take other's lives. At one point he even douses himself in his victim's blood. When the pair are about to make love, Eugene makes her take out her gun and grasp it with both hands. He's fascinated by her power. "Being with you Megan is such a kick. Death is the greatest kick of all - that's why they save it for last," Eugene says intensely, his eyes gleaming like a man possessed.

The movie does attempt to look into people's sick sense of life, death, existence,

Despite the tremendous amount of shooting and physical action which occurs in the film, Curtis says she really did not have to do much training. "This is a rookie cop so therefore I shouldn't be a seasoned veteran. I have no experience as a police officer, except in training. I just kept myself in physical good shape. I paid attention to what I would specifically have to do in the film, I didn't see the need to go through the police academy to learn crime tactics, when after the first scene in the movie I'm laid off the force."

"You sort of deal with your personal catharsis of how you feel about a gun, how you personally feel about gun control, all of the elements, because it is a very powerful thing to have a loaded gun, and I was able - I wasn't supposed to - to fire some live rounds. It really is a shocking difference between what most people fire and what a live, real hand feels like. It's a real jolting experience."

"Gun control, as far as I'm concerned, I think that guns should — obviously we're in America — if you want to own a gun you should be able to. I think there should be much more stringent restrictions on applying for them, they should be like applying for a license for an automobile, I think you should have to be certified by the state, da-ta-da-ta-da, unfortunately that's not realistic."

"I've always respected cops. It's a very difficult job, certainly there are bad cops, as there are bad people. Certainly we have to have police officers, and I think they do protect us a lot, and I have more respect for them because I now know how much more difficult their job is."

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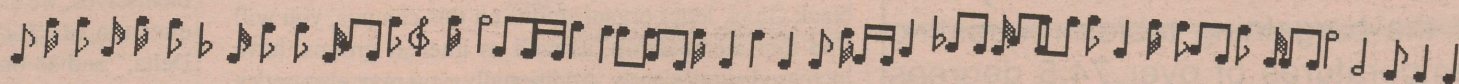
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Mission U.K. Carved in Sand

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.

Embarrassments 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 "Into the Blue," but for the most part, fall flat on their faces.

— Richard Crist

They Might Be Giants

Flood
Elektra

Flood, They Might Be Giants' latest album, is so cheezy 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, Cheez-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 "Birdhouse in Your Soul" contain the pseudo-pretentious quirky lyrics the Giants are famed for.

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.

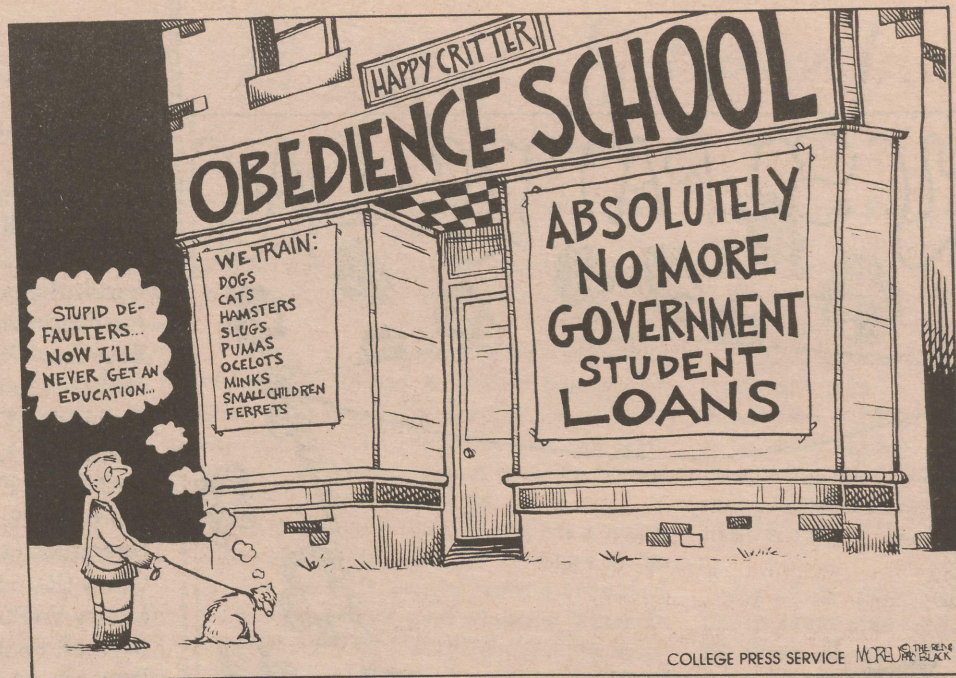
One question does come to mind however, and that is why did we have to go to the extreme we did? Is it not logical that candidates should want to meet with students at a university that they may one day head?

What could have been the reasoning in by passing by 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 Montelbanain. 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 you tell me and do you know why?

A: I don't know how it starts or who starts it, but all I can tell you is that they have not been getting along or acting like the role models they are.

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

Fermin Espinosa

my opinion on such a painful topic, I would like to state that this column is not a deliberate attempt to downplay any one person or organization. Nor is this aiming to air 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 pride 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 almost 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 most, if not all, of their actions.

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 mottos.

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. 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.

One final and very important point must be made. We as black Greeks must recognize the following: IN A RACIST AND INTOLERANT SOCIETY, POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEVER GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF ATTENTION GENERATED BY NEGATIVE ACTIVITIES. With this focus, it is evident that the community service, workshops, educational and cultural programs put on by our organization, will be undermined when we act irrational as opposed to logical and together. The outgrowth of this then becomes the perpetuation of general stereotypes (which I need not go into) which are subsequently fed to the ignorant minds.

The solution? Brothers and sisters, I do not claim to have one, however, but I know where it comes from. This place where the solution lies, occupies a part of us individually and collectively. I cannot exactly pinpoint what the solution is, but it has to come from the heart. When the answer emerges from here, it means much more than fabricated suggestions given by those who

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LETTERS

Red Cross is racially and culturally biased

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. The fact that Mr. Bunt disregarded all the facts he has been 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.

Mr. Bunt was present during my closing meeting with the Red Cross on Thursday. He knows how many donors the Pan-Caribbean Association, the African Students' Association and S.A.S.U. recruited. He knows the commitment that was made to sponsor a blood drive once this pamphlet is changed. He knows it can be changed without breaking away from F.D.A. recommendations. He knows how much lobbying of the F.D.A. is going on.

The incredible interest 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 Freedom of Speech rights held by all of us are too dangerous in this situation to exercise.

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!

Tears chased by sorrow stream along my brows,
My heart pounds heavily when in reminiscence,
concerning my people.

Why me?

I feel as I do because there is no control.
Do I stand alone? I pray not.

A small voice as mine can only go so far.
My people diffuse each other's efforts
with strife amongst themselves.

What has happened?

European self against African unity,
where ego takes precedence
to the need of the mass.

They cheer us on to defeat ourselves
enveloped with the lust of anguish;
whose elements are comprised of turmoil and self
annihilation.

They feed food that manipulates and condition the
psyche.

Where fists are raised
against our own blood.

Knowing if they cannot destroy us,
we can do it ourselves.

Where they oversee and plant
the seeds of dissension and self pride
against our fellow man.

My God, what have we become?

Are we blind?

Are we asleep?

If we want this to continue,
it certainly will.

Please wake up!

Division and separatism;

let my people go!

Ignorance and denial;

let my people go!

Anger and coercion;

let my people go!

The ancestors beckon us to reconcile.

The dream - to exceed them manifold.

The reality?

Seek, understand and implement their courage.

May the consciousness of my people

rise and transcend over all,

once more.

The example, forevermore!

Amen.

Hassan Elijah Blackshear

SUNYA bodies at Palace

To The Editor:

On Friday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful Palace Theater in Albany, Waldo Promotions 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 built men and women on campus will be competing in this nationally recognized events 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 Lukemia 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 physique contest for SUNY students. After months of organization and hard work, Telethon and I presented the 1st Annual Mr. and Miss SUNY Albany Bodybuilding and Swimsuit Competition in the Campus Center Ballroom which attracted over 800 students. Today, the event has become a most anticipated annual event which

gets bigger and better every year.

This event is once again receiving national publicity and I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every SUNY student and faculty member to this event to witness a most memorable and extraordinary evening. Tickets are \$5 General Admission, \$7 VIP (1st 17 rows guaranteed) and can be purchased in the Campus Center Lobby or at the Door. Raffle tickets for \$1 each will also be sold for awesome prizes which include \$500 cash and a Round Trip ticket on American Airlines anywhere in the country. There will be Free Buses leaving from The Circle at 6:30 and 7:15 p.m.

Once again, if you haven't been to a Mr. and Miss SUNY Albany competition, mark your calendar for March 23 and I'll see you at the show.

Dave Waldo Waldman
WALDO PROMOTIONS

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 and 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 SUNYA'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 thank SUNYA'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 poetry, prose, 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 late March. Once again, thank you. Be on the lookout for the Albany Review in mid-April.

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

Greek unity

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really don't care about what us as a people. What I hope and know it will happen is to see that same pride and love generated for the groups, being channeled to UPLIFT and UNITE ourselves and our people. We have proven that WE CAN and WILL CONTINUE to be the role models and builders of our communities. Let us not lose sight due to a slight detour. In all of us I have faith!

And the conversation continues:
Q: Do you think things can be worked out? I see these organizations doing a lot of good for us.

A: You are right my brother/sister! They know they can. I'm sure it is just a passing moment. They will DO THE RIGHT THING!

The writer is President of the Student Association and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

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Let's do it again, ΑΦ

ΑΕΠ
Let's do it again soon. ΑΟΠ

David Varenka does not do D---- like I do, Nor will he ever!

Dear Jodi,
Dinner with out piss was a real piss. You might even say last week was a "Gas." Looking forward to a sick night at the formal.

Love,
Mush

Wanted
If you have an American Express Airline voucher that you do not plan on using I will pay you for it immediately. Call Mo 434-2209.

ΣΑE,
We'll do twenty years to life with you guys anytime! Thanks for another great mixer!

Love,
ΔΦE

ΔΦE
Graffiti was a blast. It was awesome getting together again, as usual.

TEΦ

ΑΟΠ
We had a great time on Thursday. We hope **Thou shall** mix with us again soon.

ΔΟΤ

ΦΚΣ
We had fun partying with you guys "all night long," as always!

Love,
ΦΣΣ

We want to congratulate **Kevin Coughlin** on winning the raffle ticket. Have fun in the sun.

ΑΕΦ

ΦΣΣ
Thanks for the great mixer, even Bill Cosby would have had a smile

ΦΚΣ

Dead tickets desperately needed for Albany shows. Call Ed 482-3105.

ΑΕΠ & ΘΧ
Get psyched for Greek Week, 'cause the orange team can't be beat. (We're going to rock this campus)

ΑΕΦ

ΨΤ—
Cheers! From thousands of miles away in London. Love and miss you all!

—Danna

Subletters needed for fully furnished apartment, near bars, on busline, State St. between Quail and Ont. Call Jodi...436-5290 To my ΣΔT big sis Rachel,

I am so psyched you're my big sis. You're awesome! I love ya!

Love, your l'il sis Michele

Grandma:
Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Love, John Eric
Buy Your Senior Card TODAY!!!!!!

Dance and drink the night away with ΦΚΣ and ΦΣΣ at **Holidaze** on-Friday, March 16.

Sister Alyse,
An ASPie loves you.

Go-Fer

To my Big Sis Nina,
I love you.

Go-Fer

Congratulations to the New ΦΣΣ. We wish you the best.

ΑΦ

ΑΟΠ
We would love to party with you (**Boxer or no Boxers**) any time!

ΣΧ (The Goods)

PS: Get psyched for **Derby Days**

ΠΛΦ
You guys did the 'write' thing! Thanks for a great mixer!

Love,

ΦΣΣ

To the Brothers of Alpha Tau Omega, Thanks for Dippikil, we are proud to be members of the Alpha Pledge class. - Alpha Tau Omega Rocks!

Dear Jodi,
Dinner on Tuesday was a real piss (even without Piss). You could say this past week has been a real "gas!"

Love,

Pledge name still Unknown

To the Alphas
Keep up the good work!

Love,

The sisters of ΑΟΠ

ΣΛΣ,
Mixing with you was so fine. It brought back memories of Greek Week 89....

ΑΦ

ΦΚΣ & ΣΝ,
Who could be a better pair then you? And when you add ΑΦ... we know who the winning team will be!!! Get psyched for Greek Week!

ΣΛΣ,
Funnels to fishbowls - It's all the same - a great time! Thanks for a great mixer!

Love,

ΔΦE

ZBT,
There was no time "unwasted" no punch untasted
Yes, we did dance, we hope to get another chance to do it again real soon

ΑΕΦ

The sisters and associates of ΦΣΣ would like to thank the Greek system for all their support on our merger.

ΔΟΤ
We broke the commandments-all 10 Can't wait to do it again!!

ΑΟΠ

ΦΚΣ - ΣΝ - ΑΦ
Green will be the winning team. To Ed & Chris
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ZΨ

Sue and Althe:
...Forget your troubles, come on get happy... And get psyched.

Mitch

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You

Love,

The Deltas

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Love,

The Deltas

Kelly,
I hope everything turns out OK...

P.J.

To the girls of 711 Myrtle:
You're all a bunch of LOUS!! No matter what others say...Just DO IT!!

Ringel

Scott:
I Enjoyed Wednesday night!! Let's do it again soon...EAT!

Meghan

Mitch—
It's nice to know that you're still here to help put everything in perspective. I will definitely consider the possibilities. Thanks for being honest, and most of all, for being a friend.

Sandie

How're you going to do it?

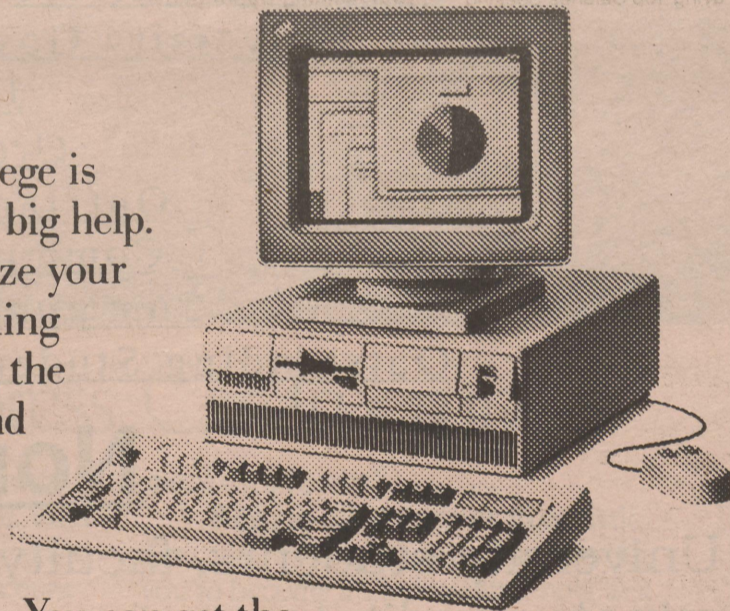


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Bridge

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.

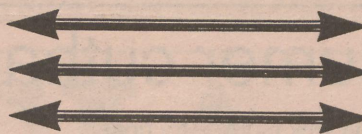
"We've always closed bridges when it's a possible safety problem," Taylor said, "but it (the bridge disaster) served to heighten our awareness."

Beyond

Continued from page 4 student as retarded. 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 men students are.

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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, hiking 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 damndest 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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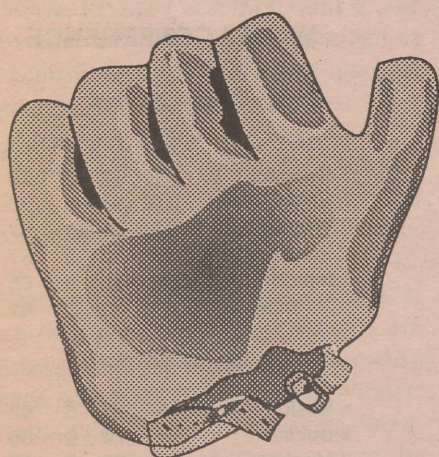
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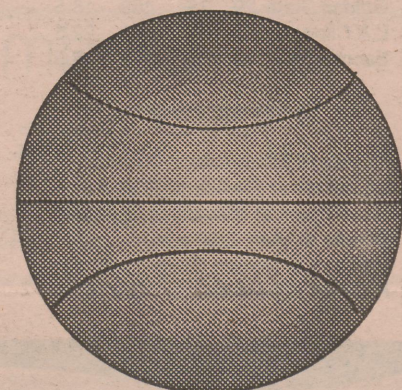
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David Ackley	Stephen Becker
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ACIA 5 on 5 Basketball Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Knicks	39	23	.629	--
Philadelphia	38	25	.603	1.5
Boston	36	25	.590	2.5
Washington	24	39	.381	15.5
New Jersey	15	47	.242	24
Miami	14	49	.222	25.5

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	47	15	.758	--
Chicago	40	21	.656	6.5
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	14
Indiana	31	32	.492	16.5
Atlanta	29	33	.468	18
Cleveland	27	34	.443	19
Orlando	16	47	.254	31.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	45	18	.714	--
San Antonio	41	20	.672	3
Denver	34	28	.548	10.5
Dallas	32	28	.533	11.5
Houston	30	32	.484	14.5
Minnesota	16	45	.262	28
Charlotte	10	50	.167	33.5

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	47	14	.770	--
Portland	44	18	.710	3.5
Phoenix	42	19	.689	5
Seattle	31	30	.508	16
Golden State	29	33	.468	18.5
L.A. Clippers	25	37	.403	22.5
Sacramento	19	43	.306	28.5

Yesterday's Games

Knicks at Minnesota, 8:00 p.m.
LA Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

League I

Ewing Conference		
	W	L
x-Bullwinkle's Bunch	8	0
x-Posse	4	2
x-Ebony and Ivory	3	5
Scotia	2	6
Air ZBT	2	6
Kevin Dillon	0	8

Otajawon Conference		
	W	L
x-J.U. Ice	6	2
x-Back in Black	6	2
x-Below the Rim	6	2
x-Purple Knights	4	2
x-Last Call	3	5
SAE I	2	6

League II

Eastern Conference		
	W	L
x-B.Y.O.B.	7	1
x-Bust a Move	7	1
x-Chefs of the Future	5	3
AEPi Silver	4	4
ROB	4	4
Shoot to Thrill	3	5
State of Confusion	2	6
Special Children	0	8

Barkley Division		
	W	L
x-EN Black	8	0
x-The Shit (ATO)	6	2
x-EAM Bowie	6	2
x-Blue Magic	5	3
OX Redmen	3	5
AEPi Blue	1	7

	W	L
Sig Ep	1	7
SAE II	0	8

Jordan Division		
	W	L
x-Wolverines	8	0
x-Waterboys	6	2
x-Trailblazers	6	2
x-K.S.A. Hurricanes	5	3
x-Five Angry Men	5	3
Team Ex-lax	3	5
Brand X	2	6
Prop. 48	1	7
Terminally White	0	8

Thomas Division		
	W	L
x-Feebles' Pet Shop	8	0
x-Wildcats	7	1
x-Lords of the Boards	5	3
Yid Boys	4	4
New Kids on the Court	4	4
Mutants With Balls	4	4
The Naughty Nine	2	6
Shot in the Dark	2	6
The Social Diseases	0	8

Western Conference		
	W	L
x-TKE	6	1
x-KEA	6	2
x-AEPi Gold	6	2
x-EPI Spies	6	2
EX	4	4
ZBT Blue	3	5
EN Gold	2	6
EAM Perkins	0	8

A.C.Green Division		
	W	L
x-Bomb Squad	6	2

	W	L
x-Last Hurrah	4	2
x-The System	5	3
x-The Underdogs	5	3
x-Pi Lamma Slamma	5	3
Jump Discontinuity	2	6
Team Chaos	2	6
The Sting	1	7

Johnson Division		
	W	L
x-Jayhawks	7	1
x-NWA	6	2
x-Alcoholics	5	3
Stewballs	4	4
Jordanice	4	4
P.M.S.	4	4
Cover the Spread	4	4
Vexed	1	7
The 69ers	0	8

Stockton Division		
	W	L
x-Erection Perfection	8	0
x-Cheebea	7	1
x-PigSlayers	6	2
x-Wild Minoans	5	3
Greenlight	3	5
Entropy	3	5
The Rabblies	2	6
Hairy Scary	1	7
Hoop du Jour	0	8

Sunday Mar. 18th All-star games
League II-4:30; League I-6:30
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between games
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Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Rangers	32	27	12	76
New Jersey	31	31	8	70
Washington	31	35	5	67
Pittsburgh	31	35	5	67
Islanders	28	34	9	65
Philadelphia	26	35	9	61

Adams Division

	W	L	T	Pts
x-Boston	43	23	6	92
x-Buffalo	39	24	8	86
x-Montreal	37	26	8	82
x-Hartford	33	31	7	73
Quebec	11	52	7	29

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Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts
St. Louis	36	27	9	81
Chicago	35	30	6	76
Toronto	35	32	3	73
Minnesota	30	37	4	64
Detroit	26	33	12	64

Smythe Division

	W	L	T	Pts
x-Calgary	35	21	14	86
x-Edmonton	35	25	12	82
x-Winnipeg	34	29	8	76
Los Angeles	30	34	6	66
Vancouver	21	39	12	54

Yesterday's Games

Islanders at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8:35 p.m.
New Jersey at Calgary, 9:35 p.m.

Tomorrow's Games

Toronto at Buffalo, 7:35 p.m.

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NCAA Division II Basketball Tourney 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 (25-4) 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 regional. 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 (27-2) 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 Coles (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 Dikembem 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 LeRon 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 Ernest 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 (15.0), 6-5 Todd Fisher (21.8, 10.6 rebounds) and 6-4 Vern Robateau (14.0).

Metro State's Roadrunners are led by 6-2 Gene Edwards (20.6) and 6-7 Shun Tillman (19.4).

Anchorage plays No. 17 North Dakota (24-6), led by 6-8 Dave Vonesh and 6-1 Mike Boschee; 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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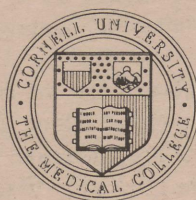
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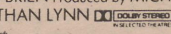
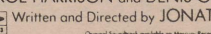
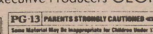
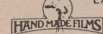
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Spring sports starting in two weeks

Six Albany tracksters gain All-American status

By Brian Hickey
Staff Writer

"All-American," the most coveted award bestowed upon collegiate athletes. This past weekend, six members of the Albany track and field team earned this honored title in the NCAA Division III Indoor Track National Championships. The meet was held on Smith College's spacious 200m oval.

The 4x400m relay, comprised of freshman Lance Richardson, sophomore Wilfredo Rodriguez, sophomore Derek Westbrook and freshman Howie Sellers, placed third in 3:18.18. Their mark established a new school and state record.

Richardson led off the race by blazing to a 49.9 split. At the handoff, the Danes were near the front. About 50m into his leg, Rodriguez jetted to the lead.

Rodriguez opened up a 5m lead, in route to a 49.6 split. Westbrook ran smoothly in the lead as he clocked a 49.8. At the final exchange, three teams (Albany, Lincoln, Pa. and Whitewater, Wisconsin) were in contention for the national championship. Howie Sellers made a move to the lead with 150m left in the race.

But the Danes' championship hopes were erased as Lincoln's anchor leg put on a strong drive to the tape to capture first. Despite Sellers 48.7 effort, Albany finished third, .38 seconds off first and .01 second behind runner up, Whitewater.

In the 55m hurdles, freshman Jeff York placed fifth with a time of 7.60 seconds. In the qualifying heats, York breezed to a first place finish to assure himself a

position in the finals. Once there, however, he was hampered by a poor start by getting out of the blocks slow. 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.

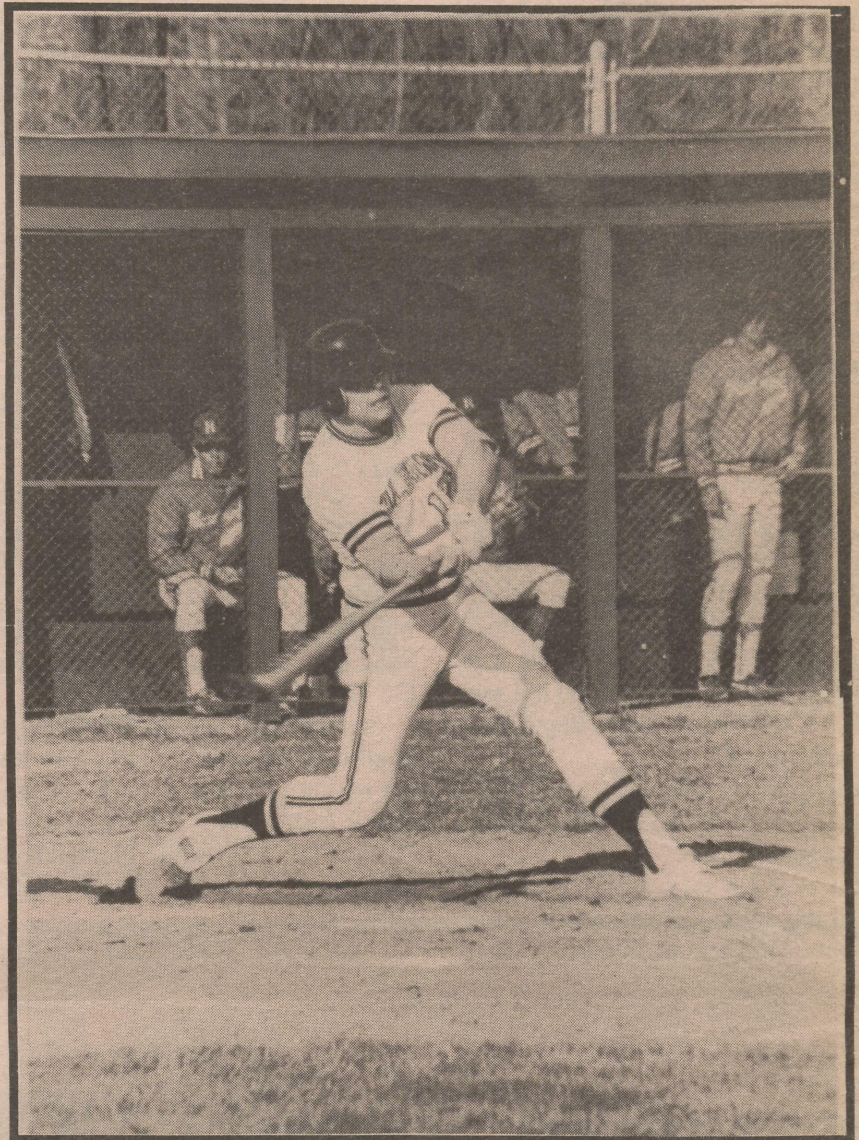
Although only a sophomore, Kieley wasn't intimidated by the more experienced athletes in attendance.

"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.

No lockout for Danes



File UPS

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

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 gym and open the doors so he can work out.

It's 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 Knicks center is always one of the first arrivals at practice and one of the last to go home.

He is coachable.

He rehearses 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 genuine 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 (4.11); seventh in rebounding (10.5); and sixth in field-goal percentage (.543).

"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.

Injuries caused him to miss 51 games his first two seasons. As a rookie under Hubie Brown, he played out of position at power forward in a twin-tower disaster with Bill Cartwright at center. The Knicks won a combined 47 games those two years. Ewing was unhappy; so were Knicks fans, who saw him dominate college ball at Georgetown and thought he was the next Bill Russell.

"When I first 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."

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.

By the end of last season, Pitino's last, Ewing was averaging 22.7 points a game.

And this year, taking about 20 shots per game, four more than last year, he's averaging 28 points.

"I 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 leaping ability and his game-time ferocity, he never has finished among the NBA's top 10 rebounders.

That should change this season.

Ewing began working with weights as a freshman at Georgetown in 1981. He switched from Nautilus to free weights the summer Pitino took over the Knicks.

He is a far more imposing presence than he was when the Knicks drafted him.

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