

# BITS AND PIECES

State University of New York at Albany

A Student Association Newsletter

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## Student Association law suit freezes some S.A. funds

This past summer Student Association became the respondent in a lawsuit. His law suit questions many areas of student fiscal operations. Currently all funds for the Free School, the Third World Liberation Front, the Day Care Center (only the SA \$5,000 commitment), and unpaid bills of last spring's strike are frozen by a court restraining order.

Among many things this law suit will determine who has the authority over Student Association's Funds. Currently it is the students who exercise independent control over their activities money. Also the legality of many expenditures is being tested. This matter is currently in the Supreme Court of New York, and Student Association has several lawyers working on the case.

## Toward an independent press

### The Albany Student Press

Maintaining a strong and independent student press is an involving task. Maintaining that press in an expanding, major university requires high levels of organization, journalistic quality and scope of coverage. As a university grows up, so its press must grow up with it.

Never before in the history of this university have the demands placed upon its newspaper been so great. To publish a student newspaper today requires frequent publication, a much expanded reporting and technical staff, financial independence and creativity for beyond expectations of the past. No ordinary tabloid will do. It will not do at all.

It follows that the possibilities are greater—freedom of expression, involvement in the dialogue that will shape the direction of this school, and, if attained journalistic excellence that will serve as a counter and alternative to the established commercial press of today.

Reorganization and improvement requires many things:

An invitation to professional journalists in the area to discuss their trade and to analyze our present condition.

A complete enlargement of the staff and the organization of that staff through a comprehensive system of news deadlines and staff scheduling.

The introduction of creative in graphics and photography.

## coming concerts

John Sebastian will be here in concert September 18 in the Gym. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, September 9th in the Campus Center lobby. Tickets are \$2 for those who have paid student tax and \$4 for all others.

Sergio Mendes and Seales and Croft will be here October 17 for the Homecoming Concert.

Due to his inability to set foot in America, the Donovan concert for October has been cancelled.

## CPC News

Will all Presidents or Chairmen of groups under Community Programming Commission please contact Sue Schweizer (457-7891) or Sue Levy (457-8965) and leave the group's name, the president's address and phone number. Please contact them as soon as possible by phone or by leaving a note in CPC's mail box in CC 346.

## Committee openings

### Government Needs You

Students who are eager to get involved with university government can start now by applying for the positions which are still open on almost every level and branch of university government.

Most of the 8 councils of the University Senate have unfilled student positions. Each council is concerned with formulating university policies in a specific area and initiating appropriate legislation for Senate action.

Interested students should fill out an application in CC 346, the Student Association Office.

Currently, the technical staff consists of a few editors and associates. To run the IBM selector-composer, the verity-headline machine, do paste-ups and layouts, a staff of 15-20 should be maintained.

Currently, the ASP published twice a week. It should publish three times weekly.

Currently, the ASP ventures no more than 12 pages. For a university of this size and for the revenue that could be obtained from advertising, it should enlarge to 16-20 pages.

These are some of the problems and some of the goals. The first problem is people. We need reporters. We need technical people. We need creative people.

When you have a vision of an independent newspaper, it is hard to get rid of it.

Albany Student Press  
Room 334, Campus Center  
457-2190

## Community-oriented project may receive academic credit

Avenues are now open for students who want to receive academic credits for participation in community activity, such as election campaigns and voter registration drives. Guidelines were approved by the University Senate, May 12, 1970.

Students who are interested in pursuing a project should see their advisor immediately.

The procedures approved are as follows:

1. Colleges and Schools are responsible for establishing procedures—including new or existing committees of faculty and students—necessary to provide suitable courses to implement projects within limits of available resources, advise students, and approve project proposals and to conduct an on-going review of their operation.

2. All projects and the faculty responsible for them are subject to prior approval under the procedures established by Schools and Colleges. Approval of the departmental chairmen or the chairman involved—or their designate—is to be secured by undergraduate students seeking "major credit" and by graduate students.

3. Existing courses may be used, being revised as appropriate to fit the needs of this program. Independent Study may be used

for graduate students where the project is integrated into the student's program.

4. Colleges and Schools will provide a report at the end of each semester to the Deans for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies concerning the number and kind of special projects approved, the amount of credit approved, and comments and suggestions for the future of this program. These reports are to be reviewed by the Graduate and Undergraduate Academic Councils.

"Special projects involving community activity and collateral study; to be approved by the appropriate School or College and also approved and supervised by a faculty member; may be taken for academic credit and/or load equivalency; may be repeated as approved by instructor and School or College."

## DIAL 640

WSUA is on the air this year better than ever—full blast on State, Colonial, Dutch, and Alumni Quads all at once for the first time. It's 640 on your dial. Anyone interested in working for us in any capacity come down to our offices in Rooms 4 and 5 or Brubacher Hall at your leisure or visit our booth on Activities Day.

*Undergraduate Academic Council:* deals with undergraduate admissions, curriculum, academic standing, and honors and independent study programs. There are openings for undergraduate Senators and 2 undergraduate non-Senators.

*Graduate Academic Council* handles graduate admissions, curriculum and academic standing. There are openings for 2 graduate Senators and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Student Affairs Council* supervises all matters of student life outside the formal instructional program such as financial aids, health service, counseling, athletics, international student affairs, residence living, student government and student living. There are currently openings for 2 undergraduate non-Senators, and 1 graduate Senator.

*Council on Research* supervises the development, review and application of research activities on campus. There are currently openings for 1 undergraduate Senator, 1 graduate Senator, and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Personnel Policies Council* deals with the problems of academic freedom and professional ethics, handles faculty funds, and is concerned with the faculty's professional welfare. There are currently openings for 2 undergraduate Senators, 1 undergraduate non-Senator, 1 graduate Senator, and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments* makes recommendations to the president for faculty promotions and new appointments, and is responsible for evaluations of the faculty. There are openings for 1 undergraduate Senator, 1 undergraduate

non-Senator, 1 graduate Senator, and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Council on Educational Policy* is responsible for long range academic development and its relation with the budget. There are openings for 1 undergraduate Senator, 1 undergraduate non-Senator, 1 graduate Senator, and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Library Council* is charged with establishing policies for the operation on the library. There are openings for 1 undergraduate non-Senator and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Council on University Evaluation and Improvement* is a new Council which has been assigned the task of encouraging dialogue on the campus. There are openings for 2 undergraduate Senators, 2 undergraduate non-Senators, 1 graduate Senator, and 1 graduate non-Senator.

*Grievance and Complaint Committee* is responsible for administering university-level grievance procedures. There are openings for 1 undergraduate Senator and 1 graduate Senator.

Central Council also has openings on the following committees:

*The Election Commission* which administers and oversees all campus elections.

*The Constitutional Revision Committee* which is rewriting the constitution for the Student government.

*The Grievance Committee* which investigates all student grievances.

Applications for these are also available in the student Association office, CC 346.

*Student Activity Assessment Committee* which administers the tax policy and approves or denies non-economic waivers of the assessment.

## The Free School

The free school, formed at the end of last year, is now scheduling courses, workshops and group activities of all kinds. A schedule and listing of courses and activities will be published shortly. The people who formed the free school, who asked Gerry Wagner to be its first director feel strongly that the State University is inherently incapable of providing a student all he needs to "become all he is capable of being." Rigid departmental structures, administrative rules, and faculty inertia often militate against the creation of certain learning environments which would be conducive to the total development of the student. At the same time, many students who exist within the university share common interests but are unaware of this sharing.

The free school has been established by the Student Association to remedy the problems mentioned above. The free school provides the structure, the resources, and the personnel necessary to provide the type of educational experience which is so difficult to arrange within the context of the formal university.

We wish to make it clear that we are not duplicating the academic program. The program we are instituting will be a student-centered program. The students will design the program and implement it. Further, the program will emphasize areas which are not commonly attended to at Albany.

The primary purpose of the free school is to provide the opportunity for any student who wants to either offer a course, get together with other students to form a workshop, or simply find other students with the same interest to do so. For example, if some student is especially interested in *I Ching* he might be able to get together a group of similarly interested students, find someone willing to offer a course or lead a seminar, and get started.

If you are interested in leading a "course" or participating in one contact Gerry Wagner, director of the free school, Jeff Wasserman, Doug Goldschmidt, or Stratton Rawson through the Student Association Office, Rm 346 of the Campus Center.

## Bits and Pieces

*Bits and Pieces* has been published by your student association government as a supplement to the regular campus media. Future information about student association activities will be publicized through the Albany Student Press and the radio station WSUA once they resume regular operation.

**attention**

**If your group receives S. A. money ...**

In order for Student Association to get started on a firm basis this year, it is necessary for all student association budgeted organizations to comply with a few new guidelines.

1) All student association distribution vouchers must be handed in to the Student Association secretary in CC 346 rather than at Check Cashing. Checks, however, may still be picked up at check cashing.

2) All vouchers must be properly filled out and must have either a receipt or a written explanation of what the monies

are to be used for. No receipt tapes, for instance, with just 'merchandise' written on it will be acceptable. Every item on a receipt tape must be enumerated.

3) All requests for additional appropriations must be submitted in writing to Finance Committee at least three (3) days before its regularly scheduled meetings. The regular meeting time and place for Finance Committee will be announced in the immediate future.

4) Each organization must hand their phone numbers in as soon as possible. This will greatly help in expediting matters if any

problems should arise.

5) New account numbers have been assigned this year for all organizations. Please check with the Student Association Office for your new account number.

If any organization is unsure of its present budget or of finance procedures, stop in Room 346 and ask for assistance in obtaining that confirmation.

Your assistance and cooperation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Ralph Di Marino  
Finance Chairman

*Bits and Pieces*

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**Central Council Members**

The following are members of Central Council. Please feel free to contact your representatives if you have any problems or questions about your student government.

*Communications Commission*

*Academic Affairs Commission*

*Community Programming Commission*

*Religious Affairs Commission*

*Pan Hellenic council*

*Alumni Quad  
Dutch Quad*

*Colonial Quad*

*Indian Quad  
Commuters*

*State Quad*

- Steve Brown
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- Terry Wilbert
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- Mark Schwartz
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- Dave Neufeld
- Joe Kaiser
- Paul Passantino
- Dick Wesley
- Jeff Wasserman
- Joe Green
- Rich Kamp
- Doreen Richardson
- Paul Goldstein

**poetry reading**

The Free School's first major event of the year will be a poetry reading featuring Allen Ginsburg, Gregory Corso and Hector Rivera, Sunday, Sept. 27 in the gym.

**activities day**

Activities Day '70 will be held on Saturday, September 19 from 11-3 p.m. All groups interested in participating contact Gail at 7-3296 and attend the meeting Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in CC 315. All students are welcome.

Vernon Bowen and Jack Schwartz are going to trial this week and they request that anyone wishing to contribute to their defense fund contact Fred Cohen.

**Coming**

**JOHN SEBASTIAN**

**September 18**

**elections**

Elections will be held soon for a Central Council representative from Alumni Quad and a representative from the Commuters. Applications will be available next week. Watch posters for details or stop in the SA office.

**Draft Counseling**

A draft counseling center is currently being set up, with the aid of Student Association funds, in the campus center. The Center will offer counseling to all men with questions concerning deferments, military status, and alternatives to military service.

The office, located in Room 346 of the Campus Center, will be staffed by University students and personnel who have undergone a training period as draft counselors. Regular hours will be set up sometime during the month of September.

Any student who has experience in counseling, and a background knowledge of the draft law, is strongly urged to contact the SA office, for trained counselors are badly needed. Anyone who is interested in becoming a draft counselor (by taking a special short term course) is also urged to contact the SA office as soon as possible.

For those who wish help with draft problems, a sign-up sheet will be located in the SA office, and counseling will be arranged. For further information, call Ira Wolfman at 472-5096.

**Community Programming Commission**

What do you think of the events planned for this semester? Do you think that the calendar has a large enough variation to satisfy all tastes? It is Community Programming Commission's job to "research, evaluate, and recommend events in order to provide a balanced and co-ordinated community program." The Commission will work with the over fifty groups under it, including Scuba to Outing Club and Chinese Club to Young Republicans, in order to attain a well rounded program of events. CPC wants new members with new ideas and outlooks so that it can do a more efficient and effective job.

An open meeting of CPC so that people interested in applying for a position may see what exactly CPC's role is. At the open meeting, which will be held the latter part of Sept., applications will be available for at-large positions. Other people can pick up applications at CC information desks.

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