

Business School claims 'weeding out' a myth

By Jack Durschlag
STAFF WRITER

Students are finding it increasingly difficult to gain entrance into the Business School due to a practice that some call "weeding out."

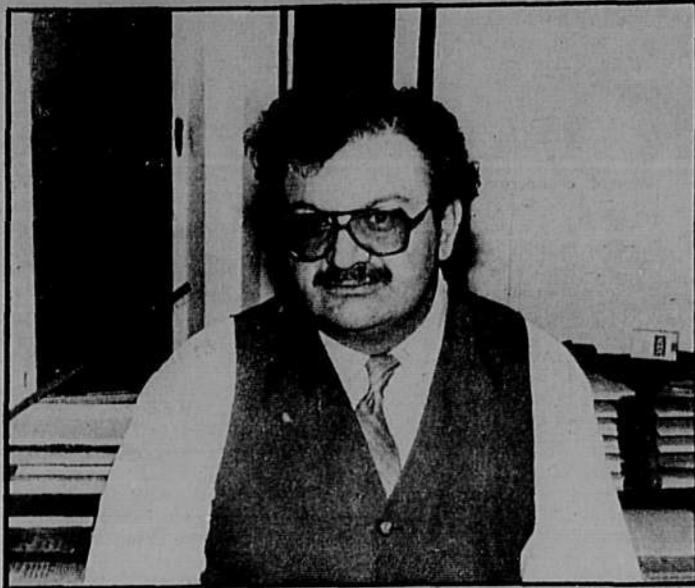
This student-coined term describes a process by which business requirement courses are made especially difficult in order to prevent students with lower grades from being accepted into the Business School.

However, Assistant to the Dean of the Business School John Levato called "weeding out" an inappropriate term and an illegitimate concept.

Levato believes some students have the "ability to be successful at a course while others do not." "Weeded out" implies that people are selected or singled out," he said, adding that "students only compete against themselves."

Levato emphasized this point in a booklet he authored entitled, *Information About Admission and Application to the School of Business*, in 1978 which provides information to potential Business School students gaining admittance to the university. The booklet, he pointed out, states, "The selection process is designed to select students with the highest academic potential in the business or accounting programs, consistent with the overall enrollment limitations."

Business School professor Harold Cannon admitted "good students are turned away" from the Business School. He blamed SUNY budget cuts for leaving few faculty members available to the students, which in turn has led to a decrease in the school's



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available seats.

Dean of the Business School, Harvey Kahalas, believed students who are turned away might actually reap hidden benefits by being denied admission.

Kahalas feels the system makes students heavily consider whether or not they want to be business majors. He added that

student complete five to seven core courses by the end of their sophomore year including three of four Liberal Arts courses and two of three business courses, and the imposition of an adjusted grade point average (g.p.a.).

According to student, Paul Lehmueller, weeding out "definitely exists." He felt that an adjusted g.p.a. of approximately 3.1 leaves very little room for error, and said intended business majors are innundated with pressure to receive high grades.

Levato, a history and literature major in college, said it's good for students to look into other majors and things that are intriguing to them.

"Students should work diligently, take good courses, and get a good education," Levato said.

"Students are here for an education, not for a good grade point average," he said. He added that he strongly encourages his students to take liberal arts courses so they have something to fall back on "if they're not accepted as business majors" or to use as a minor.

Levato said he tells students who don't get accepted into the Business School that "it is not the most important thing in your life" and that "with the quality of your total education you can be successful in any career and develop skills and character that you can use in any field."

"Regardless of your major," Levato continued, "and what it is, students have an opportunity for anything they want. There are a number of intriguing and motivating fields good for people in business."

students will look for other options and keep an open mind about other majors.

Class size in the Business School has stabilized since an upward trend in enrollment in the 1970's, and when Levato joined the university in 1978, he set up a new set of guidelines to get into the Business School which took effect in the fall of 1980.

These guidelines require, in part, that the

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Kwanzaa Week fete to raise black awareness

By Denise Knight
STAFF WRITER

The Albany State University Black Alliance is making preparations for their first annual national Kwanzaa Week celebration to be held the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4. According to ASUBA co-chairperson Marcus Griffith, the objective of the week of activities is "to increase the awareness of black heritage for all students."

The Kwanzaa week according to Griffith, celebrates the annual harvest of the fruit in Africa. "It's an annual tradition and marks their biggest celebration," he said.

Highlighting the events will be a Nov. 30 speech by four-time Emmy winner and WABC Eyewitness news anchorman Gil Noble. He is also the host of the award winning show "Like It Is." Noble has also made Emmy-winning documentaries on black personalities such as Malcolm X and Paul Robeson, and has been instrumental in filming stories about black life in America. His talk will also include the

presentation of the film "Malcolm X." "It's Time to Say Good-bye to Being Black" will be the topic of a 7:30 p.m. presentation by Dr. M. Gerlene Ross on December 1. Ross is currently director of Albany's Amega Academy and was previously chairperson of the now-defunct Department of Speech at SUNYA.

About her speech, "It's Time to Say Good-bye to Being Black," Ross said she will point out that the term black is passe. "We are a new family of people, we have to build our own history," she said.

Ross will also discuss the Amega Academy of Albany. The Academy is a private school started in 1981 by a group of concerned black parents. "The school, K-12, concentrates on family history, family principles and helps students with their real identity. Parents and senior citizens work with teachers in a small classroom environment," Ross said.

In another scheduled event, there will be a panel discussion headed by Donna White and Lianita Martinez. One of the topics

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will be interracial marriage, according to Barry Walston of ASUBA. The discussion will have a question and answer format and will be held in the assembly hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

On the final day, Saturday Dec. 4, a

semi-formal social dance entitled "Kwanzaa Christmas Celebration" is to be held in the Campus Center Ballroom. All proceeds from this "social event with a cause" will be donated to the Pan-African Congress, an anti-apartheid program.

Water shortage forces early Oneonta vacation

By Bonnie Campbell

Students at SUNY Oneonta will be going home early to enjoy an extended Thanksgiving vacation but residents have to stay and battle a severe water shortage that city officials have declared a state of emergency.

The summer rainfall was very low, and area colleges were asked to conserve water, explained assistant city engineer Bruno Bruni. Oneonta mayor James Lettis declared the drought an emergency on Nov. 16.

The decision to close SUNY Oneonta was made by President Carey Brush three weeks

before actual closing time, resulting in classes closing on Nov. 19 instead of Nov. 24. "Because of the uncertainty of the situation, I thought things might get worse and then we would have to take more serious measures."

Rumors have been floating around that school might close for the remainder of the fall term, Brush said, but he doubted that would happen.

Brush said the closing went quite smoothly, the only problem being rescheduling of extra-curricular activities. Arrangements to house and feed basketball players visiting for a weekend game had to be made and a play was rescheduled.

There were very few administrative gripes about the closure, Brush said, as faculty was warned well in advance of the decision to close. Student President Carol Geiger said that students were very excited to get a few days off, "especially because they won't have to make it up." She explained that the student body was asked to conserve water through the school paper, *The State Times*, and other local media.

"As of Nov. 16 our office directed all car washes to stop, all people were not allowed to wash cars and businesses were asked not to wash equipment," said Bruni. Newspapers, radio and television stations all publicized the situation.

Up until now the college has met few other problems concerning the drought, but the future seems uncertain. Bruni said that savings derived from the school will be determined in a study of the situation.

"Rainfall is the thing that will determine it all, there may be serious trouble once frost hits the ground," Bruni said. He explained that the city is now pumping water in from the Susquehanna river, and is investigating two possible wells. A fire or a water main break would cause big problems, said Bruni. "It will be costly all around for students with leases and graduation if the problem gets worse."

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St. Lawrence earns big time status in Division III

By Mel Reisner
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The biggest football game in the history of St. Lawrence University will be played in a high school stadium.

If that doesn't give you an idea of life in the NCAA's Division III, consider the fact that St. Lawrence Coach Andy Talley was surprised when a crowd at Division II Merchant Marine Academy this year made so much noise his players had trouble hearing the audibles of quarterback Mark Ferrante.

"Usually there's just the sound of a dog or two barking in the

distance," he said. "You inevitably have two or three dogs on the field in the course of a Division III game."

One more example: By getting past undefeated Augustana this Saturday, the Saints would qualify to play on national television in the Division III finals and take in about \$250,000 in television revenue.

Told of the television take, Talley's reaction was, "Holy cow. Are you sure it's that much?"

Recruiting from Canton suffers from being "a four-hour drive to anywhere" sophisticated prep football is played. But the splendid

isolation of the academically superior institution also works for a recruiter-offering adventuresome players a chance to leave home.

"We recruit vigorously because of the location. We can recruit out of New York state because almost any kid we want is four or five hours away anyway," the 38-year-old Bryn Mawr, Pa., native said.

Another fact of football life in the North Country is lack of attention. Abbie Hoffman spent seven years underground and undetected just a stretch down the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands, so what can a football

player expect?

Some have to be hardened to the idea they'll get less publicity than they did in high school.

"You can't even find our scores in most of the major newspapers," Talley said.

But with the problems, the job also has its rewards.

Division III allows no grants-in-aid, so Talley gets to rub shoulders with true student-athletes-scholars who happen to be good at sports. And he gets to keep his belief in football as an ennobling and enriching activity for young men.

In such a setting, diagramming "x's" and "o's" and scheming against other small-college foes, with the howl of dogs as a substitute for the adulation of thousands, and a noble ignorance about television's

impact on sports, he has come up with a major winner.

After their 43-34 victory over Wagner last week, the Saints face Augustana in Rock Island Ill. in the semifinals. St. Lawrence has been there before, but never with a perfect record.

The game will be played in the Rock Island high school stadium which seats 12,000, three times the Saints' home field capacity.

En route to its 10-0 slate, St. Lawrence has survived squeakers 24-22 over Merchant Marine, 17-12 over Alfred, 39-38 against Norwich and last week's hair-raising rally from a 34-13 deficit in the Division II quarterfinals. It also has blown out Independent College Athletic Conference rivals such as Ithaca, in the tune of 45-14 and outscored its foes 321-201.

L.A. Raiders beat Chargers 28-24

By John Nadel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles, Calif. Frank Hawkins slashed one yard for a touchdown with 5:54 remaining Monday night, capping a Los Angeles comeback from a 24-0 deficit and giving the Raiders a 28-24 National Football League victory over the San Diego Chargers.

The Raiders thus made a successful regular-season home debut at the Los Angeles Coliseum despite being thoroughly outplayed for most of the first half. A superior court jury decided last May that the team had the right to move from Oakland to Los Angeles, which it did during the summer.

The Raiders, 3-0, and the Chargers, 1-2, were the final two NFL teams to return to action following the 57-day players' strike. The other 26 teams played

Sunday.

Los Angeles won despite the fact that San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts passed for more than 300 yards for the 26th time in his 10-year NFL career, equaling the record of Johnny Unitas.

Fouts finished with 25 completions in 42 attempts for 357 yards. The Chargers took their 24-0 lead on a 19-yard field goal by Rolf Benirschke and a 29-yard touchdown pass from Fouts to Dwight Scales in the first quarter and two-and-one-yard TD runs by Chuck Muncie in the second period.

The Raiders began their comeback by scoring on a one-yard TD pass from quarterback Jim Plunkett to Todd Christensen on a fourth-and-goal play just 36 seconds before halftime. The TD was set up by Tid Hendricks'

recovery of a Muncie fumble at the San Diego 17.

Rookie Tailback Marcus Allen, returning to the site of many of his greatest games while playing college ball at Southern Cal, scored twice in the third period on runs of three and six yards to cut the deficit to 24-21.

A missed 33-yard field goal by Benirschke preceded the Raiders' 80-yard drive for the winning touchdown.

The Chargers then marched to the Los Angeles 18, but the drive ended when Vann McElroy intercepted a Fouts pass in the end zone.

A crowd of 42,162, far under the coliseum capacity of 72,500, attended the first Monday night game since Sept. 21, which was televised locally. There were 12,898 no-aways.

NFL issues still unresolved

By Ira Rosenfeld
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington D.C. Union chief Ed Garvey said Monday that substantive issues must be resolved before the National Football League Players Association will poll its members and officially end the players' strike.


"In terms of volume, there is not much to initial; in terms of substance, yes," Garvey said.

Despite Garvey's insistence that the players delay a vote until they have a copy of the agreement and have it explained to them, the Cincinnati Bengals voted 47-1 to ratify the settlement proposals.

"We decided to vote on the basis framework," punter-wide receiver Pat McInally said. "I'm more interested in my playbook now than studying a 75-page contract."

Garvey refused to comment when asked if the players, who played their first games in two months this weekend, would continue to play without a signed contract.

"A lot of owners didn't want the season to resume without a signed agreement," said Jack Donlan, the league's chief negotiator. "From an economic standpoint, we realized we had to start the season on Sunday or else the 'money now would have to come off the table.'"



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Union nips Albany in overtime to win tourney

By Marc Haspel
SPORTS EDITOR

The Albany State Great Dane basketball team could not have opened its 1982-83 season in a more exciting fashion. After narrowly winning the first game of the Capital District Tip Off Tournament over RPI 62-57, the Danes literally locked up with host Union College Dutchmen, winners of their preliminary game with Western Connecticut, in the title game Saturday evening. It took 40 minutes of regulation time and three additional five-minute overtime periods to decide the tournament champs. In the end, Union prevailed 74-94 to win the tournament trophy.

"Before the game I said to Bill Scanlon (Union College head basketball coach) that I thought this game would probably go three overtimes," said Albany State head coach Dick Sauer. "And it did."

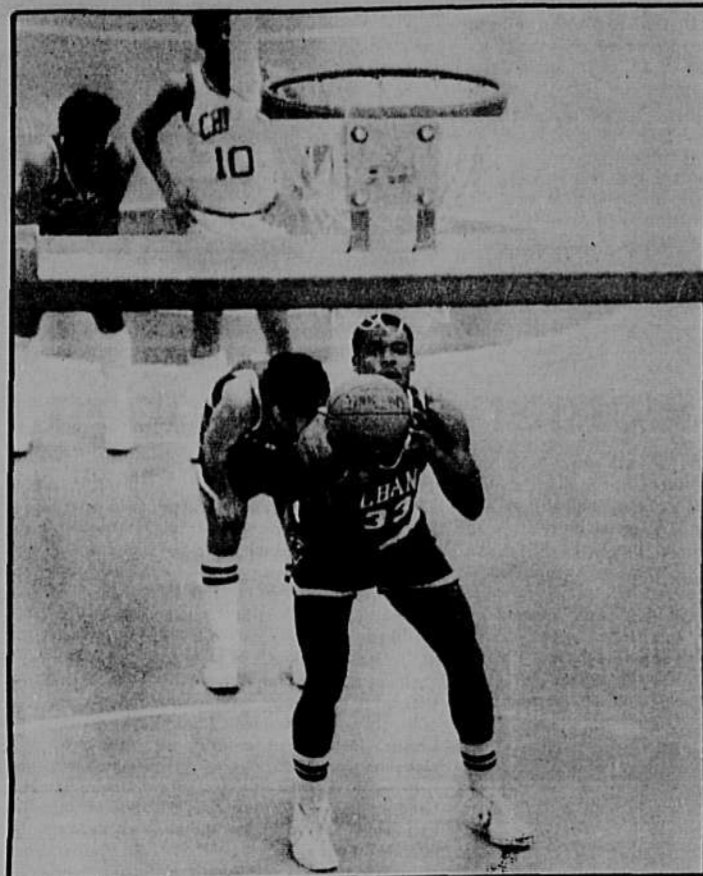
Entering the third overtime session, the two Capital District rivals were tied at 68 points a piece. Senior guard Joe Clinton, the tournament's Most Valuable Player with 22 points and five assists, opened the scoring with his patented pull-up jump shot. Albany State center John Dieckelman, who struggled through his worst tournament as a Great Dane, came alive in the final period. He had two consecutive buckets to keep Albany in pace with the Dutchmen but Dieckelman was called for a foul underneath the hoop to send Dutchman Kevin Bartlett to the foul line. The 6'6" sophomore hit the first of his two shots to put Union ahead to stay.

Albany did not quit in its attempt to regain the lead. Dane Mike Gatto drove to the basket and drew a two-shot foul from Union forward Jeff Feigelson. Gatto missed both chances and Union reared back with a Clinton bucket to make the score 75-72.

Clinton's counterpart Dan Croutier returned the favor by driving to the hoop himself to bring the Danes back within one point. For the sophomore guard, it was two of his game leading 24 points. Croutier also had 10 assists, and two steals earning him a well deserved spot on the All-Tournament team.

"He's quick," said Clinton of Croutier. "He's the quickest guy I've ever played against."

"I think I refined my game this year," said Croutier. "Everyone played a good game, but the shots just weren't falling for us."



WILL YURMAN UPS

Dane forward Wilson Thomas shown in an earlier scrimmage was named to the All-Tournament team in the Capital District Tip Off Tourney.

Croutier was joined on the All-Tournament team by teammate Wilson Thomas, Union guard Joe Wood, RPI forward Bregman Jeffries, and Western Connecticut's Dave Mitchell. It was the first time that Dieckelman was not named to an All-Tournament team in his career in Albany.

The fireworks exploded when Albany took possession of the ball after a rare miss by Clinton. Trailing by one point after Croutier's basket, Thomas drove the base line for an apparent two points. But the bucket was negated by a controversial traveling call.

"I did not see Wilson walk. He works on his pump fakes," Sauer said. "But that's

again. "I was discouraged after that first overtime," said Gatto. "I got a piece of the ball and expected it to fall short. But when I turned around, it went in."

With four seconds remaining, Albany called timeout. After the pause, the Danes attacked and Croutier put up a jump shot that bounced around the rim and back board and fell harmlessly to the floor as time expired.

In the second overtime period, Croutier sank a bucket from the foul line to even the score at 68-68. Feigelson of Union drove to the hoop, but his shot was no good and the Danes took control with a minute to go. Albany waited for the last shot and Adam was designated to take it. Once again, the final Albany shot bounced around the rim but didn't fall in the basket sending the game into its third overtime.

"It was a good play," Sauer said of Adam's attempt to end the game. "We practice it just like that."

"We had a couple of chances to win the game."

"I was nervous every time that they had the ball," added Clinton. "I guess everything ended up our way."

Albany made up a 41-35 halftime deficit by scoring 10 straight points early in the second half. The lead shifted during the half several times. With 53 seconds remaining in the second half, Dieckelman took a pass from Croutier and scored from underneath the hoop. Union took the ball over but with 11 seconds left on the regulation clock Croutier drew an offensive foul from Clinton, his first of the game. The ball went back to Albany, but the Danes failed to break the tie.

The Danes had a difficult time with their first opponents on Friday night. After a relatively easy opening half in which the Danes bolted out to a 30-16 lead, the Danes saw that cushion deflate as RPI mounted a comeback. Jeffries, who played an excellent game against Albany hit a 17-foot jump shot to bring the Engineers within one point, 52-51. The Engineers stayed close to the Danes as Mike Giannaccini hit an outside shot with just 22 seconds left to play. That and Adam kept the Danes in front during RPI's surge.

"I'd say that the free throws won the game," said Adam. "Every time they came down the court they were going to score, so if we didn't score we'd lose."

That first game of the tournament saw the emergence of Thomas as a complete defender Gatto to knot the scoring once

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Spikers fulfill goal by competing in nationals

By Mark Wilgard
STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball team reached their goal for the 1982 campaign as the squad wrapped up its season this past weekend by participating in the NCAA Championship and finishing third in the E.I.A.W. tourney in Rhode Island.

Albany reached the semi-finals of the E.I.A.W. tourney by finishing in second place in their pool of four teams. Seeded fourth, the women spikers defeated fifth-ranked Clark 15-7, 15-5, and Colby-Sawyer 15-7, 17-5, before losing to top seed Rhode Island 15-7, 15-10.

In the semis, the Danes lost to M.I.T. in an exciting five match duel 6-15, 15-5, 16-14, 9-15, and 6-15. Coach Pat Dwyer said that the game "we won 15-5 was the best game of the entire year." He also pointed out that "we had them and lost it." Albany ended up tied for third in the tournament and Dwyer was happy with the

finish. "Our goal for the season was to be in the top four in the region, and we accomplished that."

On Friday, in the first round of the NCAA Championships, Albany bowed to M.I.T. 15-9, 15-2, 15-10. According to Dwyer, "the team made a lot of mistakes." Dwyer also added that all year "our main goal was to play well and winning was a by-product of that. But tonight, winning was the goal, and therefore we played terrible."

A bright spot over the weekend was the play of Elizabeth Rosentel, who was named to the All-Tournament team. It was the second time in as many years that Rosentel has made All-State.

All in all, Coach Dwyer was very satisfied with the year his women spikers had. "It was a great season, and we had a lot of fun. It was an enjoyable experience all the way through."



ALAN CALEM UPS

The spikers wrapped up their season by finishing third in the EIAW tournament and participating in the NCAAs.

SUNY faces budget problems in tough decade

Editor's note: the following is part one of a two part in-depth report on the State University of New York.

By Michael P. Danahy
STATE PRESS SERVICE

"The academic year 1970-71 was one of acute and sometimes painful adjustment. While tens of thousands... sought admission to the State University... we were confronted with a fiscal crisis of fairly serious proportions. Abruptly, the University was forced to reassess its future goals and reduce several ongoing programs."

"Such rapid reevaluation created considerable uncertainty and new tensions. Almost overnight, it seemed, the State University, like most other institutions of higher learning, ended an era of rapid growth and sustained support and entered a period of more measured growth and more cautious funding."

— SUNY Chancellor Ernest L. Boyer from the 1970-71 Chancellor's Report



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Inset: Clifton Wharton; SUNY Central building

Inflation and recession of the 70's have tightened the state budget, leaving SUNY with some difficult decisions.

Chancellor Boyer could not have known how bad things would be in 1970-71 — or how bad they were to get. The "new realities," as Boyer called them, were a shock after the State University's rapid expansion in the preceding two decades.

When the State University was formed in 1948 to serve New York State's returning veterans, the possibilities for the nation's first "decentralized" state university seemed limitless. With Nelson A. Rockefeller as governor when the state's "gentleman's agreement" not to compete with the state's private colleges ended, the funds that poured into SUNY construction and development it seemed, would never end.

SUNY Budget

The inflation and recessions of the '70s, however, have tightened the state budget. The State University has seen the end of those seemingly limitless possibilities and has been left with fewer and more difficult decisions.

Rapid growth

In 1946, a commission established by the

state legislature found that less than half of the state students ranking in the top quarter of their high school classes would attend college. The cost of education was a major factor, the commission found. At the time, New York was the only state then in the country without a public university. Today, the 64 campus system is the nation's largest.

While 96 percent of SUNY's 380,000 students are state residents, three of five state high school graduates attending college leave the state, according to the SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. Yet, he emphasizes, there is a SUNY campus within 50 miles of nearly every state resident, "and I don't know of a subject that you can't study at some institution."

The growth of SUNY was limited in the '50s by a "gentleman's agreement" with the state's private colleges and universities. The agreement allowed SUNY to grant

liberal arts degrees only from the college at Binghamton. SUNY did, however, found the upstate and downstate medical centers and a number of community colleges.

With Rockefeller as governor in the '60s, development of the State University accelerated. Founded were the four university centers at Buffalo, Albany, Stony Brook and Binghamton, most of the 30 community colleges, half a dozen agricultural and technical colleges, several specialized colleges, and a handful of statutory colleges, which are operated jointly by SUNY and the private colleges at which they are located. A dozen colleges of liberal arts and sciences, including Fredonia State University, were developed mainly from existing teacher's colleges. In ten years, SUNY enrollment quadrupled.

In two decades, \$3.3 billion had been spent constructing the university system — an accomplishment *The New York Times*

has called "one of the most dramatic feats in American higher education."

The *Times* also called SUNY's design "a combination of happenstance, politics and occasional planning," citing the location of campuses on already existing private college campuses or where a community college sponsor could be found, and political reasons for spreading campuses geographically around the state.

An arguable result of this "decentralization" has been what some argue is a "leveling effect." Because there are so many campuses, the argument goes, the politics of giving more to one campus from another will prevent any one campus from being "great." With current state underfunding, the argument is now used to predict the deterioration of the entire system, since all campuses must "suffer equally."

Another issue often argued is whether

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Persecuted black Jews struggling in Ethiopia

By David Michaelson
STAFF WRITER



Barbara Gaffin
The Falashas are faced with potential annihilation.

The plight of black Ethiopian Jews who have been persecuted for centuries and who long for immigration to Israel was revealed last night to a group of 30 people in a Campus Center meeting room by JSC-Hillel's guest speaker Barbara Gaffin, as part of her continuing effort to educate and motivate people to action.

No one is sure how Jews came to settle in Ethiopia, said Gaffin, but added, "most people think that they took a different route from Moses and the others in the Exodus from Egypt." Because they were isolated from mainstream Judaism, they adhere only to the laws of the Torah, and their religious rituals are influenced by those of other Ethiopians. They don't have Bar Mitzvahs, Gaffin observed.

Gaffin, who recently returned from a trip to Ethiopia, said that the Ethiopian Jews, called Falashas, are forbidden to emigrate by the government. During her trip, she said she was warned the villages were off limits to tourists. However, Gaffin was able to find someone to take her to the villages, via a three day trip over the Simiens mountains on horses and mules.

Gaffin explained that starting in the 15th century, the Falashas have come under attack from Christian and Muslim forces, and were forbidden to own land. She explained that Falasha, translated, means "one who does not own land."

Gaffin observed that the Falshas are now in an especially

precarious situation. Since the Marxist revolution in Ethiopia in 1974, Gaffin said, the Falashas have been caught in the crossfire between the government and the rebels. "They each thought the Falashas were on the other side." She noted that large massacres of the Falashas have taken place, and now they are faced with potential annihilation.

In addition, she said, the governor of the Gondar province, where most Falashas live, is anti-Zionist, and subjects them to indiscriminate imprisonment and torture. Gaffin added that a program offering food and medical aid has been suspended and reported finding problems of malnutrition and disease among the group.

2500 Falashas have managed to emigrate to Israel, Gaffin estimated, and said many have acculturated quickly due to their "fervent religious Zionism."

The Falashas, she continued, accept everything the Israelis teach, and some even completely give up the Ethiopian culture.

But many Israelis, Gaffin said, don't believe the Falashas are Jews, because of their apparent intermarriages. Before 1975 the Law of Return, which states that all Jews have the right to live in Israel, was not applicable to the Falashas.

Gaffin said she is now following what a Falasha in Israel advised her to do: "Tell the world what is happening."

"The lack of attention by the Jewish community is horrendous," she said, adding that she is committed to getting a movement going to educate people on the Falasha's "holocaust."