Teaching how to stop violence
Forums address concerns over sexual assaults

By Glenn Teichman
Associate Managing Editor

A coalition of student and university organizations sponsored a teaching day Wednesday in response to the sexual assaults plaguing the campus over the last year.

The Teaching Day, which was organized by Judith Fetterly and Jennifer Hahn, consisted of several forums as well as documentary showings.

Gloria DeSole, chair of the President's Task Force on Women's Safety, said it was important to have a very successful Teaching Day "to stop the violence against women."

She said the purpose of Teaching Day was in "educating the whole campus and reaching them."

The forums dealt with public policy, acquaintance rape, the consequences of violence, and efforts to stop the violence.

At a campus forum in the CC Ballroom, keynote speaker Christine Gidyez, a psychology professor at the University of Ohio, spoke about the prevalence of rape in our society and also discussed the myths of rape.

"Women are four times more likely to be raped by someone they know," Gidyez said.

Gidyez also spoke about the involvement of alcohol and substance abuse in relation to sexual assault. She said alcohol may make a woman less aware of her situation, and therefore more vulnerable.

Other topics discussed during Teaching Day were campus efforts to prevent rape and making the area on and off—campus a safer one.

Geneva Walker—Johnson, assistant vice president of Residential Life and Housing, discussed some of the new security measures being taken by her department.

"Safety in residence halls is one of our highest priorities," Walker—Johnson said.

She mentioned the installation of vandal—proof screens on the first floors of all quadrangle buildings, the guest phones in the tower lobby, the 24—hour lock up on all quads except State, and the card access program that will be installed in State Quad over the summer.

She also said the critical issue was "strengthening the education process," adding there were over 52 programs sponsored by Residential Life in the last year.

Off—Campus Housing Director Thomas Gebhardt talked about the issue of safety off—campus. He said there were three steps to making the community safer: education, empowerment, and advocating and working with the landowners of the area.

A recent movement requires landowners to provide 12 safety devices in the house, Gebhardt said.

He also mentioned the newly forming Citizen's Patrol downtown and encouraged students to join.

Gebhardt said students should "be ever vigilant and make safety a priority."

Student Association President, Diego Munoz, talked about the information and services available to students such as Don't Walk Alone and Middle Earth, but said, "there is always better."

Walker—Johnson, agreeing with Munoz's statement, also urged students to "talk to each other about it. Everyday has to be a teaching day."

Golden key members inducted

The Golden Key chapter of the University at Albany held its annual membership induction on Wednesday, March 24.

About 150 out of the 372 new members were recognized at the reception with a certificate of membership.

Two scholarships were also awarded at the ceremony to the top junior and senior. Anthony Michael Santilli was this year's junior recipient. He is a mathematics major with a 3.9 grade point average. Virginia M. Walker was the senior recipient. She is a double major in psychology and sociology and has a 4.0 grade point average.

Keynote speaker, President H. Patrick Swygert, congratulated the new inductees and encouraged them to maintain their academic excellence.

Golden Key is a national organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. Membership is offered to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors and is based solely on the GPA. Each chapter is run by a 12—member board and offers many leadership activities. They create, organize and manage projects which promote academic achievement, serve the community, and provide social interaction.

Students review lobby skills in Washington

By Allison Kramm
News Editor

The United States Student Association, a national student lobbying group, held a convention in Washington, D.C. this past weekend to address the winning government support for relevant campus issues.

The convention, which had in attendance representatives from schools all over the country, included lobbying workshops and the chance for SUNYA students to lobby New York Senators Alfonse D'Amato and Patrick Moynihan, in addition to Albany Congressman Michael McNulty, said Colonial Quad Central Council Representative Jan Ellis.

Issues of campus safety, violence against women, national service, the right to choose, informing financial aid, minority scholarships, unity in the minority community and gays in the military were the main issues students lobbied for, Ellis said.

Concern was abundant over the issue of national service, because there is a fear the bill will be rushed through Congress with certain things left out, said Chris Hahn of the Student Assembly.

Students are worried national service might replace the Pell Grant, Hahn said.

"Me and USSA believe education is our right no matter what race, gender or economic background a student has and therefore student worry is abundant over whether everyone will be able to do national service," Hahn said.

Central Council Chair Sarah Zevin has brought a campaign for national service to our campus through a letter writing campaign.

Another hot topic was student tax issues, Gillis said, because the federal government was considering making the IRS responsible for the collection of loans.

"This is ridiculous. The IRS isn’t flexible enough [to do this], we feel the present system is fine. Plus, the IRS doesn’t want to do it," Hahn said.

The problem of child care also affects today’s students, said Dutch Quad Central Council Representative Karen Wilkins.

"Students are pro-child care... This would make it possible for the non-traditional student to attend school. Child care should be mandatory for all employees. It would help us cut down on tardiness and absenteeism," Wilkins said.

Students also-
Weapons dismantled

Johannesburg, South Africa

(AP) President F. W. de Klerk said South Africa's decision to dismantle its nuclear weapons is unprecedented and should put to rest lingering fears about the country's long-secret nuclear programs.

But several groups, including the African National Congress, the leading black group, were demanding proof that the white government has indeed taken apart the six nuclear weapons it acknowledged building between 1974 and 1990.

De Klerk, in a nationally televised speech to Parliament in Cape Town, said Wednesday that South Africa built the weapons to protect itself and its nuclear power programs. Israel, India, Pakistan, North Korea, Iran and Iraq are suspected of having nuclear weapons programs.

Russian democracy?

Moscow

(AP) Russia veered between confrontation and compromise Wednesday, and President Boris Yeltsin and his legislative opponents ended up with no closer to resolving their power struggle.

Their fierce arguments in Moscow reverberated across Russia. Cossacks offered to form a presidential guard to defend Yeltsin, declared Don region. Siberian coal miners threatened a strike in support of Yeltsin's chief rival, parliament speaker Yegor Gaidar.

They offered to form a presidential guard to defend Yeltsin and declared self-rule in the town of 3,800, and canned goods at grocery stores were knocked off shelves.

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The Love Canal is finally clean
15 year chemical dump problem is now over

(Albany Times Union) Residents around the Love Canal chemical dump lost a neighbor as New York closed its environmental office there, signifying the toxic nightmare that began 15 years ago was finally over.

The Department of Environmental Conservation shut down its public information office in one of the abandoned Love Canal homes Wednesday.

The office is no longer needed because the agency has finished cleaning up the last chemical hotspots around Love Canal, said Michael Podd, who headed the office.

Louise Lewis, who said she moved to Love Canal 15 years ago because she got a good deal on rent, wanted the office to remain open so residents could get quick answers about the dump.

She refused to move because she felt there was no health hazard at Love Canal — and she said extensive health studies have proved her right.

"When people ask why I stayed, I say, 'At least I know exactly what's on my property. Do you?"' she said.

DEC workers packed up files and furniture and prepared to move to the agency's office in Buffalo, 20 miles away. But Podd said he doubts he has heard the last about what became a symbol of America's toxic waste problems.

"I have a feeling that 15 or 20 years from now, I'm still going to be answering questions about Love Canal," Podd said.

The neighborhood has become a curiosity. Busloads of tourists cruise the streets of boarded-up homes. Some are used to stop by the DEC office with questions. The office also got queries from people considering buying homes around Love Canal.

In 1988, the state Health Department determined that about 235 abandoned homes farther from the canal were still safe. The state established the Love Canal Area Revitalization Agency to sell the houses.

Almost one-third have been sold, and James Carr, the agency's planning director, said he hopes to have the others sold by 1995.

"The stigma factor of Love Canal residents complained about health problems, sludge oozing into their basements and chemical "volcanoes" erupting in their yards. State and federal officials declared a health emergency and began moving people out.

By the early 1980s, about 600 homes had been abandoned. Those alongside the canal itself — where 21,000 tons of chemicals were dumped by Hooker Chemical and Plastics Corp. from 1942 to 1953 — were razed. The canal was capped and fenced off in 1984.

The DEC opened the office in 1983 to give information on the cleanup to residents who refused to leave Love Canal.

"Back then, we had a lot of antagonistic people coming in, a lot of scared people," said Emily Latko, a secretary at the office since it opened. "It's simmered down quite a bit since then.

Some former residents still call with questions about health problems, she said.

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Aggravated Harassment
3/17 Indian Quad — Female reported two harassing phone calls re; refer suspect to judicial board.

3/19 Mahican Hall — Harassing note on message board.

Assault
3/20 Hawthorne Tower — Obese phone calls since 3/17.

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False Report
3/18-19 Montauk Hall — Juice machine overturned.

3/19 Onondaga Hall — Broom in closet set afire; Criminal Mischief.

3/20 Draper Hall — Fire hose discharged.

3/20 Alden Hall — Furniture overturned by a group of males and fruit thrown around.

3/12-23 Colonial Quad — Student reported that information is being obtained by someone listening to her phone conversations.

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Harassment

3/20 Irving Hall — Fire alarm pulled.

Petit Larceny
3/19 State Street — License plate stolen.

3/20 Herkimer Hall — Tires taken and thrown out third floor window.

3/20 Indiana Quad — Bicycle stolen.


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College bowl team heading for the Golden State

BY TOM MURRANCE

SUNY Albany's champion College Bowl team has raised most of the money it needs to go to the national tournament next month in Los Angeles, Calif.

Coach Jon Scott's squad earned its bid to the national tournament by outplaying five-time defending champion Cornell University at the regional tournament hosted by SUNY in February.

The national tournament is set to be held April 23-25 at the University of Southern California.

College Bowl, a phenomenon created by General Electric about forty years ago is a combination of Jeopardy! and Trivial Pursuit, said Interquad President Diane Hodurski.

"It's the Olympics of the mind," Hodurski said of the tournament.

After their victory over Cornell, one final obstacle remained before them and California: money.

If Albany couldn't raise the approximately $6,000 for the trip, Cornell would be the team to go instead, Hodurski said.

That's when several groups decided to lend some support. President Swygert pledged $4,000, University Auxiliary Services promised $1,500, and Alumni Quad Board and Student Association Affairs Director M. Kazim Ali are kicking in $100 each, she said.

"We would have been in big trouble if they hadn't come through for us," she said.

"Now it looks like we're going to get the chance to go after all.

Heading to California are: Dan Feldman (capt.), Mike Breslo, Mike Cempa, George Manahan, Mark Creiner, Scott, assistant coach Dave Schultz, and two volunteers, Hodurski and Interquad Vice President Erika Sylvstra.

Interquad has sponsored SUNY's College Bowl team in regional competition for three years.

"Heal Appeal," a charity dance to benefit the American Heart Association and Project Strive, was a big success despite the horrible weather conditions Tuesday night.

Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Phi co-sponsored the event, along with 18 other fraternities and sororities, and Student Association groups.

The dance raised close to $1,000 from the admissions charge, all of which will be used to benefit the two charity groups, according to Eric Proser, co-chairman of the event.

Project Strive is a local children's care center that helps troubled kids avoid foster homes and juvenile care, Proser said.
Volunteers needed for Compeer program

BY ALLISON KRAMPF

News Editor

Being a friend to recovering mentally ill patients is the basis of the Albany Compeer Program located at the volunteer center of Albany. The program involves volunteers who make a one year commitment to meet with their "friends" for at least an hour per week, said Compeer Director Danny Patrick.

The term Compeer is defined in a fact sheet as a "companion, equal or peer." In addition to being a friend to recovering mentally ill patients, volunteers are expected to do "kindness, gentleness, patience, and sensitivity to the mentally ill," states the Compeer volunteer job description.

Patients are referred to the program by a psychologist or social worker through health agencies in Albany, Patrick said. With only 32 to 33 active matches, including a few SUNY students, the program is seeking volunteers.

"The program works because of the volunteers," Patrick said. "Volunteers are usually very busy people and come from all walks of life," Patrick said.

"Sometimes, I am not sure who gets more out of it, the volunteer or the friend," Patrick said, "I see the volunteer/friend relationship as win-win." Patrick said, since participants are usually people with few support systems.

Patrick described one scenario where a volunteer told him his friend came out of the program with a better understanding of what's in the community, where as before, the man wouldn't leave his bedroom and had no contact with people.

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China Night 1993

Text and Photo by Lynn Hoang and Tracy Yee

This year the Chinese Student Association held China Night on March 20 in the Performing Arts Center. Students of all nationalities appeared and performed for China Night, making the show a great success.

In the celebration of Asian-American culture, China Night featured cultural and modern performances such as the ever popular lion dance, fashion shows, martial arts, singing and dancing.

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SUNY's study abroad program opens up new opportunities for students

BY AMY DANSKY

"Anyone can go" is an encouraging phrase repeated in the Office of International Programs at SUNYA which administers 24 academic programs abroad.

Over 300 international programs in 40 countries are currently offered in the SUNY system and an average of 175 SUNYA students enroll yearly in SUNY programs, according to information provided by the Office of International Programs.

SUNYA Director of International Programs, Dr. Alex Shane said, "There is a wide range of programs with a wide range of possibilities. It's hard to generalize because each program is very different."

One of three advisors, Assistant to the Director of International Programs, Chantel Raven, said students pay regular SUNYA tuition and a study abroad differential fee which varies by program.

Shane said the cost of room and board, books, and personal expenses overseas depends on the country and program.

SUNYA students enrolled in any SUNY international program are considered in residence and registered up to SUNYA which allows seniors to participate, according to an information sheet in the International Programs office. The sheet also stated credits for coursework abroad in a SUNY are applied to SUNYA graduation requirements.

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Dippikill

A Student Group's Weekend Event Center

NOTICE: Dippikill had three feet of new snow during the last week in February! Skiing should be great until mid-April.

Dippikill is Student Association's unique 845-acre wilderness recreation and education center located in the SE Adirondack Mtns. near Lake George, New York. Dippikill was purchased and developed by the Student Association in order to provide students and faculty with a place to "get away from it all." We provide seven cabins or lodges for overnight stays in all seasons of the year for groups ranging in size from four to 25 or more. All the lodges are situated in a forested setting with access to seven miles of hiking and ski trails. There is also a 20-acre pond on the property. The Camp is situated near both Lake George Village and Gore Mountain Ski Center. Dippikill is part of the Adirondack Park and we pride ourselves in being a showcase example of regulated human activity consistent with the forever wild environmental ideals controlling land management within the park.

A complete recreational program is available in all areas:

- Multiple Machines
- High Quality
- Reduce/Enlarge
- Auto-Feeding & Sorting Available

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Join the exciting Carousel team for our 8-week summer session during July and August. Carousel offers a complete recreational program for boys and girls Ages 3-12. Excellent positions available in all areas:

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  - Nature
  - Other

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SUNY gains support from Rep. Assemblymen

Buffalo boyscotts graphic sex with "Dino and Rocco"
By Jennifer Young

SUNYA students are not known in this community for the positive attitude. Thanks to overzealous bar hoppers who tend to walk across home owners’ property, disturb the peace with their socializing, and sometimes even stop to water the lawns with their own urine - it’s no wonder the Albany natives have a one sided, not so nice, view about students here. However, there are positive sides to the SUNYA population, and it’s always good to go out and prove this to the community we all live in. A group called Habitat for Humanity provides students with the opportunity to help rebuild Albany, and to make a good name for themselves in the process.

Habitat for Humanity is a national non-profit organization that builds affordable housing for people who would otherwise only be able to afford a living area with sub-standard conditions. In 1988, the Habitat for Humanity of the Capital District (HFHCD), opened up here in Albany. They work in Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties. Their goal is to rid poverty-level housing in all of these areas.

Last semester, a SUNYA student, Marni Stein, became interested in the organization. She wanted to sign up for a community service course here on campus, but Habitat wasn’t an option. So Marni went on her own and suggested it. She began to work on an ongoing project on 21 Stevens Street in Albany. The Capital District chapter has been working on this house for a year. It has been taking so long because of unreliable volunteer participation and because it was an old house that needed a complete overhaul.

The way the program works is simple. A committee selects a possible family based on the resources available to them to make payments on a no interest mortgage and their willingness to participate in the building of the house. If the family is accepted, they must contribute 250 hours of assistance in the construction of the house, or do committee work. All the workers are volunteers and most of the supplies are either donated or purchased with donated money. The builders have two choices. They can either rebuild an old house, or take an empty lot and start from scratch. The mortgage money is returned to the HFHCD and it is put into building other houses for more people.

So some Saturday, while the majority of us are slumbering peacefully in our cozy beds or lounging around watching the weekly episode of the X-Men cartoon, others will be out in the fresh air, interacting with the community, and building for Albany’s future generations.

As we all know, SUNY Albany is known for its major apathy for the school, the area, the weather, and everything in general. Marni Stein suggests putting aside that old familiar apathy - “Get active, and get involved!”

Habitat for Humanity

If you would like to join Habitat for Humanity or would like more information, please call Marni Stein at 482-6732.
By Jen Snow

And I was silent, because I was not a Jew... and when they came for me, there was no one left to speak.

I am not a Jew.

Last night I attended a meeting that was held to organize a Holocaust Remembrance Yom Hashoah. It is called. I went not only as an individual, but as a representative of the campus Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance. We wanted to work with the Jewish organizations on this because homosexuals were caught in the destruction of the Holocaust as well; and because we, who experience bigotry every day of our lives, we who live in fear of being noticed for who we are, sympathize with the position of those long-ago Jews. It is our position today.

And so I went; I went to the meeting, and I was the only non-Jew there. And that was all very well at first.

Everyone else knew each other since they worked constantly on Jewish issues. The leader, a young woman named Jen, talked about how happy she was to see new faces — there was only mine. I said, “Thank you, I really want to help with this. I’ve done some research on the Holocaust, and it frightens and saddens me. It is something that should never be forgotten.” But, I added, “I am not here only as an individual. I’m also representing an organization, LGBA. I saw your posters about this organizational meeting and I spoke to people in my group about it; and we are very eager to become involved. We would be willing to help you with publicity, fundraising, whatever, and of course we would like to be involved with the events.”

Jen became animated at this. “Oh, wonderful,” she said, “we really want to try to make this more universal...It shouldn’t be something that’s only a Jewish thing, we don’t want to make it only a Jewish issue. It affects us all, certainly. We’d love to have more involvement with other groups. But we’re pretty much set with funding, you know. You could make posters if you want, though. And please, please come to the events! Please encourage your friends to attend the candle-light vigil. We’ll be doing readings of poems, personal narratives, things like that. There are fifty parts to the readings...

“Can we help with the readings? I’ve read some personal narratives of homosexual survivors; I’m sure that I could find a few things to add to the one you have, or to replace some of them....”

—Well actually, that’s pretty much set. I’m really happy with the readings we have and I’m sure if you look through it, you’ll find some things that you can apply to your...issues.

“I couldn’t just add a few? I really don’t see any material in here that’s not Jewish-oriented. I mean, a lot of it’s in Hebrew, even.”

—No, I really don’t think so. As a matter of fact I’m quite sure. We did this last year and it worked quite well. I don’t want to change it, and I really feel that it’s not up for discussion.

“Ooh...Well, how about tagging? I know you said that you were going to set up a table to give out some informative literature and pins too.”

—Yes, we’re going to have pins shaped like Stars of David, with “Remember” on them in Hebrew.

“Could we have pink triangle pins, too?”

—Well, I don’t know...We’ll have to think about it.

“Could we sit at the table with you?”

—Well, actually, we’d prefer that only the people involved in our groups sit at the table, since they’re more educated on the topic.

And by this point I was almost crying, I leaned forward out of my seat and I wanted to shout, “Don’t you understand?” But what I said was, “Look, when I brought up the idea of working with you at the LGBA meeting, people said, ‘They’re not going to want to work with us, let’s just do something on our own.’”

“But we can do that, we have the people and interest to do something on our own, but we want to work with you. We want to work with you, not in competition with you...Don’t you see? Remember how it was in the camps, where homosexuals were numerically the smallest group but had the highest mortality rates. And that’s how do that means, they asked.

“That means that people wearing the pink triangle were least likely to survive. Less than one percent of them got out alive. And do you know why? Because no one would help them. Because even in the camps there were networks for aid, but not for the homosexuals, not for them, because they were different. And even though the Jews were themselves murdered because they were different, they would not extend aid to those different than themselves...Why can’t we help each other? Why can’t we work together?”

And someone named Michael broke in. “Well, yes, homosexuals were in the camps, and Catholics and Gypsies and all that, but the backbone of the Holocaust was the murder of six million Jews. And I think that this Holocaust Remembrance Day has to be about them, about their death and their suffering. I don’t think that it’s about oppression at all, or about prejudice, at least not like it is today. The Holocaust was different because it was directed primarily at the Jews, and it really makes me angry when people call what’s happening, say, in Bosnia, when people compare it to the Holocaust, because it’s nothing like that at all. The Holocaust was unique. It was special...six million Jews were killed. The world would be such a different place if those six million people were still alive...the Holocaust was an atrocity that can never be repeated.

And I said, “I think that’s a very optimistic view.”

And that was all there really was, because what it came down to, when all the discussion was done, was that it was a Jewish issue to them, so much a Jewish issue that they were not willing to learn from their knowledge, not willing to extend the suffering of their people to include the suffering of others. Never Forget. Never Again.

And I went home. I was crying on the bus, because we gay people are ghettoized in the same way that the Jews once were, and we come to take ourselves for granted. We go for long periods of time thinking of ourselves as good, worthwhile people, and then someone throws garbage at us or yells obscenities on the street, or as now, degrades and humiliates us by refusing to be associated with us; then we cry, because it is all new. It is something that can never truly be accepted, the fact that we are despised simply for existing.

And I want to shout, still. "Don’t you understand? Remember that poem by the Holocaust survivor, the one about how he never spoke until they came for him, because otherwise it was not his concern? Don’t you learn anything from that? It is now your turn to fight, to speak up in defense of those who are different from yourself. If you have learned anything from the Holocaust, surely you should have learned the need for that!"

Because it is about oppression, it is about prejudice. It is about hatred. It is about people being destroyed for the unspeakable crime of being who they are. Can we not stand together to remember, to mourn, to work for change? I am not a Jew, yet I do mourn them, for they are my people.

“Would you mourn me?”

Never Forget. Never Again.

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The Choice Is Yours

This week the Student Association released its list of candidates for its Presidential and Vice-President offices in 1993-94. SUNYA students have a choice of six candidates for President and a choice of two candidates for Vice-President.

The fact that eight people have thrown their hats into the ring for SA is admirable. Any election with this wide a field of candidates provides students with an ample choice of candidates.

The leadership positions of SA are very important to the activities of any student at SUNYA. Besides guiding an organization that allocates over $1 million to all SA organizations, the President of SA watches over the activities of these organizations, works closely with the faculty and administration and presents him/herself as an example of SUNYA to outside interests.

The President of SA is an advisor to the whole campus and to a certain extent sets the tone for University activism.

The Vice President is important to the operations of SA and must be prepared to stand in for the President in times of emergency.

The Student Association has always found a President and Vice-President though at times with little help from students.

For the last few years students have failed to recognize the importance of these positions. Last year fewer than 10% of SUNYA students turned out for spring elections, a dismal showing for a campus that considers itself activist.

One reason that students have failed to recognize the significance of their votes could be due to the problems that have plagued SA elections in years past.

Take S.A.'s handling of the athletic fee referendum.

Through several S.A. referendums students have been offered the chance to decide whether or not they want to have an athletic fee many times over the past year. From poor publicity to forgetting poll watchers, the S.A. electoral system has been plagued with inept management.

This spring, however S.A.'s leadership is up for grabs. With eight candidates and the Student Association resolute in its efforts to provide an effective, trouble-free election, students should remember that a vote is a terrible thing to waste.

"You Could Do With This Or You Could Do With That" Black Sheep

VOTE!

I WANT TO GET AN ARCHITECTURE DEGREE AND START MY OWN CONSTRUCTION FIRM TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

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I PLAN TO STUDY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND RIGHT TO DESIGN ALTERNATIVE-FUEL VEHICLES!

Ok - but first you have to do some useful public service...

COLUMN
Bias, Betrayal And The Status Quo

Sporadically, I have the chance to glance through the ASP on my way home from classes, and I have felt compelled to reply to reference in your March 5, 1993 issue where you reacted to a Delta Chi advertisement and consequent reaction(s) to it. Although I believe there can be no "objective" coverage to an event, I feel your slant on the issue was, in particular, biased.

In order to uncover this bias, we must at look at your presuppositions; and a presupposition begins in your use of "knowledgeable" resources, who are given "authority" to have their representations of the issue be in print.

We can start with Mr. Fischer, who contends he approved the poster through his own "negligence" which suggests, 1) he does not spend the time looking over the posters of IFC (in which case he is simply not doing his job and has no "knowledge" in such areas), 2) he did not figure out the implicit message of the poster and is just stupid (in this case, it is not advantageous of IFC to have him as their public representative), or 3) he did not originally find the material offensive (in which King is justified in commenting, "the IFC buckles under pressure").

Opposition to IFC's "official" position was made clear by King who reacted by saying "We apologze to no one." Interestingly enough, it is King who finds offense to the act of posters being ripped down, a theme that is further argued by the ASP editorial and Doellefield (Assistant Vice Pres. of Campus Life, i.e. paid University position, who, "surprise," maintains a "neutral" position).

This brings up the issue of censorship, and how is it conceptualized. Doellefield argues that "freedom of expression is important to the University," that, "if it [a poster] is disagreeable or offensive, that isn't a reason to not put it up."

Doellefield would have us believe that "free speech" would enable all expressions the right to be heard, but this is a false assumption. In order for a poster to be hung up,

Michael Gates

I must first have Campus Life approval, and in order to do so, must be from a student organization (although oddly enough, business companies seem to enjoy the same privileges that some organizations have), which means the organization must follow the guidelines and conform to the "standards" set up by the Student Association.

Students who must work in order to support themselves through school (resulting in less time spent on "extra-curricular" activities), or who simply can not afford to go, do not have the same access to podium posting as others. In addition, students and non-students wishing to exchange material goods (i.e. sell or trade books, looking for roommates), do not have the "freedom of expression" in terms of unlimited posting of "ideas."

The point is, you can not escape censorship. Even in the courses you take, certain theoreies and theorists get "acknowledged" and "naturalized" as "shapers" of discourse, while others are curiously left out (notice how "Classical English Literature" courses seem to dwell on the "accomplishments" of middle-upper class white men, for but one example).

Although this might appear trivial to the Delta Chi issue, it is vitally important to realize that counter ideologies and viewpoints do not have the same access to issues of "free expression," which in itself is a form of censorship.

In addition, Mr. King and the ASP make the implicit assumption that poster vandalization is a new phenomenon restricted to only Delta Chi. The ASP further argues that "if the rights of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance, the National Women's Rights Organizing Coalition, or any ethnic organization were infringed upon, students would be up in arms." How ironic of them to make such an assumption.

As part Co-Chair of LGBA, I know poster vandalization was a serious economic issue to our organization; posters were ripped down almost as fast as they were being put up. In addition, we had two banners stolen from the Campus Center and have had numerous prank phone calls. All of these incidents have been reported to the ASP with little or no press coverage.

I feel these acts are fairly common to all groups labeled in society as "the Other" whether they focus on issues of sex and gender, race, religion, etc., and it is very telling of the ASP to focus their rhetoric on "free speech" over an incident that happened to a fraternity (I'd like to add that in my years at Albany, there have been incidents of rape, racism, and homo-negativism that have been linked directly to SUNYA fraternities.)

In addition, Mr. King and the ASP identify only two women, both of which do not find the material offensive." Women (and men) who fault with the theoretical implications of a poster have been defined by your paper as "a group of INDIVIDUALS","or in the words of Bandett, "girls with multi-colored hair."

Bandett's statement is an act of people why people took offense to the poster in the first place which the article never addresses, that is the commodification of women as objects and things to be had, not people (things with "purple hair" are not a desirable commodity).

In addition, it is very ironic that the ASP uses LGBA and NWROC as examples of "the Other" organizations. Feminists and homosexuals the only ones to take offense of this poster, are feminists all lesbians in need of "dick."

Perhaps the most offensive piece of your article is your calling the poster (which the reader is to assume be the one that appears on the same page) as profanity while defending the Delta Chi poster as "freedom of speech."

In addition, the words both posters have in common, it becomes apparent which word is to be labeled profane. "Rape."

How ironic it is for a paper to contend that using the word "rape" is to be profane, while arguing relentlessly that the use of the words "girls like dick" to be an exercise of one's rights to "free speech."

Correction:
In the Tuesday, March 23, 1993 issue of the ASP, the author's name was omitted from the Letter to the Editor entitled, "Asians Speak Out." The author was James Hsi.
SUNYA: Things Can Only Get Better

To the Editor:

Things just seem to be getting worse and worse for SUNYA students. Tuition seems to be rising while financial aid is harder to get every semester. In addition to this, the ASP recently printed an article documenting how difficult it has become to graduate from college in four years, thanks in part to limited access to required courses. This means that many students will have to pay for additional semesters in order to graduate.

Fortunately, it’s possible that things can get better. It’s possible that SUNYA students can save almost 500 dollars a semester. Here’s how.

In the past, there have been groups that fought against the radical activity fee. I don’t propose to try anything that radical because I feel that it’s important to have a Student Association. It’s important that students have a variety of cultural, educational, and social groups to join.

I’ve heard this argument before. But let’s agree on one thing. We don’t want to pay for an important part of our non-academic life. Some students, those who are desperate for money or who simply don’t like the way SA is spending their money, will use this as an excuse to recess

Now, there are many ways that this could be done. One way is to take the money out of the “new group fund” — a surplus of money set aside each semester for emergency spending and new groups. Another way is to give current groups an across-the-board funding cut — say 10% — in order to pay students what they want.

So it can be done. Don’t believe student politicians who tell you it can’t. They’re obviously just trying to protect their power over your money. Before you vote for SA officers this semester, make sure to ask candidates if they support this idea. If they don’t, then they don’t have your right to exercise your own free choice.

We now only need two things: for some brave candidate to not only support this measure, but to make it a major issue and two, for voters in favor of choice to support it. Here is every student’s chance to show concern for the welfare of their fellow student.

School is a big part of people’s lives but it’s not the only part. What I’m proposing is to make the activity fee voluntary. Under my proposal, everyone would still have to pay a certain amount of paperwork, students could get more or all this money refunded by SA. Now, most students won’t do this. Most students just don’t want to and besides, everyone will be glad to pay for an important part of their non-academic life. Some students, those who are desperate for money or who simply don’t like the way SA is spending their money, will use this as an excuse to recess.

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We didn't think anyone was queer, we didn't think anyone was queer. Love

To Inbar: It's only life, f**k it!

The mixer was excellent. We had a great time. Love

Thanks to all those who participated in the Aerobathon. Good work!

For the next one! Love

To the CHINA NIGHT performers, the show was great, thanks to your talent. Love

Don't worry, I'll be better than you think! Love

How come no one ever leaves me hanging. Love

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Love, always, Karen

We really had a lot of fun. We hope next year there's another one. Love,

We did think anyone was queer, but have no fear. Rocking the house that night was really out of sight. Love

We got mixed up, but I don't think we would ever do it again.

Love, Mike

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(AP) A book said to be the diary of Jack the Ripper is being greeted skeptically by some criminologists, who wonder if it is either genuine or important. Warner Books of New York and Smith Gryphon Ltd. of London plan to publish "The Diary of Jack the Ripper" in October, the Times Union reported Thursday.

The publishers insist they have proved the book is the diary of the killer who murdered and mutilated prostitutes in London in 1888.

"I'm delighted that some publisher's going to make a mint off of this, but I think the first order of business is to discover if we're being had," said Hans Toch, a criminology professor at the State University of New York at Albany.

The identity of the world's first known serial killer is less important than his impact on police work, said Dr. Michael Baden, a forensic pathologist at the New York State Police Forensic Sciences Unit. "I think of Jack the Ripper as part of our heritage," he said. "Up until that point, there was no specialization in police work - beat cops did everything."

Scotland Yard, London's police force, was reorganized after its failure to solve the case, and for the first time a full-time physician joined the force to investigate homicides.

Frankie Bailey, assistant professor of criminal justice at SUNY Albany, said the diary may not be very important. "It's not going to unfold some mystery that we'll all be better off for," he said.

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**UNIVERSITY AUXILLARY SERVICES AT ALBANY**

**Look For These Special Menu Items**

- EGG SCRAMBLERS
- TURKEY SAUSAGE
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**FROM OUR SALAD BAR**

**THE WEEK OF MARCH 22ND**

- MEXICAN EGG SALAD
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**LUNCH FRIDAY MARCH 26**

- BLACK BEANS WITH WILD AND LONG GRAIN RICE

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Spring sees the return of Bo and Fernando

(Ap) Bo is back, Fernando Valenzuela is close, and things are getting a little shaky for Bert Blyleven.

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Albany divers come up empty at Nationals

Season did have some high points, though

The last senior will be transfer Romi McGowan, a transfer, had an impressive first year at Albany, finishing first at numerous meets. He gained valuable points for the men's squad and was an integral part in their recent success.

Agresto's highest finish was 15th in the 100-yard butterfly, where he touched in at 57.11. His time of 2:10.5 earned him an 18th place finish in the 200-yard butterfly. In the 200-yard individual medley, Agresto finished 40th, six-tenths of a second behind teammate Ed Haase, who placed 38th.

"Both T.J. and Dave had fantastic swims and did an outstanding job in their events," Turnage said.

Haase, a senior, gave the team much needed points in the breaststroke events and relays.

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It was a tough year for the Albany swim team but an impressive one for the diving team. Due to a shortage of numbers, Albany was understandably weaker than previous teams.

However with hard work and determination, Albany