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RPA dept. faces problem, meeting set to clarify issues

by Carol Hughes

In a letter published in the Albany Student Press last Friday, students Stratton Rawson and Jeff Wasserman strongly chastised the Department of Rhetoric and Public Address for irresponsibility and poor handling in its procedures for the appointment of a new chairman. Today at 3:30 pm, a meeting will be held to answer their questions and those of other concerned individuals to clarify this issue.

The problem was precipitated when Mrs. Kathleen E. Kendall, Acting Chairman of the RPA Department, since its inception last year, presented her resignation. This action resulted in the creation of a Search Committee to find a suitable successor.

The committee was formed last May in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the College of Arts and Sciences. Faculty members were Charles Colman, Dean of Humanities Division; William Reme, Department of Philosophy; Kathleen Kendall, Acting Chairman; R.P.A.; Mary Jewett and Robert Norton, Faculty, R.P.A.; and Richard McNally, Visiting Professor, R.P.A. Dean of Arts and Sciences. O. William Perlmuter served as an ex officio member.

Student representation posed a dilemma. At a meeting of majors held in May, a quorum was unavailable due to the proximity of final exams. Those students attending did not feel sufficiently empowered to make any recommendations.

According to Mrs. Kendall, the issue was pressing enough to warrant the selection of two majors to serve on the committee by the department, in this case, Mrs. Kendall and Dr. Richard Wilkie. This action was taken so that the students, rather than whatever function it now serves. The amount of power and control that two individuals—a.i.e. the ASP editors—should exercise over $8,000 and twelve thousand people (students) was also questioned. Communications Commission tried to defend the ASP's position by calling such charges Positive and Negative censorship. Communication Commission feels that any censorship at all is intolerable.

In response to these charges, the ASP itself was exercising a form of censorship itself by presenting primarily only one front. Dave Neufeld suggested that in some way the Editors of the ASP coordination with communications by Ken Stokem

In a three hour special self-evaluation session, this past Saturday, Central Council made an attempt to bring out the problems of Student Association (SA). In attendance at the open meeting were Council, Commission, and Committee members and students interested in improving S.A.s. The session covered a myriad of topics and moved from issue raised. "Is there adequate communication? Hopefully answers will be made public for several months after they had been chosen.

When these criticisms were brought to Dean Perlmuter early this semester, their validity was upheld. However, since the committee had been functioning from the summer through this period, replacement of representatives was needed necessitated. Perlmuter suggested the addition of another student member, chosen by the students, to the committee. Although this fringe individual would lack the rapport achieved by the other committee members, it was felt that his presence would be beneficial.

The proposal was not intended as a personal affront to either Garvey or Delin. A session of majors was held to discuss the proposition this semester. At this time however, neither student viewed the need for another representative.

The Search Committee worked during the summer, finding and evaluating possible candidates. After months of searches, four names

ASP newsboard elects editors, Rohde chosen editor-in-chief

Bill Rohde has been elected by the news board of the Albany Student Press to the position of Editor-in-Chief for the next two semesters.

Rohde, currently enrolled in the English graduate program, has been serving this term as Editor of the Nassau College Vignette. As managing editor, it will be his desire to fill the position. His election marked a change in ASP policy. Prior to this term, all candidates for editorship of the paper were active members of the ASP. The current editors decided to open applications to all members of the university who had sufficient Knowledge and desire to fill the position.

Three applications were received and a series of interviews were held wherein a candidate was questioned as to his ideas concerning the organization, purpose, and direction of the Albany Student Press.

Rohde was elected by unanimous vote of the screening committee. Although he has not held a similar position before, he has written columns for the ASP, and has had articles published in the Nassau College Vignette. He will officially take office when the semester begins in January.

Anita Thayer was re-elected News Editor. A junior political science major, she has been serving as one of the papers' two News Editors for a large part of this term. Deryl Lynne Wagner was re-appointed the position of managing editor.

As managing editor, it will be Miss O'Hern's job to more closely coordinate the technical aspects of the paper. Hopefully, this will aid in the more effective production of the paper.

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**NOTICES**

**Have you heard?**

Richie Havens is coming Saturday, February 7, sponsored by the classes of 1971 and 1972.

Attention veterans: The University of Washington's Veterans Association is interested in forming a national group to "promote an increase in the current educational benefits available to veterans in school."

Interested veterans and/or groups desiring more information contact Mr. Ken Blundell, Campus Center 361 (7-5979).

Black Coalition Picketing needed! Meet at Horace's Barber Shop, 108 North Pearl Street (next to Strand Theatre). Picketing hours are 12 p.m.-1 p.m., 4 p.m.-5 p.m., and 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

An American Red Cross senior life saving class will be conducted at Bath No. 3, Ontario St. and Central Ave., Albany, beginning Monday evening, January 12, according to John Caviston, Bath manager.

The class, said he, will be open to boys and girls 15 years of age and older who can swim at least 400 yards.

Instruction is free, but each student is required to bring his or her own swim suit and towel. Girls must wear bathing caps.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Albany Red Cross at 462-7461.

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The officials of the Peace Corps and the State University of New York at Brockport announce that arrangements for continuing the existing Peace Corps/College Degree Program to admit a fourth group of candidates in 1970.

The candidates will be selected from the ranks of students in good standing at an accredited college who are completing their sophomore or junior year by June 30. Those selected will be able to earn an A.B. or B.S. degree and be eligible for a Peace Corps assignment in one academic year flanked by two summers of fully subsidized and integrated academic courses and Peace Corps training. They are expected to major in mathematics or the sciences; those who have completed their junior year prior to entrance into the program have the opportunity for a double-major.

The members of the first contingent completing the fifteen-month program which combines the upperechelon undergraduate education with Peace Corps preparation are now serving on co-national educational development teams in the Dominican Republic; the second group is now serving in similar assignments in Peru and Honduras; the third group is now in the academic year phase of the Peace Corps program and is slated for overseas assignment in Latin America in August, 1970.

At the end of this second summer, those with the degree, a teaching license, in-depth cross-cultural preparation and fluency in Spanish the graduates as Peace Corps Volunteers will be offered positions on their Latin American assignment.

As members of the staffs of teachers, teachers and/or consultants to secondary schools of mathematics or science, they are important participants in the educational efforts of their host countries. During their two year training, they have the opportunity to earn up to twelve semester hours graduate credit.

Peace Corps and college officials pointed out the several features which make this joint program unique including:

- The following three Peace Corps Volunteers will be off on their Latin American assignment:
- Peace Corps training is now fully subsidized summer sessions, in-depth Peace Corps training is now fully subsidized and integrated, with the liberal arts and specialized professional preparation, individualized programming, opportunity for double majors and supervised overseas graduate work.
- "This integrated program is unique in that the Peace Corps volunteers are given the conviction that (1) to combine the college and Peace Corps experiences is to make a significant contribution to both education and meaningful and the personal growth of the individual (2) to provide much-needed skilled specialists--mathematics and science teachers--as Peace Corps Volunteers in Latin America it is to make a significant contribution to all concerned," said President Albert Warren Brown, of the State University College at Brockport in announcing the extension of this unique partnership.

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**Brockport offers Peace Corps degree**

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**Brockport Night Series**

**The Father**

by Timothy Brennan, TO KICK THE LEAVES

by Mary Eileen O'Donnell,

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Open enrollment, housing, RPA discussed by Kuusisto
by Judy Baldassari

At his weekly conference with students, President Kuusisto announced that there will be a meeting before Christmas of representatives of all the State University Units to discuss the idea of the System going on an open-admissions policy next year. SUNYA is presently partially under such a system with respect to its EOP program. President Kuusisto expressed hope that if such a university-wide policy were initiated it would be given enough funds to make it a responsible and effective one.

The President's staff has fenced off the central portion of the academic podium because it is unsafe for visitors to enter during winter weather. They would be a safety hazard if students were allowed to use them.

This university has received clearance from the system-wide Central Office to accept bids and begin construction on a 160-unit SUNYA building, to be torn down next year.

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THE OLD DUDLEY OBSERVATORY on Lark Street, the oldest SUNYA building, will be torn down next year.

---rosenberg

Albany Black Coalition urges selective buying campaign

A boycott of Albany County stores during the Christmas season organized by the Albany Black Coalition started yesterday.

The "selective buying campaign is an attempt to force area merchants to pressure on the municipal government. The campaign's primary purpose is to ensure that the Albany Board of Education implement the reform which will protect the black community as a result of the November 12 Albany High School incident.

The five demands which the black community be implemented immediately are:

1. Arrangements be made for an evaluation within the next two months of the Albany Police Department by a qualified neutral agency (acceptable to the Albany Black Coalition), with special attention given to training procedures, riot control techniques, and relationships between police and ethnic group communities;

2. The revision of the present Black History course through joint discussion with students, parents, the State Education Department's Bureau of Inter-Cultural Relations, SUNYA Department of Afro-American Studies, and Albany High School curriculum planners;

3. The retention of a qualified Black teacher at both high schools for the Black History course, and the offering of this course to junior and senior students; and the initiation of these changes to occur at the start of the second semester of this school year.

4. The dropping of all charges against person arrested in connection with the disturbance at Albany High on November 12 based upon the recognition that these persons did not initiate the disturbance and society can gain nothing by the continuation of the charges;

5. The dissolution of the present student governing bodies at both Albany and Schoddy, immediately followed by new elections in which proportionate numbers of representatives would be elected by Black students.

Activities planned against the draft
discussed by Kuusisto

by Ben Johnson

If the ill fortunes of late have dammed the day you were born via the U.S. Selective Service System, you are expected to be lessened by efforts being made on campus concerning what to do for those branded with low draft status.

The beginning activities of the Anti-Draft (Anti-War) Steering Committee of Student Mobilization, discussed last night at the first meeting of the special committee. The plans are of a two-fold nature: first, efforts are being made to attack the unfair and war-permitting draft institution itself with a demonstration first December 12 at the Watervliet Arsenal.

There will be a rally and march on December 15 beginning at the State Capitol building at eleven a.m. and proceeding to the Albany Draft Induction Center a few blocks away.

The second part of the committee's work consists of forming a single cohesive unit of students on campus who are dissatisfied over their draft status in order to inform these individuals as a group about what can be done to change the present law in the area of draft counseling.

A "Merry Un-birthday Party" will be held on December 16 in the Campus Center Assembly Hall from 10:50 for the purpose again of providing helpful information.

The goals of the committee were thus set up to capitalize as large a group as possible for the anti-draft demonstration, and to emphasize to the distressed students on campus their possibilities of changing the draft status.

MOBE tries people's press to show need for war's end

by Nancy Dorich

As an investigation into the matter of the so-called "proposed" Lottery Housing System brought before LAAC last week has yielded many definite answers to questions posed by members of the University.

First, as revealed by Sue Lobell, Chairman of LAAC, the proposal is definitely NOT a plan but merely a suggestion drawn up by a member of the Residence Staff of the university. The suggestion is currently being scrutinized by the Housing Staff along with numerous helpful ways to alleviate future housing problems.

This suggested housing lottery would involve a type of quota system. Any student completing his course work within a stipulated time would be given a number which he would then present to a lottery office where he would then determine the number of space available for students. A lottery, composed of the names of all students desiring on-campus housing facilities, would then be held, the results determining who remains on campus and who must obtain off-campus housing.

If this suggestion ever became a reality, only a small number of students would be forced to move off-campus during the first few semesters it would be in effect.

The suggestion, brought up before LAAC by an administrative group, caused a great deal of discussion among members of the Commission since they had never been confronted with the plan.

Many members expressed doubt as to the exact stage the appeal was in and determined to discover why it was not brought to LAAC's attention by the Housing Office.

Further inquiry into the matter revealed that first the proposal was merely a suggestion, and then, that many other students had read the suggestion and assumed that LAAC was aware of it.

Lobell stressed the fact that no definite formulation of the lottery housing system is going on at the present time. He also stated that should the plan be formulated in the future, it will surely come before LAAC for approval.

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STATE WAS Both outbound and outshouted Friday night as they lost to Stony Brook.

by Mark Grand
Nothing went right for the Danes Captains Monday night as they were soundly defeated by Stony Brook in State's home opener, 58-49.

Besides having an off-shooting night, Albany was outrebounded 54-55 in the Patissots completely dominated the game.

The poor shooting was exemplified by the fact that neither team scored during the first three minutes of the game. However, Stony Brook center Mike Kerr took charge and led Stony Brook to an 11-2 lead after the first eight minutes of play.

Senior Jack Jordan and juniors Alan Reid and Jim Masterson got Stony Brook to an 11-2 lead after the first eight minutes of play.

The second half began with State overtaking the Patriots and leading for the first time 26-27. That was the time Danes saw their lead as Kerr completely controlled the boards while poor shooting continued to plague Albany. Senior captain Jack Adams, team playmaker, drew his fourth personal foul early in the second half and saw limited action. The result was a steady increase in the Patriots lead until the game was finally put out of reach of the Danes with about three minutes left.

Kerr hooped 18 points for the winners while Reid led the Great Danes with 13 followed by Jordan and Masterson with 10 and 9 respectively.

The only bright spot in Albany's game came on defense where they exhibited tight and aggressive play.

Union College took eight firsts and one second Saturday to earn first place in the 51st annual State University at Albany quadrangular wrestling tournament.

Albany was runner-up for the second year in a row with first points from the Dutchmen's 95, followed by University of Rochester in third spot for the second straight year with 44 points and Williams last at 41.

The win came on Union's first appearance in the tournament as the Dutchmen entered with a 1-0 record on the year after beating Harvard College. The tournament saw the Great Danes' season opener and they gathered one first and four second place finishes.

State's Bob Kind was the only defending champion for the team. He returned in the 167 pound weight class but lost both his matches after taking the 137 pound weight class last year.

The schedule:
December 10 RPI 19 POTS DAM

Swimming Team
The versatile swimming team traveled to Binghamton Saturday for a triangular dual meet with SUNY Binghamton and Harpur. This marked the first meet for the Danes in the Patriot League as a varsity team. Last year, the squad participated on a club basis.

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In the 400 yard medley relay, State was dominant as was the case in the 1000 yard freestyle and the 200 yard freestyle. Freshman Chris Wook took fourth place in the 50 yard freestyle for State.

Pete Greutertuber was second in the 200 yard individual medley. Freshman Andy McGreary from West Babylon was second in the 100 yard freestyle while sophomore Bill Hart from Albany was third in the 200 yard breaststroke.

Finishing third in the 500 yard freestyle State was Greutertuber with sophomore Bill Smith copped third place in the 200 yard breaststroke.

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Sports Hash
by Dave Fink

Who do you think is the number one college football team in the nation? It would seem that you choose or the writers', the "football experts," who determine the Associated Press International rankings. What is meant by this is that it has gotten to the point where it is ludicrous for a group of people to arbitrarily (yes, arbitrarily) list the nation's top twenty gildrons.

Obviously, the question of who is number 1 is the foremost concern. Having as a basis for comparison, that in only rarely do the top tens overlap. Of the "experts" have endeavored to compile a series of intangibles (it is possible that they don't know what these factors are in their opinion, the best team in the nation. For nine weeks this season and for many weeks before the 69 campaign began, Ohio State not only was rated first but was being called possibly the finest intercollegiate football team of all time. Then, all of a sudden, after completely outclassing all opposition for these nine weeks, it was Good Bye Columbus (very corny, huh?). Michigan beat them 24-12 and magically, these experts forgot about Ohio State, dropping them to fourth behind Texas, Penn State and Arkansas of whom they had played none. Whether this move was right or not is questionable but assuming that it was, shouldn't Michigan have been given some consideration prior to the 17th? After all, they defeated a team that some people thought was the best ever. If you beat the best, shouldn't you be considered the best yourself?

Obviously, this logical thinking never occurred to the experts. Never has there been a better argument than this one that theexplorers" data-redacted="true" won the national championship. What it is saying is that there is no real basis for concluding who in fact the best team is.

In essence, it appears that the AP and UPI polls have been established for two reasons: 1) to satisfy alumni who will very eagerly give donations to their respective Alma Maters when they see the school in the top ten, and 2) to satisfy the fans' desire to have their minds regimented as to who is best and who is second best and so on.

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Choral ensembles’ program to feature “Carmina Burana”

There will be two performances this year of the annual fall concert of the choral ensembles of the music department of State University of New York at Albany. They will take place on Thursday and Friday evenings, December 11 and 12 at 8:30 p.m. in the main theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

The concert program will feature the internationally popular cantata, “Carmina Burana,” by the contemporary Austrian composer, Carl Orff. The Austrian chose the text for his work from an anonymous manuscript found in 1903 in the monastery of Benediktbeuren in Upper Bavaria.

It consists of pieces by 12th and 13th-century wandering students – lyricists writing in Latin, Middle-High German, and Old French. The songs of the poets reflect in impulsive and sometimes crudely direct language, lives dominated by the ceaselessly turning wheel of destiny. The entire structure of the cantata is based on the diatonic, strophic song, an art form whose simplicity can be most effective.

Singing the cantata will be a chorus of 200 voices, made up of members from the Collegiate Singers, the Statesmen, and the University Singers. Prof. Karl Peterson of the Music Department, director of the vox, has named the following students as soloists in the Dec. 11 and 12 performances: Lucielll Fratini, Marie Hyder, Louise Sandit, John Riezler, Deborah Kling, Warren Satchoff, Steve Hirsch, Gary Adair, Larry LaPl, Peter McEneffe, Peter Slam, Fred Valentine, John Thayer and John Warner.

The accompaniment will be played on two pianos by Findlay Cockrell, of the music faculty, and Ronald Abbe, a student. There will also be music by the Percussion Ensemble.

The public is invited without charge.

Do you dance? Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Are you interested in earning some money?

Several weeks ago, the Ad Doc Committee for the promotion of student talent was formed under Community Programming Commission. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for those students interested in performing outside as well as within the University community. The new committee is co-chaired by Norma Israel and Sandy Kleinman.

The new committee is a non-profit organization, established as a service to students. Initial contacts to organizations will be made through a massive publicity campaign. The various agencies, coffee houses, restaurants, etc. will be given an idea of the type of talent available. In addition, they will be invited to a talent review which will feature all the talent available.

If you are interested in performing and making some money besides, please pick up an information sheet in CC 364. You will be contacted shortly thereafter.

RIP VAN WINKLE opens tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m. as State University Theatre’s second major production of the season, in the Lab 2 Experimental Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. The 19th century comedy of the popular Hudson Valley folk legend by Joseph Jefferson, runs Wednesday through Sunday, of this week, December 10 through 14. The curtain for RIP VAN WINKLE is directed by Edward J. Mendus of the Department of Theatre, is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday evening, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Robert J. Donnelly, State University Theatre scenic designer, has designed a multi-area set for RIP VAN WINKLE. It consists of pieces by 12th and 13th-century wandering students – lyricists writing in Latin, Middle-High German, and Old French. The songs of the poets reflect in impulsive and sometimes crudely direct language, lives dominated by the ceaselessly turning wheel of destiny. The entire structure of the cantata is based on the diatonic, strophic song, an art form whose simplicity can be most effective.

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Several weeks ago, the Ad Doc Committee for the promotion of student talent was formed under Community Programming Commission. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for those students interested in performing outside as well as within the University community. The new committee is co-chaired by Norma Israel and Sandy Kleinman.

The new committee is a non-profit organization, established as a service to students. Initial contacts to organizations will be made through a massive publicity campaign. The various agencies, coffee houses, restaurants, etc. will be given an idea of the type of talent available. In addition, they will be invited to a talent review which will feature all the talent available. If you are interested in performing and making some money besides, please pick up an information sheet in CC 364. You will be contacted shortly thereafter.
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Military against war sign secret protest

SAN FRANCISCO (CPS) — As many as ten thousand National Guard and military reservists are ready to jeopardize their military positions by joining together to protest the Vietnam War and American imperialism.

An estimated five to ten thousand guardsmen and reservists have been signing a protest statement now being clandestinely circulated throughout the country and scheduled for release probably during Moratorium activities this month.

The statement is one of the strongest released by any military group. "One Vietnam is enough," it reads, "Too many people have been killed already to preserve America's overseas empire."

The statement continues: "We, the people of civilized America, have allowed the American military to become the world's largest and most destructive fighting force. We have allowed America to become the world's greatest terrorist nation. We, the people of civilized America, have allowed the American military and American government to engage in the largest scum of murder and violence in the history of the world."

The statement concludes: "The War should end now. We should demand total withdrawal of ALL American forces from Vietnam now. We demand total withdrawal now of all the Guard in the last year or American soldiers advising the two to avoid being drafted."
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Russian Past Time

We are happy to announce the formal non-existence of SUNYA's new Russian Department. As of now only peaceful persistence has kept alive the hope of transferring out the Russian sector from the departmental level. Russian literature studies deserve as much structural and financial authority as German studies.

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An approach to Song My situation avoiding matters of fear, hate, anti-communism, patriotism, etc., but not eliminating their significance.

In order to understand the Song My massacre of men, women and children one should try to realize that the war is a very individual thing.

The word "gook" used by the service man to label the Vietnamese is significant in understanding how a man can be a part of such an "atrocity." I have heard this word used by many veteran service men of Viet Nam and, from context, "gook" describes and categorizes things, not idiosyncratic human beings.

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