Turner and Zevin propose HIV testing on campus

By Melissa Cooper
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

A proposal for on-campus HIV testing and AIDS counseling was presented to University Health Center Director John Turner.

Swygert on Tuesday by Dutch Quad Board President Chris Turner.

Swygert was very supportive of the idea, but officials at the University Health Center predicted certain problems, according to Turner.

Dr. Ingrid Porter, the Interim Director of the University Health Center, said the issue of on-campus HIV testing and counseling is being looked into, but the factors of confidentiality and anonymity present significant problems at the present time.

"There is no way to preserve confidentiality in such a small health center," said Porter.

The nurses at the health center need to know many of the students, and the fact the center is so small means people coming in for HIV testing/ counseling would be known to the health care professionals.

Estella Rivera, the assistant vice president of the Health and Wellness Center according to Turner.

"There is a need for testing with confidentiality in such a small health center," said Rivera.

"I think it's important that people have free access to HIV testing," she said.

She referred to HIV testing as a "sneaky backdoor stigma"

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Wolpoff suspends all Quad-sponsored “high risk” activities

By Tom Murmane
NEWS EDITOR

InterQuad Board President Judy Wolpoff announced this week that quad-sponsored aerobics and weight-room activities have been suspended "effective immediately," until the question of the Student Association’s liability insurance status has been settled.

Wolpoff said her executive committee "unanimously agreed" to suspend the activities.

"We want to put pressure on S.A. to get liability insurance as soon as possible," she said, "and while we don't have insurance, we want to close down high-risk activities.

Wolpoff’s decision to suspend the activities comes on the heels of State Quad Board President Cliff Roberts’ recent suspension of all official State Quad activities.

At first Wolpoff opposed Roberts’ move, and though she still believes he went too far, "as far as suspending the aerobics and weight-rooms, Cliff was 100 percent right.

"It’s not just about getting sued," she said, "it’s also about protecting the students on campus in case they get hurt. We need to make sure there’s money available to them in case they get hurt unnecessarily," she said.

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Robert has called S.A. "irresponsible" for not following his lead. "It’s not just a matter of protecting ourselves, it’s a matter of protecting the students we are supposed to be representing," he said.

The controversy began several weeks ago, after a SUNY Oneonta rugby club player was partially paralyzed during a recent match. When word reached SUNY that the rugby club and Oneonta Student Association did not have liability insurance, SUNY’s S.A. President Bill Weitz resigned.

SUNY’s GAs did not have liability insurance, SUNY’s S.A. President Bill Weitz, resigning from the office of Residential Life, who, she said, "basically asked for the suspension of all S.A. activities until the insurance coverage was obtained.

"Weitz met with S.A. group and club leaders the following week to address their concerns and questions. Most wanted to know what the chances were of their group’s activities being suspended.

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Forces withdraw

Zagreb, Yugoslavia
(AP) A Yugoslav army general said Wednesday that federal forces would partially withdraw from the battle-torn republic of Croatia, but violations threatened the latest truce between the warring sides.

Zagreb radio reported 17 people were wounded in a missile attack on the east Croatian stronghold of Vukovar, and fierce battles continued about 40 miles south of Zagreb, capital of Croatia.

Most of Vukovar was quiet, on the second day of the most recent cease-fire in a conflict that has killed 600 people since Croatia declared independence on June 25. Seven earlier truces failed.

Soldiers acquitted

San Salvador, El Salvador
(AP) A jury on Wednesday acquitted 13 soldiers charged with murdering seven people a decade ago in one of the civil war's most famous massacres, "The Well of Death" killings.

The defendants were charged with seven counts of murder although as many as 41 people allegedly were killed in the massacre on July 30, 1981. Some bodies were dumped in a well.

The verdict came in 11 days after a jury acquitted seven of the nine soldiers in the 1989 slayings of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter. A colonel and lieutenant were found guilty, the first motivated abuse of a citizen's rights for politically active. All are 11th&12th, and Wednesday-their dirty secret. They're saying: "They're coming out of the closet to tell their secrets. There's no place like home," says Mr. Babyproofer, "for things that are dangerous to the young." Mr. Babyproofer is Anthony Simnowski, a young father and contractor who was spending a lot of time adapting apartments and houses for children. So last year, he branched out and formed New York Baby Proofing Co. For a fee, he will rid a home of the myriad threats to young life and limb.

Most of his clients are young professional couples who are security conscious or simply worried about the safety of their children. Mr. Babyproofer will evaluate a home and explain what must be done to make it safe for crawling, crawling and toddling. The work itself can cost thousands, but most apartments can be babyproofed for about $300 "less than a steal," according to Simnowski's wife and partner, Mary Anne.

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Babyproofer for hire

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(AP) They listen to whale sounds at birth, they eat special-delivery baby food, they ride in $1,000 European prams. And now the babies of yuppies may take their first steps in homes babyproofed by a professional Mr. Babyproofer.

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Gaia House formed
Addresses global issues affecting campus life

By Ellen Kackmann

SUNYA’s focus on environmental issues has taken off in a new direction with the recent establishment of a residential hall devoted to respecting the environment.

The “Gaia House,” named for the Greek goddess of the Earth, is located in Clinton Hall of Colonial Quad. While the hall is not as well-established as other halls, it is considered “new” as the name is also known as Johnston Hall.

“Gaia House, like the Wellness House, was also formed to address global issues which affect campus life and get students involved in this increasing awareness,” said Caroline Mercado, Colonial Quad’s coordinator and the head of educational development.

The Gaia House was first presented for possible housing last year. “This year has seen it coming to fruition,” said Mercado.

Mercado added the hall houses approximately 90 to 100 students. About 30 percent of the current residents are freshman, transfer students, and lottery “winners.” The two Resident Assistants (R.A.’s) working for Gaia House were pre-selected and had to submit a list of their goals for the hall, since it was a special interest hall with specific as well as general goals, she said.

Dr. John Martone, assistant vice president for Residential Life and Housing said, “The spark for Gaia House came from students and Professor Helmut Hirsh.” Hirsh is currently a faculty in residence, a biology professor and a founder of Gaia House. Martone said Gaia House developed out of Hirsh’s and the students’ interest and discussions.

Hirsh then consulted with Mercado to put the idea into effect. “We want to get roots, be strong and be successful,” Martone said of Gaia House’s future.

This is how the Wellness Hall developed, he said.

So far, in accordance with their goals, the Gaia House has set up three recycling centers in Colonial Quad, one of which is in Gaia House, in an effort to encourage Quad-wide recycling. As well as recycling, the Gaia House is trying to recruit faculty members in anthropology, biology, and geology to be speakers for the students living in Gaia House.

Mercado said there are also plans for developing a resource room for student research.

In order for Gaia House to function, a hall government must be established, stressed both Mercado and Hirsh. “This kind of effort can only work if there’s a core of committed students,” Hirsh said.

Once that committee is formed the leadership will be provided to organize and enact the proposed plans for Gaia House, he added.

Sophomore Mike Pfafstatter, a resident of Gaia House said those “in charge” distributed flyers to see what the interests of the students were and, based on these interests, an itinerary of events will be planned.

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Gaia House RA Ashleigh Young, resident of Gaia House, said she detected strong feelings of “hall unity” and “friendliness” in the Gaia House. She said Gaia House is working with the Wellness House. The two halls scheduled a hay ride with one another last Sunday, which was rescheduled due to rain.

Hirsh said so far a birthday party for the Earth was held which was quite successful.

R.A. Ashleigh Young, a junior, said the presence of three faculty members at the birthday party—Vice President of Student Affairs Mitchel Livingstone, the Dean for Undergraduate Education Ernest Scatton, and Dr. Barbara Schoonmaker—was helpful because these are the three administrators Gaia House wants to work with closely.

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R.A.’s Dominic Biney-Amishah and Young said as well as incorporating aspects of the “Wellness Wheel” (focuses on sexual, physical, political, spiritual, intellectual, as well as other forms of wellness), the hall is also planning various field-trips. One such trip will be to Indian Ladder Apple Farms, a local apple company.

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Career options are discussed as company reps recruit on campus

By Fran Silverstein

Fifty-six companies converged in the Campus Center Ballroom Wednesday to meet with students curious about their employment prospects after graduation.

Career Day was sponsored by the forty member co-ed business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi. The event was co-chaired by Christine Hamilton and Ronnie Touchar.

According to Tuescher, “The Career Fair was organized to allow students and organizations to meet on a one-to-one basis, so that students have the chance to ask questions and find out more information before they interview with companies.”

The fair took place from 9:00am-4:00pm. Students could walk in and out at their leisure to browse, pick up information pamphlets, and ask questions. The fraternity estimated the total attendance at approximately one thousand students.

“The fair is most helpful to seniors looking to set up interviews, but it is also good for sophomores and juniors to find out what different careers entail and obtain summer internships,” Hamilton said.

Many of the firms compiled a mailing list of the students they spoke with so they can keep up a correspondence with them. Most of the firms in attendance also participate in on-campus recruiting.

According to Hamilton, in the past students have been offered interviews at the Career Fair.

The fair appeared to be helpful to students attending, “I wanted to get to know the different companies, to find out what they have to offer me and get some insights into how to prepare myself for their firm,” said junior accounting major Jimmy Chen. “So far they have been able to give me the information I needed,” Chen added.

Not only is Career Day helpful for the students, it is also beneficial to the companies as well. “This type of event is helpful for two reasons,” said Ben Chaifetz, a representative of Home Life Insurance company. “It gives students a casual chance to see who we are and what we are all about. It also gives us added exposure on the campus along with other recruiting activities we are doing.”

The co-chairs have been in the process of organizing Career Day since last February. From 500 to 1000 letters were sent out requesting firms to attend.

The co-chairs are hopeful that as many students as possible will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.
The time has come for awareness

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week begins

By Scott Mims
DIRECTOR, MIDDLE EARTH

As we approach the opening weekend for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (October 13-19) I find myself wishfully thinking about the achievement of a heightened level of commitment by students, staff, and faculty members to address the dangerous signals, and community norms which contribute to health and safety risks at the University at Albany.

It is a documented fact that alcohol and other substance abuse on college campuses around the country has led to date rape, racial incidents, violence, injury, unwanted pregnancy, crime, and has worsened the decades-old problem of rowdy students in neighborhoods near campuses. While other drug use on college campuses is going down, alcohol use and binge drinking is on the rise. Alcohol related incidents are still the number one killer for people twenty-five years old and younger. A recent survey conducted by the New York State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse revealed that one fourth of New York State’s undergraduates have had at least one or more alcohol related problems in the preceding year. The staggering statistics depicting the devastating effect of alcohol abuse on our college population are far too many to list in this one article; and that is not the intent of this author.

Alcohol abuse and alcoholism not only affects the abuser, but it impacts many others of us in ways which over we have little control. Select student leaders, and university officials struggled to define and address the nature of this alcohol issue as it affects the campus and the Albany community. The key to our success will be the active involvement of you as individuals in these activities, and throughout the school year.

The goals for this week are: to create opportunities for members of our University at Albany community to engage each other in meaningful dialogue that will help to create a safer environment, and give us a better understanding of why people abuse alcohol instead of what happens to them after they abuse. To educate people about the physiological effects and hazards of abuse. To examine our community norms as they pertain to alcohol use. To give the local service delivery agencies and opportunity to get involved “on campus.” To get answers to questions about the new legislation designed to control underage drinking (This will be an opportunity to speak to legislators, law enforcement, university officials, and local agency administrators). Last but not least...to make students aware of options for help.

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Grad Students Continued from front page performed by the employees in (the United University positions),” the decision said. UUP is the union that represents SUNY faculty and staff.

The board ruled, however, that the students could not be affiliated with the UUP. Such an affiliation raises potential conflicts of interest since the professors supervise the TAs and GAs as both students and workers and make a lot more money than them, the board said.

Unless SUNY appeals, the next step would be to set up an election to see if the assistants want to join a union, Chan said.

“We are confident the people will decide they want to unionize,” said Chris Vestuto, project manager for the union.

“When they do that, they will increase the amount of respect they get from the university.”

Chan said the next step would be to try and have the estimated 2,000 research assistants also be recognized as public employees.

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Students becoming more responsible about alcohol nationwide

(CPS) The old image of an "Animal House" beer-swilling fraternity scene doesn't make it with the new generation. Drunken behavior, say students, is definitely uncool.

This new attitude toward alcohol is showing up on American campuses during the 1991 National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 13-20. From booze-free nightclubs to "mocktail" parties, the message is clear: inhaling is OK—getting wasted is not.

"I believe it's because students are more health conscious these days," said Kurt Bair, a senior counselor at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. Students are still drinking, but in less quantity than before, he said.

A recent Roper survey showed that more than half of all students (53 percent) consider alcohol abuse a major problem on campus. That was dramatically higher than student concern about non-violent and violent crime, drug abuse and AIDS.

In addition, a newly released study of University of Florida students claims the number of students who drink is less than it was a decade ago, and those who do are drinking less.

The study showed the percentage of student drinkers decreased from 89 percent in 1981 to 80 percent in 1991. Average consumption among drinkers also dropped from 40 drinks per month in 1981 to 34 drinks monthly in 1991.

"The study clearly shows that college student drinking pattern and knowledge about alcohol changed significantly during the decade of the '80s," said Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, chairman of the department of counselor education.

While the figures appear encouraging, experts say that one in 10 drinking students will develop a chemical dependency. "It is still a major problem," Gonzalez said. "The majority of students drink, and campus incidents of violence and sexual assault are usually alcohol-related."

Approximately 430 million gallons of beverages are consumed annually by college students who spend about $4.2 billion on booze each year, according to the Public Health Service's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention.

In 1990, 33.5 percent of drivers in fatal crashes between the ages of 20 and 24 were intoxicated, a 6 percent drop since 1982, says the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Still, the government estimates that 1,093 lives were saved in 1989 by laws that prohibit alcohol sales to those under 21.

Even when alcohol use doesn't become chemical dependency, college campuses must grapple with its effects, such as poor academic performance, aggression, property damage, accidents and strained relationships.

Experts say alcohol also plays a significant role in cases of date rape, a problem receiving increasing attention.

Many campuses now offer resident drug and alcohol counselors, and some programs for those dealing with the devastating effects of alcohol dependency. Programs run the gamut from chemical-free housing to alcohol-awareness speakers and seminars.

Dickinson College has organized a peer drug and alcohol education program in which trained students speak to campus groups about the consequences of substance abuse.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon programs for students are held weekly on the sprawling University of California at Los Angeles campus. The California school's residential life program sponsors videos, seminars and presentations by psychologists during Alcohol Awareness week.

A newsletter is distributed to UCLA students, and officials work with local merchants in an effort to promote discount sales of non-alcoholic beverages during the week. By producing a registration card, any UCLA student can obtain alcohol counseling without charge.

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tables in the campus center lobby Monday through Friday. There will also be a Community Forum in the Campus Center Ballroom on Tuesday, October 15th at 12pm. The topic will be "The Alcoholic Beverages Control Law." There will be local and state politicians, along with law enforcement, university officials, and local administrators there to answer questions about the new law which comes into effect in November. Come out and get involved!

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orchard. Hirsh said the trip will be educational and entertaining, because the students will get the chance to talk to the owner of the farm about the use of pesticides. Hirsh said one of the primary aims of Gaia House is to combine, as much as possible, "recreation and educational" aspects in organized events.

Currently Gaia House is trying to organize a committee which will coordinate many of the events for the residents. Young said once this committee is formed, the hall can begin to hold fund-raisers by selling T-shirts, pizza, or other such items. With these funds, the dorm hopes to buy some acreage in a rainforest, convert a basement room into an office for the Gaia Committee, and organize new field trips.

Biney-Amissah said the small size of the dorm was conducive to organizing activities, but there still is a dividing line in the dorm created by the pit formed by the stairwell. Hopefully, Dominic said, activities organized in the near future will make that dividing line quickly disappear.

One concern both the R.A.'s and Hirsh said they share is over the process of housing placement. Some students have requested Gaia House, but, ultimately, were placed in some other hall because of the lottery system used by the University. Biney-Amissah said the R.A.'s are pushing to institute a system which would require students, of special housing, to participate in a minimum of four organized programs in order to maintain the focus of the hall.

"Special interest housing can have some of the advantages of a small college or school without giving up the advantages of a large University," he said. "This kind of special interest housing teaches students that it's okay to ask questions...it becomes their obligation."

The Gaia House has its work cut out for it, Hirsh said, but the R.A.'s seem to have "reasonable goals."

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Story by Jennifer Young and cartoon by Stuart Yellin

Like Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz," SUNY Albany freshman have learned the first month of school there's no place like home.

Most have gone from having their own room to sharing one half of its size with as many as three people. Adjustment to the food is even more difficult: After all, the cafeteria food can be a rude awakening to a first-year student who is used to living in a room downtown was. "I think the rooms are small but really quaint," she commented. The only complaint she has about her suite is its

been known for its scenic campus. Freshman Nicole Eidshaug from State Quad said, "The food here is even worse than the food at my old school". She said the campus buildings match her city." Freshman Diana Cerritos also said she loves the campus, but for a different reason than Tien-Shia. "The fountain is the most romantic place on campus—especially at night."

However, the people who like the campus are definitely in the minority. Two girls from Dutch Tower said the campus was easy to get around because all their classes are in the center of the campus, but they think all the gray concrete just blend with the already gloomy skies of Albany. Nicole Eidshaug summed it up nicely, "This campus is only nice at night because you can't see how boring looking and dirty it is."

Another freshman from State Tower found no problem with the size of his rooms, a double. Instead, he said the room's decor was less than desirable, and that all the gray floors and bland

like their dorm rooms. Sophomore Cynthia Gormezano came to Albany after spending a year in Israel. At first she

lack of cleanliness. "The toilet bowl repulses me," she said with a look of disgust. Hopefully, that problem can be solved with the help of her

But, I can't tell them apart!!!

like kings—well, sort of! Diana Cerritos said she's had to become "a grilled cheese connoisseur" in order to survive on the campus food. She misses the Spanish, Italian and Chinese food her mother used to make for her.

When Freshman Chung Chen was asked about the cafeteria food here on campus, she rolled her eyes and exclaimed, "Thank God for the salad bar, especially the cucumbers." First-year student Bobby Williams from State Quad said, "The food here is even worse than the food at my old school."

The freshman here at Albany quickly learn that college is a learning experience in more ways than one, and sometimes learning to eat the food and getting used to the meager living accommodations can be more of a challenge than the courses themselves. But, perhaps with the benefit of a SUNY Albany education they will be able to overcome these preliminary challenges and someday be able to afford to live like kings—well, maybe....
An Uncanny Situation

Text by Caron Tschampion and Photos by Christian Klossner

After a typical weekend, students can expect to see their hallway lounges, as well as their bedroom floors, layered with empty aluminum cans, cardboard pizza boxes, and various glass and plastic recyclables. Many of these students, busy panicking about the labs, papers, and studying they procrastinated about all weekend don't think twice before they throw all of this trash into a few giant plastic bags, sending it all on its way to landfills and polluting incinerators.

However, a large percentage of students are concerned about the future of this garbage. Unfortunately, those students on campus who are attacking the recycling dilemma are being faced with more obstacles than solutions.

The residents of one uptown hall on Indian Quad are starting to recycle aluminum cans which have been piling up in the far corners of their hallways for weeks. Nicole Zimmet, a freshman, simply stapled a plastic bag to the wall of her suite into which her suitemates, as well as others in the hall, throw their empties. "I'm just so sick of throwing out cans," she said. "They should have been in the halls."

Another slightly more primitive, but equally effective method some suites in this hall are using is the construction of walls of cans in the suite halls. "We aren't sure what we're going to do with the cans yet, but for now it looks cool," explained Matt Funk, another resident of the hall.

Speaking of obstacles, picture these students carrying bags full of cans onto the Albany school bus to bring them to recycling agencies. Since most of them are freshman, they have no other mode of transportation. Other students seem to have doubts about the usefulness of recycling. John, a sophomore living downtown, said, "Recycling is a waste of time and energy. It doesn't pay."

Student organizations on campus who are trying to begin recycling programs are often faced with the overwhelming passivity of the administration. The food co-op, which is presently recycling aluminum, glass, plastics and cardboard, has students bringing in recyclables looking for someplace to put them. Billy Anders, the project coordinator of NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) said in order for recycling to work steadily on campus, the administration must run programs with the help of the students. Student-run programs which are only funded by the administration have the tendency to fall apart during the summers.

Students have also faced tension in the Albany community as they try to rid themselves of unwanted, but precious waste. SUNY Tunes, the campus record store, attempted to start a recycling program with used CD boxes, giving a discount to customers returning the unwanted cardboard. However, in talking to a cardboard recycling company, they found out the boxes have a non-recyclable plastic coating which makes them impossible to recycle. Hue Hashemi, one of the managers at SUNY Tunes, felt the primary responsibility should fall on the shoulders of the record companies.

"First of all, I think long boxes should be eliminated completely, as Warner Brothers has done. Secondly, I believe record companies in general should realize the recycling effort of the public and minimize plastic coatings."

Members of the food co-op also have complaints about the same recycling company because they charge them for the goods they bring in for recycling.

Nancy Carver emphasized this point. "I think being charged to be conscientious and recycle is ridiculous."

Despite the obstacles Albany students are facing, most are continuing to recycle, and eventually with enough help from the administration and community, students will have the power to realize their goals.
EDITORIAL

What makes a behavior sexual harassment?

A male employer walks up to his female secretary, puts his hands on her back, and tells her she looks sexy in her black skirt. He proceeds to pinch her right buttock, winks, and walks away.

Cleary, a case of sexual harassment. This is probably the scenario most people picture when the words sexual harassment come to mind. But the offense comes in many different forms.

Take, for example, an overly "friendly" co-worker. In this case, a be. He, tells a female co-worker, while she goes over some files in the office, that he likes her perfume. That's it. Later, before going home for the evening, he squeezes her shoulder and says, "See you tomorrow, honey."

Sexual harassment? In some work places, yes. Harassment of this nature is not easy to define. It sometimes appears in very small, subtle ways. But to the individual that feels threatened, the feeling is no less severe. And to the harasser, no matter how small his infraction may appear, the consequences can be just as great.

Look at Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas. According to Anita Hill, a former co-worker of Thomas', Thomas never touched her. Made suggestive comments. Asked her out. Told her he liked porn movie and described them to her. That is what Hill claims. Are her allegations true? Who knows? But the media is certainly giving the issue a great deal of attention. Thomas' nomination is on the line. And all because of sexual harassment.

By the way, men are not always the offenders. Women can be harassing too. While it may not be reported as often, a woman can just as easily intimidate, degrade, embarrass, and sexually force herself on a man.

The biggest problem with sexual harassment is defining it, and determining when that definition applies and when it doesn't. If you were to ask both men and women,"What is sexual harassment?" you'd probably get very different answers. Typically, and this is a generalization, although probably an accurate one, men define harassment as something either physical, or very strongly vocal. For example, physically touching a woman against her wishes, or using suggestive, sexual language (i.e. "I want to kiss you, baby."") when it is just not appropriate.

A woman, on the other hand, may define harassment quite differently, using a much broader definition. For example: a hand on a shoulder; the greeting,"Hello, gorgeous!"; or a kiss on the hand from a casual acquaintance. You know, the guy that thinks he's being really cool by kissing a woman's hand. Well, to some, that's sexual harassment.

Why? Because the receiver of the kiss does not ask to be kissed, and probably does not wish to be kissed. But the kisser never gives his victim a choice. That's really what sexual harassment is all about. It's being put in an uncomfortable situation, that you cannot get out of. It makes you feel used, victimized, stupid, and sometimes, threatened.

The only way to reduce the frequency of sexual harassment is to educate people about it. Begin in the workplace, this university, anywhere sexual harassment has a chance of occurring. Both sexes need to be informed and need to communicate their feelings. There are too many people out there who just don't know what's right and what's wrong in non-social situations.

When it comes to sexual harassment, the rule has to be, stand up for yourself. If someone does something that makes you feel uncomfortable, say something about it, no matter who that person is. It is the most innocent appearing people can be guilty of harassing behavior, whether they mean to or not. Perhaps your police, but firm,"Don't do that. It makes me uncomfortable." What we need is for parents to teach their kids to be able to change their behavior and keep them from doing further harm, or perhaps making the mistake with someone not quite so forgiving.

Gina Barresi

COLUMNS

What about our children?

The United States is the only democratic industrial nation in the world that does not take a national interest in ensuring both the welfare and growth of its most precious commodity - its children. In fact, we have more drug problems, more children in poverty, more children in industrialized and democratic country and our infant mortality rate per thousand live births over own year is an enormous 17.6 percent as opposed to Sweden's 5.6 percent. Additionally, unlike in Europe and the Scandinavian countries, there are no government mandated programs that compel employers to give pregnant women maternity leave to take care of their new born baby, or couples paternal or parental leave to take care of their newborn baby(s).

While the United States does not have a national child care program, however, it does have a nationalized social security system, which is familiar with, is a contributory social insurance. When people are young and employed, a certain percentage of their salary is deducted by the government and put into the social security fund. No one, Democratic or Republican, protests to these deductions because they know that when they retire they will live off this money in monthly checks.

Before the adoption of social security during the New Deal decade, the aged, like the young, were impoverished unless they were wealthy or their children could care for them as they grew older. Once the social security program was implemented though, the number of impoverished aged significantly diminished. Additionally, the sons and daughters of these aged no longer had to financially support their parents while they were trying to financially support their own children as well.

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ANYONE WHO SPENDS A FEW HOURS IN HIS COMPANY CAN'T HELP BUT BE ENTERTAINED, AMUSED, AND ENLIGHTENED.

**Adam Meyer**

Spenser is smart, tough, sensitive, persistent, a crack shot, an able boxer, and a loudmouth. He has an unerring ability to perturb even the most composed individual, and there isn't a female above the age of seven who can resist his charm. Not that he's anything but faithful to his beloved Susan Silverman, the beautiful shrink.

To compare Spenser to any of the great private dicks past and present is unnecessary, for he has, with his eighteenth novel, matched the status of the very best the genre has to offer; this is one of the guys who all the other gumshoes are measured against. Any series character must change with the times and grow if he has any hope of enduring, and Spenser has done just that.

He is joined in his new adventure by Paul Giacomin, the twenty-five year old dancer whom he first met in *Early Autumn* (to which this novel is something of a sequel) and raised as if he were his own son. Now Paul's about to get married. Before he does, he needs to find his mother and answer some questions about his troubled past. Unfortunately mom and her boyfriend—who, it turns out, stole money from Spenser's nestegg, mafia boss Joe Broz—have disappeared.

**Although** Spenser has been around for nearly two decades, readers know little more about his past than they did in the first book. Parker decides to rectify the matter in *Pastime*. He deals with the concept of the past in several ways.

Firstly, there is Paul. Neglected by his parents, his nature has been molded by Spenser. But he needs to know his mother and understand why her marriage went sour in order to make a commitment himself. The aging Joe Broz finds himself confronting death and the fact that his son, Gerry, will have to take over his position as mob boss. Gerry is incapable of being a leader, and deep down his father knows this. Ultimately he tests his son by ordering him to kill Spenser.

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**Princesses Rule the TV Kingdom**

This past summer, I attended "The Media Workshops" in Los Angeles, California. Among the many activities I was able to engage in—attending a special screening of "Dead Again" at Paramount Studios, watching a camera blocking for "Dear John," attending lectures given by Jon Voight, John Ratzenberger, and other professionals in the business—I viewed a pilot of the new sitcom *Princesses*, and joined the studio audience for the videotaping of the second show.

**Nozomi Kurihara**

*Princesses* is a story of three young ladies—one real princess and two wannabes—who end up sharing an apartment in Manhattan. It all starts when Tracey (Julie Hagerty) is getting married and moves out of her best apartment in her best friend Melissa's (Fran Drescher) modest apartment. Tracey moves into a luxurious apartment owned by her fiancée's friend, and her best friend Melissa is eager to move in with her. In the apartment, they find Georgy (Twiggly Lawson), who was Princess Georgina of an island called Cilly, sitting in the bathroom reading a book.

During the wedding ceremony, Tracey finds out that her fiancée is still legally married to two other women and she decides to call the wedding off. Georgy offers to share the apartment with Tracey and Melissa, and the three lonely girls end up living together, hoping that someday their prince will come.

*Princesses* relies on the conflicts between three different types of girls. The girls are most often stereotypically characterized, and the stories orientate towards the men playing the bad guys. Tracey is a typical airhead who is gullible and easy to intimidate, Melissa is a spoiled brat, who would rather live in a condominium than live with her best friend, and Georgy is a tap dancer who was escorted by the Prince of Cilly, and abandoned by his family after his death because she was never a real princess to begin with.

In some ways, the actresses are actually typecasted. Julie Hagerty has already been an airhead in *Airplane*, Fran Drescher was an annoying bitch in *Cadillac Man*, and Twiggly Lawson's role as a beautiful princess isn't far from her days of modeling.

Some people have said that Fran Drescher will be able to bring in the male audience. Her quick wit and her harsh tongue may help but I think that the show's success will rely on its strong storyline. With stereotypical characters, the story must be willing to create conflicts that will make the audience forget that these characters are cardboard cutouts. As it stands, the first show was fairly predictable, and the punchlines very slow. If the writers don't create some harsh scenes between these women, *Princesses* will be considered as just another women's sitcom, which may offend some people as to how young ladies today are portrayed.

*Princesses* is a fairly funny comedy, and fans of the actresses will enjoy the show. Its success will also depend on how many people will leave the familiar faces of the hit show *Family Matters* on ABC.

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**Aspects**

**There's No Time Like Pastime**

**Abbott to Spenser's Costello. There is one new addition to the family of recurring characters: Pearl, a German Shorthair pointer, given to Susan by his parents, his nature has been molded by Spenser. But he needs to know his mother and understand why her marriage went sour in order to make a commitment himself.**

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Once upon a time there was a company called the New York State Theater Institute. They put on a production of Pinnochio at a theater called the Egg from October 5th to October 18th, 1991. There were people of all ages in the audience, enjoying a modern, creative version of the popular fairy tale, written by Sandra Deer. I should know, I was there.

Erika Lieberman

A friend of mine and I walked into the theater and took our seats, not quite knowing what to expect. When we looked around at the other members of the audience we noticed that there were a lot of children. But by the end of the play we realized that the dialogue in the play could be interpreted on different levels. So it was truly enjoyable for all ages.

The lights went down, and the play began with a "Once upon a time" chant that worked well to set the mood of the play.

I was a little disappointed to find that cricket involved was not Jiminy, but a more abstract female cricket, who was also part of the ensemble. The abstractness of some of the characters worked well, however. Especially the "blue fairy" who came onto the stage as a big fat man with a cigar, a Harley Davidson-type hat, and a Brooklyn accent. Very funny stuff.

The set design was fantastic. It somehow believably transformed itself from a playground to a horse and carriage to the inside of a whale, with only minor changes throughout the play. It also set the mood well with its bright, vivid colors and geometrical dimensions.

The sound effects contributed greatly to many of the scenes that otherwise would have been just okay: the storm scene, when Pinnochio gets ready for school, when he and his friend are inside the whale, and many others.

Educational for children, and entertaining for adults, the play was definitely a successful production. And lucky me! As a bonus, I even got to interview Pinnochio (Richard Barrows) after the show!

EL: How did you get the role of Pinnochio?
RB: I am part of the company, and the direct it gave us parts more or less on a trial basis, and the new director just stuck with them.
EL: How did you prepare for the role?
RB: Well, I certainly don't know what it's like being a puppet, but I do know what it's like to be a kid. I kind of had to relive a lot of childhood thoughts and put myself in a childlike state of mind.
EL: Do you like children?
RB: Love 'em! Here at the Theater Institute, we work with children a lot. We are an educational company as well as performers. So I get to see them and talk to them all the time, and I really enjoy it.
EL: There are interns from SUNY Albany in the show, is that correct?
RB: Yes. It's kind of a strange situation. I love working with college kids. But it is sometimes difficult to find the balance between teaching them and working with them. I mean, here they are, doing the same things we are, and putting in the same hours, but at the same time, they are still students. We just have to find a medium. The company in itself is like a family, though.

AAAawwww. Well, speaking of families, I recommend that, if given the chance, you take yours to see Pinnochio at the Egg. Then you can all go home and live happily ever after.

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The Smithereens
Blow Up
Capitol Records

Except for the fact that lead vocalist Pat DiNizio's goatee has sprouted into a full grown beard and mustache, not much has changed about The Smithereens since they began in 1985. From their first, memorable single, "Blood and Roses"-released in 1986, they've been playing god of rock and roll songs about relationships, love and life. Their past three full length LP's have been jam-packed with one toe-tapping tune after another and the Smithereens' latest, Blow Up, is no exception to this successful format.

The album is a collection of twelve guitar-driven songs that sound distinctly recognizable as Smithereens' melodies. Blow Up is more mellow, yet still burst with passion, like "Evening Dress", where our whiskered hero/ songwriter DiNizio finally meets his dream girl, who he's been waiting for all his life. "Indigo Blues" and "Anywhere You Are" have a slightly 1960's feel to them as they lament the loss of that special someone. The lyrical sobbing on those two songs brings to mind the ten woeful but musical brilliant compositions on The Smithereens' 1988 release, Green Thoughts.

I don't know if Blow Up will be successful enough to get this foursome from New York invited to appear on Top Of The Pops, but even if it does, you can bet that it won't change The Smithereens one bit from the down-to-earth, talented band that they prove themselves to be on this album.

--Lesley Schwartz

World Peace...

Last Sunday, I was glancing at the Sunday Comics when I happened to look at Bloom County (Outland, Bloom County, whatever). It was making the point that there aren't any "enemies left in this world.

Adam Spector

It seems like only yesterday Reagan was calling the USSR the Evil Empire. It's funny how only one year changes anything. Reagan went from the Evil Empire to best buds with Gorbachev (you know, the guy with the funky birthmark). Heck, we're closer to our "enemies" than we were with some of our allies.

With Columbus day here, we also think about the Indians. It was not so long ago John Wayne was killing the "savages" and being proclaimed a hero. In the age of multiculturalism, all that has changed. We now know that everything wasn't black and white (or red and white, however the case may be). In reality, the white man was the real savage (imagine that, thought?).

Then there are the Arabs and more importantly the terrorists. Somehow, after beating Hussein as badly as we did and with peace talks going on, they just don't seem to be the big threat they used to be. I mean, even Yasser Arafat of the PLO is on our side (we don't bargain with terrorists, we make them our allies).

One of the greatest threats in our history was the Germans. Now that they are reunited, they don't seem quite as dangerous. They even gave us "Bier" (beer, beer and more beer). After all, this is the age of the me first generation. (Let's be honest here. Ridding the government jet is not a terrible crime compared to )

The only possible enemy these days is the media. But you don't have to fear them. The media is your friend. Remember, if the government doesn't say, Sam, I eat green eggs and ham).

Even the government doesn't seem all that dangerous anymore. George Bush and Dan Quayle simply don't strike fear in the hearts of everyone. Sure, they are really honest, trustworthy people who would have thought?}

Looking internally, even the big businessman doesn't seem so powerful anymore. Heck, even the once great Donald went down pretty quickly. At this rate, he is going to be wearing dark sunglasses and selling pencils on the street before long. Of course, the pencil will cost $1000 a pop. Even if it does, you can bet that it won't change The Smithereens one bit from the down-to-earth, talented band that they prove themselves to be on this album.

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Then there are the Arabs and more importantly the terrorists. Somehow, after beating Hussein as badly as we did and with peace talks going on, they just don't seem to be the big threat they used to be. I mean, even Yasser Arafat of the PLO is on our side (we don't bargain with terrorists, we make them our allies).

One of the greatest threats in our history was the Germans. Now that they are reunited, they don't seem quite as dangerous. They even gave us "Bier" (beer, beer and more beer). After all, this is the age of the me first generation. (Let's be honest here. Ridding the government jet is not a terrible crime compared to )

The only possible enemy these days is the media. But you don't have to fear them. The media is your friend. Remember, if the government doesn't say, Sam, I eat green eggs and ham).

Even the government doesn't seem all that dangerous anymore. George Bush and Dan Quayle simply don't strike fear in the hearts of everyone. Sure, they are really honest, trustworthy people who would have thought?}

Looking internally, even the big businessman doesn't seem so powerful anymore. Heck, even the once great Donald went down pretty quickly. At this rate, he is going to be wearing dark sunglasses and selling pencils on the street before long. Of course, the pencil will cost $1000 a pop. Even if it does, you can bet that it won't change The Smithereens one bit from the down-to-earth, talented band that they prove themselves to be on this album.

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To The Editor,

Your letter should be sent to Kip Knaup, but I can’t write to her except through you.

In the Oct 1st issue of the ASP was my letter concerning the LGBA’s stand on the issue of ROTC. To repeat, ROTC isn’t a student group. It is a military program, funded by the military, not the students. As far as SUNYA is concerned all groups must conform to guidelines based on the ‘Just Community Policy’.

Also, our protest last Wednesday was not trying to get ROTC off campus. It was to educate the community about the discrimination, as well as to protest against the military, not ROTC.

Andrew J. Reyes
Co-Chair of LGBA

Redire Your Argument

To The Editor,

Having never been before as violently motivated to reply to an editorial, I will attempt to contain my frustration and fury at the recent editorial suggesting that the English major is too lenient and geared toward pushing through the simple minded. Ms. Barresi, how did you arrive at the lofty conclusion that the English requirements are not demanding enough? From what great research do you base your claim? How do you define a "Great Literary Work"? Why are Milton and Chaucer better creators than Bronwe? Why have I escaped the "lack of scrutiny" you claim exists in professional

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This letter is written with the hope that the people affected by the situation described herein will take it upon themselves to bring pressure to bear so that change can result, tens of thousands of people, your sons and daughters, attend institutions run by the State University of New York. These Universities and Colleges are generally self contained units within your community and provide all the community-type services for those people attending and living on campus. There is one thing that you may not know about, and the recent push to disclose crime on campus statistically and realistically makes this issue all the more important.

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This weekend is probably the best time to do so. Western Connecticut is also having a difficult season, and it won’t get any easier for the Danes. Next week, Albany will travel to the campus of the undefeated Cortland Red Dragons, the #1 ranked team in the Upstate New York polls.

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What services are covered by the 1991-92 Health Fee?

The health fee provides all University students all the services of the Health Center for the treatment of acute illness:

- 24-hour nursing evaluation
- outpatient evaluation by our medical staff (weekdays 9-5)
- in-house diagnostic tests, e.g. throat cultures
- prescriptions by Health Center medical staff from the 250 in-stock items in the pharmacy (up to $200 per semester)
- in the stock medical supplies
- weekend outpatient visits
- medical counseling

How have this year's services been improved from last year's services?

We are adding medical and nursing staff to reduce waiting times, expanding in-house diagnostic tests, and implementing a comprehensive health education program to accommodate increased number of students eligible for health services. Students who did not purchase Triple-H last year could access only the nursing and physician evaluations. Now, all of the above services and supplies are included as a result of the health fee.

Last year 5,300 students opted to purchase the 1990-91 Triple-H program. This year they will receive better services for $5 less.

Does the Health fee cover all medical expenses?

The health fee covers all expenses except the following: lab services sent off site, family planning services offered by Planned Parenthood and specialty services provided by the Health Center including allergy shots and travel immunizations.

What is the fee schedule?

The fee (per semester) is as follows:

- 12 credits or more: $40
- 7-11 credits: $30
- 1-6 credits: $20

Visit the University Health Center or call 442-5454 for more information.
JV loses again to Dutchmen

By Jacob Jonas

Although moral victories do not count towards the win column, improvement does. While the junior varsity football team lost 10-0 at Union on Monday, the margin was 11 points less than that of the squad’s season-opening 35-14 loss to the Dutchmen.

“We put in a great deal of effort and we want to get better every time we go on the field,” said Albany head coach Mark McQuade.

The first half may have been the Danes’ most encouraging stretch of offensive play this season. Union had put 28 points on the board in during the first half of the previous meeting, but this time Albany limited the Dutchmen to a field goal.

Defensively, the Danes did not take advantage of the sterling play turned in by the defense, as they were unable to produce any points. Albany consistently moved the ball and put itself into scoring position, but was hurt by penalties and missed assignments.

McQuade said, “We showed more aggressiveness and more confidence then ever before,” added Tanner.

Despite the optimism, Albany assistant coach Kevin Williams feels there is work to be done. "Our team came together strong and ran well even with the split schedule," McCullen said. "We need to work more on pack running —"

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**The American League**

By Andrew Schotz

**SPORTS EDITOR**

The good news: the Blue Jays tied the American League Championship series Wednesday. It's bad enough to be writing a preview when two games have already been played. Now you can be sure I won't pick either team to win four straight.

I've seen enough of both of these teams to know that these teams could play many, many times without either side winning four straight. As evidenced by the last two games, this is a damn good series. Minnesota had the better regular-season record; Toronto won eight of the twelve regular-season games, but that included some meaningless games at the end of the season.

The Blue Jays lost George Bell last season, but made the off-season worthwhile when they picked up MVP candidate Joe Carter (33 home runs, 108 RBIs). They have some power on the corners (Kelly Gruber, John Olerud) and a table-setter in Roberto Alomar (188 hits, 53 steals). The most pleasant surprise has been the all-around play of Devon White (17 home runs, 33 stolen bases, 110 runs).

Minnesota was the best hitting team in the major leagues. Brian Harper, Shane Mack and the consistent Kirby Puckett all topped the .300 mark. Kent Hrbek popped 20 or more homers for the eighth straight year. As evidenced by their batting average, their stays in first place brief. But, it doesn't matter. I just keep thinking one way it should be. In a perfect world, that's how it would happen. But if ever there was a team that had magic on its side, it was the 1991 Braves. Combined with their pitching, hitting, and the genius of Manager of the Year-to-be Bobby Cox, that may be all it takes.

**The National League**

By Adam Meyer

**ASPECTS EDITOR**

My heart is with the Mets, who disappointed me by not winning their last forty games to overtake the Pirates. But even when your favorite team isn't in the playoffs, the postseason games are still fun to check out. As a fan I'll be rooting for the Blue Jays and whoever is playing in Pittsburgh, but as someone who loves the game, I will be content to simply watch and enjoy regardless of the outcome.

Since the American League is fake baseball (what the hell is DH, an abbreviation for diarrhea?), let's take a look at the real league.

In the NL playoffs, the Eastern Champion Pittsburgh Pirates will face the unlikely winners of the West, the Atlanta Braves. The Pirates are the obvious pick, the Braves the sentimental one. They are a well-matched pair.

Atlanta has an all-around talented team. The heart of their rotation is made up of twenty-game winner (and Cy Young Award-winner-to-be) Tom Glavine (20 wins), as well as Steve Avery (18 wins), John Smoltz (14 wins), and Charlie Leibrandt (15 wins). Offensively they have Ron Gant (32 home runs, 105 RBIs, 34 stolen bases), 1991 NL batting champion Todd Stottlemyre (.319, 22 home runs, 86 RBIs), and Lonnie Smith—oh, and let's not forget first baseman Sid Bream, who defected from Pittsburgh a year ago.

Of course, the Pirates will try to neutralize the Braves with last year's Cy Young Award winner, Doug Drabek (15 wins), in addition to Zane Smith (16 wins) and John Smiley (20 wins). At the plate they are equally potent, what with the dynamic duo, Barry Bonds (.292, 25 home runs, 116 RBIs, 43 stolen bases, 13 assists) and Bobby Bonilla (.302, 18 home runs, 100 RBIs, 44 doubles), and Andy Van Slyke.

The match-up looks pretty even on paper, but it's the Pirates edge in that they have more veterans and playoff experience. The Braves are young and cocky, and they've been playing well above their heads all season long. If anyone will bring them back to earth, it's this Pittsburgh team.

Basically, Pittsburgh has been coasting for much of the season. We know they can win, taking nearly a hundred games, but what we don't know is how they respond to pressure. Late October, they collapsed to an inferior Reds team.

Atlanta, meanwhile, has been nipping at the Dodgers' heels for most of the season, their stays in first place brief. But the Braves proved their ability to take the tough games, something the Pirates have not.

I know I'm getting ahead of myself here, but when looking at the World Series champions the last few years, an odd pattern seems to emerge: the underdog, the team that isn't supposed to win at all, somehow does. How about the 1988 Orel Hershiser or the 1990 Red Sox? Was it mere luck that sent that ball through Billy Buckner's legs in 1986, or was it destiny? The Braves were supposed to be a third or fourth place team at best. Obviously no one told this to them. They are supposed to be beaten by the Pirates in the playoffs. That's the way it should be. In a perfect world, that's how it would happen. But if ever there was a team that had magic on its side, it was the 1991 Braves. Combined with their pitching, hitting, and the genius of Manager of the Year-to-be Bobby Cox, that may be all it takes.

**PREDICTIONS**

**ALCS - Twins in 7**

**World Series - Pirates in 6**

**COLUMN**

I'm a miserable Boston Red Sox fan, but it's the Baseball Gods' fault

By Stephanie Grevelis

**CHIEF TYPST**

Okay, I'm going to say it right here. Right at the beginning. I AM A RED SOX FAN. I always have and I will be until the day I die. Go ahead. Laugh. I'm used to it. Everybody thinks it's so funny. So what if they haven't won a World Series since the beginning of the century?

That's not really that important, is it? Well, I have come up with a theory as to why the Sox seem to want to - no, have to - torture their fans.

"It all started with Babe Ruth. When the Sox traded the Babe, they made the mistake to end all mistakes. Obviously, in hindsight, this was the dumbest move they ever could have made. For that fatal mistake the Sox have been paying the price ever since."

As it stands, I'm beginning to think that in my lifetime I will never see the Sox win the Series. It seems like whenever they get close, like make it to the playoffs or even the World Series itself, they get within one play of winning and suddenly the Baseball Gods decide that the time isn't right for the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Oh, the agony of defeat. I still can't stand to hear the name Bill Buckner. The memories are too painful.

After all the near misses and heart breaks, why am I still a fan, you ask? I honestly couldn't tell you. Maybe it's a lingering desperate hopefulness; maybe they can do it this time. Maybe I won't end up swallowing and throwing things at the television screen. Maybe. I think, actually, that it's geographic. I'm from the Boston area. I couldn't stop being a fan if I wanted to.

But, it doesn't matter. I just keep thinking one thought. When the Sox finally do win a World Series (hopefully, I'll still be young enough to enjoy it), the party that follows will be the biggest, loudest drunken bash the world has ever scene. And I'm going to be there.

**ATTENTION SPORTS FANS**

If you have suffered with a pro team in any league, put it in writing. Write a column for the ASP of about 500 words and we'll print the best ones.

**Wayne's wager's**

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Albany football looking to salvage season

Turnovers, errors have hurt, but the morale isn't lost

By Matthew Freeman

If Albany football wanted to pack it in and quit for the year, the 0-4 record would certainly be justification. Facing four strong opponents with three tough road games, the Danes found themselves in over their heads. The team has not given up hope just yet because the Danes are home for four of their final six games, including tomorrow's contest against Western Connecticut, and they didn't lose last week. The schedule provided one week off and it was a perfect opportunity for the team to regroup.

Stoppy is what they have been thus far in the season. In only four games, Albany has coughed up the ball 18 times, losing 10 of those fumbles. Many of these turnovers occurred just when the team was getting in gear and looking to score. When Albany does maintain possession, we too many drives have ended with punts. Sophomore punter Jeremy Klimow has been busy, with 24 punts, including eight inside the opposing 20-yard line. Klimow's 40.2-yard average leads the Division III Upper New York region. As far as the rest of the season goes, Albany must hold on to the football. Albany's winborne style offense looks for the big play, but more often they have the big error. What can be changed in mid-season?

Mentally, the Danes should start over, said senior defensive back Mike Niebuhr. "We are looking at a whole new season," he said. "This team has got to put the 0-4 behind us and start brand new. We can't make changes, we've got to stick with it but turn things up a notch. If we eliminate some mistakes we'll be okay." Niebuhr's 41 tackles are tied for tops on the team with freshman defensive tackle Chris Locci. Locci has stepped in and has provided a spark for the defense, forcing two fumbles with his strong tackling and recovering one as well.

Another team leader is senior defensive end Brain Kinisky, who has 30 tackles along with the team lead in sacks (2). "We've had some bad luck this year, but the future is bright for the rest of the season and next year," Kinisky said. "We've had some guys banged up and playing hurt and it's been hard to keep 22 guys healthy on the field. It's important to keep the younger players involved because there is some up and coming talent along with some returning players who have missed this year."

But what of this year, which still has six games to go? How many wins can be expected? It's tough to expect a 6-4 finish, but who can we expect to lead the Albany offense which has been outgained by 359 yards to 248 on average and outscored 123-317?

Junior Jaan Laap started the season at quarterback, but has started only twice, as has his teammate, sophomore Dom DiMatteo. Albany coach Bob Ford has not established either as a regular and both split practice time, although Laap is expected to start this week's contest. "Jaan and I really get behind each other," said Demanteo about the controversy. "The quarterback conflict has brought us closer, but we push each other competitively in practice which brings out our best. I feel the team has confidence in both of us."

One thing that is certain is who these quarterbacks will hand the ball off to. Albany's top trio thus far has been Ben Alston (205 yds), Ed Lemon (157 yds), and Mike Imperato (150 yds). All three average over 4.4 yards per carry and possess the ability to break a long gain. The team morale seems to be up, which is a credit to the coaches and players as well. What is repeatedly mentioned though is the word execution - of the plays, not the players and simply going out onto the field and getting the job done. It's a pivotal point in the season where a win could build momentum for the rest of the season.