Cagers Win Ninth; Breeze Over Ithaca, 71-58

by Mike Walker

The Albany State women's basketball team improved to 30-3 and captured its third straight Women's Great Lakes Conference (WGLC) tourney title.

The 71-58 win over Ithaca in the final game Sunday gave Albany its 14th consecutive victory. The Great Danes are the only team in America to win 14 in a row.

Albany, which has clinched a spot in the NCAA Tournament, is one win away from being the only team to win 30 games.

Junior center Traci Dooley led the Danes with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Senior forward Sherron Dorey added 20 points and 10 boards. 

The Danes, who are 28-1 in their last 29 games, shot 53.3 percent from the field and outrebounded Ithaca, 37-21.

Grapplers Drop Three Matches

by Mark Reis

The Albany State wrestling team dropped three matches during the weekend.

Against No. 15 Ohio, the Danes were swept in all three matches, losing 6-0.

Against No. 17 Eastern Michigan, the Danes lost two matches, 5-2.

Against No. 19 Central Connecticut State, the Danes lost all three matches, 4-1.

Puffs Squeeze Out Victory

by Rich Hulme

The Albany State junior varsity basketball team's offensive strategy was to play for压迫 every minute of the game. They would squeeze the opposing team until they made a mistake. But they couldn't do it.

The Danes did it, however, and the Danes won, 72-66.

The Danes, who are now 9-3 on the season, played a disciplined game and limited the opposing team to just 46 points.

The Danes led throughout the game, but the opposing team made a comeback in the second half.

Sunya Works To Revive PhDs

by Thomas Martin

The University of Albany is working on its first PhD program in English, and the move is being hailed as a positive step for the university.

According to University President Edward Field, the university is looking to revitalize the PhD program by focusing on research and teaching.

"We are committed to providing our students with the best possible education," Field said. "We believe that the PhD program is essential for our students to achieve their full potential.

The university hopes to attract new students to the PhD program and to retain current students by offering more research opportunities and improving the teaching environment.

Pot Decriminalization May Pass This Year

by Byron Hillberg

Marijuana decriminalization is gaining momentum in the New York State Legislature.

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The state Senate is considering legislation that would decriminalize small amounts of marijuana, and the state Assembly has passed a similar bill.

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NYPIRG/Zahn Debate Bottles

The following are comments from NYPIRG and UAS General Manager E. Norbert Zahn on the effects of a recent Co-op bottle drive and its impact on campus life.

NYPIRG

Before a decision is reached whether to continue a bottle drive, we should carefully consider some of the negative aspects. A bottle drive is a temporary advantage, but it should not be used as a permanent measure to increase revenue, a long-term measure in need of constant improvement and a better borrowing for the future. We believe that this is a short-term business opportunity.

The bottle drive program would be on the opposite, from such a program, a bad precedent. It would immediately affect us in a negative manner, because it would cut down on the amount of time spent in efforts to alleviate the problem. People are less likely to buy a bottle inside when they know there's a cash incentive. In the case of Oregon, big incentive became container law which required 70 percent after creating legislation increased the costs to returnable bottles.

On a broader scale, the production of returnables requires less energy than the drive. Also, each returnable can be reused for two or three times, the overall reduction in energy expenditure would be greater in the future. This win-win energy problem poses a service needed for a real commitment to conserve. Money, of course, is a major consideration. Will returnables cost the consumer, as well? Oregon, after the creation of the returnable law, the price of a case of soda increased 20 cents. Now, there are also cases where double returnables are available, for example, we can get a 2 or 3 cent increase here at SUNY can be absorbed by UAS it and the price on soda increase, it will not be because of returnables but due to inflation. Also on a broader perspective, returnables bottles will improve New York state's employment situation. The NY State Senate Task Force reports of 1973 increases that a net increase of 3000 jobs would result from statewide bottle legislation. Finally, it's a simple case. While the price will be the same for two reasons less cost, the quality will be greatly improved by only remaining in the store. As for logistical problems with returnables on campus, Norbert Zahn, General Manager of UAS, admitted that they were unmanageable. Small capacity soda machines can be replaced with larger ones in order to meet demand. Storage space for bottles is available on campus — it's only a matter of where to store them. Returnables are a big issue in the state. So far, two dozen bottles of returnables have been collected. During the month of the New York State Legislature, a returnable bottle bill was given careful consideration, and it seems to be in great need of support. Concerning returnables at SUNY, we must have positive impact on the environment. Building and restaurants containing returnables statewide. Either way, whether we do it now or wait for the returnable law, we are going to end up switching to returnables. Why not now?

NYPIRG and the UAS Board had an experiment on State Quad with returnables, selling bottles in all of the soda machines here. At the end of the experiment, we pulled the machines. Over 17 percent of the bottles sold. Several UAS students were able to get their returnable and go to class. Without getting into every detail of what must be considered, in such as pullers or returnables, we would like to continue this project on State Quad. Regardless of national and state laws, one immediate commitment on page 35 was made.

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Campus Center Co-Op Reopens

by Frank Starbuck

Some 16 days after the announcement, the Food Co-op has finally re-opened for business.

According to Co-op concentration, Assistant President, it was the Co-op that should not mope until the end of the drive, "We're open," said Perkins, "everyone would know their setup and what they should work." Perkins said, "we're a little behind on the Co-op drive and people coming over to ask when the Co-op will be open. It's the first thing I tell people to mention." Perkins says the Co-op will be open for business from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays. Any time you're at the Co-op, the Food Co-op is at 437-3000.

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At the University, the 44-Towle Road Crosstown bus will stop at the Administration, Civic Center, Colonie and Northway Mall, the bus will leave the Administration Circle at 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Returnings to SUNY will have the Colonial Center every hour on the hour from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., and will stop at Northway Mall on the way. Separate Operation

This is a totally separate operation from the Route shuttle bus sponsored by SUNY/Northway Plaza. Perkins said "Students waiting transportation only to Colonie Center Plaza will be money only by coming to see The光学传输 bus. This is a very important for students wanting to go to other

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**LETTER**

**To the Editor**

I am writing in reference to the letter by Tanya Sackler in the Student Press of this issue. I was outraged to read a letter that I believe to be an irresponsible and hurtful attack on the Armenian people.

First, let me state that the use of "informer" was never meant to suggest a formal sense. Mr. Sumner stated in the letter of Feb. 1st, that... "...a number of students and others who had to be inside and others who had to be outside and some who had to be somewhere in between." It is not uncommon for such events to happen.

I do not agree that the letter is an attack on the Armenian people. It is a legitimate response to a legitimate concern.

**To the Editor**

Rising Textbook Costs

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Bridge: Refusing the Finesse

BY TOM WEBSTER

This week’s hard earned distinction for most North-South pairs was a recent duplicate game. A whopping 212 number of bids had the same slam and only one pair per team proceeded to make it. It is a good slam and the face has its success. His contract was 1 diamond x 1 diamond x 1 diamond x 1 diamond x 1 diamond x 1 diamond. North had outstanding support in diamonds, but support was in spades, and East had support in spades, and West had a bit too weak for a jumpshift. The error was a heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x heart x hear
**The Classical Forum**

**Old Rome in New France**

By ALICE WILDER

A new and potent factor in the political life of the world is the rise of the United Nations. This is not only a new and potent factor, but it is also a force for good. The United Nations has been created to bring about the establishment of peace, friendly relations among nations, and the promotion of social progress and better living standards for all.

The United Nations is composed of representatives from all the countries of the world and is headquartered in New York City. Its primary functions are to maintain international peace and security, to promote cooperation among nations, and to promote international understanding and friendly relations.

The United Nations has been successful in achieving many of its goals. It has helped to prevent wars, to promote economic development, and to improve the lives of people around the world. However, the United Nations is not perfect and there is still much work to be done to achieve its goals.

Despite these challenges, the United Nations remains an important and valuable institution. It is a symbol of hope for a better world, and its work continues to make a difference in the lives of people everywhere.
Green Power

CDTA has service to the SUNYA campus may, in the long run, lead more students out of the cold than were forsaken by the beloved green monster.

The Capital District Transportation Authority, which operates Albany's municipal buses, has proposed to take over SUNYA's intercampus bus service.

According to its plan, CDTA would add to its present service a route along Washington Avenue between the Wellington Hotel and Administration Circle, and provide eligible members of the university community to board the buses for free. Alumnus Quad and off-campus students would use the new route or the existing Western Line to travel to the on-campus campus.

But there would be no way to ensure that students could board crowded buses during morning and late afternoon rush hours; they would have to fight for it out for space with city residents traveling on the same buses.

CDTA offers unlimited use of buses in the city to counter-balance the brutality of peak hour traffic. That means more cross-town flexibility; increased access to more off-campus housing facilities. This, however, would be a big advantage to a small portion of the SUNYA student body.

This small profit seems even more insignificant when stacked against other losses the CDTA switch would yield. There would be less extensive service on the on-campus campus. The Western Line would have to walk from the Western Avenue entrance of the school to the academic podium to get to class. It would — at least initially — cost more than the present bus system.

Since the university forces 20 percent of students in residence to live three or five miles from where classes are held, the university should guarantee satisfactory transportation to those classes.

The simple loop, linking the on-campus campus with Alumnus Quad, Draper House, and the Waterfall, could be limited to SUNYA students and staff, is the better choice. The system is dedicated exclusively to students. It's one thing and a whole lot better to consider the needs of students, especially the handicapped.

Since students make up the vast majority of the on-campus campus bus users, they should get the given primary consideration in plans for change.

The status quo is a better alternative for students than the CDTA plan — and students must be pushed to the back of the bus.
Swimmers Dip Union

by Andrew Finley

The Cherry State men's swimming team started by looking down at the beach next to the Downtown Ballroom. They were there to watch the final meet of the season, the Cherry State Championships. It was the last time the team would have a chance to compete together before the end of the season.

Fisher, who makes a habit of winning, did himself a disservice by scratching in the 100-yard freestyle. He was third after 50 yards, but he won the event.

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AMIA Floor Hockey Continues; Blades Lead WHL Group

by Andrew Finley

Mike Jackson and George Miller were each able to get their names in the Downtown Ballroom by winning the first round. Miller did a job of defensive; Jackson did not.
Danes Trounce Southern Connecticut, 91-68

By Michael Falenda

The Danes were on a roll yesterday as they built up a 25-point lead at halftime on the way to a 91-68 victory over Southern Connecticut State University. Mike Falenda, who had 20 points off the bench, led all scorers. The Danes were able to pull away from the Knights early on and never looked back. The win put the Danes at 13-3 overall and 9-1 in NEC play. "Our defense was great today," said head coach Chris D'Avino. "Our guards were aggressive and our forwards were active. We were able to dictate the tempo and get easy shots inside."

Senate Shoots Down Gun Plan

By Thomas Martin

The Senate on Wednesday voted to override the Governor's veto of a bill that would have tightened gun control laws in the state. The vote was 25 in favor and 14 against. The bill, which was supported by the gun control group guncontrol.org, would have required background checks for all gun purchases and prevented felons and those with a history of mental illness from owning firearms. The governor had said that the bill would be too costly for the state and would deprive law-abiding citizens of their Second Amendment rights. "I don't think we should be second-guessing the people who own guns," the governor said. "They have a right to protect themselves and their families."

Union And State Agree On Fact

By Jordan Hodge

A tentative contract agreement was reached yesterday between the United Steelworkers of America and the three major steel companies in the state. The agreement, which covers the terms of employment for about 12,000 steelworkers, would be the first since the 1980s that included a pension plan for the workers. "This is a significant step forward," saidno named union official. "We have made important gains on issues like health care and retirement benefits."

FAIRLEIGH DICKENS HANDBALL GRAPPLES FOURTEENTH LOSS

By Edi Eversum

The Danes have been struggling at the end of the season. Last Saturday, they faced Fairleigh Dickinson University at the Hawk Gym in Scotch Plains. The Danes defeated the Knights 91-68, but it was a close game throughout. "We had a tough game, but I thought we played well," said head coach John Byrnes. "The Danes were able to make some big shots when we needed them."

Danes Upset Siena In Final

By Mike Pekoske

It was a great game. Only this time, the Danes were the winners. In what was perhaps the biggest game of the season, the Danes defeated the Siena Saints 73-68 to win the MAAC Championship. "It was a great game," said head coach Tom Byrnes. "Our guards were aggressive and our forwards were active. We were able to dictate the tempo and get easy shots inside."

Union University Student Paul Feldstein said the recent request to give funds to University students would alleviate some financial pressures. "Students do understand the situation facing the police officers. We know the strictness of the department," said Feldstein. "Many of our officers are required to pay the same amount of money as the other students."

Feldstein called the proposal an "overreaction." "We don't want to see the whole student body treated like this," he said. "The UCC may not be as familiar with the issue as others to them."

"I'd say the UCC might not get the best appraisals," said Feldstein. "If they don't pass the proposal, it will be taken into account that the council was not appraised."

"I think the UCC members need to make sure that the university is appraised and that it is worth the money they are asking for."