Students may foot bill for state cuts

BY JONATHAN SPENDER

Students would ultimately foot the bill for some of Gov. George E. Pataki's proposed cuts to educational programs.

The 39.5% cut in funding for education in New York State was announced last Wednesday with the announcement of Pataki's budget.

"Our main concern right now is what the numbers mean," said Diego Garcia, legislative director of the student assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY). AU Provost W. Richard Ott said Pataki's proposals "will have an impact on the number of students enrolled, an impact on the tuition rates and, in the worst case, an impact on faculty."

Garcia said, "Anyone on TAP would lose out under Pataki's budget." The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is a grant of state money for needy New York residents.

The maximum amount for a TAP grant will be lowered from its current $4,050 to $3,575 under Pataki's plan. Garcia said the plan would "require that students pay at least 10 percent of their tuition, rather than..."

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African-Americans acknowledge roots with Black History Month

BY LISA MARKLAND

AU and ASC students will sponsor several events during February, nationally recognized as Black History Month.

African-American student groups on both campuses have "events going on every weekend," said Mark Golot, UMOJA vice president.

The theme of this year's Black History Month is "acknowledging our roots," explained Michael Mann, UMOJA president. He added that the widely-distributed poster for Black History Month shows the African continent, half black and half white, because "we all originated from there."

Mann said, "No matter who you are, it's a celebration of being proud of who you come from."

Yesterday, Dr. Clyde W. Ford, a well-reviewed author, gave a lecture on his book We Can All Get Along: 50 Steps You Can Take to Help End Racism.

In another book, Ford urged people to "make yourself conscious of any action or attitude that subordinates a person based on skin color or race." He suggested that all people use free of references to race language.

Ford also wrote about the utility of multi-cultural crafts fairs. "Inviting members of different ethnic groups on even a form unique to their ethnic heritage."

In addition to Ford's speech, comedians, jazz musicians and a spades tournament have already been held. Thigill's performance filled the Knight Club with over 150 students.

Upcoming events in Black History Month include:

• Feb. 11, 9 p.m.: Comedian Brad Lowery, Knight Club
• Feb. 11, 10 p.m.: Soul Train Party, Knight Club
• Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.: Dancing Game, Nevin's Theater
• Feb. 13, 6 p.m.: Apollo Night (open mike night), Nevin's Theater
• Feb. 17, 7 p.m.: Gospel Choir

Jazz Ensemble, Knight Club
• Feb. 18, 8 p.m.: Comedian John Joseph, Knight Club
• Feb. 20, 7 p.m.: Lecture by Dr. Ruth Harris, SUNY Professor of African-American Studies and Sociology, Nevin's Theater
• Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.: Black Ball, Knight Club
• Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: Jazz Musician Jane Powell, Knight Club

Montessori School looks to move and expand

BY JENIEN LEBOCKY

The Alfred Montessori School is now seeking a grant from the Urban Development Corporation of New York State (UDC) so it can better serve area parents and children.

The school, currently located in OpenHym Hall, "is interested in renovating Crandall Barn into an expanded preschool and day care facility," said Angela Rostering, president.

Rostering explained that the barn on Main St. "has great potential and will make an ideal space for the school, offering safer parking and an off-street, central village location next to the village play-ground."

A relocation to the Barn will also allow the school to expand. "We have had to turn away at least 15 families," said Rostering, "but we are currently lacking space as the reason."

Currently, 17 children attend the school. "We think if the school relocated it would accommodate twice as many students."

However, the major obstacle to a relocation is funding. The New York State Preservation League has given the school a $3,500 grant to study the feasibility of renovating the Barn. Rostering said that renovation would be "expensive, probably around $400,000."

A school is hoping to receive an additional 65% of the costs in grants...
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Susan Caligaris, wearing black stirrup pants, a cancer awareness vest, and a guitar, drove her twin sister, who was calling it "the marriage of my life," to college in Colorado Springs.

Eva's passion was her dance, and a discovered part of her person was her dance. Each summer, she danced professionally for the next ten years, primarily in San Francisco. Caligaris then attended the University of Michigan, and obtained her Master of Fine Arts degree. She arrived in Alfred in the fall of 1992 to begin teaching dance.

In early March, Caligaris will present her solo dance concert, "Voices Through Time," at the Merce Cunningham Dance Studio in New York City. The concert, the culmination of 11 years of work, is primarily a solo concert, choreographed and danced by Caligaris. While coming to Alfred allowed her the isolation needed as an artist, Caligaris said, "It's time to present my work to the official dance world. I've developed more of myself. I've expanded to include lighter comedy pieces in my work. I have something to say with it.

The concert, which features four pieces, is being billed as a solo concert, but Caligaris will not be entirely alone on the stage. Her sister, cellist Karen Lee, will be visiting from Brooklyn. The "Teen Challenge" team will be visiting the United States with several grants. They are scheduled to meet with "SonLife" Sat. Feb. 11 at 11a.m. in Howell Hall. All those interested in sharing the Sunday morning discussion time, may contact Mike Ingram or Joseph Avaresimo, the executive director, at 587-9513. •

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### Dance professor prepares for NYC show

Susan Caligaris will perform "Voices Through Time" in Harder Hall on Feb. 13

*By Sarah Goodreau*

"The concert reflects my exploration of who I am as a woman, dancer and human being. Each dance stands as a moment in my life, a discovered part of the person I am, and something I wanted to say at that time."

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When she was nineteen she applied to Alfred. When she was twenty, she joined the Army. When she was twenty-one, she embarked on the world. She's been a self-taught guitarist and a mother of two children.

When she was seventeen, she had her first dance experience in a summer workshop in South Hall on Feb. 13. She's relaxed, and her laughter fills the room. It is easy to forget that she is a professor, an accomplished dancer and choreographer, and a mother of two children.

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The "Teen Challenge" team from Brooklyn will be visiting the AU campus the weekend of Feb. 11 and 12.

Teen Challenge has been found to have an 86 percent success rate in working with alcohol and drug addiction according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse. The program has been authorized by the U.S. Department of H.E.W. They have established over 150 centers throughout the United States with several in other countries as well.

Their success rate in working with the drug rehabilitation has been attributed to the "Jesus Factor." Because of this unique approach to the problem, Teen Challenge receives no government funding but is supported through private donations only.

They are scheduled to meet with "SenLife" Sat. Feb. 11 at 7:30pm in Powell Campus Center, Kenyon-Allen room

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### Professors will demonstrate musical hobbies in recital

AU music faculty members will perform in a recital on Sat. Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. in Harder Hall. Jule Evans, Lauree Clark, Marc Sackman, Laurel Backwater and Peter O'Connor will perform solo and collaborative pieces. Ben Howard, professor of English, will be joined by guest guitarist Jeff Cole for a classical guitar duo.

The AU Chamber Orchestra will perform with faculty members for Bach's Cantata No. 209. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Joseph Avaresimo, the executive director, will be sharing the Sunday morning Student Chapel message at 11a.m. in Howell Hall. All those interested in attending one or both of these presentations are welcome. For further information you may contact Mike Ingram or Steve Bera at 871-2475 or 587-9513.
Senate moves with finesse toward finished constitution

Sometimes things happen the way they're supposed to. Student Senate held a meeting last Wednesday to discuss revisions to its constitution. The executive board hoped to get a list of senators' concerns that could be addressed by the constitution committee.

They got their list. Senators told the board what they thought was wrong with the constitution. There were few arguments and no hard feelings. Senators had the opportunity to express their concerns; they did.

By the end of the meeting, there was a new feeling in the room, a feeling of accomplishment. Senators had given themselves a job to do, and they did it.

Often we at the Fiat Lux, find ourselves at odds with the student senate. We want to be able to do our jobs as journalists and report on the news. Sometimes that reporting is not in the senate's best interest.

We were unhappy when a majority of senators said they wanted a clause in the constitution that gave senate the option of closing senate meetings. We were not pleased when almost all the senators said they supported a clause that mandated elections committee regulation of election coverage in the newspaper.

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We were pleased that the senate decided to open its constitution committee meetings to the public—and the press.

Now students must carry out the next step in the process of rewriting Senate's constitution. The constitution is the heart of student government at AU, the same student government that voices students' concerns to the administration.

What can you do?

Ask your residence hall or student organization's senate representative for a copy of the proposed constitution.

Go to the next constitution committee meeting this Sunday at noon.

Contact Matt Biagi, the chair of the committee. His e-mail address is BIAGIMJ. His phone number is 857-9950.

Write a letter to the editor. Make your voice heard.
The two students were from Honeoye Falls, N.Y. In Village Court, Briggs was fined $75 and Wideman paid a $50 fine; both charges were reduced to disturbing the peace.

Three weeks ago, two ASC students assaulted a public safety officer at the Alfred State campus. William Rezak, ASC presi-
dent, said the students are on temporary suspension while their case is being adjudg-
cated.

These incidents came after a memo was released in December by the presidents of both AU and ASC. Presidents Coll and Rezak responded to rumors following an Oct. 1 memo from ASC.

"Alfred is not immune from the problems of modern life," read the memo. "Several incidents involving college police have occurred in the Village during the past few months."

The presidents' memo stated they felt the problems last year were being caused by small group of students.

ASC's Hed said he spoke with the alleged 'ring leaders' of last year's incidents. ASC did not take disciplinary action, he said, because criminal charges had not been filed. Hence said the students will be asked to form community service.

Last year, village residents expressed con-
cern about rumors that ASC was accepting students with criminal records. The concerns were raised at a village board meeting last year, and are trying to get an education, so each must be decided case by case," Police Chief R.J. Belmet said that the police receive pho-
tos, prints and information about anyone on parole.

Town/gown relations

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Montessori school expansion

From the UCD, the New York State Parks and Recreation and Historical Restoration grant program may also provide funds.

Rossington explained that in order to apply for the UCD grant, money the school must have letters of support from legislators and community members.

“We have letters from the mayor, from the planning board and our state and local legislators,” Rossington said. “It’s just been wonderful.”

In an email message sent to faculty and staff, Rossington wrote, “We would be grateful for any letters that could be written in support of our efforts.

The Alfred Montessori school was founded in 1983.

According to an informational brochure put out by the Alfred Montessori School, its mission is “to provide a living–learning–playing environment in which children between the ages of three and six can develop their individual capabilities in all areas of intellectual growth, and can enjoy, embrace and have a healthy curiosity about life and the world around them.”

Montessori education, as the brochure explains, involves “a prepared environment of child-sized furniture and materials, attracting their attention. The materials are designed to enhance muscular coordination, concentration and self-help, while refining the five senses. The children learn by doing, with parents acting as guide and stimulus to their endless curiosity.”

“The education is excellent,” said Angela Rossington, president of the school board, adding that the children come out of the Montessori school “independent and well-socialized.”

Becky Prophet, one of several AU professors whose children attend the school, said that her daughter “is learning a lot of skills in a warm and loving environment. It’s been wonderful.”

Rossington said the school is “very much needed for faculty and staff. It’s an attraction for new faculty coming to town.”

Deignan is forming a group of students to lobby for AU in Albany.

“We’ll be going up there on Feb. 14 for student lobbying day,” Deignan said. “Hopefully we’ll be lobbying for TAF through the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities.”

Garcia said, “All our campuses will be doing massive in-district lobbying.” Pierce said students should consider writing or e-mailing their state legislators. “This is a good opportunity for students to participate in the process, but there’s not a lot of time,” he said.

Pataki’s budget cuts

The current 75 minimum.

About 850 students at AU receive TAF money, said Carl Pierce, director of financial aid.

“I don’t know what we’re going to be able to do, to be honest,” Pierce said. “We’ve only begun to digest the budget.”

Increases in tuition will also place an additional burden on students in the private sector.

“It’s not as simple as a tuition increase,” Garcia said. “Given the increase, we also have to meet costs, Garcia said.

“Proctor W. Richard Ott said, “The document speaks for itself.” Marion Blankop, the University’s lawyer who made the allegation, could not be reached for comment.

Evans’ lawsuit against the University went through its first state-imposed hurdle, the filing of a request for judicial intervention, on Jan. 23.

Two weeks ago, attorneys for both sides presented their progress to Allegany County Supreme Court Judge George F. Francis in a preliminary conference, a technical hearing.

Four new items were filed in court on Feb. 1 as part of the discovery process. Both sides attempt to discover evidence that will support their cases.

The two sides are currently arguing about the sequence to be followed in gathering evidence. Wagner said, “We’re engaged in minor skirmishes now.”

Evans’ attorney requested that the University release a number of documents and other materials relating to Evans’ retaliation. Included in the request were materials relating to any complaints brought against Evans by AU students.

Court documents state that only after these materials are released will Webb Evans and Julie Evans agree to give depositions, sworn statements of testimony.

The University’s attorney claimed that Wagner’s request would “taint” the Evans’/testimony.

Other filings state that the University would only release the materials if the Evanses sign an agreement of confidentiality—apparently to protect the names of the students who brought charges of retaliation against Thomas Evans.

A letter signed by Wagner stated, “I have no problem with the stipulation of confidentiality.”

Beyond the unsettled discovery process, Wagner said, “The real fireworks will come later—after trial.”

The preliminary conference was scheduled after Wagner filed a request for judicial intervention. New York State requires the attorney for one side to file a request for judicial intervention for a case to be placed on a judge’s docket.
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