



ASC refutes Matos' alleged contract

Former director of ALANA backs ASC in memo to AU administrators

BY JONATHAN BAUM

Alice Mathis, Alfred State College associate dean for student development and activities, denied allegations that ASC broke a contract last academic year with Alfred University's Multi-Cultural week committee chairperson.

At the April 20 student senate meeting, former AU senate vice president Tanya Matos stated that she was forced to overspend her allocated budget because ASC backed out of a verbal contract to split the Multi-Cultural Week's speaker fee for Maura Cullen.

Mathis said that this was not

the case, and that no discussion ever took place between Matos and ASC about co-sponsoring Cullen at AU.

Mathis said in order to organize a joint effort such as a co-sponsorship of a speaker, Matos "Would've had to talk to someone in my department—and that never happened."

According to Mathis, Cullen spoke on the ASC campus on March 14 as part of the school's Women's History Month program. Mathis said ASC began planning to have Cullen speak in October, and paid for the event solely through state funding—without assistance from AU. "It wouldn't make sense that we'd co-sponsor a speaker that we've already had," said Mathis.

Marita Ferguson, member of the Multi-Cultural week calendar development committee, also said ASC was not involved

in the effort to bring Cullen to AU.

"Never did we discuss Alfred University and Alfred State College having a joint effort for Maura Cullen during Multi-Cultural Week," said Ferguson, adding that the only coordination between the schools was to bring in another speaker, Marlon Smith.

Matos was not able to be reached for comment.

When AU student senate became aware of the

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL ZARKIN

Local members of Habitat for Humanity built a playhouse on Saturday, Aug. 27. The playhouse is being built for children at an area United Methodist Church. Many new and returning students stopped by the worksite, between Seidlin and Kanakadea Halls, to offer their assistance and offer to join Habitat. AU's chapter of Habitat used the nearly-completed playhouse to recruit new students during the Activities Fair/Block Party.

Conflicting accounts cloud Horowitz's quiet departure

BY DARCIA HARRIS

"There is general student distrust of the University administration and its ability to deal with problems at Alfred. There are wrongs here that almost everyone is aware of, yet there is an attitude of 'why upset the applecart—don't discuss these wrongs publicly.' There is also a prevalent paternalism here which fosters the idea that if you are good, we will take care of you, but if you are bad, then you're out."

Gary Horowitz
Alfred News-Spring 1970

Horowitz, former senior development officer of AU relations, has perhaps proved the wisdom of his own words spoken over two decades ago; it appears that he may have been bad, so he's on his way out.

Word of Horowitz's impending departure began circulating last April. Some faculty members expressed astonishment that his 28-year employment at AU was coming to such an abrupt end.

Edward G. Coll, Jr., AU president, denied rumors that Horowitz was fired for criticizing the way William Stepp, vice president for AU relations, managed the relations office.

"I believe [Horowitz] felt it was time for him to make a change," Coll said. "I was sorry to see him go, but he decided he wanted to assume an officer's position at another institution."

Coll said he was aware that many people were saying that Horowitz had been fired and mentioned that this "rumor" was circulating

throughout the alumni association as well. "I'm not very happy about that at all," Coll added.

Coll also said that any differences of opinion between Stepp and Horowitz "were never anything serious. Each time an incident was raised, I really looked into it."

Coll concluded by saying that he'd tried on several occasions to convince Horowitz to stay. "If it hadn't been his own decision to leave, he'd still be working here," Coll said.

Stepp also denied that Horowitz had been fired. "To the best of my knowledge, Gary has left for reasons of professional advancement."

Further, Stepp wondered why Horowitz's departure deserved to be profiled when "there have been other people who have left this office in the past few years as well."

Horowitz's account of his own departure directly contradicts that of Stepp and Coll.

"It wasn't my choice to leave, but it might be the best thing for me. I might live longer."

Horowitz went on to say that "the way our office had been functioning has not been good. The people working there have been treated horribly."

Horowitz said that many of his friends and colleagues were more upset about his departure than he was. "I'm actually relieved. When I had lunch with the other vice presidents at Frostburg State College, I found myself amazed at how friendly everyone was. I guess you can get kicked so much that you begin to think it's the norm." □

Greeks seek turnout for community service

BY JENNIFER WARD

Becoming an AU Greek means more than partying, according to Paul Kingsbury, assistant dean of students.

Kingsbury said community service is a component of the Greek system that Alfred isn't aware of yet.

"We need to get the info out. The community goes by what they have seen or heard," said Kingsbury.

and community service, yet faculty attendance was light at this event. Howard said, "It's a double standard. Attendance was mostly Greeks."

This discouraged Klan brothers, Howard said. "In the future they will stick to things where they only need to rely on the brothers to show up."

Award Winners

This past year both Sigma Alpha Mu and Alpha Kappa Omicron received the awards for excellence in philanthropic programming and outstanding individual philanthropic event. In addition, Sigma Alpha Mu was awarded the Sigma Alpha Mu national award from their national.

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER WARD

President Edward G. Coll, Jr. welcomes the freshman class of 1994. Coll asked the students to look around at their fellow classmates and keep in mind that one of them might become their future spouse.

Horowitz reflects on 28 year history in Alfred

BY DARCIA HARRIS

Early on in Gary Horowitz's 28 year term at AU, which would include service as mayor of Alfred, long-term commitment to the Greeks as advisor to Lambda Chi Alpha and Klan Alpine, a professorship in history and, finally, a post in the office of relations, then AU Public Relations Director Alan Littell described Horowitz as a "round-faced, red-bearded jovial campus gadfly."

The beard is gone and so is much of the hair, but Horowitz was very much that same man as he relaxed in his quiet West University St. home on Aug. 24, 1994.

Although only a few days remained before he would depart from Alfred to accept a new job at Frostburg State College, nothing appeared to be packed. Alfred pottery of various sizes and colors lined every available surface. A miniature replica of Alumni Hall sat on one shelf directly behind Horowitz, and a duck carved from one of that same building's original beams rested on the floor beneath a small table.

Even at first glance, it was clear how much Alfred University had touched Horowitz's life.

And, in almost every way possible, Horowitz gave back to AU, according to his friends and colleagues.

Gary Ostrower, professor of history, said, "In the 25 years I've been at this University, I don't think anyone has given as much to Alfred or exhibited the same loyalty to Alfred as Gary Horowitz."

And, as Melvin Bernstein, professor of English emeritus, said, "Gary is that kind of fellow who has the sensitivity and the sensibility not to say what he doesn't mean."

Of course, this also applies to anything Horowitz says about himself and his relationship to AU.

Concern for the college

The entire University community has an inferiority complex; many have the attitude that Alfred will be a second-rate institution forever. We copy changes made at other schools instead of building on our own attributes. We should say to ourselves, "we are a good liberal arts college, and we will work to make Alfred a better liberal arts college." Presently, we are just diluting what we have to

follow examples set by other institutions.

Gary Horowitz
Alfred News
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"I sometimes have the feeling that Alfred has adopted the view of small-town, small-time"
-Gary Horowitz

Twenty-four years later, Horowitz could list several positive changes at AU, but he still expressed a great deal of concern about the institution as well.

"I sometimes have the feeling that Alfred has adopted the view of small-town, small-time," said Horowitz.

As an example, he recalled President Coll's opening convocation speech. "Every year Coll tells freshmen, 'You have to fight to flunk out of here.' If you adopt that as the way you describe yourself, that's the kind of person you attract."

Horowitz said that "Alfred sees itself as a school here to support and nurture."

"Sometimes I think we need to be tougher. We tend to nurture kids right on down to graduation and they're just not tough enough to face the world sometimes."

However, Horowitz said that he thinks "there has been a greater push for excellence. We have the honors program, the language house, increased SAT scores and more National Merit Scholars."

He added that Coll has been "a very positive influence on AU. If things were to go bad, he'd take the blame for it. He deserves tremendous credit."

Advising Greeks

"Alcohol has always been a part of tapping night at AU," Horowitz said.

He pointed out future lawyers, politicians, teachers and trustees holding beers, throwing beers and drinking beers in yearbook pictures. "These guys are not jerky kids."

"At Klan they take 30, 35 guys, put together a structure, manage a budget of about \$100,000 a year, discipline themselves, feed themselves and maintain a structure," Horowitz said. "A lot of adults couldn't do that."

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One of the aspects of fraternity life that Horowitz said disturbed him was that faculty members were not willing to become involved.

Horowitz added that the reason for the lack of support was probably due to the fact that although advisors of student organizations are covered by AU insurance, those who advise fraternities and sororities are not.

"I believe that they're good organizations and they deserve support," Horowitz said. "They're our kids."

Horowitz said that the quality he believed was so extraordinary about the Greeks he worked with was that "they truly care about each other. When one of them is in trouble, they're all there for that kid."

Mayor Horowitz

Fiat Lux: What will you do when your term as mayor is over?

Horowitz: Sit back and try to relax and just be able to say, "Now when I was mayor, this is how we did it..." The last time I ran, a year ago, I said I just wanted one more term to really finish things off and institute some new things.

Fiat Lux: Has it been trying?

Horowitz: At times, oh God, at times. A couple of times I just went home and started to drink. It was the only way out. But basically it has been fun.

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Horowitz said that in his terms as mayor, from 1973 to 1978, he felt that his greatest accomplishment was passing a gay rights law in 1974.

He recalled that there were threats of physical violence against students supporting gay rights who gathered for

felt that it was an important step for the village.

"It said to people that the village would not tolerate this kind of violent behavior," Horowitz said. "And the threats stopped."

Outspoken to the end

When discussing President Miles, Horowitz is caustic. He accuses the president of lacking respect for the faculty, and charges him with "forcing the [recently inaugurated] Division of Business Administration down the faculty's throat without giving them voice as to whether or not they wanted it. In a

University," adds Horowitz "a faculty should have a primary voice on curriculum." Alfred News -1970

Horowitz is no better at holding his tongue when it comes to criticizing AU administrators than he was in 1970 when he was a tenured professor.

About President Coll's King Alfred logo battle, Horowitz said, "Ed's problem is that he thinks he can get anything that he wants through because he's so good."

In a village board meeting last year, President Coll pushed for a Main St. location for the proposed ceramics museum.

Horowitz, then the senior development officer for relations, stood up

and delivered a stinging objection to the plan.

A faculty member present at the meeting remembered thinking, "This is how you get yourself fired." □

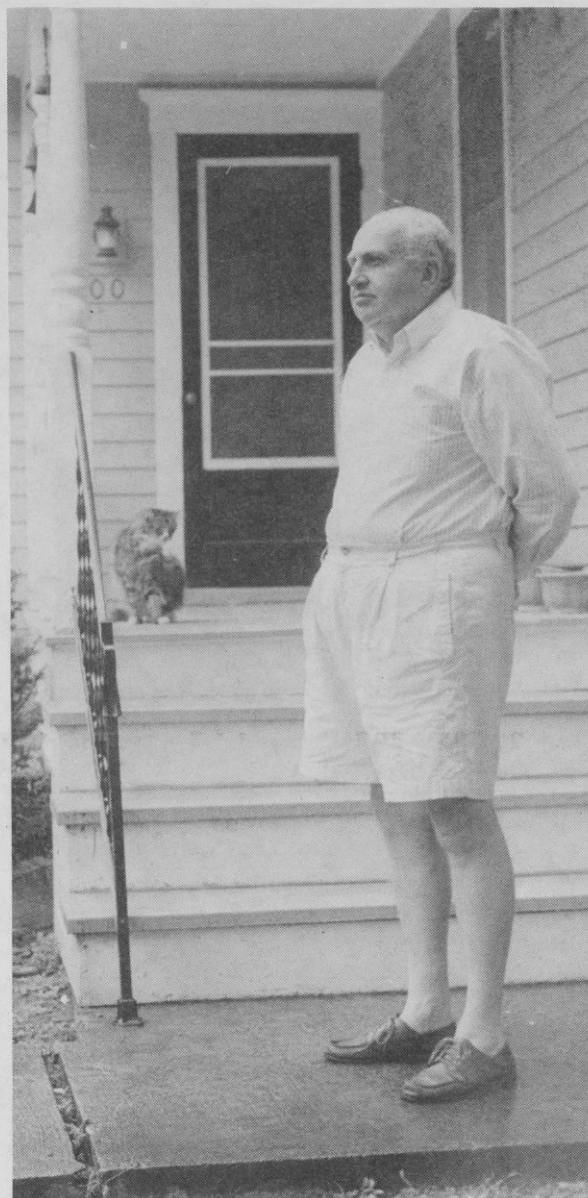


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Review

KISS MY ASS

My wife has always likened my being a KISS fan to belonging to some sort of secret society.

And, indeed, such a comparison seemed to be confirmed when I popped the black plastic inner packaging out of the jewel box containing the new Kiss My Ass: Classic KISS Regrooved CD and discovered a hidden note from KISS leaders Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley.

The message, addressed to former band members Peter Criss and Ace Frehley, read, "This album couldn't have happened without what the four of us started 20 years ago. We miss you."

While I was rather intrigued to stumble over the concealed note, I was not surprised at its contents; for much of what KISS has done in recent years has represented some sort of attempt to regain the style and spirit that brought them such immense popularity during the 1970s.

Oddly enough, by allowing other performers to interpret 11 of their more familiar tunes, this latest album finally succeeds at that elusive goal.

What made KISS so interesting in the 1970s was the unique, and somewhat contradictory, blend of power and silliness that came through in their recordings and, for their day, outrageous stage shows.

True, the guitar-riffing and macho lyrics of the band's songs placed them firmly within a hard rock tradition pioneered by British groups such as Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin; yet what set KISS apart was the rather goofy style in which the band presented itself to the world.

By wearing facial make-up and elaborately designed costumes, the four members of the group became living cartoon characters who seemed uninterested in being taken seriously as musical "artists." I mean, how analytical could

one get about a guy painted up like a bat-lizard who spat blood and breathed fire? The bottom line was that KISS was fun.

When the original band broke

commentary "Plaster Caster."

Particularly enjoyable is the Gin Blossoms' rendition of "Christine Sixteen," wherein the lead singer finally admits that "I don't usually say things

Once the final notes of Yoshiki's version of "Black Diamond" fade and (Kiss My Ass) comes to a close, the question that immediately comes to mind is: where does

KISS go from here? The hidden message in the jewel box alludes to the possibility of a reunion. Perhaps the original members of the group will put aside their differences and don their trademark greasepaint once again?

At the very least we might expect to see another volume of KISS covers, as the liner notes and the publicity surrounding the present album indicate that many other well-known acts (Public Enemy and Nine Inch Nails) have recorded material from the extensive KISS oeuvre.

In any event, now that the band is back on the right track, they should be able to maintain a higher profile; and to this reviewer that's a positive development, because after all, this "secret society" thing was beginning to get a little old.

Reviewed by Joe Gow, assistant professor of mass media and director of the communication studies program.



Strike magazine

"...how analytical could one get about a guy painted up like a bat-lizard who spat blood and fire? The bottom line was that KISS was fun."

up and the make-up came off, the fun seemed to vanish and KISS quickly became just another of the numerous heavy metal bands who slogged it out nightly in the hockey rinks of 1980s America.

Given the lengthy creative dry spell the band has been in,

the (Kiss My Ass) collection marks a welcome and long overdue return to the aesthetic approach that made them such a pop culture phenomenon in the first place. Rather than attempt to make the journey on their own, the band has wisely turned things over to con-

temporary performers as diverse as country music singer Garth Brooks, thrash metal kings Anthrax and stage-diving aficionados The Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

Clearly, these musicians recall the spirit that surrounded KISS's hugely popular work in the 1970s and bring a playful sensibility to their recordings of songs including "Rock and Roll All Nite," "Deuce," and the ground-breaking social

like this to girls your age—well, sometimes."

Even Extreme's somewhat overly showy version of "Strutter" (the album's only real weak spot) is ultimately redeemed by its reference to the memorable ending to "Love Gun" from KISS (Alive II) LP.

And the inclusion of a Gene Simmons telephone answering machine message at the beginning of the Bosstones' exhilarating recording of perennial KISS favorite "Detroit Rock City" provides a hysterical glimpse into the politics behind these types of "tribute" albums.

Thankfully, Simmons and Stanley have abandoned the heavy metal seriousness that permeated their last few albums to provide us with a work that rekindles the fun of their glory years.



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Fiat Lux to increase crime coverage

Last year, the *Fiat Lux* began running a police blotter as a regular feature on its news pages.

We saw a need to report on crime in Alfred in November, 1992, when WIC (Women's Issues Coalition) marched to President Coll's home to raise public awareness of sexual assault. Students held aloft signs that read, "This University Lies, It Closes Its Eyes" and "Rape Happens Here, Support Doesn't."

We ran a story at that time about an alleged assault against a female African-American ASC student. On a miserably cold evening shortly thereafter, students from both AU and ASC marched around the village and ASC campus to protest ASC's silence concerning the incident.

And before we put out that paper, concerned students also asked us to look into rumors that a female student had been raped on the footbridge behind the bank.

Students at both colleges knew that crime was happening in Alfred. However, they

didn't know anything was being done about it. They wanted answers; they wanted someone to tell them what was going on.

We reported these incidents. We asked administrators at both colleges what they were doing to address the problem of crime, and we published their answers.

Then, to widen our scope, we began working with the village police to provide information about alleged crimes.

We also sought information about sexual harassment and sexual assault. Joyce Rausch, affirmative action officer, provided us with statistics last May.

And we will continue to report on crime.

In the **Police Blotter** we will publish:

- All charges of interpersonal crimes including assault, rape and homicide.
- All charges involving damage or risk of damage to property.
- All alleged crimes committed by repeat offenders.
- Digests of minor offenses

such as violating the village noise ordinance and the open container law.

In the **Court Report** we will attempt to report final disposition of all charges reported in the police blotter.

In addition, we plan to cover crime on the AU campus as it is reported to campus security. New state laws are affecting disclosure of crime on campus. We will be researching this issues and reporting our findings to you.

AU also has a new judicial plan. If you pick up a copy, you might notice that it doesn't include a provision for reporting the disposition of cases. You might ask Gerald Brody, dean of students, how we will know that this new system is an improvement over the last if there isn't any information available.

We plan to write about the issues concerned with campus and college town crime. Finding out more about the nature and number of incidents may be a step toward preventing them. □

Republican party hurts itself over gay issues

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Once upon a time, I was happy to be a Republican.

Happy to be a member of the party that elected Abraham Lincoln, abolished slavery and enacted the first civil rights legislation.

Happy to be a member of the party that tried to prevent government from affecting people's private affairs.

But my party seems to have changed. The right wing of the Republican Party is now trying to barge into people's bedrooms.

I always thought that most private of all is the love that can exist between two people, and the many forms in which that love may be expressed.

I cannot approve of any attempt to involve government in what happens in a bedroom, even when that attempt is made by my party.

Republicans in the Senate succeeded in passing an amendment to the education appropriations bill. The amendment denies federal funding to any school district that has programs with "the purpose of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle choice."

Republicans in Congress have also succeeded in cutting

funds to the National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA's sin was funding the graphic work of gay artists.

Now, Republicans in Congress are attacking the Public Broadcasting Corporation (PBS) for not being sufficiently critical of homosexuality.

On school boards across the nation, Republicans have condemned the texts *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate*, both of which teach that children with gay parents have nothing to be ashamed of.

Furthermore, Republicans are mobilizing to prevent the passage of gay rights acts in localities nationwide.

Finally, Republican-appointed judges have upheld anti-sodomy laws in Georgia.

Does there seem to be a trend here? My party is carefully dismantling the platform of minimal government that has won elections.

My party is trying to expand government's influence by supporting the agenda of right-wing hatemongers.

My party is selling itself out to a fringe element. My party is putting itself at risk of forever being a minority party.

Maybe I'll just have to resign from the party. □



Caribbean policy reeks of imperialism

BY JONATHAN SPRINGER

During World War II, German U-boat commanders referred to the Caribbean as "America's private ocean." Recent actions by the Clinton Administration prove that we still think of the Caribbean as a place to throw our weight around.

The United States is walking a policy tightrope in the Caribbean. Formerly welcome huddled masses from Cuba are being turned away from our shores or shuffled into a "tent city" (politically correct for concentration camp) at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

Hatians have been told not to try to come to the United

States. "We'll make things better," we've promised. Making things better consists of writing nasty letters and using sanctions to make a poor nation even poorer.

Oh, and now we're thinking about sending in the Marines.

The United States is an ideological playground bully. "You won't be a democracy? Gimme your lunch money. Still won't play huh? Okay, I'll beat you up! Send in the Marines!"

Monroe Doctrine or not, we should not be interfering in the Caribbean. Our record there reeks of imperialism, a bad smell as we near the twenty-first century. □

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♥ A heart to the Class of 1998. Good luck!

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♥ A dart to the people responsible for leaving the sidewalk construction to the very end of the summer. Ouch! Just tripped on another loose paving block...

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Admissions exceeds goals ...Greek community service

BY SARAH GOODREAU

AU started an upward move in enrollment after several years of smaller entering classes.

As of Aug. 19, the freshman class numbered 485, said Laurie Richer, director of admissions.

Private sector enrollment stands at 342 new students; the public New York State College of Ceramics has 143 new students.

AU is finally recovering from the effects of the small class that entered in the fall 1990 semester. Only 200 new students enrolled in the private sector, decreasing financial revenue, said Susan Strong, associate provost.

"Our goal each year has been to increase the size of the freshman class. We've been trying to meet and exceed the goal and it finally happened," Strong said.

"We're happy that we're above target, and we plan to add a few more students next year."

Strong said that AU plans to increase freshman enrollment by five students next year.

Residence halls can house 50 more students, and the faculty's present staff can absorb 100 more students, she pointed out.

The enrollment in ceramic engineering is lower this year than it has been in the past, which "isn't good," Richer said. However, it represents a nationwide trend of lower engineering enrollments.

The College of Business is prospering with 61 incoming freshmen, which is nearly doubled from last year.

Twenty-five National Merit Scholars have been enrolled, reflecting a cut in the scholarship program.

Kappa Sigma also received a community service award from their national.

Aaron Kessler, president of Sigma Alpha Mu, was also honored with the Joshua Liebman National Endeavor award, for showing sincere dedication to religious and college community. Another individual Greek was awarded for community service but Kingsbury would not disclose his name.

Sigma Alpha Mu's most successful event was the Dance-a-Thon for the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. This was a first time event and it involved the help of three sororities. Nearly \$1000 were raised.

The Alpha Kappa Omicron sisters rang bells for the Salvation Army; others helped make pizzas at the Montessori school.

Other Fraternities

Kappa Psi Upsilon brothers helped build the Mike Kenyon playground over the summer and are hoping to get a maintenance schedule set up.

Kappa Sigma participates in Adopt-a-Highway program. They held car drives for local churches, a psychiatric institution, and an old age home in Hornell. Kappa Sigma won an award for raising the most money in the AU Telethon. This year they hope to hold a Swim-a-Thon for the National Cancer Society.

Alpha Chi Rho helped the Red Cross with their blood drive last November. They hope to hold a golf tournament to raise money for a charity.

Zeta Beta Tau participates in Adopt-a-Highway and held canned food drives. Delta Sigma

Phi headed coupon books for Mike Kenyon Playground, and also participates in Adopt-a-Grandparent and Little Brother Programs.

Other Sororities

Sigma Chi Nu participated in the Adopt-a-Grandparent program. For fifteen years they have been visiting with a 101-year-old man, Arthur Greene.

Theta Theta Chi helped to make pizzas at the Montessori school. Delta Zeta sold coupon books for the Mike Kenyon playground. Sisters participated in Adopt-a-Youth and worked for Habitat for Humanity.

Kingsbury believes it is important to focus the service locally. Greek life can be given a more positive image, he added.

...ASC/Matos contract debate

overspending, they distributed a memo stating that Matos was not negligent, and that the situation was caused by a misunderstanding on her behalf. They said that Matos should have informed the senate if any changes in the budget were made after its approval by the finance committee.

Tim Stahl, student senate finance chair and member of the committee which investigated the overdraft, said he was not sure if ASC had ever been con-

tacted to confirm Matos' story.

"If ASC wasn't contacted, we were taking Tanya at her word," said Stahl.

Stahl said the standard procedure for dealing with an overdraft was an audit, but he said this was impossible to accomplish during the event because the entire budget was spent in one week, rather than over the course of an entire year.

Stahl added that the investigation concluded that the

speaker's fee for Cullen was the only cause for the overdraft.

Jennifer Reisinger, student senate treasurer and member of the investigation said ASC was never contacted about Matos' story.

"It wasn't necessary because we had the money to cover it," said Reisinger.

Most of the \$890.95 overdraft was covered by a \$750 donation from Amnesty International. □



World Notes

BY MICHAEL ZARKIN

Africa: Thousands of Rwandans fled civil unrest after French troops left. Zaire closed its border with Rwanda. • A massive strike took place in Nigeria where protestors demanded that the military government relinquish power to civilians. • The Ivory Coast agreed to ban the sale of ivory.

Asia and Pacific Rim: Uncertainty reigns in China as officially retired leader Deng Xioping turns 90 without any clear successor. • North Korea refused to open its nuclear program to inspectors. • Pakistan reportedly has the components needed to assemble a nuclear bomb. • The United States plans to open a diplomatic office in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Cuban Refugee Crisis: Cuban refugees will no longer be immediately granted political asylum. Economic sanctions against Cuba have been tightened. More soldiers will be sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where Cuban refugees are being detained. Cuba expressed interest in holding talks with the United States to lessen tensions during the current refugee crisis.

Europe: Russia is taking steps to crack down on nuclear smuggling after 4 kilograms of plutonium were found in Munich. • Protestors called for Russian President Boris Yeltsin to step down. • Russian security agencies recovered more than 22 pounds of stolen uranium. • The Czech Republic will compensate Czechs who were imprisoned during the Nazi occupation of their nation. • Paris observed the 50th anniversary of its liberation from the Nazis. • American negotiators are pressing the Irish Republican Army for a unilateral cease-fire in Northern Ireland.

Middle East and North Africa: Iraq has banned the public consumption of alcohol. Lebanon is ready to make peace with Israel along the same lines that Jordan did earlier.

The Americas: Brazil is rapidly becoming a major supplier of handguns to the United States. Talks are underway to provide a multinational contingent for a possible invasion of Haiti. Mexico has elected Ernesto Zedillo, the candidate of the ruling party, to serve as the nation's president in a widely monitored and hotly contested election.

United States: Congress has simplified government purchasing procedures. NAACP executive director Ben Chavis was ousted. Universal health care has been deemed a dead issue in the Congress; only a limited plan may pass during this session. The debate over "pork" in the \$30 billion crime bill did not prevent its eventual passage. A Chicago-area machinist has been charged with being a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp; he faces the loss of his citizenship and deportation.



News Briefs

Gary Ostrower, professor of history, will give a presentation entitled "How to Apply to Graduate and Professional Schools" today at 8:45 p.m. in Seidlin Hall 114.

Ostrower plans to discuss application procedures, entry exams (GRE, LSAT, and others) scholarships, fellowships, and other topics.

Alcohol and other drugs have finally brought money to AU, but Bacchus worshippers shouldn't start celebrating yet.

AU has received a \$133,646 grant to hire a drug and alcohol education coordinator.

"We hope to have the coordinator hired ASAP," said Gerald Brody, dean of students. "We've made a commitment to [have] the continued presence of an alcohol educator on campus."

Christine Grontkowski, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, announced that construction on the Miller Performing Arts building is six weeks behind schedule.

Grontkowski attributed the lag to delays in

drilling the caissons. A caisson is a watertight chamber used in construction work as a foundation.

"We hope to catch up by having the steel delivered and framed by mid-November," said Grontkowski. "How close we get to the original target date of June, 1995, depends on our ability to make up lost time in construction and the weather."

Two members of the College of Ceramics received State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Awards this summer.

Paul F. Johnson, associate professor of ceramic engineering won a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, while Licio Pennisi, adjunct instructor in ceramic engineering and technical specialist, was awarded a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

SUNY Chancellor's Award recipients are chosen by a college committee, chaired this year by Gregory C. Stangle, associate professor of ceramic engineering.

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