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Trustees Vote to Seek Alternative To \$80 Dormitory Rent Increase

Board Approves \$196M for SB

By Elizabeth Wasserman

Albany— The 1983-84 budget request made by the university at Stony Brook was passed, virtually unchanged, by the SUNY Board of Trustees at their meeting here yesterday.

The requested \$196.6 million budget, along with the rest of the SUNY budget, was then presented to the Division of the Budget (DOB), which will review it and submit it to the governor after making revisions. This being an election year, the budget process will be unique in the sense that after an approval by the present governor, the newly-elected governor will be allotted 10 days to make further revisions before the proposal is submitted to the State Legislature, said Carl Hanes, Stony Brook's vice-president for Administration.

Compared to all other SUNY schools, Stony Brook was allowed the highest percentage of budget increase, 19.9 percent over last year's \$164 million adjusted base. The majority of the increase provides for the development of the University Hospital and Health Sciences Center said, Sally Flaherty, an assistant to Stony Brook's president. A \$6.7 million allocation for expanded services for Stony Brook was approved by SUNY's 15 member Trustee Board.

This year the appropriations, should complete the development of Stony Brook's Health Sciences Center (HSC), said Harry Spindler, SUNY vice-chancellor for Business and Finance. He also said that allocations made next year should finish the Hospital's phased opening. Provisions in this year's budget would open the Hospital to a level of 412 beds, or 72 percent of its capacity, according to the budget request. This is an increase of about 100 beds from last year. The Hospital has planned to open two beds for the Burn Unit next year, Hanes said. The beds will be in the main hospital instead of in the burn clinic, which, he said, they were intending to open in the 1983-84 year.

The development of the clinical departments within the School of Medicine will proceed along with the scheduled Hospital opening, according to the budget request. Hanes said there will be an additional 100 medical students at Stony Brook this fall. He said that it will increase the present 72 student class size to a balance of 400 students in the Medical School within the next four years. Two years ago, he said, the classes averaged 48 students.

Stony Brook is also concentrating on academic growth in areas such as Engineering, according to the proposal, in order to aid New York State's economic

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The 15 member SUNY Board of Trustees met yesterday at the SUNY Central Administration Building to vote on the 1983-84 SUNY budget....



...About 75 students, representing at least eight SUNY schools, attended the meeting....



...Some students, including about 30 students from the SUNY College at New Paltz, arrived after the meeting room held its fire safety capacity and stayed in the lobby singing songs.

By Lisa Roman and Howard Saltz

Albany— A \$5 million increase in the SUNY budget for dormitory operations was approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees yesterday, but the \$80 per year dorm rent increase that was to generate the \$5 million was held off pending an alternate way of raising the money.

A proposal that would have nearly doubled tuition for out-of-state residents was also not passed by the trustees, but the \$10 million they sought to raise through the increase was approved, leaving the method of how to raise that money also uncertain.

Both moves held off plans that student leaders here had fervently protested against. A proposal would have to be voted upon at the trustees next meeting, Nov. 22 and Nov. 23, and may pass then, as originally proposed, if no alternate means of raising the money is found to be suitable.

The two resolutions were amended from the original \$1.2 billion 1983-84 SUNY budget which Chancellor Clifton Wharton distributed to the trustees last Friday and which was passed and sent to the State Division of the Budget (DOB) yesterday. It included an increase of 11 percent over this year. Two other key issues— reducing enrollment target and removing the one-third tuition limit that community college students can pay— were discussed, but not voted on, at the meeting. James Tierney, president of the Student Association of the State University (SASU) and the only student on the 15 member Board of Trustees, made a presentation to get the trustees to omit from the budget request mention of how the \$5 million originally sought from the rent increase would be generated. That did not receive much support from the trustees, so the plan to say that the money will either be a rent increase or a comparable method of reducing costs, was adopted.

"It is possible to pull that five million out of other areas," Tierney said, arguing that he could come up with alternate plans if given more than the three days he had since Wharton released the budget. For example, he said, SUNY Buffalo saved \$3 million in labor costs recently when students there performed maintenance tasks.

The meeting was packed by about 75 students representing at least 8 SUNY schools, many of whom were organized the night before the SASU officials. Roughly 30 more students, the majority arriving from SUNY New Paltz just after the 8 AM public meeting began, were barred from attending because of fire safety regulations, according to Blatt Harris, director of SUNY Public Safety. The board meeting room in the SUNY Central Administration Building was designed to accommodate only

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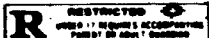
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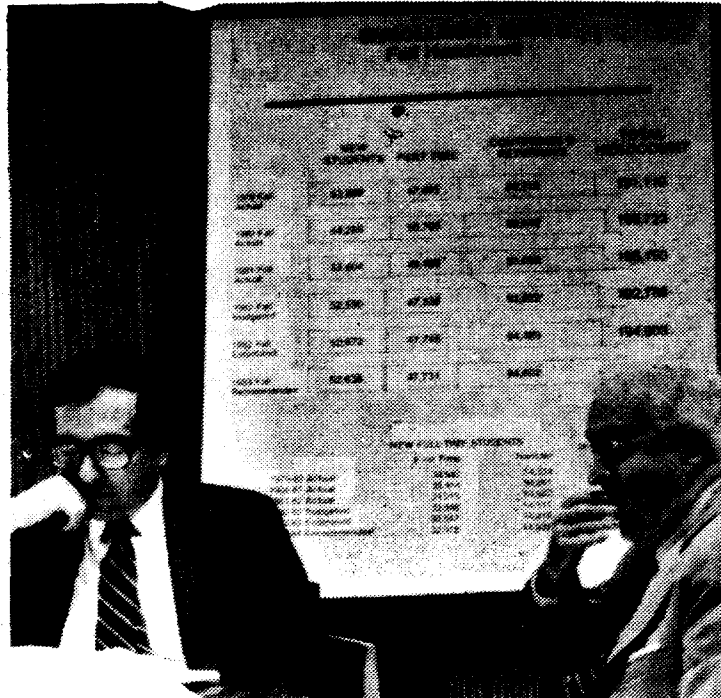
100 people, he said.

SASU officials considered the trustees' action on the dorm rent increase— which would have represented a 77 percent increase in dormitory rent since 1979-80 and the sixth increase in the last eight years— and the out-of-state tuition increase, a victory. The 75 or so students who hovered quietly around the trustees throughout the 3½ hour meeting clapped when the board voted to seek an alternative to the rent hike. Tierney and SASU Vice-President Steve Wagner embraced after the meeting ended.

The budget is now in the hands of the DOB, which received the SUNY Trustees' plan just after the meeting yesterday afternoon. They will deliberate on it for the next few months. The governor announces his budget, as formulated by the DOB, in mid-January. The State Legislature will then approve, alter or reject it. Wharton called the proposed increase "the largest request in absolute dollars that the university has made. However," he said in a prepared statement, "it should be pointed out that in percentage terms against the prior years' base our request is quite modest compared with prior years. Indeed if one eliminates the effect of inflation, planned hospital growth, and the previous use of one-time revenue items, the budget is both fiscally moderate and academically responsible."

Enrollment Limit

Also speaking at the meeting was Steve Wexler, executive vice-president of SASU, who argued that enrollment limit would force average high



The SUNY Board of Trustees were given a detailed description of SUNY's 1983-84 budget which included graphs and charts.

school students to enroll in community colleges, as honor roll students will be the only ones accepted by the university centers. "This will push the community colleges out of the door," he said. Wexler said that this would deny non-traditional students a place even in community colleges.

The proposals for raising the money that was to have been generated by the rent increase and out-of-state tuition hike, must be amended additionally before being presented to the DOB, according to Martha Downey, secretary to the Board of Trustees. For instance, Downey said, the proposed across-the-board increase in tuition for non-New York residents has not been approved, and as of this time, any specific dollar amount is still uncertain.

SASU officials said they will be working in the next few weeks on a proposal to reduce costs in order to avoid the \$80 dormitory rent increase.

Residency Requirement

In a separate action, the trustees approved a tougher residency requirement to qualify for the cheaper tuition rate that New York State residents pay. Beginning Jan. 1, and in effect only for students who enroll after that point, a student would have to prove residency in the state in the previous year to be considered a New York resident. Currently, there is no requirement to be considered a New York resident. SUNY Executive Vice-President Donald O'Dowd said the change was in response to pressure from the State Legislature.

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Cuomo Talks Before Crowd in Union

By Glenn Taverna

Hundreds of students, staff and faculty gathered in the Stony Brook Union's Fireside Lounge yesterday afternoon to hear Lieutenant Governor and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mario Cuomo deliver a 40-minute address in a campaign stop in preparation

for Tuesday's elections.

With local Democratic leaders at his side and students waving "Cuomo for Governor" banners at various intervals during his speech, Cuomo spoke of the frustrations of being a leader, the priority of education and the effects of "Reagonomics" on the state and

nation. He then entertained questions from the audience.

Cuomo said that needs out number resources and that not having enough resources for society is one of a leader's frustrations. He said that, as a result, priorities— "who comes first when laying out resources"— is very important. One of these priorities, Cuomo said, is education. "[New York State has] the greatest education system...in the U.S.," he said. "We've got to keep education strong."

Cuomo said that high technology will play an important role in the future of state education and that the state "can't have economic development without it. Cuomo did not mention the role The Arts would play in the future of state education.

Addressing private versus public institutions of learning, Cuomo said that it is necessary to maintain a balance between the two but that his first concern is state universities. He said that his goals include "keeping tuition low and TAP [Tuition Assistance Payments] high....The state is so strong no one is going to want to leave state universities anywhere....When making judgments, I will remember the state university system."

Cuomo "has many number one priorities," said John Kostas, a spokesman for Republican gubernatorial candidate Lewis Lehrman. Kostas said that there is no more money to give to higher education. The economy must be expanded to provide that money, he said, and "Lewis Lehrman is the only candidate with a program to expand New York's economy." This will benefit students, he added, by increasing the job market for college graduates.

Cuomo also criticized the policies of the Reagan Administration. He characterized the Reagan strategy as "[giving] rich people a lot of money and [hoping] they'll take care of the rest of us." He said that, as a result, the state is faced with the highest rate of unemployment since the Depression years. "One out of 10 people are out of work," he said. "Everyone is sad and miserly and just because the stock market goes up the President goes on television and says, 'Didn't I tell you everything is going to be alright?'"

The nation's defense budget was another area Cuomo criticized. Cuomo said that if defense spending was cut from \$1.6 trillion to \$1.3 trillion there would be no reason to cut student aid. Cuomo also said he supports a nuclear weapons freeze because "peace is better than war— life is better than death."

Cuomo also entertained questions from the audience, including the construction of Westway—the controversial four-mile highway, the shape of the Long Island Railroad, initiative referenda, business prospects for Long Island, the reformation of the Public Services Commission and the right of students living on campus to vote out of their dormitory residences. "We spend one day a year voting," Cuomo said, "and then set up all sorts of obstacles....Why not make it as easy as possible for everyone to vote?"

In response to the large crowd and warm reception he received, Cuomo said that he was "grateful for the endeavors of student political action committees. If I was successful in the primaries, it was due in large part to help from students."



Statesman photos/Kenny Rockwell

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CSEA, UUP Endorse Cuomo

By Carolyn Broida

The Civil Services Employees Association (CSEA) and the United University Professions (UUP)—state-wide unions which are both represented at Stony Brook—have announced their endorsements of state gubernatorial and legislative candidates.

The CSEA—a union representing the "classified staff" of a campus, including maintenance workers, clerks and typists—"back Cuomo 100 percent," said CSEA President Charles Scalfani. They were among the first of the unions to endorse Cuomo almost eight months ago, he said.

"Cuomo," Scalfani said, "stands for labor and the working people. What we have to try to prevent is anything which would ultimately mean layoffs. We're worried about cutbacks in buildings already short of staff". Cuomo, he said, is "sensitive to the needs of the public servant".

The UUP, which represents most of the faculty and non-teaching professional staff, also supports Cuomo. The Union cannot use its funds for campaigning, but members, are encouraged to vote for certain candidates through endorsements in union newsletters. Politically active members also devote much of their time working the "Phone banks"—lists of names and phone numbers to be contacted for the purpose of politically

informing the public.

Charlie Hansen, past vice president of the UUP, said, "After scrutinizing the platforms of the various candidates...we have selected [candidates] who have favored the SUNY system in the past."

Hansen attacked the funding of what he called the "private-subsidized schools." He said that bundy-aid, the money the State grants to private colleges, "was more than what was allotted to the budget of the entire SUNY system last year. We think Cuomo's response is to us" and that "his actions toward SUNY have always been supportive."

The endorsed candidates are not chosen strictly by party lines, though. Hansen, speaking on behalf of UUP, also voiced support for State Senator Kenneth LaValle (R-Port Jefferson) and State Assemblyman George Hockbrueckner, (D-Coram).

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) has published a special election bulletin entitled "Agenda." It is NYPIRG's intent to "promote informed choices, based on candidates' positions and legislators' records on important issues," the bulletin read. NYPIRG endorsed no specific candidate "The purpose of the survey," the bulleting said in part, "is to force candidates to commit themselves to positions on issues during their campaigns so they can be held accountable for their actions."

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development through stimulation of high technology industry. One such program, Hanes said, is the Center for Industrial Cooperation at Stony Brook. The program, in effect for a while, he said, consists of 15 local corporations that pay for faculty help, in the event they need it.

Appropriations for a physical education/field house facility for the main campus were included in Stony Brook's request, Hanes said. The request also seeks a substantial faculty increase, he said. The increase is more than for other campuses due to the enrollment projection for next fall of 300 students.

Hanes said that the chances of Stony Brook receiving all that was requested form the DOB are not very good. "The State of New York is facing a difficult fiscal year this year," he said.

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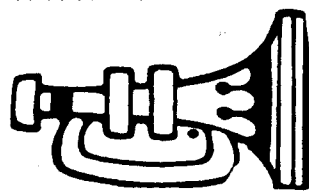
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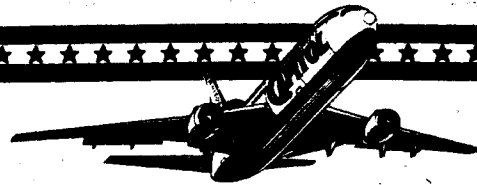
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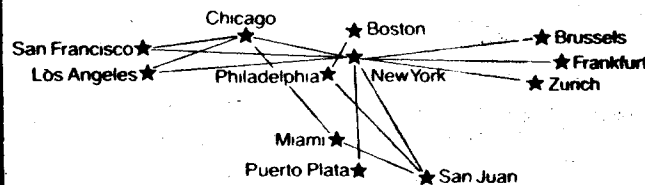


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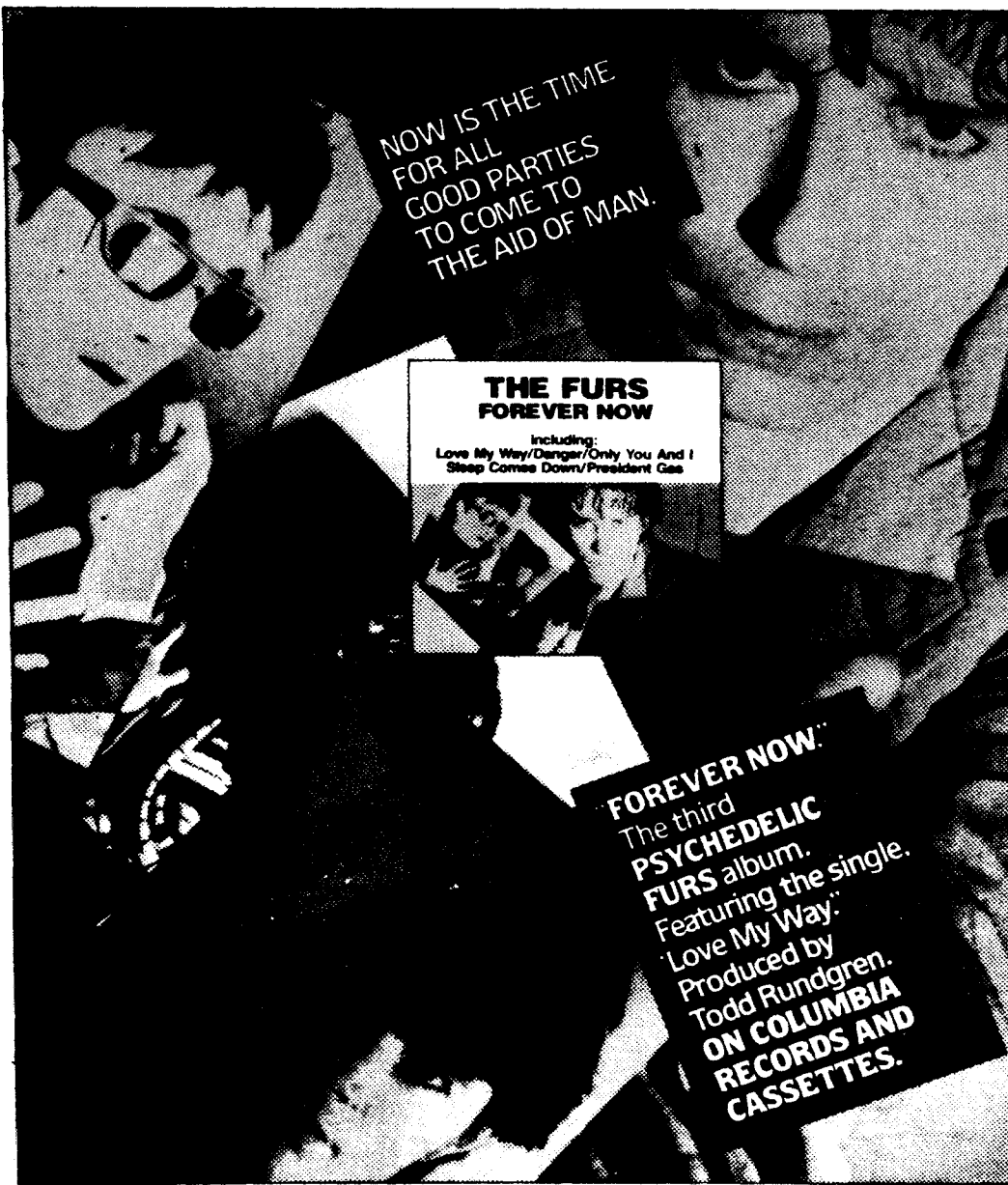
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