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Asbestos cleared out from ACC

By RYAN HAYNER
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Despite notifications warning of asbestos abatement on various parts of the Angell College Center, no student is under any risk of being exposed, according to Plattsburgh State University College Facilities Director Stan Supinski.

Many of the signs are currently outdated, posted in August to warn people not to enter the buildings because of asbestos removal taking place during the summer.

Over the summer, PSUC dealt with clearing out asbestos in both Yokum Hall and the ACC, with all work involving health risks finished before the school year started.

Supinski said there should be no concern over asbestos — which has been cleared out from both buildings where construction occurred — and the perception most people have over it is exaggerated and overblown.

Asbestos was outlawed in the mid-1980s after it was found to be harmful in dust form when inhaled by those exposed to it.

But now there are so many rules and regulations involving the handling and removal of asbestos that the risk is minimal to none, according to Supinski.

Mostly asbestos is found beneath tiles, as it was once used as a fire-resistant insulation, and in piping, and is considered to be non-friable, a term that means particles cannot get into the air and therefore are not harmful.

PSUC follows strict federal regulated guidelines to dealing with asbestos, set by the New York Environmental

"There's just no way with the procedures we have to follow — there's just no way that anybody can be exposed to this stuff."

**Stan Supinski
Facilities Director**

Conservation Rules and Regulations, part 56.

Before any renovations or construction can begin, the consultant hired for the job will bring in an environmental engineer to test all the areas for asbestos where work is being done.

"Anything that looks suspicious is tested before we drop the first hammer," Supinski said.

For minor asbestos projects, the procedures call for a vacation of all occupants within the building before work can begin.

That is followed by an isolation of the work area by cordoning it off with barrier tape or line.

At this time, the building can only be entered an exited through one location.

Signs are posted around the building to warn people wishing to enter.

Those signs are the asbestos abatement forms featured around the ACC.

Only specially trained and certified workers dressed in decontamination suits are allowed within the building.

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Pi Alpha Nu was recently relieved of their probationary status after their fall 2003 suspension.

Pi Alpha Nu off probation

By KELLY BASCOMB
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Life is about second chances. Finding ways to make adjustments to character and build strength is something instilled in grade school.

In light of National Hazing Prevention Week, it's affirmative that a Plattsburgh State University College fraternity, whose reputation had a slight glitch,

has come forth, and proved they have bettered themselves as an organization of this campus.

The Greek organization Pi Alpha Nu was placed on probation in the fall of 2003 for incidents during a pledge period.

They were put on probation through the school and their recognition was suspended through the probation period, which lasted until they satisfied requirements set forth by the school.

Current Pi Alpha Nu President Chris Pacchiana said one stipulation was that one member of their organization attend a conference in Indiana dealing with values and initiatives for fraternities.

They were also required to hold meetings twice a month with their advisors.

Pacchiana said they also had

SEE FRATERNITY, A2

New SA senators elected to senate

By JAMES CRUGNALE
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Three students were recently elected to the Plattsburgh State University College Student Association as senators in a special election held on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Abbas Chandoo, Robert Walker and Monica Boutler all received the most votes on the ballot, which was decided on by 377 students, an approximately 6 percent student-voter turnout.

Chandoo, a junior finance major and top vote-getter, was very laudatory for the opportunity to serve in the SA.

"I want to thank my voters," Chandoo said.

Walker, a sophomore finance major, seemed equally excited.

"I've always been interested in being in student government since highschool," he said. "The high cost of the dining halls (is the issue) that motivated me. The Sundowner especially."

Another sophomore, Boutler has been actively involved in many extracurricular activities including Finance Board, Hall Council and Student Ambassadors.

"All of my affiliations around campus brought me to the point of running for Senate and being able to make a difference on campus," she said. "I want (the student body) to know who we are and what we're doing and what we can do for them."

The three new senators will fulfill their duties for the remainder of the semester. The normal general election are expected to be held in December.

Visit the SA Web site at <http://organizations.plattsburgh.edu/sa>

SEE AFFORDABILITY, A2

SUNY administrators angry over 'F' in affordability

By RYAN HAYNER
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For the second time, New York's public and private institutions received an "F" grade for affordability by a report by an independent group.

New York joined 42 other states given an "F" according to "Measuring Up 2006: The National Report Card on Higher Education," arranged by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education (NCP-PHE).

The report card has come under criticism from the State University of New York (SUNY), who contested the 2004 version of the report as well as the latest, citing that it did not correctly calculate in the financial aid given through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

"They assume TAP funds in some amount go to every student in higher education in the state — that's not correct," SUNY spokesperson David Henahan said. "TAP is concentrated for the lowest income students."

New York's TAP program awarded over \$876 million to an estimated 398,000 students, continuing its status as the largest state-sponsored student grant program in the nation, according to the 2004-2005 Higher Education Services Corporation Annual Report, the most recent data issued.

Since the 2000-01 college academic year, the average annual recipients of TAP awards have increased at an average of 5.8 percent each year while the amount of grant money awarded

has increased at an average of 8.7 percent over that same time.

"(TAP) is for all New Yorkers who come to... a New York school and the state puts so much money into that students account that it offsets a portion of tuition," PSUC President John Etling said. "The TAP program — the fact that it exists — is extraordinary."

According to the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Program's latest Annual Report on State Sponsored Student Financial Aid issued for

the 2004-2005 academic school year, New York awarded \$876 million through primary need-based grant programs, and totaled over \$910 million for total grant aid awarded. To determine affordability, the report looked at the percent of income necessary to pay for college expenses, not including financial aid. For public 4-year colleges and universities it was 33 percent of a family's income, 63 percent for private 4-year colleges



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Students don't utilize newspapers, program cut

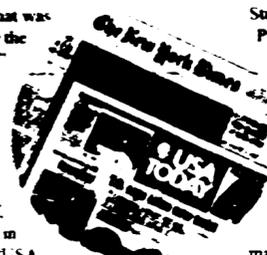
By JAMES CRUGNALE
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Faced with looming budget decisions and low student interest, Campus Housing and the Student Association dropped this semester's Collegiate Readership Program at Plattsburgh State University College's residence halls.

"It caught my eye that there were (so many) papers that were (going) unread in the (dorms)," Director of Residence Life Bryan Hartman said. "There were competing priorities (and) we

had to find what was going to serve the students best."

Hartman also said that personnel changes with USA Today's vendor staff, played a role in the decision. "USA Today did not provide compelling enough information about whether this (program) was making a difference," according to Hartman.



Student Association President Michael Cashman agreed with Hartman's assessment of the issue.

"Students weren't using it to the level we were hoping for," Cashman said.

The readership program costs \$18,000 a semester. The cost is split up, with \$5,000 provided by the SA and \$13,000 from housing. This se-

semester, the money was shifted to first year housing programs and TGIF Late Night.

Senior Jared Stanley, who has read the papers on campus since being a freshman, was frustrated by the program cut. "I think it's disappointing that the Readership Program is not available anymore in the dorms (As a) Communications major, current events are an important part of my future career." He added, "Too many of my peers are failing weekly (news)

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