

Voter coalition formed on campus

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A number of student organizations from the State University College at Cortland have banded together this semester to form a voter registration coalition.

The coalition consists of the New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG), the Student Association of the State of New York (SASU), the Moderate Students Organization (MSO), the Latin Student Union (LSU), the Black Student Union (BSU), and the Political Science Club.

At a meeting last Thursday a progress report was given to members of the student organizations. In this report, Arthur Klussendorf, the chairperson of the coalition, said the group has already obtained 650 newly registered voters. The goal of the coalition is to obtain 1400 by Oct. 6.

The coalition has three primary objectives. First, to register voters, second, to educate voters, and finally to get-out-the-vote.

On Saturday Sept. 20th from 1-3 p.m. a rally will be held on the steps of Corey Union. The organizations are collectively contributing money to have a band perform for entertainment. One to three speakers will also be present.

Though the group has not yet decided who will be selected to speak, they do have a few candidates in mind. These possibilities include: President Clark, Richard Watts, a spokesman from the League of Women Voters, or possibly even the Mayor or Cortland, Frances "Bud" Quinlan.

National Voter Registration Week begins Sept. 20th and the coalition has already

begun preparations for this event.

Although the coalition's primary concern is to acquire more registered students, Klussendorf said he also believes it is important to have people in the Cortland community participate.

Therefore, the group is planning to set up voter registration tables at certain locations throughout the community. These areas,

however, have not yet been decided, Klussendorf added.

On campus, students can register at a number of locations. Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons tables will be set up in Corey Union and on Tuesday and Thursday they will be set up in the library. A third possible location will be the PER center.

As far as educating the Cortland students, Klussendorf said that he would like

to provide a pamphlet which has a paragraph about each candidate and what he/she had done for the community. This way voters will know the issues, he said, and will not make random choices.

The coalition is hoping that people will take advantage of the information, given to them, Klussendorf said, and that the convenient locations will permit people to stop and register.

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Daniloff asked her to tell his colleagues he appreciated their support because "this could happen to any of you."

She said Daniloff fears "false evidence" is being prepared against him, and was especially worried his Soviet friends are being interrogated and coerced into testifying against him.

But Daniloff also said he believes "this whole investigation is basically a formality," his wife said. "He said it clearly relates to the Zakharov case."

Daley, the U.S. consul general, was asked whether Daniloff would agree to being exchanged for Zakharov.

"He is interested in being released," Daley said. "The options aren't really of great concern at the moment."

At his news conference, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gerasimov accused U.S. officials of using the case to spoil superpower relations but suggested it could be resolved to the satisfaction of both sides. Gerasimov was asked to comment on President Reagan's warning that Daniloff's detention could become "a major obstacle" in relations between the two countries.

"U.S.-Soviet relations should not be held hostage to this case of Daniloff," Gerasimov said. "If both sides make serious efforts, I think it would be possible to find a mutual solution to this question."

Mrs. Daniloff said her husband complained earlier about being fed only thin soup and porridge-like foods and wanted to be allowed out of his 8-by-10 foot cell more frequently. She said he is now getting better food and is allowed to exercise in a rooftop cage for two hours a day.

"Obviously they're bending over backward to appear civilized," after having done this horrible thing," Mrs. Daniloff said.

She said she believed her husband was "sending me a lot of messages, and a lot of messages for the world," but that she would need some time to contemplate what he was trying to pass along.

There has been no indication when Daniloff might be brought to trial.

Tass analyst Boris Shabayev wrote in a commentary Tuesday that "thunder and lightning are rumbling in Washington... around the American spy Nicholas Daniloff who was caught red-handed in Moscow." The government newspaper Izvestia on Monday accused Daniloff of trying to gather intelligence on Soviet forces in Afghanistan, where Western officials say more than 115,000 Red Army troops have been deployed since the Soviet Union's intervention in 1979.

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