

Students arrested to appear in court

By Bing Miller

It appears that people aren't respecting the 21-year-old drinking age law, said Lt. James Nichols of the Cortland City Police, after five students were arrested on 110 charges in connection with a party where alcohol was allegedly served to minors.

The five students, all members of Delta Kappa Beta, were charged Tuesday and will appear in city court Oct. 1, according to Police Spokesman Tony Doloisio.

Each student was charged with 13 counts of selling alcoholic beverages without a license and nine counts of unlawfully dealing with a minor, Doloisio said.

The students, all residents of 50 Tompkins St., are: the fraternity's president, Joseph A. Brand, 22, vice president Randall J. Hoose, 21, treasurer Edward F. Linekin, 22, secretary Eugene M. Augustine Jr., 21, and Brian P. Hussey Jr., 21, who signed a form with the Ben J. Ardito Distributors of Cortland stating the beer would not be sold to minors.

Unlawfully dealing with a minor is a misdemeanor under section 260.20-4 of the New York State penal code. The Alcoholic Beverage Control laws define a minor as someone under the legal purchasing age of 21.

Doloisio said that Delta Kappa Beta was also charged with one count of selling alcohol without a license and unlawfully dealing with a minor.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of a

\$1,000 fine and/or one year in jail, Doloisio said.

The five students allegedly dispensed beer to minors during a "party", held at the Delta Kappa Beta house, 50 Tompkins St., last Saturday, Doloisio said. "Approximately 300 people," Nichols said, attended the party.

Brand said the event was a "fund raiser" for the brother-in-law of one of the members of the fraternity who has leukemia.

He said that in the past Delta Kappa has donated to the Special Olympics and the American Cancer Society.

The event was attended by undercover policemen who observed people they "thought were under age" and allegedly had been served beer, Doloisio said.

He said, outside the party police questioned and asked for proof of legal drinking age from the observed individuals who allegedly received the beer.

The people questioned were found to be under the legal drinking age, said Police Chief Philip A. Cinquanti, and the ones giving statements to police were between the ages of 18 and 21.

It was "based" on the statements from these people, Doloisio said, that the police obtained the evidence to make the arrests. Nichols said 11 statements were obtained.

Vice president of Student Affairs Linda Kuk said there "probably will be some action" taken in response to the situation.

She said that Judicial Coordinator Carol DiGregoria will handle any disciplinary action

taken against any student involved.

Nichols said that people holding parties in the future "can expect that we will use this type of police tactic," meaning the use of undercover police to observe parties and other functions where there is a possibility that alcohol will be served to minors.

Police were told, Doloisio said, earlier in the week by the fraternity that a party would take place.

According to Cinquanti, representatives from the fraternity were told that undercover police would attend the party.

Nichols said the undercover police there knew people at the party and that some of them even knew that they were police.

"The undercover police spoke to people [at the party] who knew they were policemen," he said.

The arresting officers were: Richard Nichols, Ted Sudol, Charles Olin, and Sgt. Gerald Ward, according to Doloisio.

Police could not release the number of undercover officers at the party or their names.

"The problem is alcohol," J. Nichols said, "we're not out to pick on college people."

He said police are trying to bring the situation under control because of numerous complaints of "noise, litter, disorderly acts and vandalism" stemming from parties.

The law has been "obviously, blatantly violated" by a lot of people, and maybe this will call the "attention of a great many people to the problem," Nichols said, and hopefully "common sense will prevail."

AWARE march protests violent crimes on campus

By Jill K. Steeley

Last Friday night as fog rolled in to cover the full moon, approximately 35 SUCC students and faculty gathered on the steps of Corey Union to march in protest of the growing number of violent crimes facing people today.

For the second year in a row the campus group A.W.A.R.E. (All Women for Achieving Respect and Equality) organized the "Take Back The Night March" in an attempt to make campus safer.

The march took participants down Neubig Road, around Towers, and on to the library.

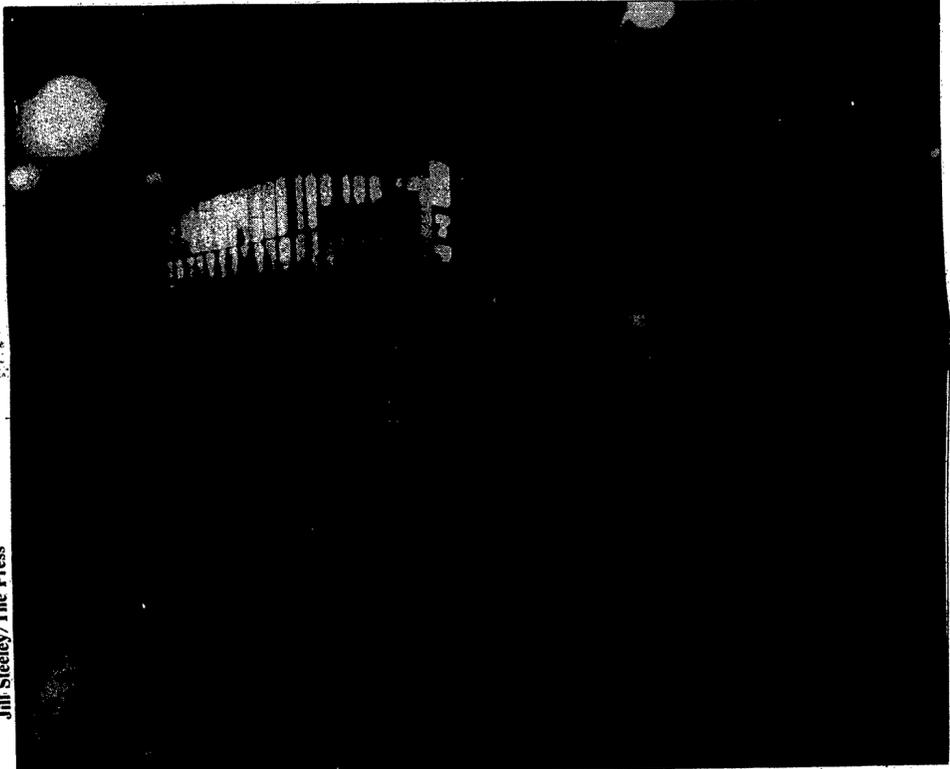
During the time that the marchers were on campus they suffered continued verbal abuse from people in the surrounding dormitories.

From the library the march continued on past the President Clark's home and down Court Street to Main Street where the group walked past the local bars chanting, "Wherever we go, however we dress, No means No and Yes means Yes."

While they marched, the organizers, Jennifer Parker and Lisa Skill stopped periodically to point out dangerous areas on and around campus where broken lamp posts etc. provided perfect cover for would be assailants.

Participants in the march included faculty members Howard Botwinick, Donna Blackwood, Robert Lynch and Project Coordinator of NYPIRG Ken Deutsch. Also participating in the march was CCSA president Jim Cullen.

When asked about the verbal assaults from the dorms, Parker said, "I think it shows the ignorance and lack of awareness on this particular campus. It's an example of exactly what we're fighting against."



Students march down Main Street in protest of violent crimes last Friday evening during the 'Take Back the Night' march.

Students fail to be billed extra dollar

By VIRGINIA MARTIN

An increase in funding for NYPIRG, voted in by the student body last spring, was not included in the mandatory student activity fee when bills were sent out to students for this fall semester, said CCSA president Jim Cullen.

Since a new computer system was installed last semester, the bursar's office began generating the bills in early April, Cullen said. The problem with this, he said, was that the results of the referendum granting NYPIRG a \$1 increase per student per semester weren't finalized until late April, after some of the bills were already completed.

What this ultimately means, according to Cullen, is that students weren't billed for the \$1 increase that NYPIRG was to receive star-

ting this semester. NYPIRG's funding was to have increased from \$2 to \$3 per student.

According to CCSA treasurer, Marie Kitts, NYPIRG has been very cooperative. NYPIRG and CCSA are "still in the stages of everyone being on good terms," she said.

Cullen said his administration has been exploring many options to try to solve the problem.

One possibility is to hold another referendum asking the students to fund NYPIRG \$4 next semester, instead of the \$3 which was to have been charged, to make up for the error, Cullen said. He said he's not sure how fair this option would be to the students, though.

CCSA could cut the current budgets of other organizations, Cullen said, to make up the money.

CCSA is definitely trying to avoid doing that, he added.

Another choice open to CCSA is to just start funding NYPIRG with the increase next semester, Cullen said. Technically this could be

Kitts said there are a variety of options they are looking into that could lessen the problem.

A final decision will not be made until Sept. 30 when the exact FTE count is finished,

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done, he said, because the referendum the students passed did not state when the increase would go into effect.

These are just a few of the avenues open to the CCSA, Cullen said.

said Kitts. The FTEs determines the actual amount of money the CCSA has to work with, according to Cullen.

NYPIRG coordinator Ken Deutsch, said he is upset that

the mistake was made, but it's "no big deal" since a genuine error was made.

"NYPIRG is operating in good faith and I know the CCSA is too," said Deutsch.

CCSA and NYPIRG are working closely together hoping to settle things soon, Deutsch said.

If NYPIRG doesn't for some reason receive the increase this semester problems could arise, according to Deutsch, simply because its budget was based on the increase.

The referendum wording stated that NYPIRG would either receive the increase or would not be able to function on the Cortland campus, he said.

Deutsch said he knows the students want NYPIRG to be funded for \$3 because they voted overwhelmingly in favor of the increase.