

# Cheney next in line for renovations

By DANETTE GILSON

Several State University College at Cortland administrators met with representatives from the New York State Dormitory Authority last week in an attempt to develop plans for the rehabilitation of Cheney Hall, according to Ray Franco, director of residence life.

The Dormitory Authority is a state run agency that leases residence halls to all SUNY schools. This agency provides funds for any major repairs and must also find contractors to do the work, Franco said.

The administrators, Franco; John Kozlowski, facilities program coordinator; Ron Peck, maintenance supervisor; and Bill Williams, head station engineer of the heating plant, agreed that improvements were needed in Cheney Hall to make it a safer and better dorm for the future, Franco said.

Although some work was scheduled to begin this spring, the Dormitory Authority has made no deci-

sions as to when the project will begin or how long it will take, said Franco.

The Cheney rehabilitation project has been scaled down from a total remodeling of the dorm to improvements made in three areas, according to Fran-

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co. He also said that the Dormitory Authority has already approved these changes.

There will be a total replacement of the electrical distribution system in the dorm, Franco said. Cheney will also be brought up to date with current fire codes. This means there will be a new fire alarm,

system installed. Franco said this system will separate Cheney Hall from Brockway and Degroat in terms of fire evacuation.

Students living in Cheney will no longer have to evacuate the building when the alarm goes off in Degroat and Brockway.

According to Franco there will also be a total remodeling of the bathrooms in the hall. This bathroom overhaul project is much larger than the project in Degroat hall this past summer, Franco said.

The college expressed its concern to the Dormitory Authority about the punctual completion of this project, Franco said. The representatives "seemed to be sensitive to our need to finish the project on time," said Franco.

After the problems created by the late finish of the Degroat project this fall, Franco said that there will be a hefty penalty clause in the contract with the workmen. He said that this penalty will include the expenses incurred by housing students outside of the dorm if the project is not completed on time.

# Fan to spend next summer in China

By MAUREEN B. JOYCE

Political science professor, Dr. K.H. Fan, will be spending next summer in the People's Republic of China advising various universities on the development of a curriculum for an American Studies Program. His work will be made possible by a grant from the United Nations.

The graduate program started by Fan in September 1985, includes courses in American politics, economics, culture, and modernization. Some of the institutions participating in the program are Fudan

University in Shanghai, Nanjing University in Nanjing, and Beijing University in Beijing.

Fan, who spends his summers as the dean of the Institute of International Study at Huanghe University, said the program has been "well received" by students. Enrollment in the American Studies Program is currently at 45 students but is expected to increase rapidly, he said.

Huanghe University, one of China's major universities was the first to offer the program. Founded in 1949 it was modeled after the American university system rather than the Russian system, which

was the only system used to this point. The American Studies Program courses are

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taught in English, and American Textbooks are used.

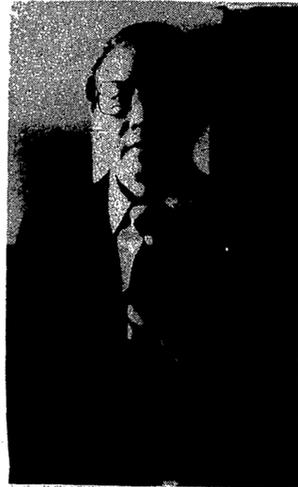
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University College at Cortland as a professor in 1972, was raised in China.

He came to the United States to attend Bethel College in Kansas. Fan continues to return to China each summer.

The United Nations grant, Fan said was given for the modernization of China, which is considered a Third World Nation.

Graduates of the program are expected to become teachers or to enter China's Ministry of International Trade or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "They are the future leaders of China," Dr. Fan said.



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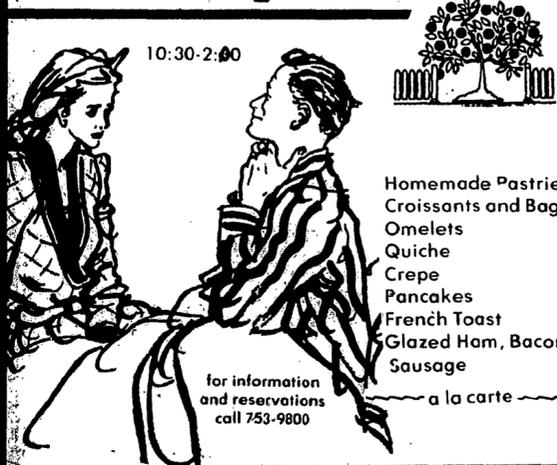
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