

# SUCC students register to vote

By DANETTE GILSON

Over 1420 State University College at Cortland students have registered to vote in a six week voter registration drive sponsored by the SUCC voter coalition, according to Ken Deutsch, NYPIRG coordinator.

The SUCC voter coalition, consisting of NYPIRG, SASU, CCSA, AWARE, the Moderate Student Organization, MSO, the Latin Student Union, LSU, and the Political Science Club, accomplished the first of three objectives by registering more students than the coalitions goal of 1400, said Deutsch.

The voter registration drive began Aug. 26, the first day of classes, and ended Oct. 6.

However, if a student failed to register he or she may still do so on Oct. 13, between 2 and 9 p.m. at the Board of Elections Office in the Cortland County Office Building on Central Avenue, according to Jim Cullen, CCSA president.

Both Cullen and Deutsch said they were proud of the high number of students who registered and they noted that SUCC had one of the highest percentages of student voter registration in the whole SUNY system.

Hayes Hall won a \$50 prize from CCSA for having 50 percent of the dorm's residents register to vote, Cullen said.

The elections, Nov. 4 include the federal elections for United States Senators and Representatives for the House of Representatives. They also include the New York State gubernatorial elections, state Senators, State assembly, comptroller and Attorney General.

There is only one proposition on the ballot this year, which is the Environmental Quality Bond issue. According to Deutsch this bond is for \$1.45 billion.

50 percent of the bond will be paid off by state funds and the other 50 percent will come from monies generated by corporate taxes.

\$1.2 billion of the bond will be used for the investigation and clean up of toxic wastes sites and \$2.5 million will go towards land acquisition, Deutsch said.

According to a recent poll taken within the state, only 15 percent of the New York population know what this bond was about, said Deutsch.

The SUCC voter coalition has two more objectives to accomplish before the committee dissolves.

Now that students are registered, the coalitions next task is to educate the voter, Deutsch said. The coalition will be publishing each candidates views on the issues in a special section of the *Press*.

According to Deutsch the coalition will also be sponsoring two debates between candidates. On Oct. 21, there will be a debate between State Senate candidates Jim Seward and Matt Morgan.

The coalition is also trying to have some representatives from the state gubernatorial race debate. On Oct. 28, there will be a debate between the House of Representative candidates, Conway Boulard, and Barston.

There will also be a debate between U.S. Senate candidates Green and D'Amato. All of the debates will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge on their respective dates, Deutsch said.

The last objective of the coalition is to get students who have registered out to the polls, Cullen said.

Towers will be the polling site for the Fourth Ward (which includes the lower campus, and Tompkins and Owego streets). The YWCA will be the polling site for the second ward (which includes Cheney, Degroat, and Clayton Avenue).

# Sexual harassment discussed at Senate meeting

By JOAN ZIFF

Dr. Marilou McLaughlin, assistant to President Clark, spoke at Monday's student senate meeting about sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment has been discussed in great detail in the senate over the past few weeks. However, McLaughlin took a different approach to this subject. She discussed sexual harassment between male professors and female students.

According to McLaughlin, "Twenty to thirty percent of all women in college are faced with sexual harassment."

Sexual harassment can range from mild sexual remarks to severe harassment which is pushing students for sexual favors.

Only 2 percent of women are faced with severe sexual harassment, McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin stressed three things women victims should not do. They should not: blame themselves, delay reporting, or keep the harassment to themselves. She stated, "Only few professors are offenders but they tend to be repeaters of this offense."

What should you do if you are faced with sexual harassment?

McLaughlin said, you must know your rights, no one should have to accept this. Secondly, you should speak up immediately. If your professor offends you, tell him that he is offending you. Always keep records of what has been said or done, and finally, Report It!

Once an incident is reported, the victim decides where it goes from there, McLaughlin said. She decides how the situation should be handled. McLaughlin urges all women to see her if they believe they are being harassed.

"Reporting is essential if

you want it to stop," she said.

According to Jennifer Parker, the ski mask incident is not allowed to be discussed to visiting students. Parker believes that this incident should be publically acknowledged.

A resolution was passed requesting public acknowledgement and it also condemns the city police for their lack of concern.

Ken Deutsch, NYPIRG project coordinator, spoke of certain events NYPIRG is sponsoring this year. The grand opening of Small Claims Counseling Center was Tuesday, Oct. 7. Nuclear

issues, environmental bond, women's issues and the voter registration are all being handled by this organization.

Jim Cullen, CCSA president, stated that the goal of 1400 registered students was surpassed. In the voter registration drive, but the voter coalition is far from over. We must now educate students and get out the vote, he added.

NYPIRG will help educate the voters, said Deutsch, adding the organization has received permission from the *Press* to have candidates issues and stands printed in an upcoming edition.



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