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The inside scoop:

Is fraternity report based on hearsay?

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Much controversy surrounds the recently released report regarding the investigation of the State University College at Cortland's fraternities.

President James M. Clark appointed a committee to assess repeated and chronic complaints lodged against two fraternities, Beta Phi Epsilon and Delta Kappa Beta. The committee consisted of: Peter Lalla, Public Safety, Diane Lavett, Biology, William Mandicott, Student Life, Jeffrey Rosenbloom, student, and was chaired by Robert Spitzer, Political Science.

As a result of the unpublicized investigation conducted last spring, the two fraternities are being accused of such behaviors as such hazing, drunken brawls, physical abuse of their

girlfriends, and abuse of alcohol. The conditions of the fraternity houses were also a concern of the committee.

"One sided negative press could be devastating to the interest in our fraternity."

-Delta Kappa Beta

However, according to the brothers of Beta and Kappa the validity of this report remains in question.

The report states that certain Cortland fraternities have been hazing. Kappa was specifically cited to be physically and mentally abusive of their pledges. Kappa Treasurer James Lyke denies these charges defending, "The claim is based purely on hearsay."

From the information

given by outside sources, the committee concluded in the report, "Without question, the Beta house is a serious firetrap...light fixtures suspended only by their wires, inadequate emergency exits, dangerous structural problems, overused and poorly maintained appliances...plumbing, inadequate and inoperative fire alarm systems..." Ironically chairperson Spitzer has never entered the Beta house, nor have any committee members.

Since the report was written [last spring] both Beta and Kappa have made substantial repairs to their houses making these allegations, according to the brothers, "old news."

Specific repairs mentioned by Jamie Block, president of Beta, include: "The installation of fire doors, a fire alarm system, exit signs, a hot water heater, and renovations of hallways, stairwells, and kitchen."

However, Spitzer "seriously doubts if changes of sufficient magnitude have occurred since May to warrant significant changes in

"I would be happy to defend this report in front of a judge or anyone else."

-Robert Spitzer

the report." Spitzer urges these fraternities that if they indeed have made the necessary renovations, they

should open their doors and invite officials back. Both Beta and Kappa said they were more than willing to oblige.

The intentions of the committee were not to sanction

the fraternities, but to become more of a guiding hand. Despite the

committee's intentions, the fraternities feel this is an attack against them. According to Spitzer, it was not meant to be an attack. "It was critical - but not an attack."

"Although we at Delta Kappa are extremely upset with this report, we do realize that it addresses a lot of important issues. But it is also important to note that many of these issues have already been addressed by us, the fraternity," stated Lyke, Kappa treasurer.

The fraternities feel that the greatest injustice done to them is the unprofessional manner in which the investigation was handled. Block, Beta president concluded, "We just don't understand why they didn't work with us, instead of against us."

Student's vote has impact on future

By KATHY HUGHES
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As election day approaches, Cortland State students are becoming aware of the impact their votes will have on the future of this nation.

Monday at 8 pm there was a lecture sponsored by members of Cortland's Democratic Committee and by students supporting the election of Michael Dukakis to the Presidency. The meeting opened with comments from Jennifer Vogt, who spoke of her recent trip to hear Rev. Jesse Jackson voice his opinions about Dukakis and the upcoming election. Jackson fully supported Dukakis, and also stressed the importance of students getting involved in the election. "When Young America moves, all of

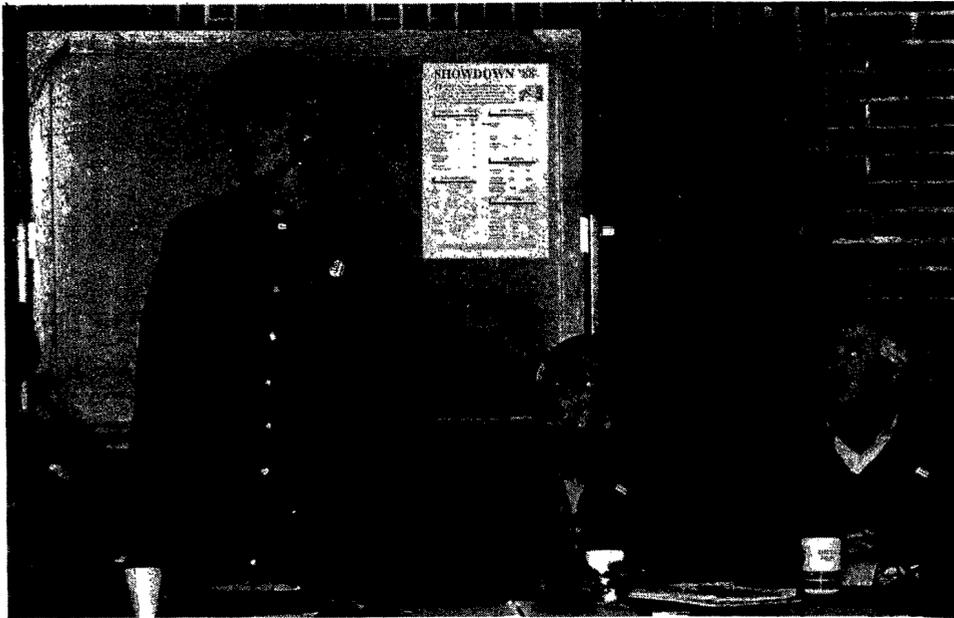


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opinion, the problems of the people will be addressed only if Dukakis is elected in November.

As a member of the Democratic Victory Team '88, Linda Dombrow, another guest speaker, feels Bush believes the country is as good as it is going to get. Dukakis, on the other hand, thinks this nation has much room for improvement. "We will transmit this country greater, better, stronger, prouder, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us," Dukakis is quoted as saying. Dombrow has confidence that with Dukakis as President, America will ultimately be more prosperous.

Jennifer Vogt explained, "We are the future. We have a say in what will happen in the next four years."

Although the meeting only consisted of speakers who are staunch supporters of Michael Dukakis for President, the underlying theme was the importance of students showing an interest in their future by taking advantage of their right to vote.

America moves," he said, trying to encourage students to play a part in shaping tomorrow by exercising their right to vote today.

Cortland's Mayor Marty Mack, guest speaker, stated his views about Presidential

candidates Bush and Dukakis. Mack feels Bush is basing his campaign on the last eight years of the Reagan administration. He said Bush claims Dukakis lacks passion; Mack suggested Bush lacks compassion. In Mack's

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Quote of the week:

"Education is the first resort as well as the last, for a worldwide solution of the problem of freedom."—H. M. Kallen

Greek raffle a success

KATHRYN ZONA
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The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation gained much support this weekend at the Homecoming football game.

Tau Kappa Epsilon in con-

junction with Delta Phi Epsilon raised, through raffle

tickets, \$250.00 for cystic fibrosis research.

This is the second annual event which TKE and Delta Phi Epsilon sponsored.

Tony Abicca, public relations for TKE said that Delta Phi Epsilon must, as a national sorority, partake in this event, and that TKE has

volunteered to help Delta Phi Epsilon in the raffle.