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## GALA faces battle number two

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Monday night was round two for the newly formed Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

GALA was formed last semester to give support to the gay and lesbian students at the State University College at Cortland. Their first battle came when they wanted to become a Cortland College Student Association recognized organization - that passed in the Student Senate last semester.

GALA's second battle is this semester - getting funded. The organization submitted a budget to the CCSA financial board. According to Scott Roman, CCSA treasurer, financial board was unsure what to do and asked the CCSA executive board

for clarification.

The executive board approved with a majority vote to have GALA go through a referendum for funding, said Joseph Iorizzo, CCSA President. It was the Senate's purpose Monday night to approve of the wording for that referendum, Iorizzo said.

But there was a large crowd opposing this referendum and they were out in full force Monday night. "Why is it necessary for GALA to go through a referendum to get funding when other clubs don't," asked Christopher Kirk, CCSA Senator.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Linda Kuk also spoke to the Senate. She said the referendum is in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution as well

as SUCC's college policy. If the referendum goes forward, she said, everyone involved "will stand in violation of college policy and will be subject to actions thereafter." Iorizzo then pointed out that the Senate should only be working on the wording of the referendum.

Stacey Payette, CCSA Senator, said that there should be no voting on the wording because there shouldn't be a referendum. By voting on the working the senate in approving of the referendum and is thereby implicating themselves, she continued.

A motion was then made by Michael Benton, CCSA Senator, to not vote on the wording of the referendum because it breaks the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. It was passed 16-7 with two abstentions.

Iorizzo said if the Senate didn't approve of the wording of the referendum, the executive board would submit the wording as is to the elections board.

Joseph Amuso, CCSA Senator, then put forth a resolution to the Senate which states: "We the members of the CCSA Senate do hereby give our dissent to the proposed referendum concerning GALA funding and we feel that they should go through normal budget petition process due to the fact that they meet all requirements to petition for such funding. Furthermore,

we instruct the financial board to use equitable criteria in assessing of such petition for funding." This resolution passed 13-4 with five abstentions

Kuk said, "I'm glad the governmental process of checks and balances works and I'm glad to see the students had a conscience about upholding the rights of all students." By singling GALA out is mistreatment and discrimination, she said. "My concern is that all organizations are treated equally."

## Bush's first budget calls for student loan cuts

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Overall spending on college student aid would drop a little, certain kinds of grants would disappear, black colleges would get more money and federal government would provide less money for students to borrow under the budget proposal President George Bush made to Congress Feb. 9.

The proposal, which Congress will now weigh, covers federal higher education spending for the Oct. 1, 1989 through Sept. 30, 1990 fiscal year.

"It looks more impressive than it actually is," said Charles Saunders of the American

can Council on Education (ACE) of the proposed budget.

Janet Lieberman of the United States Student Association (USSA), represents campus presidents in the capitol, contented Bush "is actually cutting education funding by not allowing for inflation." He says he's freezing defense spending, but there he's allowing for inflation.

Yet all the lobbying groups that will be trying to wring more money out of the government for colleges during the budget process were far less alarmed by Bush's proposed education budget than they had been by Ronald Reagan's.

"There's a new climate," Saunders explained, "It's refresh-

ing to have a guy (like U.S. Dept. of Education Secretary Lauro Cavasos). It's much better than (President Reagan's Secretary of Education William) Bennett, who would come in and say 'Okay you bastards, we're gonna cut your funding.'"

In fact, Bush's conciliatory tone prompted Lieberman to call the upcoming budget debate "a negotiation instead of a battle."

"It's a significant improvement over what we got from Reagan," added ACE's David Merkwitz. "Last year was the first year Reagan didn't try to decimate student aid."

"This guy is willing to work with people to come to some sort of compromise, to see what can be done," said a Department of Education official who asked to remain anonymous.

While the Bush budget does vary from the one proposed by Reagan in mid-January, most notably, it calls for greater funding for pre-school, elementary and high-school programs. Bush's planned spending for higher education doesn't differ much from Reagan's.

"The real point is: are the needs being met for post-secondary education now?" Saunders said. Answering his own question, he added, "We're left with the same concerns we had when President Reagan released his budget in January."

## Adult Children of Alcoholics establish a support group

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Growing up is not easy—especially for children of alcoholics, who often experience frightening situations and harbor painful feelings. According to Rich Peagler, by the time they reach adulthood, many children of alcoholics have wrestled with "issues that keep them from growing" emotionally. Peagler, an Assistant Director of Counseling at the State University of New York College at Cortland, runs a support group for students that are children of alcoholics.

The most complicated issue Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA's) struggle with is trust. Though the group has many priorities, they often never get beyond the trust issue in their discussions, said Peagler. ACOA's difficulty trusting others stems from failed trust in their relationships with their often unreliable alcoholic parents, whose behaviors and motivations they were unsure of as young children. Their inability to trust creates problems with intimacy in their interpersonal relationships, which are often tenuous as a result.

ACOA's often have a "profound need to make things perfect" said Peagler. As perfectionists, they usually "take on the responsibility to make things right," he said. ACOA's try to make peace at all costs, even if it means accepting mental, verbal and often physical abuse, which they will allow in order to keep

their parents happy. "One thing ACOA's have that many other people don't have are survival skills," said Peagler. Because of this destructive conditioning, ACOA's feel it is safer not to assert themselves. Also their fear of abandonment makes it almost impossible for them to be assertive. Their fear is that if they are anything but perfect, their parents will not love them and may leave.

Most ACOA's go through life feeling less than adequate, somehow short of the mark, no matter how hard they work. Some suffer from eating disorders, stress and anxiety. A big problem ACOA's face is "learning how to have fun," said Peagler. They spend too much time working at perfection, and not enough time enjoying life.

A member of Cortland College's counseling staff since 1972, Peagler specializes in counseling students with alcohol problems and ACOA's. He participates in summer workshops for ACOA's at Rutgers University under Janet Woltz, author of Adult Children of Alcoholics.

Peagler's ACOA support group has not yet been established for this semester. It will meet weekly for at least an hour, during which time group members can discuss their problems and fears openly. The group is designed as a support system. It is a way for members to establish and practice trusting skills, address the issues they face, and learn how to have fun.

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