

THE PRESS

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VIEWPOINT

**Press article on WSUC
one sided journalism**

Editor:

I would like to respond to the article "What's New, WSUC" by Michael Farruggia in the February 24th issue of *The Press*. The article begins with an uncomplimentary quote from a Queen song, and it is all downhill from there. This article is laced with misleading information and comments which border on personal attack. Mr. Farruggia describes some of

our music as "white trash", then, he goes on to describe our "stuttering DJs". These comments not only are unwarranted, destructive criticism, they are unfair and untrue. WSUC-FM has, over the past 13 years, been a training ground for over one thousand DJs. A first show for a disc jockey is a gut wrenching and exhilarating experience. While it is true that some jocks sound very nervous for their first several shows, this does not last more than a week or two.

Now, I would challenge you to find any regular DJ that "stutters".

Mr. Farruggia goes on to describe our new music policy. As a matter of policy, DJs are required to play five new songs an hour (the disc jockey gets his/her choice from a large selection of new albums). Vince Vercillo who was quoted on his opinion of rotation ("It's a drag"), is not even a regular DJ. He is an alternate who has
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**Women should
care to protect
themselves**

**TAMMY VAN ALLEN
AWARE Vice President**

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 1989, I attended the first of six sessions of self-defense classes which are being offered free to all women. Kathy Terique from the YWCA: Aid to Women of Violence provided me with some alarming statistics on the occurrences of assault and rape. I learned that one out of every four women are assaulted, and one out of every three women are raped in their lifetime, usually during their college years. What really angered me though was that during the self-defense class about one hundred people walked by. Some glanced at the posters as they walked by, but none of them bothered to join us. About two-thirds of the people were women. Thus, of those women who walked by one fourth will be assaulted and one-third will be raped. Another thing that irritated me was that of the 25 people who attended the class there were two housemates of a female student who was victim of an attempted assault last week walking back from downtown. She was not even there. Although *The Press* provided two large ads advertising this free event, it seems most students chose to ignore it.

The program was sponsored in part with NYPIRG, Resident Life, Student Life Offices, RSVP, and the Affirmative Action Office. Also, the concept of a self-defense course was encouraged by Public Safety. AWARE brought it all together with instructor Kevin Seaman, owner and operator of the East/West Martial Arts Academy- volunteering his time, skill and knowledge for the benefit of our campus. It seems these people care more about the safety of the female population of students here than the students do themselves.

**Senators too
critical of administration**

To the Editor

As I read *The Press* this Friday, I found myself frustrated with reading constant criticism of the present CCSA administration. Yes, *The Press's* main purpose is to print valuable in-

formation, but it is not the job of *The Press* to print who is mad at whom; this reduces its effectiveness when addressing valid issues.

As a CCSA senator in 1987-1988, I have seen the good work done by CCSA, and I am still striving to see to it that the present administration does a good job in 1988-1989. It was difficult for me to watch CCSA start out ineffectively, but it has been a relief to see this body become more effective. There has been much criticism given to this administration by a faction in the Senate, but I do not see this group of people working with the present administration to resolve the issues that are at hand. If this faction is as good as it says it is, where was it when the athletic fee was being proposed? I did not see any rallies or formal protests in *The Press* against the fee, and I do not see any protest by this group against the current proposal of a health fee. However, I will note that there was a resolution passed in Senate against the athletic fee by a member of this faction, yet this faction has charged that there is more to being an effective leader than just passing resolutions in Senate. If you are so effective then why did it happen? Perhaps this is just another area where you are pointing fingers again. The entire Senate body is as hard working as you are, and I am offended that this faction takes pride in continu-

ously offering their criticism of the present administration. Every time this faction is critical of the actions taken by the executive board or Senate itself, this faction also criticizes every other senator in Senate. If you are more intelligent than the rest of us in Senate then why didn't you have a cure for the problems associated with Senate instead of making more?

I would like to call for this faction to take more interest in what is happening in the CCSA administration, and to think about what they are doing, not who they are pointing fingers at. Everyone has a political stake in what they do in Senate, and that needs to be recognized. For example, as a person who has sincere interest in the welfare of the students on this campus, my interests are varied and my time limited. But I do try and attend as many other activities as possible. Because most of this faction is part of Senate it should share a mutual interest with the other members. It should share with Senate the desire to be sensitive to the entire student body and its needs, and not continue to offer criticism where it is not needed. Progress cannot be made if we continue to step backwards.

**Roberta Swan
CCSA Senator/ Political
Science**

**C welcomes
ative criticism--
half truths**

se to Michael Farruggia's article which appeared in *Press*.

y stating that college is for the educational development at Cortland, is part of that developmental process. dents for the students and surrounding community. or hands-on experience at managing, directing, and

professionals, just as those who run the *Press* are not. free, just as the *Press* does not. Evidence of this can which I am referring.

othing but degrade the station with half-truths. His ducted before reaching a decision. I believe WSUC e students and community. WSUC will continue to any constructive criticism which can help improve

**Jeff Habicht
Freshman DJ**

nd labels unfairly

has any alternatives.

The concept of the rotation was correct. You must play five songs per hour from a selection that never falls lower than 75 albums. With all do respect to Vince, a man who has yet to do a show, there is something in there for everyone.

The best part of the article was the five shows Mike mentioned. It was more of an ad for each than anything else. The

one part that did disturb me was the attack on the sports show at five o'clock on Monday night. The two men who run this show are not professional sports analysts, but they try their best. Tom and Bill put in many hours behind the scenes trying to improve and prepare the show. They have derived a new format which should be a success.

The nine hours of dance on Friday speak for themselves by

the number of phones that ring off the hook. As long as they continue to ring there is justification for this programming move.

So the next time Mike wants to write a nice juicy rip-them-apart article, remember that is what Geraldo gets paid for!

**Respectfully,
Douglas J. Friedle
Promotions Director
WSUC-FM**