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SEIU Protests Lack of Administrative Action

Contracts Still Under Negotiation



photo by Dave Gordon

Students, faculty and support staff gathered in front of Coxe Hall in support of union negotiations to raise the salaries and benefits of SEIU members.

Ian Schlanger
Melissa Roberts
Herald Editors

The stone walls of Coxe Hall were illuminated by the flickering flames of those whose lives have been impeded by the administration harbored therein. On Tuesday students, faculty and staff gathered together, huddled against the rain, in support of wage negotiations held between the colleges and the support staff union (S.E.I.U. Service Employees International Union).

"People who have been here a long time are getting a twenty cent

raise, while newer people are getting as much as a dollar," one angry protester exclaimed in the rally. Her comments mirrored the sentiments of many others in the group.

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year."

HWS support staff are comprised of department secretaries and employees in the copy center, bookstore, library, and other facilities on campus. They, along with their union, have been negotiating for wage increases and health care rate support with Human Resources on a regular basis for the past few months.

SEIU Executive Vice President Deana Fox, who was present to lead negotiations on behalf of the union, was asking for a 6.1% wage increase and subsequent raises of around 4% in the next year. How-

ever, negotiations thus far have failed while health insurance rates continue to increase, and employees are hampered by the restrictions of their current salaries. "We're really not getting the progress we need at the bargaining table," explained Fox, "...wage increases that we've received in the past have been eaten up by health insurance increases."

The crowd that Fox addressed seemed to be brimming with energy and enthusiasm even breaking out into song with such unifying lyrics as, "I'M STICKING TO THE UNION!"

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Human Rights, Service Stressed By Cuomo

Dina Paulson
Herald Contributor

Monday evening, November 26, Kerry Kennedy Cuomo appeared as this year's Second President's Forum Speaker. Cuomo, a human rights activist and author, discussed, "Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who Are Challenging Our World."

Gearan introduced Cuomo by stating, "We are in a time of growing skepticism about public service." Cuomo began by calling firefighters, "superheroes," stating that they "in a sense, save us all." Calling human rights activists "Martin Luther Kings," she detailed the torture, imprisonment and death endured by many. Cuomo claims activist success is due to "...people with few resources [who] made that possible," showing progress in South Africa, Chile and El Salvador. She

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AIDS AWARENESS WEEK



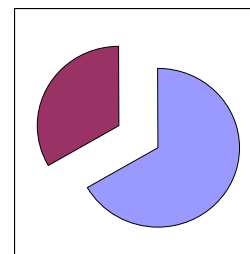
To kick-off AIDS Awareness Week 2001, these people gathered outside Coxe Hall for a visual representation of how many Americans die of AIDS related causes in a work day (9am-5pm).

Approximately 110 Americans die in every 24-hour day
Approximately 37 die within every 8-hour work day

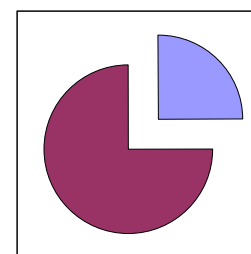
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Speak Truth to Power at President's Forum

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compares activist efforts to "ripple effects," leading to "tidal waves," of achievement. Cuomo offered shocking statistics of global inequality, and contrasted the combined wealth of the three richest people as being equal to the combined GNP of the 43 poorest countries in the world.

Cuomo claimed women's violence is "one of the greatest violences we face today," arguing, "failure of governments to stop this...makes this discrimination more pervasive." Cuomo claims 1/5 of US women are subjected annually to sexual assault and names fifteen friends who are rape victims.

She depicts the every-woman "Jane," as being, "poor and black...wealthy and white...in an Ivy League

Dorm, after a party...by a boss..." Cuomo stated only one woman reported her case, statistics showing women "don't know what to say."

Women in Pakistan, Cuomo explains, are said to, "compromise the family's honor," if raped. In 1999, 7,800 women were murdered in the "name of honor." She relates Russian women as banned from 400 professions and Saudi Arabian women withheld from voting and driving privileges. She says women constitute half of the world's population, 2/3 of its workforce and receive 1/10th of the world's income and property ownership.

"What a waste", Cuomo asserts, "Look at the talent we are squandering." In the US, Cuomo details sexual abuse towards women in prisons. She asks us to, "imagine the fear...this is going on in our own country [and] what are we doing to stop it?"

In Cuomo's book, Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World, she

conducted interviews with human rights activists and those who experienced inequality. Denoting them as the "most aspiring, extraordinary people on this earth," particularly discussing three. Digna, a Mexican woman, endured sexual abuse yet persevered and became a successful lawyer. When confronted with oppression and asked how she overrode fear, Digna replied, "I'm just so angry... [thinking about injustices committed] gives me a sense of rage [which] gives me a sense of calm and I can confront anyone." Cuomo underlines Digna's message of "harnessing anger to create change."

The second woman, Julianna, was a sexual slave in Ghana for sixteen years. Upon escaping, she

confronted legislature and in 1999, a law was passed banning men from contracting sexual slavery. Looking at Julianna, Cuomo states, "One person can make a difference...Keep that in your hearts and souls and be confident you could be that person."

The last, Cohegi from Kenya, suffered imprisonment for dissenting with the government. Standing true to his beliefs regardless of maltreatment, Cuomo reinforces his bravery and dedication, stating, "You stand up; you make a difference."

Lastly, Cuomo asks for a "broader and larger [activism] constituency," and encourages everyone to take part. She says you must educate yourself and take action locally. "For real lasting change." Cuomo further emphasized the responsibility each individual has to, "protect human dignity and liberty," arguing against a, "sense of futility." She asks us, "to take up a torch for a more decent society," and echoes Langston Hughes words; "Hold fast to your dreams and commitments and make

Vigil Held In Contract Protest

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"They couldn't run this place with out us," explained one support staff employee, "if we were all college graduates with Phd's there wouldn't be anyone left willing to do what we do, and this place would fall apart."

When the notions of a strike was raised the support staffers quickly rejected this idea noting, "We can't

afford to go on strike...if you go on strike you don't get paid and besides we like it here and want to stay here."

Fox mirrored this notion pointing out that, "Our members have worked hard to be unified, and to get where we are," adding, "...it's [a strike] not our ultimate goal but we're getting pretty worked up."

When asked what students could do to help out Fox seemed unsure,

"The students are what everyone is here for," noting, "I don't know what it takes to rock the administration but the more help the better."

The rally moved inside lending body and voice to the already perplexing negotiations. As the night wore on perhaps the crowd summed up the rally's events with this simple yet poignant chant, "Hey, hey, ho, ho low wages have got to go!"

Security: Force for Good, Not Evil

Dane Miller
Op-Ed Editor

Never the most popular branch of the colleges, Security has been routinely criticized on campus especially in the wake of the Rees fire. However, contrary to allegations of inept officers spread by the rumor mill the actions of security on a daily basis, and in reaction to the recent fire, have been exemplary. Yet, more than a month after the event almost everyone involved has been publicly thanked while Security has been overlooked.

In the early morning of Wednesday October 10th a fire broke out on Rees one, and one minute and thirty eight seconds after the first student called in the fire two officers, Lieutenant Rudy Calabrese and Sergeant Larry Crescibene, were on the scene. Moments later, the two officers were inside the smoke filled building removing students from their rooms. The two officers continued to get students out of the building and pull fire alarms for the several minutes it took for the Geneva Fire Department and Police Department to arrive on the scene. "Officers Calabrese and Crescibene were inside the building fighting smoke inhalation and disorientation in order to get students out of the building," said Security officer Jeff Luongo whose father-in-law is an Assistant Fire Chief, "their quick responses had to have made a huge impact." Luck-

ily, officers Calabrese and Crescibene suffered no serious injuries as a result of their actions.

In the aftermath of the fire, the professional staff of Residential Education took the lead on a campus wide residence check in the hope of fire prevention. Security did not do that; they took the lead from Residential Education. Contrary to popular student belief, "The fire safety checks was all Residential Education, they took care of most of that," said officer Bruce Moore. The policy of the colleges does state that, The Colleges reserve the right to enter student rooms for purposes of repairs, furniture inventory and room condition checks, to ensure compliance with campus police and fire safety codes. "The colleges did not go through student's rooms to catch them, it was for fire safety and prevention. We are not harping on fire safety because of the fire, but as a result of the example it set," said Luongo. "The smoke detector checks, fire drills, and extinguisher replacements are not being done because of the fire, it is something that is checked all the time for the safety of our students and in compliance with fire code laws," added Moore.

As a result of the fire policy has now changed with regard to security and fire safety. In the past, Security officers were not supposed to confiscate any materials in a student's room that were not drugs, drug paraphernalia, or the illegal use

of alcohol. Past procedure dictated that security officers were to make a note of it in their reports and a pro-staff member of Res-Ed was responsible for attending to it. The policy has changed, allowing security to confiscate any materials found in a student's room that is in violation of the Colleges' policy. Whenever an Officer confiscates something from a student's room, they will do one of two things with it. If it is alcohol they are legally required to dump it out; every security officer has to take a turn dumping out alcohol. However, if they confiscate things like microwaves or toasters they are required to take it to security, and tag it with the student's name. "Students can get these things back; all they have to do is call us and let us know that they want to come and get it," said Luongo, "we all respect both the students and their property, but at the same time I have a job to do and policy to follow. I think that the students need to understand that the policy we enforce is for them and for their safety."

The formal job of Security and the officers is to maintain a safe and secure campus for the students. "If it were not for the students we would not be here. I am here to help students in any way that I can," concluded Moore. "It is not possible to work here if you do not like the students," added Luongo, "all we ask is for just a simple thank you once in a while; a thank you can be one of the most satisfying things."



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Opinion/Editorial

New Gender Balance Theme House Needs Open Minded Residents

Mary Margaret Herman

"Many people like to classify feminists as "man-haters." These individuals that bad-mouth the feminist movement are those who know the least about it. Feminism is about equality between the genders...it is about awareness, education, activism and empowerment. I am sure that a large amount of males out there are sick and tired of being blamed for the injustices that are imposed upon women. So, what can we do?"

In my last article, I spoke about the coordinate

system and gender imbalance on campus. Now I am offering my first solution to the problem I spoke about previously. One of the ways we can resolve gender imbalance on campus is to unite the people that care about such issues. Men and women need somewhere to connect other than the Fisher Series lectures! My first proposal is entitled "The Coordinate House," a theme residence created to enhance awareness about gender issues.

Currently, I have several ideas for the house. First of all, there will be balance...that is, an equal number of both males and females living in the residence. We will hold forums once a month to talk

about issues of gender imbalance in contemporary society. At these meetings, we will come up with new and innovative ways to relay the information discussed to the students of HWS. One of the ideas is a cross-gendered debate in front of Scandling Center where we will challenge various HWS students to argue about a

gender issues from the perspective of the opposite sex. Needless to say, we will commend the participants and reward them with an unmentionable prize.

What it all comes down to is that I have many ideas, but what I need is people who are interested in

living in the proposed "Coordinate House" for the 2002-2003 school year. If you or anyone you know gets heated about gender issues, the gender balance house may be the place to settle and expend your additional energy.

If you are interested, I can be contacted via e-mail at mherman@hws.edu. Leave me a brief note with your name and extension and I will get back to you promptly. Please do this before December 6th, 2001, as that is when the application for the house is due at Res-Ed. Thank you to anyone who took the time to read this.

One of the ways we can resolve gender imbalance on campus is to unite the people that care about such issues. Men and women need somewhere to connect other than the Fisher Series lectures!

Thumbs Up

Thumbs up this week goes out to President Gearan for bringing Alan Keys to campus this past Thursday. We really appreciate your faith and trust in the maturity of the students here. This is especially valid considering the liberal nature of this campus juxtaposed with the



events that transpired the last time this campus entertained a speaker with a conservative perspective. We

think that it is so important as aspiring well-educated citizens to at least acknowledge the political and social positions of others. So, thank you! Another thumbs up goes out to the support staff who have been fighting for higher wages and more benefits. We support your cause, and respect your desire to be recognized, through benefits and higher wages, as the essential component of this campus that you are. **Do not give up on the fight for what you deserve.** Lastly, thumbs up goes out to AIDS/HIV Awareness Week. HIV/AIDS is a serious issue plaguing the global community, and the members of this community are brave enough to recognize, through education and the events of this week, that this issue spans race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. It is a pleasure to attend an institution that allows its students to address serious issues of this nature publicly.

Thumbs Down

Your thoughts here! E-mail us at herald@hws.edu, and you could join the Editorial Board and weigh in with some thumbs down of your own.



Oh, I Do Declare!
Kathy Stearns

*will return
next week!*



Letters to the editor

Seatbelts Ain't Cool: Neither is Living

Ben Kenna

I would like to react to Mr. Diehl's article titled, "Don't Buckle Up- It Will Save your license" that appeared in the November 16th issue of *The Herald*. Mr. Diehl states that by not wearing his seatbelt he has been spared of numerous speeding tickets, and he insists that we follow his method. That is funny, because I thought seatbelts were meant to save lives, not get people out of speeding tickets. Correct me if I'm wrong

Put on a seatbelt. It isn't a big deal; it's a safety precaution. Sorry if you won't be able to get to your coffee from your precious Jersey diners with it on, or turn your head to gaze at beautiful cherry nipples, but it may just save your life.

Mr. Diehl, but you wouldn't have to get out of these tickets, waste ink and paper in writing the article, if you slowed down, and drove responsibly, right? Also you say, and I quote, "In my car, if someone tried to buckle-up, I would yell at them. What you don't trust me, you think I'm gonna crash. Then I would drive a hundred miles an hour and that seatbelt would go right back on." Why would you do that to someone who is just trying to be safe? It's

not an issue of trust; it's an issue of being safe and responsible! Sounds to me like you aren't the greatest of drivers if you're getting all these speeding tickets. And I'll be willing to bet that your so called 'fool-proof' method will run out of luck sometime (and has on 3 separate occasions; you say you've gotten out of

12 of 15). Some cop will make your life pretty miserable unless you slow down. And put on a seatbelt. It isn't a big deal; it's a safety precaution. Sorry if you won't

be able to get to your coffee from your precious Jersey diners with it on, or turn your head to gaze at beautiful cherry nipples, but it may just save your life. There are a lot of other bad drivers out there, and you'll be thankful for a speeding ticket, rather than getting hit when you're not wearing a seatbelt. As a Herald staff member I am personally emotionally unable to write another morbid article about the tragic death of any more students here!

HWS Colleges Experience

Hobart Student Reflects on His Positive Social Experiences on This Campus

Jeffrey Talbot

I stroll down the cafeteria walkway and before I reach the lowest level I have been greeted by at least five different people. Firm handshakes and (from the ladies) warm embraces with smiles are bestowed upon me. A chair is pulled up for me at a table that is quickly becoming crowded, and I am subject to the pleasant feeling of comradeship that grows within me.

I spend a good hour eating, and as I feed I randomly glance at nearby students and notice them spending and enjoying quality time with their friends. I reflect on the fact that this is what college is about. Not the academic workload, the hours spent studying, but the attainment of true friends. Finding one's place amongst people who are intellectually stimulating, but who are mostly just looking to be accepted. People who just want to be wanted.

I finish my meal with a swig of water and consider the maturity of the relationships I have formed with those surrounding me. A voice in the back of my mind tells me that the vocal expression of my feelings is not needed, for those whom are around me understand the connection we share. That my peers are there for me, and that I am there for them does need to be spoken aloud.

I walk outside and confront the cold November rain, joking with my friends about a class or some random girl. As we walk back to our dorm we pass similar groups of people, many whom I know and greet. Perhaps we stop in front of Coxe and

share a moment together, perhaps not. After all, it is cold and rainy out and a friend of ours just bought the new James Bond video game for Nintendo 64. My friends and I have decided to postpone homework and exhaust our evening spending time in front of the tube.

There have been times when I didn't know why I was here, and I didn't know what to do. And then my friends were there for me. Picking me back up, bringing me to parties, and causing me to realize that I was valuable and more importantly, that I was wanted. They treated me as an individual and not some social object.

I've spent hours on this campus thinking and observing people and their actions, all the while wondering how everything fits together. I spent hours wondering where I fit in. Times have passed when I have experienced withdrawn, depressed feelings and I have felt that my presence here was not being recognized. There have been times when I didn't know why I was here, and I didn't know what to do. And then my friends were there for me. Picking me back up, bringing me to parties, and causing me to realize that I was valuable and more importantly, that I was wanted. They treated me as an individual and not some social object.

Several weeks ago I traveled to nearby University of Rochester and during that weekend I came to an important realization. It came as we were sitting around, debating what to do. My friends from U of R were commenting how they were always bored, were always stuck on a Sat-

urday evening racing around to find the closest party. It occurred to me that in this regard, U of R might as well be Hobart. The people on campus are the same, and are experiencing times and situations similar to those that we experience.

Well, it's getting late so I had better get to the point of the editorial where I draw logical conclusions and 'put it all together'. Fun, good times, and relationships are never going to just come to you. You have to go find them. Spending hours in your room, alone, contemplating the reasons of your misery will not earn you a friendship. However, sitting

in a crowded room with people, playing a video game and joking about the embarrassing length of your own penis...these things will.

And if, after several months, you have found that there is not a single soul with whom you connect with on campus...not a single person whom you feel close too, then perhaps it is time for you to consider why you are here. Perhaps it is time that you consider the other options that are available to you.

To those of you whom are considering transfer from HWS to another college because of a lack of friends, all I can say is that there is always an open seat at my table for you. My number is in the infamous stalker book, and I can usually be found drinking a cold glass of water at my fraternity house on any given Friday night. Look me up. We'll get together and discuss things other than the fact that I can drink my weight in water. I'll pick your brains.

By the way, I hate water.



The New Diehl

David Diehl

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HERALD FLICK OF THE WEEK

And The Band Played On
Friday Flix, 10 pm, Geneva Room

Arts & Entertainment

Deep Blue Something's Self-Titled Album Has Something New

Christina Taranto
A&E Editor

In 1996 Deep Blue Something made it big with their smash pop hit "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Well, boys and girls they are back and sound better than ever. They have transformed their pop sounding music to a new mellow metal. Their lyrics, instruments and all that jazz sound terrific. They have done a fantastic job putting their new cd together considering that they were dropped from the original label that put out their hit single, "Breakfast at Tiffany's," and the people that did help put out this CD were new found talent to the production company.

Thanks to HWS' own WEOS who inspired Powderfinger Promotions to send me a copy of DBS' self titled CD. Powderfinger Promotion



DBS' public relations director stated, "Their new song 'She is' not only took the #2 Most Downloaded spot on MP3.com, but was performed live by the band on CNN's 'Showbiz Today,' reaching a global audience." Deep Blue Something has once again shined into the public spotlight.

The Public Relations office said they have, "Beatlesque melodies." I do not know if I would compare them to the Beatles personally because the

Beatles are so infamous, but I will go as far to say that they definitely did a good job, and that their sound is definitely going to the Billboard charts at some point soon. Listening to them brought memories of Radiohead and U2; I determined while listening to the new CD that their new sound is a cross between the two. So, tune into WEOS 89.7 or 90.3 to hear their music and make your own decision on DBS' new sound.

Koshare Was Audience Pleasing

Nichole Malec
A&E Contributor

During the weekend of November 16, 2001, Koshare appeared on campus. For those of

you who did not see Koshare; it was made of many performing arts talents, dancing being a main focus. Be-

ing in the audience I can tell you that the cast seemed like they had put many hours of hard work and dedication, and to the audience and my benefit it paid off. Depending on

whom you talked to, you hear mixed views on the experience. Like many things in life you could love it or you could hate it, there are not many things that people can all agree on. There will always be that one person that sticks out and says, "Well, I disagree."

In my opinion the participants in Koshare put on an all around great show. Performances ranged from traditional tap to "Magic Carpet Ride" to an untraditional flexibility display done beautifully by Whitney Nields, which by the way impressed the guys sitting next to me very, much. There was also acting and dancing to tribal scenes, and a sexy song and dance enticing a man with a guitar, almost as if the dancers were Sirens enticing a sailor. There were Janet and Michael Jackson impersonators, and I must say they did a fantastic job. All the performances were exciting and crowd-pleasing making this years Koshare a huge success.



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Two-thirds of all senior athletes participate in volunteer activities each week with one-third contributing at least three hours each week.



Source: Data drawn from all intercollegiate athletes (N=72) participating in a Spring 2001 survey of graduating seniors.

