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Anti-cut rally attracts little attention

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SAVE SUNY was the theme of a rally held yesterday in the Hewitt Union Ballroom yesterday which gathered a crowd of about 30 people.

The rally was the aftermath of Governor Hugh Carey's overall cut of the SUNY budget. One faculty member linked directly with fighting the slashed budget is Brian Betz, a professor in the Communications Studies department.

The speaker at the rally, Betz stated that, "our responsibility is to see that this budget does not pass."

Altogether, Carey has cut \$26.3 million from SUNY's budget. Should this budget pass, Chancellor Clifton Wharton estimated that 2,200 faculty positions would have to be eliminated, resulting in the narrowing of more than 100 academic departments. Predictably, less courses would then be offered. It is feared by opponents to the budget cuts that classes would become overcrowded. It has been rumored that one or two SUNY campuses would have to be shut down.

"Carey is dedicated to dismantling the quality of the SUNY system," said Betz.

Another issue brought up was Bundy Aid Funding. An overall hike in funding of private education by the State of New York is expected. A summary of TAP payments for 1979-80 showed that private schools received \$115,800,000 in funding, while SUNY only received \$536,000. "Private schools are receiving a lot more than they should," Betz declared.

Also discussed was the need for SUNY students to get involved; No one can dispute the need for our getting involved in budget cuts," commented Betz.

"Support is needed," said SA President Mike Flores. A letter writing campaign is scheduled to begin next Monday. He urged those with questions to speak with SA senators or to stop in the SA office.

"We can't sit on our bureaucratic bottoms and let this happen to us," voiced Betz. He urged all to campaign, get involve and save SUNY.

