

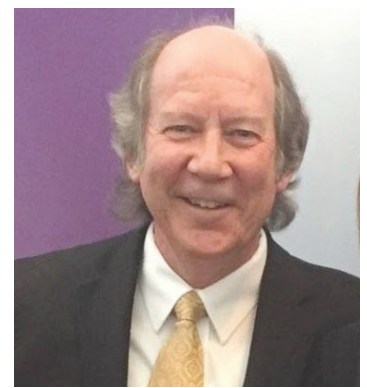


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CREWS WALKS A 'THOUSAND MILES' AT UALBANY EVENT



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Actor and NFL star Terry Crews sang and danced, but also shared intimate life experience at SEFCU Arena

Student Fees to Rise \$120 Next Semester

By MICHAEL APOLLO

University at Albany students will pay an additional \$120 in broad-based fees for the 2019-2020 academic year, the large increase coming to the intercollegiate athletic fee.

Broad-based fees fund university functions and services for students which are outside of the core instructional program.

Sophomore human biology major Dominique Desroches is unhappy with the 4.2% increase.

"School is expensive," Desroches said. "This school has been taking a lot of money from us to begin with."

UAlbany's vice president for finance and administration Todd Foreman said the fee increases help the institution respond to inflationary increases it has no control over.

"The increases will generate an additional \$2 million in revenue for the campus," Foreman said in an interview Wednesday.

UAlbany's intercollegiate athletics fee will see the largest increase — up \$35 to \$635. The 5.8% increase will make UAlbany's intercollegiate athletic fee the highest among the four SUNY university centers — Binghamton, Stony Brook, UAlbany, and the University at Buffalo.

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By JACQUELYN ORCHARD

Last Wednesday, Terry Crews danced, literally, into SEFCU arena, to the tune of 1,000 students applauding.

The student association president, Langie Cadesca, introduced Crews with a long list of his accomplishments: NFL linebacker, movie star (White Chicks, the Expendables), and TV star (Brooklyn 99) to name a few.

Crews strikes an imposing figure, 6' 2" and 240 pounds. Which is why when he started singing Vanessa Carlton's song, "Makin' my way downtown, walking fast, faces pass and I'm home-bound," the audience exploded into applause, laughter, and general screams of "Oh my God, YES!"

Crews proceeded to finish the song, in its

entirety, with the help of the stadium singing along.

"Just wanted to break the tension there," Crews said.

Crews is the author of the new book, *Manhood: How to be a Better Man- Or Just Live With One*.

The concept of manhood is one around which Crews' entire speech focused.

"When I was a kid I didn't know what being a man was," Crews said, "it's all I wanted to know and no one would tell me."

Crews grew up in Flint Michigan.

"Walking Dead has nothing on Flint Michigan in the 1980s," said Crews.

He described his father's alcoholism and domestic violence against his mother.

He recalls watching his father stand over his mother after having just knocked her unconscious.

"Why you make me do this, Trish?" Crews echoed his father's words across the silent stadium. He let the words float there for a while before reflecting.

"Here I am, five years old, and I'm goin', 'Wow, I got a lesson,' he says he loves her. What will he do to me?" Crews said.

It was this moment, at five years old, that Crews knew three things: his father was the man of the house, the man makes the rules, and he was afraid of him.

"Those knuckles, those calloused hands, when he moved through the house, it just rumbled," Crews said.

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LYFT

Driver Attempts to Drag Student Out of Car

By MICHELLE MULLEN

A University at Albany student has filed a complaint against a LYFT Driver with a previous arrest record after he attempted to forcibly remove her from a ride for cursing in his vehicle.

On April 1st Pilar Carrera, 19, was at Collins Circle when the LYFT she had requested arrived. At 12:23 pm Carrera entered the vehicle of 58-year-old LYFT driver Todd M. Warnken.

Warnken was arrested in 2016 for aggravated harassment charges after being thrown out of a grocery store for threatening to beat up a black woman and calling her a racial slur. Just ten months after that, he was kicked out of a school board meeting for physically confronting a black school board member, according to the Times Union.

The car had not yet left UAlbany when an altercation began which left Carrera so shaken up she has decided to leave the university.

Carrera said that she was mid-conversa-

tion on the phone with a friend when she climbed into the back-seat of the vehicle. During the conversation she let out a swear word.

"He immediately turned around and yelled, 'There will be no cursing in my car' with no warning at all he was just screaming," Carrera said.

Warnken could not be reached for comment as of publication.

Carrera, who is 4 foot 11 inches and weighs in at about 105 pounds, says she was terrified when he stopped the car and attempted to drag her out.

Video Carrera took at the time shows Warnken putting his hands on her. He was able to pull her purse and headphones out of her grip, ripping both handles off the bag and tearing the wires of her headphones.

"There were at least three cars



Source: Twitter - The driver has a history of altercations with black women.

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Last year, Binghamton University had the highest intercollegiate athletics fee at \$608. This year, it has increased to \$626 dollars per year.

The intercollegiate athletics fee is only one of several sources of revenue for UAlbany Athletics. The program is also financed by corporate sponsorships, private fundraising, ticket sales, and advertising, UAlbany's director of athletics Mark Benson said.

According to Benson, the fee increase will help the program recruit and retain student athletes.

"The biggest area of expense is scholarships for student athletes," Benson said in a phone interview, citing tuition increases for out of state and international students.

"It is in line with the campus strategic plan," Benson said.

The comprehensive service fee will cost students \$1,393, a \$35 increase from the 2018-2019 academic year. The comprehensive service fee is comprised of the health and counseling fee, transportation fee, and technology fee.

The additional \$10 going towards the health and counseling fee will allow Student Health Services to hire four additional staff members to meet the anticipated increase in demand when the center moves from Patroon Creek to Dutch Quad next year.

The transportation fee increase of \$15 will fund the replacement of university owned busses and will allow the university to renegotiate a new contract with CDTA, as the current contract ends in September.

The additional \$10 going to the technology fee will fund scheduled replacement of university information technology equipment.

New for the 2019-2020 academic year is a \$50 career services fee. This fee will fund additional positions in the Office of Career and Professional Development. All four SUNY university centers will be introducing this fee.

Senior communication and business major Tyler Soto is happy he will not be affected by the fees. "I'm glad I'm graduating because I hear the fees keep going up and up," Soto said.

UAlbany's Division of Finance and Administration presented the fee increases to the Student Association Sen-



Photo: Michael Apollo / ASP

University officials said the increased fees, which are just under the maximum increase allowed by SUNY, are needed because of inflation.

ate on Feb. 27, 2019. However, the fees were not up for vote.

Following the presentation and discussions with Foreman, Student Association Senate chairman Brandon Holdridge is confident the fee increases will benefit UAlbany students.

"The general consensus was that these increases are reasonable and will have a positive impact for the students of this university," Holdridge said in an email response.

According to Foreman, the 2019-2020 fee increases

come in just under the maximum amount permitted by SUNY. Foreman assures student input is considered in all financial decision-making processes that impact students. The recreation and campus life fee, university fee, and academic excellence fee will not be increased.

Students will have the opportunity to voice their concerns on the budget during an open forum conducted by the UAlbany Office of Financial Management and Budget on April 25 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Campus Center West Auditorium.

University, Albany Med packing comfort bags for sexual assault victims

By KATY DARA

Shampoo. A change of clothing. Toothbrushes and toothpaste. Deodorant. A teddy bear. And a small note of encouraging words. What do these things have in common? They are all in care kits for sexual assault victims assembled at UAlbany's "We Care" event, which will celebrate its fifth-year anniversary on campus on Thursday, April 11.

"We Care" is an event in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness month, where UAlbany partners with Albany Medical Center (Albany Med) to make comfort bags for sexual violence victims.

People who go to Albany Medical Center for treatment or investigation receive the bags.

"What we're doing is we're creating care packages for individuals who are going for forensic examinations because they're victims of sexual assault," said Amelia Barbadoro, UAlbany's interim Director of Equity and Compliance and Title IX Coordinator who will be running the event for the first time this year.

Each year, community volunteers gather in assembly lines to put together these bags, which are then loaded onto an ambulance and sent to Albany Medical Center.

"We have men's kits, women's kits, kits for pediatrics. Unfortunately, they always produce 350, and they've run out each year before the year is up. This year, we're producing 700 bags as compared to 350. We're doubling the number of bags."

Part of the high demand for comfort bags is that they are not just given to victims, but friends or family members who accompany them to the hospital. Often, victims undergo SANE, or the Sexual Assault Nurse's Exam to forensically test for evidence of rape and sexual violence.

"They take your clothes a lot of times when they're doing these exams, so the bags include clothing. Sometimes you're there late at night, or overnight, you're waiting for long periods of time, so there's toiletries," Barbadoro said as she looked in a sample bag.

"There's a teddy bear, which is for support. There's a gift card. Every single person who's there (at the event) writes out

a little note of encouragement and puts that into the bag as well."

The partnership between UAlbany and Albany Med dates back before the We Care events, according to Albany Med's Sexual Assault Nurse Coordinator Kaylin Dawson.

"We have an MOU with (UAlbany), it's a memorandum of understanding, meaning that if any patient was to come to any of the teachers or the counseling service and said that they were sexually assaulted, UAlbany knows that they can send all of their students to us," Dawson said.

"So I approached them and asked if they wanted to partner with this We Care event, and they did. It's kind of grown and evolved, and here we are in our fifth year."

In recent years, the raised awareness of sexual assault and available resources has led to greater numbers reporting to the hospital for incidents. Although she couldn't speak to exact numbers, Dawson acknowledges need for more bags is evident.

"I don't necessarily think (sexual assault) is occurring more, just a greater awareness of the availability of those resources. I think just because it's so much in the media, everyone's talking about it. Everyone knows after an assault that they can go to the hospital. More people are aware of what can be done for them after an assault."

Due to the ambitious number of bags being assembled, Barbadoro urges any students who are available to volunteer.

"This provides people with the opportunity to make a difference. Just by showing up here and donating two hours of their time they have been a part of an event that's supporting these victims," she said.

"You're not just supporting one victim, but hundreds of victims and their families... And you're standing side-by-side with other community members. We have members of management come, there's outside community members, there's people from Albany Med, the DA's office, the Albany police, UPD; you're joining forces with so many people and I think that it exposes students to the community at-large."

We Care will take place in SEFCU Arena on Thursday, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Any and all students are welcome to volunteer for comfort bag assembly.



Photo: Paul Miller, University at Albany

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around us when we were stopped at the light, and he assaulted me," Carrera said, "No one did anything, that's the saddest part."

Before she could get out of the vehicle on her own, Warnken got back into the car and began to drive off of the campus, making a right onto Washington Avenue towards Block 75.

She was able to convince him to let her off at the side of the road, still within walking distance of where the original altercation had occurred.

"I didn't start crying until I got out and processed the situation. No cab driver is worth my life, I was scared he would knock me out and drive off campus," Carrera said. "At no point did I put my hands on him or purposely disrespect him, even after the whole incident."

Carrera later called 911 and two UPD officers came to question her in her dorm on Dutch Quad. She said that they initially told her there is nothing that could be done, but that she was welcome to file charges.

UPD confirmed in a statement that the officers advised Carrera of her rights to file a complaint, and that on Thursday afternoon she filed one alleging harassment.

"The complaint will be forwarded to Albany City Court for adjudication," the statement said.

SOCIAL MEDIA JUSTICE

Following the incident, Carrera decided to find justice through social media, sharing the video evidence on Instagram to her 18,000 followers.

The posts quickly gained attention and were shared over 20,000 times. While thousands of people stand by her, Carrera says many people are doubting the situation and some are even accusing her of fabricating the incident for attention.

"People on Instagram don't know me; they just know the person they see on social media. They don't know how small I am. I'm 4'11, people are underestimating the situation," Carrera said.

Still, Carrera said that her supporters by far outweigh the number of haters on social media. Since the original posts, three other females reached out to her saying they too had driven with Warnken and had negative experiences with racist undertones.

After Carrera reached out to Lyft, they released a statement indicating that Warnken's account was deactivated and that he will no longer be driving with LYFT.

"That is not enough," Carrera said. "It's not only about getting him fired from Lyft. What if he gets hired by Uber? He should not be working in a job where he has to interact with people."

Carrera says that Warnken also decided to file a complaint to Lyft against her, causing her account to be deactivated as well. However, she says she is done with Lyft and Uber after the incident.

Unfortunately, Carrera is also done with her time at UAlbany. She said she did not feel like she received the support that she would have liked from the University Police Department as well as the Albany Police Department. She is going back home to the Bronx and looks forward to being with her family.

After the incident with Warnken she said she was unable to eat for a day and a half and has lost the motivation for everyday activities such as cleaning her room and attending class.

University at Albany communications specialist Mike Nolan said that the university's CARE services had attempted to contact and meet with Carrera.



Source: Twitter

Bus Drivers, Students Struggle to Avoid Accidents on Paths with no Sidewalks

By ADRIANA CARRENO

Some CDTA drivers and students at the University at Albany are dissatisfied with the lack of sidewalks on campus. With an existing three mile long loop already built around the campus' perimeter, students question why the University has not built sidewalks for common walking routes.

"When it's pouring out, we go very slow because students will get splashed," said CDTA transporter Judith Falcon. "At night time it's hard to see so many of these students because they're dressed in dark clothing. Sometimes the CDTA buses won't see them walking in the middle."

For Falcon, this is major safety issue. Her route covers the Campus Center and all around and within the campus. Students often walk on the roads and Falcon said dodging students has become a common occurrence.

Sarah Carbon is one of the 7,700 students living on campus.

"I feel it's not safe to be walking the path the buses come on especially at night when I go to the gym, even though they have some lights, they may not see you," said Carbon.

One common walk for students is from their dorm, such as at Dutch Quad, to SEFCU Arena. This is roughly three-minute walk that requires standing in the roads or on the grass and passing through a set of trees. Students with headphones are less aware of the buses passing, putting them at more risk of getting hit.

John Giarrusso, Associate VP for Facilities noted that although they haven't received any on-paper complaints, they are aware of the concerns.

"The locations to which you specifically refer (Campus Center, Dutch and Indian Quad, and PE building) are being incorporated into a major plan for upgrade within the next five years as funding allows," said Giarrusso.

Along with the sidewalks and pedestrian lanes, UAlbany Facilities will include lighting with their improvements. The ASP reported last November that female students felt uneasy



ADRIANA CARRENO / ASP

at night making the trip back to their dorms or cars.

Giarrusso said that putting in more sidewalks and lighting means making sure that the construction won't disrupt any critical electric heating and cooling systems — most of which can be found on the south end of campus near Indian and Dutch Quad.

"We are working on coordinating excavation in that area for deferred maintenance on those core systems, with other planning we are going to improve bus and pedestrian routes," said Giarrusso.

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CRIME BLOTTER

PETIT LARCENY

4/4/2019 10:18 PM 11818-19

Podium- Lecture Centers

Report of vending machine open and contents being taken. Officer arrived, checked machine and observed it to be open with no signs of forced entry, took photos and logged accordingly.

Secured the door without incident, then contacted Vendor to advise of the situation.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF EC C Cluster MARIHUANA

4/4/2019 7:25 PM 11805-19

Empire Commons

Report of a female student smoking marihuana, upon arrival Officer detected the strong odor of burnt marihuana, was granted access to the room by the student, who admitted smoking, turned over marihuana and marihuana paraphernalia and allowed search of room, which yielded negative results. Items seized and student to be referred for same.

Drug Complaint

4/4/2019 12:25 PM 11762-19

PE Complex- SEFCU Arena

Officer responded to a drug complaint. Upon arrival he was given a soda can found in the trash with a hidden compartment containing marijuana residue. No further action.

Assist a Person

4/3/2019 10:27 AM 11611-19

Podium- University Hall

Officer responded to report of a rude and demeaning phone call received from a male student. Student to be referred for his behavior.

Persons Annoying

4/3/2019 1:00 PM 11626-19

Roadways- Univ Dr West

Report of a male operator of a motor vehicle stopping next to a vehicle and shouting obscenities. No probable cause for a vehicle stop. Identity of driver determined he is a male student and will be referred for behavior.

Domestic Incident

4/3/2019 1:43 PM 11633-19

State Quad- SQ Office

Report taken by UPD of unwanted texts received by a female student from ex-boyfriend, non-threatening texts were shown, and student advised to communicate to him that he can no longer text, email, or call her indefinitely. Nothing further at this time.

POSSESSION OF BURGLAR TOOLS

4/2/2019 10:32 AM 11506-19

Roadways- Collins Circle

A male subject found to be in possession of burglar tools and identified as trespassing due to a PNG on file. Arrested for same.

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4/2/2019 3:38 PM 11519-19

PE Complex-SEFCU Arena

UPD responded to a report of a fight. Female student admitted to causing damage to the male students glasses and clothing while trying to prevent him from leaving. Arrested for same.

BURGLARY-3RD DEG:ILLEGAL ENTRY WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A CRIME

4/1/2019 8:21 AM 11366-19

Podium- Education

Took report of damaged property in a common office. Investigation ongoing.

Assist a Person

4/1/2019 12:38 PM 11396-19

Colonial Quad- Livingston Tower

UPD took report about a ride-share dispute. Parties separated. Subjects advised that anything further would be a civil matter.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA

3/29/2019 12:46 AM 10897-19

Colonial Quad- Johnson Hall

Officers responded to report of odor of marihuana. Upon arrival, Officers located room odor coming from, knocked and were granted entry by occupants, allowed to search by male student claiming ownership of the marihuana. Marihuana seized, male student and one female student to be referred for same.

Programming Detail

3/29/2019 11:23 AM 10938-19

Other Off-Campus

Walk-through follow-up to a previous CRASE program for members of UA Psyc Services.

Assist a Person

3/29/2019 2:16 PM 10957-19

Other- UPD

Officer took an information only report from a male subject walk-in who claims to be receiving unwanted FB messages from another male subject. Advised to notify UPD immediately if he receives a threat.

Fire Alarm

3/29/2019 3:10 PM 10962-19

Podium- Lecture Centers

Officers responded to report of a fire alarm. Upon arrival, there was no smoke or fire. AFD responded to the scene. The alarm was reset.

Fire Alarm

3/29/2019 7:44 PM 10991-19

Podium- Lecture Centers

Officer responded to a fire alarm. No smoke, no fire and AFD determined faulty smokehead as cause. Alarm panel reset.

Drug Complaint

3/29/2019 11:08 PM 11026-19

Liberty Terrace- LT South

Report of odor of marijuana setting off smoke alarm received, upon arrival Officers determined room, were able to interview both parties, the resident of the room and her male guest then admitted to having just finished smoking marijuana. Student advised that she would be referred to Campus Judicial

Check a Subject

3/29/2019 11:54 PM 11037-19

Podium Lecture Centers Students found to be setting up computers equipment for an event without permission, advised to take the items with them and if left, the University would not be liable. Contact info for the faculty advisor were obtained as well as items left in the room. Door was secured after they left.

TRUMP

The Case For Releasing Mueller's Full Investigative Trump Report

By LIAM JEFFRIES

The Mueller Report, the long-awaited finale of Robert Mueller's investigation into the Trump administration, is finally here. After two long years of patience, anticipation, and more Stephen Colbert jokes than can be counted, we finally know whether Donald Trump colluded with the Russian government (he didn't) and whether he openly obstructed justice (the report doesn't exonerate him on this).

It all seems conclusive enough, except for one critical aspect: we don't have the full report. All we have right now is a summary of it (one very biased in favor of Trump at that), and, while the release of the full report is promised by Attorney General Bill Barr, it promises to be very heavily redacted, far from the complete picture of the investigation that the American public deserves to see.

For numerous reasons, Americans deserve to see the full report, redacted only where extremely sensitive information is included. For one, the finding that Trump's team didn't directly collude with the Russian government will be a surprising one to many Americans, considering news reports about meetings with Kremlin-backed lawyers at Trump Tower and, lest we forget, Trump openly calling for the Russian hacking of Hillary Clinton's emails during the presidential campaign. The no collusion finding, then, is one that many Americans will want to investigate more closely, and only a release of the full report will allow us to independently verify for ourselves what Mueller's team found.

In addition, the fact that the report, despite relentless spinning by Attorney General Bill Barr, doesn't completely exonerate the president of obstruction of justice charges should give Americans

cause for concern. Not since Richard Nixon have we had a president who's been accused of this blatantly trying to obstruct investigations into him (suspicions only fueled by Trump's firing of James Comey and his beratement of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions for recusing himself from the Mueller probe), and the fact that a federal investigation of his actions returned a verdict of "not completely innocent" should give observers and the public pause.

Considering this and the national importance it raises, the release of the full report should not just be an effort by Trump's critics in Democratic ranks, but a bipartisan effort, and indeed, with the seeming exception of Senate Republicans, it has been exactly that, with no Republican dissenters to a house bill calling for the full report's release, and really, why would they vote no to that? The cases for the full report's release from the right are just as obvious as those from the

left. After all, if the report is saying that Trump, if not completely innocent on obstructing justice, is innocent when it comes to Russia, arguably the biggest talking point among liberal commentators and critics, why would Republicans who still support Trump want these specific findings kept hidden from public view?

Indeed, the efforts so far by Senate Republicans to keep this thing completely hidden, considering the House vote and the fact that a majority of Republicans want just as much to see the full report as Democrats, should be seen with intense skepticism and scrutiny, for again, if the report, according to Bill Barr, completely exonerates Trump, why not support an effort to release it? What, exactly, are Senate Republicans afraid of the public seeing? Do they know something about the findings that the public doesn't know yet? It all looks overly suspicious, like an attempt to cover something up,

and, contrary to their efforts, only further drives home the case for the full report's release, especially if the report contains something so incriminating as to cause Senate Republicans to rebel against their own voters.

We, as Americans, have every right to see every detail of what Mueller found. We have waited 2 long years to see the results, in the meantime witnessing case after case and conviction after conviction related to the investigation, including key figures in Trump's orbit like Paul Manafort and Michael Cohen. To not get to see anything after all this buildup and news would be a betrayal of the government's promise of complete transparency to the American people, and nothing short of the full report's release will be satisfactory as a result.

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ENVIRONMENT

Bag Ban Will Help End The Plague of Plastic

By FRANNY MORALES

The ban on plastic bags is crucial and paramount to the sustainability of our environment.

While the usage of these bags is convenient, they are systematically killing our planet. In a single year approximately 1 trillion plastic bags are produced worldwide and in order to manufacture them it takes approximately 4.3 billion gallons of crude oil each year. An estimated 3.5 million tons of plastic bags are thrown away every year and each of these bags, instead of biodegrading, photodegrade, meaning they break down becoming what we know as microplastics, which end up finding their way onto our beaches and our food chain. Eventually, these bags do break down, but not for 1000s of years.

We see only one percent of these bags being recycled meaning the rest end up in garbage heaps. Some 267 species are directly affected by this pollution and for our marine animals some 100,000 are killed annually.

The government body of New York State has effectively enacted into law the demise of the single-use plastic bag. The ban was a part of the \$175 billion dollar budget presented at the Capital, with the eradication of the plastic bag beginning on March 1, 2020, making New York the third state to enforce such a ban and the second state to do it at the state level after California.

New York's ban is a step in the right direction, but there are exceptions to what is being banned. The new law without question is saying "no thank you" to the single-use plastic bag, but the ban will not include a ban on plastic used to wrap meat or goods bought at the deli counter, bulk bags (i.e. trash bags), or restaurant take out bags.

To make up for the loss of plastic bags, we will begin to see more and more paper bags being used, as well as reusable bags. Within the confines of the new law a 5-cent fee on paper bags will be enacted at the county level, with proceeds going to the Environmental Protection Fund and towards helping customers purchase reusable bags.

Some people might feel that this ban is a nuisance to their lives but the time for this is now; not later or when it's more convenient, but now, right now, in this very moment. The plague of plastic must come to an end. No longer can we deny scientific data or the clear evidence of global warming. It is up to us to make these changes and we must do all we can to make sure these changes stay. We have a duty to ourselves but most importantly we have a duty to the planet we live on and the generations that will live long after we are gone.

CELEBRITIES

Cardi B's past actions a product of her own exploitation, not the other way around

By XAVIER CRUZ

Rapper Cardi B finds herself on the defensive since an old video of hers resurfaced causing heated backlash online involving how to address her past actions. In an Instagram live rant, Cardi mentioned multiple accounts from her past in which she drugged and robbed men whose intention it was to pay for sex.

Almost immediately after the video reappeared, the #SurvivingCardiB hashtag began trending on twitter, in reference to the recent R Kelly documentary, which detailed a series of mental and sexual abuses R. Kelly carried out on multiple women, including underaged girls. People also compared Cardi to comedian Bill Cosby, who repeatedly drugged and raped women for years before being caught and convicted. Critics who resented the fall of formerly renowned artists to the #metoo movement felt duped when Cardi B admitted to what they considered the same crime without consequence.

In a recent VOX article, Constance Grady wrote that although the issue certainly does not pose as much of a threat to Cardi's career compared to the revelations about R. Kelly and Cosby did to theirs, it is still, "raising major questions about our current era of celebrity cancel culture; Who do we forgive, for what, and why? And are we going to forgive Cardi B?"

This is lack of moral proportionality at its finest. People admired Cardi B's success story until her overcoming narrative differed from what they viewed as an acceptable way to escape poverty. Cardi later said, in response to public criticism, "I made the choices that I did at the time because I had very limited options. I was blessed to have been able to rise from that but so many women have not." Cardi B drugged men who wanted to pay her for sex, robbed them and left. An illegal act, but not a dramatically different crime from Tupac selling crack or Biggie Smalls dealing cocaine. These are crimes generated by economic conditions and however much you want to judge Cardi, put your feet in her shoes and know the facts.

According to the Pennsylvania coalition against rape, sex workers face much higher rates of sexual assault and domestic violence. Among those surveyed, 75% reported having been raped, 44% engaged in forced or coerced sex with self-identified law enforcement, 56% said they had

been robbed or burglarized. 82% described some sort of physical assault and 83% recounted threats with weapons. Studies done by the university of Chicago and national center for biotechnology found similar numbers when analyzing nationwide data on violence against sex workers.

It is not unlikely the 26-year-old rapper experienced the inhumanity that came with sex work. Her profuse sobbing near the end of the short Instagram Live video of her admitting to drugging her clients certainly indicates something.

Cardi hails from one of the poorest area codes in New York City (The Bronx, 10452), received little formal education and stripped and pimped herself out to raise money for her ambitions in music. When she drugged her clients, she did not rape or sexually assault them. There is no precedent to liken her actions to the obscenities of Bill Cosby or R. Kelly. They committed acts of sexual violence from positions of power and wealth. They used their influence and money to avoid prosecution and scrutiny. R. Kelly evaded trial for years while the general public knew about his underage sexual encounters.

It did not take nearly as long for the internet to respond to Cardi B disclosing her past of drugging johns to make a life for herself where her wellbeing was not financed by exploitative men seeking sexual pleasure. People really liked Cardi's surface personality and story before they faced what she went through to escape where she came from and that shouldn't change now that we may be uncomfortable with the details.

Cardi B is no Tupac, but to say she is a criminal demands an ignorance of the conditions that create drug dealers, prostitutes and thieves out of poets, artists and musicians.

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from a crack in the concrete?
Proving nature's law is wrong it
learned to walk without having feet.
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it learned to breathe fresh air."
-Tupac Shakur*



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PROFESSOR FEATURE

My Hero, Professor Sheehan

By FATIMA SYED

Have you ever had a professor who made you feel, absolutely, that you could do anything you put your mind to? I have. Professor Joseph Sheehan.

Mr. Sheehan teaches business law, and he always asks me how I was feeling lately, if my family was doing good, or when my next Albany Student Press piece was coming out because he couldn't wait to read it.

Professor Sheehan is every students' cheerleader and watchful guardian, and the level of devotion he has towards his students' personal and professional successes is something that not all teachers exhibit.

Growing up in the local area of Stillwater-Mechanicville, Professor Sheehan never fails to give his tribute and respect to his father, the late Bill Sheehan Sr. who famously taught Business Law classes at UAlbany.

He often tells his students that his father opened up doors for him to land his teaching job, and that it is with the support from him and his devoted mother who taught Physical Education in Stillwater-Mechanicville, that he is able to be here today.

Professor Sheehan Jr. reminds us all to be mindful of those who helped us get to where we are today and thank them when we get a chance.

Of his parents, Sheehan Jr. says "I never fail to understand how fortunate I was to be at the right place at the right time, through my mother's constant support and my father's amazing connections."

Sheehan attended Cornell University and speaks fondly of his upbringings there with his best friends, as well as the start of his career at UAlbany being fresh out of law school. Back then, the University was expanding business law courses from business

majors only to business-wide.

UAlbany needed a young and energetic mind to teach the incoming large classes. That's where Sheehan Jr. came in January of 1980, and still stands today after 40 years.

Sheehan uses personal examples of law from childhood memories throughout his lectures instead of using textbook examples.

"Nothing teaches better than real life," he said.

He feels that real examples create a "down-to-Earth feel" for his largely freshman student body who are trying to find their passion.

"I make it a priority to get to know the kids well enough so that they know that I am there for them and that I support them," Sheehan says, "It really means the world to kids who need a friend to talk to."

Caring so deeply for his students does pose its own challenges, though.

"Some kids deal with very unfortunate circumstances that may be hard for me to help them with."

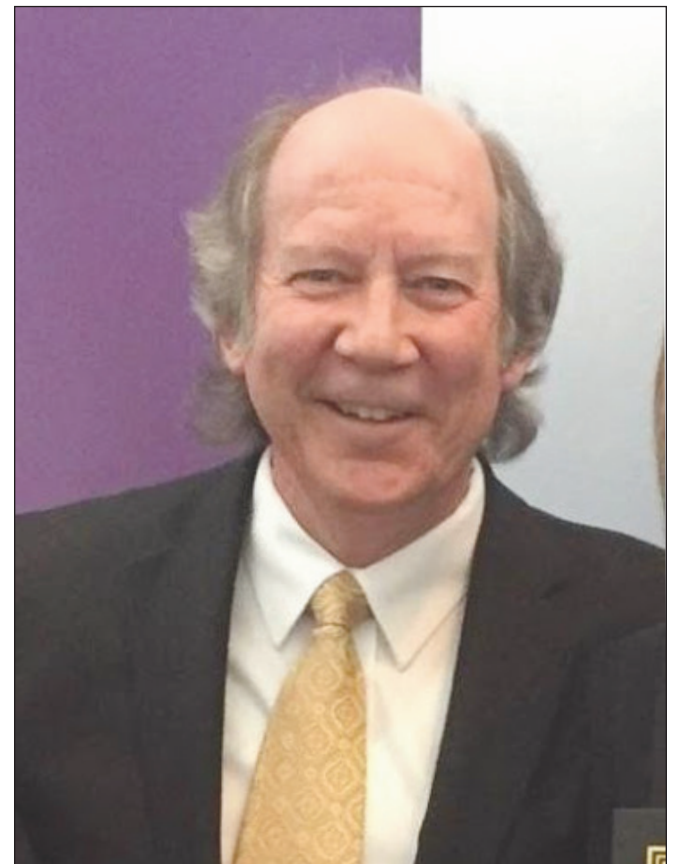
Through the highs and lows, Sheehan gives it his best. I always wondered how he manages to stay so happy, healthy, and dedicated after all these years.

He says the secret is gratitude.

"Knowing how lucky I am to know my beautiful wife Laureen and my amazing kids Tim and Kelly. How lucky I was when UAlbany needed someone to fill the BLAW spot. Being eternally grateful for everything."

Professor Joseph Sheehan recommends avoiding making definite plans for the future but, instead, feeling your way through as you go.

"Stay Flexible, Stay Humble, Stay Connected," Sheehan said.



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TERRY CREWS

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Crews' father was an alcoholic and his mother was deeply religious.

"Just as my father was addicted to alcohol, my mother was addicted to church," Crews said.

Because of this, Crews grew up in an environment of shame, guilt, and fear.

"We, literally, were in church every day. And twice on Sunday," said Crews.

Growing up, he was not allowed to listen to non-religious music, to dance, to go to the movies, or to play sports.

So, naturally, Crews now dances, stars in movies and television, and was in the NFL.

Crews shared raw, intimate details with the stadium full of students whom he had never met.

"Introspection is like kryptonite for a toxic man... They don't wanna be alone with their own thoughts," said Crews.

He explained how the constant fear and anxiety he felt because of his parents manifested in a pornography addiction. He cheated on his wife. He felt entitled after the NFL and went into debt borrowing too much money from friends. And, finally, how he turned it all around.

"I had a total entitlement attitude... Men star in their own movie. But my wife turned the light on," he laughed.

He admitted to the stadium that he often ignored his wife's advice because he was the man of the house, and that old model of the man being right was still ingrained in him. He still saw himself as the infallible NFL star.

"Success is the warmest place to hide. 'Cus everyone thinks you're great. Nobody's gonna call you on your stuff," said Crews.

Crews' first step was to recognize that he had been prideful and he needed to take some concrete steps to improve his situation. His first job in Hollywood was sweeping floors.

"I was sweeping and I was like, 'How did I fall this low,'" Crews said, "And all of a sudden, I'm like, 'I'm doin something about my situation,' and I got into it!"

After taxes, he made 48 dollars. And he never stopped working after that.

But as things started to pick up and Crews landed some small roles in Hollywood, he cheated on his wife at a massage parlor. Though he swore to never tell her, the guilt ate away at him.

"It's hard being two people," Crews sighed, "Very, very hard."

His wife left him and he went to rehab for his pornography addiction.

"At first, when I arrived, I was like 'This ain't me,' but

then, when they started talking, I was like, 'This is me!'"

After completing rehab, Crews' wife eventually came back, but with his family life stronger than ever he faced a new challenge: sexual harassment in Hollywood.

"Do you want your dream, do you wanna keep working? Or if you say something, it's a wrap."

Crews was groped at a film event by an agent, Adam Venit.

"So many men are like 'oh these women just talkin' 'cus they want some money,' First of all- if you say something, you get no money. You only get paid for silence," said Crews. He was answered with applause.

Crews is a known friend of the #MeToo movement



Nicholas Charnley / ASP

Crews opened up about his abusive childhood and how he has learned what it means to be a man.

and he spoke openly about how it feels to be sexually mistreated in Hollywood.

"I won my case and I didn't get a dime. I spent \$400,000 of my own money and I got my attorney fees back and his resignation," said Crews, "so please, please never look at anybody that's in this position and think they're just tryin' to get paid. 'Cus that don't happen."

Despite how difficult the process was, and how costly, Crews told the audience that he knew it was worth it when he started receiving letters from young women who came forward because he inspired them.

"Courage inspires courage," he said. The audience was still and silent.

Looking back on his childhood, Crews wrote his book, *Manhood*, so that young boys wouldn't get their information the way he did: on the streets.

"Keep her scared, keep her off-balance, call her and then don't call her for a week. See what happens. She'll be chasin' you forever. A pimp knows that if he gives a woman two good weeks, they'll spend three years chasin' those two good weeks. That's pimp-ology. This is a class, and they teach it on the street," Crews said.

The audience laughed, so did he, but then he fell serious once again.

"My father never stopped beating my mother. And my mother moved into a shelter and then she moved back in with him," Crews said, quietly.

Crews offered his final advice for the men in the audience. To fight the pride which is often instilled in young men with a secret weapon: vulnerability.

"I decided to be vulnerable and share my heart," Crews said.

Crews then offered one final piece of advice for the women in the audience.

"Be bold and courageous," said Crews.

The audience responded with cheers.

I asked Terry about his character, who is very kind and sensitive, and also named Terry, on *Brooklyn 99*.

In every episode, that character redefines what it means to be a man. Knowing Terry's background in real life, does he channel his idea of manhood into that character to set an example for young men all over the country?

"First of all, you gotta understand, that part is the only part I ever had in my life that was literally based on me," Crews said, "I had a mini-van, they put a mini-van in the show!"

The audience laughed.

"They saw me eat yogurt," he said, "And they put yogurt in the show! I mean, they watched me, they studied me, it was wild."

Terry had offers to do two other shows at the time, but stayed with *Brooklyn 99* because it was an opportunity for him to be himself, on screen, and represent a new model of manhood.

"It was so beautiful, and so special, and Dan and Mike [the producers] are still the best people I've ever had a chance to work with. It was the right choice," he said, smiling.

"Terry Crews is an inspiring role model for authoring success," said UAlbany president Havidán Rodríguez in his opening remarks that evening.

Judging by the roar of applause and the masses that rushed the stage as Crews exited, it is safe to say the students of UAlbany agree.

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The snow Friday fell on the newly filled fountain in big fluffy flakes.

Delmar Native Debuts as Women's Lacrosse Coach

By **TYRELL FEASTER**

Katie Rowan is enjoying her 1st season as the head coach of the University at Albany's women's lacrosse team. Rowan was an assistant coach for UAlbany before leaving to take an assistant coaching position at her Alma mater Syracuse University, and then moving onto become the head coach at Wagner University. She is now excited to be back home coaching in the Capital Region.

A native of nearby Delmar, New York, Rowan attended Bethlehem Central High School where she was named a two time All American while also playing basketball. She

went on star at Syracuse where she majored in education and had an amazing career finishing as the schools all time leader in points (396) and assist (164).

She also ranked 4th on the NCAA Division 1 career-scoring list and third on the NCAA career assist list. She credits the "the exact program, elementary and special education that I wanted, it was a really great distance from home, and I just felt really connected to the players when I went on my visit and the coaches," as the most important among many reasons she attended Syracuse.

She credits her part of her success to the "growing lacrosse community," in Albany and the "great coaching and athletes" here for allowing her to play at high level in High School and become the player that she was.

When it came time to begin her coaching career Rowan decided to "give it a shot," after former Albany coach John Battaglino offered her the job. Coaching has allowed her to combine her "passion for both education and teaching and for lacrosse". It was after spending five years of being an assistant between Albany and Syracuse that she felt ready to accept the task of being a head coach and applied to the position at Wagner when it became open.

Along with the coaching experience Rowan was particularly found of the location of the school because she "had family on Staten Island and had always wanted to live in or near New York City. She cites the growth of the program under her watch as the team went on to win two North East Conference champion and went on to the schools first NCAA tournament berth in school history winning a first round game

as well. Rowan stated "it was really cool to see the growth of the program and of the players their."

More importantly Rowan says she has seen both individual and team growth for her Great Danes since taking over the team last June. "Skills, development, awareness and concepts," are the areas she specifically mentioned the teams growth. She is pleased with the way the current season has gone so and is proud the way her team has played through a tough schedule facing four teams ranked in the NCAA top 20 (#22 Stanford, #19 Penn State, #1 Boston, and #3 Syracuse) two of them being ranked in the top 4. "We stuck with them Penn State, Stanford, and BC for a bit, I think that is a really promising for the future and we're off to a really great start in the conference." Rowan feels these games have greatly prepared the team for anything they may see for the remainder of the season and still have a chance to accomplish their goal of winning the American East conference.

Off the field Rowan is most proud of her team's involvement in the community. Specifically their involvement with the organization CityLax Albany, which has recently expanded their mission of expanding the sports reach into urban areas that have not been exposed to the sport. She mentioned how her players have loved working with younger athletes and can see many of them having great coaching careers though none have expressed interest in such a career so far.

In terms of her own coaching career Rowan said she takes influences from all of the coaches, players, and experiences to create her own style. Of these experiences she is most proud of the two World Cup gold medals she won while playing for team USA. All of this factors into all of her decisions from on the field, to recruiting and choosing assistants, the most important part of this being the feeling her and her staff get from the player during campus visits.



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UAlbany senior pitcher Dominic Savino

By CAMERON CUPP

University at Albany baseball had a picture perfect week.

The Danes (12-13, 4-4 AE) knocked the Marist College Red Foxes (12-16, 3-2 MAAC) 10-2 on Wednesday and swept a double header at UMass Lowell (6-23, 3-5 AE) on Saturday, winning the first game 5-3 and the second 11-3.

In the first game, the Danes traveled to Poughkeepsie, NY to take on the Red Foxes, and were led by junior infielder Nick Kondo. Kondo was two for three at the plate with two RBIs, while freshman Jason Bottari knocked in a run and scored two.

Marist was lead by freshman pitcher Zane Kmietek, who tossed five shut-out innings and fanned three UAlbany batters. At the plate, senior Randy Taveras went two for four with a double, a run scored, and a stolen base.

“Our pitchers today were steady throughout the game, and the defense was solid,” said UAlbany Coach Jon Muller. “Offensively, we put together consecutive at

bats which led to the two big innings at the end.”

Marist scored first, crossing the plate twice in the bottom of the second.

UAlbany was shut out through the first five innings of the game. Kmietek proved dominant, holding the Danes to only two hits during his outing.

In the sixth with runners on first and second, Bottari stepped up to the plate for the Danes, and knocked in the runner on second with a line-drive single, putting the Danes on the board.

UAlbany tied the game 2-2, scoring on a Marist error.

The Danes took the lead on a Bottari score, and extended their lead to two runs on a sacrifice fly.

With a six run ninth inning, UAlbany put the finishing touches on the route, making the final score 10-2.

The Danes would continue their winning ways, as they traveled to Lowell, M.A. for an America East double header on Saturday.

The double headers first pitch would be

thrown at noon.

On the mound for the Danes was senior RHP Dominic Savino. Savino would last six and two thirds innings, giving up only two runs. At the plate the Danes were led by junior outfielder Marc Wangenstein who slapped a double, drove in a run, and scored a run.

The UMass Lowell Riverhawks were driven at the plate by junior catcher Ciaran Devenney who had a perfect two for two slash line and drove in a run.

Coach Muller said: “We put together a full day of quality pitching and fundamental defense. The offense stuck to the game plan and we flourished because of our approach” when asked about the success of the double header.

“Obviously its tough when you get swept at home” said UMass Lowell head coach Ken Harring

The Riverhawks struck first in the bottom of the third, making the score 1-0. In the fifth inning, UMass Lowell would tack on another run.

The Danes wouldn’t touch home for the first time until the seventh.

The game would open up in the eighth inning for the Danes. Senior Travis Collins got the rally started with a lead off base hit. The flood gates would open as the Danes would score four runs in the inning.

UAlbany would hold off UMass Lowell to win the first game 5-2.

In the second game, Kondo would again lead the Danes, going three for four with three RBIs and senior Patrick Lagravinese crushing a first inning homerun lead the Danes offense.

The Riverhawks were lead by redshirt junior infielder Oscar Marchena who went two for three at the plate, and sophomore infielder Joey Castellanos, who was also two for three at the plate.

The Danes were propelled by the first inning bomb from Lagravinese, putting the Danes on top in the first.

The bases were loaded early in the third inning when Lagravinese walked to force in the first run of the inning. The last run of the rally was capped by redshirt sophomore Josh Loeffler’s bases clearing triple, putting the Danes 5-0.

UMass Lowell would score two more runs in a two-out rally in the third, and another in the fourth, cutting the Danes’ lead was cut to 5-3.

In the top of the sixth, redshirt junior Kevin Donati drew a bases loaded walk to force in the first run of the inning. After, the Danes would take advantage of poor Riverhawks pitching, and would end the sixth with a 9-3 lead.

The Danes would add on two more insurance runs in the seventh. Freshman Dolan Ocasal doubled to drive in Bottari. Kondo would single to drive in Ocasal to put the Danes up 11-3.

After their perfect week in which they outscored their opponents 26-7, UAlbany will finish up the series against UMass Lowell on Sunday. Next week, the Danes will battle St. Johns on Tuesday, and finish America East weekend series against UMBC.

Joe Cremo: Should He Have Stayed With the Danes?

By ROB LEP

After three years on the University at Albany men’s basketball team, guard Joe Cremo transferred to the Villanova Wildcats. The hometown kid took his talents to Jay Wright and the defending National Champions. But unless you’ve been living under a rock for the last year, you already know this.

People in the Capital District got angry. Really angry. They wanted to tell the Scotia, NY native and two-time New York State Class A Player of the Year what he should do with his life. Make his career decisions for him.

The word thrown around a lot was “loyalty” and finishing what he started at UAlbany. The Danes didn’t win the America East title in his three years there. Coming into his freshman season, they were coming off a three-peat from 2014-16. Translation: Cremo never got to play in the NCAA Tournament.

When speaking to the local media on his decision, Cremo explained wanting to eliminate the “what ifs” because you “only get one chance at this”. He also wanted to prove to himself he could “play at the highest level”.

His time at Villanova this season has been highly scrutinized. Cremo was “the man” for the Great Danes averaging 35 minutes per game during his sophomore and junior seasons while averaging 15.8 and 17.8 points per game respectively. The offense ran through him. He was the hometown kid playing for the school he grew up watching.

With the Wildcats, it’s different. For better or worse different. He’s a role player coming off the bench having to earn his minutes. There are no plays designed for him. He’s become a pull up shooter within Wright’s system. Four points and two rebounds per game in around 17 minutes of action.

But he’s playing for the defending National Champions. The team that’s won two of the last three titles and four of the last five Big East tournaments including three straight.

He’s played on national television at Madison Square Garden, the world’s most famous arena, and flourished. 14 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists vs St. Johns on a February Sunday Big East Clash in New York City.

He also hoisted up the Big East Championship Trophy with his brothers on the Garden floor. Cutting down the net. Celebrating in the Knicks locker room.

Getting to play two games on the biggest stage: the NCAA Tournament.

But he didn’t score a single point in the conference tournament or the NCAA Tournament and only played 28 minutes in those five games.

There have been plenty of both ups and downs. Big fish

in a small pond versus small fish in a big one.

Cremo’s graduate transfer season ends with a 87-61 blowout loss to Purdue in the Round of 32 after knocking off Saint Mary’s 61-57, his first NCAA Tournament appearance and win.

It’s very possible it would’ve been a smoother ride playing for the Danes this season. It’s also close to a guarantee that UAlbany wouldn’t have had the fire power even with Cremo to knock off the Vermont Catamounts in the America East Tournament. 13-seed UVM will face off against former Great Dane David Nichols and Florida State.

He never would’ve played in front of 20,000 fans at MSG on national television. Jay Wright wouldn’t have been his coach. Eric Paschall and Phil Booth not his teammates.

In reality, this is actually really simple. This was Cremo’s decision to make. Not mine, not yours, not anyone else’s but his.

He didn’t want to live with the what ifs, the questions, the regrets. Was it smooth sailing the entire way? No, but nothing in life ever is.

Joe Cremo won a Big East title and got to play for the defending National Champions in the NCAA Tournament. You can’t argue that. Everything else. Well it’s not as simple...



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Above: Villanova guard Joe Cremo celebrates with his father Michael after the Wildcats 74-72 win versus Seton Hall in the 2019 Big East Championship game at Madison Square Garden.

Left: Joe Cremo takes on the Seton Hall defense during the 2019 Big East Championship game at Madison Square Garden.

