A view from the walkway connecting the Science Library and Campus Center. Back this semester, some library faculty distributed an undated notice urging those who frequent the space to contact Mugridge. They hoped that student input could help save the plans the moving forward, there may be some room to compromise to save some of the second floor for students to study and collaborate. “It was a collective effort, but I’d please see study space page 2.

Monument to Honor Alums Slain in 9/11 Attacks

By MAC BULLOCK

The University at Albany’s Class of 2017 in conjunction with the UAlbany Fund is collecting donations for a permanent memorial on campus to honor the 19 alumni who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

More than 200 students and parents have donated roughly $7,300 in support of this year’s gift, according to Ed McGlone, who manages the UAlbany Fund’s senior class gift program.

McGlone said that he expects these figures to rise, as the semester comes to a close and the commencement approaches.

“We’re looking forward to supporting the 9/11 Memorial Project as it progresses, and continuing to search for more giving initiatives in the future that our students can get excited about,” he said.

Student Association Senator Conor Dunleavy, who first suggested the memorial, is satisfied to see his work come to fruition.

“I have been lobbying for the creation of a permanent September 11th terrorist attack monument since my freshman year,” Dunleavy said.

Along with Big Sean, A Boogie Wit da Hoodie and Cheat Codes, will be taking the stage on Sunday April 30 at the Sfaso Arena. This year’s tickets were distributed online for students, and sold out to having them lineup outside the Campus Center like in the past.

Beginning Monday at noon, UAlbany students were able to begin reserving their tickets via universitytickets.com. Ticket prices were $30 for students and $50 for guests. Please see big sean page 2.
Janitor Sweeps Barriers Far From Home

BY ELISE COLES

Almost 5,000 miles and five years separate an Albanian clan for the Humanities building in Union College.

Uljan Berberi or Uli, as people call him, came alone to the United States in November 2012 to live a better life.

But Uli is still waiting for that better life because of his family. Expe, and parents are still in Albania.

"It's much better to come with her, but alone is very hard here," Uli said referring to Expe.

In the meantime, Uli works the night shift sweeping golden leaves like cloth wrappers through the halls of the Humanities building and greeting late-staying students and faculty as they pass by.

Taking a break from his shift, Uli reminisced about his time with Expe in Albania as he looked at photos of them on his camera roll.

"I did everything with her but now I alone like five years," Uli said.

For Uli, this isn't the same as being with Expe in the present. His current means of keeping in touch with her are through Skype messaging, and Facebook.

They first met at the school Gregory Park in Uli's home in Pogradec. When Uli first tried to pursue Expe, she turned him down. Nonetheless, they wait out for coffee and Expe called Uli so she would have to talk to him more.

From there, "I talked with her more, and more, and the she says yes," Uli said.

They engaged together, and their four-year engagement will turn into a marriage this summer.

In the meantime, Uli will block back to Albania to marry Expe, but in July he will return to UAlbany.

This is because Expe does not yet have a green card, which is a permanent resident card that would enable her to live lawfully in the U.S.

Uli is in the process of obtaining the proper paperwork for Expe, but he noted that her becoming a citizen would make the process easier.

"If everything goes smoothly, I'm confident about her being a citizen and bring his family to Albany, it comes down to passing the naturalization test," Uli said.

The test consists of an English test and civics test, which Uli has had studying for with an app on his phone.

"I'm going to try to study myself on civics questions such as how long the House of Representatives serve. With each question, the screen will pop up and it will give me every question right," Uli said.

"Every day I try, by. by. by. For November, I try, by. by. As long as I can," Uli said.

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## SPOTLIGHT PROFILE

### SICKLE CELL

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As a graduate of the university and member of the fraternity from Washington Heights in New York City whose brother Luis Belte died from early stages of his disease in 2002.

"It was a very touching time for me that happened," said Belte about growing the phone call when his brother had passed. "He was my role model. Everything I do, I would like to make him proud. So much so, I even pledged the fraternity for him.

Belte pledged in the fraternity on April 21, 2001 and celebrated his 16th anniversary with the fraternity being a guest speaker.

"I want to bring to the campus with individuals whom I can trust and say, one of them of making sure to continue on our Sickle Cell awareness tradition," Abreu said.

Uli is hopeful that the branch did a good job at spreading awareness of sickle cell disease and will need more people to help others.

He also seeks to encourage those living with the disease to keep going.

"Don’t let it get in the way of anything you do,” Uli said.

"The disease has been very hard here,” he added. "I love it. It’s beautiful.

Turning back to his work, Uli said that his day consists of “work home, work home, work home.”

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"It’s more better to come with her, but later, when he’s going to sleep," said Belte.

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STUDY SPACE

really not talk about it because I think this is not a space for this kind of proposal at this point. Because this thing is going to happen no matter what.

Concerned about the change, some people at Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity, emulated University Library’s former location in the Science Library and fruitfully taped library hours. "I think it’s quieter here," said Reyes, claiming to use the study space much more often.

Jose Reyes, a communications junior, noticed a marked difference in library noise.

"I feel like it’s quieter here," said Reyes, who works in the main library and actually considered moving to the Science Library to serve on duty in the third-floor of the Science Library for space.

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This is just the first phase of Cuomo’s Executive Scholarship. When he introduced the plan in January, the second phase involved the expansion of the program in the fall of 2018 to include families who make $100,000 annually and reaching $125,000 at the beginning of the fall 2019 semester.

"There is no child who will go to sleep tonight and say, I have great dreams, but I need this program," Cohen said. "With this program, every child is one step closer to their dream, not only in New York, but America.

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The decision to have students vote on a tuition proposal, was that this led to many students participating in the elections. For instance, the University’s Department of Student Affairs, as part of the University’s Just Ask Campaign, a campaign, "designed to raise awareness about sexual violence... as well as facilitate a campus-wide conversation about critical issues affecting college campuses nationwide."

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The Empowered Bystander Training program, by Stenger and Cleary through the university’s Sexual Violence Prevention Project, is a series of 90-minute training sessions where facilitators teach students how to recognize sexual violence and safely intervene in sexually violent situations. However, because of this new plan, the turnover was close to 2,500 people according to Student Affairs.

Concerned about the change, some non-traditional students during the current semester were already looking for alternative spaces.

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Imagine being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, but worse, being told you’ll die young because of it? In the 1960’s, this was the case for 7-year-old Sonia Sotomayor. It was her Los Latinos en Estados Unidos (Latinos in the United States) class where Professor Carmen Serrano pulled out a box full of new books, introducing us to the manner of U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. “My Beloved World.” Another book I thought, but at least it was free.

After reading the book, I understand who Sotomayor is and where she came from. A Bronx native who, although she came from a poor neighborhood where drugs and crime was common, became the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. I decided to attend the Speaker Series on April 6th, 2017 as she was the guest speaker.

She walked in the arena surrounded by tall and muscular guards while the audience stood up and wheeling out of emotion. The language from her memoir was capturing but I was more excited to hear it from Justice Sotomayor herself. A short dark curly hair and fair skinned woman with glasses, wearing a knee high black coat and white pants stood up from her seat on stage and decided to walk around the arena. Referring to the audience in a comical manner, she asked people not to get up because her security guards would fail as she did not want to have her security guards have to bring her back on stage—which they did not want.

Justice Sotomayor stood up her hand and shook hands with the audience. Everyone became ecstatic, what other Supreme Court Justice has done that? I felt humbled. She showed she truly cares about the people she serves.

Surprisingly, she revealed instances where she too faced discrimination for being a woman, saying this is a male dominated world and that it’s going to take time for things to change.

“Most of the workforce is still male dominated and even when women reach high positions, we don’t know how they would do or what they would do.” Yet, there is no magic formula for how you deal with discrimination. Sotomayor said.

“Every situation requires a different response, because you have to look at people’s motives and look at why they’re doing things. But what you do have to do is think about what response is appropriate,” she advised the audience.

Many may not understand why this was important. Not only for me, but for every Latina’s that attends UAlbany as well as for women aspiring a dream whether it be a bachelors, masters or Ph.D. The simple fact is we are minorities and Sotomayor is an example of the accomplishments we can achieve. As a matter of fact, Latinos are a fast growing demographic which means there are women coming out of men in college.

OPINION

Excelsior Scholarship

The Excelsior Scholarship has been proposed to provide students across the state with a quality public education. More students will gain access to an education at the University at Albany, among other SUNY and CUNY schools, tuition free. However, in order to fully grasp the implications of this program, a series of points must be considered.

Under current law, students are expected to fit into a set of financial and academic conditions to qualify for the tuition. The guidelines require students to come from a family with an income of $100,000 or less, to attend a two or four-year public institution, and to complete their degree by taking 60 credits in four years.

Additionally, the university has expanded its academic outreach and opportunities as well as increased retention rates of students, thus impacting student housing on campus as well as in the Albany area. The university continues to offer expansive opportunities as a major research institution. For many students the scholarship program puts the world within reach. While adding some students of New York it is a first step towards a more accurate and well-rounded access to programs to benefit from a high-quality higher education.
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**SUMMER FILM GUIDE**

**By ANDREW GALLA**

Summer is a time when American film studios are able to flex their monetary muscles and churn out some big-budget productions. We’re all familiar with the summer blockbuster, and with the end of the year quickly approaching, it’s time to take a look at the biggest movies to watch for this summer.

**Guardians of the Galaxy: May 4**
Director: James Gunn

Warner Bros long awaited final Justice League setup film. With many fans still waiting for Warner bros to match the success of the Marvel film universe, this film offers a possibly more interesting experience than that of the granting. Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice, and at the very least should still feature some high production eye candy. Still, it’s hard to get high hopes for this film, especially with unproven director Patty Jenkins at the helm. She’s a TV director known for doing two episodes of both The Killing and Entourage and one episode of Arrested Development. This film could make or break her career and the Justice League Universe itself.

**Spiderman: Homecoming: July 7**
Director: Jon Watts

The newest Spiderman installment is hoped by many to be the most true to the comic, at least in terms of Tom Holland’s portrayal of the iconic character. Michael Keaton also stands to be a strong villain. The film will have to live up to the success of the other Marvel films, and will be trying to be even more successful than the Andrew Garfield and Tobey Maguire versions that are still fresh in our minds. The trailer promises action and classic Spiderman goodness but Marvel films always have a low ceiling. We can only hope it is not a dud like Avengers 2: Age of Ultron.

**Dunkirk: July 21**
Director: Christopher Nolan

This film could make or break both her career and the Justice League Universe itself. The Childhood favorite boasts a strong cast of comedians with Nick Kroll, Jordan Peele, Ed Helms, Kristen Schaal, and Thomas Middleditch from Silicon Valley. The film will doubtlessly offer some cheap laughs but will likely only be remembered as a film for children and those who are desperate for nostalgia. It is tempting to see through; I loved these books as a child.

**Wonder Woman: June 2**
Director: Patty Jenkins

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**The Beguiled: June 30**
Director: Sofia Coppola

Based on the Stephen King series starring Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey, Abby Lee, and Jackie Earle Haley, the film will likely be his co-stars. It sounds very interesting but it also sounds like the type of film you read a review for before you go and see it, because it may just be another passable Stephen King adaptation.

Christopher Nolan’s first war film, Dunkirk, is shaping up to be the premiere Oscar bait of the Summer.

**The Dark Tower: August 4**
Director: Nicolaj Arcel

Source: animationsfilme.ch

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**Transformers the Last Knight**
(Edgar Wright, June 28)

Honorable Mention:

**Baby Driver** (Edgar Wright, June 28)

**War For The Planet of the Apes** (Matt Reeves, July 14)

**Tulip Fever** (Susie Chaudson, August 25)
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You said you looked up to your brother growing up, so whatever he did, I would do. He was older when I was younger. Would you consider him as older brother when you were growing up?

It's definitely a team thing -- I want to be able to fly so I could catch it.

What were your goals going into the season?

I really like to play chess.

Is there a name for yourself since your freshman year?

Any pre-game rituals you like to do around the goal?

Tell us one thing about yourself that you'd like to go to?

How old were you when you first started playing lacrosse and how did you get started?

To get named to that is cool, but I want to be able to fly so I could catch it.

How old were you when you first started playing lacrosse?

What were your goals going into the season both individually and as a team?

What do those types of awards mean to you?

How did you get your mustache?

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This summer catch up with ...?

A couple of the other guys will go to Chipotle. I'm there every day.

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Over the course of a four-year career at the University at Albany, Shereesha Richards, the school's all-time leading scorer, had plenty of memorable moments. The No. 12 Danes upset No. 5 Florida, 64-60, at the annual Spring Stomp.

Richards recently completed her first professional season in Spain, where she has been able to fulfill her dream of playing overseas. Richards recently completed her first season in Spain. She played with Club Deportivo Zarautz of the Liga Femenina de Baloncesto, the top women's league in Spain. Despite the new country and transition to the game, a change of scenery is something Richards has dealt with her entire life.

"I always knew any year I transition to something new, a new country or different place, which is for it or isn't," Richards said. "I learned here when I was 16. I have been to other places. So for me, it's basiclly like going to college all over again—but in a different country."

Richards prides herself on an aggressive style of play, something that had her successful in her dominant force during her time with the Great Danes. As she looks back at her first professional season, it wasn't the change of scenery that overwhelmed her, but rather the different style of play over seas.

"The coaching and the style of play is different for me ever where there is it in the United States," Richards said. "It's more finesse overseas than it is here. It is more aggressive, and I like aggressive." "Yes just have to get used to it and adjust to a new coaching style. But overall, it was a great experience just being able to play overseas and play for the coaching staff that I did." Richards added.

For Richards, who has done nothing in her career but win, her first season overseas came with a suite of challenges she had never faced before. Besides her teammates and coaches, no one in the small town of Zamora speaks English.

She also had to deal with another unifi- calm challenge: losing.

CD Zarautz finished 9-17 in Richards' rookie year, failing to qualify for the post- season. She never missed a postponement at UAlbany.

The five-hour time difference between Spain and New York made it difficult for Richards to watch the Great Danes live this past season. However, she still followed along and cheered for her former team- mates and coaches throughout the season.

Despite the losses of Richards, two- time team captain from Cougars, and head coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, Richards was not surprised by the contin- ued success of UAlbany in 2017. It was a little over a month ago that UAlbany won its sixth consecutive conference title. "Overall, I wasn't surprised that they won," Richards said. "It wasn't going to be easy with a new coaching staff and that had a lot of new players and players that didn't really play a lot in the past. I knew it was going to be hard, but I didn't think that they couldn't win."