Lighting upgrade to come next year, says university

By FATIMA SYED

Pretty lighted walkways around cam- pus have left some students feeling unsafe when walking back to their dorms or cars at night. Of the 10 students interviewed for this article, all shared experiences of glancing over their shoulders when walking from the Podium to their residence or parked vehicles.

Facilities Management has plans to update lighting around campus, according to Jordan Carlos-Evangelist, associate spokesperson.

“The safety and well-being of our campus community is paramount,” Carlos-Evangelist said in a statement Friday.

Carlos-Evangelist explained that next year, UAlbany will be beginning a lighting systems upgrade across the entire campus. The upgrade will increase the lighting outside the campus and inside the buildings as well as decreasing the amount of energy consumed by implementing LED lighting systems.

Specifically, the project will tackle areas that are currently the darkest. These areas include parking lots and walkways and the entire project will cost about $7 million.

The parking lot for Dutch Quad is not included in this upgrade. Carlos-Evangelist explained. “The Dutch Quad parking lot is not included in this project — but only because a comprehensive parking lot upgrade (not just lighting) is planned for that lot in the near future.”

Students should expect the project to be done by the end of next year.

Gabrielle Santos, a freshman liv- ing on State Quad, resorts to using the small flashlight on her phone when making the trip back from the podium on an afternoon relying path Untoward Hall University.

“Overall, I think that if the school could have more light such as street lamps outside the State Quad structure, that State Quad couldn’t even safer,” said Santos. Staying on the podium past 8 P.M. can mean walking through a quiet and dark campus with few other students around to deter pos- sible threats.

This can be true beyond State Quad, like when off-campus se- nior Maria Sewick has to decide when to quit work.

“Sometimes I have to cut my studying short because I know if I stay any longer, I’ll be too scared to walk back to my car alone,” Sewick said.

An important system available to students who would like to walk with someone to their res- idence is the “Door’s Walk Alone” Safety Escort System. The program is in effect from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Sunday to Thursday nights.

A male or female escort will meet up with the individual, providing assistance in the campus library lobby and take them to their rooms or cars.

A pathway from State Quad to the Podium remains util and unwatching for some students.

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NEW SA JUSTICE REFORM PLANS

By NICHOLAS SHERMAN

The Student Association Supreme Court has grown to increase transparency, effective- ness, and fairness by creating a new sample constitution for student groups to follow.

Anahi Tapia, Chief Justice to the SA Supreme Court an- nounced during Wednesday’s SA meeting that the Supreme Court had met with seven stu- dent groups that day as well as discussed thirteen student group constitutions.

“There was no standard that was being followed from the years before me,” Tapia said. “I’ve never spoken to the person who came before me. I don’t know how the other chief justices have been doing it. There’s no handbook for me to follow. I just went straight out of the box.”

Not every constitution had broken the bylaws severely, Tapia said. Some of them were minor—having four officers when the bylaws require five; voting restrictions; and e-board eligibility.

While some student groups can make serious mistakes such as taking hold of improve- ments for elections rather than holding elections. These more serious mis- takes student groups can make Tapia said: “I always recommend super restrictive and super prohib- itive and unfair.”

And, it doesn’t matter necessarily whether I think it’s unfair or not. What matters ultimately is it’s approved by the other justices.

To fix this, Tapia drafted a new set of bylaws ac- cording to —is compliant with the bylaws and will serve as the base for student groups moving forward.

“I got the bylaws,” Tapia said, “That’s what I was going off of, making sure everyone is held to the same standard.”

According to Tapia, clubs before being held at their constitutions off of previous constitutions, such as clubs that are similar like a women’s

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Dane’s Dynasty: Third AE Title in Three Years

By ROB LEP

Danes Dynasty. It has a nice ring to it.

For the third time in four years, the University at Albany women’s soccer team is an America East con- ference champion.

By two goals from fresh- man Jasmine Colbert, UAlbany knocked off UMass Lowell 5-1 in a Casey Stadium Sunday afternoon, sending their senior class out with a title.

“At this point you’re so happy for the players,” head coach Nick Rothrock said. “It’s their hard work, their effort, their mental- ity, positivity, and diligence that makes this happen. All the success we’ve had over the last few years is down to them.

“We have a senior class right now who have won three out of four America East titles. I think that speaks pretty loudly to who they are and who they all are about and how they compete.

“44 seconds into the match, Jade Colbert the 2018 America East Rookie of the Year, took a long through ball from senior Mairah Lightner and ripped a shot past UMass Lowell goalkeeper Jules Silberman for a 1-0 lead.

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C-SPAN BUS MAKES FINAL STOP AT UALBANY

Rep. Paul Tonko discusses with students his plans for Congress and hopes to flip the House’s political landscape

By LEAH DUELL

As the C-SPAN bus has appeared before UAlbany’s journalism students this past Monday, people were glowing with excitement.

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After some consideration he said, “Democrats, definitely. More specifically progressive democrats.”

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Letter From the Editor: University Library Reached Out About my Article

I, the Albany Student Press Opinions Editor, would like to acknowledge the quick response from Debora Cheney, the university’s interim director for Client Support Services in regards to the “Printing Pandamonium” piece published a few weeks ago. The promise of better communication with the students is much appreciated. We at the ASP appreciate the effort to respond with action.

By MATTHEW MIRRO

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Synagogue Shooting

**Blaming Politics Ignores True Criminal**

By AARON GINSBURG

On October 27, 2018, the worst Anti-Semitic shooting in American history reached our country. A man gunman entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wielding an AR-15 rifle and three Glock handguns, killed eleven people and injured six more before surrendering to police. Our nation is now left reeling, picking up the pieces in an attempt to find who it is to blame for such a display of unbridled hatred.

I’ll tell you who it is to blame: Robert Bowers, the white supremacist responsible for the shooting. It should be difficult to pinpoint, yet I’ve seen many people recognize that when articles like the Washington Post’s “How Much Responsibility Does Trump Bear for the Synagogue Shooting in Pittsburgh?” instantly disappear days after the shooting that Trump’s tweets helped cause the tragedy. It is every day we left blame on the right or the right blames the left for the acts of a terrorist: it is absurd to suggest that a politician incited an act of violence unless that politician was physically caught inciting that act of violence. It may seem redundant to say, but I understand the idea of terrorists acting on their own accord is an unpopular one. For many, there needs to be someone to blame. And because it’s convenient, political enemies will do.

Imagine if Bernie Sanders’ rhetoric was held to account, even partially, for the actions of the 2017 Congressional Baseball shooter who nearly shot to death Republican House Majority Whip Steve Scalise. No one save for the most ardent right-wing demagogues blamed Browers, the white supremacist responsible for the shooting. It is easier to blame the left for the acts of that lunatic – even though he was held to account, even partially, for the acts of that lunatic. It is easier to pin the blame on the left reeling, picking up the pieces in an attempt to find who it is to blame for this terrible attack. I say it every day: “This evil Anti-Semitic attack is an assault on humanity. It will take all of us working together to extract the poison of Anti-Semitism from our world. We must unite to combat hate.” Notice the lack of policy prescription or blame-shifting. It’s just a statement on what we, as a society, can and cannot accept. It’s my belief that the left reeling, picking up the pieces in an attempt to find who it is to blame, and the tools with which it was achieved, will still be rejected wholly, and tragically like this will seldom benefit our society.

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**DEBATE: WHO IS TO BLAME FOR PENN. SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING?**

Sayoc was a product of dangerous right-wing politics

By MATTHEW MIRRO

This is how low we’ve sunk. In 2018, we have a president so thoroughly unconcerned with the ramifications of his actions it borderlines on sociopathic. President Donald Trump’s rhetoric has always been dangerous on a number of levels but what came out of it from theLens on America initiative at MGNOPA

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PHOTOS

Underneath the University

UAlbany tunnels and the students who walk them

All photos by Dalia Yan / Albany Student Press
BY ALEAH ADAMS

Palesa Graham sat at her desk in Dutch Quad sophomore year filing and shaping plastic nails to her own design. Six months later she turned her fun into funds, generating $25,000 in profit after launching her website in May 2018.

LéluxxBeauty, her press on nail company, started out as a hobby, and began with watching YouTube videos. Graham grew fascinated with how easy and convenient the idea of press on nails were and decided “I could probably do this myself.”

She wore her nails around campus and posted them avidly on social media, leading to other people’s interest in the press on nail phenomenon. After getting requests for customized nails, Graham chose to curate her own brand and website.

“I had only planned for 50 orders so that’s all I made. I launched on May 20th and ended up having triple the orders. I made $2,000 on launch day and was sold out in minutes,” said Graham.

Her unexpected website launch success was a turning point for LéluxxBeauty. Her nails began to reach a larger audience including YouTube makeup enthusiast Aaliyah Jay, Good Morning America, Essence and YouTube makeup enthusiast Arnell Armon. These features under her old name BeautyWOC catapulted her following on social media and made her orders and customized requests skyrocket.

All customized sets are handmade by Graham at her desk at home, and are made to the customer’s requests. The nail sizes come in small, medium and large, with attached measurements, but the company also offers an option where customers can give exact nail measurements. The nail lengths range from short, medium and long and the shapes include the traditional coffin, stiletto, round, square and almond.

Anissa Williams, a junior at UAlbany is an avid buyer from the company. “As a college student I’m always finding ways to save money. Instead of going to a nail salon and spending $40 on nails that will fall off in two weeks, I buy from her. Almost all of her sets are under $25 and I can reuse them and get them customized as if I got them done in the actual salon,” said Williams.
From Goalposts to Gyros: A Hungry Captain

By CHRISTOPHER PAYNE

Meet Nik Schultz, a former UAlbany student who graduated in 2008 and is currently the owner of Nikos Café in the newly renovated Campus Center.

His senior year, he led the football team through an undefeated season as their team captain.

Originally a history major and an education minor student, Schultz wanted to build the team attitude into the restaurant workplace. “I wanted to be a teacher and football coach, but, I had the attitude of building a team and coaching in the restaurant, where I hold people accountable and rely on people getting their job done.”

After graduating from college in 2008, he decided to own a food trailer that served Greek food because of his taste for Greek food, as well as a niche for a Greek entity in the Capital Region. “I was in business and opened up the Greek food trailer in 2012,” said Schultz. “It was opened during the summer in downtown Albany, near the Dutch Apple and the U.S.S. Slater. It was called Aegean, based on the name of the Aegean Sea.”

In 2014, he bought and opened up a place called Antons, which is located on New Scotland Ave. in Albany, N.Y. “I realized that there were not as many places that served Greek food in the area that time,” said Schultz. “It is easy to make the food and we make things fresh and flavorful.”

Schultz’s decision to market his restaurant at an athletics golf outing at UAlbany grabbed attention to representatives of Sodexo and to representatives of the University Auxiliary Services. “I basically said jokingly that there is a spot in the Campus Center for a football alumnus to make them food,” said Schultz. “This was during the construction phase in Aug. of 2017.”

During the time, Sodexo and UAS representatives tried Anton’s food two to three times a week during the summer of 2017. They sent Schultz an email about an opportunity to open his eatery in the Campus Center. “UAS and Sodexo representatives wanted to talk to me about this new opportunity when a vegetarian café backed out last minute.”

Nikos Café opened in Aug. 2017, serving Greek favorites like gyros, wraps, and Greek nachos. Nikos also serves freshly squeezed blueberry lemonade and regular lemonade. Prices range from $5 to $10 for entreés at Nikos Café. Any student that has a UAlbany meal plan and an ID card can use their Discount Dollars to save 30 percent off their meal.

“Schulz wants to hire students who are motivated to work and motivated to committing to the team in the work setting. “If you need a good work environment,” said Schultz. “You need to be the best team member.”

John Lacy, a human bio major and employee at Nikos Café, enjoys working at the establishment. “I had no idea what Nikos was until my roommate told me about this place,” said Lacy. “Nik is a great boss who is very good at listening and with schedules. He is easy to get along with.”

Schultz also has plans to rebrand Anton’s as Nikos Café on New Scotland Ave. in Albany, N.Y. and eventually to become a fast food chain located in the Northeast. “I would like to see Nikos Café become a fast, casual, and healthy location in the Northeast,” Schultz said. “I want fresh, tasty Greek food on the run and sandwiches made in front of you. I want to expand into SUNY Universities and the Northeast. Then, I want to eventually become a Northeastern chain and then, eventually nationwide.”

Schultz’s sister owns Humoli, which is a company that sells ravioli with hummus. “I want to help my sister grow her business, push the product, find a niche in terms of being healthy, and have a good meal for athletes and students on campus,” said Schultz.

Don’t underestimate your dream,” said Schultz. “Take the opportunity and you are going to succeed.”

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Danes Fall to The Blue Hens
Loss Extends Danes’ Streak to Five Games in a Row

By ROB LEP

The University at Albany football team rallied from down 12 points to take a 16-15 fourth quarter lead vs No. 13 Delaware Saturday afternoon. UAlbany was 18 seconds away from snapping a four-game losing streak.

Then senior RB Kani Kane had other plans, scoring a 14-yard touchdown to give the Blue Hens a 21-16 lead. The rally was over. Their chances of ending their losing skid was too.

Behind two touchdowns from Kane to go along with 94 total rushing yards for the Blue Hens on the ground, Delaware extended their winning streak to five in a thrilling win versus the Great Danes at Casey Stadium.

“I thought we played really, really hard against a good football team,” head coach Greg Gattuso said. “It’s just disappointing to lose a heartbreaker. This is the third one we’ve lost with less than 30 seconds on the clock. It takes a toll, but our kids keep fighting. I know we’re going to come back next week and play a great one.”

Jeff Undercuffler, making his first career start in place of injured quarterbacks Vincent Testaverde and Will Brunson, finished 13-26 for 171 yards and two interceptions. His worst mistake came in the first quarter when he was intercepted at the 1-yard line by linebacker Charles Bell.

The Danes held the Blue Hens to 268 total yards. Danny Damico led UAlbany with 10 total tackles (five solo).

On fourth-and-goal from the UAlbany 1-yard line, Kane took the handoff up the middle and was stuffed up at the goal line by defenders Josh Wynn and Mazon Walker.

After a Great Danes safety, Delaware quarterback Kehoe completed a 42-yard pass to Walker to set up the Blue Hens inside the 10. Four plays later, Kane scored a 1-yard TD to extend the lead to 9-0. Delaware would follow that up with a 50-yard FG by redshirt senior kicker Frank Raggo.

After 32 and 22 yard passes to UAlbany WR Jerah Reeves and RB Karl Mofor, kicker Ethan Stark buried a kick from 21 yards to give UAlbany their first points of the half as time expired, giving the Danes a 12-3 deficit into the locker room.

Both Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks and Karl Mofor had rushing touchdowns in the second half. They combined for 128 total yards on the day. Ibitokun Hanks gave UAlbany their first TD of the game with 11:36 left in the third quarter.

Ibitokun Hanks ran for 37 and 10 yards on consecutive plays.

The Great Danes lose a game they finish with more total yards of offense, rushing yards and time of possession. UAlbany is on the road next week to take on New Hampshire Saturday at 1 p.m. The Wildcats are coming off a 35-24 win over No. 3 James Madison.

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Gaps in Binghamton defense; Danes score 3 goals

Photos by DALIA YAN / ASP

Clockwise from bottom right: Adam Malekos and Danny Vitiello celebrate their win, freshman Hugo Guerra hugs his teammate, Nico Solabarrieta celebrates his goal by addressing fans in the stands, senior Riccardo Iafrate setting up a pass, Vitiello punts the ball.

Nico Solabarrieta celebrates his last win as a Great Dane with his family in the stands. He scored one goal and had an assist.

Goalkeeper Danny Vitiello punts the ball in the second half of the game Wednesday.

Teammates embrace forward Hugo Guerra, a freshman forward for the Danes.