

RENOVATIONS

Construction Crews set up Shop During Summer Months



JOE HOFFMAN/ ASP

Construction began on Dutch Quad this summer, part of a year-and-a-half long process to renovate living areas and move the Health and Counseling Center into the Quad's shuttered dining hall.

By CHAD ARNOLD

Shortly after students moved out in May, construction crews moved in, beginning work on dorm renovations, asbestos abatement, and pavement projects around campus.

The renovations are part of the University

at Albany's ongoing effort to improve its aging infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for students living on campus, according to John Giarrusso, associate vice president of finance and administration for facilities management.

What exactly was done while students were away?

A year-and-a-half long renovation project began on Dutch Quad. The \$32 million project will see the Schuyler and Beveryck living areas completely revamped and the buildings shuttered dining hall converted to the new home for Student Health and Counseling Services, currently located off campus in the Patroon Creek Corporate

Center.

The university currently pays \$418,700 a year in rent for the current health center location, according to information provided by Jordan Carleo-Evangelist, director of media and community relations.

The project will be completed in two stages. Construction on the residence halls

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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Five Quad Leads ResLife Members in CPR Training

By JOE HOFFMAN

The University at Albany required all Residential Life staff to complete a CPR training course this summer, a shift in policy from last year when several RA's said they were instructed to never touch students in the event of an emergency.

UAlbany's volunteer ambulance service, Five Quad, sparked the change, offering to perform the training for residential assistants, graduate assistants, residential directors, and other staff in ResLife following the spring semester.

"This idea came up during our Board of Directors meeting as a potential effort

to get as many people as possible trained in hands-only CPR," said Carolyn Solimine, president of Five Quad. "ResLife staff seemed like a great option due to their presence in the halls."

In May, the Albany Student Press published an article in which four RAs confirmed their superiors instructed them to never touch a student during a medical emergency like a heart attack or choking event.

Carol Perrin, director of Residential Life, said at the time that this was a misunderstanding and no such policy existed. She indicated that the problem would be cleared up in the fall.

The university had plans to train staff to use automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), and according to Five Quad leadership, plans to provide CPR training were finalized in early summer, after the article was published.

The training, held on Aug. 20 and 21, furthers the debate over how extensive an RA's job should be.

"At some point an RA can only be expected to do so much," said Perrin in May when pressed why RAs were not currently being trained in CPR or First Aid.

At the CPR training last month, staff practiced on rubber dummies and received instruction from Five Quad volunteers. However, the training did not qualify as a CPR certification, a process defined by the American Red Cross with



SOURCE: FIVE QUAD

Five Quad held a CPR training course for ResLife this summer.

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SA FINANCES

Updates Made to Treasurer Handbook

By CHAD ARNOLD

Student groups looking to submit purchase requests, file for reimbursements or access the Student Association's credit card, will first have to familiarize themselves with a newly revised Treasurer's Handbook.

Re-worked entirely for the first time since the 2015-16 academic year, the new handbook aims to bring clarity to an often confusing, and sometimes outdated process, according to SA Comptroller Patrick Carroll, who updated the handbook this past summer.

"The reason for the changes wasn't necessarily what was going wrong last year, it was just what was wrong in the Treasurer's Handbook and how can I get the most useful information to the treasurers and presidents," said Carroll of his decision to rework the handbook, the go to guide for all SA funded student groups seeking to access allocated funds.

Before filing any PR's or reimbursement requests, here are few things you need to know.

Accessing the Treasurer's Handbook

Before any group or club can access allocated funds, the president must first re-

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will wrap-up in the summer of 2019 before students arrive on campus. The Health Center will lag six months, opening sometime in January 2020, according to Giarrusso.

A total of 190 beds will be out of use during construction.

“We’re always down a couple hundred beds, so that’s normal,” said Giarrusso.

The first in a series of asbestos abatement projects took place this summer on State Quad, wrapping up prior to students moving in for the fall semester.

Last fall, the Student Association senate passed a resolution calling on the university to remove all asbestos containing materials from dorm room ceilings and to be more transparent in the process.

Facilities responded by attending a weekly SA meeting and answering questions student leaders had at the time.

This summer’s abatement focused on low-rise buildings on State as well as a few select floors in the quad’s tower, according to Giarrusso who emphasized that the asbestos containing material is harmless unless students provoke areas containing the material.

“Out of an abundance of pre-

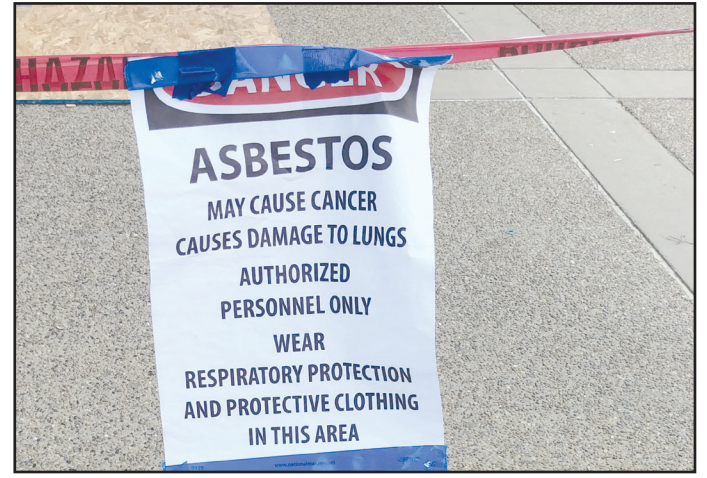
caution and because it’s kind of unsightly, we are indeed removing asbestos on an asbestos only project to upgrade the appearance and look of ceilings,” he said.

Fourteen buildings still have some or all asbestos containing materials, according to Carleo-Evangelist, the equivalent to around 15 percent.

A similar project will take place next year on Indian Quad.

Several paving projects wrapped up this summer including parts of Collins Circle, University Drive West, and roadways in Freedom Quad.

Additionally, 46 double-hung windows were replaced on Alumni Quad, according to Carleo-Evangelist.



CHAD ARNOLD/ ASP

Asbestos abatement took place on State Quad this summer. Next summer, a similar project is set to take place on Indian.

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register their organization with the Office of Student Involvement through the group’s MyInvolvement page. Failure to re-register will prohibit any SA funded organization from accessing funds.

After re-registering, a group’s president will be forwarded a copy of the Treasurer’s Handbook and given instructions on how to sign-up for the mandatory treasurer exam, which is taken via Blackboard.

Organizations that have completed the registration process but have yet to receive a copy of the handbook and information on the mandatory exam are urged to stop by the comptroller’s office located in the SA offices, according to Carroll, who said just over 50 presidents and treasurers out of the more than 120 groups on campus have signed up for the exam as of writing.

“I’m the first one to admit, it’s a difficult process, there’s a lot of bureaucracy, it’s a lot of frustration,” said Carroll of the re-registration process.

According to SA rules, all SA funded groups are required to have two signatories, the president and treasurer, who can submit PR’s, file for reimbursements, make deposits, and file to use the SA credit card.

Each will have two attempts to score at least 80 percent on the exam, the minimum passing grade. Those groups whose president and/or treasurer fails both attempts will have to appoint a new person to the position, according to the handbook.

“I’m not taking away people’s positions, I don’t have power to do that, that’s an internal group thing. I do have power over

who has signatory powers,” said Carroll before explaining someone can still be president or treasurer of a group even after failing the exam twice, they just won’t have signatory powers. “Personally, if I’m in an organization and the treasurer fails the treasurer’s exam twice, I would not want him as my treasurer.”

New Policies

New this year are policies surrounding credit card usage, an increase wait time for reimbursements, a policy increasing the time for submitting PR’s prior to making a purchase, and a ban on all groups from using funds to purchase gift cards.

“It’s not as bad as it sounds,” said Carroll of the new policies.

Under the new guidelines, groups are required to submit PR’s a minimum of three weeks in advance, up last year from two.

The added week with ensure there is enough time for a PR to move through the necessary channels needed before final approval, said Carroll.

A group’s signatory first needs to submit a PR request through MyInvolvement. From there, the comptroller’s office sends to the request to OSI for approval. Once approved, the PR then gets sent back to the comptroller’s office who then initiates the transaction and forwards the request to UAS which has retained a third-party company to cut and mail all checks this year.

Checks can no longer be picked up at UAS. Instead, they must be mailed directly to the payee.

“The way the process works, it might very well take me three weeks to get that thing paid,” said Carroll who said there should be no issues in processing PR’s so long as groups follow the new policies.

A minimum of three weeks is required for all credit card transactions this year as well. SA’s credit card is prohibited from leaving the office, according to the handbook, and cannot be used to pay for things that can otherwise be paid using a different method.

Carroll and Langie Cadesca, SA president, are the only two signatories on the card.

To initiate a credit card request, signatories are required to set-up a pre-approval appoint with the comptroller’s office. From there, the request is sent to OSI for review. Once approved by OSI, an appointment must be made with the comptroller’s office to purchase the items in question.

Following use of the credit card, a group’s signatory must immediately submit a PR. Those using the card are required to bring a laptop on the day of final purchase to complete the necessary paperwork, according to the handbook.

“I put a lot of red tape up because I don’t want groups coming to me a week before an event saying, ‘I need this paid,’ because odds are I’m not going to be able to do it,” said Carroll of the new policies.

Students seeking to purchase items for their group and be reimbursed later can expect the process to take three weeks to a month. Those looking to purchase items for their group are encouraged to make an appointment with the comptroller’s office prior to doing so.

Reimbursement, as well as PRs, can be denied at the discretion of the comptroller’s office.

“Any expenditure has to be furthering the stated mission in a group’s constitution,” said Carroll who said anything outside of this mission is likely to be denied by his office.

New this year is a blanket ban preventing all groups from using allocated funds to purchase gift cards. According to Carroll, the new policy levels the playing field between new and unfunded groups and those with a budget.

Last year, SA passed a bylaw banning appropriation dollars from being used to purchase gifts. The law was passed after several groups tried to secure appropriation funds for the purposes of purchasing gifts and gift cards for upcoming events.

Comptroller’s Office

Working alongside Carroll are three deputy comptrollers: Isaiah James, Christopher Brito, and Harrison Rubin. Last year, the office had just two deputies.

“It’s allowed me to delegate specific things,” said Carroll of the increased staff. “Last year, we weren’t able to do that.”

The comptroller’s office processes anywhere from 15 to 250 PR’s a week, depending on the time of year, said Carroll who noted October and April usually see an uptick in requests.

In addition to updating policies, Carroll is aiming to increase his office’s transparency.

Last year, it was reported that the comptroller failed to provide SA’s senate with bi-weekly expenditure reports despite language in the organization’s bylaws mandating such.

Carroll said he plans to follow the bylaw as it is written but noted monthly reports would better highlight just how SA is spending its estimated \$2.72 million budget.

“Anyone can come in here and I will give them any expenditures that they want,” said Carroll.

CRIME BLOTTER

Harassment 2nd

8/25/2018
PE Complex - Stadium
Report of two male subjects being harassed.

Aggravated DWI: Per Se BAC .18

8/25/2018
Podium- Social Science.
Report of a male subject driving while intoxicated. An arrest was made.

Unlawful Possession of Marihuana

8/26/2018
Alumni Quad – Alden Hall
Report of three male

students in possession of marihuana. Referrals were made.

Criminal Possession of Marihuana - 5th Degree Public Place

8/27/2018
Other - Indian Pond
Report of a group of students smoking marihuana in public. Referrals were made for all.

Fire Alarm

8/27/2018
Podium - Life Sciences
Caused by roof hatch being open.

Criminal Possession of Marihuana - 5th Degree Public Place

8/28/2018
Other - Indian Pond
Report of a group of students smoking marihuana in public. Referrals were made for all.

Operator Leaves Scene of Property Damage Accident

8/28/2018
Roadways- Liberty Lane
Report of property damage to a vehicle by an unknown subject.

Assist Other PD

8/28/2018

Roadways - Univ Dr West
Assisted SUNY POLY PD.

Crisis Intervention

8/29/2018
Other - UPD
Came to UPD for medical assistance. Assistance provided.

Safety/Health/HazMat Incident

8/29/2018
Podium - Earth Science
Safety/Health/HazMat Incident.

Medical Incident

8/29/2018
Podium - Social Science

Medical Assistance

911/Blue Light Accidental

8/29/2018
State Quad- Eastman Tower
Report of faulty elevator.

Safety/Health/HazMat Incident

8/29/2018
Downtown Campus- Hawley
Library
Safety/Health/HazMat Incident.

Identity Theft: Assume Another’s Identity, Obtain Goods >\$500

PE Complex - SEFCU Arena
8/30/2018

Report of stolen identity.

Fire Alarm

8/30/2018
Podium - Earth Science
Caused by faulty detector head.

Criminal Mischief 3RD: Damage Another’s Property- Amount >\$250

8/30/2018
Roadways State St.
Roadways Report of property damage to a vehicle by unknown subject.

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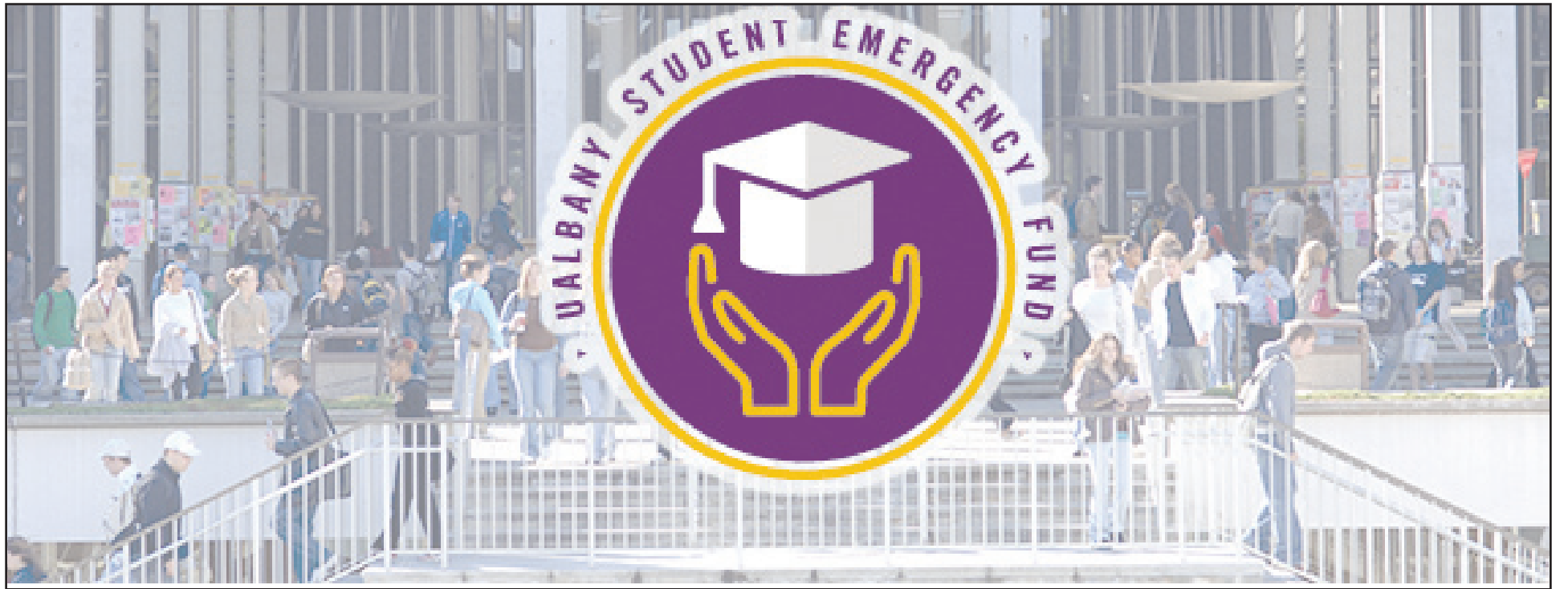
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STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Emergency Fund Assists Students



By **JOE HOFFMAN**

Stolen equipment. Damaged apartments. Food insecurity. College students face emergencies of all kinds — and the University at Albany is looking for ways to maintain a new fund to help them out.

Last year, two private foundations provided seven SUNY schools with grant money to fill the gaps in emergency care services.

One semester after its launch, UAlbany's \$100,000 student emergency fund has already helped 29 students get back on their feet.

This includes replacing vital equipment like cameras or computers for students that needed them to complete their degree, and auto work for a student whose only car to commute from a rural area didn't pass inspection.

Previously, the UAlbany Foundation maintained a small emergency fund of less than \$10,000, but kept it under wraps for fear of students draining it for good.

"We had students that would come to us with these needs and we didn't really have funding to assist that," said Sally D'Alessandro, director of Student CARE and a key player

in administering the funds to students.

The funds two contributors, the Heckshner Foundation for Children and the Gerstner Family Foundation for Children, are reviewing how their money is being used at UAlbany. They may grant the school another \$100,000 next year, according to Rich Becker, director of corporate-foundation relations.

However, the grant can last only two years at most, prompting Student Affairs and the Foundation to commit to finding other ways to keep the student emergency fund running.

"We don't want this to be \$100,000 this year, then hopefully next year, then nothing," said Becker, adding development officers were being briefed on the program and how to market it to potential donors.

D'Alessandro said that the majority of students who applied in the spring heard about the fund through professors and staff members who were in the know.

The university's efforts to raise awareness of the fund were subdued last semester compared to this semester's actions - like the plan to place 1,000 flyers downtown at student apartments.

"I don't think the intention was to hold back necessarily," said D'Alessandro, "I think we just didn't really know what the response would be. And this is a part of what I do, not the whole of what I do."

Student CARE began in 2014 with D'Alessandro, a licensed social worker, setting up an office in the Campus Center and meeting with students struggling with social, financial, or other problems.

She remains the sole employee of Student CARE, though she said she has asked Student Affairs for more funding to hire another employee.

D'Alessandro's situation mirrors that of another small student division, the Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence. Director Carol Stenger had to step down from mentoring a student group last semester, in part because of the large volume of cases which she and the only other advocate Mary McCarthy receive each semester.

D'Alessandro said she expected to receive more applications for the emergency fund in its second semester of operation.

"I already have three," she said on the first day of classes.

HAZING

Proposed Bill Aims to Crack Down on Hazing

By **KATY DARA**

There could be a serious change in the hazing practices of New York State universities in the near future.

Senate Bill S2552, which passed through the New York State Senate in March, "provides increased penalties and education for hazing, underage drinking and drug use within athletic teams, fraternities and sororities at college campuses."

Hazing has been a hot-button issue on college campuses around the country. Although less than five percent of University at Albany students participate in Greek life, it has had its fair share of hazing scandals. Of the 39 Greek chapters listed on the university's website, 17 are under suspension, probation, or derecognized altogether.

Due to past hazing-related issues, UAlbany has a strict anti-hazing policy. According to UAlbany's Anti-Hazing Coordinator Emily Feuer, education is an important step in hazing prevention.

"When we think about prevention, we're really thinking about it in different approaches. One approach is education about hazing, so we have a hazing prevention course," said Feuer.

"As of right now, any new member of a fraternity or a sorority has to take that course. Any executive board member of a fraternity or sorority has to take that course, and also any executive board member for any club or organization on-campus has to take it."

The new hazing-prevention bill, which passed the New York State Senate also advocates for increased anti-hazing education. In fact, much of what is in the legislation is already being done on UAlbany's campus.

"To be honest, I don't think the bill will have too much of an impact, because we're already doing a lot of the things that the new bill is stating," said Feuer, who explained current university policies already mirror those in the new law.

According to the UAlbany policy, hazing

is defined as "any reckless or intentional conduct in connection with the initiation into, or affiliation with, any organization which degrades, humiliates or endangers the mental or physical health of any person, regardless of the person's willingness to participate." This conduct is included but not limited to forced consumption of alcohol, food, or illegal substances, forced personal practices, psychological abuse, and physical brutality.

There will also be a Hazing Prevention Week from Oct. 22 to 26 on campus, where students can learn how to recognize, prevent, and report hazing practices.

Senate Bill S2552 has passed the Senate and will face the State Assembly next. This means that for UAlbany students who continue hazing practices could face

much more serious charges if caught, while pledges may expect a less stressful experience while rushing.



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specific procedure and time spent training

Solimine said that though the training wasn't Red Cross certified, they still taught ResLife staff basic skills which could potentially be lifesaving in an emergency.

"God forbid something happens to one of my residents, I'd be trained and prepared to know how to handle that situation, so I think that's good," said Celine Thompson, a shift leader and RA, the week before the training. "Usually we have to wait for Five Quad and we can't touch them. Now that we're trained maybe we'd be able to do something if need be."

The training was held over two days, with each staff member spending about 20 minutes actively training with Five Quad.

"It's definitely an excellent step forward to make the campus a safer place," said Solimine.

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PARKING

Parking Lots Should be First Come, First Serve for Students and Faculty

By DIVYA PITAMBER

Every college has a thing or two that makes them different from the rest, but one thing all colleges have in common is an issue with parking. I have been a commuter student at the University at Albany for two years now, and finding a parking space has almost always been an issue. Unless you have an 8 a.m. class, which not too many students enjoy taking, students should plan on arriving to the parking lot at least ten to fifteen minutes early

in order to find a parking spot. I commonly park in State Quad as this is closer to my classes. One critical issue with State Quad parking is the fact that the spaces closest to the Academic Podium and other buildings are designated as "flex parking" for faculty between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. These spaces are collectively known as the State Annex.

Flex parking was implemented in the State Annex last year due to an increase in the use of the Colonial and State faculty

and staff parking lots. However, I believe that the State Annex should be used on a first come, first serve basis between students and faculty because, just as staff and faculty do not wish to park far or be late to classes, students also have the same desires.

Trying to find parking at the beginning of the semester is always hard, as students tend to attend the first few weeks of classes. However, as the semester drags on, premium parking times become around 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., where it is

significantly harder to find parking. While students struggle to find parking, or are forced to park far away, there are at least 10 or 15 free parking spots in the flex parking that are not in use. Students should be able to use these spaces if they are not in use. Why have the spaces available if no one is using them?

In the winter time, no one enjoys parking far and having to walk in snow to their cars or classes. Students and faculty should both be able to park in the State Annex to avoid longer

walks in the cold. As a commuter, I commonly see empty spaces in the State Annex that could be put to use. Commuters need a place to park and that place should not be at the back of the parking lot. I should not have to arrive at 8 a.m. to find a closer parking spot when there is an available one in flex parking. Students pay for our parking, both commuters and residents, and we should be able to have the student parking lots to ourselves or equally shared with faculty.

The concerns over

parking should be brought to the attention of the Student Association in order to allow students to park in the State Annex parking. Why create parking spaces that cannot be used? Students should not have to park all the way in the back of the lot when there are empty spaces in the front. If a student needs to arrive early enough to find parking and make it to class on time, faculty should be held to the same account.

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PARKFEST

Two-Step Verification: A step in the right direction

By **LIAM SMITH**

In the last weeks of the spring semester, over 300 student accounts were compromised by a phishing campaign. Over the summer, students were sent a flier telling them that two-step verification would become mandatory on all email accounts in the coming semester. It is unknown whether these two events are directly related but the timing seems appropriate.

Two-factor authentication (TFA), also known as two-step verification, is a way to confirm the identity of someone logging in by asking for a second set of confirmation. This is the same reason why banks, airports, and the DMV ask for several documents proving who you are. One document might be fake so getting multiple fake documents makes things harder. From a cyber-attacker's perspective, this means that they could know your

username and password, however, if they don't have access to your phone, then they cannot access your account.

It is hard to overstate how amazing that is. What will seem like a silly and annoying step for students is actually a cutting-edge cybersecurity solution, required by the government for federal agencies. First, security professionals are constantly worried about the risk of one important user with a terrible password or one that accidentally leaks it. TFA solves that problem by no longer hinging security on only two bits of information, and by requiring everyone to do it. Second, this shifts the burden of security from the students to technology. Not all students are perfect, and that is the problem, it only takes one. Think of it this way, the 300 affected students represent only 1.6 percent of the 19,000 enrolled. That means even when over 98 percent of

students do the right thing, it still not enough. TFA allows students to have weaker passphrases and a more secure environment.

While you will find no shortage



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of praise from me about this move by the university, it is frankly the absolute least they could do. Aside from email, all private data that a student has access to can be viewed by an attacker with just a username and password. This includes all demographic data, (DOB, SSN, Addresses, Phone numbers) Financial Aid, (TAP, Loans, Grants), and all course data from Blackboard. This data remains more vulnerable is more important than email messages to the privacy of students.

This leads to the logical question, why doesn't the main university portal have two-factor authentication? This would give a layer of needed security in front of all university-run webapps. The answer of why not is not a technical one; there are plenty of solutions that will integrate even with authentication protocols that should have died like some bad 90's hair trends. If it is a social

block, at the very least let student opt-in to such a program. This would let ITS test the program for bugs before a full roll-out and gather popular support.

The reality is that most organization will not take steps to protect themselves and their users until after something bad happens. Let me be clear, the university will be hit again. That is the nature of operating a university, let alone one with R1 research data. It is unclear whether ITS plans to expand the scope of this TFA program, and it is unclear whether they have the political/social capital to do so before the university is hit again.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health issues: You are not alone

By **RAYMOND E. STRAWN III**

Welcome to University at Albany freshmen, new transfers, and returning students! A new semester is upon us, which includes new professors and classmates. Some students are experiencing life outside of their parents' home for the first time and may struggle with loneliness and being homesick.

Some students are transferring or coming back to school later in their lives and being pulled into a new environment, trying to make new friends, and feel a connection. The pressure of quizzes, catching up on our readings, and finishing up your papers are on the horizon. I dare say it is way too soon to mention that dreaded word: finals. But the anxiety and stress of college life is a reality and always there, from the first day to the very last. College students struggle with mental health and I am here to share with you my struggles and resources you can utilize to get through college life and beyond.

According to the American

Psychological Association, 41.6 percent of college students stated anxiety as their top concern and 36.4 percent stated depression as their main concern. The Anxiety and Depression Association of America reported 85 percent of college students feeling overwhelmed at some point during the year. Most college students are concerned with either anxiety or depression and feel overwhelmed during the academic year and I am one of them.

I am diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. I loathe going to new places for the first time. I rehearse over and over in my head on what to say, even if it is as simple as "Here." I have moments where I feel my to-do list is a never-ending battle. Since my first day at college, those voices of self-doubt tempted me with whispers to drop out a few times a week. I am a senior now, but those whispers never end. Sleeping can be hit-or-miss with me. Either I have a hard time falling asleep or staying asleep. It's brutal when I combat with both, as I have been the past few nights because of the anxiety of the new semester. There

are moments where I feel depressed, for no reason, and I am unable to do anything. All I can do is watch my large to-do list grow to a giant monster that I know I'll have to slay eventually. I struggle with this every day, but I don't quit, and I manage to stay positive. I use my coping skills to get by. UAlbany has services and resources students can use if they are struggling too.

UAlbany has a counseling center for students. Middle Earth, a peer assistance program on-campus, has a hotline from 1 p.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday and 24-hours Friday-Sunday when classes are in session. The number is (518) 442-5777. Middle Earth's podcasts feature students discussing surviving in college. If you don't feel comfortable getting help on campus, Crisis Text Line provides 24/7 support for those in crisis. Text "Home" to 741741. You can call 211 or visit 211.org to find local services. YourLifeYourVoice.org has resources and tools for anxiety, depression, stress, dating, and 99 Coping Skills. Search, "99 Coping Skills" on their homepage to access their list.

Whether you are stressing over an exam, missing home, feeling lost and alone, or need to vent over a fight you had with your roommate, there are services and resources available to help you get through it. You are not alone. You can get through this. Stay positive and good luck to you all this semester. You will make it.



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MUSEUM

‘Triple’ Offers Something for Everyone

By KATE WEST

Located in the Fine Arts building in the midst of the hustle and bustle of campus lies the University Art Museum. Although the space is first and foremost a museum, it has an oasis-like feeling in contrast to the fountain traffic that surrounds it.

Each year, the museum has four to six exhibitions. One of the three current exhibitions currently on display is “Triple,” which features the work of three artists all of whom are on the rise and under the age of 30. Their work embodies subject matter such as issues pertaining to diversity, gender, female empowerment, and race.

“What I love about all of these artists is that they’re focusing on their friends, they’re focusing on traditional painting subject matter, such as the reclining nude,” said Corinna Ripps Schaming, the museum’s current interim director and curator for over 15 years. “But they’re making it their own, they’re making it about the things that they care about, and they’re making it part of this moment.”

Tschabalala Self was born in Harlem, NY in 1990. In this exhibition she does a series of portraits that are not your typical paintings, but instead, use fabric and stitching to form an image. Through this process, she shows us her sense of the black body as a young woman. In this exhibition, Self’s work shows us the idea of how she is able to own her own space, and what that means to her.

Louis Fratino was born in 1993 in Annapolis, Maryland. Much of the existing art from gay artists was considered to be darker and more political. However, Fratino’s work in this exhibition is quite the opposite. The six paintings featured have a celebratory and erotic feel. They all capture the day-to-day life of being a young, gay white male.

Alex Bradley Cohen, a Chicago Native, still lives and works in the city today. His

collection of paintings all feature portraits of his closest friends. The positioning of how and where Cohen places his subject in each painting speaks to their personalities and relationships with Cohen. Not only is he painting the people with whom he is closest, but he is conveying something about who they are to him.

“Triple” will be featured alongside two other current exhibitions “Younger

Than Today: Photographs of Children (and sometimes their mothers)” by Andy Warhol, and “Mickey Mouse has Grown up a Cow,” which features several artists. All three of collections will be around until September 15.

“We want to build our student profile on campus and make this a place where you can feel like you can come anytime and simply hang out,” said Schaming.

Even if it’s for a few minutes between classes, the University Arts Museum is a relaxing place to enjoy art, gather your thoughts, and escape the outside craziness of campus.

The Museum is open Tuesday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday from noon-4 p.m.



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Louis Fratino’s “A Girl, Two Boys and a Daughter, 2018, is on display now through Sept. 15 in the University Arts Museum

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STUDENT LEADERS

Cadesca, Pepe Seek to Rebrand SA

By CHAD ARNOLD

Langie Cadesca and Nicolas Pepe are sitting in a small office inside the Student Association sharing their journey to the office of president and vice president, respectively. It's a Friday following a long week, yet the energy between the two is palpable. They finish each other's sentences and smile adoringly at one another while the other talks. Neither could have imagined themselves presiding over more than 13,000 undergraduates four years ago, but now that they're here, both intend to make the most of the opportunity.

Cadesca, a Brooklynite whose family immigrated from Haiti, is a first-generation college student and just the second woman of color to be elected to SA's highest office in the organization's near 100 year history. Pepe, a Long Islander, was an uninvolved student just four years ago. The two couldn't be more different on paper, but in life, they are on the same page. Together, they have been tasked to lead a \$2.7 million organization at the epicenter of student involvement on campus.

"Me being here and in this role is not only going to benefit me, but I think about every other black woman at this institution who's going to look at me and say, 'Wow, if she did, I could do it, too,'" said Cadesca of her new role.

First elected as an Indian Quad senator during the 2015-16 academic year, Cadesca took a break from SA her sophomore year to join Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc only to rejoin the organization as part of former SA president Jerlisa Fontaine's executive staff a year later.

Pepe had no intentions of running for SA office until Brandon Holdridge, a long-time friend and current senate chair, introduced him to the organization. He was elected as a State Quad senator his sophomore year and was an assistant to Jarrett Altilio, the former senate chair, the next, before leaving the organization to focus on an internship with the State Assembly.

For both, the organization which they now preside over has had an impact on their lives. Cadesca views SA as an opportunity to continue mentoring others, something

she has done since being accepted into the Educational Opportunity Program upon enrolling at the university. For Pepe, SA's outreach and impact on students played a role in his changing majors from economics to public policy and administration halfway through his sophomore year.

"In order to make an impact and be the person you want to be, you have to not only change yourself, but be able to adapt that and make a difference in other people's lives," said Pepe of his change in majors.

The two have their work cut out for them this year.

SA has a bruised reputation. Controversies ranging from Uber rides through the French Quarter, to missing funds, forgotten surpluses, and the revelation that student activity fee money was used to purchase t-shirts for members of the senate plagued the organization last year. This is not to mention the various bylaw violations that came to light, including the organization's failure to update its website despite transparency rules mandating it be done.

"All year round there were positive things happening. We did a lot of community service, we collected so many goods, donations, things of that nature, but people only thought we were relevant until the negative things happened," said Cadesca.

To combat the negativity, Cadesca and Pepe have plans to rebrand the organization, abandoning the "Your Student Activity Fee at Work" slogan in exchange for a new one: "Empowering the Student Voice."

"When you're only seen as a dollar amount, that's the only thing people care about," said Cadesca of the change. "'You're Student Activity Fee at Work' is a statement that perpetuates that all the Student Association is are the dollars that it gives."

The pair are fully cognitive of past mistakes and controversies surrounding the organization. They did, after all, run on a platform of accountability, community and excellence, or A.C.E., as their mantra was during one of the most contested SA elections in recent years.

"Accountability I feel like has a lot to



SOURCE: ANGEL MEJIA / SA MARKETING DEPARTMENT

do with our organization," said Cadesca speaking of the platform that won her office. "I've spoken a lot about how I feel like as an organization that we sometimes neglect our internal operations."

To increase the office's accountability, Cadesca and Pepe plan to release a strategic plan for SA. Though still early in the process, Cadesca confirmed students will be given the opportunity to weigh in on the direction of the organization before the final three-year plan is adopted sometime next year.

"When the three years are over, or even before that, we can say, 'these were our

priorities, and this is what we did in order to successfully fulfill those priorities,'" said Cadesca. "As of right now, I don't think we really have a mechanism to test our productivity as an organization."

"We constantly talk about our main goal as the Student Association is to serve the students, but it's kind of hard to maybe accurately also know exactly how they feel and what they want if they're not telling us," said Pepe, who would like to see more students get involved with the organization. "That's what we want, we want as many people as we can get there."

PROGRAMMING

Students Plan Fun Events for Fall Semester

By JUSTINE SHAFFER

The Programming Board will be bringing back traditional events and incorporating some new events at the University at Albany this fall semester.

Kofi Frimpong, a programming assistant, explains one of their new events is their "It's A Vibe" series, which ranges from game nights to trivia nights at Damien's in the campus center. The Programming Board will be continuing their Six Flags Fright Fest trip on October 6 as well as their NYC Takeover, Frimpong said.

"In December we basically just have a day trip to New York City, it's around 10 dollars round trip," said Frimpong who explained the Board is still developing a side event for the annual event. "Students do whatever they need to in the city, visit their families, take in the sights. Last year we went to Wollman Rink in Central Park."

According to Frimpong, the Programming Board relies on a mix of traditional events as well as new ideas to fill their events calendar for the academic year.

"A lot of students don't know that the UAlbany

Programming Board is a student run organization," said Frimpong.

One event coming back this year: the organization's Diversity Banquet. Created by programming assistants, Frimpong said the event is on its way to becoming a traditional event.

"We're going to do it again this year since it got such a good review from students last year," he said.

According to Frimpong, the Programming Board is starting committee teams this year as a new approach to coming up with ideas and managing events. There will be committees for specific, large events such as Fright Fest and the NYC Takeover, and other committees will handle multiple events of the same theme.

"We have a Great Danes Spirit committee so that would be game days and homecoming. We have a diversity and inclusion committee which the diversity banquet would fall under," explained Frimpong who said the Board is holding weekly meetings in order to check-in how events correspond with each committee.

The organization meets every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

to brainstorm new ideas, give updates on event plans, and review events from past weeks.

The Programming Board operates under the campus life fee, which ranges from 50 to 101 dollars, depending on how many credits a student takes, according to Frimpong.

"It's often that we're confused for the student activity fee, but the student activity fee is under the student association," said Frimpong, who explained the group divides its funding between committees. "We basically divvy up the money based on the events we have throughout the year, we have a planning calendar of events for the year."

Diversity and inclusion are one of the main goals of the Programming Board, said Frimpong.

"If we have people on our flyers, we'll always try to include people of all colors, races and religions," said Frimpong, who explained the Programming Board receives advice from the Disability Resource Center on how to be inclusive for students that are differently abled, such as making their flyers readable for students who are color blind.



CHAD ARNOLD / ASP

Members of the Programming Board raffle off prizes this past week in the Campus Center West Addition

DOWNTOWN

Is There Really ‘Nothing to do in Albany?’



By KATE WEST

A common theme across the University at Albany campus is that there is not a lot to do in Albany. Or that the city is boring. These are false claims because believe it or not, there is a ton of stuff to do in this small city.

From outdoor festivals to history museums, hiking and bars, if you're not familiar with the Albany area, you wouldn't know about any of these fun past times.

Pearlpalooza is one of the many things you can participate in. On September 15 head down to N. Pearl Street at 1:00 p.m. for free live concerts all afternoon.

If you like visual art, craft vendors and food trucks, check out Lark Street in downtown

Albany on September 22 from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. LarkFest is the largest one day street festival in New York. According to larkstreetbid.org, an estimated 50,000 people are expected to attend this year's festivities, and you could be one of them.

If you won't be around for LarkFest this year, there is still plenty to do on Lark. If you like karaoke and drinks, you can visit LAX on Lark, or if you prefer a more hipster atmosphere with no karaoke, check out Susies. Both are places to take a group of friends and have a drink.

"One of my favorite things to do in Albany are going out to eat and going to bars...my favorite place to eat is Bombers because I like the food," said

Timothy Owusu-Gyasi, a fourth year student at University at Albany.

Bombers is located on Lark and has a take-out option on their first floor and a bar on the second. They are best known for their giant margaritas and burritos.

There are history museums in the city, like the Albany Institute of History and Art as well as the USS Slater floating museum. Both are inexpensive, with the Albany Institute costing \$10 for adults.

If you're ever near Washington Park, the Park Playhouse puts on plays for the public to enjoy. It's outdoors which can create a different experience from the average indoor show. It's even free if you sit in the grass. Go to parkplayhouse.com for a full season schedule.

"One thing that's great about Albany is if you want the city it's here but the country is only a few minutes away. You can have both living here," said Chris Brant a former student at the College of Saint Rose and an Albany local.

There are many hiking trails in the Albany area if you're looking to get out of the city.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve has trails, wildlife viewing and interactive nature exhibits. The Albany County Rail Trail is another good place to do some hiking or even biking. The rail trail is paved if biking is more your speed.

"Even though most would consider Albany a smaller city, it has a big city feel to it," said Brant.

There is something for everyone in Albany. You just have to do some searching or ask some locals. From museums and hiking trails to plays and festivals, you can find something to cure your restless boredom while stuck away from home.



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Clockwise from top:

Bombers, bar and burrito destination; The Daily Grind, cozy coffee corner; and Lark Street, the avenue where both can be found.

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FOOTBALL

Football Team Preps For Season



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Above: Running back Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks at practice earlier this month.

By JUSTIN BERGLUND

After going 4-7 in 2017 and finishing 10th in the CAA, the University at Albany football team looks to bounce back in 2018.

The team will be led by fifth-year senior quarterback, Vincent Testaverde, who will be under the helm for his first season with the Great Danes after transferring from the University of Miami last year, where he redshirted. Testaverde, the son of former New York Jets QB and Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde, has not started a game since his freshman year in 2014 for Texas Tech.

Testaverde was announced as the starting quarterback in August by head coach Greg Gattuso, beating out last season's starter, redshirt junior Will Brunson and sophomore Nyc Burns.

"It was competitive all the way until the end," Gattuso said in reference to the competition for the starting QB job. "This is not a lifetime appointment, but we're going to give Vincent time to go."

Gattuso has said Testaverde will start

the first four games of the season before reevaluating the position.

Testaverde will don No. 14 as a tribute to his father, the same number he wore during his time at Miami.

Helping Testaverde this year will be new Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks Coach Joe Davis, who spent the last two seasons as the QB coach and Pass Game Coordinator at Fordham University.

The Great Danes will also benefit from the return of their star running back, junior Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks.

Ibitokun-Hanks, a member of 2016 All-CAA team, missed all but one game last season, recovering from a knee injury after leading the CAA in rushing in 2016 with 126 yards per game and 16 TD's.

"I feel great," Ibitokun-Hanks said on his recovery process. "I'm healthy and ready to go and show that this is a team to be taken seriously in the CAA."

Ibitokun-Hanks will be joined by Karl Mofor, who as a freshman ran for 555 yards and six TD's.

Junior wide receiver Donovan McDon-

ald, who was selected as part of the CAA Preseason All-Conference team as a punt returner, will look to contribute on both offense and special teams as he did last season with 29 receptions for 339 yards and 3 TD's along with 468 total yards on kickoffs.

The Great Danes' defense will be led by defensive back Josh Wynn who lead all returning players with 74 tackles last season, along with an interception and a forced fumble. Other defensive standouts to look out for include linebacker Eli Mencer (Third Team All-CAA in 2017) and defensive back Mason Gray (71 tackles, 3 pass deflections.)

UAlbany will be tested early and often throughout the season, starting the year on the road against the Pittsburgh Panthers, an FBS team in the ACC conference.

Coach Gattuso has a connection with Pitt, where he served between 2005-2010, first as Tight Ends Coach before being promoted to Defensive Line Coach.

Offensive Line coach Jim Sweeney, Tight End coach Nate Byham, and Safeties coach Jarred Holley all graduated

and played for Pitt before beginning their coaching career.

While a win against the Panthers would be considered an upset, it is not impossible, as UAlbany started off their 2016 season by defeating FBS opponent Buffalo 22-16.

Some predictions call for UAlbany to make a surprise push for a spot in the CAA playoffs this year. The team avoids playing conference elites in Villanova and James Madison, and while their non-conference games against Pitt, Morgan State and St. Francis all less relevant when it comes to playoff seeding, the team will look to improve on their 2-6 record in conference play last year.

Another key for the team is going to be improving on the road, where they went just 1-5 a year ago, despite finishing about .500 when playing on their home turf at 3-2. Road matchups against Rhode Island and Maine, both of whom the Great Danes lost to last season, will be able to provide the team with such redemption.

Q & A

Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks: Healthy at Last

By OMAR NOUJOUR

"We can play with anybody."

That's what redshirt junior running back Elijah Ibitokun-Hank said before the Danes opened their season at Heinz Field against the Pittsburgh Panthers. Ibitokun-Hank was forced to sit out all but one game in 2017 after injuring his knee at the end of the 2016 season. Healthy again, the star running back is expected to carry the torch for the Danes' offense in 2018.

I caught up with him after practice on Tuesday, asking him a few questions while he donned what he called his "swag shades"...

Omar Noujoum: You missed almost all of last season with a knee injury, getting to play in just one game before having to sit out the rest of the way. Did you ever have any doubts about if you'd be the same player or even if you'd get to play again in your UAlbany career?

Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks: No, I had no doubt. I knew everything happens for a reason. I've always believed

that, growing up through Christianity and the Bible, so I knew when I wasn't ready, it was just god telling me that I wasn't ready, and I just had to keep going and move forward.

ON: So, you sat out for quite some time, and had some time to work on the little things in your game. Anything stand out to you as something you improved on while injured?

EIH: Not really. My biggest thing was getting back to who I was before and even better, so I was working on basics. With the injury, there's a lot of things you have to reteach yourself. I had to reteach myself how to walk, how to walk up the stairs, how to run, how to cut, and stuff like that, so that's what I mainly focused on. Whenever I had a stage like learning how to walk again, I made sure I did everything perfectly. I made sure every cut was perfect. Those were my focal points and I told myself that's what I'm going to perfect.

ON: You guys open up the season against Pittsburgh, an FBS opponent, on the road.

What do you think you guys as a team can take from that game going forward?



Source: UAlbany Sports

EIH: I think the biggest thing is just confidence. Being able to know that we can play with anybody, whether you're FBS, FCS, just that confidence going into conference play could be enough to win the whole thing.

ON: You have another new quarterback, Vincent

Testaverde, in front of you this year. What has that transition been like for you and the rest of the offense?

EIH: I think each quarterback brings their different qualities to the game, but whoever is in, the rhythm doesn't change. The offense is still going to be the same. We still have the same offensive coordinator, same o-line, so whoever plays is the best bet, but Vinny is going to do what he has to do to take this offense to the next level.

ON: I know you're a new father. First off, congratulations. But second off, how has that changed you on the football field as a player and leader?

EIH: Thank you thank you. It definitely helped me as a leader. It helped me to know that you're not doing this for yourself, and that's the same thing when I'm on that field, I have to let [my teammates] know that I'm here for [them]. Same thing with fatherhood. Hopefully your son grows up to figure out that everything you've done and every decision you've made was for him.

ON: You had a monster 2016 season, putting up some huge numbers and earning some national recognition. That led to big expectations going into 2017, which were thwarted by your injury. Forget us media folk for a second, what do you expect from yourself this year?

EIH: I'm just looking to be better than I was [in 2016]. If I had 1400 yards, I want 1402. Just little things like that to show my progression from two years ago to now, that's my biggest thing this year.

ON: Let's close out with something outside of football. We all know summer practices are long, hot and grueling. What's your go-to food option after practice?

EIH: (after verbally pondering for a while): "When in doubt, Blaze will get you out! (Teammates behind Ibitokun-Hanks let out a collective groan). Blaze Pizza baby, you've got to! Even in the heat, you've got to have the Blaze Pizza."

FOOTBALL

Great Danes no Match for ACC



Source: Bill Ziskin/ UAlbany Sports

Wide Receiver Dev Holmes had nine catches and a touchdown in Saturday's loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers.

By ROB LEPELSTAT

Pittsburgh - The University of Pittsburgh showed the University at Albany football team what it's like to play in a FBS power five conference with a convincing 33-7 win over the Danes at Heinz Field Saturday afternoon.

The game could not have started any worse for the Great Danes (0-1) as the Panthers (1-0) returned the opening kickoff 091 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the season. Maurice French broke multiple tackles as Pittsburgh left their stamp on the game in the first 12 seconds of play.

Senior transfer Vincent Testaverde, son of 21-year NFL quarterback Vinny Testaverde, opened up his UAlbany career with a 37 yard pass to junior Jerah Reeves. Testaverde drove the Great Danes down into the Pittsburgh red zone before throwing an interception just in front of the end zone. Pittsburgh's Damar Hamlin returned the pick 75 yards before being brought down inside the Great

Danes' 20-yard line. The interception set up a Kenny Pickett 5 yard touchdown run as the quarterback gave the Panthers a 13-0 lead less than four minutes into the game.

"My greatest fear was starting the game the way we did. It was our first bite as this level of football and it was very similar to our Buffalo game a couple of years ago," head coach Greg Gattuso said after the game. "It's really hard to chance in these kind of games but I thought we settled in and played a lot better as the game progressed.000"

After a three and out by the Great Danes, the Panthers drove down the field methodically before Maurice French struck again with a nine yard touchdown run to put Pittsburgh up 19-0 after a failed 2-point conversion with 4:42 remaining in the first quarter.

Testaverde and the Great Danes offense got it rolling on the next drive as he connected with freshman Dev Holmes and Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks on passes of 40 yards and 28 yards respectively. Testaverde then hit Holmes for a

9 yard touchdown pass to make it 19-7. The rest of the first half was all Panthers as Pickett found Rafael Araujo Lopes on a 3 yard strike and then a 42 yard strike and the Panthers were up 33-7 at the half.

At the half, Testaverde had 152 yards on 8-for-12 passing, and Troy native Dev Holmes had 72 yards on four catches and a touchdown.

"Offensively we came out hot and threw the ball down the field," Testaverde said after his big opening half.

With the Great Danes driving to open the second half, Testaverde threw his second interception of the day, in the end zone. The Great Danes forced a fumble off on the ensuing Pittsburgh drive setting up good field possession, but the Pittsburgh defense held strong forcing a quick three and out.

Quarterback/punter turned linebacker Neven Sussman was a lone bright spot in the UAlbany defense with an interception at the end of the third quarter. But for

most of the second half, Pittsburgh controlled the game, especially on the defensive end, limiting Testaverde to just 26 yards in the third quarter.

The teams traded punts throughout the fourth quarter as the Panthers had the game fully under control, winning by a convincing score of 33-7.

Up next, the Great Danes travel to Rhode Island to take on the Rams and open up Colonial Athletic Association play.

Game Notes

Vincent Testaverde threw for 263 yards on 18-for-29 passing. He finished with one touchdown and two interceptions on the day, in his first game in four years.

"It was definitely fun getting back out there," Testaverde said after the game.

Dev Holmes was the story of the day as the freshmen exposed the Pittsburgh secondary for 148 yards on nine catches and a touchdown. The Capital Region native also finished with one rush

for eight yards in his first ever collegiate game.

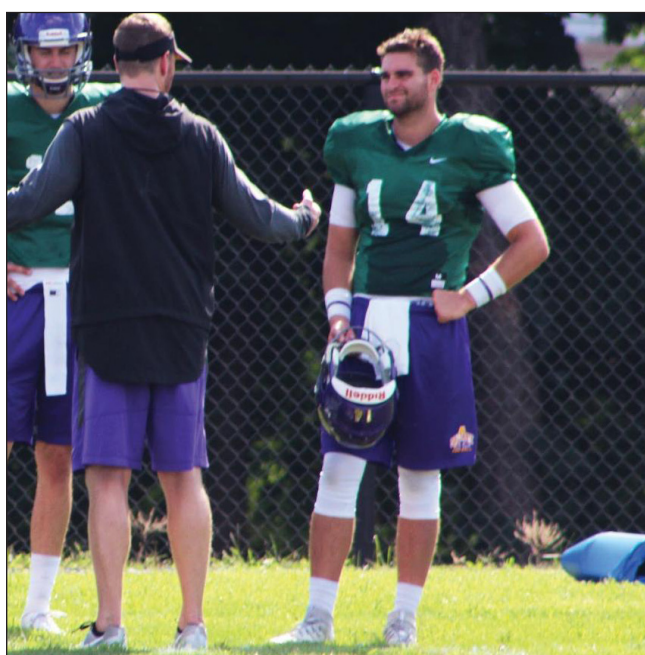
"It was a good experience for me to get under my belt and we have a lot of games left," Holmes said after his breakout game. "Thankful for Vinny and the game he had and hopefully we can improve for next week and get the W."

Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks had 53 rushing yards in his first game back after only playing one game all of last year. Ibitokun-Hanks was the CAA leading rusher in 2016 before being injured in the final game of 2016.

The game was also a homecoming for Gattuso, who is a Pittsburgh native, and a Pittsburgh assistant coach from 2005-2010 under David Wannstedt. UAlbany Offensive Line Coach Jim Sweeney, Safeties Coach Jarred Holley, and Run-game coordinator/Tight Ends Coach Nate Byham are all former Pittsburgh football players.

PROFILE

Testaverde Steps Into the Spotlight



Dalia Yan / ASP

By ROB LEPELSTAT

"Almost every interview."

Vincent Testaverde, the new starting quarterback for the University at Albany football team, said when asked if people ever bring up his famous dad.

Before a 21-year NFL career including six with the New York Jets, Vinny Testaverde played

his college ball at Miami, where he was an All-American and Heisman Trophy winner in 1986.

He went on to become the Hurricanes' all-time career touchdown passes leader at the time with 48.

Testaverde also saw playing time in both his first two years before becoming the full-time starter as a redshirt junior.

Despite the recognizable last name, son Vincent's college football career has gone a little different than dad's. At least for now.

Vincent has played in just one game going into his fifth and final year of eligibility.

Back in 2014 during his freshman year at Texas Tech, Testaverde came in relief for then injured starter and now current Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes. His final stat line in the 34-13 loss to Texas- 15-for-26 for 116 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

"Everything has come easier now. I'm hoping I have a better showing than when I was a freshman but only time will tell."

Of course, that will change come Saturday afternoon at Heinz Field (the home of the Pittsburgh Steelers) when the younger Testaverde, wearing the same No. 14 his dad sported for over two decades, takes the field leading the Danes offense from the start.

Dad faced off twelve

times against Bill Cowher's Steelers, including five at Heinz Field - all ending in losses.

The fifth year senior isn't worried about that or any of the other naysayers not giving the Danes a chance versus a power-five opponent in their season opener.

"It doesn't matter the team. We're going to study them, prepare for them, game plan for them and come Saturday execute the plays."

Testaverde is a big believer in patience. He's done nothing but wait over his football career.

After making the switch from basketball to football his junior year of high school, he sat on the bench as the backup quarterback the whole season.

He started his senior year and led to him walking on at Texas Tech, where he saw that only game action.

The Florida native both on and off the field was tough, which led to him transferring to his dad's alma mater of

Miami- where he waited for his opportunity. Two and a half years to be exact.

During his junior season last year with his eligibility ticking away, he decided to make another move and bet on himself - from The U to UAlbany as a mid-season transfer.

"I finally said I don't think I'm going to get my shot. Gotta go on to bigger and better things."

And again, he waited. Running the scout team offense in practice while starting QB Will Brunson ran the first team. Transfer rules required him to sit out the entire 2017 season.

He came to the Great Danes with a promise from head coach Greg Gattuso he'd at least have a chance to compete for the starting job his senior season.

Last week, Gattuso made that decision official, in the most 2018 way possible - posting a video on the UAlbany Football twitter page.

The results clear - Gold smoke for Burns, White for Brunson and

Purple for Testaverde.

And at 11:06 am on August 23rd while sitting in front of his dark brown cabinet and chair, Gattuso announced his guy. The purple smoke came first.

"Patience is everything. While I was sitting out and waiting, I was preparing. I knew in the back of my mind this is it or it's nothing."

Testaverde beat out incumbent starter Will Brunson, who ran the offense for all eleven games last season, as well as Nyc Burns, a redshirt sophomore.

With one final year of eligibility left, Testaverde will finally get his chance.

"It's gonna be awesome. I'm ready to go and be back in a big stadium, big crowd. Our team's gonna love it."

"We felt this was the right decision to go with Vinny," Gattuso said. "We think he's going to do well."