This interview was conducted during the 2019 MLB Offseason. Cohen was in town as he was inducted into the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame alongside his SNY broadcast partner and Mets legend Keith Hernandez. Cohen joined the Mets radio broadcast team in 1989 and became the lead play-by-play announcer in 2003. In 2005, he became the broadcaster for the Mets new cable television network SportsNet New York (SNY), where he has been ever since. He also calls college bas- ketball games for various outlets including Seton Hall, where he is the radio play-by-play voice for Pirates men’s basketball.

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By ROB LEP

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University to Eliminate Plastic Straws

Starting Next Semester

By ADRIANA CARRERO

Student Grace McGrath’s push for a plas- tic straw reduction has succeeded: it was passed with a majority vote by the Graduate Student Association (GSA), and received the go-ahead by University Auxiliary Services.

Next fall UAlbany’s campus won’t have plastic straws widely available.

McGrath is a Social Media Communi- cations and Programming intern for the Center for Leadership and Service at the University at Albany, and began her cam- paign to cut down on straw consumption this past December. She presented the Graduate Student Association senate last month that straws pollute waterways and ecosystems. UAlbany students are allowed to bring their own metal, glass, or silicone straws. McGrath also presented the benefits such as funding and the designation of an SA bank account within SA before they can be per- manently recognized, which confers benefits such as funding and the designation of an SA bank account for you.

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a resolution to give the group full recognition within SA, which easily passed. This pivot was great to see the Senate in the constitution of SA in case a group cannot meet the requirements of the formal recognition process.

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Wishmakers president Liam Dull said he lacks the SA bank account while they waited months for SA approval was a particular hurdle.

“We are primarily a fundraising organization, and there was an urgent concern we might get forced out, and therefore not get a bank account to keep our processes in, until fall semester,” said President Dull. From temporary recognition to permanent recognition, the process is focused more on building a connection between SA and the individual groups, according to SA’s director of SA’s Magazinii, “Meg” Pierro-Louis.

“We need at least three sets of meeting minutes to tell us what the group is doing now that they’re temporarily recognized, like are people attending your meetings and are you organizing programming. Also, one of the group’s meetings must have an SA senator in attendance. After these final steps are taken, Meg goes to president Langdon Cadette to report on the group’s completion of the vetting process and have the president grant them permanent recognition.

This process was expedited under Cadette’s administration, reducing the total time for permanent recognition vying for new groups from two years to two just under two semesters.

“When submitting a constitution, sometimes the groups don’t exactly follow the SA’s bylaws, so we have to deny their constitution. After that, we meet with them and tell them exactly what’s wrong with the document so they can fix it,” said director Pierro-Louis.

Even though the department tried to be “as efficient as possible,” Meg said, it can take some time to get things done, as almost all persons involved in the process have very demanding schedules.

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before he passed away. Greg Pickur is our wonderful producer—a very creative and innovative. So it all works and there was no guarantee it was going to happen. And I don’t think you can quantify how that works but we’re very fortunate.

RL: Touching on Keith, how surprised are you with the way social media has embraced him and his cat Hadji and the wonderful feeling they hold, as a means of preventing violent acts from occurring.

“Keith is very passionate about making sure folks are going to go in with him. And we all know cats and Twitter are a good fit. So Hadji’s a ready-made star. RL: David Wright, the special ceremony in September as he makes final start with the team, that day, that night with his kids on the field, what was that whole experience like? GC: I was very happy for David that he got that moment. Because there was no guarantee that was going to happen. It’s an unfortunate circumstance that David’s career has been cut short because of injury. When you take into account what he accomplished on the field and the kind of person he is, he will always be one of the most beloved figures in Mets history. I’m just happy for him that he was able to get a little closure.

RL: What kind of advice would you give to a young broadcaster who admires you and everything you’ve accomplished in your career?

GC: I would just say work as hard as you can. Practice as much as you can. But most importantly be yourself. Don’t try and copy anyone else. Don’t try to be some other version of someone you’ve heard. Authenticity is everything.

A Student’s Tai Chi Ritual: Podium Therapy

A dark basement, the site of many hours of martial arts training, has never been needed so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest. Self-doubt creeps in on him so desperately. A young high schooler in Monticello, NY—beat up and exposed at his school and gym—finds himself down there, where light’s no guest.
University policy says that the recent installation of more cameras will help to catch crooks - but some experts and students are concerned for a “sliding effect” on student behavior and invasions of privacy.

For the past decade, the university police, citing improved security and safety, have been installing new cameras year to year to public spaces, such as of residential buildings and the campus center. So far, police have installed 1,055 cameras in the on-campus and downtown campus, with plans to add more.

Police system has proven to be very effective in aiding our criminal investigations and helping us solve numerous crimes which have allowed us to recover stolen property for victims,” said Paul Burlingame, UPD’s Deputy Chief of Police.

“Surveillance and privacy experts say any police who can monitor the possibility of abuse that authorities said cameras also open up the possibility of abuse by authorities that could infringe on a student’s First Amendment rights.

“Surveillance footage could be used to watch and subsequent target students engaged in lawful activities, such as protests or political activities.

“I feel really uncomfortable with cameras in the residence halls, especially those in the elevators.” said Shanelle Webster, a sophomore who lives on Dutch Quad.

Other students opposed the installation of the cameras as well.

“While there is a strict prohibition of cameras inside dorm rooms, there has never been a circumstance where a user was found to be accessing footage for illegitimate purposes.”

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Why I Worry About My Fellow College Students: Anxiety.

By M. FRANCIS MIRRO, opinion section editor

I’m an anxious person, very anxious, so I know what stress looks like. And when I look around the campus here at the University of Albany, all I see is stress. To be truthful, whenever I see college students I see stress. My greatest worry for my fellow college students is that the world will crush them like a bug before they even have a chance to enter the real world. And tell me if the college cares? Do they care when they pour fees and tell me if the college cares? I have no solutions. I have an unease of being able to speak to you all from the position of a major that only demands 30 credits. Yet even I shake when I think of what the future, I quake when I think of what that happens to my generation when all the money they owe suddenly means more than the degree means more than the degree.

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ENVIRONMENT

Hate Groups: a Result of Foreign Policy Ignorance

By TIMOTHY CHIZZIK

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there are 47 separate hate groups within New York State. The overwhelming majority of these groups belong to the far-right, white supremacist and fascist movements within the United States. The presence of hate groups has always existed, but they have become on a steady increase since the 2016 election. In an era defined by violent austerity and class war, without a maternal understanding of the cause of their issues many will turn to corporatist thinking and reactionary nationalism.

The main issue the radical right revolves around is anti-Islamism, anti-communism, anti-immigration and ‘race-realism’. These proposed issues origin from a fundamental misunderstanding of American politics. For example, without an understanding of the United States’ role in funding the Afghan Mujahideen and other Islamic terrorist groups (some of whom were linked to Al-Qaida) against socialist movements in the middle east in projects such as Operation Cyclone, many are led to believe these terrorist movements grew simply because Muslims are inherently violent. This thinking not only racist rhetoric against Muslims, but foreign policy in the middle east, specifically our popular conception of Palestinian liberation groups.

Secondly, without an understanding of U.S. meddling in Central Asia, one may simply think that migrants fleeing mass violence are ‘invading our borders’. Ignorance that German Jews, gays, disabled people, etc. were not ‘invaders’ or that the U.S. state apparatus (e.g., government censorship). The impossibility of destroying these groups by using the United States is ultimately created by US foreign policies.

I Ignorance that Nazis and other extreme right-wing groups are not a novelty and that Nazis and other extreme right-wing groups have historically and ‘always existed’, but they have been on a steady increase since the 2016 election. On top of this, there is a definite advantage to having an economy in which government policies and geopolitics.

MARIJUANA

Legalize Marijuana, Then Reconcile with Casualties of the War on Drugs

By AARON GINSBURG, staff writer

While the number of states legalizing marijuana continues to rise, and the number of lives lost in the War on Drugs remains as high as it ever was, many people want to utilize this substance that they know is safer and involves less risk.

One of the most contentious economic debates that often occurs today is the debate between capitalism and socialism. Despite a wide array of commonalities, the two camps in the US still feel that socialism is a superior economic system for the country. Young people in particular love the idea of socialism as a country.

Socialism is a system of economic ownership and production in which the means of production are owned collectively and/or communally, and not by individuals. It is based on cooperation, not competition, and aims to eliminate class oppression, poverty, and exploitation. Socialism is the equal sharing of misery.” This statement describes what socialism is really about. Inherent virtue is the ‘real enemy of mankind’. This is why people believe social policies can facilitate progress. On the other side of the debate is capitalism. Capitalism’s fundamental philosophy is that the individual has the right to work and to produce. Capitalism utilizes the free market and the laws of supply and demand to facilitate efficient economic policy.

Socialism’s proponents generally criticize capitalism because of its reliance on profit. They believe that profit seeking can be a cause of corruption and inequality. For this to be a win-win situation, some cases, some people seem to be very skeptical when it comes to the benefits that they believe socialism offers. Yonce once said, “Socialism is the philosophy of life that the stupid idea that the common man has the right to what he thinks and believes.”

Socialism is not the Economic System We Need

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By CHRISTOPHER PERILLO

There are numerous arguments about the future of socialism and where it will lead humanity. Today’s political climate, global warming, and economic policies that are related to capitalism have caused many to question the current state of our society. Americans have found that socialism is the superior economic system for the country.

Socialism in the United States and North Korea differ. Socialist policies, such as those in North Korea, are designed to achieve a balance between the needs of society and the individual. In a socialist system, the state is responsible for the public welfare and the provision of goods and services. While there are some who believe that socialism is better than a capitalist system, others argue that the two systems have their advantages and disadvantages.

One of the most important arguments against socialism is that it is too utopian, too perfect, too good to be true. Socialism has many advantages, but it also has some drawbacks, such as the potential for corruption and the lack of incentives for innovation. 

However, many people believe that socialism is the way to go. It provides a more fair and equal distribution of wealth and resources, and it is based on cooperation, not competition. Socialism also promotes the idea of community and solidarity, which are important values in today’s world.

Socialism is a complex system, and it is difficult to say whether it is the right choice for our country. There are many arguments for and against socialism, and it is up to each individual to decide which system they believe is best for their country.

In conclusion, socialism is a viable economic system that has the potential to improve our society. It is a system that is designed to achieve a balance between the needs of society and the individual. While it has its drawbacks, it also has many advantages, such as a more fair and equal distribution of wealth and resources. Ultimately, it is up to each individual to decide which system they believe is best for their country.
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Albany Shows Survivors ‘We Care’

BY KATE WEST

University at Albany and Albany Med teamed up to host the fifth annual ‘We Care’ Event on Thursday to support those affected by sexual violence. The event, which took place in SEFCU arena, brought together groups and businesses throughout the Albany community such as members of local law enforcement, Members of UAlbany’s Greek Life and athletic teams, and even just individuals inspired to help the cause. “I think that it’s really amazing that there are so many entities within the community that really care about this cause,” said Kaylin Dawson, a sexual assault nurse at Albany Med. “None of this would be possible without their donations, and it’s incredibly powerful to see that.”

The main goal of the event, aside from supporting victims of sexual assault, is to assemble “comfort bags” for Albany Med’s sexual assault forensic examiners program. These bags contain extra clothes, personal hygiene products, stuffed animal, and a notebook to record doctor’s instructions. “When you go for a forensic rape exam, sometimes your clothing becomes evidence… and so if I’m going to take your clothing, what are you going to walk out of the hospital in,” said Carol Stenger, Director of Advocacy at The UAlbany Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence. “It’s important to have something that doesn’t become evidence.”

Aside from the essential items that these bags provide for victims in a time of trauma, they also include a personal card containing an encouraging message from a community member. "I want them to teach me how to make mac and cheese" - Miranda, off-campus, Sophomore

“My story is one of hope. I hope inspired by selfless, brave, and courageous people like you. Whose kindness, generosity and dedication consumed me in my time of need and allowed me to heal… I pray that you never underestimate what you’re capable of… As community you take the time to pack these bags tonight, and have the opportunity to fill out your card, please, please, please- think of the impact they will make. On the person who receives them. You never know who may be knocking on your bedroom mirror. The ‘We Care’"

10 Ways To Be A Better Roommate

By Ryan Szpicek

1. Be chill, be a friend.
   “Like someone who I can kinda vibe with and hangout with” - Malik Sykes, off-campus, Junior

2. Respect other people’s space and property.
   “I already have enough time at the university. I don’t want to go back home and someone saying ‘This is my bedroom mirror.’” - Soren Duhoffmann, on-campus, Junior

3. Whatever the rules, big or small, establish them.
   “Whatever’s mine is yours and whatever’s yours is mine.” - Alix Rose, on-campus, Sophomore

4. Respect quiet time.
   “There is a time and place to be loud or to be quiet.” - Jordan Gilleo, on-campus, Junior

5. Touch each other.
   “It had an American for a roommate, I want them to teach me how to make honey and maple syrup.” - Charlie, off-campus, Freshman

6. Learn from each other.
   “You need to learn how to interact with people in the private setting, you need to learn communication skills.” - Soren Duhoffmann, on-campus, Junior

7. Support each other.
   “You have someone by your side who is going through the same things with you” - Ma-Lik Sykes, off-campus, Junior

8. Please practice cleanliness.
   “I already have enough time at the university. I don’t want to go back home and someone saying ‘This is my bedroom mirror.’” - Soren Duhoffmann, on-campus, Junior

9. Acknowledge difficulties.
   “I like someone who I can kinda vibe with and hangout with” - Malik Sykes, off-campus, Junior

10. Know when to put school away.
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Mary received a bag with comforting notes after she was sexually assaulted. "I hung these messages on my bed-room mirror when I returned home.

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Game of Thrones: Unanswered Questions Leading into the Final Season

By JACKIE LABOUNTY

Winter has finally come. After seven long seasons of suspense, heartbreak, and war the final season of Game of Thrones is premiering this Sunday, April 14th, at 9 p.m. (SPOILERS AHEAD.)

By the time this is printed, we will already have gotten a peek into some unanswered questions season seven left us with. Probably the biggest question is: Who will win the great war?

Can the living work together to defeat the icy blue army of death?

The most recent season ended with Cersei Lannister agreeing to help Daenerys Targaryen and Jon Snow fight against the Night King and his army. Cersei, known for betraying people, lied and had other plans in her mind rather than helping them fight the great war.

Conspiring behind the back of her brother (and lover) Jamie, she sent Euron Greyjoy to get an army for her. People are also wondering about Cersei's pregnancy. Is there truth behind it? What will the fate of the baby be?

Jamie, discovering the truth of Cersei's allegiance, left the capital and headed North. What will happen to Jamie? Will he fight with Jon and Daenerys? Some people believe he will fight in the great war along with them. Some say it is Jamie's destiny to be rid of Cersei and the hold she has on him. Many believe he will be the one who kills her.

Jamie already killed one mad king for the good of mankind, will he have to do it again?

Jon and Daenerys, after much on-screen sexual tension, consummated their feelings. Thanks to Brandon Stark and Samwell Tarly, we now know that Jon comes from Targaryen lineage. Meaning that Jon and Daenerys are related.

When Jon and Daenerys find out about this, how are they going to react? I think Danny will believe it is their duty. Historically, Targaryens are known to marry someone directly related to them,” said Josh Davis, a fan of the show. Targaryen’s are known for their “pure” bloodlines and marrying within the family.

Sansa is finally safe at her home in Winterfell. The question is, how is she going to react to Jon ‘bending the knee’ to a southern Queen? Will she take control of the North and claim herself as the Wardeness of the North?

Many people believe since she is the eldest Stark, she will have control of the North. The creator, George R.R. Martin, based Sansa’s character on Elizabeth the Princess of York. Historically, they were both the eldest daughter without any surviving brothers. They both stood as a bystander and learned from the mistakes of their family. Elizabeth was a great ruler and many fans believe Sansa will follow along the same path.

Arya is finally back home in Winterfell as well. Will she continue to seek vengeance on her list of names? Is that still her priority?

This past season shows Arya maturing and taking an interest in protecting her family. Will she decide there are more serious matters than her list?

Bran is a curveball. For most of the show, he has been focusing on learning to control his powers. Bran is now the three-eyed raven, what role will he play in the great war?

“I think he will warg into a dragon and help fight against the white walkers that way,” said Davis. As for Tyrion, the always quipping half-man, where will he end up?

Will he serve the winner as hand of the king for the rest of his life? The ultimate question everyone wants to know is who will sit on the throne?

Game of Thrones is a show that has many unexpected events. At any moment, your favorite character could die, no matter how popular they are or important they seem to be to the plot. That is why this show is such a success. It leave its viewers wondering what could happen next.

Game of Thrones is so unpredictable, the audience never knows what will happen next. No one is safe in Westeros.

The premier Sunday gave us a peek into how the R.R. Mar tin will wrap up his hit series.
Red-Hot Danes Keep on Rollin’

By JAY BENJAMIN

The Danes Train has no sign of slowing down. The University at Albany softball team began their season at late February with a rocky start; losses to big names such as Pennsylvania and Georgetown. However, these cold February games hardly reflect the season these Lady Danes have had. Now with a record of 17-10, the Great Danes were able to secure a America East-leading standing last week. During the games between March 22 and April 10, they won 10-3 with an impressive five-run win. During that win streak, the Great Danes were able to defeat conference foe UMD, Hartford, Binghamton, and Stoney Brook, respectively. These wins put UAlbany 6-1 against conference teams, ranking them second at the beginning of this year. The Lady Danes’ triumphant lead-10 win streak with an impeccable 12 win streak. UAlbany has records of 6-2 at home, 7-1 away and 4-7 in neutral, tournament performances. Now that the season is nearing an end and tournaments are no longer the priority, the attention has been shifted towards bringing home another America East title. After winning the 2018 America East championship and advancing to the NCAA tournament, UAlbany was unfortunately knocked out of the double-elimination style tournament by Oregon and BYU. This team shows that same promise. With 3 wins of regular season play before leading to the playoffs, the Great Danes are surely going to back up their claims. The team has racked up almost 200 hits to this point in the season and 152 runs. Leading the charge is none other than sophomore pitcher Taylor Light. In the 2017-2018 season, a freshman, Katie started in 44 of 45 games, ending the season with an impressive .325 average and 33 hits. Now, with more than a month remaining in the season and only 21 games played, Falicic has established her as hot talent with a .379 average and 33 hits. Marking the sea- son’s last hit under the season last year, she is bound to surpass the previous season’s batting. Batting behind Falicic is senior Sarah Peithhold with a batting average of .379 and an impressive fielding percentage of 953 as an outfielder. Batting third is Mariah Vannice who’s 11 hits in 34 at-bats gives her an average of .324. The UAlbany softball team cannot rely solely on how well they do at the plate. The Danes’ batting average is a major part of the game. Luckily they have 2018 America East softball pitcher of the year Celeste Verdolivo. In the 2019 season, Verdolivo has contributed to 12 of UAlbany’s 17 wins and only lost three. With a promising accuracy, she has struck out 45 times and only walked a total of 27 players this season. Against every pitcher the Danes have faced this season, her opponents only have a .242 batting average against the Great Danes while they average 271 against opponents. Success in softball cannot come from one

The Danes Baseball

Savinio-s the Best for Last: Dominic Savino

BY CAIROPON COUP

If you told Dominic Savino in his senior year of high school that he’d have a chance to being the winningest pitcher in University at Albany baseball history, most likely he would’ve believe you. It took the urging of coaches to get him to see that he could play at the next level. “I never thought I was good enough.” Savino said. Looking back on it now, it’s no surprise how the 6-foot-4 righty got to the point he is today. If anyone stepped on the Danes’ Varsity Field to watch a practice, they would notice the microphone that pops on Savino’s face when head coach Jon Mueller sees him step onto the field. “Dom is a fierce competitor and he is a very bright young man. Sometimes that can be a challenge as head coach to be able to convince himself to do some things,” Coach Mueller said. “But he is well respected and a warrior.”

When walking to the field for practice, Savino had no shortage of teammates to accompany him. Many would consider themselves the best of friends of his, including junior reliever Nick Kondo. “When Dom is on the mound we’re confident, it also helps that we are really close friends off the field.” Kondo said. “Dominic Savino is a great leader and pushes us to get better.” Savino’s role with the team has changed throughout his career as a Dane. He started in the bullpen and moved to the starting rotation as a junior. “I threw a lot of innings out of the pen during my freshman year. I think I led the team in that. I always felt I could help more and more and throw more innings because my arm has always been healthy.” Savino said when asked about his days in the pen. Savino was no slack out of the pen. He had 47 relief appearances as a reliever for the Danes in two years, and tallied 88 innings over close to 100 innings. When asked to take the mound as a starter for the first time in 2017, Savino wanted to show his inner warrior, and to make the best of it. “I never thought I was good enough.” Savino said. “I never thought I would be able to play at the next level. When I got a chance to take the ball opening day as a starter my junior year I wanted to make the best of it. It has been an up and down journey transitioning to a starter, but I feel like I will pay off.”

Throughout his career at UAlbany, Savino has definitely had a few standout performances. “I am actually a little mad out” said the senior when asked how he felt when he hit a .500 average at .379 for all of his junior year; the highlight of his career so far. “But that day my slider was working and they were swinging at pretty much everything. Halfway through the game I was like now I got a good amount of strikes.” That he did. The way he’s becoming the most winning pitcher in school history hasn’t been a smooth one. This year alone Savino has had to overcome injuries and illness. “This year he has gotten through a little bit of an injury and elbow,” said coach Mueller. “He is starting to feel much better physically.” The question now: what comes next for Dom? “If someone gives me a chance in either the [MLB] draft or signs me for Savino.”

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UAlbany senior pitcher Taylor Light leads the Great Danes with a 2.23 ERA and four appearances this season.

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The team has racked up almost 200 hits to this point in the season and 152 runs. Leading the charge is none other than sophomore pitcher Taylor Light. In the 2017-2018 season, a freshman, Katie started in 44 of 45 games, ending the season with an impressive .325 average and 33 hits. Now, with more than a month remaining in the season and only 21 games played, Falicic has established her as hot talent with a .379 average and 33 hits. Marking the sea- son’s last hit under the season last year, she is bound to surpass the previous season’s batting. Batting behind Falicic is senior Sarah Peithhold with a batting average of .379 and an impressive fielding percentage of 953 as an outfielder. Batting third is Mariah Vannice who’s 11 hits in 34 at-bats gives her an average of .324. The UAlbany softball team cannot rely solely on how well they do at the plate. The Danes’ batting average is a major part of the game. Luckily they have 2018 America East softball pitcher of the year Celeste Verdolivo. In the 2019 season, Verdolivo has contributed to 12 of UAlbany’s 17 wins and only lost three. With a promising accuracy, she has struck out 45 times and only walked a total of 27 players this season. Against every pitcher the Danes have faced this season, her opponents only have a .242 batting average against the Great Danes while they average 271 against opponents. Success in softball cannot come from one