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**Muslim Student Association Seeks Imam**

By EMILY AUCOMPAUGH

The large bookshelf kitty-cornered on the wall as the new Interfaith Center is fully occupied. There are books for anyone to read. Free food, fruit, and cakes sit on the welcome desk for anyone to take. Each chaplain has a small office space, painted orange with warm yellow or light green.

But one room remains empty, though perhaps not for long. The Muslim Student Association has recently begun the search for an Imam who will work in the Interfaith Center with Muslim students.

Members of MSA’s executive board have reached out to two capital district mosques, the Islamic Center of the Capital District, located in Troy, and the Islamic Center of the Capital District, located in Albany. Each Imam will lend his or her services.

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According to the Pew Research Center, Islam is the third largest religious group in New York. Sandy Damof, pastor of Corinthian Campus Ministries, looks forward to welcoming an Imam into the Interfaith Center. “They [MSA] rely on us to help plan events, but we can’t necessarily help them with their individual faith practices,” she said.

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BURGLARY-3RD DEGREE LEGAL ENTRY WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A CRIME
10/25/2018
Petitio- Business Admin.
Report of property stolen from a construction site.

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Petitio- Biology
Report of stolen furniture.

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State Quad- Eastman Tower
Report of stolen picture.

Animal Report
10/25/2018
Downtown Campus- Hostel Hall
Report of a bird with broken wing.

911 Blue Light Accidental
10/25/2018
Petitio- Humanities
Report of a cleared road.

HARASSMENT 2ND
10/24/2018
Petitio- School of Business
Report of harassing letters.

HARASSMENT 2ND-FOL-LOW PERSON
10/24/2018
Colonial Quad- CQ Office
Report of a male being harassed.

CRIMINAL TAMPERING
10/21/2018
Roadways- DQ Lot
Report of tire being flattened.

IDENTITY THEFT 3: AS- SUME ANOTHER’S IDENTITY TO OBTAIN GOODS
10/21/2018
Indian Quad- Mohican Hall
Report of counterfeit money.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
10/24/2018
Roadways- Capital Hill Drive
Report of a female student in pos- session of marihuana. A referral was made.

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Tailgating represents a drinking culture on campus, not a football culture

By MATTHEW MIRRO

Like many Americans, I enjoy football and, along with it, enjoy tailgating. What’s not to like about music and food with your friends before heading inside to watch the game? It’s like a Fourth of July atmosphere in the middle of the cold autumn and winter.

Here at the University at Albany, tailgating has a habit of taking on a life of its own, perhaps a holdover from Albany’s “party school” days we’ve heard so much about. The problem with Albany’s infamous tailgates, and the controversy caused by the school’s implementation of new restrictions on the practice, is the failure to recognize how pointless they are to a school with virtually no football culture.

Yes, UAlbany is a Division One athletics school. But we would be lying to everyone, ourselves included, if we for one moment pretended to be on the same level as our D1 cousins like Ohio, Oregon, or Penn State. We don’t have the talent or resources to be mentioned in the same breath and not one student here would be naïve enough to do so. That’s the point. We know we are not a football school, our stadium doesn’t hold 60,000 people, we didn’t invent “Daentrade” or anything and our athletic directors don’t make what the big sports schools pay. In fact, at least from what I’ve observed, the student body at large seems lukewarm on most every UAlbany team. If they win, we think it’s cool, but in the long run it really doesn’t affect the campus mood the way it might elsewhere.

So the practice of tailgating before Saturday football games is clearly not an exercise in team/school support, but rather an exercise in drinking and partying. While I’m all for people enjoying themselves, I do question the logic behind some of what we’ve seen at these parking lot melees.

You don’t soon forget watching a police officer smash two $50-$60 bottles of liquor on the ground while there reaction was shock. That’s the policy. They did it anyway and the school’s implementation of new restrictions on the practice means tailgates, and the controversy caused by the school’s zero tolerance policy. They did it anyway and there reaction was shock. That is the actual point of a tailgate.

Restrictive I feel they’re forgetting that I’m no teetotaler myself. I’m not arguing against drinking, but when the students are looking to celebrate, they’re going to party. If you’re just looking to get drunk and have a good time, maybe stay home and do it there. Tailgating is for football fans, whatever they may be.

If you are looking to celebrate the team or the school and want to do so with people before the game, then a tailgate is your best option. However, if your focus is centered solely on copious drinking and partying, you cannot possibly expect the school to be amenable to such things in a parking lot right outside their stadium. More power to the people but anarchy is the solution to nothing. If you’re just looking to get drunk and have a good time, maybe stay home and do it there. Tailgating is for football fans, wherever they may be.

#tailgating
JEWISH HOLIDAYS

More than religion at stake in getting rid of Jewish Holidays

By EMILY HAYES

At the University at Albany, within the next few weeks of classes, students have a few days off due to the Jewish holidays. It is a break for new students to adjust to their new lifestyle, and a time for those who celebrate these holidays to exercise their faith. Yet, the University wants to take rid of these two holidays we have off. The holidays are a great time for everyone, and they shouldn’t be removed.

As an incoming freshman, college is new and exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. It is a big adjustment to start living away from home, and UAlbany is a huge campus. After the first few weeks of living on campus and starting new classes, these days off give a much needed break to students. It is a time to relax, get caught up on work, and personal time. Or, a time to explore the campus a little bit more, and the City of Albany. Not only is it a time to do all of these things and more, it is a time for family to visit, or a time for friends to visit.

As for those who celebrate the holidays, this is a clear reason for why we should have these days off. Usually, professors don’t give much flexibility when it comes to missing classes and important material. For those who would take time off to celebrate, they would be behind the rest of their classmates. They would have to start looking for their wallet and realize what they had done. Now, if you would have been in my family home and a group of random guys walked through the door, you would have had an entirely different reaction. College is a much more social environment, which is a benefit and privilege, but can also take advantage of. This is why it’s important to keep your suite and room doors locked as often as possible. Because at the very least you and your套mates possessions will be safe from any intruders that have managed to get into your residence hall.

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H arvey Milk graduated from the University at Albany in 1951, back when the student newspaper was called “State Col-
lege News.” Milk served briefly as sports editor and often wrote columns commenting on student govern-
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By FATIMA SYED

Thanks to efforts from the UAlbany Alumni Association, Stuart Milk on behalf of the Harvey Milk Foundation, was able to speak at UAlbany in the Science Library Standish Room to a crowd of people who wanted to learn more about the Milk legacy. The evening included storytelling, Q&A, and refreshments.

Harvey Milk, Stuart’s uncle, was a human rights leader and the first openly gay elected state official in California, as well as one of the first in the United States. He encountered so many obstacles while growing up in a sexually closeted United States atmosphere, when the unspoken phrase was, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Being a “100% UAlbany alumni and later being assassinated, it was important for Stuart Milk who is his nephew, to honor Harvey’s roots and impacts which blossomed at UAlbany. Harvey was an active staff writer at the student newspaper and run his own segment on current world issues regarding a lack of diversity in communities and how students can combat them following the aftermath of World War II.

After his death, he’s had buildings, schools and streets named after him, and many movies have portrayed his legacy and story. There is a Harvey Milk Ship as development that will go to 37 countries across both the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean where it is currently illegal to be gay in order to celebrate the advancement of gay pride across the globe. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the assassination of LGBTQ+ activist Harvey Milk.

Stuart Milk started off the evening sharing many intimate stories starting from his childhood between him and Harvey. Some stories included silly coming-of-age memories such as when Harvey took Stuart to see Jesus Christ Superstar and Stuart remembered being obsessed with meeting the minor drag star actor backstage, as opposed to the other major actors and actresses.

He remembers that Harvey did not berate him or tease him about it, rather, he was happy to fulfill his wishes seeing how excited Stuart was to see his idol. Stuart, who is gay, explained that Harvey knew about his sexuality before Stuart knew about it himself, and he felt so humbled to know that Harvey was always behind him to watch over. After his death, Stuart said that he was humbled by his uncle’s efforts to increase visibility throughout the United States and continued his legacy at home and abroad as well. Mr. Milk told the audience of numerous ramifications in major countries across the world where his team was met with heavy resistance while protesting. He explained how marches and protests like these have caused the murders of some of his closest teammates, and how he learned to accept the circumstances and continue on with his cause. Many tears were shed around the room as some of those stories were graphic and hit home in the hearts of many. On behalf of Harvey Milk, Stuart Milk told the audience something that Harvey told him before he died, and this quote echoed throughout the night. Harvey once said, “You and all your differences will heal the world even if the world does not see that”. This means that it is not necessary to be recognized in the moment in order to be a powerful change in the world. Like Harvey Milk, a person’s legacy can be most influential after their death.
The drought is over.

The University at Albany women’s XC team clinched their first ever America East conference championship Saturday. Led by junior Hannah Reinhardt’s individual conference title, also a first in program history for men’s or women’s, finishing in 16:54.75, 21 seconds clear of second place. The scoring gap was 66 seconds. The women’s XC team was the last at UAlbany without a conference title. UAlbany has now won 100 America East championships, and 108 overall conference championships. The women’s team snapped New Hampshire’s streak of five consecutive cross country titles.

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Senior Cara Sherman placed seventh overall in 17:36.60, earning First Team All-Conference honors as well as the women’s Elite 18 Award for holding the highest GPA among the top finishers.

In two weeks, the journey will continue as the Great Danes will travel to the University at Buffalo for the Northeast Regional Championships.
Juwan Green Takes The Field Again
Wide Receiver Steps Up After Inquiry Held Him Back

By OMAR NOJOUM

It may be beginning to get cold in Albany, but Great Danes WR Juwan Green is just heating up.

At 2-6, the sparkling season that many surrounding UAlbany Football thought possible is no longer within reach. The Danes are mired in a four-game losing streak, which has dragged them towards the bottom of the CAA conference standings. It is in seasons like these, however, where talented players often emerge from out of nowhere, and that’s exactly what Juwan Green has done.

Green, a 6-foot 175-pound junior, has lit up the stat sheet in recent weeks, including a two-game stretch in which he racked up 265 receiving yards and three touchdowns. Green is playing his first season at Albany after spending two years at prestigious Lackawanna College, a junior-college football powerhouse. Many players who move from the JUCO level to division one find themselves a bit overwhelmed, but for Green, that hasn’t been the case.

“I don’t think it’s that big of a jump. I went to Lackawanna, and we’re the number one JUCO on the East Coast. We could compete with anyone in the country”, Green said of his old team.

One possible explanation for Green’s recent dominance? Perhaps he just needed to get warmed up. After the NCAA made inquiries into his eligibility, Green was forced to sit out the first two games of the season, two losses for the Danes.

“I first got word that I was officially out for the first two games at practice, and my teammates will tell you, I just broke down. I isolated myself from everybody, didn’t want to be around anybody. But I was also eager, to the point where I’m watching [UAlbany] games in my room, on the bed shaking, just wishing I could be out there fighting and competing”, Green recalled.

Once he returned, he went to work establishing a rapport with QB Vincent Testaverde Jr., who like Green, is a transfer student playing his first season in the purple and gold. Between that and the aforementioned two-game absence, Green felt that he needed just a tad extra time to get rolling in the 2018 season.

“It’s been both getting a better bond with Vinny and also just getting back into the swing of things. That two-game absence kind of set me back to where everyone was two games ahead of me. Prior to my first game this year, my last football game was in November, so it was a long break”, Green said of his battle to get on track and be productive on the field.

Of course, by the time Green was back on the field, his position-mate, freshman WR Dev Holmes, was already putting up huge numbers. Holmes, who earlier in the season found himself in the top five for receiving yards in all of FCS football, has earned plenty of attention from opposing defenses, something Green says has benefitted the other receivers, including himself.

“Whatever side of the field Dev’s on, that’s the main focus for the defense. That’s beneficial for me and the other guys to get open, just having

to win our one-on-one battles, which we can do against any corner in the conference.,”

Despite choosing to play football at the college level, basketball was Green’s first love. While at Martinsburg High School in West Virginia, Green played just one year of football, but played basketball for all four of his years. Although he’s content with the path he’s taken, Green admitted that he still given thought to his high school athletic choices.

“If I played four years? Man, who knows”. Green said of his choice.

As a parting statement, Green listed off which of his teammates he’d want on his basketball team for a game of pickup. After careful deliberation, he went with CB Kareem Brown, WR Yasir Reeves, DL Brian Dolce, and OL Kassy Desir.

“Catch Green and the Danes next on November 3rd when they host Delaware at Tom & Mary Casey Stadium.”

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