



# TYRANNIT



## An Essay On The New America

By **PATRICK TINE**

A year before the start of the second World War in Europe, Methodist minister and professor of theology Halford Luccock said at a gathering in New York that, "If fascism comes to America it will not be labeled 'made in Germany;' it will not be marked with a swastika; it will not even be called fascism; it will be called, of course, Americanism." "Americanism" in 2016 is Make America Great Again and the ideology is not as subtle as Professor Luccock envisioned.

We learned in the last week that the arrival of fascism in America is actually attended by swastikas. The spasm of celebratory racial violence across the country has been punctuated with the appearance of swastika graffiti in both the nation's "out of touch liberal enclaves" and in the "real America." More than 200 racially motivated attacks have been documented in the seven days since Donald Trump was elected president. Chants of "white pride" in the halls of American schools, hijabs being

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### ALBANY

## Police Arrest 7 Students for Hazing

By **STEFAN LEMBO-STOLBA**

Seven niversity at Albany students were arrested on charges of hazing early Thursday after being caught by police in the middle of an apparent initiation ceremony.

At around 1 a.m. Thursday morning, police responding to a noise complaint at 468 Hamilton St. and found that four students had been blindfolded, forced to eat dirt and mud, while having rotten eggs, milk, and an unknown substance that smelled like urine poured on them.

One of the victims required medical attention and was immediately taken to Albany

Medical Center for treatment.

Police described the girl as having an allergic reaction that caused her to suffer from a shortness of breath, a burning chest, and swollen eyes. She was released after receiving treatment.

Although court documents identify the sorority as Alpha Omicron Pi, a national representative for the Greek organization told the media that their Albany chapter had been shut down two years ago.

"Certainly is something we've seen before, usually involving unsanctioned fraternities or sororities," Albany police's spokesperson

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### ELECTION

## Faculty Attempt to Make Sense of Trump's Upset

By **ELISE COOMBS**

After a stunning, Brexit-like election, University at Albany students crowded into the Earth Science building on Thursday to hear panelists from the Rockefeller College discuss the context of the election's outcome and what it will mean for the future of the United States.

What everyone seemed to wonder was: why was the result so unexpected?

"Nobody's going to stand up here and pretend we know what's fully going on," said Michael Malbin, professor of legislative process and elections.

The professor explored possible reasons for Trump's victory, such as the rarity of a ruling party winning a third election.

People's desire for a change in this election is significant

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Noah Beadle / Albany Student Press

Professor Julie Novkov took part in a panel discussion on the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.

BIAS

# UPD TACKLES IMPLICIT BIAS

By CHRIS LOWNIE

Over the past two years, the State University of New York system has been working with individual university police departments to correct the issue of biased policing and encourage officers to make better decisions to ensure safety for both others and the public.

In an effort to combat the effects of implicit bias on the University at Albany campus, the university police department has been collaborating with the SUNY system to improve the way their department handles arrests. This past January, UPD Inspector Jennifer Baldwin and other officers underwent the Florida-based training titled Fair and Impartial Policing. The training was created by Lorie Fridell to mitigate racial bias in the field and ensure the safety of others.

"All officers are ensured to have now undergone this training, and I would say that after undergoing the training, we recognize consciously our own implicit bias," said Baldwin.

According to UPD Deputy Chief Aran Mull, implicit bias is the automatic associations and judgments we make about everything and everyone around us.

"It's an important part of our conscious calculus; it's integrated into whatever culture you grow up in and it informs every decision you make on a daily basis," he said.

For example, an individual will naturally look both ways when crossing a street even if there are no cars around. However, when an armed individual responsible for the protection of others has unconscious impulses, they can become dangerous.

"It's not a secret that a giant portion of ethnicity-based bias in the United States is against young, black males," said Mull. "When this bias is enacted by somebody with a badge and a gun, dire consequences are going to come out of it."

The deputy chief noted that the ethnic-bias is two-fold. Officers are responsible for protecting themselves and the public, and must be aware of the implicit biases they

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GLOBAL

# WORLD'S NATIVE PEOPLES HAILED

By AMANDA ZIEGLER-IANNOTTI

A symposium showcasing the issues and triumphs of global indigenous people was held at the University at Albany for Global Solidarity Day on Monday.

The event featured eight speakers, all of which are either indigenous people themselves or activists for indigenous people, and was organized by Michelle Harris, a professor in the Africana studies department, and the director of the Institute for Global Indigeneity. The symposium was also sponsored by The Center for International Education and Global Strategy, Journal for Global Indigeneity, and The Working Group on Emergent Indigenous Identities.

The first of the day's speakers was Martin Nakata, Pro Vice Chancellor, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre, James Cook University. He discussed a retention program for indigenous

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Amanda Ziegler-Iannotti / Albany Student Press

Some of the students and faculty showing solidarity with indigenous peoples from around the world.

CRIME BLOTTER

ANIMAL REPORT

11/4/2016  
Indian Pond  
Report of a found dog on campus. Returned to owner.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

11/5/2016  
Freedom Quad - B- Stanton Hall  
Report of a male student who broke windows in an apartment building. An arrest was made.

OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE-REGISTRATION SUSPENDED

11/5/2016  
Roadways Univ Dr West

Report of two male students in possession of marijuana. One driving with a suspended registration. Vehicle was towed and referrals were made.

DISOBEY MANDATE

11/5/2016  
UPD  
Report of a female subject in violation of an order of protection.

MEDICAL INCIDENT

11/5/2016  
PE Complex- Casey Stadium  
Report of a male student with a dislocated pinky.

MEDICAL INCIDENT

11/5/2016  
Indian Quad- Oneida Hall  
Report of a highly intoxicated male student. Transported to hospital by 5 Quad.

TITLE IX REFERRAL

11/6/2016  
Colonial Quad- Hamilton Hall  
Report of a female student receiving inappropriate messages.

GRAND LARCENY 4

11/7/2016  
Alumni Quad- Alden Hall

Report of a stolen SUNY Card.

BURGLARY

11/7/2016  
Indian Quad Cafeteria  
Report of a male student and a male subject having stolen a bicycle. An arrest was made and vehicles were towed.

PETIT LARCENY

11/7/2016  
Freedom Quad FQ D- Lazarus Hall  
Report of a male student stealing a desk chair.

DRUG COMPLAINT

11/7/2016

State Quad- Steinmetz Hall  
Report of odor of marijuana. Nothing found.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

11/8/2016  
Colonial Quad- Johnson Hall  
Report of a female student in possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia.

OPERATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SUSPENDED

11/8/2016  
Roadways- I-90  
Report of a male

subject driving with a suspended registration and illegal limit of tinted windows. Also in the possession of marijuana. Vehicle was towed.

RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT PROPERTY

11/9/2016  
State Quad- Tappan Hall  
Report of a male subject burning papers under a stairwell on campus.

DRUG COMPLAINT

11/9/016  
Colonial Quad- Morris Hall  
Report of odor of marijuana. Nothing found.

DRUG COMPLAINT

11/9/016  
State Quad- Cooper Hall  
Report of odor of marijuana. Students did not answer door.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION MARIJUANA

11/9/2016  
Indian Quad- Mohawk Tower  
Report of three male students in possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia.



Source: Albany Police

Pictured, left to right, top row: Nicole Johnson, Tereyza Martin, Katrina Bergvov, Chinazo Ezekwem, Monica Vitagliano. Bottom row, left to right: Jessica Raynor, Heaven Guanco.

## HAZING

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Steve Smith told WNYT in a statement.

Just last year, seven UAlbany students were arrested in connection with a hazing-related death that occurred in an off-campus

"underground" fraternity.

UAlbany's website lists nine groups including Alpha Omicron Pi as "underground" organizations not officially recognized by the university. According to the UAlbany website, affiliation with any of the listed groups is a violation of the student conduct code.

Albany police arrested Katrina Bergvov, 19; Heaven Guanco, 19; Monica

Vitagliano, 19; Tereyza Martin, 20; Chinazo Ezekwem, 21; Nicole Johnson, 21; and Jessica Raynor, 21.

All seven were charged with one count of first-degree hazing and one count of second-degree hazing, both misdemeanor charges. They were arraigned in Albany Criminal Court early Thursday morning and were released without bail.

ON CAMPUS

# TRANSFER STUDENTS WELCOMED ON CAMPUS

By MILO VOTAVA

Commuter students at the University at Albany were welcomed into the community as part of Commuter Appreciation week.

The week-long series of events, held by the UAlbany Driving Force, was meant to help create a sense of community between the commuting students and residents of the UAlbany campus. This was the first time the group has hosted a Commuter Appreciation week, and hopes are high for it to become a regular campus event.

The event kicked off on Monday, with free breakfast being offered in the Transfer and Commuter lounge. The lounge, located on the first floor of the campus center, is home to lockers students can rent, vending machines, comfortable chairs, and a study area, all of which are meant to be used by non-campus residential students.

"The lounge also serves as a social hub for transfer, commuter, and non-traditional students to meet, plan activities, and study," according to the UAlbany website.



Some of the cheerful members of Driving Force tabling outside the Campus Center.

Milo Votava / Albany Student Press

The free breakfast event was staffed by Ally McAuliffe, the creator of the Driving Force's Facebook group. Once a student swiped into the event, they were offered free coffee, bagels, and other baked goods, as well as some fruit and flyers advertising the other events the Driving Force had planned for the week.

"Commuter students can feel distanced from events. We want to draw them in and make them feel part of the community," McAuliffe said.

The UAlbany Driving Force was created to enhance the

experience that commuting students have at UAlbany.

"Our goal is to help commuter students feel more involved on campus as well as if there's something they feel they don't get as a student; we will try to get that for them," Reid Kisselback, a member of the Driving Force, said.

These "things" can range from helping students access commuter amenities, such as locker rentals in the campus center, commuter meal plans, or with accessing other part of the UAlbany campus and community.

On Wednesday, the group

led two tours of the tunnels for commuter students, who are less likely to be familiar with the campus's tunnel system than resident students would be.

Jung Maeng, another member, lead the tours after students met up in the commuter lounge, showing them various places they asked about as well as a general tour of the tunnel system.

The last event the Driving Force had during Commuter appreciation week was the Safe Driving Pledge in front of the campus center on Friday. Students were asked to sign a pledge stating that they would

follow all road laws and be responsible drivers. The pledge will hang in the commuter lounge.

"As the commuter population here at UAlbany is a decent chunk of the student population, we figured, why not make a pledge for our commuters to look at when they sit in the lounge and see that a lot of us are actually pledging to be safe drivers?" Kisselback said.

The pledge was also accompanied by a raffle students could enter to win a \$20 gift card for gas.

ELECTION

# Students Turn Out for Third Parties, Trump, Campus Orgs Take Stock

"We need to use our anger in a constructive way"

By TYLER MCNEIL

University at Albany students carried feelings of fear, hope, and frustration last week as the presidential race came to a close.

From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. last Tuesday, residential students and nearby residents came to the Campus Center ballroom to vote. At one point in the afternoon the line stretched outside of the building.

Voter turnout results from the polling site will be released by Thursday, the Albany County Board of Elections reported.

For students like Esteban Badia, a sophomore communications major, this was his first time being eligible to hit the polls in a presidential election. He is also the son of immigrants, and was inspired to head to the polls by his parents' past ineligibility to vote.

"To come here and eventually have the right to vote, I just felt like I had to [vote]," he said.

While Badia hit the polls to fulfill a civic obligation, Peter Ortiz, a junior physics major, reached the Campus Center ballroom to protest.

Feeling disaffected by both major candidates, Ortiz, a former Bernie Sanders supporter moved to Gary Johnson. Disappointed by the candidate's performance, Ortiz decided to vote for himself, his friends, and Master Chief, a protagonist from the Halo series.

"I just realized that none of them represent my views to the point where I felt comfortable voting for them," Ortiz said.

About an hour after Ortiz left the Campus Center, the voting line started reaching into the hallway entrance. Blocking the entrance, students were eventually instructed to line up out the door.

Jenny Dhoumo, a sophomore English major, considered leaving the line several times. However, feeling pressure from her friends to vote, Dhoumo remained in line.

"My friends were like, 'Do you really want Trump, Jenny?' and I was like 'Fine,'" she said. "It made me feel like I needed to get out there."

Dhoumo's ballot added another point to Clinton's lead in the popular vote, but did not hold back a Trump presidency.

The president-elect won the race with 279 electoral votes by flipping long-standing blue states like Wisconsin and Michigan to his advantage contrary to prior polling.

Exit polls show that Clinton largely outperformed Trump in 45 states with voters ages 18-29. Despite the lead among millennials, Trump secured the election with working class white voters by wide margins in addition to lower turnout among minority groups.

Although several key demographic voting blocs for Democrats slumped, third party candidates such as Johnson and Jill Stein received a boost in this election.

Kat Slye, a public policy graduate student, believes that dissatisfaction with both major party nominees opened up a new door for third parties to expand their influence.

"I think moving forward, third parties could help move our country in the right direction, but we need to educate the voters that this is not a wasted vote," Slye said. "I have heard that way too much in this election cycle."

As Slye remained hopeful about the future of third parties, other students responded to the election results with fear and anxiety. On Wednesday, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program was put on high alert to watch out for stress among students.

On the same day, Pride Alliance President Laura Evelyn quickly arranged an event to reduce stress for students fearful of an undivided Republican government reversing the LGBTQ protections pushed under the Obama administration.

"We need to conceal those emotions and use our anger in a constructive way," Evelyn said.

Protests and riots against Trump have broken out nationwide across major cities in the wake of the election results and across the country; protesters have accused Trump of using scare tactics to draw support for bigoted policies.

Aligned with Trump, Emily Aubin, a junior psychology major, believes that stereotypes of bigotry, especially launched at Trump supporters in the wake of election, have been largely counterproductive.

"I just feel like everyone has their own opinions and beliefs and people should come together instead of bashing Trump supporters," Aubin said. "Trump supporters are not bad people at all."

For UASBIG, the university's student-run investment fund, the impact of this election stretches far beyond social concerns. By selecting low-risk, underpriced, diverse stocks in advance, Trump's victory has had an upwards impact on the group's portfolio overall.

Although the market was originally volatile with Trump's rise in the Electoral College, it regained a foothold after the results were clear.

Correlated with Trump's position to increase military spending, aerospace and defense stocks brought UASBIG's portfolio up.

"We've put the election into our pitches and we make sure that everything is accounted for," said Phillip Walters, Chief Public Relations Director for UASBIG.

# GLOBAL

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students in Australia to ensure that they graduate high school. Another speaker was Kelly Askew, Director of African Studies Center at the University of Michigan. She spoke about land being stolen from Maasai pastoralists in southern Kenya and northern Tanzania, and how people there are trying to resist the injustices.

Toward the end of the day an indigenous rights activist and singer named Fenmai

Niahosa, gave a presentation of the injustices faced by the Tsou people of Taiwan.

"It is difficult for other cultures to see indigenous cultures because they never experienced that lifestyle," she said.

Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, the director of the women's studies program at Southern Connecticut State University, and a 17th generation daughter of Taiwan, also spoke about the issues the indigenous people of Taiwan face.

In addition to these three was Alex Wilson, Director of Aboriginal Education Research

Centre at the University of Saskatchewan. Also in attendance was Bronwyn Carlson, a convener of the Forum on Indigenous Research Excellence, Patrick Lantto, the director of the Center for Sami Research at the University of Umea in Sweden, and Jessie Little Doe Baird, the director of Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project.

The day's events concluded with a discussion for all students and speakers in attendance. One senior at UAlbany, Taiquan Coleman, asked whether "tribe" is the appropriate term to apply to groups of indigenous peoples.

There were varying responses, but it opened up a subsequent discussion about how to best help indigenous people's voices be heard.

The general consensus was that as non-indigenous individuals, it's generally best to ask specific individuals what term they prefer in reference to their indigenous group.

According to Harris, the tone throughout the day was somber yet hopeful regarding the struggles faced by indigenous peoples and their ability to overcome them. This ties into the goal of IGI, founded in 2015 by Harris, to facilitate a discussion

surrounding indigeneity.

IGI plans to sponsor at least one event or talk related to indigenous people per semester, according to Harris. She also hopes to host events as large as this symposium in the future as well.

"My first and most basic wish is that students begin to understand that indigenous people are not people of the past; they are contemporary people with real lives and living very similar lives to the lives that students live," Harris said.

GOVERNMENT

# Electoral College: An 18th Century Relic?

By JONATHAN PETERS

In light of the presidential election on Tuesday, many have been up in arms about Donald Trump winning the presidency while Hillary Clinton received the majority popular vote.

This reminded Americans all around the country that it is not about winning each individual citizen's ballot, but rather it's a game to win 270 votes from the 538 members of the Electoral College, a group of mystical beings who represent each state that the average American only hears about once every four years.

Okay, it is not that dramatic, but they do hold a large amount of power regulated only by provisions within the Constitution.

The system was put into place by the founding fathers' fear of the word "democracy." The United States prides itself on the fact that the country is an equality driven democracy, where we want everyone's voice to be heard on social issues and political action. However, in practice we are actually a republic, a governmental system where people are represented by elected officials and those officials make the decisions based on the views of their constituents.

It is hard to understand where things come into play unless you take a brief look at history. During the Constitutional Convention in 1787, an elephant in the room had to be addressed: equal representation for the people and each state. This led to the "Great Compromise"

drafted up by Benjamin Franklin where Congress would be a bicameral legislator, making the House of Representative members be based on state population and the Senate consist of two representatives from each state.

The number of electors each state receives in the Electoral College is based on the number of House members they have plus their two seats in the Senate. This means that each state can have a minimum of three electors to represent them, like when Hillary won Maine and gained only three votes.

Article 2, section 1, clause 2 of the Constitution forbids Senators and members of the House of Representatives from also serving as electors for their state. Electors are nominated by each party's conventions from state to state when we cast our vote during the primary elections. This allows the newly elected officials to vote for the candidate that the majority of people in their state wanted.

Now here is where the fun comes in.

Many states are predictable in their voting patterns. It is no surprise when California, who holds 55 Electoral College members, voted for Hillary Clinton because it has a history of almost always voting for the Democratic candidate. The same thing goes for Texas, which holds 36 electoral votes, almost always voting for the Republican candidate in history.

The danger comes in when historically unpredictable states with large electoral numbers come into play, like Florida

who has 29 electoral votes but can never make up its mind whether it is a "red" or "blue" state. Bill Clinton won Florida for his presidency. So did George Bush who lost the national popular vote to Al Gore. Then in 2008, Florida casted its vote for Barack Obama. Now Donald Trump won the state, which was his pathway to victory, according to both CNN and CBSN. Now do you see why it is called a "swing state?"

According to Richard Hamm, a history professor at the University at Albany, the states follow a "winner-take all system." States give all their electoral votes to one party if the majority of the state votes a specific way, with the exception of Nebraska and Maine who sometimes choose to split up their electoral votes if the state doesn't completely vote one way or the other.

This begs the question, "does my vote even matter?" If a republican votes in a predominantly democratic state, all electoral votes will still go to the democratic candidate and vice versa. When a person votes, they aren't actually voting for the presidential office, according Hamm. They are actually voting on which candidate their elector will pledge to vote for.

On Dec. 19, the Electoral College casts their official votes which determine who serves as President and Vice President. And yes, electors have the constitutional right to go against their states' wishes and vote however they choose. This is an extremely rare case and those people are

given the name "faithless electors."

So in theory, the electors from different states could come together and not vote for Donald Trump. Many could go against their states' wishes and vote for different parties. Bernie Sanders could even be elected as president if 270 Electoral College members put him down on their ballots in December. Though if they did, many would be angered that the person pledging to represent their state went against their state's majority vote.

The idea of your vote going through an extra filter is what makes this whole system such a touchy subject for people.

"The Electoral College is such an obsolete system where the loser can win," UAlbany senior Brandon Weiss said. "It makes it into a political game of who is the president for states like Florida and Ohio [swing states]. New York's vote doesn't matter."

New York State has historically almost always voted for the democratic candidate; Hillary Clinton won 29 electoral votes from New York alone.

Hamm agrees that there is change needed in the voting system, especially since the old method is rooted in the government's lack of trust that American citizens have the ability to make important decisions on their own.

"We are on the verge of self-driving cars, and we are using an electoral system based in the 18th Century," he said.

POLITICS

# HOW WE CAN KEEP FIGHTING: STEPS TO PROGRESS AND MOVE FORWARD

By THOMAS KIKA

The moment when a nightmare becomes reality is one that stays with you forever. For me, this moment came on the night of Nov. 8, 2016, when The New York Times's live election forecast monitor finally ticked over from predicting a Hillary Clinton win to predicting one for her Republican opposition. I was shaken. I refreshed the page, came and went to it several times, all in the hope that things would get back on track.

That never happened.

The number, "Blood Red," if ever I have seen it, only kept getting larger in-sync with the electoral votes. Sometime after I had forced my way through anxiety-induced insomnia to get some sleep, it was all over. In spite of everything, hatred won the night and the next four years with 290 electoral votes.

As someone who has struggled with depression and anxiety, I was terrified to get out of bed that morning. I did not want to face whatever the world had become. A torrent of fears ran through my head and I locked up; I feared for the people across the country that would be hurt senselessly, and I feared having to face the people who so callously voted for the candidates who would hurt them.

Eventually though, I did get up, and what got me moving was a simple idea: We must keep fighting. A lot of people may look at the results of this election, which gave Republicans control of the Presidency, the House, and the Senate for the first time since 1928, and think that there is nothing we can do. That notion could not be further from the truth, thankfully, but it is going to take a lot of resolve, determination, and generosity on the part of compassionate and progressively-minded Americans everywhere. All that said, here are things that we can all do right now to keep fighting for a better future against the regressive forces of the incoming presidential administration.

## Stand with Each Other

One would be hard-pressed to think of a group of marginalized people that

the harmful rhetoric of the Republican presidential campaign did not target: people of color, LGBTQ communities, Muslims, disabled people, and any number of other groups targeted by supporters who found their hateful beliefs emboldened by a campaign of fear and ignorance. Already, just a few days after Nov. 8, there are stories of Muslims being assaulted in public, gay families being harassed and belittled, and Latinos being told to "go back home."

In dark times like these we need to stand together and protect each other. If you see someone harassing a member of a marginalized group get in the middle of it. Go start a friendly conversation with the victim and ignore the harasser, or if need be, confront the harasser. Not only will you help these innocent people escape from dangerous situations, but you will also remind them that no matter how dark things get, they will always have allies in America.

It must be said, however, that you should only intervene in this way if you feel that the situation will not escalate to physical violence. If you believe that you are witnessing such a dangerous situation where someone is liable to get hurt, call the police.

## Keep Your Eyes on 2018

After surviving an election as exhausting and nasty as 2016, the last thing that most of us want to hear is that we need to be focused on another one, but that is exactly what we need to be doing. The 2018 Midterm Elections are already fast approaching, and they will see all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 33 seats in the Senate up for grabs. The best-case scenario for mitigating the damage done by the incoming presidential administration would be to pull at least one or both of these away from the Republicans.

What we can do to help accomplish this is to watch the develops of this upcoming election very closely. Find out who the Democrats are that will be running, and do your best to boost their signal on social media. If there do not seem to be any

Democrats running, find every notable and respectable one in your state and encourage them to consider running, and have your like-minded friends or family do the same. State senators, state representatives, mayors, any Democratic lawmakers you can find are worth getting in touch with.

The 2018 Midterm elections will not just be about keeping Democrats in power that are already there; we must also use it to shift the balance of power away from the Republicans as best we can.

## Write to Your Senators and Representatives

While 2018 will be an incredibly important year, we must also remember the here and now, where Republicans will be looking to roll back the important policies and regulations of the Obama administration from the very second he leaves office. It is a time like this when the Democrats in the House and Senate must feel the energy of their constituencies. If you are in a state of district with a Democrat in power, write to them and tell them how important it is to you as a citizen and a voter that harmful and hateful legislation be fiercely opposed and that progressive legislation be fiercely championed. On the other hand, if your state or district is currently under Republican leadership, it may still be worth the energy to appeal to them. With the balance of power in the Senate as close as it is, 54-46, it would only take a handful of moderate Republicans exercising conscience and opposing the legislative goals of their peers to keep truly harmful policy at bay.

## Donate

This is a big one. Money keeps the world turning, and this is just as true for the forces of progress as it is for the forces of evil. The incoming presidential administration has threatened to enact numerous harmful pieces of policy, and its rhetoric has threatened the well-being of many marginalized groups, as we discussed earlier. Now more than ever, the groups who will come under fire and the groups

who will help those under fire need the financial support of progressive America.

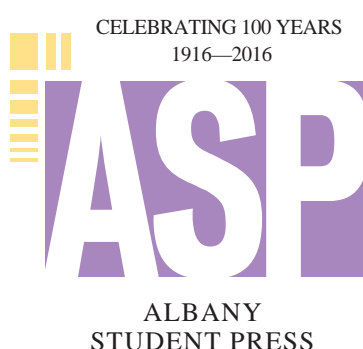
Planned Parenthood, which the president-elect has frequently talked about defunding, accepts a minimum donation of \$5 through their website, and users can choose to make it monthly. The Immigrant Defense Project provides legal services and counsel to immigrants, especially those whose civil liberties are at risk, and they accept donations. The Council on America-Islamic Relations, or CAIR, is an advocacy group dedicated to fostering, understanding and fighting for the civil liberties of Arab and Muslim Americans, and they accept donations. The Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, or RAINN, is America's largest anti-sexual violence group, which operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline (1-800-656-HOPE), and provides programs nationwide that seek to help victims of sexual violence and bring their attackers to justice, and they accept donations.

While I know it is difficult to ask anyone, especially college students, to part with their money, if even half of the people in America that voted for Hillary Clinton, consistently donated just a little bit to any of these groups, or any of the dozens just like them all across America, then they will be in an immeasurably better place for the next four years than they would be otherwise.

No matter what, it is going to be a dark few years for this country. These actions, and the many others that went unlisted, will not be enough to counteract everything that is to come. Still, they will give the forces of progress in this country a fighting chance, and they will see that we remain strong enough to take back the office of the President in 2020.

Since the reach of the Albany Student Press is limited, I implore you to share this article with any friends or family you may have in other states, especially red states. The further the message spreads, the better the chances it has of making a difference where it counts.

Always remember: It is true that this, like everything, shall pass, but only if we never stop fighting.



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FILM REVIEW

# 'MOONLIGHT' IS A BRILLIANT COMING-OF-AGE EXPERIENCE

## Writer and director Barry Jenkins tells the unique, and often underrepresented story, of an African American boy's growth



Source: mashable.com

By DANIEL RUSSELL

Movies like this don't come out often enough. Movies that grab your attention from the first frame emerging until the final frame fades away. Movies where every second spent not looking at the screen is a second wasted. Movies that manage to do everything so flawlessly that you wonder why other ones can't do it this well. Movies that I wish didn't have to end. Moonlight is all of these things and more, and the result is a movie that ranks head and shoulders above almost every film this year.

From writer and director Barry Jenkins, the story of Moonlight is not one that is frequently told on the big screen. Presented in three distinct eras, the film chronicles an African American boy named Chiron through his childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood. Growing up in a poor neighborhood in

Miami, Chiron deals most notably with familial issues with his mother, bullies at school, and confusion over his sexuality. Issues like these carry over between the three eras, as we see Chiron come to face them in this idiosyncratic coming-of-age film.

The performances across the board here are all wonderful, especially the three main actors portraying Chiron in different periods of his life. They all portray him as a quiet and sheltered young man, struggling to connect to the world in which he feels isolated. As a result, we never feel as if the three actors are giving different performances, but rather three performances that blend into a wonderful whole, creating a continuous feel of who Chiron is throughout the movie. Mahershala Ali gives a stunning performance here as Juan, a drug dealer who befriends Chiron as a young boy and makes him question what he aspires to

grow up to be. Naomi Harris is also great here as Chiron's mother, transforming through the three eras in a similar way that her son does as well. Both Ali and Harris should definitely be kept in mind come Oscar season; both are incredibly

worthy of Supporting Actor and Actress nominations.

Although the work in front of the camera shines, it's the work behind the camera here that shines even brighter. Cinematographer James Laxton does a wonderful job with color here; whether it be Chiron's mom standing in a neon-lit hallway, or Chiron standing in front of a moonlit beach. The colors here help accentuate the melancholy tone that pervades the film, as each color environment Chiron finds himself in adds to the bleak world that he sees. Another wonderful production element here is the film's soundtrack and score, which contains a good amount of classical music that enhances both the lighter and darker moments of the film. These behind the camera elements all combine to create a beautiful look and feel on the screen that hasn't quite been captured on film before.

Towards the beginning of the film, Juan asks a young Chiron, "Who do you want to be?" And as the film comes to a close, when we see Chiron as a young adult, we have a feeling that he still may not have an answer to that question he was asked many years ago. Although he has become a physically harder and toughened young man, he is still affected by the events and people around him very easily, lending to his quiet persona that sticks with him throughout the whole film. Moonlight succeeds wildly as a coming-of-age film that centers around a protagonist too-often forgot about in films, and challenges us to think about who we are and how to accept ourselves.

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ALBUM REVIEW

# Alicia Keys' 'Here' encourages loving both yourself and others

By JOANNA HEATH

On November 4, Alicia Keys released her latest and anticipated album, *Here*. Recently, Keys has been surprising people all around the world with recent changes to her image. She has been spotted on television and in public with a bare, make-up less face and natural hair. Her image on her new album does no different. It portrays a raw and real Alicia Keys that the world has not yet been exposed to. Her songs lean away from our generation's popular mantra of "Cars, money, clothes" and toward, to quote the album, "Poetry from the street."

The album is a love letter to strong black women, unconventional families, and anyone who has ever struggled across America, or even further to the edges of the world. In a time where race still causes bias and differing opinions, Alicia Keys sings to the unity and empowerment of the oppressed. The title, *Here*, seems to refer to being present in one's own life, fighting the odds, fighting oppression and becoming empowered in one's struggle instead of being crippled by it.

One of the first songs on the album, "Kill Your Mama," reaches out to a mother who is struggling to provide for her family. The lyrics say, "Is there any saving us? We've become so dangerous. Is there any change in us, even for the sake of love? How you gonna kill your mama, when only Mama's gonna love

you to the grave." The song discusses the respect for your mother and the sacrifices she must make for her children and family. It reminds one to treat one's mother well, because no one will treat you as well or love you more than your own



Source: rap-up.com

mother. Being thankful for what you have is a common theme all throughout the album as well.

The next songs, "Blended Family (What You Do For Love)" and "Work On It," bring a sense of family into the album. "Blended Family" talks of love

between step parents and children. It goes into the love that they can feel for one another that will go beyond simply being married to the child's parent, but the relationship that a step-parent can take to become a valid parent to the child.

The loving lyrics read, "Hey, I might not really be your mother, that don't mean I don't really love you. Even though I married your father, it's not the only reason I'm here for you. I think you're beautiful, I think you're perfect. I know how hard it gets, but I swear it's worth it." This sense of unity provides a break from the previous tracks that highlight struggle and hardship. Keys goes into the love that family can bring, despite the lack of blood relation.

The entire album contains an underlying tone of self-love and embracing one's own life. In that fashion, one of the many interludes entitled, "Coca Butter," brings comedy to the album by revealing a group of men discussing stretch marks on women. Although some men don't think that the marks are attractive, one man stubbornly claims that there are always things that people are insecure about. He claims, "Stretch marks are her beauty scars." Keys' message of self-love extends to

men as well through this interlude. It is as if she is saying to her audience that if one looks, one will find men who thinks of her flaws as "beauty scars," instead of fixable problems.

Continuing with a more upbeat attitude, the next song delivers a tropical sound as Keys discusses when a girl can't be herself anymore in "Girl Can't Be Herself." The song preaches self-love of natural beauty and choosing not to wear make-up. A lot of Keys' recent behavior and the changes in her image from diva to natural beauty are answered in this song. She even tells women in this song that their true self may not be covered in make-up, but whoever their true self is, to be that person.

Overall, the album stretches from self-love in the struggles of life, to the beauty of love in family and when one looks in the mirror. She discusses the blended family, same-sex relationships, and the expectations of the oppressed all through a lens of learning to appreciate the life one leads. Keys delivers all her songs with the strong, silky voice we all know and love. She reintroduces real instruments to a generation whose music is mostly created solely on computers and technology. She is an empowering force in every song, encouraging everyone to be who they are and love their life. The uplifting message is an important lesson everyone could use a refresher in, especially when hate is so common.

FILM REVIEW

# 'Arrival' may be the best film of 2016 so far



Source: inverse.com

'Arrival' went beyond most other sci-fi movies by creating a detailed language for its obscure, disturbing aliens, pictured above.

By ANDREW GALLA

"Arrival" is an incredibly ambitious film for a director who may be coming into his prime. Dennis Villeneuve, in his most expensive movie to date, may just have outdone himself again. The director of thrillers like *Sicario* and *Prisoners*, Villeneuve brings that tension to a new genre of film in a flawless way. Despite feeling a bit slow, this film is provocative of some very interesting ideas, and gets the most out of the cast and crew to make the next classic sci-fi.

When mysterious alien ships arrive scattered all over Earth, linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams) is called upon to communicate with the strange beings. It does not take long for Banks and her associate Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner) to begin making unprecedented strides, thanks to their courage and disregard for the military's instructions. But as countries like China and Russia grow more distrustful of the aliens, and as they come to understand their unique language, Banks begins to realize that the aliens hold valuable secrets. These are very different looking aliens than we are used to, they are very tall and use their feet/

tentacles to spray liquid which forms into their language, which is mostly circles with different marks in certain spots connotating specific meanings. Banks learns this language, and begins to learn that the language has more to it than communication. Banks is also dealing with emotional trauma throughout, and her emotional progression is more important to the story than it may seem.

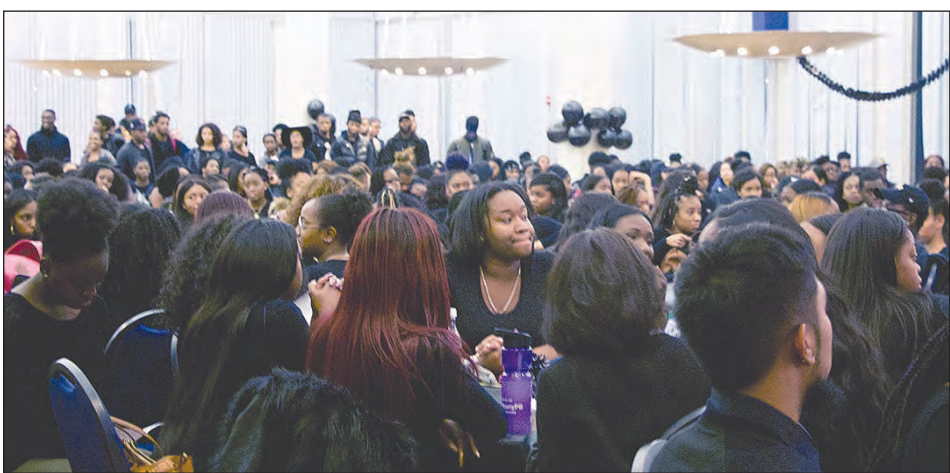
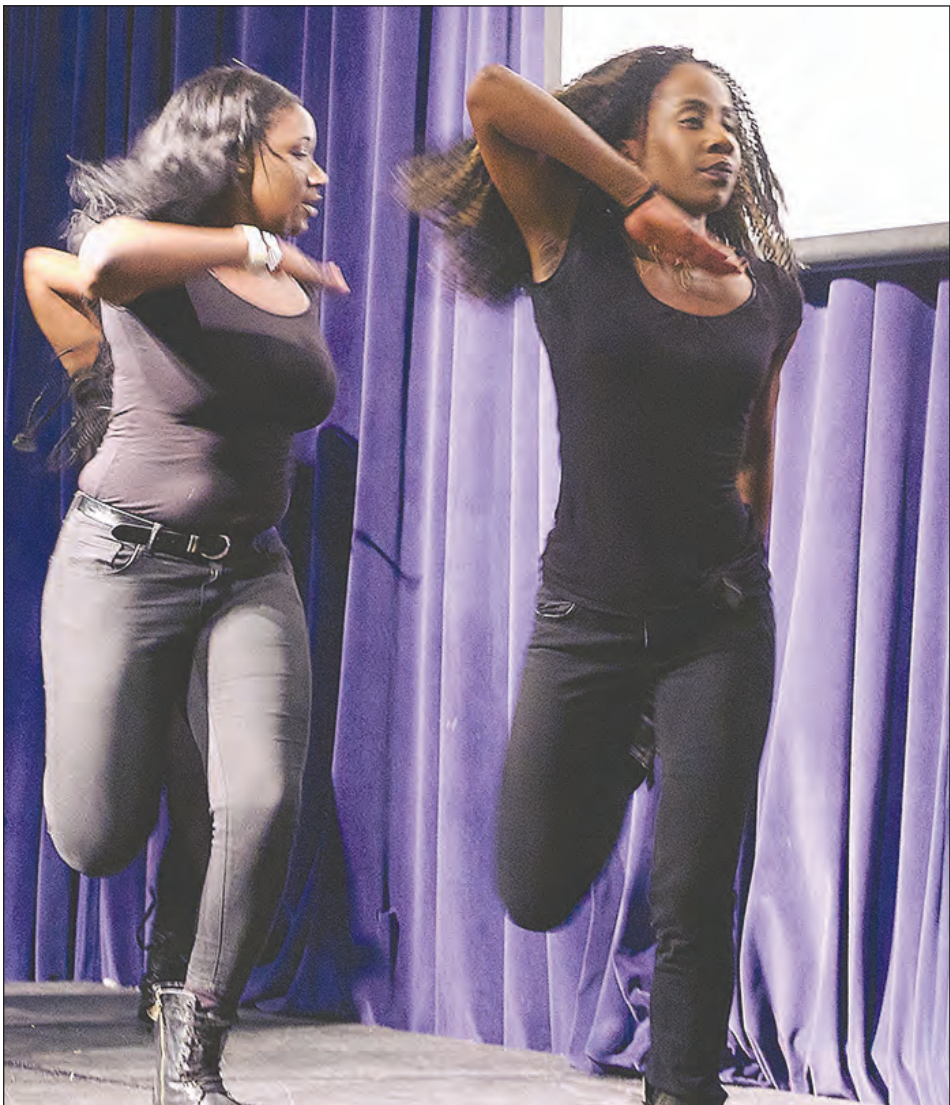
As usual with Villeneuve, this film is shot incredibly. There are many classically beautiful shots, but what was most impressive is when they arrive on the ship itself. Villeneuve uses gravity especially to his advantage in these moments, creating incredible and unearthly shots that bring the character's perspective to the camera. Each location in the film also had a rich color scheme of its own, so the lighting crew deserves props for setting the mood in each scene. The cinematography in general was just grand, using pan-outs and some symmetry as well to make a visually engaging film. The special effects were also great, though maybe less ambitious than the film trailer may let on. The way they shot these aliens and their ship was surprisingly practical, but still looks real and impressive.

The entire film had a feeling of realism, in part because the plot never got too ridiculous with how the world reacts to these aliens, keeping it simple and believable. The plot may truthfully be what makes the movie worth seeing. What starts out as a character-driven drama about a woman communicating with more intelligent life forms slowly into a mind-bender, leaving you dwelling on the ins and outs on concepts like fate and even time. The plot uses these ideas to create a richly engaging story, one that focuses on the perspective of Dr. Banks. All these ideas are alluded to until the movie reaches its real "twist" moment, and everything that did not make sense about the film or seemed unimportant becomes what ties everything together perfectly.

Amy Adams deserves a lot of credit for her performance. Her character has a lot in common with the viewer of the film in some ways, and she masterfully guides the viewer emotionally. The same goes for Jóhann Jóhannsson, who is Villeneuve's usual soundtrack man. Jóhannsson's haunting score evokes so much power throughout the film, him and Villeneuve once again showcase a

real knack for building tension through music and camera work. This built tension syncs perfectly with the plot. It never feels overdramatic and there's constantly a feeling of racing against the clock for the protagonists. The ending is incredibly satisfying as well, giving new meaning to many of the earliest scenes in the film

This film did not miss a beat. Some may find it a bit slow, but the pacing is quicker than it seems, as each new scene contributes to the unraveling story. With a one hour and fifty-eight-minute runtime, the film truly edited well, leaving no unimportant scenes. The beginning may not seem important, but pay attention because you may even figure out the "twist" early in. This film is a strong 5/5, an incredible drama and engaging mystery that merely uses science fiction to form the plot. Anybody looking for a tense and thoughtful journey through the mysteries of alien life would absolutely love this film, and it may very well garner some award season attention as well. Many good films come out in the coming months of December and January, but as it stands right now, *Arrival* is 2016's best film so far.



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Racial Solidarity Day is held in conjunction with the NAACP and the Albany State University Black Alliance.

■ DIVERSITY

# 47th Black Solidarity Day Held

By JONATHAN MILLER

A series of panels were held on Black Solidarity Day at the University at Albany to discuss the roles and plights faced by the African-American community in this year's election.

In collaboration with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, and the Albany State University Black Alliance, ASUBA, the Monday event discussed the social, political, and economic representation of the African-American community.

Black Solidarity Day was created in 1969 by Dr. Carlos E. Russell, and is usually held the day before a major election to bring to light the importance of black voters as well as bringing further awareness of political and economic oppression faced by the black community, according to mytruesense.org.

"In this fertile intellectual cultural and political soil, Black People in the United States questioned our relationship to this country with its multi-century mistreatment of us, and we seriously discussed and implemented ways to redefine that homogeneous relationship," according to mytruesense.org.

Accompanied by an audience dressed completely in black, the panels that took place at Albany examined a variety of controversial topics such as "Health in the African-American Community," which explored the issues like the lack of treatment for heart disease and obesity in impoverished communities. These issues are substantial in comparison to other ethnic communities.

Another event, "Unbossed and Unbothered: Black Women's Impact on the 2016 Election," delved right into the current presidential debate and discussed the effective role that black women played in Hillary Clinton's campaign.

According to Ashley Weatherford of the NYMag, "The black women's roles spread across all layers and tiers of the campaign. They are designers, accountants, and senior policy advisers. They are campaign veterans and political neophytes."

The 2016 Presidential Election finally at a close, the words spoken at the different panels continue to resonate as the continued roles of black representations in politics are kept at a minimum.

The panel "The Black

Presidency: The Politics of Race in America" was led by UAlbany's own Omega Phi Beta. This explored the questions surrounding President Barack Obama's term and accomplishments. However, the bigger question that was raised was whether the president's accomplishments will be acknowledged in the history books or overshadowed by being the first black president.

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The main topic of the panel was a dissection of the term "glass ceiling," which is defined as an unofficial acknowledged barrier to advance in a position. Although the president's role has inspired more involvement in politics for minorities, there is still a lot to be done.

The day of panels was concluded with several performances and speeches, which included UAlbany's Precizun Step Team as well as the Black Theatre Productions' powerful poetry performance

## ELECTION

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considering the outcome, according to Malbin.

"People get tired of the same regime," he said.

Chair of public administration and an associate professor of political science, Victor Asal, commented that a large group of people supported Trump because they did not think their concerns were being heard. Like Malbin, Asal said they wanted change.

William Denison, a senior majoring in Africana studies, offered his insights on why people did not anticipate Trump's win. In terms of polls not reflecting the outcome, Denison said that people did not want to admit they were voting for Trump to pollsters because they were afraid of being perceived as a misogynist or racist.

"When we scare people away from rational, open discourse, this is where we get polls that don't make sense," he said.

Instead, Denison opined that people can influence Trump more easily than they can fight his supporters.

Another factor in Trump's triumph is that the turnout of voters in the 18-29 age range was roughly half of what it was in the 40-55 age range, according to Malbin. Young people tended to vote for Clinton, while people in the older age range tended to favor Trump.

Professor Julie Novkov from the political science department addressed the importance of young people mobilizing in the local context.

"Organize, organize, organize," Novkov said as she encouraged students to build coalitions and take advantage of resources available on campus and in the capital region.

Added to the unexpected results, the students and professors expressed uncertainty about the shift of presidential

and party power; will it be durable or short-term?

That depends on a number of factors. Malbin said that there will be tensions in both the Republican and Democratic parties. Implementing regulations requires 60 senate votes, which Republicans fell short of clinching in this election.

Since Republicans will not have the necessary 60 votes, regulations will depend on a collaboration between the two parties.

Novkov speculated about how a Trump presidency will impact the courts. With 103 vacancies in federal courts, Trump's appointments could shift the direction and political influence of the courts.

However, it can take several terms for a party in power to garner a major transformation, according to Novkov.

In regards to state and local politics, "they are going to become increasingly important in the years to come" Novkov said.

With the midterm elections in 2018, party power could shift yet again, as voter

turnout is generally lower in midterm elections than in general elections.

Echoing Novkov's call to organize, Malbin said local organizations can help garner local turnout for the midterm elections in two years.

Loretta Pyles, an associate professor of social welfare, spoke about how Trump's presidency will influence the welfare system. If Trump cuts funding to social welfare, there will be fewer resources for social supports.

According to Asal, what Trump actually will do in his presidency remains uncertain. With past presidents, there are often contradictions between what they said to get elected and what they actually did in office.

Trump's decisions in the next two months will be critical in understanding what direction he chooses during his presidency.

Regardless of whether or not people favor the outcome, "Elections begin the day after the last one," said Malbin.

## UPD

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have both in favor and against individuals of other races.

Roughly five years ago, a national course was started up in an attempt to teach university police to recognize their own implicit bias and make conscious decisions, according to Mull. These same courses are taught at the local police

academy as well.

Although the training has only been enforced for two years, Mull said there has been a decline in the number of violent confrontations and the use of force has decreased significantly. He is confident that the program against biased policing was a necessary teaching for new officers, and that calm and rational decision-making is the most important factor in an occupation such as his.

Another necessity as a police officer

is the ability to vent when not directly on call. Mull believes this helps officers make rational decisions later on.

"Sometimes, [officers] have bad days. We're only human," he said. "The truth is, an officer is more likely to use violence when they're already agitated."

While knowing that UPD is working (Do you mean "While knowing that what our UPD is doing is working....?") to prevent the unneeded use of force against others, especially minorities, is a

comforting thought; many more years of education, practice, and record keeping are necessary before it can be determined how much this curriculum affects rates of police violence, specifically at UAlbany.

"We have a great relationship with the majority of the UAlbany community and it's in our best interest to keep it up," Mull said.

## TRUMP

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ripped off the heads of Muslim women, Hispanic families being gleefully informed of their coming deportation by their white neighbors: this is where we are now, this is where we live.

Even though Donald Trump is a compulsive liar, we must take him at his word. The conventional political wisdom (how particularly feeble that looks these days) holds that a candidate move closer to the center in order to win a general election. Trump did no such thing. His campaign was as racist and reactionary on November 8 as it was when he descended the gilded escalator in June 2015. If anything, it got worse when he named white-nationalist propaganda entrepreneur Steve Bannon CEO of the Trump campaign. Bannon,

whose influential right-wing news site had a whole category dedicated to "black crime," will be serving as chief strategist and senior counselor to the president in the Trump Administration.

What is to stop him now? With the limitless resources of the presidency and two Republican houses of Congress ready to rubber stamp his every wish, he will have the power to persecute every group he denounced for the last 17 months. He will go after his personal foes, amassed over a lifetime of being the most repugnant human being in New York City, with a ruthlessness not seen since the days of Nixon and his enemies list.

The use of torture, the most shameful practice (in a crowded field) of the last Republican administration, is back. Trump's lifelong infatuation with inflicting humiliation and punishment on whomever he thinks deserves it will truly blossom once he has the U.S. military and CIA at his disposal.

Since winning the election, he has promised to deport 2 to 3 million "criminal" immigrants who are in the country illegally. The remaining illegal immigrants will have to wait until a "determination" is made about their status.

We are now one act of violence perpetrated by someone with a traditionally Muslim surname away from state sanctioned discrimination against an entire religion. Internment may not be out of the question. Some form of registry will be almost certain. Newt Gingrich has spoken longingly about bringing back the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Republican party has a willful ignorance of Islam and a general hostility to Muslims in America and around the world.

One hopes that the internecine struggles within the Democratic party and the larger American left will be brief. A bloody civil war will stymie any successful opposition to the evil on

the cusp of power. Though perhaps the people who advised Hillary Clinton to appear on Broad City and not in the State of Wisconsin should play a minimal role in the opposition.

The Trump Administration will be a carnival of sadism and incompetence without parallel in modern American history. The repeated demonstrations of hostility to democratic values shown by Trump and sycophantic inner circle coupled with their utter lack of preparation for actually holding office will lead to chaos and real, human suffering.

Trump succeeded where George Wallace and Huey Long failed. Bluster, fear, hatred and racial division triumphed in ways not seen in the lifetime of any living American. We found out that It Can Happen Here. The only question remaining is how long will we put up with it?



**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**GREAT DANES BOUNCED FROM NCAA TOURNAMENT IN FIRST ROUND DEFEAT**

By **ROBERT LEPELSTAT**

Just six days after winning the America East Championship for the second consecutive season, the University at Albany Women's soccer team went from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows with a 4-2 loss to UConn, ultimately ending their season.

The Great Danes came into Saturday night's contest riding a nine game unbeaten streak but a matchup with the 8th ranked UConn Huskies was ultimately too much for UAlbany to handle.

Alexa Casimiro, the 5-foot-3 freshman midfielder from Prospect, Connecticut took a pass from her teammate Rachel Hill and grounded a shot past UAlbany goalkeeper Chloe Borasky to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead just four minutes into

the game. For Casimiro, it was just her second goal of the season but it couldn't have come at a better time for UConn.

Just 4:42 later, the leading goal scorer for the 2016 UConn Huskies Stephanie Ribeiro broke through for a goal of her own to extend the lead to 2-0, her 21st of the season.

After going back and forth for much of the first half, the Great Danes finally got on the board when Mariah Williams broke through for UAlbany's first goal of the game in the 43rd minute, cutting the lead to 2-1 before the half.

Despite riding into halftime with the momentum, the second half seemed to be all about the Huskies. Rachel Hill scored off the assist by Stephanie Ribeiro and Liane Keegins for her 16th goal of the year, extending the lead to 3-1 in the 51st minute.

Maddie Damm scored her second goal of the season in the 80th minute to put the Huskies out in front 4-1, sealing the win for UConn and putting an end to the Great Danes 2016 campaign.

Mariah Williams, the sophomore freshman from Utica, N.Y., scored in the 89th minute to cut the deficit to two goals but the game was essentially out of reach.

The Great Danes allowed four goals for the first time all season in the loss.

The Great Danes season may have ended with a first round exit in the NCAA Tournament but 2016 was nothing short of a major success for UAlbany, regardless of how it ended.

"We are very proud, the fact that we scored two goals in the NCAA First Round on a top-15 opponent

is pretty incredible," said UAlbany head coach Caitlin Cucchiella. "It talks about how far we've come in the last couple of years and shows we can compete with top programs."

Caitlin Cucchiella has taken the Great Danes from a team that finished 2-14-1 in her first season in 2013 to a team that is back to back America East champions in 2015 and 2016. UAlbany also made their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance with their conference title in 2015.

On top of winning their second consecutive America East Tournament championship, the Great Danes finished at 11-8-1 overall, which translates to the top winning percentage (.575) in a season in the program's Division I history. The Great Danes also had a program record six conference

victories.

For the Great Danes, it was also a special season for players individually. Megan Cavanaugh was honored as America East Co-Rookie of the Year along with six UAlbany women's soccer players who earned all-conference honors in 2016.

Caitlyn Paltsios and Caroline Kopp were selected to first team honors while Cavanaugh, 2014 America East Rookie of the Year Vivian Vega, Kiana Rugar, and Alexa Schneider were placed on the second team.

UConn entered Saturday's game 18-2-1 on the season, riding an eight-game win streak and a 14-game unbeaten streak riding back to Sept. 8 when it fell 3-0 to the No. 1 team at the time, the Florida State Seminoles.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# DANES LEAVE HAPPY VALLEY SMILING

By JOHN C. LONGTON III

STATE COLLEGE – The UAlbany men's basketball team earned their first win against a Big 10 opponent in school history, with the final score of 87-81, in an upset against the Penn State Nittany Lions this past Saturday in the Naismith Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

Albany was originally scheduled to play Duke, but had to pencil in Penn State last minute because of a statewide travel ban to North Carolina issued by Governor Cuomo for all NYS agencies due to their LGBT laws. In both cases Albany was out-matched, however they were able to prove everybody wrong with a win this weekend.

"We didn't come here just to play in a nice arena and get some money out of it and all that stuff. We are here to win," said Albany Head Coach Will Brown after the game. "As a coach that's your mindset and you hope the players feel the same way."

UAlbany only trailed once in the game after Penn State scored the first basket and led 2-0. From there Albany seemed to own the first 20 minutes and took a 16-point lead into halftime.

The Nittany Lions made it close in the second half erasing a 19 point Great Dane lead narrowing it down to a two possession game and seemed as if they had the momentum when the crowd got behind them late in the game.

"We knew Penn State was going to make a run in the second half," said Brown. "It's a great

tool to learn, but I'm just proud we weathered the storm late in the game. We had some guys step up and play really well. But we can't be satisfied."

Joe Cremo led Albany with 22 points and 10 rebounds playing all but three minutes of the game. With about a minute left and UAlbany only leading by four Cremo, the 2015 America East Rookie and Sixth Man of the year, split through the Penn State defense, knifed his way to the basket and kissed a layup high off the glass putting the Danes up by six, all but sealing the deal for a major upset.

"It's a good start for us for sure, but like coach said we can't be satisfied," said Cremo after the game. "I tried to tell these guys that every day. You can't be satisfied if you want to be good."

Cremo and company are trying to adjust to a new team where they lost three perimeter starters from a year prior. Cremo, David Nichols and Dallas Ennama were trying to fill that void and against the Nittany Lions did a good job combining for 61 of the team's 87 points. They played unselfish basketball and the Danes shot 50% from the floor. Albany also outrebounded Penn State 43-26, which led to a lot of second chance opportunities.

"They executed really well. They were tough. They were physical," said Penn State Head Coach Pat Chambers after the game. "I give coach Brown and his staff credit for doing a really good job."

Chambers has coached against



John C. Longton III / Albany Student Press

Sophomore Joe Cremo drives to the basket in UAlbany's shocking upset win against Penn State.

UAlbany in the past when he was the head coach for Boston University, who at the time also played in the America East Conference.

"I'm sure they didn't realize how hard Albany played. I did because I coached against them six years ago in the America East (Conference)," said Chambers.

"Definitely a big road win for us. Especially with having five or six new guys. And I thought David (Nichols), who sat behind Evan (Singletary) last year for basically the whole year, did a great job," said Brown.

Even though it was the team's first ever win against a Big 10 opponent the Great Danes have come up in big spots like this in the past winning on the road at both Utah in 2006 and Washington in 2012. Brown had his team prepared, but still was unsure how they would react once the lights were on and the ball was tipped off.

"When you walk into shoot around and they all break out their phones and takin pictures of the arena and stuff like that you start to worry as a coach ya know?,"

said Brown.

But the Danes didn't seem intimidated and started their season on a high note. Monday will be an even bigger test for UAlbany as they travel to Cincinnati to take on the Bearcats in their second game in the Naismith Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

The Great Danes have their first home game this Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. as they play host to the Oneonta Red Dragons before picking back up with the Naismith Tournament this weekend at Mohegan Sun.

VICTORY

# Ticket Punched: Great Danes Drop Hartford to Take America East Crown



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Proud Danes pose with the America East trophy after defeating Hartford in a 1-0 win at Tom & Mary Casey Stadium.

By ALESSIO FASULLO

The University at Albany men's soccer team won their first ever America East Championship against Hartford on Sunday at the Tom & Mary Casey Stadium with leading scorer Afonso Pinheiro scoring the only goal on a penalty kick with less than a minute on the clock.

"It's the most amazing experience," said Pinheiro, "we had to be patient, all the practice pays off."

UAlbany, undefeated at home this season, beat Vermont 2-0 this past Wednesday with goals from Pinheiro and Carlos Clarke. It could have turned out differ-

ently as with 17 seconds left in the first half Bernard Yeboah, Vermont's top goal scorer, had a diving header which beat the goalkeeper but came back off the post. Just a minute later a long ball from UAlbany defender Bernardo Mattos found fellow Brazilian Pinheiro who lobbed the ball over the onrushing goalkeeper for the opening goal of the game.

With 14 minutes played in the second half UAlbany almost doubled their lead but Vermont goalkeeper Aron Runarsson made a spectacular save on Nico Solabarieta's header and then stayed alert to block Clarke's follow up shot.

Clarke would not be denied though and 13 minutes later he dribbled past three opponents before his low shot from outside the box was just out of the diving Runarsson's reach for the game clinching goal. "Feels good to score goals always, probably the best goal I've scored so far," said Clarke after the game.

With the win against Vermont in the Semi-Finals, the team moved on to play in Hartford in the finals this past Sunday.

Both UAlbany and Hartford came into the game on Sunday with a point to prove, Hartford had made the finals in three of the last four years but have not won the tournament since 1999.

This was UAlbany's first ever appearance in the America East Tournament final. Hartford had beaten top seeded Stony Brook 2-1 on Wednesday to qualify.

It was the hosts UAlbany who created the first chance nine minutes in when Moosah Khanat's free-kick turned into a header for Pinheiro but Hartford goalkeeper Jimmy Slayton just managed to get his hand to the ball and push it over the bar for the save.

Slayton, who finished the game with eight saves, was in terrific form and denied Pinheiro again two minutes into the second half. The game was becoming physical with neither side giving an inch, twice there were

flairups that led to UAlbany and Hartford players to getting tangled up.

With 30 minutes to go Solabarieta won a free-kick 20 yards out for UAlbany and took it himself. Solabarieta's shot was well placed but Slayton made a diving save to push it out for a corner. Eight minutes later Pinheiro's downward header was again well saved by Slayton.

With eighteen minutes left on the clock UAlbany carved out their best chance yet when Solabarieta shot was deflected over Slayton, but Hartford defender Mike Barry managed to glance the ball off the post and back into play to keep the game scoreless.

With just two minutes left in the game midfielder Brynjar Steinþórsson of UAlbany got into a great position, but his powerfully hit volley was once again denied by a great save from Slayton.

Less than a minute was left on the clock when Pinheiro skipped past his defender and ran into the Hartford penalty box. Slayton, so often the hero for Hartford, made the mistake as his sliding challenge missed the ball and tripped the UAlbany striker. The referee immediately awarded UAlbany a penalty kick and showed Slayton a yellow card. Pinheiro picked himself up to confidently smash in the resulting kick and hand UAlbany the win.

"It's fantastic, it's always a goal at the start of the season" said Gorman after the game, "It was a really tough game for us. I am really happy and proud of the guys that we were able to come through it."

It is unclear when UAlbany's next game will occur as they are waiting on the NCAA tournament selection which takes place on Monday November 14 at 1 p.m.