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# FALSE ALARMS DISRUPT STUDENTS

## Multiple fire alarm malfunctions on Alumni Quad cost students sleep



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Students in Alden and Waterbury were kept from a noiseless sleep for around six hours total last

By PHILLIP DOWNES

Residents of Alumni Quad on the University at Albany's downtown campus were kept awake by two fire alarms for roughly six hours last weekend, leaving many students confused, frustrated, and some without sleep entirely.

The first fire alarm activation occurred at 11:30 p.m. last Sunday night. The source was a heat detector at Alden Hall that had malfunctioned, according to Media and Community Relations Director Jordan Carleo-Evangelist.

The Albany Fire Department responded, evacuating residents, and finally determining that there was no emergency.

The second alarm, unrelated to the first, went off at 12:55 a.m. on Monday in the adjacent Waterbury Hall, caused by a third-party

cleaning service that accidentally triggered one of the specialized kitchen fire suppression systems, according to Carleo-Evangelist.

Alarms continued to go off in Waterbury and Alden halls after staff tried to reset the kitchen system, which was "something they are not called on to do often given that kitchen fire/grease suppression systems are rarely activated."

The fire alarm system is monitored by Uptown Plant Department, which then contacts the fire departments in Albany or Guilderland directly in the event of an activation.

The University at Albany Office of Facilities Management handles the general management of the fire alarm systems on campus, including inspections, testing, and maintenance of all components of the fire alarms systems, Carleo Evangelist adds, and all employees performing

this work are certified alarm technicians.

The total reset process is more complicated than simply resetting a typical alarm, according to Carleo-Evangelist.

Senior Residence Coordinator for Alumni Quad Sheliza Samuels issued an email on Monday afternoon informing that, "The issues/cause of alarms were identified and a team of professionals are working very diligently on remedying these concerns."

Samuels continued, "It is our hope that the alarms will not be activated again for the same reasons (unless for a drill or an actual activation)."

Omni Latimer, a UAlbany junior resident of Alumni Quad, was one of those affected in the incident, stating, "I didn't get any sleep and unfortunately wasn't able to go to class in the morning."

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

## University Removes Religious Holidays

By EMILY AUCOMPAUGH

The University at Albany will be removing all religious holiday breaks from its academic calendar beginning next fall.

That means classes will be held on Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, and the day following Easter.

The decision, first announced in a mass email from the Office of the Provost on Nov. 19, has had mixed reactions on campus, particularly from UAlbany's Jewish population.

"I'm in a bit of a shock about it," said junior Riva Taksir.

"It doesn't seem like the school took into consideration the student opinion on the matter," she added. "I feel bad primarily for students who chose SUNY Albany with the holidays in mind."

The decision, the email said, would allow the university to adopt a five-year calendar plan which would allow for more consistent long-term planning.

"Simply put, this means the University will no longer suspend classes on religious holidays when state government is open for business," the email read.

Moving Forward

The Calendar Committee proposed the holiday removal at the beginning of the academic year.

The University Senate passed the proposal during a Nov. 12 meeting in a 29-7 vote, according to draft minutes, which have not officially been approved.

The new guidelines will incorporate a new fall break on a Monday and Tuesday in October, with dates yet to be determined.

The university consulted with stakeholders, including Interfaith Partners, Shabbos House, and Undergraduate Education prior to the decision.

Concerns were raised, particularly over why a fall recess would make more sense than continuing to have religious holidays off, according to a memo compiled by Karen Chico Hurst, the university's registrar.

the university's registrar. "The new Monday-Tuesday October recess is possible because it would be predictable from year to year and allow the campus to ensure that, combined with the Wednesday-Sunday Thanksgiving break, no single day of the week is disproportionately impacted by class suspensions," the memo said in response.

CAMPUS REACTION

Nomi Manon, Rabbi of Hillel, said, "I wasn't surprised it passed because I know there are a lot of different perspectives that went into account when making this decision, but I know the Jewish students are disappointed. I'm disappointed too."

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DEBATE

# College Dems and Reps Draw Crowd

By NICHOLAS SHERMAN

University at Albany College Republicans and College Democrats squared up in front of an almost packed lecture center Friday for a formal debate between the two clubs.

Around 150 people filled up lecture center 19 on Friday night to view the debate forum.

The debate was split up into three sections, each covering a specific topic for the clubs to debate one another on. The three segments covered health care, immigration, and gun control.

Each club fielded three

debaters per topic, and was moderated by Professor Tim Weaver of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

Weaver is also the faculty advisor to the College Democrats.

"I was really impressed with the tone of the debate, the maturity, I think both sides did really well," said Weaver after the debate, praising the skill and professionalism of the debaters.

"They made good arguments, they engaged with each other, they listened to each other," Professor Weaver added. "I think there is a lot of hope for the future."

**“The rights that undocumented immigrants should have is the right to due process, and nothing more than due process; they should have the rights of compassion.”**

— ABRAHAM FRANGIE



Both sides were given two questions per debate topic. Each side would give their opening remarks, which were capped at a minute, and then would go into a back-and-forth styled debate over each question.

HEALTH CARE

The question commencing the debate focused on health care public policy, asking if healthcare is a right and what the economic feasibility of free healthcare is.

Health care policy,

a pressing issue in the United States' political agenda, started the night off well.

The College Republicans went first, arguing that healthcare was not a right, and is more in fact a service.

While the Democrats argued that, since the United States is the largest industrialized country, the nation should be able to afford its citizens healthcare.

The crowd was quiet and respectful. They were quiet and respected both points of view; rarely clapping if a point was made, rarely laughing if a joke was made, and almost

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PHOTOS BY NICHOLAS SHERMAN / Albany Student Press

College Republicans and College Democrats debated issues including immigration and gun control in front of a packed lecture center

By **NICHOLAS SHERMAN**

devoid of outcries except the moment when one student yelled out “Bullshit!” after a College Democrats debater claimed guns are more deadly in 2018 than when there were muskets.

This student was quickly calmed down by the College Republican club President, Abraham Frangie.

**IMMIGRATION**

The second debate topic pitted the president of both clubs against each other debating immigration.

The democrats opened this part of the debate with the famous inscription on the statue of Liberty which begins with “give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” The democratic side argued that the United States should allow undocumented immigrants into the country as well as rights of American citizens.

While the College Republicans argued that Undocumented citizens shouldn’t get more rights such as K through 12 education and other social services that Americans pay for.

The president of the College Republicans said “The

rights that they [undocumented immigrants] should have is the right to due process, and nothing more than due process;



they should have the rights of compassion. We should be compassionate towards them.”

The immigration debate also covered topics such as the legality and the morality behind sanctuary cities.

After a back and forth, the two sides swapped out their debaters again for the final time to discuss gun control, the last topic.

**GUN CONTROL**

The final debate brought up the Parkland shooting, bump stocks, the second amendment, and background checks.

While the Republicans argued that the current levels of gun control are sufficient, there was a moment of bipartisan agreement between the two clubs at the end of the debate.

The Democrats fielded three women, while the Republicans fielded two men and one women.

The night ended with both sides shaking hands and everyone leaving behind without animosity which has been seen in many political debates over the last couple of years.

“They made good arguments, they engaged with each other, they listened to each other,” Professor Weaver added. “I think there is a lot of hope for the future.”

**RELIGION**



Joe Hoffman / Albany Student Press

By **EMILY AUCOMPAUGH**

Professors like Nancy Roberts, from the Department of Communication and Journalism expect scheduling classes to be easier under the change.

“It’s fine with me... It will affect my syllabus and schedule in a positive way,” Roberts said. “The current system means we start in late August, and then have a series of stop-and-go classes at the start of the fall semester, which has always made for a very fitful start.”

Helen Elam, associate professor in the English Department said, “My view—forego all religious holidays. As a matter of equal respect, if Jewish holidays, and Christian holidays, then I would think Muslim holidays and Indian holidays and Chinese holidays should count, and I am not sure how much time would be left for classes. I think the division of church and state from the foundation of the U.S. should incline academic calendars to secularization. And the new calendar will make for a steadier flow of classes and assignments.”

Andrew Knutson, a junior at UAlbany, said, “I think it’s time we stop all religious breaks. What people choose to do with their time is their own business. It shouldn’t affect anyone’s academic experience.”

But some Jewish students like Riva Taksir feel slighted.

“I’m in a bit of a shock about it. It doesn’t seem like the school took into consideration the student opinion on the matter.” Taskir, a junior, stated. “I feel bad primarily for students who chose SUNY Albany with the holidays in mind.”

“I feel bad for Hillel because they lost way more than we did,” said Reverend of Cornerstone Campus Ministry Sandy Damhof.

**FUTURE CONCERNS**

Despite the announcement, it appears not all the kinks have been worked out.

UAlbany currently adheres to section 224-A of the New York State Education Law, under Title IX, which states that no student can be expelled or refused admission due to missing days because of their religious beliefs.

But stakeholders have raised concerns over students reporting absences due to religious beliefs, according to the memo.

“Undergraduate and Graduate Education do not have a consistent process for students to report absences if they are not comfortable going directly to faculty or if faculty do not allow for accommodations,” the memo said.

Chico Hurst acknowledged the need for “a conduit for undergraduate and graduate students who are uncomfortable approaching faculty directly,” as well as for “policies for protecting students from individu-

ally declaring to professors their religious affiliation.”

A FAQ page the university created about the new calendar raises other concerns.

State law requires any student missing an exam or work assignment due to religious observation an equal opportunity to make it up.

But the webpage also suggests professors missing class for religious reasons “provide for a take home exam or assignment.”

It is not know how the university will handle the issue moving forward.

The university’s decision wasn’t without pushback.

Michelle Massarik, vice president of Hillel, began a petition in October calling on the university to preserve the Jewish holidays. Over 900 signatures have been gathered as of writing.

In light of the calendar change, Rabbi Manon said Hillel will create more robust programming for students who can no longer go home to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

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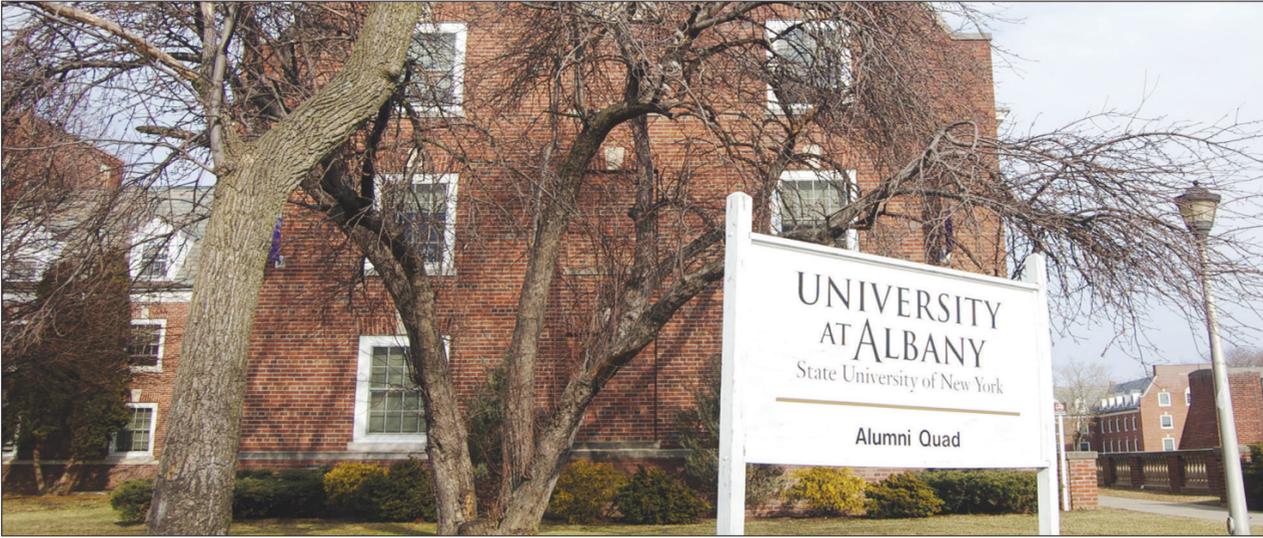
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**ALUMNI**

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By PHILLIP DOWNES

“Whenever the fire department arrives they never let us know on scene what is going on,” Latimer said. “As a resident I absolutely do have the right to be notified on these issues.”

According to the University Police Department’s incident log, there was only one emergency services response to a fire alarm activation on Sunday at 11:34 p.m. in Waterbury Hall.

The report stated that there was no emergency found, and there are no further reports of fire alarm activations that night at Alumni Quad.

With temperatures in the mid-thirties during the alarm activations, students like Latimer were unsettled and upset after evacuating for multiple alarms throughout the night.

Carleo-Evangelist maintained

that the safety and protection of residents is paramount.

“The last thing Facilities staff wants to do is disturb sleeping residents,” Carleo-Evangelist said. “But it’s also critical that we ensure those systems are properly reset and protecting those buildings and the people in them as they were designed to do.”

Latimer was far from satis-

fied with the response to the incidents, let alone the alarms themselves. “I don’t think that is fair to us especially now in the winter.”

**CRIME BLOTTER**

**UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA**

11/29/2018  
Indian Quad - Mohawk Tower  
Report of students in possession of marijuana. Referrals were made.

**CRIM POSS CONTRL SUBST**  
11/29/2018  
Roadways - Univ Dr West  
Report of a female subject in possession of a controlled substance. An arrest was made.

**DOMESTIC INCIDENT**  
11/28/2018  
Roadways - SQ Lot  
Assisted subjects in a domestic dispute.

**ASSIST OTHER PD**  
11/28/2018  
Roadways - Western Avenue Entrance  
Assisted Albany PD.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION**  
11/28/2018  
State Quad - Anthony Hall  
Report of a female student having taken too much medication. Transported to hospital by 5 Quad.

**CRIM POSS CONTRL SUBST**  
11/28/2018  
Dutch Quad - Van Rensselaer Hall  
Report of a female student in possession of a controlled substance. An arrest and a referral were made.

**TITLE IX REFERRAL**  
11/27/2018  
Other - UPD  
Report of a male subject violating an order of protection on campus.

**ACCIDENT-PROPERTY DAMAGE**  
11/27/2018  
Roadways - SQ Lot  
Assisted person in motor vehicle accident property damage.

**ACCIDENT-PROPERTY DAMAGE**  
11/27/2018  
Roadways - DQ Lot  
Assisted person in motor vehicle accident property damage.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION**  
11/27/2018  
Podium - Humanities  
Report of an upset male student. Transported to hospital by 5 Quad.

**FAILED TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY ON LEFT TURN**  
11/27/2018  
State Quad - SQ Grounds  
Summons issued.

**COMPUTER TRESPASS**  
11/26/2018  
Other - UPD  
Assisted subjects in a domestic dispute.

**911/BLUE LIGHT ACCIDENTAL**  
11/26/2018  
Freedom Quad - FQ D, Lazarus Hall  
No emergency found.

**FIRE ALARM**  
11/26/2018  
Indian Quad - Tuscarora Hall  
Caused by burnt popcorn.

**POSSESS FORGED INSTRUMENT-3RD**  
11/21/2018  
Podium - University Hall  
Report of two male subjects on campus with forged IDs. Both were instructed to leave campus.

**BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE: ILLEGAL ENTRY- DWELLING**  
11/25/2018  
Alumni Quad - Waterbury Hall  
Report of an attempted break in in dining hall. Nothing stolen.

**CRIM POSS CONTRL SUBST**  
11/24/2018  
Roadways - CQ Lot  
Report of a male subject in possession of a controlled substance. An arrest was made.

**WELFARE CHECK**  
11/21/2018  
Indian Quad - IQ Office  
Welfare check on a male student. Student found safe.

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TUNNELS

# No Need For New Tunnels From the Quads, Just Open Old Ones

By AARON GINSBURG

I've been hearing murmurs from students about the need for tunnels connecting the quads and the podium since my first winter here last year. The construction of such a project is highly unlikely, especially with the large number of projects that are going on already. Nonetheless, it's still a matter that many students are interested in. I hate to play devil's advocate, but I really don't think it's a dire need for students right now.

To be completely honest, the installation of these tunnels is not entirely necessary. While it is true that students living on-campus have to brave the bitter cold before getting to the main tunnels, the distance they have to travel is not unreasonable. If you live on Colonial, all you have to do is walk a minute or two to the business building where you can access the tunnels via the basement. If you live on Dutch, the campus center is only a little while away — the same goes for residents on Indian. If you live on State, all you have

to do is walk to the corner of the podium near the life sciences building and go down the stairs.

This is not to say that I would not want these tunnels to be accessible. The less I have to go outside during the winter, the happier I am. But taking into account all of the other construction jobs going on at the moment around campus, this is a project that would be just as hard to be approved as to build. A couple weeks ago there was construction being done directly in front of the doors of Livingston Tower. This means that every single resident of the tower had to enter and exit through a single door, which was probably a legitimate fire hazard. They also started working on the project at around 9 a.m. and it would wake me up every morning when I didn't have class or had one later in the day. I can't help but assume the construction of these tunnels would be incredibly inconvenient to students living on the Quads, even more than the couple minutes of cold you have to experience

before reaching the main tunnels. I don't want to imagine the chaotic state the Quads would be in if tunnels connecting them to the rest of the campus were being made.

I also think that there are more urgent matters to be addressed before the construction of such tunnels. One of these is the abundance of asbestos found in the ceilings of many residential buildings. I think most people would agree that preventing students from getting seriously ill is more important than making tunnels that would let them stay out of the cold for a couple extra minutes. In the hypothetical scenario that these tunnels are opened, I wonder how they would connect to the main tunnels. Would students in every hall have access from their basement, or would they first have to go to the tower on their quad?

However, I do think that the tunnels beneath each quad that already exist should be opened to residents. If you didn't know, there are tunnels on each quad that connect the halls to the tower, with the door located

close to the basement elevator doors. The door is always locked, and is closed off to students. These tunnels would be especially useful on Colonial and Indian, so residents of the low-rises could walk to gym without having to go outside. The installation of some sort of camera system would make it safer, and they would be closed after a certain hour. This is also a project that wouldn't be nearly as in depth as the construction of tunnels to connect the quads and the podium. These tunnels already exist, and all that would need to be done is unlocking the doors that currently block them. In the end, this is a topic that should be put on hold and resumed after the current construction projects are completed — which will hopefully be soon.

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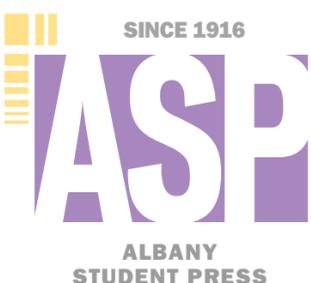
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REFUGEES

# Tear Gas: A Shameful Dehumanization of Migrants

By **EMILY HAYES**

During the past few weeks, thousands of migrants from the caravan that travelled from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and other Latin American countries have started to arrive at the United States/Mexico border. These migrants stay hopeful, even after threats of arrest and prosecution from the U.S. However, they face many new challenges and threats as they apply for asylum in America. Just this past Sunday, border officials were given the command to deploy tear gas at these migrants who were at the border.

This is not only illegal, but it is inhumane. Men, women, and children had to flee as the tear gas made its way towards them. Looking at pictures from this day, you can see the absolute fear in the eyes of these migrants. Children should not be subjected to such a cruel form of punishment, no should anyone. These migrants haven't done anything wrong. They are trying to flee from their respective countries, often because of lack of opportunity and poor governance. They just want a better life in the United States. This desire has led these individuals to take a daring leap of faith, risking everything in the hopes of becoming American. After their long and grueling journey, rather than accepting these clearly motivated people, we throw tear gas at them and their children.

The soldiers are not at fault, but rather our president who insists that these people are dangerous, describing these desperate and brave people the way a rational person would describe a wild pack of dogs. President Donald Trump has been extremely vocal about his thoughts on this situation, despite the fact his opinions are not grounded in facts or logic. It is embarrassing how these migrants are treated. We need to remember that these people coming to us, the way our ancestors came, are human. They aren't a group of criminals, or animals, they are not terrorists or anything other than humans. They are not and should not be treated as political pawns but rather as parents and children, as well as young adults searching for a better life.

These migrants aren't a threat to our country. They walked thousands of miles to try and make a better life for themselves and for their families. Yet, still our president and many others are so focused on the fact that they are criminals and should be and deserve to be sent back to their countries.

This is the wrong mindset to have, and will only lead us down the wrong path later. We need to be more open minded. And, we need to recognize what these migrants are truly coming to the United States for. After travelling thousands of miles, and after suffering not only from border officials and tear gas, but from the extreme conditions they faced during their journey, they still remain hopeful that they will be granted asylum in our country. The perseverance and dedication these people have shown is something many overlook. Those who overlook these traits are the ones who believe these people are harmful and dangerous.

MUSIC REVIEW

# Collab "777" Is The Best Album of the Year

By **TIM CHIZZIK**

The best album of 2018 is Key and Kenny Beats' collaborative effort "777".

Key, hailing from Atlanta, has been around for a while, earning himself the title of "your favorite rapper's favorite rapper." He was cosigned early on by ASAP Yams on his blog RNT, and has been featured on many songs by much bigger artists starting around 2014 when he was featured on Father's song "wrist". But it wasn't until the release of this project that he gained more recognition outside of the underground rap scene.

Kenny Beats has a similar story, getting cosigned by Yams early on in his career and spending much of his early years hanging around the A\$AP Mob, TDE, etc. but shortly became more interested in EDM DJing for monetary purposes. Now venturing back into making rap beats, he is bringing along with him the anthemicness of stadium based EDM along with the same trap drums popularized in the past few years.

Throughout this project, Key wears the influence of fellow Atlanta rappers on his sleeve. He brings the atmospheric feel of early Playboi Carti projects while not falling into the redundancy that sound often brings. Furthermore, on many of the tracks he brings a level of lyrical absurdity and flow that is obviously influenced by Young Thug circa Barter 6.

The first track on this album, "Demolition 1+2", begins with a beautiful gospel sample, one of Kenny Beats' strengths throughout this project. This contrasted with Key's heavily autotuned voice sounds incredible.

They then follow this up with the lead single off the album: "Hater". This track features an early, bass driven beat and the distant sounding melody backing Key's Future-esque autotune belting. This song and corresponding music

video was the catalyst of this project's success, partially due to ASAP Rocky's cameo in the video.

The next few songs feature high pitch 8-bit-esque keys along with the sampling of old video game sound effects, giving the music a very nostalgic feel. Almost like pinball music with 808's and bass.

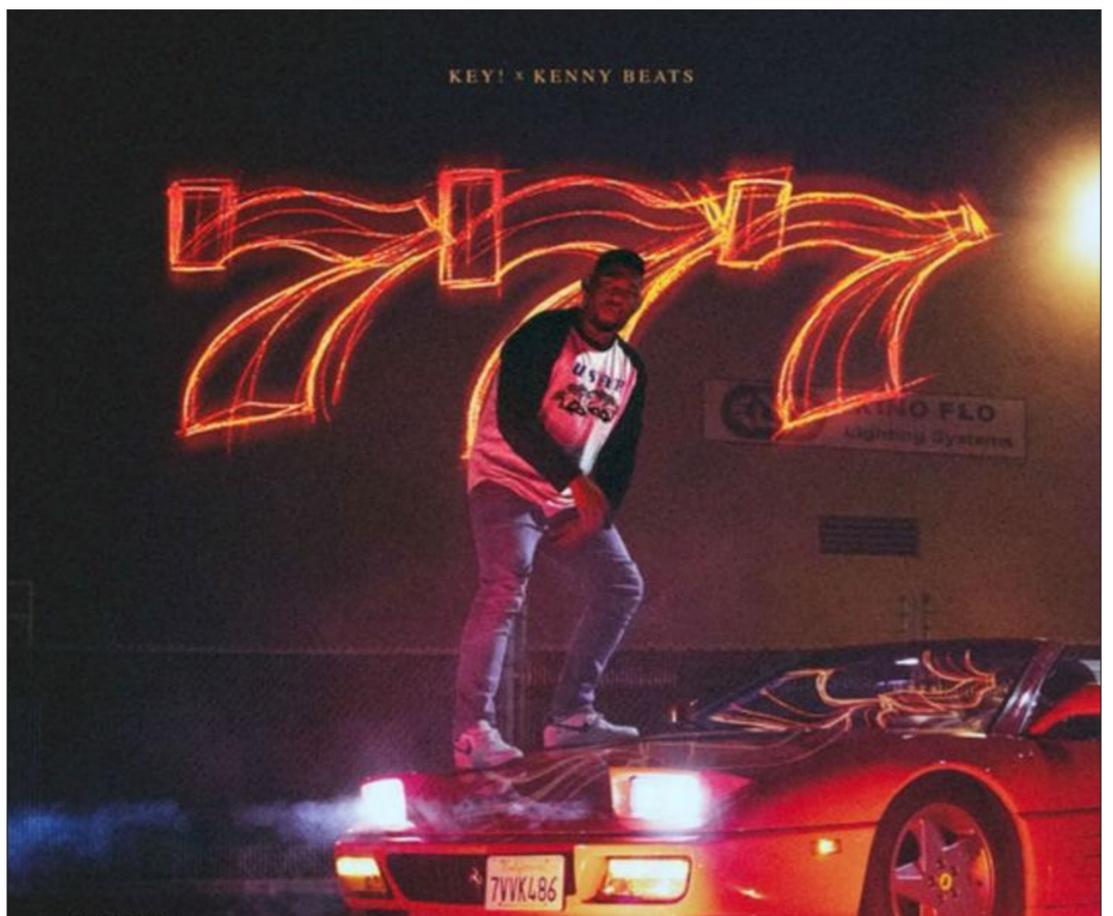
On the track "It Gets Better" Key proves his versatility, being one of the only few rappers to successfully make a trap ballad without crooning the entire time. He does this again during the project with "True Love Interlude" singing about his children over gorgeous synths laid by Kenny.

Many of the other songs were obviously made with his live show in mind, even yelling "open up that mosh pit" as an adlib all over the more upbeat tracks. This again shows versatility and a desire to be make music that can translate to a plethora of situations

Overall, this project is the result of a producer and a rapper getting in the studio together and actually trying to create a body of work rather than a simple cash grab or building off of each other's hype. This interconnectedness makes the music sound incredibly authentic as everything is them two, even down to Key doing Kenny's producer tags on each of the beats.

One of my favorite parts about this album are that the adlibs are primarily in the form of vocal samples. This brings a cohesiveness to the songs that is often missing in the streaming age.

Key and Kenny both have been teasing the sequel to 777 on twitter for a while now. But until then, this album has earned the title of album of the year. Both as a boundary pushing piece of music and a breakout project for both parties involved.



Source: **Key and Kenny Beats**

Key and Kenny Beats created a sizzling, boundary-pushing rap record that delivers memorable tracks.

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# A Note From The ASP's Managing Editor

Hello, Joe Hoffman here.

I see you've picked up our last edition of the year. As such, I want to wish you (the reader), a hearty thank you! You are the reason that I and the rest of the team here spend hours every week researching, reporting, editing, designing, and more. It's been an absolute pleasure to help run this paper this past semester.



I've learned a lot, and it's been a privilege to work with my dedicated co-workers Chad, Phil, Matt, Rob, Lesley, Dalia, and Gina. On top of that, helping new reporters or writers perfect their work and contribute to the campus conversation has been a wonderful experience. I hope that you have enjoyed and benefited from the content that we've produced over these past four months.

If you ever have any suggestions, questions, or comments, reach out via our contact info below! I skip with glee whenever anyone shows interest in our paper, and I would love to talk with fellow students about how it can be improved. After all, remember..

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# FIVE THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT UALBANY'S HISTORY

By SKYLAR BLANKENSHIP

## 1. PEDWIN THE PENGUIN

Damien was not always our mascot. Before 1965, it was Pedwin the Penguin.

Pedwin was the mascot for what was then the New York State College for Teachers. He was replaced with the Great Dane as it was felt that a new image was needed to reflect the other changes/transformations happening to the school, specifically for the qualities of strength, courage, stamina, and speed.



Source: UAlbany Media Relations

## 2. UALBANY ICE HOCKEY

The University established an intercollegiate ice hockey team in December of 1915.

The team played their first games in January 1917. They lost their first two games against RPI and West Point, but won the next four. Due to WWI, the team did not play in 1918. Later the program was disbanded in the Spring of 1921. However, the university still has a club team that was originally founded in 1976. The club team competes in the Empire Collegiate Hockey Conference and their home rink is located at the Albany County Hockey Facility.



Source: Wikimedia Commons

## 3. A BOWLING ALLEY AND A BARBERSHOP

UAlbany's 12 lane bowling alley was added to the campus center in the summer of 1966. Students could go bowling to fulfill what then was a Physical Education requirement. But soon, changes in laws meant students couldn't drink or smoke at the alley like they used to, and physical education credits were done away with. The alley closed in 1994. The Office of Financial Aid is now where the lanes used to be.

The university had its own barbershop from 1967 to 2002. Daniel Gatto became UAlbany's barber soon after it opened. When it closed, Gatto continued to work two days a week at the Turnpike Barber Shop on Western Avenue, and many of his loyal customers followed him. Gatto died the last day of the year 2009.

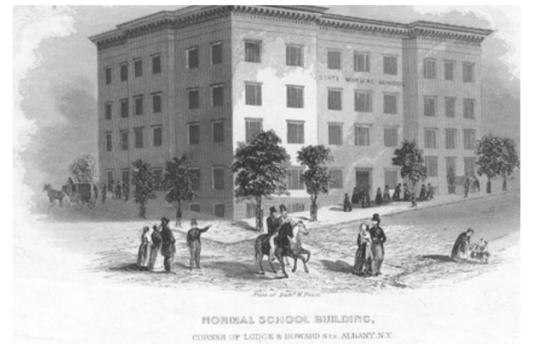


Source: UAlbany Archives

## 4. PRESIDENTIAL VISITS

President and then NYS Governor Grover Cleveland once presented degrees to students at Commencement.

It was Jan. 23, 1885 when Governor Grover Cleveland presented the degrees less than two months before his inauguration. (President Cleveland grew up in upstate New York. He never attended college.) In November 1994 a current president would come to UAlbany's Campus. President-elect, Bill Clinton paid a visit to UAlbany when he attended a "Statewide Interactive Education Event", one of the campaign events for Gov. Mario Cuomo and Sen. George Pataki during their race for the governorship.



Source: Normal School chronology by Prof. Allen Ballard, available at albany.edu

## 5. ENROLLMENT

A little over a hundred years ago, enrollment was a total of 670 students.

The first class at what was then called the State Normal School in 1844 started with 29 students and two faculty members. By the 1906-1907 school year, enrollment had raised to over 350. Sixty years later, enrollment was at 7,094. The Fall 2017 semester enrollment was at a total of 17,746 students and over 1,200 faculty members.



Source: Gary Gold, UAlbany Media Relations Office

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STUDENT GROUPS

# Brazilian Martial Artists In The Lecture Center

By CHRISTOPHER H. MOLLER

Last month on my way back to my dorm, I saw six to 10 students sitting in a circle, doing stretches. I wondered what exercise they could be doing, after a long day of school work, no less. When I dropped in on the class and asked what they were doing, I found out it was stretches for a martial art that I have never heard of before called capoeira.

As a result, I sat in on that and another capoeira class on November 13, in the Lecture Center. I observed approximately six to ten students performing stretches, calisthenics, and various footwork and kicking maneuvers, some with less complexity than others. This all occurred within an environment filled with music and tradition consistent with capoeira.

In these classes, students sat in a “roda,” Portuguese for “circle,” and listened to Portuguese music produced by a berimbau, an archery bow-shaped instrument with a gourd on it. Then, they performed their moves.

Students new to the club practiced “ginga,” stepping forward and backwards with both legs alternatively. More advanced students learned other kicks and acrobatic movements, such as “negativa,” getting into a low position, with one leg forward, the other leg supporting one’s body to “refuse” being attacked.

Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art that originated from African slaves in the 16th to the 19th centuries. When slaves worked on Portuguese plantations in Brazil, they disguised martial arts as “folk” dances. This was to prepare for eventual revolts against slavery and to maintain their culture.

However, that wasn’t all capoeira eventually became. According to instructor Nick Moskwa, capoeira developed into various styles over time, allowing it to be preserved. In the early 1900s, Mestre Bimba opened a studio and taught capoeira regional. Regional is a form of capoeira that has fast, athletic play, in contrast to the original capoeira derived from the African slaves of the past. Capoeira continued to keep on kicking when Mestre Pastinha taught capoeira Angola, another form of the martial art that kept many of capoeira’s traditions, such as students participating in closer spaces with one another.

At this Albany club, it wasn’t just the instructors who emitted passion for this near four to five hundred-year-old martial art. Two students named Amy and Soundarya commented exercise was their motive for attending the capoeira class.

Even though the students present may have enjoyed the capoeira classes, prospective students who may not due to the classes’ duration between six and eight p.m. on Tuesday nights. However, they can participate in it at any time on Tuesdays between the two-hour time slot, if they choose to do so.

“Capoeira Mata Um”, one of the songs sung by

the group, is translatable into “capoeira kills one.” Perhaps capoeira might be able to kill people’s fear and uncertainty about any recreational activity not as well known to the UAlbany community as football or frisbee.

If anyone desires to join or observe the capoeira group, the classes congregate in the Lecture Center next to Argo Tea Café between 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.



Members of the Capoeira class demonstrate their practice in 2015. Source: Paul Miller / UAlbany Photos.

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The evening sun shines through the podium’s concrete columns. Joe Hoffman / Albany Student Press

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Danes Burned by Golden Phoenix

By SKYLAR BLANKENSHIP

The Great Danes (1-5) fell to Canisius College 48-42 this past Wednesday giving the Golden Phoenix their first win of the season.

Sophomore guard Kyara Frames led the way for the Danes with a career high of 25 points in 40 minutes of action.

Canisius senior forward Sara Hinriksdottir was first to put points onto the scoreboard after almost five quiet minutes with a three pointer assisted by junior guard Anna Sweney. Hinriksdottir led Canisius by

scoring a total of sixteen points.

The game had a slow start as the first quarter finished with a score of 7-6. Short bursts of scoring continued for the rest of the game.

"We unfortunately had some timely turnovers," head coach Colleen Mullen said. "That really hurt us but thanks to Kyara, who brought a lot of toughness and energy, she kept us in the game and alive in a lot of moments."

Last season Frames scored a total of 95 points and was named America East Rookie of the Week (11/27).

"I played a with a lot more confidence." Frames explained crediting her teammates and the coaching staff as well as on the role of learning from one's mistakes.

Junior center Alexi Schecter followed Frames with a total of eight points and seven rebounds.

The first half of the game ended with a score of 22-19.

Continuing in the second half the Great Danes attempted to find their groove, but with limited luck. Both halves were littered with 37 turnovers and 21 steals mostly by UAlbany's

Frames and Khepera Stokes, red shirt sophomore guard as well as Canisius' Hinriksdottir and D'Jhai Patterson-Ricks, a junior guard.

In the third quarter, the teams tied each scoring 11 points.

The last few minutes of the game were nail biting worthy as it was a heated battle filled with timeouts, substitutions and personal fouls.

In the last thirty seconds the game was decided with foul shots made by Patterson-Ricks and Hinriksdottir.

"I try remind the team that

this is a team for the marathon not the sprint," Coach Mullen commented on the game and on the adjustment period the team is going through.

Andrea Zeigler and Patterson-Ricks added to Canisius' victory with the most made and attempted field goals behind Hinriksdottir.

UAlbany's next home game is against the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils on Wednesday Dec. 5th at 7 p.m.



Source: UAlbany Sports

Sophomore guard Kyara Frames scored a career-high 25 points in UAlbany's 48-42 loss to Canisius Wednesday night at SEFCU Arena.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Great Danes Can't Find Luck in Ireland

## *UAlbany Falls to LIU Brooklyn and Dartmouth College*



Source: PressEye

Junior guard Ahmad Clark finished with 23 points and four rebounds in the Dane's 91-77 lost to Dartmouth in Belfast

By **ELIJAH CASPER**

The University at Albany men's basketball team couldn't pick up a win in Belfast this weekend, as they lost both of their games in the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic in Ireland.

The Great Danes (2-6) lost to LIU Brooklyn 80-77 in the Samson Bracket semifinals on Thursday night, before losing Dartmouth 91-77 in the consolation game on Friday night.

"This was a wonderful tournament, and a tremendous trip for us. Hopefully we can learn from these two games and from this trip," UAlbany coach Will Brown said.

The Great Danes arrived in Ireland on Nov 26, three days before their first game overseas. On Thursday, the rustiness from the overseas trip showed for both teams, as the first points of the game were not scored until over a minute into the game.

UAlbany had the lead going into the half against LIU, up 32-23, after a 16-5 run. But the rustiness was still there, as the team's combined for shooting 15 of

57 from the field and 2 of 25 from three in the first half.

Ahmad Clark led the Great Danes with 13 points at the half and Adam Lulka had nine points off 4 of 5 shooting to go along with seven rebounds.

The second half went much better for both teams, as they found their scoring touch. UAlbany had their lead up to eight on two different occasions, but LIU eventually made their run, using a 10-0 run to take their first since 11:13 left in the first half to go up 73-71 with time running out. Clark tied the game at 73 with 2:59 left in the game.

LIU went up three after an and-one with 1:36 remaining. UAlbany trailed by two with 11.5 seconds left but turned the ball over in the in-bounds pass, setting up two free throws for LIU with 2.7 second left. The Blackbirds hit one of two and 80-77 proved to be the final score.

Clark led the Great Danes with 24 points, Cameron Healy added 22, and Lulka had 15 points to go along with 13 rebounds. The Great Danes turned the ball over 26 times, leading to 26 points

off those turnovers for LIU.

"I thought we played sloppy for 40 minutes. I thought LIU's pressure, even though we were up at the half, bothered us the entire game. I think we had too many self-inflicted mistakes," Coach Brown said. "I thought we put ourselves in a bad spot too many times. Give LIU credit, and you just hope we learn from it."

In the consolation game against Dartmouth, the Great Danes fell behind big in the first half, and never could dig themselves fully out of the hole.

Dartmouth came out shooting lights-out, hitting nine of their first twelve three-pointers, while the Great Danes couldn't hit a shot. Dartmouth went up 43-15 with 6:54 remaining in the first half and the game was all but over.

The Great Danes made runs of their own of 10-6 and 16-6 in the first half, but the deficit was too large, as Dartmouth went into halftime up 49-32.

The second half was much more even for both teams, but UAlbany couldn't seem to make the run they needed up

close the gap anymore. They cut the lead to 14 multiple times, but couldn't get any closer. Dartmouth lead by as much as 22 in the second half, but couldn't extend their second half anymore than that.

"It was a tough game for us obviously. I thought Dartmouth played extremely well. We were very poor on the defensive side, and they got in a good rhythm. That game was lost in the first half," Coach Brown said. "I thought they played with a tremendous sense of urgency, and we were very passive, almost lethargic in the first half. Our team is not built to outscore teams so we really need to get things right on the defensive side of the ball."

Healy led UAlbany with 24 points, Clark added 23 points, and Adam Lulka finished with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Dartmouth had three players score over 20 points and shot 17 for 33 from three-point land.

Up next, the Great Danes take on Monmouth at the SEFCU Arena on Saturday, Dec. 8.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Three Players Earn All-Region Honors

By **ROB LEP**

Coming off their third America East conference championship in four years with a 5-1 victory over UMass Lowell at Casey Stadium back in November, three players received spots on the United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region teams.

The Atlantic Region includes players from conferences such as the ACC, America East, and MAC.

Seniors Caroline Kopp and Mariah Williams are the first Great Danes to ever be named to the Second Team. Kopp has made an All-Region team for the fourth consecutive season.

She is coming off back-to-back seasons as the America East Defender of the Year.

Kopp led the conference with 14 assists on the season. She ends her playing career not only with three

america east titles but as the program's all-time career and single season leader in assists.

Williams, 2018 AE Striker of the Year, led the league with 17 goals and 38 points in 2018. She graduates as the program's all-time leader in both goals and points. She was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

After tearing her ACL in the first game of the 2017 season, Cavanaugh provided instant production to a much needed

UAlbany attack. The Clifton Park, NY native was named AE First team and was second on the Danes with eight goals and 21 points.

She helped seal the AE title win with a goal in the 79th minute to make it 4-1 UAlbany.

The 14 matches won by the Danes in 2018 are a program record. UAlbany scored the most goals in a title game since Hartford scored eight in 1997.



Source: Bill Ziskin, UAlbany Sports

Caroline Kopp, pictured above, along with teammates Mariah Williams and Megan Cavanaugh, earned spots on the United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region teams.