A new dean and a new dawn for Honors College

By ILENE ROTHMAN

As President Robert J. Jones prepares to assume the role of Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dr. Hsi-Ching Chang, who received her Ph.D. in speech communication from the very same Urbana-Champaign campus and served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the University of Illinois at Chicago, Illinois College, is welcomed as the new dean of the Honors College at Albany.

While the Honors College serves as an exclusive home for the top five percent of UAlbany’s undergraduate population, it also has less than a 10 percent rejection rate, something she hopes to change.

What is your educational background?

I grew up in Taiwan, if you asked my high school classmates they would not believe that I’m working with the Illinois College because I was very shy as a child.

When I was in undergrad I studied abroad. I grew up in Taiwan, if you ask my high school classmates they would not believe that I am living in the US now.

I have an MA and a PhD in speech communication.

Let’s get to UAlbany with prospective students and family and friends,” Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Biasotti said.

“The university will provide

Merit students share skills

By LINDSEY RIBACK

The launch of University at Albany’s Merit Program encourages students to share their experiences with the greater community.

“Merit is another tool that allows our students to showcase their achievements in and out of the classroom in a contemporary and interactive format. It is with students, they’re excited by the prospect of students at UAlbany with prospective employers [

The university will provide students with Merit badges from various categories. Once

Over crowdfunding result of housing shortage

By TYLER MCNEIL

Due to a housing shortage, over 400 incoming University at Albany students are living in triple bedrooms and lounge spaces.

“We managed to get secu-

More roommates on Indian Quad and State Quad

Sofina Biasetti, a pre-law freshman living on State Quad, is among students waiting for space to open up for double bedrooms over the summer. Since moving in, Biaseetti has grown uncomfortable with her triple bedroom living space. “I was always on top of each other and it’s kind of hot, we were too close to each other and that takes up more floor space that we don’t already have,” Biaseetti said.

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“Blackboard Learn re-

Glitches gone with BB update

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Blackboard Learn received a makeover over the summer thanks to increasing common glitches in the system.

“In staying with the cur-

I believe academic institutions, in addition to contributing to science, have a more important responsibility to make the environment safe for the next generation so that they can continue to contribute to society.”

Currently, 320 refugee students are enrolled in these courses, which were developed by UAlbany professors and interns at the Global Institute for Health and Human Rights.

The courses are taught by professors in English and then translated into Arabic.

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**MARTIAL ARTS**

**UAlbany MMA club still kicking, punching students; currently there is no opportunity to socialize with the junior and senior honors committee**

I want to create a new culture so I want to change that. I can't be in the club anymore because it is good for beginners. Anyone, regardless of skill level is welcome to come and join. And I'm the head coach, but I also let them be the head coach because I'm not going to interfere with them. The club is good for place for beginners to get used to MMA without being overpowered or overwhelmed, while also letting the more advanced members practice and be engaged as well. If you have a ego, a chip on your shoulder, you need to let it go. The Mat, Surface, second in command at the club. You can't come in here and think you're better than everyone else. Even if you think that mixed martial arts being legalized is a big deal to some of the members, the MMA club will not change its practices as a result of the law in any way. This new semester however, is the division of classes between beginner males and intermediate or advanced females. Practice between the two groups will occur separately, but simultaneously; allowing beginners to learn the skills safely and more advanced members to remain comfortably. Another change is that sparring, a more striking-focused kill practice, as well as grappling by foot will not be part of the club's practices as well. This allows for more versatile and take-down style moves to be practiced. Though the club is focused on fighting, all the members are made quite aware of the fact that safety and self-defense is the main goal. The first anime on the club's MyMilestone page is "This is not a Fight Club!" During their first informational meeting, one of the main points that was made was that protective gear was required - mouth guards for all members and caps for the members that use them. Additional protective gear such as boxing shoes or MMA shoes. This goes that an at least 16 ounces and shin guards are recommended, but the club has a few extra shoes they can loan out. People are also welcome to bring their own elbow and knee pads if they want. The club will keep it very serious, with its strict rules on respect and safety, but those are necessary for a active club that also focuses on having a great building and friendships and commitments.

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**CRIME BLOTTER**

**DRIVING WHILE INEXPERIENCED**

UAlbany Roadways - 09/04/2016

Report of a male student subject driving with an unlicensed and in possession of a vehicle was towed.

**UNLICENSED POSSESSION OF ILLICIT SUBSTANCE**

Babadook Hall - 09/08/2016

Report of a male student possession of marijuana was made.

**POSSESSION FORGED INSTRUMENT WITH INTENT TO USE**

Indian Quad - Onondaga Road - 09/03/2016

Report of two male students in possession of marijuana paraphernalia. One in possession of a pipe, the other of a bong. Reformal was made.

**COEDITION 2ND DEGREE MURDER**

State Quad - Eastern Tower - 09/04/2016

Report of a male student being harassed over a period of months was made.

**SURGERY 2ND DEGREE**

Liberty Terrace - LT 09/04/2016

Report of State Quad Anthony St曹k of stolen earrings was made.

**CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

Indian Quad - Onondaga Road - 09/02/2016

Report of Indian Quad male student possessing marijuana in public. A referral was made. Report of someone flying a drone with no one in upon a UAlbany apartment.

**CRIMINAL TRESSPASSING**

Indian Quad - Onondaga Road - 09/02/2016

Report of a female student mistreatment of a male student. Transferred to hospital by 5 QUAD.

**DOMESTIC INCEdent**

Indian Quad - Onondaga Road - 09/05/2016

Referral was made.

**MEDICAL INCIDENT**

Indigo Hall - 09/04/2016

Report of an intoxicated male student. Transferred to hospital by 5 QUAD.

**NEW**

Indian Quad - Onondaga Road - 09/06/2016

Report of student driving with an illegal stereo by unknown number was made.

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Indian Quad - Onondaga Road - 09/06/2016

Report of a male student with injured toe. Transferred to hospital by 5 QUAD.

**AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL MURDER**

Quad - 09/07/2016

Report of Indian Quad males associated in a shooting incident. Arrested for an active warrant with the Albany Police Department.

**MEDICAL INCIDENT**

Colonial Quad - Ham- lerus Hall - 09/06/2016

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YouTube has started to implement strict guidelines that categorize some videos as not “advertiser-friendly.” This presents a problem for many “professional” YouTubers.

When “The Birth of a Nation” made its world premiere at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival, the movie was immediately acclaimed as a cinematic masterpiece. One hundred years after the solar eclipse that started the rebellion, the subsequent trials and the deaths of over 100 enslaved and free African Americans, the film received a standing ovation.

When “The Birth of a Nation” is eventually released next month, the world is bound to be controversy.

Some YouTubers have been vocal of the film’s director have grown. Franco is a news reporting YouTuber who, just like Nat Turner, preachs against racism and sexuality that does not elucidate what they already knew. The way they kill the message is to try to smear the messenger.

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By SUNNY TSAO

Everyone talks about the “freshman 15” but when you’re third-year deep and realize you’re about to become obese, it’s a trepidating feeling. Eating clean is hard in college when there’s fruity and bubbly drinks all around you, late-night takeout, minimal dining hall selections, and a tight budget. Here’s a daily food routine that’s healthy and doesn’t take a lot of prep time!

Breakfast
- Two eggs scrambled in olive oil
- Handful of walnuts dipped in almond butter
- One celery stalk
- Cup of hot water with lemon wedge

Olive oil contains healthy fat, making it the ideal substitute for pam, butter, or canola oil. Almond butter and peanut butter are basically nutritional equals, but almond butter has been linked to increased metabolism. It’s also super sweet, but doesn’t have anywhere close to the amount of calories as a Hershey bar. One stalk of celery is only six calories and is packed with a bunch of health benefits, people don’t call it “crunchy water” for nothing! If you’re someone who must start the day with coffee, then do as you please; but hot water every morning has detoxification qualities. The added lemon juice in the wedge contains pectin, a soluble fiber that has been shown to aid in weight-loss efforts.

Lunch
- One baked potato

Don’t knock potatoes just because they’re starchy! People think they’re fattening because they only see them in the form of french fries and under a blanket of gravy. Plain potatoes reap health benefits such as being packed with vitamin C. One medium potato is only 100 calories. All you have to do is put it in the microwave, add some salt and pepper, and enjoy.

Dinner
- One cup of brown rice
- Optional: sriracha, consomme, soy sauce

White rice doesn’t have as many benefits than brown. A really cheap rice cooker costs around only $25, and all you need to do is add water and push the button! Plain rice is pretty boring to eat, but you could add seasoning or sauces.

Snacks
- Fruit
- Plain nuts

Stay away from chips or candy. Drink water or green tea throughout the day. If you don’t have time to incorporate as much exercise as you’d like, try to maintain a caloric deficit through whatever you eat! That means no ordering Chicken Joe’s or Golden Grain at 1 a.m.

Keeping the freshman fifteen at bay

A nutritious, healthy diet is attainable for even the most lazy and carb-craving undergraduate.

CLASH OF THE QUADS

Students gearing up in jackets and equipping themselves with laser rifles to play a game of speed laser tag.
While it was just released in mid-July of this year, Stranger Things has already attained cult-like status with millions of viewers. This isn’t by accident. Not only does the story revolve around a group of inexperienced kids, but it also deals with emotion, outstanding characters and cult members, a superb plot, and a quality that echoes original 80s films like Alien, E.T., The Thing, and The Alienated Stories.

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Fans of the 1980s classic, Stand By Me, will especially appreciate the dynamic between Will Byer’s best friends, who begin an investigation parallel to the adults. Mike, Lucas, and Dustin are rarely, rare, hilarious and incredibly real, with stellar amounts of loyalty to one another. On one hand, they are the epitome of the proverbial geeks with emotion, outstanding characters and cast members, a superb plot, and a quality that echoes original 80s films like Alien, E.T., The Thing, and The Alienated. Stories. When it comes to category, Stranger Things cannot be pinned down. It is in the electricity of overlap of psychological horror, European dynamic, showbiz science-fiction, and nostalgie 80s appeal. To the unacquainted viewer, this might sound chaotic, but the show masterfully works its themes and genres into a story of birth–growing suspense. Directed by Matt and Ross Duffer and produced by Shawn Levy, Stranger Things the disappearing of twelve-year-old Will Byers from his rural hometown of Hawkins, Indiana. His mother, Joyce Byer (Winona Ryder), is terrified and perplexed. She and the town sheriff (John Harbour), launch a full-blown search for the missing boy, which leads to both horrifying consequences and wondrous phenomena.

The bond that unfolds between the boys and a disturbed, telekinetic girl is equally captivating. Millie Bobby Brown is utterly phenomenal in her breakout role as the girl with the powers. She has few lines, but her aura is sad andominous in a story in which innocence is a staple. The bond is also the central focus and expression and presence what few professional actors can. As she struggles to maintain control over her powers in the aftermath of a traumatic past, she discovers ways to communicate with the missing. And the missing people examining the small figures lit by the studio hot- and walkie-talkie under the other, off to look for lights in front of green screen backgrounds.

Anthropocene is a concept in not only art, but science as well, defined as a possible era of human-driven geological destruction. Gallon, as well as the other projects in the University Museum’s Future Perfect exhibition, exemplifies this idea. Boyd was greatly influenced by the environmental scares of the 1980s, and mentioned the extinction of the California Condor, which he said has a greater direct impact on his exhibit in the Albany Airport, Cormorants and the Whale. Of a greater impact to Gallon thematically was his childhood trip to Castro State Park in South Dakota. As Boyd said, “I was the first time I had really seen sprawling plains like that.” The Needleman Highway in South Dakota, with such much press, especially influenced the design of Gallon’s landscapes. Gallon tells the tale of creatures in a post-human world. These creatures are purposely designed to look as far from humans and mammals as possible, with their mechanical10 arms and walkie-talkie under the other, off to look for

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By ALLEN ENRIQUEZ

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Back the clock and playing better-known songs like “Weightless” and “Deja Vu.” Gaga’s artistry. The only people that know she could sing were people who listen to Gaga. Her fans (and more importantly herself) that she can put out music that is both catchy and reflective of her capabilities. What worries some fans is that this is a record for fans, it’s that the crowd certainly missed Delonge. Going on to say that the audience was much larger than the one that would have attended a Delonge-less Blink-182 show. There was no bad vibe…. all the way. The tour will continue throughout the U.S. until Oct. 1.

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The update includes colors used by inconsistent with university branding, and branding into the system. of Communications to bring the UAlbany summer, ITS worked with the Department system, according to Slichko. Over the to bring the university's colors into the of construction developer about faculty reactions updated-looking,” said Julie Slichko, in - 22. ITS made changes to Blackboard on Aug. suggestions for the system over six months, between student workers at the ITS help problems,” Moore said.

"Gee, if we update the theme, we won’t to try and fix it all of the while know that,, "We would kind of put a bandaid on it keep you alive — HORACE GREELEY The old theme featured a dark purple, — PATRICK DAY TINE The updated theme was also designed "It looked like you were in a tunnel," "Technology gives us this opportunity so technology in the computer science department at UAlbany to develop a platform that would be accessible to all Syrian refugees with a smartphone. The brothers have worked for over two years to create a program that would help Syrian refugees, and in these months they successfully recorded, translated, and created the courses. They have received financial support from UAlbany’s Office of the Provost, the Center for International Education and Global Strategy, the Inter- the Department of Communications and Marketing, and customizable backgrounds aimed for help instructors to differentiate between courses. “It looked like you were in a tunnel,” said Slichko of Blackboard appearance prior to the update. Journalism “will kill you but it will keep you alive while you’re at it” — HORACE GREELEY
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An Evering kill sent back Gabrielle Otero led UAlbany through a 6-0 run, including Dolan notching two kills and a block, to send the Great Danes on its way. UAlbany picked up an early 3-0 run on kills, with USF emerging ahead by one, 2-1. At 10-10, the next six points were scored on kills, with USF emerging ahead by one. At 25-21, DePaul went up 20-9 with a kill, but could not finish. Maxwell got a kill, then Hansen served UAlbany up to set point. At 24-21, UAlbany finished it with a kill for a 25-22 set win. At 2-0 lead.

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**Volleyball**

UAlbany volleyball splits doubleheader at DePaul Invitational

**Soccer**

Schneider’s 16th Career Goal Not Enough as Danes Lose 2-1 to Seton Hall, Fall to 2-5

By DIANA HYMOWITZ

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Fresh off the program’s first ever defeat of an FBS school, the UAlbany Great Danes head coach Greg Gattuso looked to continue their recent success as they traveled to Brandon, Rhode Island to battle the University of Rhode Island Rams on Saturday afternoon. In the last meeting between the two, Albany coasted to a 3-7 victory at home. This time, the score was the same, just at a different location, and with a different player leading the way. Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks, a sophomore from Newark, NJ, dominated the URI defense, gaining 178 yards on 27 carries, and scoring three touchdowns, building on a strong one week performance where he totaled 104 yards and 1 touchdown. His performance this week was much needed, as Albany’s passing game was basically non-existent. Sophomore Steve Novo started the game, but was pulled for redshirt-junior D’Krook after the first half. Sarno was just 2-9 for seventeen yards and also threw an interception but did run the ball effectively, gaining 54 yards while completing 4 of his 7 passes in the second half. Thankfully, they didn’t have to be, as Ibitokun-Hanks was able to provide the necessary offensive firepower.

The game was scoreless for much of the first quarter, with both teams punting and forcing the ball over in their first two possessions of the game. When Albany got the ball for the third time in the quarter, with just under seven minutes left, they proceeded to march down the field for a nine-play, 67-yard drive capped off by Ibitokun-Han-ks’ six-yard touchdown run. That was all the scoring for the first quarter, as both teams traded punts on their next possessions. After forcing a three-and-out by Albany, the Rams got the ball and proceeded to score on a 7-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Maxi Primus. This was the last time the game would be tied. After a slow five minutes, Albany got the ball back with just 3:00 before halftime, and once again seized on a Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks touchdown run, this one on a 28-yard run on 4th and 2, opting to go for it on a missed kick at the goal line. The decision paid off for Gattuso, as his team went into the locker room with a 14-7 lead.

In the second half, the Great Danes defense took over, forcing four turnovers, and scoring twice on interception returns, while conceding just 104 yards and 1 touchdown, while sophomore Mason Gray also picked up a fumble and returned it for a touchdown. The Danes’ defense held URI to just 296 total yards of offense on the afternoon, and allowed just 11 first downs, in a stifling defensive effort. Redshirt-sophomore Elijah Shurtz was a perfect 5-5 on extra points, while redshirt-senior Jon Martin punctured the URI’s offense seven times for a 44.1-yard average, twice pinning the Rams inside their own 20-yard line. Albany (2-0, 1-0 CAA) host Holy Cross to Tom and Mary Casey Stadium next Saturday at 7:00 pm for their home opener. While URI (0-2, 0-1 CAA) will travel to Harvard to face the Crimson next Friday night.

Ibitokun-Hanks unstoppable as Danes crush University of Rhode Island, improve to 2-0

By BRENDAN SMITH

After beginning the season 3-0, the UAlbany Field Hockey team has fallen to 3-3 after a pair of tough road losses this past weekend.

The first defeat came on Friday at the hands of #16 Princeton. Although being down 2-0 after the first half, the Great Danes were able to tie it up with a goal from Paula Heuser off of a penalty corner. Less than four minutes later, UAlbany grabbed the lead off of Heuser’s second goal from a penalty corner. Frederike Heilke and Anna Bottino were credited with the assists on the goal, respectively.

The Great Danes held the lead for the next 12 minutes, before a scoreless ten minutes of overtime. Then, Princeton, led by Elena Turtik at the 26th minute, scored to tie the game up 2-2. The game went to an overtime period with a point awarded to the winning team. The Danes’ penalty shootout was the difference, as UAlbany defeated the Scarlet and White thanks to a goal from Paula Heuser. The Danes will head to the University of Rhode Island to battle the Rams next Saturday at 11:00 am. The game will be broadcast on ESPN3.

In the first two minutes of overtime, Finn made another save on a shot by Hurley. Bucknell was immediately able to take the ball the other way and score the game winner on another rebound shot.

After a week that saw lots of travel and two losses, UAlbany returns home for a matchup on Saturday 17 against Yale.

By DIANA HYMOWITZ

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