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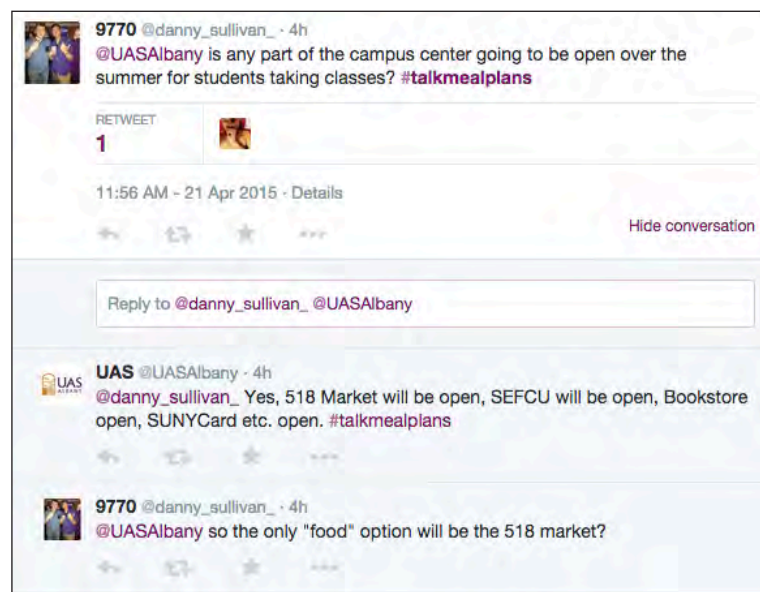
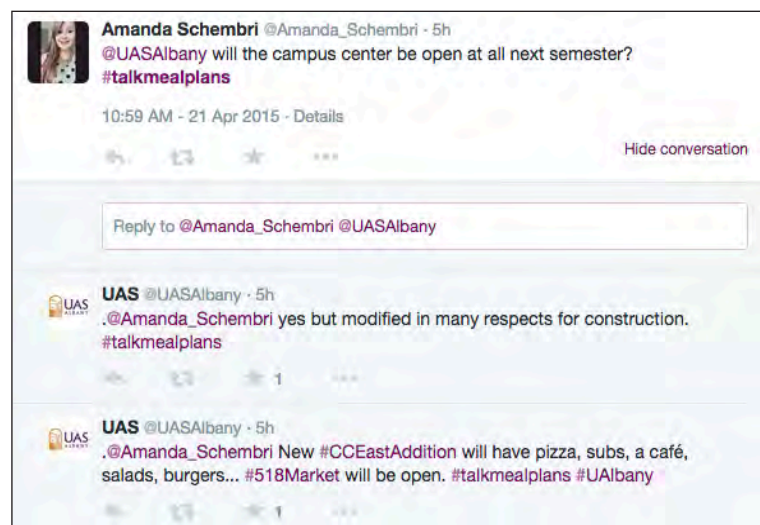
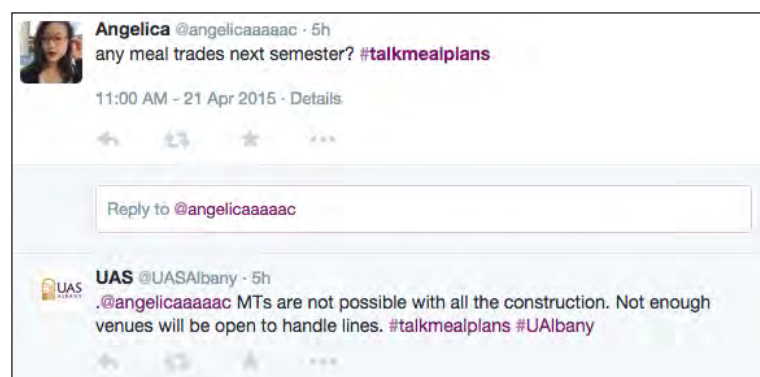
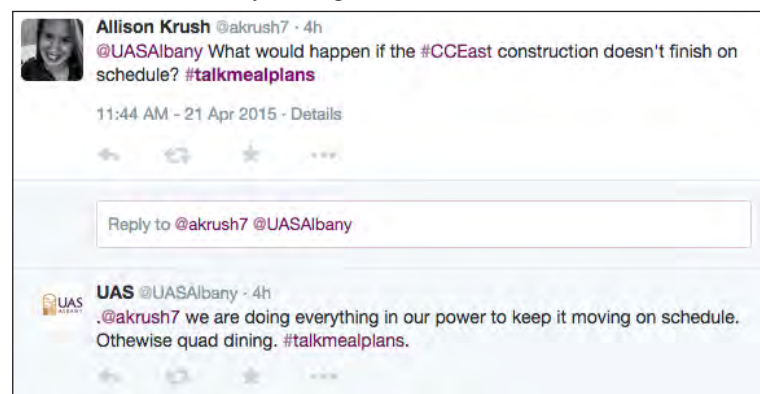
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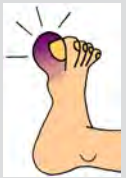
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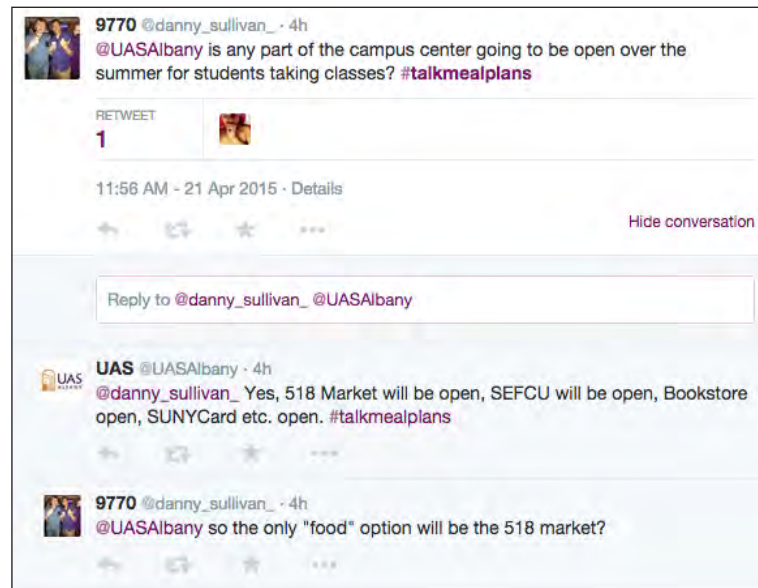
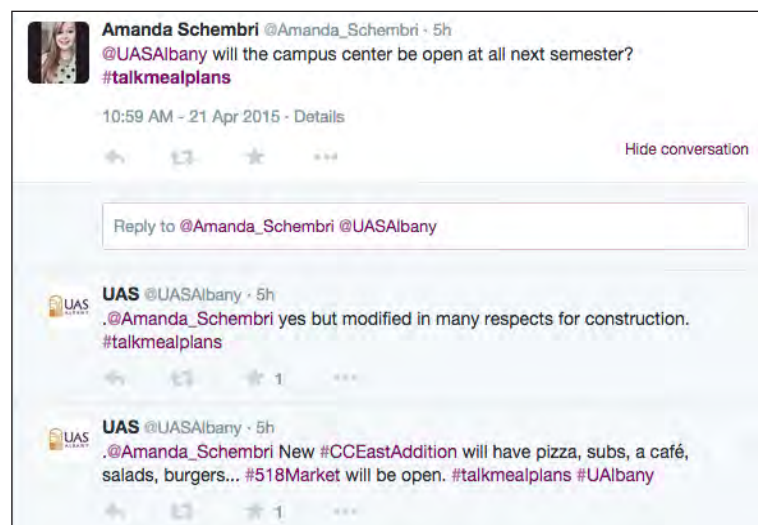
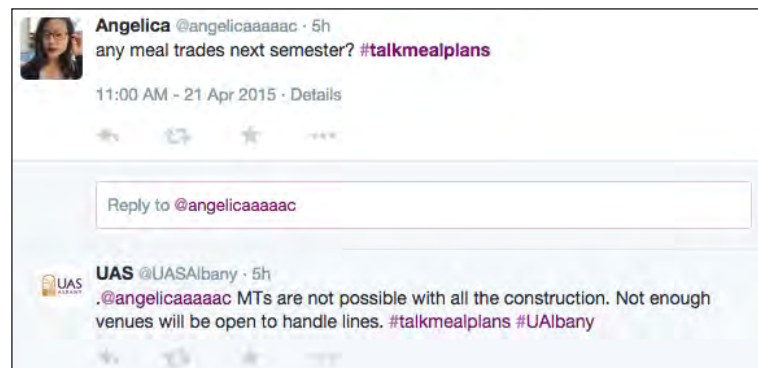
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Joan Murray and Alicia Suskin Ostriker may not be crazy, but they do hear voices.

The two women who visited the University at Albany on Thursday, April 23 as part of a New York State Writers Institute event, are poets. Both mentioned hearing the voices of their characters.

"I have to really listen," Murray said.

When she feels as though a character is speaking to her, she writes down what she hears. The poets explained that they believe it is their responsibility to share what is being told to them by characters they may create.



Photo from joanmurray.com  
Joan Murray won the National Poetry Series Open Competition in 1999.

"We can get something said in lots of different ways but it's our obligation as poets to write it in the voice that was given to us," Murray said.

However, the poets agreed that they face subjects that are dif-

icult to share in their personal voices.

"Usually when I get stuck with something it's because I am trying to capture something in my net of language," Ostriker said.

For a poet, listening to voices they may hear is easy. Those voices tell stories. Using their own voices to tell the stories is harder.

Murray offered some advice to aspiring poets trying to find their own voice.

"Read poetry," she said. "It can be so completely different but they're all ways to hear what your voice is as a poet."

With countless different types of poetry, reading it can seem daunting.

Ostriker began writing poetry by counting syllables and lines before a friend of hers told her she wrote like she was stuck in the past.

"You don't write like you're in the 20th century," she recalled him saying.

From then on, she began writing free verse more consistently. However, she never again referred to it as that name.

"It's open form," she said. "It's like improvisation."

Ostriker admitted that, in this sense, poetry is similar to jazz music. While there is an element of music in her writing, she explains that there is a story as well.

"Human beings love stories, human beings love narrative," she said.

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Photo from albany.edu/writers-inst  
Alicia Ostriker has been a finalist for the National Book Award twice.

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"We're making art here," Murray said.

Poetry is made up of countless different pieces.

"When you write from your own depths," Ostriker said, "If you find the language, if you find the music, if you find what translates the nonverbal stuff in you into language, then it will come across to other people."

While finding a topic to write about can be difficult, the poets agreed that it is something that comes from their own minds.

"What a poet does do if they want to be really powerful is pursue his or her own obsessions," Ostriker said. "Whatever you can't stop yourself from brooding about, that's your subject."

Ostriker's most recent book, entitled "The Old Woman, the Tulip, and the Dog" was released last year. Murray's latest collection, "Swimming for the Ark: New & Selected Poems 1990-2015" was published this year.

# Middle Earth- Students helping students

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Graduation can create feelings of excitement and accomplishment. Along with these positive feelings, you may also experience stress about your future and apprehension about change.

Those of you who are planning to graduate this semester are probably pursuing many different and unique paths. Some of you may be heading to further your education through studying law, business, medicine, psychology, or another discipline. Others may already have a job lined up. Some of you may plan on continuing your education after gaining some work experience. And a large number of you will be looking for a job after moving back home.

In spite of the range of possibilities, you all have one thing in common - change. Change can affect several areas of a person's life.

But there are some ways you can deal with all this change.

First, be aware that "good stress" is still stress. Enjoy the positive, natural high that you get from good stress, but also be aware of the toll it may be taking on your body and your mind.

Second, check in with yourself once in a while and try to figure out what you are thinking and feeling.

Third, take care of yourself physically by eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise. Take steps to balance work, social activities, and relaxation.

And fourth, keep an eye out for signs of stress - a change in

not be completely smooth. The lifestyle you have grown accustomed to as an undergraduate will be disrupted, and you will need to adapt accordingly.

If you would like to talk to a trained peer about time management or academic success, you can call the Middle Earth Peer Assistance hotline at 518-442-5777. The Middle Earth Peer Assistance hotline is free, anonymous, and open when classes at the University at Albany are in session during the academic year (September through May).

The hotline hours are from 1 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday and 24 hours on weekends beginning on Friday at 1 p.m. and ending on Sunday at midnight.

If you would like to talk to a professional confidentially about this topic, there is a great option for you. If you are a UAlbany student, you can make an appointment at the University Counseling Center with a mental health professional to discuss

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"We were having conversations two years ago about next year," he said, because administrators knew that the tuition plan was in place if state aid did not come through.

Another benefit, according to Van Voorst, is that 83 percent of graduates are working in New York State after college.

### The final year

"Part of this compact is we need to show how we use that money," Van Voorst said.

All SUNY schools will present their results when the NYSUNY

2020 legislation comes to an end after the 2015-16 academic year. The state will have to decide whether or not to renew the plan and offer more funding.

"How efficiently and how effectively do the schools use those dollars? That's what it comes down to," Van Voorst said.

He said that UAlbany is trying to hold its standards high with the money it received. He is uneasy about what the future would hold if NYSUNY 2020 is not extended.

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# OPINIONS

## Are you #ReadyForHillary again?

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yet the speculations have already begun. On the Republican side, we have a large pool of potential candidates. Three of them (Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and Marco Rubio) have already announced their candidacy, with many more planning to announce and forming exploratory committees.

On the Democratic side, the field is less crowded. On the surface, there is one person who will run: Hillary Clinton. She is the only one that has announced so far. Despite possible options such as Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Elizabeth Warren, it is looking to be a coronation for the former First Lady.

On paper, Clinton looks to be the best candidate the Democrats can offer up. Clinton is doing very well in polls for primary and general elections. According to Real Clear Politics (RCP), Clinton is 50 points ahead of any Democratic challenger. In general election polls, she beats all Republican challengers. The closest challenge, according to RCP, is from Marco Rubio, and she beats him by 7.5 points.

Clinton has a few qualities that set her apart from her challengers. Her biggest asset is the political dynasty she forged with her husband, former President Bill Clinton. This empire has produced millions of dollars and political connections across the country. These connections led to her next asset: experience. As a former first lady, Clinton began eight years of seeing the inner workings of the White House. She later became a senator in New York, where she gained experience in the legislature. She later became Secretary of State under President Barack Obama, where she gained experienced in foreign affairs. This mix of dealing

The 2016 Presidential Elections are more than a year away,

run by the Clintons. By itself, it may seem minimal. However, tracing back the donations, several decisions by Clinton as Secretary of State are called into question, such as a Russian nuclear energy company, Rosatom, buying a Canadian uranium company. Clinton signed off the sale and millions of dollars from high ranking employees of Rosatom have flooded the Clinton Foundation. Despite these troubling stories, the media saved their ferocity, initiative, and outrage for much more "important" scandals. Such "scandals" ranged from Scott Walker not graduating college to Chris Christie possibly closing down lanes on the George Washington Bridge. The news media loves Clinton and they are shamelessly not afraid to show it.

Unfortunately, there are some downsides to Clinton beyond those two scandals. Her experience while in government has been less than stellar. As First Lady, Clinton led the committee to push her husband's healthcare reform plan. The plan was under fire from the right as well as the health insurance agency, and she was tasked with selling it to the American public. The task force ultimately failed and the plan was never passed. In Congress, despite her service, she voted for both wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Both of those votes came back to haunt her in the 2008 election, where she had to defend her vote to a party who disliked the wars. The entire 2008 election is pretty much an embarrassment to Clinton in general.

Going into the primaries, Clinton was seen as the inevitable candidate to win the Presidency. At first, Clinton was the leader in the polls. After a few terrible performances in debates, her numbers fell as Obama's number's rose. What once looked like a shoe-in turned out to be a major defeat. After the victory of Obama in 2008, she was appointed to be his Secretary of State, she accepted. Even without the faux Benghazi controversy, Clinton's tenure as

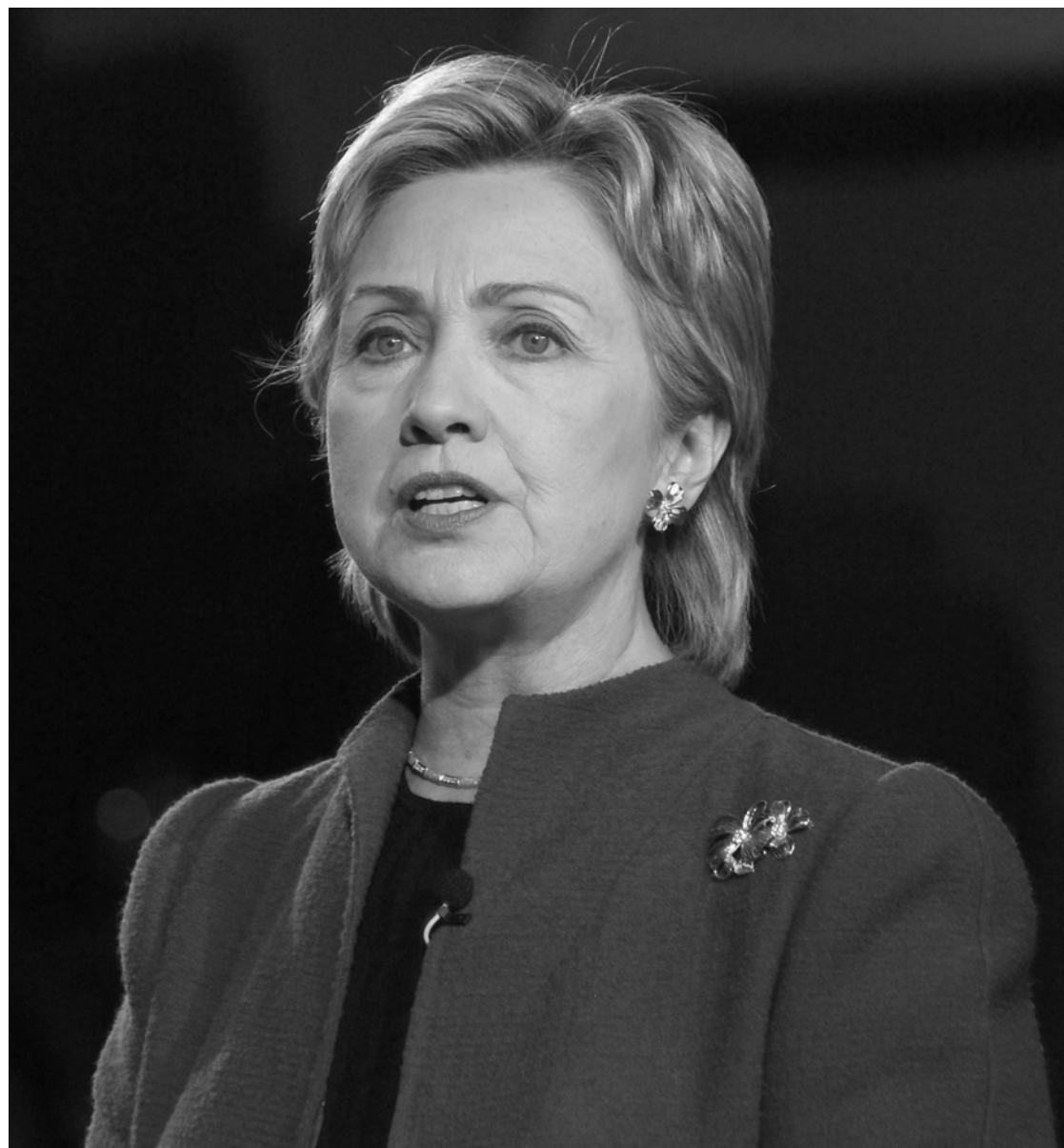


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2016 Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in Hampton, New Hampshire, April 2007.

with domestic and foreign issues makes Clinton a good candidate.

On top of all of this, her gender is powerful as well. Its benefits are two-fold. Firstly, she could be the first female president. This status could drive people to the polls to vote for her. The secondary use is the shield from any or all attacks against her. Just like any critic of President Obama is spun as a "racist," anyone who criticizes Clinton, no matter how legitimate the criticism may be, will be painted a "sexist." The "war on women" portrayal has worked for Democrats in the past, and may very well work for them in 2016.

The obvious media support of Clinton may help her win the election. Two scandals have recently come out that would destroy any Republican in a media firestorm. First, Clinton operated out of a private email instead of a government email during her tenure. This is bad because these emails are not on record with the government. In the case that these emails needed to be checked or referenced, there would be no official record of them. The other big scandal was the massive amounts of foreign money donated to the Clinton Foundation, a charity

Secretary of State was far from stellar. Much of her tenure is unremarkable. Russian relations, despite her efforts, are no better than they were before her appointment. Despite her years of experience, she has very little to point to in those years to be proud of. At best, she was unexceptional at everything she did.

Despite these flaws, her odds of winning the presidency are very good. While it is still very early, Clinton is showing an impressive start to the 2016 campaign. Let's see if she can finish the job this time.

## The life of a tour guide

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"Shut the fuck up!"

I heard a student scream from the third floor of an Indian Quad dorm. It was a Sunday morning at 11 A.M., and I was in the middle of my second campus tour of the day.

As a tour guide, I recognize that the explosively loud voices of my 20 coworkers and myself can sometimes be intrusive in the early hours of a weekend morning. However, this was not a typical Sunday afternoon. It was Open House for accepted students at the University at Albany. This was my second consecutive day waking up at 7 a.m., along with my fellow tour guides, in order to greet thousands of new students that were coming to visit the university.

The last thing I want to do is deprive anyone of his or her late afternoon sleep, when I myself have been awake since the crack of dawn. I walk backwards for hours throughout the campus and answer the same questions sometimes 15 or 20 times a day.

None of this ever bothers me: I accept it as a part of the job that I thoroughly enjoy and look forward to doing every week. I love speaking about my experience at UAlbany, showcasing our unique campus and being in a position where I can convince others to attend as well. However, the part of my job that I refuse to accept is the constant encounters with students who feel it is acceptable to scream profanities or rude comments to the large groups of people who are receiving their first impression of the school.

If one is a current student, and has ever made a harmful comment to a tour group, he/she makes our jobs increasingly more difficult. More importantly, he/she makes our university look bad as a whole.

"Don't come here, the food sucks."

"The TA's here are terrible."

"Coming to this school was the worst decision of my life."

If my coworkers and I sat down to share our collective experience with the negative comments we receive, we would be truly

bothered. Just know that this is our job, and although anyone has the freedom to state their comments or shout their opinions, before one does, take a second to empathize with us. Especially to the students that are employed elsewhere, think about how you would feel if someone followed you around just to contradict everything you were trying to sell or promote.

As a tour guide, we truly believe in the product we are trying to sell, which is our school. We recognize that students can have bad days, and that maybe they do not have a great experience with all aspects of our campus. What we want people to realize is that they have an entire year compromised of hundreds of chances to have a delicious lunch, for one's teaching assistant to take the time to personally help him/her with an assignment, or maybe, one might step into the sunshine at Collins Circle and simply be grateful to be here. However, the prospective students and families that are following us around campus will only have one day to make their decision. They should be able to make it free from the influence of others.

To those who felt it was okay to scream at families through their dorm windows, I wish they had realized the events that were going on. Sometimes, when thousands of people visit the school, it can be more important than that extra hour of completely peaceful sleep one can get on a Sunday morning. It is about putting aside one's exhaustion or headache from the night before and realize that although these tours should be an expected part of campus life, they will not happen every day. In fact, other than last weekend, tours never happen on Sunday mornings on Indian Quad (they do happen Saturday mornings on State Quad at Fulton Hall- our sincerest apologies).

Open House is crucial because it happens to take place right before our Admissions Deposit Deadline. For many visiting students in the next few weeks, our campus tours will be the deciding factor in regards to attending UAlbany. I ask on behalf of my coworkers, Supervising

Tour Coordinator and Admissions Counselors who I know work tirelessly to accommodate and interact with thousands of our visiting students that people please refrain from casually directing harmful comments at our groups. I only have one hour to showcase our university, and I would love to spend more time talking about our libraries, fountains, or resources, than doing damage control because of a statement that was made.

Lastly, to anyone who intrudes on tours because they are truly unhappy with their experience at UAlbany, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the vast resources the university has to offer. There are over 200 clubs you can join, professional counselors you can speak too, personalized tutoring one can receive, or even just a different meal plan that will be more accommodating to your needs.

And if one needs help, feel free to stop by University Hall and speak to a tour guide. We would love to help, and are more than willing to lend a hand when it comes to utilizing all of the resources UAlbany has to offer.

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# Understanding the college experience

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The college experience becomes a reality for most students once they step on campus. They see it on television, movies constantly exploit it, and students broadcast it on social media.

These cookie-cutter depictions of college are arbitrary because college is a culture shock for most incoming students. Think about it: people are always reflecting on what they could have done differently in college. The best way to make a smooth transition into college is to start on the right foot.

"You can think of college as an incubation period, where you develop your skills and character" Quora user Ching Ho wrote in a post. "You are likely never going to have as many resources, like-minded peers, free hours, and opportunities as you do in college again- so use them wisely."

Each person's experience in college is distinctively their own. It is pretty easy to dabble into too much or suffer from dorm room fever, but there are ways to create a medium. Students will definitely say that creating a balance is easier said than done, but this is a skill one acquires and develop over the course of four years.

One must manage his or her time. It sounds cliché, but life is a lot more relieving when one is conscious of what they can do in a day. Some of the common tips include writing down tasks, planning ahead, scheduling in time to relax and sleep, and the list goes on. The point is to set realistic

expectations for yourself in order to remain satisfied and sane in college.

College is a journey for everyone, and it can get stressful. For instance, a picture circulated on Facebook a couple of years ago titled "Choose Two: social life, good grades and/or enough sleep."

Stress comes with the territory. One should ease it by participating in activities that will keep him/her levelheaded like getting enough sleep, reaching out to others, or relieving tactics. It will leave someone with a more fulfilling experience knowing that he or she is able to take care of himself.

Academic life in college is different from academic life in high school in that one has control over what courses he or she wants to take. Choose classes wisely and carefully. These are classes that one should enjoy and will help them complete their major or minor.

Succeeding academically is a two-way street (and some would say three-way street). Take classes with good professors. Pick their brain and see what they expect out of students. Likewise, have a helpful advisor that will keep one's education in good standing.

Students should avoid procrastination and all-nighters as much as possible by mapping out the work they have to do. I have heard too many horror stories about people staying an extra year or extra semester because they need to complete their credits. Schedule courses each semester in a way that will set

up graduation by the time senior year rolls around.

College life does not fizzle once people leave the classroom. Interact with people. It is refreshing to know that students can leave high school in the past and start off with a clean slate: they should take advantage of it. This means student need to step out of their comfort zone and their dorm room.

There are plenty of people to meet in college and tons of ways to meet them. Eat with friends, talk to people in your hall, go to parties, attend events, take on internships, or study abroad.

Most importantly, join clubs and organizations. They put blocks in peoples' time for things that they are interested in. Organizational sociologist Daniel F. Chambliss at Hamilton College made a similar point in a New York Times piece.

"Most people don't make their friends in classes. It helps to join a large high-contact activity, like a sports team or choir, where people see each other at least twice a week."

The list of clubs on campus that one can join is endless, plus one's chances of finding more than one organization that matches their interests are pretty high.

Remember that students have four years to figure college out. The sooner they start, the better. It comes down to dedication and patience, which are probably the last two words that students want to hear, but will help guide them in the right direction towards a fulfilling college experience.

# Be aware of Autism

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## What is Autism?

"Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior," according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, which also reports that early signs of autism are found when babies are unresponsive to people or only focus on one item.

There are also mild cases of Autism, such as Asperger's syndrome where the central symptom is trouble in social situations, such as not picking up on body language or the inability to start and maintain conversations with other people.

## How many people are diagnosed?

One in 68 U.S. children are diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2014. This is a 30 percent increase from two years ago where only one in 88 children were diagnosed, according to a report released by CNN in 2014.

The number of people diagnosed with Autism is steadily increasing and the age by which parents start to see signs of autism and it is being diagnosed is decreasing. The CDC reports that the diagnosis of Autism by age two can be valid and reliable and parents begin to see signs of autism before a child's first birthday.

"ASD is almost five times more common among boys (one in 42) than among girls (one in 189)," according to the CDC and "on average, children identified with ASD were not diagnosed until after age four, even though children can be diagnosed as early as age two."

## Why is Autism increasing?

The reason for the spike in Autism diagnoses is in part due to the expanded diagnostic criteria for the illness. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) has increased the criteria eligibility for Autism. According to Disabilityscoop.com, a research team at the University of Utah

matched the diagnosis criteria in the 80s to the criteria in the modern day and found that "most who were deemed to be autism-free at that time would receive the label today."

"Thus, while it is well known that current DSM-IV-TR criteria increased the identification of high functioning individuals, our results indicate that they also increase identification of ASD among individuals with autism and intellectual impairment," wrote researchers in the study published online in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders this month.

Researchers have also linked the increase in Autism to the increase in air pollution. The new Harvard study says that exposure to air pollution amongst pregnant women, more specifically in their third trimester, have an increased chance of birthing a child with Autism as reported by NBC news.

There was also a recent study linking autism to the Mumps-Measles-Rubella (MMR) vaccination. This study has since been disproven.

## Autism in Society

People who are diagnosed with Autism are fairly young, most of the time before they enter school. For a long time, Autistic children are in the care of their parents or guardians.

The economic hardships parents have to face to sustain a child are increased with Autism.

The CDC reports that, "It is estimated to cost at least \$17,000 more per year to care for a child with ASD compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family-coordinated services, and caregiver time.

For a child with more severe ASD, costs per year increase to over \$21,000. Taken together, it is estimated that total societal costs of caring for children with ASD were over \$9 billion in 2011."

In this case it is far better to get a child diagnosed sooner rather than later. This way, the child will be able to get the medical attention he or she needs as well as learn how to better function in society while dealing with Autism.

"The earlier a child is diagnosed with autism, the better their chances of overcoming the difficulties that come with the disorder," according to CNN.

## Autism in school

First thing to know is that nearly one in three students report being bullied during the school year, according to the National Center for Educational statistics in 2013.

63 percent of children with Autism had been bullied, according to a survey of 1,200 parents who had a child with Autism conducted by researchers from the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University. It was also discovered that these children were three times more likely to be bullied than their siblings who do not have autism.

Other findings included: 61 percent of children with Asperger's were being bullied and children in public schools were 50 percent more like to be bullied than in private of special education schools.

"One noteworthy finding was children with autism may also become bullies themselves. Twenty percent of surveyed parents said their child with autism had bullied others. Most were "bully-victims,"



meaning they had also been bullied at some point, the researchers said."

Children with Autism are placed in regular classroom settings and their characteristic behavioral traits are not in-line with non-Autistic student, which is indicative of their treatment from other students.

## What do we do?

The first thing to realize is that people with Autism clearly need special attention. This means that in public schools, they need a regiment separate from the other students: a regiment where they can learn at their own pace and they are not troubled with constant teasing by their peers.

People must also realize that people with any degree of Autism are still people. Having Autism does not make anyone less of a person and those who tease people with autism probably have an Autistic person in their family and if it's not okay to tease that family, then it is not okay to tease anyone else's.

Dr. Paul Law said, "To experience teasing, taunts, ostracism or other forms of spite may make a child who was already struggling to cope become completely unable to function," in a CBS news article.

People need to increase awareness for those with Autism. It is not easy for them, their parents, or their family.

People with Autism are more importantly people in general and should be treated as such.

# Stepping out of the classroom and getting involved

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Classes are set in stone, but the way students spend the rest of their time in college is for them to decide. Use that time to participate in extracurricular activities.

"The most basic reason for joining a club or team is that it gives you something better to do than staring at a wall, wandering the hall, or napping all afternoon," TeensHealth.com said. Having an abundance of open time is a reality for most students, but clubs and various activities can and will fill those empty holes in their schedule.

Extracurricular activities provide students a break from the academic setting. Students should remember that college is not solely about doing well. Instead of perceiving activities as a pastime from academics, view it as something that compliments academics.

"The things you do in your free time reveal a lot about you in ways that grades and test scores can't," Jeff Brenzel, the dean of undergraduate admissions at Yale University, claimed.

Realistically, students are not studying for the entire day. That does not mean that academics are insignificant, but college life encompasses more than school-work.

The types of activities that individuals can enroll at the University at Albany are endless. According to MyInvolvement.org, activities on campus fall under twelve categories: academic, arts, cultural, fraternity or sorority, media, political, pre-professional, recreation, religious, service, social, and university resources.

They key to getting involved is finding activities that pertain to the interests and goals are for a student. The point is for students to expand, not confine, their horizons because extracurricular activities help them gain more exposure to what college has to offer them.

This type of fulfillment is not only analogous to joining clubs and organizations. Internships and part time jobs are a satisfying way to gain work experience, professional skills, and compensation at the same time. Resident Assistants [RAs] serve as the go-to people for residents living on campus, and they receive perks like recognition and free room and board. Sports help people stay in shape in a recreational manner.

Choose wisely. The amount of activities students take on is a personal decision, but their activities should be something that they enjoy and help them reach their full potential.

"Establishing yourself in a few activities that you truly care

about and where you are able to enlist yourself in a leadership role says that you have the ability to commit to a task and take charge of it," Carolyn Cutrone and Melissa Stanger from Business Insider said.

Getting involved is also a way for students to be productive in college because they are in a new and unfamiliar environment. They might feel hesitant to become active out of fear and uncertainty of putting themselves out there, but taking the first step is worth it. That step will give students an immense amount of exposure to opportunities that help them get more familiar with their surroundings.

They are forced to break out of their comfort zone and get involved by leaving their room and resisting the urge to only hanging out with people in proximity to them. Extracurricular activities ultimately make students feel more in touch with themselves and their college experience.

"[The important thing is] are you getting something out of it?" Brenzel asked. "Are you enjoying it? Are you learning how to do it better? Has it taken you some places that you would not otherwise have gone? If so, you're fine."

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# Arts & Entertainment

## They Might Be Giants rock the Capital Region

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Having just released a new album on April 21, They Might Be Giants has begun touring all around the country.

On their tour, the band stopped by the Capital District on Wednesday, April 22 for an energetic and eclectic performance at Upstate Concert Hall in Clifton Park. The alternative rock band played a mix of songs both old and new, but mainly focused on their new album "Glean."

The band is on a very difficult touring schedule, which involves touring cities from Philadelphia to San Diego in support of their 17th album. They will then travel back to Brooklyn for the last Sunday of every month to play a hometown show.

Having formed in 1982, the band has a mix of fans from all generations. The audience at Upstate Concert Hall consisted of all ages, from high schoolers to their parents' generation. The venue does not offer a lot of space for dancing, but jumping up and down seemed to be enough for most.



Credit: TheyMightBeGiants.com

The album cover for the band's newest release, "Glean."

The band certainly let their weird sense of humor shine through during their set. They fielded a pair of fake phone calls from Siri, Apple's digital assistant program. Singer/guitarist John Flansburgh turned his back to the audience and used a robotic voice effect on his microphone to make the "prank calls" to singer/keyboardsist John Linnell.

During the second set, Flansburgh admitted to the crowd that calling Upstate Concert Hall an Albany venue is a bit misleading.

"I honestly have no idea where we are," said Flansburgh. The band later thanked "Mr. Cliff Ton Park, our benefactor," for bringing them there.

TMBG played a few fan favorites such as "Istanbul" and "Birdhouse in Your Soul," but made some surprising omissions. Despite bringing up former Governor Nelson Rockefeller several times, and explicitly stating that they would play the song, they did not play their tribute to Albany's roundest landmark "The Egg." Popular singles from the band such as "Ana Ng" and "Don't Let's Start" were also left out of the set list.

Leaving out some older material certainly helped them make the case for their newest album, which was available for purchase at their merchandise table. New songs like "Underwater Woman" and "Answer" were received just as well as older material from the band.

After a pair of one hour sets and two encores, the band said their goodbyes by giving out hundreds of band stickers to the audience. The stage techs began taking everything apart, so that the equipment could be loaded and taken to their next stop at the House of Blues in Boston.

The Brooklyn-based band found an early audience through their Dial-A-Song method of recording songs. The phone service, operated by John Linnell and John Flansburgh, originally ran from 1983 to 2006. New songs would be recorded on a voicemail, which fans



Credit: Metafilter

Band founders John Flansburgh and John Linnell grew up together in Massachusetts.

could call in order to hear new music.

TMBG brought back Dial-A-Song for 2015, as well as a website for hearing their new material. The songs are updated every week, which will mean 52 brand new songs planned for the year. The number for Dial-A-Song is (844) 387-6962.

With the release of their new album, revival of the Dial-A-Song service, and successful national tour, They Might Be Giants is back bigger than ever.

## Hollywood preps for summer with a rush of trailers

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The summer movie season is looming ever closer, and with "Avenger: Age of Ultron" set to kick things off on

May 1, studios have recently been in a rush to release shiny new trailers for their biggest blockbusters in the hopes of playing in front of one of the largest audiences of the year. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," Disney's other gigantic, pop-culture-dominating sequel in 2015, recently debuted its second trailer to an ecstatic fan response on April 16, but the days following that also saw new trailers for just about all of summer 2015's heavyweight contenders, and one from a release as far off as 2016. Here now is a look at some of these new trailers and what they reveal about the films themselves.

"Ant-Man," Marvel Studios' emphatically small "Age of Ultron" follow-up got its second trailer, revealing more of the plot and characters and also addressing the complaints many had with the first trailer. This new look at the smallest Avenger's debut film played up the humor, an element that was mostly lacking from earlier looks at the film, and the result was a much clearer vision of the action-comedy tone that all involved promised the film would have. One stand-out comedic sequence in the trailer saw a beyond-bite-sized



Credit: MarvelCinematicUniverse.wiki

"Ant-Man" is set to be released July 2015.

Ant-Man (Paul Rudd) going at it with a similarly small villain on a rattling train, which turns out to be a child's Thomas the Tank Engine playset. The trailer also offered the first look at the film's main antagonist, Yellowjacket (Corey Stoll) in motion, and provided a better impression of what the world will look like from the hero's point-of-view when small. All in all, it was a very promising look at what is shaping up to be a solid adventure

On a less promising note, "Terminator: Genisys," the franchise reboot that everyone seems to have accepted despite never having asked for it, dropped a new trailer that left fans and pundits scratching their heads. The usual business was there: alternate timeline, Emilia Clarke in badass-mode, bus chase, Arnold Schwarzenegger back in the cybernetic-saddle. But in addition to all that was a reveal that seemed to give away a massive and game-changing twist. In the interest of those wishing to remain unspoiled this twist will not be shared here, but suffice it to say that something is definitely not what it seemed to be, and the implications of this for the franchise past and present will almost certainly be huge, if not necessarily good or well thought out. Nothing else in the trailer indicated that the film would be anything more than a generic action flick, but it will certainly not be without some intrigue.

The new trailer for "Fantastic Four" had perhaps the most heavy-lifting to do as the film is such a huge departure from both the previous FF movies and most superhero films in general, and the previous trailer for the film left a lot to be desired in terms of character and detail. To its credit, the second trailer gives a much better sense of who the titular team are as characters, showed how they will interact with each other, and for good measure threw in some humor. On top of all that, the extra time needed to finish up the visual effects allowed the new trailer to show off each character's powers in action. Less interesting was the first look at the film's new, weirdly-shiny version of Doctor Doom. While the marketing for the film is finally starting to give a fuller idea of what it is, whether or not such a grounded take on a traditionally big and vibrant team of characters like the Fantastic Four is a good idea remains to be seen.

Strangely enough, easily the biggest trailer unveiled recently was not for a film coming out this summer, or even this year. The debut teaser for "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice," the follow-up to 2013's "Man of Steel" and precursor to the rest of the DC Comics Cinematic Universe, dropped in advance of summer 2015, despite the fact that the film itself will not be in theaters until March 25, 2016. When the fate of an entire line of giant blockbusters depends on one film making a billion dollars, maybe it makes sense to start the marketing push well in advance. The teaser itself is just that, a



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Ben Affleck starring as Batman and Henry Cavill reprising his role as Superman.

teaser. Little in the way of plot is revealed beyond what can be gathered from the title: Batman, Superman, they fight. As many expected, the fallout from the last film's destructive ending has a lot of the world against Superman, none more so it seems than Ben Affleck's Bruce Wayne. Suiting up in a heavily armored version of the bat-suit, he goes to face a very angry looking Superman asking him, "Do you bleed?" before assuring him, "You will."

The film definitely looks to be continuing the darker tone set by "Man of Steel," an artistic decision sure to please and frustrate audiences in equal measure, just as its predecessor did. Given the fact that "Man of Steel" made a lot less money than the studio was hoping for, continuing the franchise without any significant changes in approach beyond "Just put Batman in it" seems like a questionable way to go. Will enough people turn up for another movie with a neck-snapping Superman? Do audiences actually want a Batman who outright threatens to make his opponents bleed? There is a long way to go before those questions are answered, and the first teaser does not give a lot of hope for the future.

# Poetry at its finest

## “Hawaiian Shirts in the Electric Chair”

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Scott Laudati, a budding author and poet, writes with wonder and passion. His collection of poems entitled “Hawaiian Shirts in the

Electric Chair,” is easy to read and connect with. Readers don’t need to be expert readers or poets to enjoy his work and there is no need to analyze every word choice or combination. These poems are simply for those who love the written word in all its artistic forms. The first poem in line, “Can We Live Like This,” is written in an open-ended style, leaving the meaning up to the interpretation of the reader. It could be about a lover who fell out of love, or it could be a case of unrequited love. It could just be that the narrator is lamenting on the loss of a good friend, with no romantic feelings involved.

Another poem in the collection is “The Dog Days Are Over.” The narrator seems to be commending his dog for being calm and steadfast in the face of uncertainty and danger. He seems to take solace



Credit: Scott Laudati

“Hawaiian Shirts” author plays with his dog.

in the anchor that is man’s best friend. He thinks about how simple happiness can be. While some may require expensive gifts and travels abroad to bring them happiness, all this narrator needs is the dog. When it comes to poetry, many of us assume that all poetry is about love and loss or anger. Laudati shows us how to appreciate poetry from all emotions and thoughts, not necessarily the most passionate and debilitating emotions.

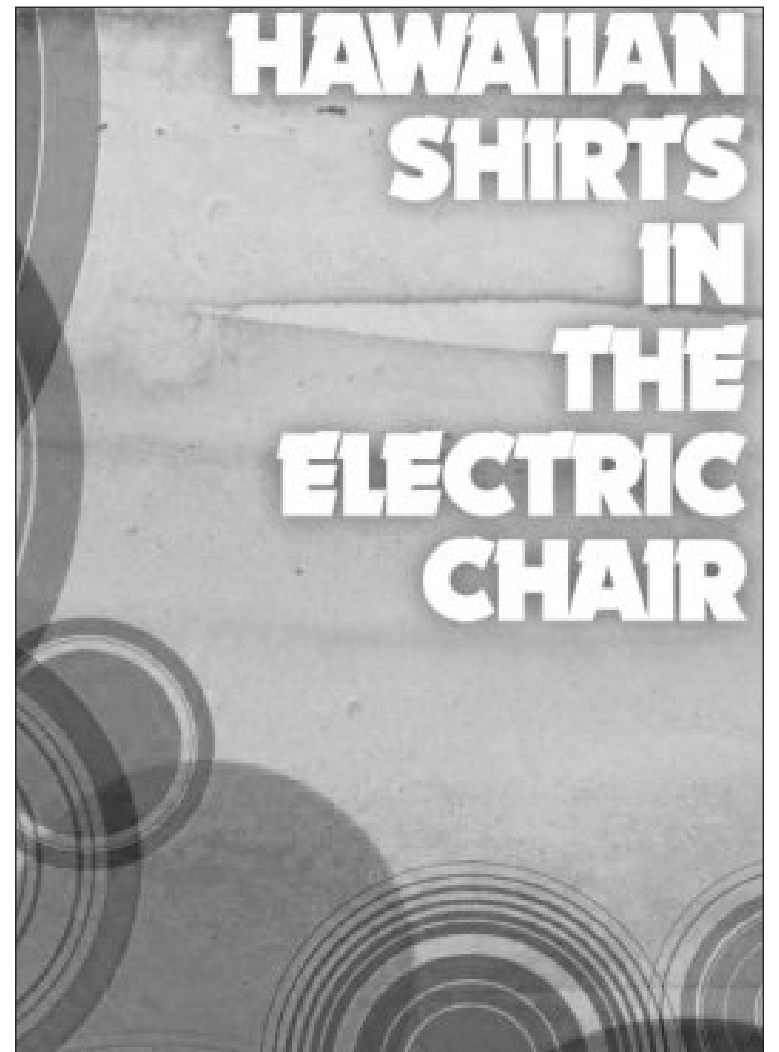
Throughout the book, the poems are told in first person to better help the readers to connect with the emotions and situations conveyed. The characters seem deep and thoughtful, but their words are vague enough so as to leave their thoughts and emotions somewhat interpretable. The poems are creative and fluid, changing from one feeling at the beginning to entirely new feelings at the end. They are complex enough to entertain, but not inaccessible.

It is a very good read, especially for those who enjoy reading but want something lighter than our textbooks. They are sad and beautiful, but sometimes filled with hope and promise. The book is engaging, thoughtful and inspiring, and funny. There are poems about dogs, UFOs, cocaine, friendship, love, bravery and time. Some are political and some are lighter.

Laudati expresses the idea of death in one of the most fearless ways. He is not trying to be a world-renowned poet, rather he is simply expressing his voice and thoughts for others to read and critique. His writing is brutally honest and unapologetic, he says what he feels and thinks no matter how raw and gritty it may seem. The theme seems to be connected to remaining innocence, a will to preserve it, and a fear of losing it.

“Putting the Art Back in Kmart” is about art itself and how destructive and beautiful it can be. Not all art can be held to the same standard as “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

We all find different forms of art pleasing. The compilation of poetry in “Hawaiian Shirts in the Electric Chair” is wonderful, both for those who already love poetry and for those who want to test the waters.



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The cover for Laudati’s collection of poems.

## Montreal bands play at The Low Beat

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Seasoned Albany-area promoter CR OM hosted a legendary show at

Albany’s very own The Low Beat on Saturday April 11, to a band of thrash-hungry mutants who were foaming at the mouth by the time local trio Sick Mind took the stage. Although technical problems with the bass player’s amplifier cut their anticipated set short, they blitzed through numerous tracks before calling it quits and clearing the stage for Montreal’s modern-day answer to 80s metal, Metalian.

The leather-clad Canadian rockers burst into a set of searing guitar-work, perfect falsettos and chest thumping drum-and-bass syncopation that encapsulated the crowd of various patrons. Lead singer Ian Wilson was spotted on and off the front monitors, belting guitar licks just before returning to his microphone to kick off another run of reverb-saturated vocals.

Bass player Andres Arango’s face could barely be seen through his long locks of jet black hair, as he pelted the audience with an onslaught of effortless bass work, all while head banging in unison with the tireless drumming of Tony Cantara.

Lead guitarist Simon Costa, who looked oddly like Danny Masterson of “That 70’s Show” fame, was jumping between coordinating perfect melodic guitar-work with Wilson and intense solos of his own. It was surprising to see the strings hadn’t been literally shredded off his guitar.

Metalian’s set consisted of almost all originals, including “Conquest” which is six-minute music epic of varying solos, tandem guitar harmonies and aggressively shifting rhythms. Vocalist/Guitarist Ian Wilson’s banshee-like vocals screamed “Just look at your men, how fearful and frightened; our time has come to move on...” as the band prepared for the next transition of the track.

They plowed through a quick-paced rendition of “Sonic Attack” and completed a couple sterling takes of their new material off their latest EP, “Metal, Fire and Ice.” Completing their set after two bonus encore songs left the crowd hungry for Cleveland, OH natives Party Plates.

Hardcore music is nothing new to this quintet,

who blasted into their set with the velocity of a fighter jet, hammering the audience with lively stage antics and relentless speed. The tireless crowd responded multiple times by inciting a circle pit, while the vocalist delivered the lyrics without skipping a beat.

Party Plates style is reminiscent of just about every relevant hardcore band in the past 30 years, including Bad Brains, Minor Threat and even some tinges of D.R.I. at times. The ferocity of their set completed the evening in perfect form and it was clear that the Albany crowd who had gathered had received quite a show for the \$7 cover charged they gladly forked over upon entrance into The Low Beat.

Upon completion of the final pint of the night, it



Credit: Louis Smith

Hardcore bands perform locally at The Low Beat.

was clear that the Montreal metal troupe Metalian had stolen the show outright. Their presence on stage, complete ownership of their highly influenced style, and perfect form put them ahead of the equally entertaining groups booked for the nights.

It was a shame that Sick Mind encountered some issues early on in their set, as the crowd would have loved to see more of their material in action; they’re definitely a local band to keep on the radar.

Party Plates was everything to love about hardcore music, from the herky-jerky movements of the lead singer on-stage to the constant barrage of distorted sound issued by the guitar and bass player. Metalian however left a void after their set. Their music reeked of 80s heavy metal, their sound comparable to the likes of Iron Maiden and Judas Priest among others. Without a doubt, the Albany area needs more international acts like the earth shattering Metalian to grace us with their presence.

## Jon Stewart leaves The Daily Show

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Jonathan Stewart is an American critic, political satirist, writer, television

host, and stand-up comedian. Born November 1962 in New York City, he and his family lived in New Jersey after his grandparents immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe. In high school, Stewart was the victim of anti-Semitic bullying along with his older brother, Lawrence. Stewart graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1984, where he had been a member of the soccer team and had studied chemistry before switching to psychology.

After finishing school Stewart worked a number of jobs, one of which was as a bartender at City Gardens where he learned that he was not a “giant weirdo” and that “maybe there are other people who have a similar sense of yearning for something other than what they have now.” Stewart made his stand-up debut at The Bitter End, the same place where comedian Woody Allen began his career. This is where Stewart changed his name from Stuart-Leibowitz to Stewart, due to pronunciation and an estranged relationship with his father.

In 1999, Stewart replaced Craig Kilborn on “The Daily Show.” While the show discusses the political climate and pokes fun at certain political figures, Stewart considers it to be nothing more than “schnicks and giggles,” rather than a political opinion to be taken seriously. However much of the information on the show is factual, and is delivered in an informal and accessible manner.

Save for several temporary instances Stewart has been the sole host for 16 years, occasionally giving the chair to comedians like Stephen Colbert and John Oliver. Stewart has won a total of 19 Emmy Awards for his role as host. “The Daily Show” won two Peabody Awards in 2000 and 2004 for coverage of the presidential elections.

In September 2001, Stewart addressed the

attack on the World Trade Center by forgoing the usual introduction to the show, which consisted of an aerial view of the Twin Towers. He instead lamented on the attack, which he dubbed an attack on “the symbol of American ingenuity, strength, labor, imagination, and commerce.” He did however, go on to say that “the view from the south of Manhattan is now the Statue of Liberty. You can’t beat that.”

This February, Stewart announced that he would be leaving “The Daily Show.” This was later confirmed by the Comedy Central president, Michele Ganeless.

Stewart is Jewish, although he doesn’t practice the religion. He is married to Tracey Lynn McShane, and the couple have two children, Nathan and Maggie Rose. They have a cat and two dogs named Stanley, Monkey and Shamsky respectively. While Stewart has been labeled a Democrat, he considers himself “more socialist or independent,” and has voted for Republican candidates in the past. He is an avid fan of the New York Giants and the New York Mets, and he also admires Bruce Springsteen.

Stewart’s replacement is Trevor Noah, a South African political satirist, host, media critic, and comedian. He was born to a South African mother and a Swiss father, and his family suffered during the era of apartheid. His ethical background and experiences are often a part of his routine. He began corresponding with “The Daily Show” in December 2014, and on March 30 2015, Comedy Central announced that he would be taking over in Stewart’s place. Although his selection has been met with some criticism, Noah shows confidence in his new role and describes himself, like Stewart, as a political progressive.

In his farewell on “The Daily Show,” Stewart joked about how this was the longest he has held a job “by 16 years and five months.” He said it was time to give someone else the opportunity to run the show and that he had “a lot of things, got a lot of ideas in his head,” jokingly naming “dinner with my family” as one of them.

After thanking the crew of the show and joking around some more with the audience, Stewart showed the viewers “A Moment of Zen,” where a monkey washed a cat in a sink. While the relevance of such a clip shall be left to the viewer, it is clear with the audience’s reaction during his speech that he will be sorely missed. We can only hope that Trevor Noah lives up to the expectations.



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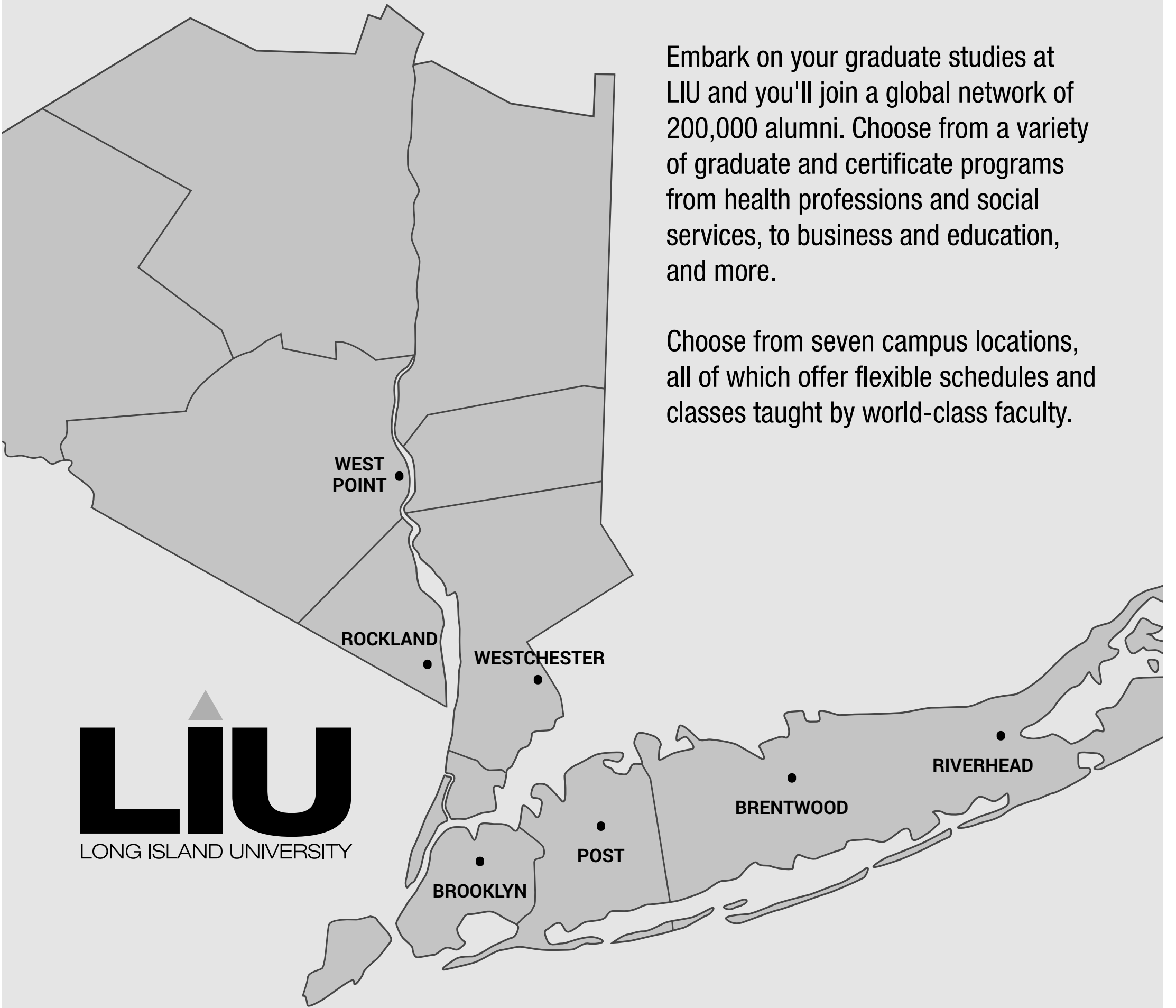
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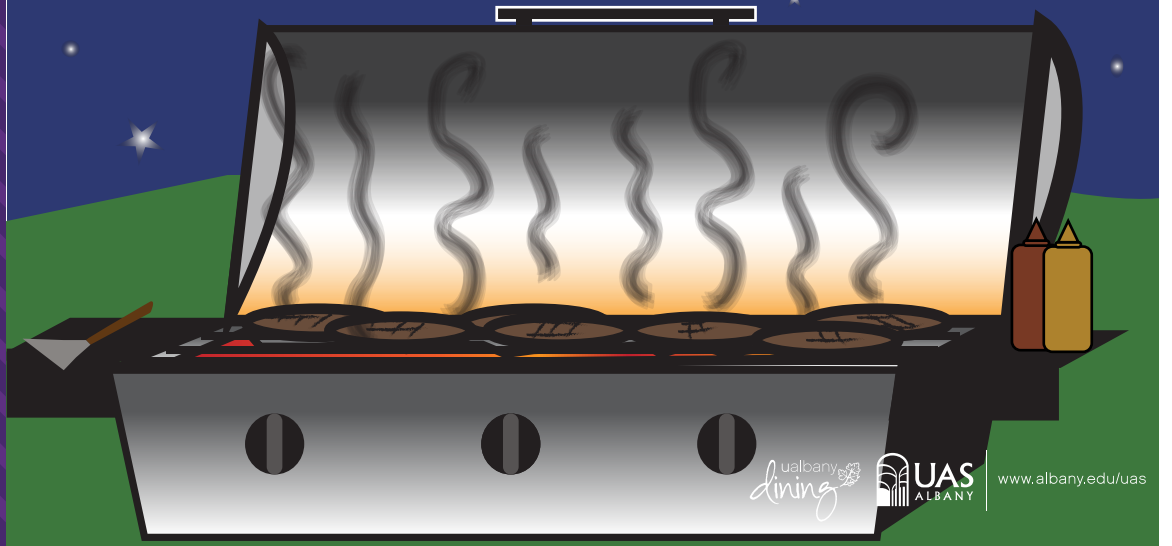
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# Stony Brook baseball sweeps series at UAlbany

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The University at Albany baseball team (11-19, 5-6 AE) came into three game weekend series at Varsity Field against Stony Brook University (23-12, 12-2 AE) with the hopes of challenging the Seawolves for first place in the America East standings. The challenge was denied as UAlbany fell three times to its top in-conference rival and remained in second place.

Saturday's first game of the doubleheader could not have gone any worse for the Great Danes, who allowed 15 runs on 18 hits by the Seawolves, in a 15-3 beating.

"We did not pitch well in game one," said head coach Jon Mueller. "We knew it was going to be difficult sledding and we really struggled with our bullpen's effort."

Stony Brook opened up the scoring in the fourth inning with a two-run double by Andrew Gazzola that sailed over a diving Will Miller in deep left-center field to drive in the first two runs. Jeremy Giles followed with another Stony Brook run in the fifth inning after hitting a sacrifice fly to centerfield, allowing Casey

Baker to score from third.

With the bases loaded and one out, UAlbany responded with a two-run double into the left-center field gap by Shawn Blake to put the Danes within one. In the same half inning, Trevor DeMerritt followed with an RBI groundout to tie the game at three.

The Seawolves lineup, however, would not let up the run production. Stony Brook ensued with two runs in the sixth, three runs in the seventh, four runs in the eighth, and three runs in the ninth, outscoring the Danes 12-0 over the final four innings.

UAlbany's starter, Brendan Ryan, was pulled after allowing five runs, four earned, on eight hits over 5.1 innings. Terry Dugdale, Sam DeCelle and Cameron Sorgie appeared in relief from the Danes bullpen and surrendered a combined ten runs over just 3.2 innings of work. Stony Brook's Toby Handley led all hitters with four hits and three runs batted in, while Jack



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
UAlbany's pitching struggled to contain Stony Brook's strong offense over the weekend.

Parenty ended the first game with five runs batted in on two hits, including a three-run double in the ninth inning.

Eight of Stony Brook's nine hitters recorded at least one run batted in and all nine recorded at least one base hit apiece.

In game two, the Great Danes hoped to keep the scoring from the opposing side at a minimum with Stephen Woods on the

mound. Fortunately for Stony Brook, starting pitcher Daniel Zamora went head-to-head with Woods deep into the game, allowing just one run over four hits and seven strikeouts in Stony Brook's 2-1 victory.

Woods got off to a quick start, striking out six batters over his first four innings of work.

Zamora matched Woods and was even more dominant with

seven punch-outs and no runs allowed over the first four frames.

In the second inning, Stony Brook brought home the first run of the game on a fielder's choice groundout that allowed Gazzola to score from third.

Two innings later, Woods struck out the first two batters he faced before giving up a solo homer to Gazzola that put Stony Brook up 2-0.

In the bottom half of that inning, Trevor DeMerritt stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded, but grounded out to the pitcher and stranded all three runners for

the Danes.

After lead off hits by Eric Mueller and Karson Canaday to kickoff the fifth inning, UAlbany had another opportunity to score with runners in scoring position. With one out and runners on second and third, Alex Luska-vich hit a sacrifice fly to deep centerfield that allowed Mueller to score the Danes' first run of

game two.

But that would be all the run support for Woods' outing of seven innings, two runs allowed on three hits, and seven strikeouts. The Danes would strikeout ten times in game two and strand six base runners in the one run loss.

"You tell me your pitcher gives up three hits and strikes out seven guys over seven and you think you're going to win that game, but [Stony Brook] pitched a little bit better than us," said Mueller after the pair of defeats.

"We had a tough time against these Stony Brook pitchers today. We didn't protect the plate good enough and we failed to cash in with runners on base."

In the third game of their series on Sunday afternoon, Stony Brook continued the offensive onslaught, beating UAlbany 12-2 to finish off a three game sweep.

After a doubleheader at NYIT on Tuesday, UAlbany will continue America East play at home for a three game series vs UMass Lowell this weekend.

# Women's Lacrosse pounds UMBC on Senior Day

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The University at Albany women's lacrosse team (13-3, 5-1 AE) dismantled UMBC (8-8, 3-3 AE) 20-5 this Saturday afternoon in their final home game to improve to a 9-0 record at John Fallon Field.

This season marked the first time that UAlbany has been undefeated at home in Division I play. The win was a perfect ending to the afternoon, which had begun with an emotionally charged senior recognition ceremony.

UAlbany head coach John Battaglini is proud of his seniors, who have developed into, "elite players in this league," as he said. He is impressed with their work ethic and the career they've had, but he was also quick to mention that they, "have more [work] to do."

UAlbany carried momentum from the pregame ceremony into the first half of the game, opening the scoring less than three minutes into the game with a goal by Maureen Keggins. Soon

after, Rachel Bowles made it 2-0 UAlbany on a free point shot.

UMBC was able to counter with a goal after a long possession in the UAlbany zone, but they did not have an answer for UAlbany's relentless attack. A goal by Bowles on the man advantage gave the Great Danes a 3-1 lead and began an eight goal rally. The Danes were able to build momentum due to six consecutive faceoff wins in this span, with contributions coming from several different players.

The Danes built their lead to 13-2 at the half, with contributions from Dakotah Savitcheff and Alie Jimerson. With Savitcheff's two goals in the first half, both assisted by Keggins, Savitcheff became UAlbany's all time leader in single season goals. She passed Jodi Battaglia, who had previously held the record with 56 in 2011.

The second frame began with a tally from Bowles on a laser of a shot. The ensuing three goal run, led by Keggins, gave the Danes a commanding 17-2 lead. A costly turnover forced by Michelle Primomo was able to negate a UMBC faceoff win and result in another goal for the Danes,



Photo by Aaron Cheris  
A team effort led UAlbany to a win in their last home game.

this time by Jimerson. Goals by Rachel Bowles and Emma Powlin rounded out the scoring for UAlbany with five minutes left in the game.

UAlbany's defense was able to hold off UMBC thanks in part to the goaltending of Courtney Henderson, who finished with seven saves in her 13th win of the season. UAlbany also had

only 6 turnovers, their lowest number on the season.

Senior Maureen Keggins had a record-breaking day as she led the offense with six goals and five assists. She tied Rachel Burek's record for most points in a single game with 11. With 85 points on the season, Keggins also surpassed Rachel Burek's previously held record of 84

to become UAlbany's all time single season points leader.

Keggins said that, because her parents were in attendance for the ceremony, this game was a little more special than most.

"Our energy was really high," Keggins said. "We left it all on the field."

The seniors were able to maintain their composure throughout the game, which Keggins credited to their experience.

Battaglini, whose squad has now set a program record with a total of 369 points on the season, was very proud of his team's effort. "I thought it was a great way to honor our seniors, to have our kids play that well."

He is confident in his squad entering postseason play. No matter who they will be playing against, he said, "they're not afraid."

"They've played some of the top five teams in the country and they've all been couple goal games." To finish the regular season with a game like this, in which his team was, as he said, "firing on all cylinders," certainly can't hurt either.

With the win, UAlbany clinched the number two seed in the upcoming America East



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Dakotah Savitcheff is now UAlbany's all-time single season goals leader.

Tournament at Stony Brook. They will take on Vermont in the semifinals on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that game will play Sunday at noon in the championship game on ESPN3.

# Photos: Golf wins MAAC Championship

UAlbany women's golf took home the MAAC Conference Championship after a weekend tournament in Florida.



Photo from UAlbany Golf  
During an off day, the team took a trip to Disney's Magic Kingdom.



All photos from UAlbany Women's Golf  
The UAlbany golf team posed with Mickey Mouse after winning the MAAC Championship.

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# ALBANY STUDENT PRESS Sports

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR UALBANY ATHLETICS

## Men's Lacrosse crushes UMBC to finish regular season UAlbany will host America East Tournament at Bob Ford Field.

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The University at Albany men's lacrosse team ended one of the most successful regular seasons in school history this past Saturday at Bob Ford Field with a 20-9 blowout win over America East conference rival UMBC.

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Last week, UAlbany defeated Yale in front of a record setting crowd of 4,283 in the school's first lacrosse game at Bob Ford



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Coach Scott Marr (left) and his team finished the regular season 13-2.

Field. On Saturday, 2,514 fans packed Bob Ford Field to see the Great Danes earn their sixth win in a row.

Ranked seventh in the country, the Great Danes (13-2, 6-0 America East) never relinquished a lead that started just 27 seconds into the game off of a Seth Oakes score.

The Great Danes' offense was clicking early and often in the first quarter as they scored 10 goals in the opening quarter, two more goals than UMBC (5-8, 1-5 America East) has given up on average for an entire game this season.

The Great Danes seemingly had the game wrapped up at

halftime, as they held a 15-2 lead after two quarters. Connor Fields paced the Great Danes with five goals in the first half, and Seth Oakes, Lyle Thompson Tim Cox each had four points at the half.

Thompson, who continues to pad his record as NCAA Division I lacrosse's all-time leading points scorer, had the crowd on its feet with several spectacular plays, including a highlight reel finish against three UMBC defenders.

The Retrievers were held scoreless the entire second quarter as UAlbany's defense held strong, frequently forcing turnovers. Goalie Blaze Riorden had another strong game, one in which his dominance allowed UAlbany to give backup goalie JD Colarusso significant playing time, following Riorden's game saving efforts against Yale just a week ago.

UMBC rallied in the fourth, scoring five goals in a row, primarily against UAlbany's backups. But the deficit was too much to overcome. The Great Danes capped off a dominant effort in which his team converted on 21 of 33 shots and won two thirds of the faceoffs.

The Great Danes were led by five goals from Fields and three each by Thompson and Oakes. Coming off the bench, Tim Cox, Tom Nuckel, and Kyle McClan-

cy each scored a pair of goals. Pat Young scored three goals to lead for the visiting Retrievers.

The Great Danes honored their 10 graduating seniors on Saturday. The seniors will finish their careers as part of a UAlbany program that has changed the way lacrosse is played nationally. The fast paced nature of the Great Danes is something coach Scott Marr recognized.

"They really have seen the evolution of our program from the time they were freshman to where we are now and the pace that we do play and how it has affected the rest of the game," Marr said.

This team has made an impact nationally and Marr recognized the accomplishments of his departing seniors saying that other college teams try to emulate the way the Great Danes play.

"We talked everyday about playing our standard," Marr said. "[Our seniors] saw the older guys holding that tradition, and we want to play at that same level and intensity."

Marr's squad has the nation's most potent offensive attack, leading the nation with over 17 goals a game. The Great Danes goals per game average is three more than the second place Syracuse Orange. Seth Oakes and Connor Fields both rank in the national top 10 in goals per

game average with over three each.

This year's team stacks up well nationally on the offensive end, and that's not even mentioning Lyle Thompson, who has the second highest assist total in NCAA Division I history to go along with the most points.

After wrapping up their third-straight perfect America East season and taking home the regular season championship, UAlbany will host the upcoming conference tournament.

The Great Danes' next game will be this Thursday against Hartford at Bob Ford Field in the semi-finals of the America East tournament at 7 p.m.

If the Great Danes defeat Hartford, they will play in the America East Championship game on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. against the winner of Thursday's game between Vermont and Stony Brook.



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Lyle Thompson (left) and Seth Oakes (right) had many goals to celebrate on Saturday.

## Playing for the red, white, blue, purple, and gold

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It's 7 a.m. on a typical spring day at the University at Albany. The majority of college students are still sleeping after long nights of completing homework, studying for exams, and socializing.

Freshman field hockey star Anna Bottino is doing all of the above. Except she's awake at 7 a.m. and ready to attack the day.

She usually starts the day with a 30 minute run by herself just to get the juices flowing for the rest of the day. After she is warmed up from the run, she goes im-

mediately to spring field hockey practice at the athletic complex.

If she feels she hasn't had a satisfactory morning so far, she likes to stay after practice to work on her individual skills before heading to her two classes of the day.

By the end of her classes, it is between noon and 1 p.m., and she has accomplished more in her day so far than the prototypical college student will for the entire day.

To put it bluntly, Bottino knows the keys to success, as evident by her accomplishments on and off of the field.

This past season, Bottino was

named America East Rookie of the Year after starting 22 of 23 games for a Great Danes team that reached the Final Four in October. She earned Second Team America East honors, as well as a selection to National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Second Team.

Despite her constant work in the offseason to improve, Bottino never expected the amount of success she and her team had in her first season at UAlbany.

"I thought I was going to be starting on the bench. The quality of play was very high and I had to get used to it," Bottino said of the transition to NCAA competition. "I was really nervous the first game, but the team helped me adjust. If you do something wrong, they let you know."

UAlbany won the America East conference to qualify for the NCAA tournament. Their team wasn't expected to go as far as they did simply because UAlbany isn't recognized as a national powerhouse in field hockey.

The Great Danes defied the odds by beating powerhouses Wake Forest and Maryland before falling to UConn in the Final Four. Bottino says her favorite UAlbany moment so far was when the Great Danes upset No. 2 Maryland to advance to play Connecticut in the national semifinals. They were the first UAlbany team in any sport to reach the national Final Four.



Photo from UAlbany Athletics/Brian Schneider  
Anna Bottino (5) scored a key goal in the NCAA Tournament to help UAlbany reach the Final Four.

"We played our hearts out versus Wake Forest. To beat Maryland, we knew we had to play our game and play the best we could," Bottino said. "It was the best moment of my career when the buzzer went off and we beat Maryland."

The Danes would go on to lose 1-0 in the Final Four to UConn. However, Bottino and her teammates are proud of putting UAlbany on the map this year and are excited for the upcoming season in the fall.

"We are losing four seniors. But we have a very good class of freshmen coming in that will definitely add depth. We are going to need to take it one game at a time," said Bottino.

Before even thinking about a

second consecutive trip to the Final Four, Bottino is making sure her and her teammates are focused on competing in the America East first and foremost. Stanford will join the America East next season, which will certainly make the Danes' trip to the NCAA tournament even more difficult than this past season.

And perhaps even more astonishing than the several accolades mentioned, Bottino was nominated to try out for the Under-19 USA Field Hockey team this past January. She made the team in March, and represented the USA in exhibition games in mid-April for one week in Belgium.

"It was an amazing experience to wear my country's uniform along with some of the best girls

in the country," Bottino said of her recent trip.

She will continue to go to the team's practice facility in Pennsylvania for four to five days every month for the next few months for team workouts and practices. She says representing the United States in the Olympics one day is definitely a dream of hers. Just as she doesn't like to speculate about how far the Great Danes will go next season, she insists on taking that process, "one day at a time," as well.



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Anna Bottino (left) scored 11 goals during her freshman season.

## Thompson named Tewaaraton nominee



The Tewaaraton Foundation has announced that University at Albany attackman Lyle Thompson has been named a Tewaaraton nominee.

Thompson, a 2014 co-Tewaaraton Trophy recipient with brother Miles Thompson, was one of 25 men's players selected as Tewaaraton nominees. The field of 25 will be narrowed to five finalists on Thursday, May 7, with the 15th

Annual Tewaaraton Award Ceremony being held at the Smithsonian on Thursday, May 28.

It is the third year running that Thompson has been named a nominee. He was one of the five finalists in each 2013 and 2014.

Thompson currently leads all of Division I with 6.29 points and 3.79 assists per game, tallying 35 goals and 53 assists on the year for 88 points. He became the NCAA

all-time leading scorer in Division I and has led UAlbany to a #7 ranking in the USILA Coaches Poll and Inside Lacrosse media poll, the team's highest placement since 2007.

-From Wire Reports

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# The poets who hear voices

## Joan Murray and Alicia Suskin Ostriker visit UAlbany

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Joan Murray and Alicia Suskin Ostriker may not be crazy, but they do hear voices.

The two women who visited the University at Albany on Thursday, April 23 as part of a New York State Writers Institute event, are poets. Both mentioned hearing the voices of their characters.

"I have to really listen," Murray said.

When she feels as though a character is speaking to her, she writes down what she hears. The poets explained that they believe it is their responsibility to share what is being told to them by characters they may create.



Photo from joanmurray.com  
Joan Murray won the National Poetry Series Open Competition in 1999.

"We can get something said in lots of different ways but it's our obligation as poets to write it in the voice that was given to us," Murray said.

However, the poets agreed that they face subjects that are dif-

icult to share in their personal voices.

"Usually when I get stuck with something it's because I am trying to capture something in my net of language," Ostriker said.

For a poet, listening to voices they may hear is easy. Those voices tell stories. Using their own voices to tell the stories is harder.

Murray offered some advice to aspiring poets trying to find their own voice.

"Read poetry," she said. "It can be so completely different but they're all ways to hear what your voice is as a poet."

With countless different types of poetry, reading it can seem daunting.

Ostriker began writing poetry by counting syllables and lines before a friend of hers told her she wrote like she was stuck in the past.

"You don't write like you're in the 20th century," she recalled him saying.

From then on, she began writing free verse more consistently. However, she never again referred to it as that name.

"It's open form," she said. "It's like improvisation."

Ostriker admitted that, in this sense, poetry is similar to jazz music. While there is an element of music in her writing, she explains that there is a story as well.

"Human beings love stories, human beings love narrative," she said.

The two poets agreed that poetry is not just song and not



Photo from albany.edu/writers-inst  
Alicia Ostriker has been a finalist for the National Book Award twice.

just story.

"We're making art here," Murray said.

Poetry is made up of countless different pieces.

"When you write from your own depths," Ostriker said, "If you find the language, if you find what translates the nonverbal stuff in you into language, then it will come across to other people."

While finding a topic to write about can be difficult, the poets agreed that it is something that comes from their own minds.

"What a poet does do if they want to be really powerful is pursue his or her own obsessions," Ostriker said. "Whatever you can't stop yourself from brooding about, that's your subject."

Ostriker's most recent book, entitled "The Old Woman, the Tulip, and the Dog" was released last year. Murray's latest collection, "Swimming for the Ark: New & Selected Poems 1990-2015" was published this year.

# Middle Earth- Students helping students

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Graduation can create feelings of excitement and accomplishment. Along with these positive feelings, you may also experience stress about your future and apprehension about change.

Those of you who are planning to graduate this semester are probably pursuing many different and unique paths. Some of you may be heading to further your education through studying law, business, medicine, psychology, or another discipline. Others may already have a job lined up. Some of you may plan on continuing your education after gaining some work experience. And a large number of you will be looking for a job after moving back home.

In spite of the range of possibilities, you all have one thing in common - change. Change can affect several areas of a person's life.

But there are some ways you can deal with all this change.

First, be aware that "good stress" is still stress. Enjoy the positive, natural high that you get from good stress, but also be aware of the toll it may be taking on your body and your mind.

Second, check in with yourself once in a while and try to figure out what you are thinking and feeling.

Third, take care of yourself physically by eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise. Take steps to balance work, social activities, and relaxation.

And fourth, keep an eye out for signs of stress - a change in

not be completely smooth. The lifestyle you have grown accustomed to as an undergraduate will be disrupted, and you will need to adapt accordingly.

If you would like to talk to a trained peer about time management or academic success, you can call the Middle Earth Peer Assistance hotline at 518-442-5777. The Middle Earth Peer Assistance hotline is free, anonymous, and open when classes at the University at Albany are in session during the academic year (September through May). The hotline hours are from 1 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday and 24 hours on weekends beginning on Friday at 1 p.m. and ending on Sunday at midnight.

If you would like to talk to a professional confidentially about this topic, there is a great option for you. If you are a UAlbany student, you can make an appointment at the University Counseling Center with a mental health professional to discuss

this subject further. To make an appointment with any of the psychologists at the Counseling Center, call 518-442-5800. Additional information about services that the Counseling Center offers can be found at albany.edu/counseling\_center.



your temperament, a change in sleeping patterns, or a change in eating habits. These signs may indicate that you need to find more ways to help yourself cope with the new changes in your life.

Be aware that the transition from college to graduate school or the professional world may

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24 percent, and aims to improve the graduation rate. According to the Common Data Set, the six-year graduation rate for the 2008 class was 66 percent; for the 2007 class, it was 66.4 percent; and for the 2006 class, it was 62.6 percent.

The increase in grant and tuition revenue has also given UAlbany administration the ability to plan for the future more actively, rather than just "reacting." Administration does not have to make "mid-year adjustments" as much anymore, Van Voorst said.

"We were having conversations two years ago about next year," he said, because administrators knew that the tuition plan was in place if state aid did not come through.

Another benefit, according to Van Voorst, is that 83 percent of graduates are working in New York State after college.

### The final year

"Part of this compact is we need to show how we use that money," Van Voorst said.

All SUNY schools will present their results when the NYSUNY

2020 legislation comes to an end after the 2015-16 academic year. The state will have to decide whether or not to renew the plan and offer more funding.

"How efficiently and how effectively do the schools use those dollars? That's what it comes down to," Van Voorst said.

He said that UAlbany is trying to hold its standards high with the money it received. He is uneasy about what the future would hold if NYSUNY 2020 is not extended.

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# POLICE CRIME BLOTTER

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA  
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DUTCH QUAD - STUYVESANT TOWER

MALE STUDENT FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.

CRIMINAL TAMPERING  
4/17/2015

PARKING MANAGEMENT  
REPORT OF PERSON REMOVING BOOT AND TAKING POSSESSION OF VEHICLE BOOT.

MAINTENANCE PROBLEM  
4/17/2015

STATE QUAD - EASTMAN TOWER  
REPORT OF FEMALE STUCK ON ELEVATOR. EXITED SAFELY.

MAINTENANCE PROBLEM  
4/18/2015

DUTCH QUAD - STUYVESANT TOWER  
REPORT OF INDIVIDUAL STUCK IN ELEVATOR. EXITED SAFELY.

MEDICAL INCIDENT  
4/18/2015

PODIUM  
REPORT OF MALE INJURING TOE. TRANSPORTED.

FIRE ALARM  
4/18/2015

COLONIAL QUAD - ZENGER HALL  
FIRE ALARM. ACCIDENTAL. NO EMERGENCY FOUND.

MEDICAL INCIDENT  
4/18/2015

STATE QUAD - IRVING HALL  
REPORT OF MALE STUDENT SEEKING MEDICAL ATTENTION RESULTING FROM AN ASSAULT. TRANSPORTED.

PERSONS ANNOYING  
4/18/2015

ALUMNI QUAD - AQ GROUNDS  
REPORT OF ARGUMENT BETWEEN TWO MALE SUBJECTS. GONE ON ARRIVAL.

WELFARE CHECK  
4/19/2015

UPD  
FEMALE STUDENT FEELING OVERWHELMED WITH SCHOOL AND WORK.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA  
4/19/2015

COLONIAL QUAD - LIVINGSTON TOWER

ONE MALE STUDENT AND ONE MALE NON-STUDENT FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. STUDENT REFERRED.

ASSIST A PERSON  
4/19/2015

COLONIAL QUAD - CQ CAFETERIA  
REPORT OF CONFLICT BETWEEN STAFF AND STUDENTS.

CHECK A SUBJECT  
4/19/2015

PE COMPLEX - SEFCU ARENA  
REPORT OF MISSING RADIO AND STAFF MEMBER ASSIGNED.

TITLE IX REFERRAL  
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OFF-CAMPUS  
REPORT OF FEMALE STUDENT HAVING ARGUMENT WITH FORMER BOYFRIEND ON A OFF-CAMPUS LOCATION. STUDENT DID FILL OUT TITLE IX FORM BUT DID NOT WANT ANY FURTHER HELP.

PETIT LARCENY  
4/20/2015

UPD  
FEMALE STUDENT REPORTS THAT HER UNATTENDED, BUT LOCKED, BIKE WAS STOLEN FROM BIKE RACK.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA  
4/20/2015

PODIUM - CAMPUS CENTER  
TWO MALE STUDENTS FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. TO BE REFERRED.

HARASSMENT 2ND-FOLLOW PERSON  
4/20/2015

PODIUM - LECTURE CENTERS  
REPORT OF FEMALE STUDENT RECEIVING UNWANTED SEXUAL ADVANCES BY MALE STUDENT. FEMALE STUDENT TO PURSUE CHARGES.

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PODIUM - SOCIAL SCIENCE  
REPORT OF A FIRE IN A TRASH CAN DUE TO A CIGARETTE. PASSERBY Poured water on it. UPON ARRIVAL BY UPD NO SMOKE OR FIRE.

TITLE IX REFERRAL  
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REPORT OF FEMALE STUDENT HAVING ARGUMENT WITH FORMER BOYFRIEND ON A OFF-CAMPUS LOCATION. STUDENT DID FILL OUT TITLE IX FORM BUT DID NOT WANT ANY FURTHER HELP.

STALKING TO CAUSE HARM TO MENTAL/EMOTIONAL HEALTH  
4/21/2015

UPD  
REPORT OF FEMALE STUDENT BEING STALKED BY MALE STUDENT. MALE STUDENT ARRESTED FOR SAME. FEMALE STUDENT HAS FILED A TITLE IX REPORT.

MEDICAL INCIDENT  
4/21/2015

INDIAN QUAD - SENECA HALL  
REPORT OF MALE STUDENT WITH A HEAD INJURY POSSIBLY FROM CONSUMING MARIJUANA BROWNIE. STUDENT WAS GONE UPON ARRIVAL. SECOND STUDENT (A FEMALE) EXPERIENCING VOMITING DUE TO CONSUMING A MARIJUANA BROWNIE. TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL BY 5QUAD.

MEDICAL INCIDENT  
4/21/2015

COLONIAL QUAD - HERKIMER HALL  
REPORT OF STUDENT COMPLAINING OF FEMALE MEDICAL ISSUES. TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL BY 5QUAD.

MEDICAL INCIDENT  
4/21/2015

ROADWAYS - COLLINS CIRCLE  
REPORT OF PREGNANT FEMALE STUDENT EXPERIENCING BLEEDING. TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL BY 5QUAD.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF CAUSING DAMAGE TO ANOTHERS PROPERTY  
4/22/2015

COLONIAL QUAD - HERKIMER HALL  
REPORT OF TWO UNKNOWN MALE SUBJECTS CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE.

ASSIST A PERSON  
4/22/2015

REPORT OF THREATS MADE VIA TEXT MESSAGE BY MALE SUBJECT(S).

ASSIST A PERSON  
4/23/2015

UPD  
REPORT OF FEMALE STUDENT FOLLOWING ANOTHER FEMALE STUDENT. REFERRED TO RESIDENTIAL LIFE.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED- 1ST OFFENSE  
4/23/2015

ROADWAYS - CARILLON DR. WEST  
MALE SUSPECTED ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

# OPINIONS

## Are you #ReadyForHillary again?

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yet the speculations have already begun. On the Republican side, we have a large pool of potential candidates. Three of them (Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and Marco Rubio) have already announced their candidacy, with many more planning to announce and forming exploratory committees.

On the Democratic side, the field is less crowded. On the surface, there is one person who will run: Hillary Clinton. She is the only one that has announced so far. Despite possible options such as Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Elizabeth Warren, it is looking to be a coronation for the former First Lady.

On paper, Clinton looks to be the best candidate the Democrats can offer up. Clinton is doing very well in polls for primary and general elections. According to Real Clear Politics (RCP), Clinton is 50 points ahead of any Democratic challenger. In general election polls, she beats all Republican challengers. The closest challenge, according to RCP, is from Marco Rubio, and she beats him by 7.5 points.

Clinton has a few qualities that set her apart from her challengers. Her biggest asset is the political dynasty she forged with her husband, former President Bill Clinton. This empire has produced millions of dollars and political connections across the country. These connections led to her next asset: experience. As a former first lady, Clinton began eight years of seeing the inner workings of the White House. She later became a senator in New York, where she gained experience in the legislature. She later became Secretary of State under President Barack Obama, where she gained experienced in foreign affairs. This mix of dealing

The 2016 Presidential Elections are more than a year away,

run by the Clintons. By itself, it may seem minimal. However, tracing back the donations, several decisions by Clinton as Secretary of State are called into question, such as a Russian nuclear energy company, Rosatom, buying a Canadian uranium company. Clinton signed off the sale and millions of dollars from high ranking employees of Rosatom have flooded the Clinton Foundation. Despite these troubling stories, the media saved their ferocity, initiative, and outrage for much more "important" scandals. Such "scandals" ranged from Scott Walker not graduating college to Chris Christie possibly closing down lanes on the George Washington Bridge. The news media loves Clinton and they are shamelessly not afraid to show it.

Unfortunately, there are some downsides to Clinton beyond those two scandals. Her experience while in government has been less than stellar. As First Lady, Clinton led the committee to push her husband's healthcare reform plan. The plan was under fire from the right as well as the health insurance agency, and she was tasked with selling it to the American public. The task force ultimately failed and the plan was never passed. In Congress, despite her service, she voted for both wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Both of those votes came back to haunt her in the 2008 election, where she had to defend her vote to a party who disliked the wars. The entire 2008 election is pretty much an embarrassment to Clinton in general.

Going into the primaries, Clinton was seen as the inevitable candidate to win the Presidency. At first, Clinton was the leader in the polls. After a few terrible performances in debates, her numbers fell as Obama's number's rose. What once looked like a shoe-in turned out to be a major defeat. After the victory of Obama in 2008, she was appointed to be his Secretary of State, she accepted. Even without the faux Benghazi controversy, Clinton's tenure as



Photo by Marc Nozell

2016 Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in Hampton, New Hampshire, April 2007.

with domestic and foreign issues makes Clinton a good candidate.

On top of all of this, her gender is powerful as well. Its benefits are two-fold. Firstly, she could be the first female president. This status could drive people to the polls to vote for her. The secondary use is the shield from any or all attacks against her. Just like any critic of President Obama is spun as a "racist," anyone who criticizes Clinton, no matter how legitimate the criticism may be, will be painted a "sexist." The "war on women" portrayal has worked for Democrats in the past, and may very well work for them in 2016.

The obvious media support of Clinton may help her win the election. Two scandals have recently come out that would destroy any Republican in a media firestorm. First, Clinton operated out of a private email instead of a government email during her tenure. This is bad because these emails are not on record with the government. In the case that these emails needed to be checked or referenced, there would be no official record of them. The other big scandal was the massive amounts of foreign money donated to the Clinton Foundation, a charity

Secretary of State was far from stellar. Much of her tenure is unremarkable. Russian relations, despite her efforts, are no better than they were before her appointment. Despite her years of experience, she has very little to point to in those years to be proud of. At best, she was unexceptional at everything she did.

Despite these flaws, her odds of winning the presidency are very good. While it is still very early, Clinton is showing an impressive start to the 2016 campaign. Let's see if she can finish the job this time.

## The life of a tour guide

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"Shut the fuck up!"

I heard a student scream from the third floor of an Indian Quad dorm. It was a Sunday morning at 11 A.M., and I was in the middle of my second campus tour of the day.

As a tour guide, I recognize that the explosively loud voices of my 20 coworkers and myself can sometimes be intrusive in the early hours of a weekend morning. However, this was not a typical Sunday afternoon. It was Open House for accepted students at the University at Albany. This was my second consecutive day waking up at 7 a.m., along with my fellow tour guides, in order to greet thousands of new students that were coming to visit the university.

The last thing I want to do is deprive anyone of his or her late afternoon sleep, when I myself have been awake since the crack of dawn. I walk backwards for hours throughout the campus and answer the same questions sometimes 15 or 20 times a day.

None of this ever bothers me: I accept it as a part of the job that I thoroughly enjoy and look forward to doing every week. I love speaking about my experience at UAlbany, showcasing our unique campus and being in a position where I can convince others to attend as well. However, the part of my job that I refuse to accept is the constant encounters with students who feel it is acceptable to scream profanities or rude comments to the large groups of people who are receiving their first impression of the school.

If one is a current student, and has ever made a harmful comment to a tour group, he/she makes our jobs increasingly more difficult. More importantly, he/she makes our university look bad as a whole.

"Don't come here, the food sucks."

"The TA's here are terrible."

"Coming to this school was the worst decision of my life."

If my coworkers and I sat down to share our collective experience with the negative comments we receive, we would be truly

bothered. Just know that this is our job, and although anyone has the freedom to state their comments or shout their opinions, before one does, take a second to empathize with us. Especially to the students that are employed elsewhere, think about how you would feel if someone followed you around just to contradict everything you were trying to sell or promote.

As a tour guide, we truly believe in the product we are trying to sell, which is our school. We recognize that students can have bad days, and that maybe they do not have a great experience with all aspects of our campus. What we want people to realize is that they have an entire year compromised of hundreds of chances to have a delicious lunch, for one's teaching assistant to take the time to personally help him/her with an assignment, or maybe, one might step into the sunshine at Collins Circle and simply be grateful to be here. However, the prospective students and families that are following us around campus will only have one day to make their decision. They should be able to make it free from the influence of others.

To those who felt it was okay to scream at families through their dorm windows, I wish they had realized the events that were going on. Sometimes, when thousands of people visit the school, it can be more important than that extra hour of completely peaceful sleep one can get on a Sunday morning. It is about putting aside one's exhaustion or headache from the night before and realize that although these tours should be an expected part of campus life, they will not happen every day. In fact, other than last weekend, tours never happen on Sunday mornings on Indian Quad (they do happen Saturday mornings on State Quad at Fulton Hall- our sincerest apologies).

Open House is crucial because it happens to take place right before our Admissions Deposit Deadline. For many visiting students in the next few weeks, our campus tours will be the deciding factor in regards to attending UAlbany. I ask on behalf of my coworkers, Supervising

Tour Coordinator and Admissions Counselors who I know work tirelessly to accommodate and interact with thousands of our visiting students that people please refrain from casually directing harmful comments at our groups. I only have one hour to showcase our university, and I would love to spend more time talking about our libraries, fountains, or resources, than doing damage control because of a statement that was made.

Lastly, to anyone who intrudes on tours because they are truly unhappy with their experience at UAlbany, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the vast resources the university has to offer. There are over 200 clubs you can join, professional counselors you can speak too, personalized tutoring one can receive, or even just a different meal plan that will be more accommodating to your needs.

And if one needs help, feel free to stop by University Hall and speak to a tour guide. We would love to help, and are more than willing to lend a hand when it comes to utilizing all of the resources UAlbany has to offer.

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# Understanding the college experience

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The college experience becomes a reality for most students once they step on campus. They see it on television, movies constantly exploit it, and students broadcast it on social media.

These cookie-cutter depictions of college are arbitrary because college is a culture shock for most incoming students. Think about it: people are always reflecting on what they could have done differently in college. The best way to make a smooth transition into college is to start on the right foot.

"You can think of college as an incubation period, where you develop your skills and character" Quora user Ching Ho wrote in a post. "You are likely never going to have as many resources, like-minded peers, free hours, and opportunities as you do in college again- so use them wisely."

Each person's experience in college is distinctively their own. It is pretty easy to dabble into too much or suffer from dorm room fever, but there are ways to create a medium. Students will definitely say that creating a balance is easier said than done, but this is a skill one acquires and develop over the course of four years.

One must manage his or her time. It sounds cliché, but life is a lot more relieving when one is conscious of what they can do in a day. Some of the common tips include writing down tasks, planning ahead, scheduling in time to relax and sleep, and the list goes on. The point is to set realistic

expectations for yourself in order to remain satisfied and sane in college.

College is a journey for everyone, and it can get stressful. For instance, a picture circulated on Facebook a couple of years ago titled "Choose Two: social life, good grades and/or enough sleep."

Stress comes with the territory. One should ease it by participating in activities that will keep him/her levelheaded like getting enough sleep, reaching out to others, or relieving tactics. It will leave someone with a more fulfilling experience knowing that he or she is able to take care of himself.

Academic life in college is different from academic life in high school in that one has control over what courses he or she wants to take. Choose classes wisely and carefully. These are classes that one should enjoy and will help them complete their major or minor.

Succeeding academically is a two-way street (and some would say three-way street). Take classes with good professors. Pick their brain and see what they expect out of students. Likewise, have a helpful advisor that will keep one's education in good standing.

Students should avoid procrastination and all-nighters as much as possible by mapping out the work they have to do. I have heard too many horror stories about people staying an extra year or extra semester because they need to complete their credits. Schedule courses each semester in a way that will set

up graduation by the time senior year rolls around.

College life does not fizzle once people leave the classroom. Interact with people. It is refreshing to know that students can leave high school in the past and start off with a clean slate: they should take advantage of it. This means student need to step out of their comfort zone and their dorm room.

There are plenty of people to meet in college and tons of ways to meet them. Eat with friends, talk to people in your hall, go to parties, attend events, take on internships, or study abroad.

Most importantly, join clubs and organizations. They put blocks in peoples' time for things that they are interested in. Organizational sociologist Daniel F. Chambliss at Hamilton College made a similar point in a New York Times piece.

"Most people don't make their friends in classes. It helps to join a large high-contact activity, like a sports team or choir, where people see each other at least twice a week."

The list of clubs on campus that one can join is endless, plus one's chances of finding more than one organization that matches their interests are pretty high.

Remember that students have four years to figure college out. The sooner they start, the better. It comes down to dedication and patience, which are probably the last two words that students want to hear, but will help guide them in the right direction towards a fulfilling college experience.

# Be aware of Autism

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## What is Autism?

"Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior," according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, which also reports that early signs of autism are found when babies are unresponsive to people or only focus on one item.

There are also mild cases of Autism, such as Asperger's syndrome where the central symptom is trouble in social situations, such as not picking up on body language or the inability to start and maintain conversations with other people.

## How many people are diagnosed?

One in 68 U.S. children are diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2014. This is a 30 percent increase from two years ago where only one in 88 children were diagnosed, according to a report released by CNN in 2014.

The number of people diagnosed with Autism is steadily increasing and the age by which parents start to see signs of autism and it is being diagnosed is decreasing. The CDC reports that the diagnosis of Autism by age two can be valid and reliable and parents begin to see signs of autism before a child's first birthday.

"ASD is almost five times more common among boys (one in 42) than among girls (one in 189)," according to the CDC and "on average, children identified with ASD were not diagnosed until after age four, even though children can be diagnosed as early as age two."

## Why is Autism increasing?

The reason for the spike in Autism diagnoses is in part due to the expanded diagnostic criteria for the illness. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) has increased the criteria eligibility for Autism. According to Disabilityscoop.com, a research team at the University of Utah

matched the diagnosis criteria in the 80s to the criteria in the modern day and found that "most who were deemed to be autism-free at that time would receive the label today."

"Thus, while it is well known that current DSM-IV-TR criteria increased the identification of high functioning individuals, our results indicate that they also increase identification of ASD among individuals with autism and intellectual impairment," wrote researchers in the study published online in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders this month.

Researchers have also linked the increase in Autism to the increase in air pollution. The new Harvard study says that exposure to air pollution amongst pregnant women, more specifically in their third trimester, have an increased chance of birthing a child with Autism as reported by NBC news.

There was also a recent study linking autism to the Mumps-Measles-Rubella (MMR) vaccination. This study has since been disproven.

## Autism in Society

People who are diagnosed with Autism are fairly young, most of the time before they enter school. For a long time, Autistic children are in the care of their parents or guardians.

The economic hardships parents have to face to sustain a child are increased with Autism.

The CDC reports that, "It is estimated to cost at least \$17,000 more per year to care for a child with ASD compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family-coordinated services, and caregiver time.

For a child with more severe ASD, costs per year increase to over \$21,000. Taken together, it is estimated that total societal costs of caring for children with ASD were over \$9 billion in 2011."

In this case it is far better to get a child diagnosed sooner rather than later. This way, the child will be able to get the medical attention he or she needs as well as learn how to better function in society while dealing with Autism.

"The earlier a child is diagnosed with autism, the better their chances of overcoming the difficulties that come with the disorder," according to CNN.

## Autism in school

First thing to know is that nearly one in three students report being bullied during the school year, according to the National Center for Educational statistics in 2013.

63 percent of children with Autism had been bullied, according to a survey of 1,200 parents who had a child with Autism conducted by researchers from the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University. It was also discovered that these children were three times more likely to be bullied than their siblings who do not have autism.

Other findings included: 61 percent of children with Asperger's were being bullied and children in public schools were 50 percent more like to be bullied than in private of special education schools.

"One noteworthy finding was children with autism may also become bullies themselves. Twenty percent of surveyed parents said their child with autism had bullied others. Most were "bully-victims,"



meaning they had also been bullied at some point, the researchers said."

Children with Autism are placed in regular classroom settings and their characteristic behavioral traits are not in-line with non-Autistic student, which is indicative of their treatment from other students.

## What do we do?

The first thing to realize is that people with Autism clearly need special attention. This means that in public schools, they need a regiment separate from the other students: a regiment where they can learn at their own pace and they are not troubled with constant teasing by their peers.

People must also realize that people with any degree of Autism are still people. Having Autism does not make anyone less of a person and those who tease people with autism probably have an Autistic person in their family and if it's not okay to tease that family, then it is not okay to tease anyone else's.

Dr. Paul Law said, "To experience teasing, taunts, ostracism or other forms of spite may make a child who was already struggling to cope become completely unable to function," in a CBS news article.

People need to increase awareness for those with Autism. It is not easy for them, their parents, or their family.

People with Autism are more importantly people in general and should be treated as such.

# Stepping out of the classroom and getting involved

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Classes are set in stone, but the way students spend the rest of their time in college is for them to decide. Use that time to participate in extracurricular activities.

"The most basic reason for joining a club or team is that it gives you something better to do than staring at a wall, wandering the hall, or napping all afternoon," TeensHealth.com said. Having an abundance of open time is a reality for most students, but clubs and various activities can and will fill those empty holes in their schedule.

Extracurricular activities provide students a break from the academic setting. Students should remember that college is not solely about doing well. Instead of perceiving activities as a pastime from academics, view it as something that compliments academics.

"The things you do in your free time reveal a lot about you in ways that grades and test scores can't," Jeff Brenzel, the dean of undergraduate admissions at Yale University, claimed.

Realistically, students are not studying for the entire day. That does not mean that academics are insignificant, but college life encompasses more than school-work.

The types of activities that individuals can enroll at the University at Albany are endless. According to MyInvolvement.org, activities on campus fall under twelve categories: academic, arts, cultural, fraternity or sorority, media, political, pre-professional, recreation, religious, service, social, and university resources.

They key to getting involved is finding activities that pertain to the interests and goals are for a student. The point is for students to expand, not confine, their horizons because extracurricular activities help them gain more exposure to what college has to offer them.

This type of fulfillment is not only analogous to joining clubs and organizations. Internships and part time jobs are a satisfying way to gain work experience, professional skills, and compensation at the same time. Resident Assistants [RAs] serve as the go-to people for residents living on campus, and they receive perks like recognition and free room and board. Sports help people stay in shape in a recreational manner.

Choose wisely. The amount of activities students take on is a personal decision, but their activities should be something that they enjoy and help them reach their full potential.

"Establishing yourself in a few activities that you truly care

about and where you are able to enlist yourself in a leadership role says that you have the ability to commit to a task and take charge of it," Carolyn Cutrone and Melissa Stanger from Business Insider said.

Getting involved is also a way for students to be productive in college because they are in a new and unfamiliar environment. They might feel hesitant to become active out of fear and uncertainty of putting themselves out there, but taking the first step is worth it. That step will give students an immense amount of exposure to opportunities that help them get more familiar with their surroundings.

They are forced to break out of their comfort zone and get involved by leaving their room and resisting the urge to only hanging out with people in proximity to them. Extracurricular activities ultimately make students feel more in touch with themselves and their college experience.

"[The important thing is] are you getting something out of it?" Brenzel asked. "Are you enjoying it? Are you learning how to do it better? Has it taken you some places that you would not otherwise have gone? If so, you're fine."

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# Arts & Entertainment

## They Might Be Giants rock the Capital Region

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Having just released a new album on April 21, They Might Be Giants has begun touring all around the country.

On their tour, the band stopped by the Capital District on Wednesday, April 22 for an energetic and eclectic performance at Upstate Concert Hall in Clifton Park. The alternative rock band played a mix of songs both old and new, but mainly focused on their new album "Glean."

The band is on a very difficult touring schedule, which involves touring cities from Philadelphia to San Diego in support of their 17th album. They will then travel back to Brooklyn for the last Sunday of every month to play a hometown show.

Having formed in 1982, the band has a mix of fans from all generations. The audience at Upstate Concert Hall consisted of all ages, from high schoolers to their parents' generation. The venue does not offer a lot of space for dancing, but jumping up and down seemed to be enough for most.



Credit: TheyMightBeGiants.com

The album cover for the band's newest release, "Glean."

The band certainly let their weird sense of humor shine through during their set. They fielded a pair of fake phone calls from Siri, Apple's digital assistant program. Singer/guitarist John Flansburgh turned his back to the audience and used a robotic voice effect on his microphone to make the "prank calls" to singer/keyboardist John Linnell.

During the second set, Flansburgh admitted to the crowd that calling Upstate Concert Hall an Albany venue is a bit misleading.

"I honestly have no idea where we are," said Flansburgh. The band later thanked "Mr. Cliff Ton Park, our benefactor," for bringing them there.

TMBG played a few fan favorites such as "Istanbul" and "Birdhouse in Your Soul," but made some surprising omissions. Despite bringing up former Governor Nelson Rockefeller several times, and explicitly stating that they would play the song, they did not play their tribute to Albany's roundest landmark "The Egg." Popular singles from the band such as "Ana Ng" and "Don't Let's Start" were also left out of the set list.

Leaving out some older material certainly helped them make the case for their newest album, which was available for purchase at their merchandise table. New songs like "Underwater Woman" and "Answer" were received just as well as older material from the band.

After a pair of one hour sets and two encores, the band said their goodbyes by giving out hundreds of band stickers to the audience. The stage techs began taking everything apart, so that the equipment could be loaded and taken to their next stop at the House of Blues in Boston.

The Brooklyn-based band found an early audience through their Dial-A-Song method of recording songs. The phone service, operated by John Linnell and John Flansburgh, originally ran from 1983 to 2006. New songs would be recorded on a voicemail, which fans



Credit: Metafilter

Band founders John Flansburgh and John Linnell grew up together in Massachusetts.

could call in order to hear new music.

TMBG brought back Dial-A-Song for 2015, as well as a website for hearing their new material. The songs are updated every week, which will mean 52 brand new songs planned for the year. The number for Dial-A-Song is (844) 387-6962.

With the release of their new album, revival of the Dial-A-Song service, and successful national tour, They Might Be Giants is back bigger than ever.

## Hollywood preps for summer with a rush of trailers

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The summer movie season is looming ever closer, and with "Avenger: Age of Ultron" set to kick things off on

May 1, studios have recently been in a rush to release shiny new trailers for their biggest blockbusters in the hopes of playing in front of one of the largest audiences of the year. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," Disney's other gigantic, pop-culture-dominating sequel in 2015, recently debuted its second trailer to an ecstatic fan response on April 16, but the days following that also saw new trailers for just about all of summer 2015's heavyweight contenders, and one from a release as far off as 2016. Here now is a look at some of these new trailers and what they reveal about the films themselves.

"Ant-Man," Marvel Studios' emphatically small "Age of Ultron" follow-up got its second trailer, revealing more of the plot and characters and also addressing the complaints many had with the first trailer. This new look at the smallest Avenger's debut film played up the humor, an element that was mostly lacking from earlier looks at the film, and the result was a much clearer vision of the action-comedy tone that all involved promised the film would have. One stand-out comedic sequence in the trailer saw a beyond-bite-sized



Credit: MarvelCinematicUniverse.wiki

"Ant-Man" is set to be released July 2015.

Ant-Man (Paul Rudd) going at it with a similarly small villain on a rattling train, which turns out to be a child's Thomas the Tank Engine playset. The trailer also offered the first look at the film's main antagonist, Yellowjacket (Corey Stoll) in motion, and provided a better impression of what the world will look like from the hero's point-of-view when small. All in all, it was a very promising look at what is shaping up to be a solid adventure

On a less promising note, "Terminator: Genisys," the franchise reboot that everyone seems to have accepted despite never having asked for it, dropped a new trailer that left fans and pundits scratching their heads. The usual business was there: alternate timeline, Emilia Clarke in badass-mode, bus chase, Arnold Schwarzenegger back in the cybernetic-saddle. But in addition to all that was a reveal that seemed to give away a massive and game-changing twist. In the interest of those wishing to remain unspoiled this twist will not be shared here, but suffice it to say that something is definitely not what it seemed to be, and the implications of this for the franchise past and present will almost certainly be huge, if not necessarily good or well thought out. Nothing else in the trailer indicated that the film would be anything more than a generic action flick, but it will certainly not be without some intrigue.

The new trailer for "Fantastic Four" had perhaps the most heavy-lifting to do as the film is such a huge departure from both the previous FF movies and most superhero films in general, and the previous trailer for the film left a lot to be desired in terms of character and detail. To its credit, the second trailer gives a much better sense of who the titular team are as characters, showed how they will interact with each other, and for good measure threw in some humor. On top of all that, the extra time needed to finish up the visual effects allowed the new trailer to show off each character's powers in action. Less interesting was the first look at the film's new, weirdly-shiny version of Doctor Doom. While the marketing for the film is finally starting to give a fuller idea of what it is, whether or not such a grounded take on a traditionally big and vibrant team of characters like the Fantastic Four is a good idea remains to be seen.

Strangely enough, easily the biggest trailer unveiled recently was not for a film coming out this summer, or even this year. The debut teaser for "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice," the follow-up to 2013's "Man of Steel" and precursor to the rest of the DC Comics Cinematic Universe, dropped in advance of summer 2015, despite the fact that the film itself will not be in theaters until March 25, 2016. When the fate of an entire line of giant blockbusters depends on one film making a billion dollars, maybe it makes sense to start the marketing push well in advance. The teaser itself is just that, a



Credit: Newseveryday.com

Ben Affleck starring as Batman and Henry Cavill reprising his role as Superman.

teaser. Little in the way of plot is revealed beyond what can be gathered from the title: Batman, Superman, they fight. As many expected, the fallout from the last film's destructive ending has a lot of the world against Superman, none more so it seems than Ben Affleck's Bruce Wayne. Suiting up in a heavily armored version of the bat-suit, he goes to face a very angry looking Superman asking him, "Do you bleed?" before assuring him, "You will."

The film definitely looks to be continuing the darker tone set by "Man of Steel," an artistic decision sure to please and frustrate audiences in equal measure, just as its predecessor did. Given the fact that "Man of Steel" made a lot less money than the studio was hoping for, continuing the franchise without any significant changes in approach beyond "Just put Batman in it" seems like a questionable way to go. Will enough people turn up for another movie with a neck-snapping Superman? Do audiences actually want a Batman who outright threatens to make his opponents bleed? There is a long way to go before those questions are answered, and the first teaser does not give a lot of hope for the future.

# Poetry at its finest

## “Hawaiian Shirts in the Electric Chair”

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Scott Laudati, a budding author and poet, writes with wonder and passion. His collection of poems entitled “Hawaiian Shirts in the

Electric Chair,” is easy to read and connect with. Readers don’t need to be expert readers or poets to enjoy his work and there is no need to analyze every word choice or combination. These poems are simply for those who love the written word in all its artistic forms. The first poem in line, “Can We Live Like This,” is written in an open-ended style, leaving the meaning up to the interpretation of the reader. It could be about a lover who fell out of love, or it could be a case of unrequited love. It could just be that the narrator is lamenting on the loss of a good friend, with no romantic feelings involved.

Another poem in the collection is “The Dog Days Are Over.” The narrator seems to be commending his dog for being calm and steadfast in the face of uncertainty and danger. He seems to take solace



Credit: Scott Laudati

“Hawaiian Shirts” author plays with his dog.

in the anchor that is man’s best friend. He thinks about how simple happiness can be. While some may require expensive gifts and travels abroad to bring them happiness, all this narrator needs is the dog. When it comes to poetry, many of us assume that all poetry is about love and loss or anger. Laudati shows us how to appreciate poetry from all emotions and thoughts, not necessarily the most passionate and debilitating emotions.

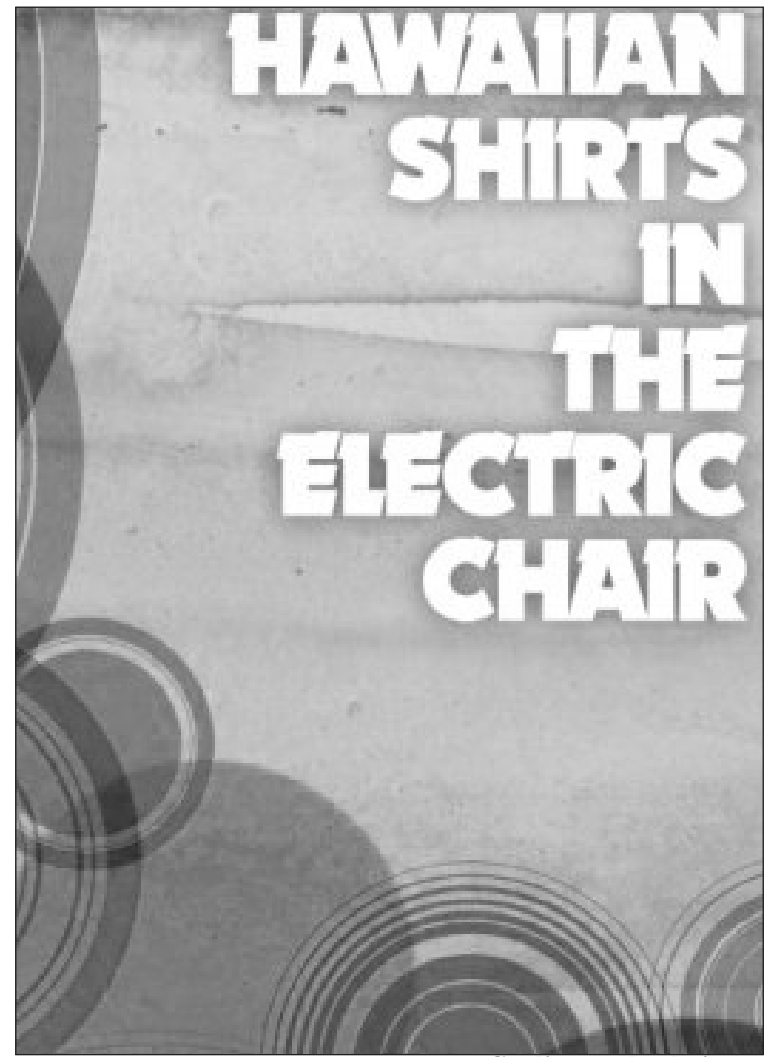
Throughout the book, the poems are told in first person to better help the readers to connect with the emotions and situations conveyed. The characters seem deep and thoughtful, but their words are vague enough so as to leave their thoughts and emotions somewhat interpretable. The poems are creative and fluid, changing from one feeling at the beginning to entirely new feelings at the end. They are complex enough to entertain, but not inaccessible.

It is a very good read, especially for those who enjoy reading but want something lighter than our textbooks. They are sad and beautiful, but sometimes filled with hope and promise. The book is engaging, thoughtful and inspiring, and funny. There are poems about dogs, UFOs, cocaine, friendship, love, bravery and time. Some are political and some are lighter.

Laudati expresses the idea of death in one of the most fearless ways. He is not trying to be a world-renowned poet, rather he is simply expressing his voice and thoughts for others to read and critique. His writing is brutally honest and unapologetic, he says what he feels and thinks no matter how raw and gritty it may seem. The theme seems to be connected to remaining innocence, a will to preserve it, and a fear of losing it.

“Putting the Art Back in Kmart” is about art itself and how destructive and beautiful it can be. Not all art can be held to the same standard as “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

We all find different forms of art pleasing. The compilation of poetry in “Hawaiian Shirts in the Electric Chair” is wonderful, both for those who already love poetry and for those who want to test the waters.



Credit: scottlaudati.com

The cover for Laudati’s collection of poems.

## Montreal bands play at The Low Beat

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Seasoned Albany-area promoter CR OM hosted a legendary show at

Albany’s very own The Low Beat on Saturday April 11, to a band of thrash-hungry mutants who were foaming at the mouth by the time local trio Sick Mind took the stage. Although technical problems with the bass player’s amplifier cut their anticipated set short, they blitzed through numerous tracks before calling it quits and clearing the stage for Montreal’s modern-day answer to 80s metal, Metalian.

The leather-clad Canadian rockers burst into a set of searing guitar-work, perfect falsettos and chest thumping drum-and-bass syncopation that encapsulated the crowd of various patrons. Lead singer Ian Wilson was spotted on and off the front monitors, belting guitar licks just before returning to his microphone to kick off another run of reverb-saturated vocals.

Bass player Andres Arango’s face could barely be seen through his long locks of jet black hair, as he pelted the audience with an onslaught of effortless bass work, all while head banging in unison with the tireless drumming of Tony Cantara.

Lead guitarist Simon Costa, who looked oddly like Danny Masterson of “That 70’s Show” fame, was jumping between coordinating perfect melodic guitar-work with Wilson and intense solos of his own. It was surprising to see the strings hadn’t been literally shredded off his guitar.

Metalian’s set consisted of almost all originals, including “Conquest” which is six-minute music epic of varying solos, tandem guitar harmonies and aggressively shifting rhythms. Vocalist/Guitarist Ian Wilson’s banshee-like vocals screamed “Just look at your men, how fearful and frightened; our time has come to move on...” as the band prepared for the next transition of the track.

They plowed through a quick-paced rendition of “Sonic Attack” and completed a couple sterling takes of their new material off their latest EP, “Metal, Fire and Ice.” Completing their set after two bonus encore songs left the crowd hungry for Cleveland, OH natives Party Plates.

Hardcore music is nothing new to this quintet,

who blasted into their set with the velocity of a fighter jet, hammering the audience with lively stage antics and relentless speed. The tireless crowd responded multiple times by inciting a circle pit, while the vocalist delivered the lyrics without skipping a beat.

Party Plates style is reminiscent of just about every relevant hardcore band in the past 30 years, including Bad Brains, Minor Threat and even some tinges of D.R.I. at times. The ferocity of their set completed the evening in perfect form and it was clear that the Albany crowd who had gathered had received quite a show for the \$7 cover charged they gladly forked over upon entrance into The Low Beat.

Upon completion of the final pint of the night, it



Credit: Louis Smith

Hardcore bands perform locally at The Low Beat.

was clear that the Montreal metal troupe Metalian had stolen the show outright. Their presence on stage, complete ownership of their highly influenced style, and perfect form put them ahead of the equally entertaining groups booked for the nights.

It was a shame that Sick Mind encountered some issues early on in their set, as the crowd would have loved to see more of their material in action; they’re definitely a local band to keep on the radar.

Party Plates was everything to love about hardcore music, from the herky-jerky movements of the lead singer on-stage to the constant barrage of distorted sound issued by the guitar and bass player. Metalian however left a void after their set. Their music reeked of 80s heavy metal, their sound comparable to the likes of Iron Maiden and Judas Priest among others. Without a doubt, the Albany area needs more international acts like the earth shattering Metalian to grace us with their presence.

## Jon Stewart leaves The Daily Show

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Jonathan Stewart is an American critic, political satirist, writer, television

host, and stand-up comedian. Born November 1962 in New York City, he and his family lived in New Jersey after his grandparents immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe. In high school, Stewart was the victim of anti-Semitic bullying along with his older brother, Lawrence. Stewart graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1984, where he had been a member of the soccer team and had studied chemistry before switching to psychology.

After finishing school Stewart worked a number of jobs, one of which was as a bartender at City Gardens where he learned that he was not a “giant weirdo” and that “maybe there are other people who have a similar sense of yearning for something other than what they have now.” Stewart made his stand-up debut at The Bitter End, the same place where comedian Woody Allen began his career. This is where Stewart changed his name from Stuart-Leibowitz to Stewart, due to pronunciation and an estranged relationship with his father.

In 1999, Stewart replaced Craig Kilborn on “The Daily Show.” While the show discusses the political climate and pokes fun at certain political figures, Stewart considers it to be nothing more than “schnicks and giggles,” rather than a political opinion to be taken seriously. However much of the information on the show is factual, and is delivered in an informal and accessible manner.

Save for several temporary instances Stewart has been the sole host for 16 years, occasionally giving the chair to comedians like Stephen Colbert and John Oliver. Stewart has won a total of 19 Emmy Awards for his role as host. “The Daily Show” won two Peabody Awards in 2000 and 2004 for coverage of the presidential elections.

In September 2001, Stewart addressed the

attack on the World Trade Center by forgoing the usual introduction to the show, which consisted of an aerial view of the Twin Towers. He instead lamented on the attack, which he dubbed an attack on “the symbol of American ingenuity, strength, labor, imagination, and commerce.” He did however, go on to say that “the view from the south of Manhattan is now the Statue of Liberty. You can’t beat that.”

This February, Stewart announced that he would be leaving “The Daily Show.” This was later confirmed by the Comedy Central president, Michele Ganeless.

Stewart is Jewish, although he doesn’t practice the religion. He is married to Tracey Lynn McShane, and the couple have two children, Nathan and Maggie Rose. They have a cat and two dogs named Stanley, Monkey and Shamsky respectively. While Stewart has been labeled a Democrat, he considers himself “more socialist or independent,” and has voted for Republican candidates in the past. He is an avid fan of the New York Giants and the New York Mets, and he also admires Bruce Springsteen.

Stewart’s replacement is Trevor Noah, a South African political satirist, host, media critic, and comedian. He was born to a South African mother and a Swiss father, and his family suffered during the era of apartheid. His ethical background and experiences are often a part of his routine. He began corresponding with “The Daily Show” in December 2014, and on March 30 2015, Comedy Central announced that he would be taking over in Stewart’s place. Although his selection has been met with some criticism, Noah shows confidence in his new role and describes himself, like Stewart, as a political progressive.

In his farewell on “The Daily Show,” Stewart joked about how this was the longest he has held a job “by 16 years and five months.” He said it was time to give someone else the opportunity to run the show and that he had “a lot of things, got a lot of ideas in his head,” jokingly naming “dinner with my family” as one of them.

After thanking the crew of the show and joking around some more with the audience, Stewart showed the viewers “A Moment of Zen,” where a monkey washed a cat in a sink. While the relevance of such a clip shall be left to the viewer, it is clear with the audience’s reaction during his speech that he will be sorely missed. We can only hope that Trevor Noah lives up to the expectations.



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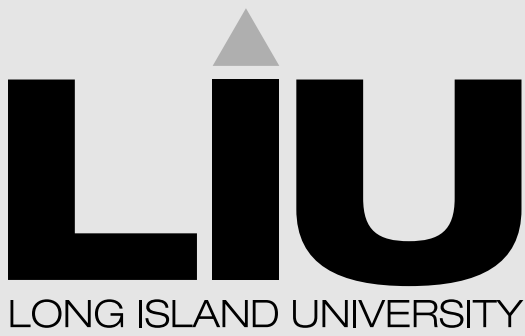
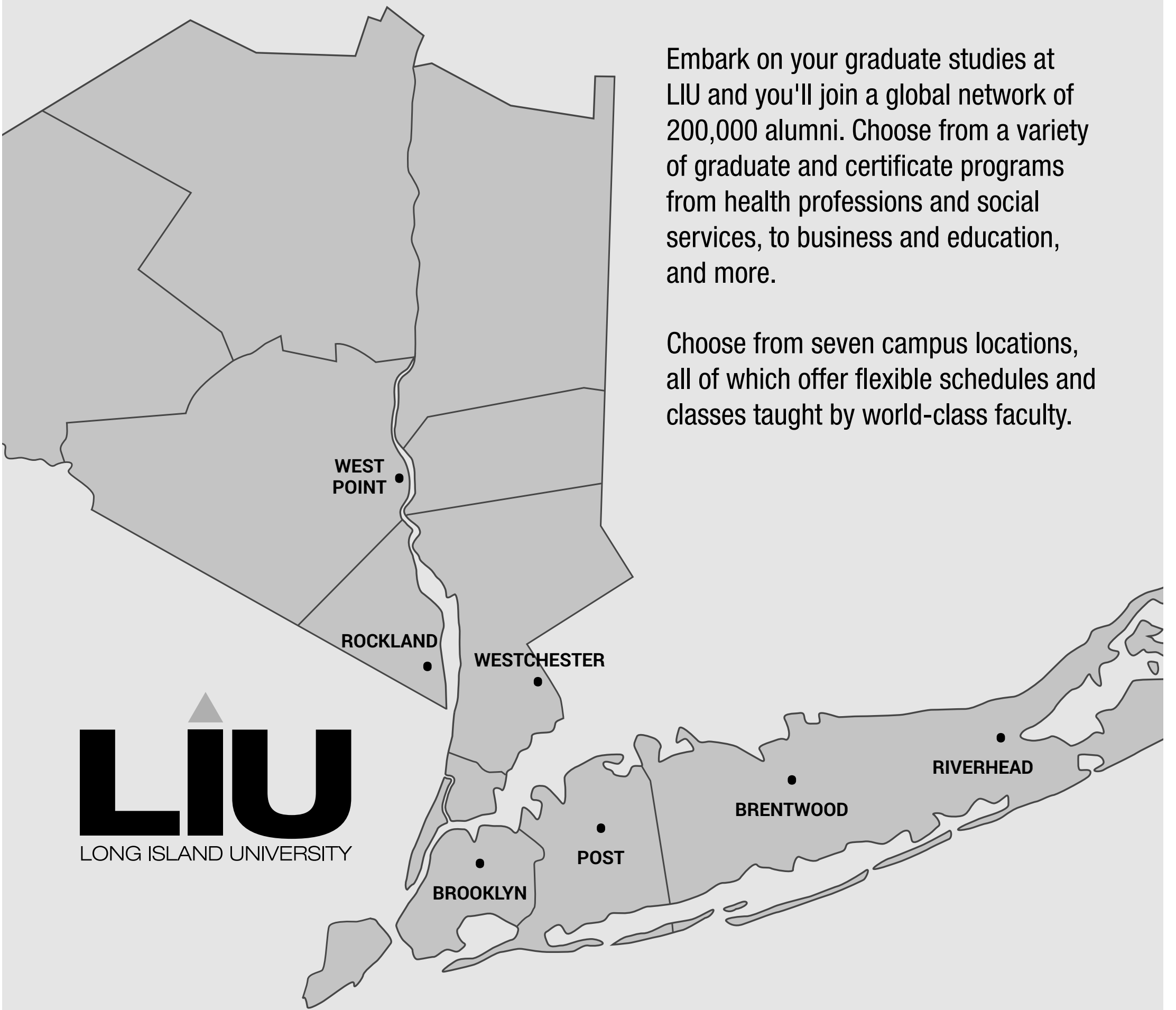
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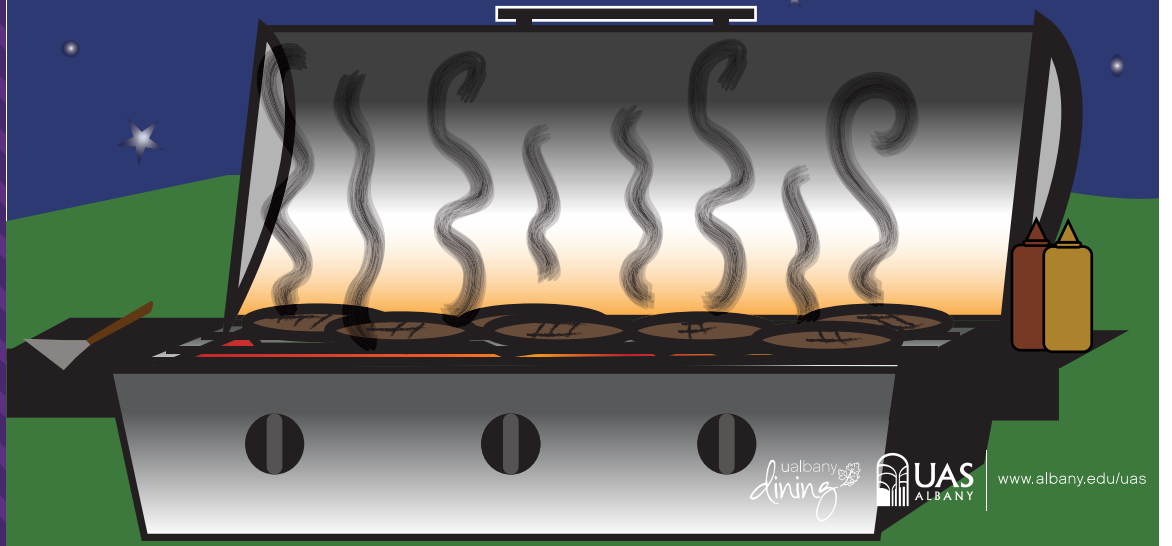
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# Stony Brook baseball sweeps series at UAlbany

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The University at Albany baseball team (11-19, 5-6 AE) came into three game weekend series at Varsity Field against Stony Brook University (23-12, 12-2 AE) with the hopes of challenging the Seawolves for first place in the America East standings. The challenge was denied as UAlbany fell three times to its top in-conference rival and remained in second place.

Saturday's first game of the doubleheader could not have gone any worse for the Great Danes, who allowed 15 runs on 18 hits by the Seawolves, in a 15-3 beating.

"We did not pitch well in game one," said head coach Jon Mueller. "We knew it was going to be difficult sledding and we really struggled with our bullpen's effort."

Stony Brook opened up the scoring in the fourth inning with a two-run double by Andrew Gazzola that sailed over a diving Will Miller in deep left-center field to drive in the first two runs. Jeremy Giles followed with another Stony Brook run in the fifth inning after hitting a sacrifice fly to centerfield, allowing Casey

Baker to score from third.

With the bases loaded and one out, UAlbany responded with a two-run double into the left-center field gap by Shawn Blake to put the Danes within one. In the same half inning, Trevor DeMerritt followed with an RBI groundout to tie the game at three.

The Seawolves lineup, however, would not let up the run production. Stony Brook ensued with two runs in the sixth, three runs in the seventh, four runs in the eighth, and three runs in the ninth, outscoring the Danes 12-0 over the final four innings.

UAlbany's starter, Brendan Ryan, was pulled after allowing five runs, four earned, on eight hits over 5.1 innings. Terry Dugdale, Sam DeCelle and Cameron Sorgie appeared in relief from the Danes bullpen and surrendered a combined ten runs over just 3.2 innings of work. Stony Brook's Toby Handley led all hitters with four hits and three runs batted in, while Jack



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
UAlbany's pitching struggled to contain Stony Brook's strong offense over the weekend.

Parenty ended the first game with five runs batted in on two hits, including a three-run double in the ninth inning.

Eight of Stony Brook's nine hitters recorded at least one run batted in and all nine recorded at least one base hit apiece.

In game two, the Great Danes hoped to keep the scoring from the opposing side at a minimum with Stephen Woods on the

mound. Fortunately for Stony Brook, starting pitcher Daniel Zamora went head-to-head with Woods deep into the game, allowing just one run over four hits and seven strikeouts in Stony Brook's 2-1 victory.

Woods got off to a quick start, striking out six batters over his first four innings of work.

Zamora matched Woods and was even more dominant with

seven punch-outs and no runs allowed over the first four frames.

In the second inning, Stony Brook brought home the first run of the game on a fielder's choice groundout that allowed Gazzola to score from third.

Two innings later, Woods struck out the first two batters he faced before giving up a solo homer to Gazzola that put Stony Brook up 2-0.

In the bottom half of that inning, Trevor DeMerritt stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded, but grounded out to the pitcher and stranded all three runners for

the Danes.

After lead off hits by Eric Mueller and Karson Canaday to kickoff the fifth inning, UAlbany had another opportunity to score with runners in scoring position. With one out and runners on second and third, Alex Luska-vich hit a sacrifice fly to deep centerfield that allowed Mueller to score the Danes' first run of

game two.

But that would be all the run support for Woods' outing of seven innings, two runs allowed on three hits, and seven strikeouts. The Danes would strikeout ten times in game two and strand six base runners in the one run loss.

"You tell me your pitcher gives up three hits and strikes out seven guys over seven and you think you're going to win that game, but [Stony Brook] pitched a little bit better than us," said Mueller after the pair of defeats.

"We had a tough time against these Stony Brook pitchers today. We didn't protect the plate good enough and we failed to cash in with runners on base."

In the third game of their series on Sunday afternoon, Stony Brook continued the offensive onslaught, beating UAlbany 12-2 to finish off a three game sweep.

After a doubleheader at NYIT on Tuesday, UAlbany will continue America East play at home for a three game series vs UMass Lowell this weekend.

# Women's Lacrosse pounds UMBC on Senior Day

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The University at Albany women's lacrosse team (13-3, 5-1 AE) dismantled UMBC (8-8, 3-3 AE) 20-5 this Saturday afternoon in their final home game to improve to a 9-0 record at John Fallon Field.

This season marked the first time that UAlbany has been undefeated at home in Division I play. The win was a perfect ending to the afternoon, which had begun with an emotionally charged senior recognition ceremony.

UAlbany head coach John Battagliano is proud of his seniors, who have developed into, "elite players in this league," as he said. He is impressed with their work ethic and the career they've had, but he was also quick to mention that they, "have more [work] to do."

UAlbany carried momentum from the pregame ceremony into the first half of the game, opening the scoring less than three minutes into the game with a goal by Maureen Keggins. Soon

after, Rachel Bowles made it 2-0 UAlbany on a free point shot.

UMBC was able to counter with a goal after a long possession in the UAlbany zone, but they did not have an answer for UAlbany's relentless attack. A goal by Bowles on the man advantage gave the Great Danes a 3-1 lead and began an eight goal rally. The Danes were able to build momentum due to six consecutive faceoff wins in this span, with contributions coming from several different players.

The Danes built their lead to 13-2 at the half, with contributions from Dakotah Savitcheff and Alie Jimerson. With Savitcheff's two goals in the first half, both assisted by Keggins, Savitcheff became UAlbany's all time leader in single season goals. She passed Jodi Battaglia, who had previously held the record with 56 in 2011.

The second frame began with a tally from Bowles on a laser of a shot. The ensuing three goal run, led by Keggins, gave the Danes a commanding 17-2 lead. A costly turnover forced by Michelle Primomo was able to negate a UMBC faceoff win and result in another goal for the Danes,



Photo by Aaron Cheris  
A team effort led UAlbany to a win in their last home game.

this time by Jimerson. Goals by Rachel Bowles and Emma Powlin rounded out the scoring for UAlbany with five minutes left in the game.

UAlbany's defense was able to hold off UMBC thanks in part to the goaltending of Courtney Henderson, who finished with seven saves in her 13th win of the season. UAlbany also had

only 6 turnovers, their lowest number on the season.

Senior Maureen Keggins had a record-breaking day as she led the offense with six goals and five assists. She tied Rachel Burek's record for most points in a single game with 11. With 85 points on the season, Keggins also surpassed Rachel Burek's previously held record of 84

to become UAlbany's all time single season points leader.

Keggins said that, because her parents were in attendance for the ceremony, this game was a little more special than most.

"Our energy was really high," Keggins said. "We left it all on the field."

The seniors were able to maintain their composure throughout the game, which Keggins credited to their experience.

Battagliano, whose squad has now set a program record with a total of 369 points on the season, was very proud of his team's effort. "I thought it was a great way to honor our seniors, to have our kids play that well."

He is confident in his squad entering postseason play. No matter who they will be playing against, he said, "they're not afraid."

"They've played some of the top five teams in the country and they've all been couple goal games." To finish the regular season with a game like this, in which his team was, as he said, "firing on all cylinders," certainly can't hurt either.

With the win, UAlbany clinched the number two seed in the upcoming America East



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Dakotah Savitcheff is now UAlbany's all-time single season goals leader.

Tournament at Stony Brook. They will take on Vermont in the semifinals on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that game will play Sunday at noon in the championship game on ESPN3.

# Photos: Golf wins MAAC Championship

UAlbany women's golf took home the MAAC Conference Championship after a weekend tournament in Florida.



Photo from UAlbany Golf  
During an off day, the team took a trip to Disney's Magic Kingdom.



All photos from UAlbany Women's Golf  
The UAlbany golf team posed with Mickey Mouse after winning the MAAC Championship.

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# ALBANY STUDENT PRESS Sports

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR UALBANY ATHLETICS

## Men's Lacrosse crushes UMBC to finish regular season UAlbany will host America East Tournament at Bob Ford Field.

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The University at Albany men's lacrosse team ended one of the most successful regular seasons in school history this past Saturday at Bob Ford Field with a 20-9 blowout win over America East conference rival UMBC.

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Last week, UAlbany defeated Yale in front of a record setting crowd of 4,283 in the school's first lacrosse game at Bob Ford



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Coach Scott Marr (left) and his team finished the regular season 13-2.

Field. On Saturday, 2,514 fans packed Bob Ford Field to see the Great Danes earn their sixth win in a row.

Ranked seventh in the country, the Great Danes (13-2, 6-0 America East) never relinquished a lead that started just 27 seconds into the game off of a Seth Oakes score.

The Great Danes' offense was clicking early and often in the first quarter as they scored 10 goals in the opening quarter, two more goals than UMBC (5-8, 1-5 America East) has given up on average for an entire game this season.

The Great Danes seemingly had the game wrapped up at

halftime, as they held a 15-2 lead after two quarters. Connor Fields paced the Great Danes with five goals in the first half, and Seth Oakes, Lyle Thompson Tim Cox each had four points at the half.

Thompson, who continues to pad his record as NCAA Division I lacrosse's all-time leading points scorer, had the crowd on its feet with several spectacular plays, including a highlight reel finish against three UMBC defenders.

The Retrievers were held scoreless the entire second quarter as UAlbany's defense held strong, frequently forcing turnovers. Goalie Blaze Riorden had another strong game, one in which his dominance allowed UAlbany to give backup goalie JD Colarusso significant playing time, following Riorden's game saving efforts against Yale just a week ago.

UMBC rallied in the fourth, scoring five goals in a row, primarily against UAlbany's backups. But the deficit was too much to overcome. The Great Danes capped off a dominant effort in which his team converted on 21 of 33 shots and won two thirds of the faceoffs.

The Great Danes were led by five goals from Fields and three each by Thompson and Oakes. Coming off the bench, Tim Cox, Tom Nuckel, and Kyle McClan-

cy each scored a pair of goals. Pat Young scored three goals to lead for the visiting Retrievers.

The Great Danes honored their 10 graduating seniors on Saturday. The seniors will finish their careers as part of a UAlbany program that has changed the way lacrosse is played nationally. The fast paced nature of the Great Danes is something coach Scott Marr recognized.

"They really have seen the evolution of our program from the time they were freshman to where we are now and the pace that we do play and how it has affected the rest of the game," Marr said.

This team has made an impact nationally and Marr recognized the accomplishments of his departing seniors saying that other college teams try to emulate the way the Great Danes play.

"We talked everyday about playing our standard," Marr said. "[Our seniors] saw the older guys holding that tradition, and we want to play at that same level and intensity."

Marr's squad has the nation's most potent offensive attack, leading the nation with over 17 goals a game. The Great Danes goals per game average is three more than the second place Syracuse Orange. Seth Oakes and Connor Fields both rank in the national top 10 in goals per

game average with over three each.

This year's team stacks up well nationally on the offensive end, and that's not even mentioning Lyle Thompson, who has the second highest assist total in NCAA Division I history to go along with the most points.

After wrapping up their third-straight perfect America East season and taking home the regular season championship, UAlbany will host the upcoming conference tournament.

The Great Danes' next game will be this Thursday against Hartford at Bob Ford Field in the semi-finals of the America East tournament at 7 p.m.

If the Great Danes defeat Hartford, they will play in the America East Championship game on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. against the winner of Thursday's game between Vermont and Stony Brook.



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Lyle Thompson (left) and Seth Oakes (right) had many goals to celebrate on Saturday.

## Playing for the red, white, blue, purple, and gold

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It's 7 a.m. on a typical spring day at the University at Albany. The majority of college students are still sleeping after long nights of completing homework, studying for exams, and socializing.

Freshman field hockey star Anna Bottino is doing all of the above. Except she's awake at 7 a.m. and ready to attack the day.

She usually starts the day with a 30 minute run by herself just to get the juices flowing for the rest of the day. After she is warmed up from the run, she goes im-

mediately to spring field hockey practice at the athletic complex.

If she feels she hasn't had a satisfactory morning so far, she likes to stay after practice to work on her individual skills before heading to her two classes of the day.

By the end of her classes, it is between noon and 1 p.m., and she has accomplished more in her day so far than the prototypical college student will for the entire day.

To put it bluntly, Bottino knows the keys to success, as evident by her accomplishments on and off of the field.

This past season, Bottino was

named America East Rookie of the Year after starting 22 of 23 games for a Great Danes team that reached the Final Four in October. She earned Second Team America East honors, as well as a selection to National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Second Team.

Despite her constant work in the offseason to improve, Bottino never expected the amount of success she and her team had in her first season at UAlbany.

"I thought I was going to be starting on the bench. The quality of play was very high and I had to get used to it," Bottino said of the transition to NCAA competition. "I was really nervous the first game, but the team helped me adjust. If you do something wrong, they let you know."

UAlbany won the America East conference to qualify for the NCAA tournament. Their team wasn't expected to go as far as they did simply because UAlbany isn't recognized as a national powerhouse in field hockey.

The Great Danes defied the odds by beating powerhouses Wake Forest and Maryland before falling to UConn in the Final Four. Bottino says her favorite UAlbany moment so far was when the Great Danes upset No. 2 Maryland to advance to play Connecticut in the national semifinals. They were the first UAlbany team in any sport to reach the national Final Four.



Photo from UAlbany Athletics/Brian Schneider  
Anna Bottino (5) scored a key goal in the NCAA Tournament to help UAlbany reach the Final Four.

"We played our hearts out versus Wake Forest. To beat Maryland, we knew we had to play our game and play the best we could," Bottino said. "It was the best moment of my career when the buzzer went off and we beat Maryland."

The Danes would go on to lose 1-0 in the Final Four to UConn. However, Bottino and her teammates are proud of putting UAlbany on the map this year and are excited for the upcoming season in the fall.

"We are losing four seniors. But we have a very good class of freshmen coming in that will definitely add depth. We are going to need to take it one game at a time," said Bottino.

Before even thinking about a

second consecutive trip to the Final Four, Bottino is making sure her and her teammates are focused on competing in the America East first and foremost. Stanford will join the America East next season, which will certainly make the Danes' trip to the NCAA tournament even more difficult than this past season.

And perhaps even more astonishing than the several accolades mentioned, Bottino was nominated to try out for the Under-19 USA Field Hockey team this past January. She made the team in March, and represented the USA in exhibition games in mid-April for one week in Belgium.

"It was an amazing experience to wear my country's uniform along with some of the best girls

in the country," Bottino said of her recent trip.

She will continue to go to the team's practice facility in Pennsylvania for four to five days every month for the next few months for team workouts and practices. She says representing the United States in the Olympics one day is definitely a dream of hers. Just as she doesn't like to speculate about how far the Great Danes will go next season, she insists on taking that process, "one day at a time," as well.



Photo from UAlbany Athletics  
Anna Bottino (left) scored 11 goals during her freshman season.

## Thompson named Tewaaraton nominee



The Tewaaraton Foundation has announced that University at Albany attackman Lyle Thompson has been named a Tewaaraton nominee.

Thompson, a 2014 co-Tewaaraton Trophy recipient with brother Miles Thompson, was one of 25 men's players selected as Tewaaraton nominees. The field of 25 will be narrowed to five finalists on Thursday, May 7, with the 15th

Annual Tewaaraton Award Ceremony being held at the Smithsonian on Thursday, May 28.

It is the third year running that Thompson has been named a nominee. He was one of the five finalists in each 2013 and 2014.

Thompson currently leads all of Division I with 6.29 points and 3.79 assists per game, tallying 35 goals and 53 assists on the year for 88 points. He became the NCAA

all-time leading scorer in Division I and has led UAlbany to a #7 ranking in the USILA Coaches Poll and Inside Lacrosse media poll, the team's highest placement since 2007.

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