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ACCESSIBILITY

Students Express Concerns on Access

By JOE HOFFMAN

As the University at Albany replaces heavy, narrow doors on academic buildings to make the campus more wheelchair accessible, several Student Association senators raised concerns that the campus is inaccessible in other ways.

One concern: automatic door openers.

When second year psychology major Amanda Ferguson encounters a door whose button doesn't work, she has to navigate her wheelchair through the entrance a different way.

"It's not too often but there have been times," said Ferguson. "Maybe once every few months."

Carolyn Malloch, director of UAlbany's Disability Resource Center, said that though all of the academic buildings' entrances are planned to be replaced with wider gold doors, funding limits some upgrades.

"As much as I would like to say that every single door needs to have an operator, we don't have the money for that," said Malloch. "And it's not required. We're required to have at least one accessible entrance per building."



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ACCOUNT SECURITY

PHISHER CATCHES OVER 300 STUDENTS



JOE HOFFMAN / ASP

A scammer posing as the university's Information Security Officer compromised students' accounts.

By JOE HOFFMAN

A suspected South Africa-based scammer has gained access to hundreds of student emails in the largest series of phishing attacks the University at Albany has faced, according to officials.

On Thursday, Chief Information Security Officer Martin Manjak sent a campus-wide email urging all students to change their passwords as a precaution, saying that Infor-

mation Technology had already shut down more than 300 accounts after the scammer tricked students into giving him or her their passwords.

Hours later, the phisher used this email alert to try to defraud more students. The scammer copied Manjak's alert and sent it from student accounts he or she already controlled.

"More than 300 student accounts have been suspended after their passwords were

compromised, to reactivate your account click Albany and provide your login details," said the phishing attempt.

The real Manjak said on Friday that Information Technology Services tracked many of the phishing attempts to South African IP addresses.

"We know his email, messagem05@ewaenmail.com," said Manjak.

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SENATE BUDGET

Surplus Funds Not Yet Allocated in SA Budget

By CHAD ARNOLD

Surplus funds remain unallocated as the Student Association senate on Wednesday voted unanimously to approve the Board of Finance's proposed 2018-19 external budget.

The \$930,933.85 approved budget, which will be divided between 125 student clubs, groups and organizations on campus, is an over \$18,000 increase from the 2017-18 academic year.

Wednesday's vote was the first step in passing the organization's estimated \$2.71 million total budget for the upcoming academic year.

"It's always good to give more money to student groups," said Mitchell Rybak, chairman of the BOF, who described the approval process for the external budget as efficient.

According to Rybak, deciding how to allocate funds for student groups is a multi-step process.

First, the BOF looks at the previous year's expen-



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Board of Finance Chair Mitchell Rybak and Vice Chair Anna Agnes present the external budget.

ditures — both internal and external. From there, the board considers the estimated budget provided by University Research before beginning the weeks long process of going through each group's budget request.

"To be honest, it was a painstaking process, but one that's necessary," said

Rybak.

Groups that failed to file a budget request for the upcoming academic year were allocated one cent to remain funded. This is a move that, according to Rybak, would prevent groups from having to go through the new and unfunded process should a mistake by the group's e-board been made.

"By giving them one penny, they don't have to do that," said Rybak. "They can go through appropriations for funding and apply for a budget next year."

Groups that failed to submit budgets for two consecutive years — including Albany Running Exchange, American Red Cross Club, Association of Computing Machinery, French Club, Model EU, Save the Memories, Sisters with Pride, and Young Americans for Liberty — lost funding and must apply to be a new and unfunded group in future years.

Not allocated in the budget 2018-19 as of yet: surplus funds SA did not spend in previous years.

Earlier this month, SA President Jerlisa Fontaine informed senators of a \$600,000 surplus. Since then, leaders in the organization have been informed by the Office of Student Involvement, which oversees SA, the amount of surplus funds is likely far less than initially thought.

"We don't exactly know

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CAMPUS



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Student Association senators Chloe Blaise and Sean Correia have been vocal about several other accessibility issues campus.

Blaise pointed out that low-rise complexes have no elevators, making the second and third floors inaccessible.

Though the Disability Resource Center can work with students with mobility issues to house them in more accessible housing like Freedom Apartments, Malloch said that getting to different parts of campus can take a long time for those in wheelchairs.

"It's difficult if you want to live in Colonial tower and you want to go visit a friend in Dutch," said Malloch. "There's no easy way to do it because you have to go through parking lots to do it in order not to go down a steep hill."

Senator Correia drew attention to the fact that several wheelchair-accessible routes on campus are not clearly marked.

"The handicap accessible routes we do have on this campus, for the most part, are not direct paths," said Correia. "Students that need to use them often have to walk

just as much or go really out of their way to get to the elevators."

To get to the Lecture Centers from the podium, persons in wheelchairs can take two main routes.

The first involves taking an elevator in Arts and Sciences to the basement before navigating through a hallway to a ramp that leads to the Lecture Centers.

Students can also take an elevator in the Performing Arts Center to then make their way through the lower level and take another elevator to the LCs.

Ferguson said that she understands how students in wheelchairs considering UAlbany might see the campus as tough to get around.

"Yeah, I think they definitely would have a harder time, like somebody who didn't go beforehand to take a tour," she said.

Mike Nolan, university communications specialist, said that the university is planning to put up signs marking accessible routes, and that they hope to have online maps of the routes up by this summer.

Assistant Director of the Disability Resource Center Carrie Snyder said most of the students they work with have invisible disabilities, not mobility issues.

Only three of the 670 students registered with the DRC use a wheelchair or other



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Senators from the Student Association called for more improved handicap accessibility.

mobility device, though Malloch said she knows of others in wheelchairs who simply haven't registered with the office.

Senator Blaise said she was not too optimistic about SA's ability to effect changes to the university's accessibility.

"I can sit here and bring these issues,

but at the end of the day if administration doesn't want to make the change, it doesn't matter what Juju says, what Langie says," said Blaise, referring to SA president Jerlisa Fontaine and President-elect Langie Cadesca.

CRIME BLOTTER

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

4/19/2018
Dutch Quad – Schuyler Hall
Report of a male student in possession of marijuana. A referral was made.

Unsecured Door/Window

4/19/2018
Podium – Campus Center
Unsecured door/window.

Possess Forged Instrument – 3rd

4/18/2018
Roadways – LT Lot
Report of a male student driving with a fake inspection sticker.

Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle – 3rd

4/18/2018
Roadways – CQ Lot
Report of a female subject driving with a suspended license.

Identity Theft 2: Assume Another Identity – Obtain Goods > \$500

4/17/2018
PE Complex – SEFCU Arena
Report of a stolen wallet and credit cards.

Criminal Trespass 2nd – Enter/Remain Unlawfully

in Dwelling

4/17/2018
Other – UPD
Report of a student trespassing.

Criminal Mischief Intent Damage Property

4/16/2018
Empire Commons – EC E Complex
Report of property damage.

Criminal Possession Controlled Substance

4/16/2018
Roadways – FQ Lot
Report of a male student in possession of a controlled substance. An arrest was

made.

Driving While Intoxicated – 1st Offense

4/15/2018
Roadways – I-90 Entrance
Report of a male subject driving while intoxicated. An arrest was made.

Petit Larceny

4/15/2018
Empire Commons – EC D Cluster
Report of stolen items.

Possess Forged Instrument – 3rd

4/15/2018
Dutch Quad – Bleeker Hall

Report of forged IDs. Referrals were made.

Unlawful Imprisonment 1st

4/14/2018
Podium – Campus Center
Report of an altercation between students.

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

4/14/2018
Indian Quad – Cayuga Hall
Report of a female student in possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. An arrest and a referral were made.

Defendant Fails to Appear in Court After Summons Served

4/13/2018
Indian Quad – IQ Cafeteria
A male subject was arrested for an outstanding Bench Warrant in Guilderland.

Agg Unlic Oper – 2nd: 3/ More Open suspensions on 3/More Dates

4/13/2018
Roadways – I-90 Entrance
Report of a female subject driving with a suspended license.

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what our surplus is and what we didn't spend," said Rybak who explained the BOF cannot allocate additional funds without first knowing how large the surplus is.

There is no way of telling how large SA's current surplus is until the organization's latest audit is released. The audit for the 2017 fiscal year, which was completed last month, is slated to be presented to the senate as part of SA's



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Senators voted on the external budget, which passed unanimously.

next weekly meeting on April 25.

Rybak is currently drafting legislation that would create a surplus

line within SA's budget where money can then be allocated as needed.

According to Rybak, a surplus line would not only allow unspent funds to be allocated outside the budget process, but also ensure SA does not run the risk of emptying its accounts should the organization run a deficit.

"This surplus that we found... is most likely going to be going to things that will make sure we're being a good business and we're being fiscally responsible with how we allocate money and how we operate," said Rybak.

Any legislation would require approval from the Rules Committee, BOF, and a two-thirds senate

majority.

"It sounds like a lot of moving parts, but we actually already have drafts written up," said Rybak who explained nothing is final until the senate approves a bill.

SA will look to pass its internal budget on April 25 before voting to approve the final budget for the 2018-19 academic year.

Follow Chad on Twitter for live senate updates on Wednesday nights: @ChadGArnold

EARTH DAY

Radio Panel Discusses Climate Change

By EGYPT SANTIAGO

In honor of Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, WAMC Northeast Public Radio along with the New York State Writers Institute presented a special climate change Round Table panel at Page Hall at the University at Albany's downtown campus.

The panel included Terry Tempest Williams, Elizabeth Kolbert, Judith Enck, Jeff Goodell, Dr. Alan Chartock, and Joe Donahue as the host.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness in the Albany area of the rate of climate change and local and national politics behind the steps taken toward climate change efforts.

"What in hell is motivating Trump to be on the other side of this? I mean it just seems so crazy and so illogical, what do you think is going on?" asked Chartock, the founder of WAMC.

"I don't mean to be really blunt about it, I think its money, political corruption, I think it panderings," responded Goodell, a contributing editor for Rolling Stone as well as the New York Times Magazine.

Goodell went on to explain the Trump administration's policies on climate change are putting the planet at risk for short term political gains.

"America was the moral leader in this," said Goodell on climate change. "They brought China in. Obama really used political muscle to get this agreement together and to bring everyone to the table and make it happen."

Carbon emissions from trucks, cars, and fossil fuel power plants have long term



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A panel sponsored by WAMC's The Roundtable and the Writers Institute addressed issues of climate change in conjunction with Earth Day.

ramifications that can last for decades, according to Enck, a former regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency under President Barack Obama.

"What we emit is out there," said Enck who explained the level of carbon in the atmosphere is at an all time high.

Enck stressed schools like UAlbany can curtail emissions by recycling, composting and using recycled products.

With events like RecycleMania, clothing exchange, and the composting of food from the dining halls, UAlbany is taking charge in our own role in climate change efforts.

In 2017, UAlbany composted 670 tons of food waste from the dining halls.

In an effort to make recycling more understandable, the school implemented new and specific garbage disposal bins clarifying what goes where so that our trash is properly disposed of.

The panel offered their advice on how to move forward towards a healthier more prominent future for the planet and the generations to come.

"Know of your power," said Williams, an American author, conservationist, and activist. "Power lies in numbers and lastly, you can choose not to look away."

"There are viable solutions," said Enck. "We can pass local plastic bans. We can get rid of polystyrene, and we can get rid of

plastic straws. Those are the kinds of things that are gateways issues to bigger solutions."

In a plea to fight for the sustainability of our earth, the panel strongly suggested that the biggest way for us to make a difference is to start change locally and to pay attention to our local government.

"We know this is a political issue. We know this is an ecological issue. But I think first and foremost this is a spiritual issue," said Williams. "I think that's what were in the service of. Of what it means to live on this beautiful, thriving, throbbing planet."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students Rally for Increased Transparency in SA



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Student Association President Jerlisa Fontaine talked with students who protested outside of the office last Wednesday with signs that read "The only thing transparent about SA is the windows!"

By CHAD ARNOLD

A group of students who gathered outside the Student Association office Wednesday afternoon were applauded by members of the senate later that day after calling for greater financial transparency within the organization.

Turning Point USA, a non-profit organization committed to fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government, organized the rally that attracted a dozen students.

"Will all those who participated in the rally earlier today stand up please," said Jerlisa Fontaine, SA president, during the organization's weekly meeting Wednesday night.

Members of TPU, who were in attended Wednesday's meeting seeking an appropriations request from SA, received a round of applause from the organization's senate.

"Honestly, I love it," said Sen. Nick Gonzalez of the rally. "I'm just really proud

that all these students are doing this and I really hope more students see their cause and believe in their cause and support their cause."

Sen. Mitchell Rybak, chairman of the Board of Finance, echoed similar sentiments, noting that any information students want to see is publicly available upon request.

"I'm glad it happened," he said. "We really should be held accountable. There's not an excuse why we shouldn't be."

Earlier that afternoon Fontaine meet with protesters who held signs that read "Where's my money?" and voiced concerns that pertained to a recent diversity conference in New Orleans attended by SA leadership during Mardi Gras and SA expenditures.

Several protestors, including Joshua Lee, a political science major and vice president of TPU, suggested SA provide students with weekly expenditure reports so those paying the student activity fee can better

understand how their money is being spent. "Two-hundred dollars may seem like a day or two at work," said Lee of the student activity fee in a subsequent interview. "But when you're supporting yourself or you don't have a strong family foundation, it really makes sense that you're describing where it goes."

Fontaine explained she understood student concern over SA finances, but providing weekly expenditure reports was not possible.

"There's really no way possible to present every single transaction made," said Fontaine. "We would need to hire 10 comptrollers."

According to SA bylaws, the comptroller's office is required to provide the senate with a bi-weekly internal expenditure report which are to be archived on the organization's website. No such reports can be found on SA's website as of writing.

Fontaine's administration this semester has been heavily criticized by senators after

\$500 was spent on Uber rides while attending the National Student Leader Diversity Conference in New Orleans during Mardi Gras season.

Sen. Anna Agnes, chair of Government Operations, labelled the trip as a "waste of money" and proposed a recently passed bylaw amendment that aims to put an oversight on conference line spending.

"I think the rally was very productive," said Fontaine in an interview following the rally. "I'm glad they were able to get the answers to their questions."

Lee saw the meeting as productive but would have liked to see more from Fontaine and the organization as a whole.

"At the end of the day, it's just politics," he said. "She's going to say what she has to say to make the organization look good and we're going to say what we have to say to get our point across."

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"That was extracted from the headers of his messages and was found in several different types of spam/phish he sent."

Manjak said that the email has been tied to fraud in other places of the world, calling the type of scam a "419 fraud."

The scam, also called advance fee fraud or "the Nigerian scam" — named after the

notoriety Nigerian criminal gangs have gained from using it — involves promising a vast sum of money to a target.

All you have to do, promises the scammer, is pay a small advance fee. The perpetrator then pockets this cash and moves on to the next target.

ITS reported that the fraudster had used student accounts to send emails asking for help moving money out of the country. In other examples, they simply used student accounts to phish for more student security information.

One victim of the phishing attacks was Illuminada Aponte, a social welfare student.

After Aponte clicked on a link in an email last week and entered her information, the phisher used her account to send more scam emails, including the one impersonating Manjak.

On Friday morning, Aponte woke up to find that she was locked out of all UAlbany accounts — Blackboard, email, MyUAlbany, and more.

"It's scary," said Aponte. "I think they should definitely get me a new account and

investigate what's really happening."

ITS plans to allow students with compromised accounts to change their passwords, rather than assigning new accounts to the hundreds affected.

Manjak, who has been UAlbany's chief information security officer since 2006, said this was a particularly pernicious bout of phishing attacks.

"We've had two previous campaigns in 2016 and 2017, but this is the most persistent and has had the largest impact," he said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students Should Think Before Sharing

By OLIVIA S. MATA

I wasn't at the library, but when I asked my classmate what the University Police Department email was about, I was shown the video: a Snapchat with the time taken out to add text and emojis, but sent through a group text on my classmate's phone. I was exposed to someone's criminal sexual behavior without my consent, through social media, one of countless other students here at our college.

Exhibitionism is described by the DSM-5 as a paraphilic disorder, or sexual behavior that causes personal distress or involves the willingness to cause distress in others. Because the incident took place in public, in a well-lit library in the middle of the day, it isn't unfathomable that this student would benefit from professional help. This student behaved in a way that gave us proof of any illness; we didn't have to speculate, and we squandered it. But I'm not a

psychologist, I'm just a witness to a video that to me depicted the quick cruelty of our social media age.

By the end of the week one student with over 1,000 followers, retweeted the video over 15 times, at one point saying "Nah he deserves justice someone go link him...". Another posted the "Jack the Jerker" meme made from the UPD's first email.

If indeed the student doesn't have such a disorder and is just "nasty" as one student on Facebook posted, the reaction to the incident on social media will surely push this student further into the shadows. This begs the question: why would a body of students, so acutely aware of violence in high schools and on college campuses, be so inclined to even potentially contribute to the catalysts of such behavior?

Criminal behavior is criminal and there is no excuse for that. I'm not defending something that for some would constitute a form of

sexual assault. Those who break the law deserve to be punished and this student was rightfully charged with Public Lewdness (NYS PL 245.00-A), a class B misdemeanor in the state of New York. So be it. But is the appropriate response a three-day long viral flash in the pot, given the context of the crime? I feel morally compelled to ask this question, considering the past years' campaigns that have brought awareness to addictions, sexual behavior, mental illness and cyberbullying.

Chief of Police J. Frank Wiley ended his email marking the arrest of the student with the following statement: "Thank you to everyone in the community for reading our notice and especially to those who quickly reached out and helped us identify and speak with him. You helped make our campus safer and are proof that an engaged community makes community policing successful."

I am sure there were numerous

students who just wanted him to be found, arrested and imparted justice to fit his crime, but there is an optimism present in Chief Wiley's send-off that does not reflect the behavior of students on social media who taunted, ridiculed, threatened and encouraged others to do the same. His engaged community consists of students who felt it more interesting to build a meme or make posters to share with their friends online.

The university and UPD cannot make any statement that notes the online behavior of its students. But those of us who found the reactions online to be cruel and irresponsible can ask our peers and our classmates to act in a way that reflects our generation's values of tolerance, compassion and understanding of those who need help. This video is not just a video; it is the exposure of a person's most primitive weakness. It represents the creation of a specter in another person's life. Even



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without a mass internet reaction, the embarrassment of being caught will be an event on its own that will follow him for a long, long time. But for us who either saw, shared, or tweeted, it will fade from our memories, having been long buried beneath the endless hours and days of the new content we publish.



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NOISE FROM NOYES

Parkfest Charge is Justified

By MATTHEW NOYES

For once, the Student Association does something right. The much-anticipated event features Gucci, Whethan, and Tinashe. Parkfest is an annual event that garners a lot of excitement from thousands of students, but there are also those who couldn't care less. The event isn't free to attend, but it is funded by SA through student activity fees. Some students argue the event should be free because they already pay the student activity fee that runs at \$110 a semester for full-time students. Others who don't have any interest in Parkfest may think that it's unfair for them to pay for an event through student activity fees that they're not going to attend. Having a limited number of tickets at a low price is the best way to reconcile this.

Selling a limited number of tickets is beneficial in two ways. One, it helps subsidize the cost of the event at the expense of students who go. Second, it acts as a mechanism that prevents overcrowding.

The tickets cost \$10 for undergraduate students and \$20 for guests. The webpage where tickets are available says that they "are limited to two per undergraduate University at Albany student & one guest ticket per undergraduate UAlbany student."

In the past, it has been the case that not all students who want to go can. In 2016 tickets sold out in in three days. Students and guests who really want to see the event will have no reservations paying the ticket price. Parkfest costs a lot of money and it seems unfair to make all students pick up the tab even if they aren't going. Ticket costs shift the burden on people who will go and enjoy Parkfest.

If the event was open to an unlimited number of people at cost it would be overcrowded. Think of space at Parkfest as a scarce resource. Not everybody who wants to go could without lowering the quality of the event. People who want to go would take time and make sure they buy their tickets right when they are released. Students who want to go but don't care enough to rush to buy tickets have a higher likelihood of not being able to get them. Unfortunately, SA can't make everyone totally satisfied, but having a limited number of tickets helps to maximize students' happiness.

Some might argue that student activity fees shouldn't be used for Parkfest because not every student cares about it and it's very expensive. There are certainly cases when SA funds are used in less than responsible ways, like going to Mardi Gras. However, it's hardly ever the case where spending money can benefit every student. For example, funding a student organization like Autism Speaks benefits members of the club and the many people they help. Not every student will see funds granted to Autism Speaks directly benefit them but having student activity fees are overall beneficial to the university.

We can argue about how best to allocate funds and if there are unfair discrepancies in how much certain clubs receive, but that is a different conversation. Having student activity fees creates a stronger campus community and gives students great opportunities. No one is forced to be a student at UAlbany, so if you disagree with the idea of student activity fees you can opt out by withdrawing from the university. As for Parkfest, it's impossible to appeal to every student's interests in the event. The current system of selling a limited number of tickets is the best approach SA can take.



NOYES

WIFI CONNECTION

UAlbany Needs to Reconnect by Reconstructing its Wifi

By DANIEL RUSSELL

After almost four years of attending University at Albany, I've come to the conclusion that — and I think most people will agree — the wifi here stinks. No matter what device I attempt to use the internet on, there's always some sort of connectivity issue, and when there isn't, there's time where the wifi just refuses to work, and you'll have to refresh your connection. Not only is this extremely frustrating, but also it happens frequently on both wireless networks that the school provides to us: MyResNet and UAlbanyWiFi. We need either a major overhaul of our WiFi networks, or we need to just get a new one all together.

MyResNet has had a myriad of problems since I started going to school here. When I was a freshman, I was allowed only to have two active devices connected to the Internet. The problem was, I had three devices that all needed to be connected: my phone, laptop, and PS4. I decided to keep my phone active

the whole year, and whenever I wanted to switch between my laptop and PS4, it meant logging in on my phone to my MyResNet account to switch the internet between the two devices. It was an annoying and arduous process.

It wasn't until my junior year that MyResNet got a facelift, but now the difference doesn't stick out to me that much. The internet got upgraded to 75 mbps upload and download, but I don't think I've ever topped out at any higher than 50 or so. There will be times where I'm on the internet on my phone or laptop and a page will refuse to load, so I'll have to disconnect then reconnect the internet to get it to work again. On these devices, it

isn't so bad, but on my PS4, it's very frustrating. It also doesn't help that my room (on Empire Commons) contains the router for my whole suite, so I can't



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wire my connection. I'm stuck with the wifi when it comes to gaming, and I'm met with frequent lag as well as being disconnected from games.

The UAlbanyWiFi on the podium is even worse. It works adequately enough in the library, but it works horribly in individual buildings. There's many times where I'm waiting for class to start and I frequently have trouble with getting content to load on my phone, usually on Instagram or Twitter. And you may as well forget about even

trying to use wifi in the basement of any of these buildings. Just getting a connection down there is a struggle, and if you do, you'll be hit with the dreaded one or two bar wifi connection. You might as well not even use it at that point. The only saving grace about internet on campus is that the LTE reception is pretty good across most major networks, but if you don't have an unlimited data plan, your options are limited.

I've had minor gripes about my experience attending UAlbany, but the lackluster wifi is one of the biggest ones. I have friends who have gone to SUNY schools at Buffalo, Binghamton, and Stony Brook, and all of them have never had the internet problems that I face almost daily. This school seems to be focused on reconstructing practically everything on campus, so why not add something more pressing to that list and improve the internet that the entire campus depends upon?

INTERNATIONAL

Bombing Syria is an Unnecessary, Tactless Instance of Retaliation

By M. FRANCIS MIRRO

Well, here we are again. Once more we've subjected ourselves to the atrocities of war and further tested man's unquenchable thirst for bloodshed. For many of us, it is impossible to remember a time when the United States was not fighting in the Middle East.

Explaining the Middle East's volatile situation is a long, complicated story. But the west created the region's turbulence, and it's become one of the main theaters of contest between the United States and the Russian Federation. That's where we are in Syria — wondering how to deal with one dictator in President Bashar al-Assad while maintaining something resembling friendly relations with another in Vladimir Putin, the puppeteer pulling Syria's strings.

President Donald Trump ordered a series of missile strikes against Syrian chemical development facilities in response to the Assad government's use of chemical weapons against its own citizens. America's involvement is based on a flawed national ideology which elevates the U.S. as a

global police force, a role no one elected us to and no one wants us to have. The failings or abuses of one government doesn't fall under the authority of another.

The use of internationally outlawed chemical weapons against innocent people cannot be left unanswered. But human civilization has reached the point where even violent despots must be met with hardline diplomacy. Violence must not beget more violence, and America must lead by example. We're getting involved in Syria's mess not because we feel some misplaced parental urge to defend the innocent from the wicked, but because our government has, for too long, bowed before the will of the billionaire oil barons who lust the region's heavy underground lakes of black gold. The



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American government is ready and willing to see red, white and blue blood stain the deserts of Persia so long as they can line their pockets in the process.

The Trump administration is merely pretending to give a damn about the oppressed masses in Syria. Perhaps if Trump hadn't campaigned on a platform thoroughly against any measure that could've potentially saved innocent lives. Perhaps if Trump hadn't closed our one window of hope by barring refugees fleeing an apocalyptic civil war based off nothing more than their religion. Maybe then we could believe the Good Samaritan act.

If Trump truly wanted to improve the situation in Syria, he would stop trying to emulate and appease Tsar Putin. The monster in the Kremlin is a narcissistic tyrant with designs

on destabilizing the West and fulfilling a ridiculous dream of restoring the pre-Great War Russian Empire. But Putin's hold on power is unstable, leaving him vulnerable to major international sanctions. Any pain felt by Russia will be felt even more by their client states, which Syria is. All Trump has done was stomp his feet and demand something go boom to fix it, which accomplishes nothing. If that's all we wanted from a President we could have just as well elected Michael Bay.

If the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome, then the United States was lost to delusions long before Trump. Yet with each passing day, this government seems to push the boundaries of commonsense to their utmost limits while denying the world of a stable democratic power to lead them. A leader is one who knows that it doesn't require a broadsword to change the world, and one who isn't so quick to use a hammer when a file tool would better perform the task. Behold America, there is no more blunt a tool than Donald J. Trump.

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AWARDS SEASON

Academy of Country Music Awards Reflect on 2017's Las Vegas Shooting



Source: Twitter

Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Jason Aldean, Maren Morris and Thomas Rhett remembered the victims.

By DANI MARTINEZ

In the first big country event held in Las Vegas festival wherein a shooter left 58 people dead, Jason Aldean was the first speaker of the 53rd Academy of Country Music Awards on April 15.

The stars spoke about the power and importance of music and reminded everyone that music has a way of helping people overcome tragedy.

From her stylish outfits to her various

jokes, Reba McEntire who first hosted the ACM Awards in 1986, did an amazing job hosting the night's events.

She even suggested a collaboration between Willie Nelson and Snoop Dogg.

Miranda Lambert took home an award for the category of Female Vocalist of the Year.

As Lambert accepted the award while wearing an all-black sparkling dress, she said, "I could not believe this."

Male Vocalist of the Year went to Chris

Stapleton, who couldn't make it because he was with his wife and new twin boys.

Vocal Duo went to Brothers Osborne, who did an amazing tribute to Don Williams last year.

Kenny Chesney was the first to perform his new song, "Get Along," which has an inspiring message because it suggests that we are all different, but that doesn't mean we can't get along.

Chesney's rendition was followed by a number of powerhouse performances.

Maren Morris sang her new song, "Rich," the word being lit up in big marquee letters that covered the stage.

Chris Young sang his new song, "Fall into Me," combined with his other hit song, "Losing Sleep."

Thomas Rhett performed "Marry Me" with a set design that was similar to his music video. He sang with the backdrop of an abandoned house and newspaper clippings covered the windows, which was ironic because his song talks about memories.

Brett Young performed his ballad, "In Case You Didn't Know," and cellphone lights were used to light up the arena.

Lauren Alaina sang twice. She first performed her song, "Doin' Fine," and then, "What If," with Kane Brown, with a beach scene as a backdrop.

Florida Georgia Line performed "Meant to Be" with Bebe Rexha, but the surprise twist was that they added a choir as the trio harmonized in sync.

Next, Lady Antebellum performed the

song, "Heartbreak," with Charles Kelley, ending the song on a high note.

Dierks Bentley performed "Woman, Amen" and when the chorus reached a height, the beige sheet dropped.

Fans waited with anticipation as the pictures of real-life heroines were posted on the screen and they weren't disappointed. These pictures included women in uniform and women fighting against all odds.

Jason Aldean performed his hit, "You Make it Easy," with smooth vocals. Also, Keith Urban performed "Coming Home" with Julia Michaels.

They color-coordinated with matching red outfits and Urban added his own style by wearing a bolo tie, complete with boots with red soles.

Little Big Town performed an amazing tribute to Elton John singing "Rocket Man." Kelsea Ballerini performed "I Hate Love Songs," emerging out of the sky in a heart and singing in a 1950s-style doo-wop.

Miranda Lambert performed "Keeper of the Flame" and the stage lit up in a red-orange color.

Darius Rucker performed "For The First Time" with ease and had the crowd singing along, while Dan+Shay performed "Tequila" with fans surrounding them.

The night's other performances included Luke Bryan's "Most People Are Good," Midland's "Drinkin' Problem," Carrie Underwood's "Cry Pretty," and Blake Shelton's "I Lived It."

Lastly, the show did a flashback to hits songs of 1993.

Jon Pardi got to perform "Chattahoochee" with Alan Jackson, and the stage's backdrop was set to the original music video.

Blake Shelton honored Toby Keith with a duet of "Should've Been a Cowboy."

Finally, Kelly Clarkson and Reba McEntire performed "Does He Love You."

TELEVISION

Review: Season Eight of 'The Walking Dead'



Source: Flickr

Since 2010, the show's cast has dramatically evolved as some fan-favorites have departed.

By JENNIE HEYWARD

Season eight of "The Walking Dead" wrapped up this Sunday, leaving fans wondering what's to come in season nine.

Warning: this review contains season eight spoilers.

The season began with talks among the groups about how they were going to stop the Savivors.

When fans were introduced to the Savivors for the first time last season, it's been a struggle and uphill battle with them since then.

The whole season rather was about finally stopping the Savivors and going back to the way things were before.

In an early episode this season, there was an echo of the show's very first episode, where Rick was at the gas station and finds a little girl as a walker.

Now back to season eight, Carl came across another person at a gas station while he was looking for gas.

At the time fans didn't think anything of it, but this situation changed everything.

While Carl found the man again and decided to bring him back to Alexandria where they lived, they ran into some

walkers. As one knows, this would not end well for Carl, and he was bit.

Most fans didn't even see him get bit in the original scene, but saw it coming with all the foreshadowing regarding his character in the episode.

The whole episode leading up to his death was so well thought out and written. As this was going on, Carl had not told anyone about his bite.

The Savivors were on their way and are looking for blood and weapons. Carl managed to hold them off while the others get away.

Carl began talking with Negan as he and the Savivors arrived.

Carl sacrificed himself to be killed because he knew he did not have much longer.

The whole moral of Carl's death was that he wanted things to go back to the way they were. He said this in the letters he wrote to Rick, Michonne and Negan.

He expressed that this world was already so bad and over run by the dead, so why do the living have to kill?

The episode was very hard to watch as fans had seen Carl grow up right before their eyes to become a man.



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CAMPUS CULTURE

Authors Sara Nović, Peter Golden on Fusing Trauma, Wars with Literature

By DIEGO CAGARA

Authors Sara Nović and Peter Golden both have successfully used their books as a way to address war trauma, mainly focusing on Eastern Eurasia.

The duo visited the University at Albany's Standish Room in the Science Library on Tuesday, April 17 to discuss the research they did, and directly interact with an audience with questions and commentary on how literature and war can fuse together.

Nović's debut novel was "Girl at War" (2012) which chronicled the coming-of-age journey of Ana Jurić, a 10-year-old girl whose world is forever changed when civil war grips Yugoslavia, leading to its collapse in the early 1990s. This intimate perspective was how Nović intended for readers to emotionally connect to the generally-unfamiliar conflict.

Being an American-Croatian writer who was personally familiar with the conflict, she commented during her visit on campus that not many Americans "know much about the war which really motivated me to go and write about it."

As many Croats wanted to secede from Yugoslavia and be its own country, Croatia became independent on June 25, 1991 from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Overall, the collapse of Yugoslavia happened due to political instability and inter-ethnic wars there among Serbs, Croats and Albanians. Somewhat marginalized in American schools' teachings, these wars ironically were known internationally for incorporating multiple war crimes, like rape and ethnic cleansing, resulting in over 130,000 deaths.

"When I got to Croatia, people wanted to tell me their stories," she said. "I did a lot of research... and I also was reading everybody else's books on the topic." Noting that the war occurred "pre-Internet," she said that she also dove into newspapers to gain insight to what happened.

Fellow writer Peter Golden recounted how he grew up in New Jersey and his family survived the Holocaust which partially served as background context for his own books.

His most recent was "Nothing is Forgotten" (2018) which was "about a young man from New Jersey who travels to Khrushchev's Russia, where discovers love



Source: Lindsay Bystroff / New York State Writers Institute

Both authors' books focused on dark historical periods that aren't taught in-depth in American schools like the Yugoslav Wars and Holocaust.

and the long-buried secrets of his heritage." Golden himself also visited the Dachau concentration camp and incorporated his experiences in his writing.

"I had this English school teacher... when she wrote on the board, you could see the [prisoner] numbers of Auschwitz on her arm," he said, eliciting audience gasps. "No one asked her about them... It seemed everyone knew that she was a survivor."

Golden also said that like sex and cancer, the Holocaust was another thing people did not talk about while he was growing up, something which made him curious.

"In the 1960s in America, there was a sense of optimism while Kennedy was president. Then, you had the Cuban Missile Crisis which scared everybody, and then you had President Kennedy shot. Shortly

after that, the Beatles showed up and for the younger generation then, it was like all of that [Holocaust, Kennedy, the Cuban Missile Crisis] was in the past and everything was a party again. So, people stopped talking about the Holocaust because who would wanna do that during a party?"

Personally remembering that the CIA had smartly "figured out that the people who needed to hear rock and roll were in the Soviet Union" at the time, Golden said that his book deals with a person who deals with broadcasting that music there.

Both authors collectively agreed that to craft their books, they had "to be curious and figure things out." While Nović said she processes things through reading books, Golden perceived himself as a "huge nerd and books were always a pleasure," even

reminiscing about loving his library card.

Nović, who started to personally lose her hearing since around elementary school, also commented on being a part of the American deaf community, being the founder of REDEAFINED.com, a website which revolves around deaf rights and deaf culture.

She said she remains grateful that she learned extensively about holding onto the English language and immersing herself in deaf culture, so she would not "feel isolated."

Their visit amusingly ended though with Golden being tasked to read "Go f*** yourself" in Russian while Nović interpreted it in ASL (American Sign Language).

"The middle finger works too," Nović joked afterwards.

POPULAR CULTURE

Beychella: Beyoncé Makes History at Coachella, Sings with Destiny's Child, Solange and Jay-Z

By JENNIE HEYWARD

The Coachella Music and Arts Festival broke records last weekend with Beyoncé being the first black woman to headline it. Other headliners this year were Eminem and The Weeknd.

The festival takes place every year in April and is known for its Bohemian aesthetic with over 250,000 attendees over two weekends.

The festival takes place in Indio, California at the Empire Polo Club, with temperatures that reach 100 degrees this time of year.

Every year, there are headliners for the festival that perform on the main stage and put on an extravagant show. Last year, Beyoncé was set to headline the show.

However, when the singer announced she was pregnant with twins in February 2017 (only two months before the festival), fans were wondering if she was still going to perform.

With Beyoncé wanting to put on a spectacular performance and have nothing holding her back, she announced she would not perform in 2017 but would come back in 2018. Lady Gaga took Beyoncé's spot as the headliner last year instead.

Beyoncé fans have been waiting over a year for her performance, to the extent that they made a countdown to what they were calling, "Beychella."

She began the show by walking from the catwalk, wearing an all-black cloak with silver and gold beading that matched her bodysuit and headdress, along with a cane. As she struts down the catwalk, she walked offstage and then appeared at the center atop what looked to be bleachers filled with a marching band and her dancers.

She appeared in a yellow crop top



Source: grazia.mx

Beyoncé, above, garnered 458,000 online viewers during her performance and took up much of Twitter's trends.

sweatshirt, denim ripped jeans and silver boots, completely different to what she was seen later on. Beyoncé had five different outfit changes during the performance.

The performance lasted over two hours and began with a fan-favorite throwback, with 2003's "Crazy in Love."

Each song wasn't like its original version as they all had a twist to them. For example, she incorporated a marching band and an orchestra to give each song a different sound.

Beyoncé has been in the music business for about 20 years now and had many songs to pick for her Coachella set list. She went with a mixture of throwback songs from her

early years and some newer ones that are crowd favorites like, "Single Ladies" and "Drunk in Love."

The performance has been getting all sorts of attention with many celebrities like Adele, praising the performance's saying it's the best she has ever done.

In true Beyoncé fashion, she surprised fans with a few special guests during her performance.

There had been rumors of a Destiny's Child reunion, like there always is when Beyoncé performs, but this time it happened.

After her performance of "Run the World (Girls)," she disappeared from the

stage, then moments later, rose through the stage with Michelle Williams and Kelly Rowland by her side.

The trio performed "Lose My Breath," "Say My Name," and "Soldier." Other surprise guests were her husband of 10 years, Jay-Z, who joined her for their song collaboration, "Déjà Vu."

The last guest appearance was her sister, Solange who joined in on a playful dance break of "Got Me Bodied (Timbaland Remix)."

One thing that made this performance so notable was that was never a dull moment onstage.

Even when Beyoncé wasn't present onstage, there were always visuals being displayed or dancers entertaining the crowd.

That's what made the crowd so connected and entertained during the

whole performance. The thing that makes Beyoncé fans so loyal and thriving for more, is Beyoncé's consistency to put on a good show.

Every performance is different from the last and fans are so intrigued to see what she will do next.

There are songs that she has been singing and performing for over two decades, and is still able to make it sound new each time.

Fans can only hope that the "On the Run 2" tour that kicks off this summer with Jay-Z, will be just as good as Coachella 2018, the former already gaining a lot of hype among fans online.

FOOD

High-Fat, Low-Carb Diet



Source: Pixabay

The fat in avocados fits in with the keto diet, which focuses a reduced carbohydrate intake so that the body burns fat.

By KATE WEST

People are always looking for the newest way to lose weight. One new fad is the Ketogenic diet — shortened to “keto” — or the diet that is very low in carbs, moderate in protein, and high in fat. This diet that takes a “more fat to lose fat” mentality. Someone on the keto diet may find themselves eating things like bacon and butter.

The whole science behind the diet is to get your body into a state of ketosis. This is a metabolic state in which the body does not have enough carbs to use as energy, so it turns to burn fat as a fuel source instead. When your body reaches this ketosis state, it will burn fat and shed pounds. Some people who have tried the diet have also reported

feeling a mental clarity because their mind is not running on sugar power, but rather on fat power. People have also reported feeling more energized.

For many the keto diet has given them fast results, with some studies reporting up to fifteen pounds lost within the first month. However, this is not actually fat loss, but water loss. Water molecules have a strong bond to carbohydrates, and when you get rid of the carbohydrates from your body, you flush out water that shows up on the scale.

The keto diet is not sustainable because of the sheer amount of fat you are consuming. Many nutritionists worry that eating such an amount of fat will lead to health issues over time such as heart disease and high cholesterol. Another issue that concerns people about the

keto diet is that it is simply not realistic. A diet that has almost no carbohydrate intake in its plan is hard to stick to because so many foods contain carbs. It is easy to gain the weight back as soon as you have a cheat day. Is the keto diet too extreme and difficult to stick to?

I decided to give the keto a try to see if the pros outweigh the cons. I was only able to sustain the diet for a week. It left me groggy and exhausted. It was difficult to find enough healthy food that was high in fat but low in carbs.

At the end of the day with any diet, it’s all about finding what works for you and your body. It’s all about trial and error, so don’t be afraid to try new things. But at the same time, it’s important to remember to listen to your body.

ROMANCE

‘Soulmate’ Has Different Meanings

By KATE WEST

What do University at Albany students think of love? It is a natural human tendency to want to feel connected to one another. But are we more drawn to certain people as opposed to others? Is there a reason for this strong connection? You’ve most likely heard of the term soulmate. A soulmate is someone who is best fit for someone else as a close friend or romantic partner.

I took to the Campus Center to ask students at UAlbany about their thoughts on the term and what it meant to them. What I found was that many students felt that there are multiple possibilities for soulmates. Sophomore Greg Mazzaro said, “When we hear the word ‘soulmate’ I think we assume that this is the one person we are meant to be with forever, but I believe that we can have multiple soulmates.” For other students it seemed to be more of a question of logistical details such as timing, or when two people end up in the same

location at the same time.

Lia McKenna, a sophomore, said, “I do believe in soulmates but not necessarily romantically. I believe there were just certain people that were meant to be in your life and their soul just matches yours. Romantic or not, they were made for your life and they make you feel at home.”

Madison Brown, a junior, said, “I think that we tend to put too much pressure on the idea of a soulmate, and it really isn’t that serious, and you have this one true love that is supposed to stand the test of time. It’s not that black and white. I think you just click with certain people and if it goes somewhere, you roll with it.”

These UAlbany students had some fresh new takes on the classic term soulmate and what it really means to them. Regardless of what you think a soulmate should be, it’s always a good idea to surround yourself with people that uplift you and add to your life in a positive way; if you can do that, you’re golden.

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SOFTBALL

Danes Beat out UMBC in Series

By ELIJAH CASPER

The University at Albany softball team took two out of three against UMBC over the weekend, thanks to some solid pitching and some timely home runs.

UAlbany (21-13 9-4 AE) split their doubleheader on Saturday against UMBC (9-28, 4-9 AE), winning the first game 9-1 before losing in the second game 7-0. On Sunday the Great Danes took the series with a 4-0 victory.

On Saturday, the Great Danes split the double header with UMBC. In the first game, Celeste Verdolivo (11-1) picked up her 11th win of the season pitching a complete game, giving up just one run and only five hits in a 9-1 victory.

Amelia Ely and Chelsea Henige lead the Great Danes on the offensive side. Ely went 2-for-3 with a homerun and Henige went 2 for 4 with a double and a triple to go alone with two RBIs. Kelly Spear added two doubles on the day for the Great Danes going 2-for-4 as well.

Donna Conrad got the scoring in the first inning drawing a walk with the base loaded to put the Great Danes up 1-0.

The Great Danes got four across in the second inning. Katie Falotico scored the first run on a wild pitch and then McKenzie Bump singled in a run to go up 3-0. Hinge then doubled to left scoring bump, then Hinge herself scored on a wild pitch and the Great Danes were up 5-0.

Ely doubled in the third inning and eventually would come around to score eventually on a wild pitch, 6-0 Great Danes.



Source: UAlbany Communications and Marketing

The Danes beat won two of three games against UMBC over the weekend.

UMBC put a run across in the third inning to make it 6-1.

Bump led off the top of the fourth inning with a walk and came around to score when Hinge tripled and the Great Danes regained the six run lead.

In the fifth, Ely smacked a solo shot to put the Great Danes up 8-1. Later in the inning, Spear hit one of her two doubles and that brought home Aliyah Wade, scoring the final run for the Great Danes, making it 9-1.

In the second game UMBC scored two in the first inning, before finally getting to Devin Durando (3-6) in the fifth inning, scoring five and running away with the game, winning 7-0.

Sunday was all about Freshman pitcher Miranda Jimenez (6-3). Jimenez pitched a four-hit shutout, striking out two over seven innings.

UAlbany got on the scoreboard early with two runs in the first inning. Bump doubled to

start and Spear continued her hot weekend with a two-run shot to put the Great Danes up 2-0. In the fourth, Katie Falotico reached on a fielder's choice before Donna Conrad doubled her home and the Great Danes were up 3-0.

Kelly Barkevich added another insurance run in the sixth inning with a solo blast down the right field line, putting the Great Danes up for good, 4-0.

"I like the way we responded [Sunday] after a bad loss in the

second game [Saturday]." Coach Cantanna said after the game. "Maranda pitched a great game against a really good hitting team. We need to keep fine tuning things in practice and continue to get to where we need to be for the conference tournament."

Up next, the Great Danes will host Binghamton on Wednesday, April 25 at Albany Field at 3 p.m.



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BASEBALL

Danes Take Series Against Bearcats



Source: Bill Ziskin / UAlbany Photos

By BRYAN TORRES

The Great Danes managed to win two of three games in their series with Binghamton last weekend and have now won seven of their last eight.

The teams split a doubleheader on Saturday with the Danes taking the victory in the first game and Binghamton winning the second.

The first game resulted in a 3-2 UAlbany win. The Danes struck first in the game with an RBI double from freshman Ryan Hernandez scoring Matt Codispoti in the top of the fourth inning.

The University at Albany extended their lead in the top of the sixth inning as Hernandez singled to score Codispoti again and a sacrifice fly from Brad Malm scored Patrick Lagravinese to make it 3-0.

The Danes' pitching held off the Binghamton offense as John Clayton pitched 6.2 innings while letting only one run on three hits while striking out three to get the win. Redshirt senior Jack McClure pitched the

remaining 2.1 innings allowing one run on one hit to get the save.

The win was the Danes' second straight against 2017 America East Pitcher of the Year Nick Gallagher.

The second game of the day was not as good for UAlbany as they were unable to capitalize on a quality start by junior Dominic Savino who pitched six innings, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out four. The offense was shut out by Binghamton leading to a 2-0 defeat.

The third game on Sunday saw the Danes rally to take the series, winning by a score of 6-4.

Binghamton jumped to an early 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first. UAlbany took their time answering, but finally did in the sixth inning.

Junior Travis Collins hit into a fielder's choice which allowed redshirt senior Connor Powers to score the Danes' first run. Collins then scored on an RBI double to center by Malm to cut the lead to one run. A bases loaded, two run single

from Lagravinese later in the inning gave the Danes a 4-3 lead.

Binghamton answered right back in the bottom of the sixth, scoring a run to tie the game at 4-4.

The game remained tie until the top of the eighth when Lagravinese struck again, hitting an RBI single to right field to give UAlbany a lead they would not relinquish in the game.

The Danes added an insurance run in the top of the ninth as Hernandez and Codispoti teamed up again to produce a run when Hernandez hit a sacrifice fly to left.

Savino, pitching on consecutive days, was once again solid for the Danes as he came in to silence the Binghamton offense, throwing three solid inning while allowing just one hit to earn his sixth win of the season.

The Danes will host three games this week, hosting Central Connecticut State on Tuesday and then a doubleheader against Iona on Wednesday before getting the weekend off.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Dane Train Stomps Back on Track



CHRISTIAN SCHAEFER / ASP

The Dane Train got back on track with an 18-7 win against the Binghamton Bearcats.

By ELIJAH CASPER

The University at Albany train conductor was back behind the wheel on Saturday as Connor Fields returned to the field to lead the Great Danes over the Binghamton Bearcats.

Two weeks after being upset by UMBC in the college lacrosse upset of the season, the #2 UAlbany Great Danes men's lacrosse team (11-1, 4-1 AE) restored order in the America East with a convincing 18-7 win over the Binghamton Bearcats (4-10, 1-4 AE) in front of a crowd of 3,553 at the annual Spring Stomp game.

Connor Fields lead the Great Danes with two goals to go along with five assists in his first game back from his knee injury. Tehoka Nanticoke added three goals of his own to go along with two assists. In total, 11 different Great Danes scored, including two goals apiece from Alex Burgmaster, Sean Eccles, Justin Reh and Troy Reh.

"I was getting more and more confidence as the game went on," Fields said. "Towards the end of the game, I felt back to normal."

The Great Danes struck first, six minutes into the first period after Chris Ryan sent a shot into the upper left hand corner past

the goalie to put the Great Danes up 1-0. The Great Danes scored moments later after Tehoka Nanticoke set up Jack Burgmaster to go up 2-0.

Binghamton cut the deficit in half with 3:33 left in the first period to bring the Bearcats within one at 2-1. The Great Danes weren't finished as Nanticoke set up Sean Eccles a minute later to put the Great Danes up 3-1. Then, Connor Fields made his presence with just under a minute remaining in the opening period with a goal to make it 4-1.

Binghamton opened up the scoring in the second period to make it 4-2 with a goal less than two minutes in. Justin Reh responded quickly for Albany to make it 5-2. Alex Burgmaster beat the keeper moments later to increase the Great Danes lead to 6-2. Eccles tacked on another goal a minute later to make it 7-2. Nanticoke got in scoring column seconds later, increasing the lead to 8-2.

Faceoff guru TD Ierlan, who went 20-22 on faceoffs on the day, got in on the fun scoring his fourth goal of the season not too long after, making it 9-2. Binghamton scored the next two goals to close the gap to within five at 9-4. Jakob Paterson restored order for the Great Danes with an unbeliev-

able over the shoulder goal to put UAlbany up 10-4 with just under two minutes remaining in the first half.

Fields got the party started in the opening two minutes of the third period with his second goal of the game to make it 11-4. The Bearcats responded quickly to make it 11-5. The Reh brothers scored the next two goals for the Great Danes with Justin making it 12-5 and Troy Reh adding on to make it 13-5.

Nanticoke scored his second goal of the game just over a minute into the fourth period to make it 14-5. Alex Burgmaster scored to make it 15-5 and Nanticoke added another goal moments later to make it 16-5 and secured the hat trick. The Great Danes weren't finished as Troy Reh found the back of the net again, making it 17-5.

The Bearcats tacked on another two more to make it 17-7 but it was much too little too late, as the Dane train kept chugging along. Sophomore Mitch Aladdin got in on the action for the Great Danes to make it the final score of 18-7.

"Certainly pleased with our effort tonight," Coach Matt said after the game. "Coming off our loss and not playing in a couple of weeks. Started off a little slow, but I thought we picked it up, played a

pretty solid game."

The Great Danes entered the game having not played since their upset loss to UMBC 11-7, on April 6. Going into the game, the Great Danes got senior attacker Connor Fields back after missing the previous two games.

"It felt like years since the UMBC game," Ierlan said after the two weeks off. "I was getting kind of sick of getting phone calls and stuff about it."

Binghamton entered the game winning three out of their last four.

The Great Danes will finish up the season at Hartford on Tuesday, April 28 at 1 p.m.

Earlier in the week, the Great Danes had four members selected in the Major League Lacrosse collegiate draft. Connor Fields was selected 3rd overall by Charlotte, Kyle McClancy was taking 10th overall in the second round by Atlanta, Troy Reh was selected 27th overall in the third round by New York and his brother Justin Reh was selected 59th overall in the seventh round, also by New York.

TRACK AND FIELD

UAlbany Has Strong Showing at Spring Classic

By BRYAN TORRES

The University at Albany track and field team hosted the Spring Classic this past weekend here at the university, ultimately winning 26 events.

In the relays, the women's 4x100m relay A team comprised of seniors Taahira Butterfield, Chanel Smith, Dayleen Santana Rodriguez and Stephanie Osuji set a new meet record, winning their event with a time of 46.20. Santana Rodriguez and Osuji came in at a dead tie for first in the women's 100m final with an 11.61.

The men's 4x100m relay team also fared well as Osiris Nicholson, Garfield Napier, Dawshawn Williams and Sidney Gibbons managed to come in first place with a time of 43.51.

The women's A 4x400m relay of Solange Wright, Halie Snyder, Maria Shumette and Kiyah Owens placed first in 4:00.19. The

men's A 4x400m relay of Matthew LeLiever, Jordon Lawrence, Walter Briggs and Myles Banfield placed first in 3:17.26.

In short distance races, Osuji won the women's 200m with a time of 23.60, the fastest in program history beating the previous record held by Grace Claxton in 2016 of 23.68.

Additionally, Napier won the men's 100m final with a 10.70. Nicholson won the men's 200m, running a 21.72.

Asia Jinks won the women's 400m in 57.83 while Banfield won the men's 400m in 49.33.

Senior Nira Lovick won the women's 800m in 2:18.89 and sophomore Evan DeGraw won the men's 800m in 1:54.01.

In hurdle races, Gibbons placed first in the men's 110m hurdles with a 14.15. Senior Niamani Morrison won the women's 100m hurdles in 14.17. Halie Snyder won the women's 400m hurdles in 1:04.30 and Briggs won the

men's 400m hurdles in 54.31.

In long distance running results, sophomore Charlie Ragone won the men's 1,500m with a time of 4:06.15 and fellow sophomore Holly Machabee won the women's 3,000m steeplechase in 11:03.57.

In the other events, junior Letti Hibbard was able to win the women's heptathlon by scoring 4,287 points, David Carlson won the men's hammer in 165-07.00, Belinsky won the women's shot put in 45-04.50, Bryan Nicholson won the men's discus in 158-10.00, Madjeanna Brutus won the women's long jump in a wind-aided 18-06.50, Lynda Brundige won the women's triple jump in 38-09.00, Anika Hibbard won the women's high jump in 5-07.00, and Kingsley Ogbonna won the men's high jump in 6-08.75.

A small group of the athletes went off to represent UAlbany in the Virginia Challenge where Kyle Gronostaj broke his own



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school record of 30:09.84 in the men's 10,000m race by running a 29:32.41.

The UAlbany track and field athletes will compete one last

time at the Penn Relays and at RPI next weekend before the America East Outdoor Championships began.