



SA ELECTION

ELECTION ENTERS RUNOFF

Battle for top SA office continues after no candidate claims required majority



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REACTION: Mark Anthony Quinn (left) finds out his 1,129 votes is not enough to win the election. Langie Cadesca (right) embraces President Jerlisa Fontaine after learning of her 1,036 votes and the ensuing runoff election.

By CHAD ARNOLD

Campaign season will continue for one more week as the highest voter turnout in the last six years was not enough to determine a winner in the race to be the next Student Association president.

A total of 2,719 students cast their ballot during last week's general election, filling the 23 SA senate seats and three SUNY Student Assembly representatives spots up for grabs. An amendment to SA's constitution was also voted

on. No ticket on the ballot received the 51 percent of votes needed to win office as required by SA's by-laws. A run-off between the Mark Anthony Quinn and Patrick Carroll and Langie Cadesca and Nicholas Pepe tickets, who gained 42.76 and 39.24 percent of the vote respectively, will be held between March 28 and 30 to determine the final winner. A total of 93 votes separates the two tickets. The Jouly Lajara and Alexander O'Leary ticket gained

16.62 percent of the vote and will not compete in the upcoming run-off. "It's a little frustrating to be honest, I know I gave 100 percent that I could during this entire election," said Quinn. "I'm not upset in anyway because it was a good election." "I'm not going to lie, I've been talking about this for a long time and I told Nick [Pepe] that it was going to be a run-off," said Cadesca who explained the two remaining

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BYLAW VIOLATION

Senators' Voting Records Not Public

By ELISE COOMBS

In violation of a transparency bylaw, Student Association senators' voting records were not public on the website during the election last week.

The bylaw states that record of senators' votes and any justifications they provide must be available to the public and displayed on the SA website.

However, the creation of the Information Technology department this year has meant re-working the website's infrastructure and organization. IT director Joel Duran spent last semester making infrastructure changes to get the website to a point where he can now upload documents.

Last month Duran uploaded the most recent senate constitution and bylaws. He said that he could upload other information and documents as soon as he had them.

On why the voting records were not online, Senate Chair Jarrett Altilio said, "I don't think it's anyone's fault in particular. I just think it's one of those things that SA as a whole has neglected over the last few years."

When pressed on whether he has sent any voting records to Duran to upload, Altilio said



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The SA website underwent infrastructure changes last semester. Above: Senate Chair Jarrett Altilio.

no. "Yeah, that's something I just haven't sent over to him."

Without the voting records, there is no im-

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SENATE T-SHIRTS

Activity Fee Pays for Senate T-shirts

By ELISE COOMBS

The Student Association Senate has a \$1,500 budget to buy themselves t-shirts, but they haven't allocated a penny for t-shirts to any student group this year.

In other words, the senators' t-shirts are paid for by the student activity fee, but student groups must raise their own money to buy t-shirts for their members.

For the last few years, SA has only given out clothing to organizations if it can be returned, explained Mitchell Rybak, chairman of the Board of Finance.

This means that SA will allocate

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

No Mandate for Active Shooter Training

By JOE HOFFMAN AND OFU TAKOR

The University at Albany does not require professors and staff to go through active shooter training, a policy concerning to some members of the campus community after another deadly school shooting in Maryland last Tuesday.

"If there is an emergency, there'll be some people who know what to do," said Aran Mull, deputy chief of police for the University Police Department. "The rest we're going to have to rely on them obeying police directions and other first responder directions."

UPD offers voluntary training courses for students, faculty, or staff to learn what to do in an active shooter incident.

However, the classes are not taught regularly: those who wish to learn must first contact UPD or Community Standards to schedule a course time.

Mull said that UPD has held nine Citizen Response to an Active Shooter courses over the last year. He said they did not take attendance of who exactly was trained, nor do they have records of numbers of classes in earlier years.

University Communications included an advertisement

for the courses on a 'Today at UAlbany' blast email to students and faculty on Feb. 20. Beyond this, the classes are advertised on UPD's website.

Several professors interviewed were not aware that the university offered such training.

Education psychology professor Matthew LaFave said that though he appreciates the university's counseling services as a valuable preventative measure for mass shootings, he wants to see reform.

"I don't know if every person needs to go through the

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SMOKING

University Considers Change in Tobacco Policy

By KATY DARA

The university is currently considering banning smoking on all parts of the University at Albany campus, highlighting a discussion controversial among students.

The initiative is being propelled by the Tobacco-Free Steering Committee co-chaired by Dr. Estela Rivero, assistant vice president for student affairs; and Dr. Dolores Cimini, director of the center for behavioral health promotion and applied research.

Smoking legal materials such as tobacco and vapes is currently permitted outdoors as long as it is at least 10 feet away from building entrances and open windows, and 30 feet away from exterior ventilation intakes.

UAlbany spokesman Jordan Carleo-Evangelist said last week that the university expects to have news on the policy soon.

“The university has reached out to many stakeholders during senior leadership’s review of the campus tobacco-use policy,” said Carleo-Evangelist. “The goal of this process is to arrive at a policy that best serves the entire UAlbany community.”

Cimini and Rivero did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

The Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research oversees the student peer mentorship group Middle Earth, which lobbied last year against plans for Damien’s to serve alcohol.

Middle Earth president Nicole Bulan-chuk said the group fully supports the smoke-free initiative.

“Middle Earth is always willing to help any campus efforts that support and promote student health and wellness since this is one of our priorities,” said Bulan-chuk.

While the university discusses the possible policy change, students hold varying opinions on the matter.

Olivia Galasso, a freshman studying



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No smoking signs located outside the University Library. Current policy prohibits smoking within 10 feet of building entrances.

biology, said the negative health effects of secondhand smoke made a total smoking ban desirable.

“While I believe people should be able to make their own decisions about their body and health, I think a no-smoking policy would be a positive action,” said Galesso.

Freshman art major Emily Vogt’s parents both smoked growing up. She said her

experience leads her to valuing student’s freedom to breathe clean air.

“People would be upset, but I believe it’s for the better of the community,” said Vogt.

Others strongly disagree with the proposed ban, such as English major Ryan Szpicek.

“Smoking is going to happen anyway. It’s going to be ridiculous and stupidly hard

to enforce the policy,” Szpicek said. “Plus students will go off-campus for it if they must, which could spring a whole lot of bad for no good reason.”

It is unknown if the policy will be enacted or what exactly it will entail.

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mediately accessible way to see what each senator has voted for.

Students would have to reach out to senators and ask about their records or stop by the SA office. To see the records, students would have to ask Altilio for them.

Rules Committee Chairman Brandon Holdridge said, “I’d rather have the voting

records up there, but it hasn’t been happening.”

Holdridge was not aware that Altilio had not sent the voting records to Duran.

Duran explained that he hopes to have all documents uploaded before his term as IT director is over. Last Friday, senate secretary Emma Benz sent over all the minutes to Duran.

In terms of streamlining the process of uploading documents, Duran indicated the benefit of finding a way for Altilio to upload them.

“It shouldn’t be too hard for him to do once we find a way to do it,” Duran said.

Presidential candidate and chief of staff Langie Cadesca emphasized the importance of having the voting records online.

“This has been a problem throughout this whole entire year,” Cadesca said. “I know that Juju [SA President Jerlisa Fontaine] and our IT director have been working with the senate and has been pushing on them to indeed make those voting records public.”

Patrick Carroll, deputy comptroller and vice presidential candidate on the opposing

ticket, also emphasized the importance of students knowing what their elected officials are voting for.

“I think there are a bunch of things that we voted on that students were very interested in as we were going around campaigning for votes—the conference bill being one of them,” he said, referring to the legislation that requires more oversight on conferences. “So I think that voters would have liked to know where we stood on that.”

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training,” said LaFave, “But I think that there are certain people if they have contact with students, they should definitely have to be part of that.”

Melissa Thorne, a studio art professor, said that she sees the value in training professors despite psychological reservations about turning college into a place where violence is expected.

“As faculty, I wish that I were better prepared so that I felt I were in a position to benefit my students in the worst-case scenario,” said Thorne.

Locking Classrooms

Several professors also expressed concern that they would not be able to lock their classroom from the inside in case of an active shooter.

Some classrooms at UAlbany cannot be locked from the inside. University spokesman Jordan Carleo-Evangelist said Thursday that the university did not know how many can and cannot.

A Connecticut state group commissioned to study active shooter preparedness after the Sandy Hook attack recommended that all K-12 classroom doors be able to be locked from the inside, unlike the doors in the Newtown school at the time of the attack.

Among the UAlbany classrooms that cannot be locked from the inside is Lecture Center 5, where in 1994, Ralph Tortorici held an Ancient Greek class hostage with a rifle.

Mull said that in UPD’s voluntary training courses, they teach how to secure doors other ways, such as barricades and tying belts around mechanical door-closing arms.

In the hostage incident, Tortorici prevented police from getting in by tying a fire hose around the door handles. Students eventually rushed



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LC 5, the location of a 1994 hostage situation, cannot be locked from the inside.

him and untied the hose, leaving two students wounded but allowing police to apprehend Tortorici.

Sociology professor Glenn Deane, who has been teaching at the university for nearly 27 years, was on campus when Tortorici held students hostage.

“We all like to hope that it won’t happen to us, but it has happened here with terrible consequences,” said Deane.

The university reports that three quarters of classroom doors are equipped with card-swipe locks which UPD could remotely lockdown, though deputy chief Mull said that lockdowns may not be the best option in the event of an active shooter.

Mull said that UPD officers are required to go through such training once a year at minimum.

Student Preparedness

Mull also maintained that it is not practical for the university to conduct school-wide lock down drills because of the size and structure of the campus.

“Adults are responsible for themselves and they’ve got to take the steps to get the information,” he said. “We are here to provide it but really

we need folks to come to us and say, I want it.”

Saint Rose’s student paper, The Saint Rose Chronicle, reported earlier this month that the private school will hold a drill on April 27.

Daryle Henry, a sophomore student who works as a shift leader in the Campus Center, said that the campus center staff received active shooter training last summer.

Henry felt that he was well prepared to handle various emergency situations, but other, less involved students may not be.

When asked if he had an emergency plan, Brian Torres, a junior in communications, said he would just run somewhere and hide. Torres said he would like to see a larger effort by the university to inform students of UAlbany’s emergency preparations.

UPD’s website contains a link to a New York State-produced video with general guidelines of what to do in an active shooter situation.

“We’re hoping to get enough people to go to this training, so that if there is an event, there will be enough people there to do what you see in the active shooter video,” said deputy chief Mull.

CRIME BLOTTER

Burglary 2nd Degree: Illegal Entry-Dwelling
3/22/2018
Dutch Quad - Ten Brock Hall
Report of stolen property. Open/active.

Marking Graffiti
3/22/2018
Roadways - DQ Lot
Report of graffiti. Open/active

Fight
3/22/2018
State Quad - SQ Grounds
Report of an altercation. Nothing found.

Strangulation 2nd - Obstruct Breath/Blood Circ - Cause Physical Injury
3/21/2018
Empire Commons - EM E Cluster
Report of an altercation between two students. Open/active.

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana
3/21/2018
Podium - Campus Center
Report of marijuana found in bathroom.

Grand Larceny 4 - Credit Card
3/20/2018
Other - UPD
Report of a stolen SUNY card. Open/active.

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana
3/20/2018
Freedom Quad - FQ C - Northrup Hall
Report of a male student with marijuana paraphernalia. A referral was made.

Criminal Trespass 2nd - Enter/Remaining Unlawfully in Dwelling
3/19/2018

State Quad - Eastman Tower
Report of a female student being harassed.

Burglary - 3rd Degree - Illegal Entry with Intent to Commit a Crime
3/19/2018
Indian Quad - Onondaga Hall
Report of stolen items.

Criminal Nuisance 2 - Create Conditions Which Endanger Others
3/18/2018
Indian Quad - Onondaga Hall
Report of stolen items.

Execute Bench Warrant
3/18/2018
Other - Off-campus
A male subject was arrested for an outstand Bench Warrant out of Albany Court.

Criminal Possession of Marijuana - 5th Degree: Public Place
3/18/2018
State Quad - Cooper Hall
Report of odor of marijuana. Referrals were made.

Driving While Intoxicated - 1st Offense
3/17/2018
Other - MSC
Report of a male subject driving while intoxicated. An arrest was made.

Intrusion Alarm
3/17/2018
Podium - Campus Center
No emergency found.

Harassment 2nd - Physical Contact
3/16/2018
Alumni Quad - Brubacher Hall
Report of an altercation.

VETO OVERRIDE

SA Senate Overrides Veto on Conference Bill

By CHAD ARNOLD

In their first meeting in nearly a month, Student Association senate jump-started its legislative agenda with a debate surrounding by-laws and viewpoint neutrality, culminating in a vote to override President Jerlisa Fontaine's veto of a bill aimed at creating senate oversight on conference line spending.

Last Tuesday's override comes after Fontaine vetoed a bill proposed by Government Operations Chair Anna Agnes.

The bill came in response to a diversity conference in New Orleans attended by SA leadership during Mardi Gras that Agnes called a "waste of money."

The bill, which originally passed the senate with a super-majority, requires a two-week notification as well as a two-thirds legislative approval before any appointed

or elected SA official can attend a conference. A mandatory report detailing plans to utilize skills learned during the conference must now be presented before the SA senate under the law.

Tuesday's override once again received super-majority support from the senate, passing by a margin of 21 to eight, but not without controversy.

"Once again, every senator wasn't there and traditionally it's the same group of people who have the same opinion," said Fontaine.

There are 49 SA senators, 18 of which were absent during Tuesday's vote.

Those in attendance debated on whether a vote on the bill and language within the legislation violated the organization's by-laws.

Special Session Bylaw

Following the week's scheduled agenda,

Agnes motioned the senate to hold a vote on the veto override, a measure not included on SA's weekly agenda.

The motion was objected to by Board of Finance Chairman Mitchell Rybak, who argued Tuesday's meeting was a special session and therefore items not on the agenda could not be added.

In a March 19 email to senators, Jarrett Altilio, senate chair, informed members that SA would be holding its weekly meetings a day early due to the organizations inaugural SA Day, labelling the meeting as a "special session."

According to SA by-laws, the only business allowed to come before the senate during a special session is business for which the meeting was intended.

"This is our meeting for the week, this is not a special session," said Sen. Paul Capuano. "This is a session we would have on Wednesday but because we have SA Day, we moved it up."

Capuano's remarks were echoed by several senators including Altilio and Brandon Holdridge, chairman of the Rules Committee, who explained the only difference between Tuesday's meeting and any other was the day which the meeting was held.

Sen. Jeffrey Shapiro argued Tuesday's meeting was in fact a special session and voiced concerns over SA overlooking its by-laws.

"From where I sit this is a special session," he said. "You have people show up on different days of the week and then you start motioning things on and just take back the words 'special session,' I think that's a dangerous precedent to set for the future."

Despite various concerns, the senate voted overwhelmingly to include the override measure to the legislative agenda.

Viewpoint Neutrality

When allocating funds to student groups, SA must remain viewpoint neutral, basing their funding decision on factors that don't pertain to the group's beliefs or activities.

Essentially, all parties and budgets have an equal playing field.

"What this says is that funds cannot be used until they are approved by the senate," said Rybak, who argued the bill violated viewpoint neutrality. "We oversee the executive and student groups, and we're holding one group to different standards to others."

Rybak argued that since funds are already allocated to the conference line, the money is now in control of the executive branch. Any vote on how to spend that money from the senate would therefore violate viewpoint neutrality since the funds have already been allocated.

"At the end of the day there are things we can do. This bill is a good idea," said Rybak. "It's the vote we can't deal with."

"The only issue is a discriminatory factor," said Fontaine who explained that certain budget lines are being held to a different standard than others.

"I want to see change, I don't mind the change taking place," she said. "I think it's a great idea to have the bill, but what the bill is composed of is not fair. It completely violates viewpoint neutrality."

Agnes countered, saying her bill had nothing to do with budget allocation but rather put a check on the executive branch, whose members have the ability to approve their own purchase receipts.

"It's checks-and-balances, it's balance of power, it's due process," said Holdridge, a cosponsor of the bill. "It's making things fair."



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Sen. Agnes and Sen. Holdridge make their case for a veto override.

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money for apparel like uniforms, but not organization t-shirts that might have members' names on them.

Last Tuesday, senators indicated their t-shirt sizes on a sheet passed around during the organization's weekly meeting.

Senate Chair Jarrett Altilio said that since senators have now filled out their t-shirt sizes, he expects to place the order

this week.

In terms of the money allocated for senators' t-shirts, Altilio acknowledged, "It does sound like quite a lot."

Altilio mentioned that the t-shirts serve as a reward to senators for serving a year in SA.

"That's not to say that groups don't deserve the same thing," Altilio added. "It's just, I think that stems from the fact that we don't have enough money in our external budget to be giving to fund all that groups want to do anyway."

Keiry Ayala, a freshman and secretary of Albany Outreach for Animals, indicated that the club's t-shirts cost \$15.

Referring to the cost of their t-shirts, Nicholas Abbott, in charge of community service for the same club, said, "It's a lot."

But he forked out money for a shirt because he said, "I want to feel part of the club and having a t-shirt makes me feel connected to it."

Student groups often raise their own money through fundraising or requiring members to pay dues.

Money for an organization's t-shirts comes from their income—the account in their budget funded by dues and fundraising, not money allocated by SA.

Precizun Step Team requires all members to pay dues. Treasurer Chinira Lovick said

that the group hasn't had a problem with this in the past, but that members do not get a t-shirt until they pay dues.

Since the team also travels and requires costumes, they are able to get some apparel through SA appropriations.

Lovick said, "I feel like as long as you're using the money for your organization, they shouldn't have to police you."

In terms of considering whether to allocate money to groups for t-shirts, Altilio said, "If it's something groups are interested in at large, I think that's maybe a debate we should have during the budget season."

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tickets are comprised of strong individuals and candidates. "I couldn't imagine anyone reaching that 50 percent plus one needed."

Neither ticket would give any insight into their campaign strategy for the run-off, but both sides expressed confidence in their chances during next week's vote.

"We're going to win," said Cadesca. "I say that with confidence because this is something I feel like we are destined for."

"I'm fired up," said Carroll. "We're ready to get back to work."

Allegations of campaign violations

An unknown number of complaints were filed against both the Quinn/Carroll and Cadesca/Pepe tickets alleging violations to campaign rules, according to Danielle Haft, chair of the Elections Commission.

The Albany Student Press requested copies of complaints filed, but due to privacy concerns, Haft explained approval from Community Standards Director Brian Stephenson would be needed to release any such information. No complaints have been forwarded as of writing.

Most of the complaints were filed between Wednesday night and Friday morning — the period when the polls were open.

The complaints, according to Haft, pertained mostly to candidates allegedly violating the privacy of students by lingering for extended periods while dorm-storming or looking over the shoulder of students while voting.

"It was kind of hard for the commission to really do anything," said Haft of the complaints, citing insufficient evidence in all cases. "We were getting photos sent into us, but it was a photo of a candidate just standing next to a student...there was a very big lack of evidence."

According to Haft, several emails were sent to each of the candidates reminding them of election rules and guidelines, but no further action against any ticket was taken.



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"The commission felt there weren't any severe violations that were necessary to take action on," she said.

The Cadesca/Pepe ticket filed several complaints against other tickets but would not specify which one in particular or the nature of the complaints.

"Nothing but warnings were issued on multiple occasions," said Cadesca. "There's nothing we can do about that because the Elections Commission is an impartial body...I definitely think they could have done more."

Quinn dismissed any allegations made against his ticket as nothing more than politics.

"If you ever watch basketball it just so happens that the team that is winning, the other team starts to complain to the refs about how they're getting fouled," he said. "This is 100 percent a clean campaign."

When asked about allegations made against his campaign, Pepe said he was unaware such grievances have been filed, calling the situation "unfortunate" before explaining his ticket followed election guidelines.



"If anyone on our team or anyone helping us out did anything against the rules whatsoever they need to be spoken to and they deserve sanctions," he said.

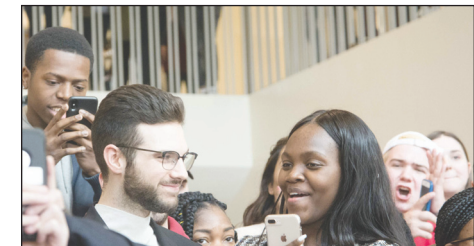
The Results

Nineteen out of the 23 SA senate seats up for grabs this election were filled by members of the #UAlbanyUnited ticket — the same ticket headed by Quinn and Carroll.

Quinn believes the results will give his presidential bid a boost during the upcoming run-off.

"I will definitely bring attention to the fact that the senators we were promoting won," he said. "That means a majority of the community stands with them."

"It's unfortunate, a lot of our ticket didn't win," said Pepe. "Our goal was to really get



our whole ticket in because they really do share the same vision and goals that we do."

Three available SUNY Student Assembly representative seats were also filled by Subha Tasnim, Nicolas Pepe and Tyler Polite this past week for the upcoming academic year.

Students also voted overwhelmingly in favor of an amendment to SA's constitution that would reduce the number of students serving on the election commission from seven to five, creating a more efficient process when deciding on issues.

Voting for the run-off between the Quinn/Carroll and Cadesca/Pepe tickets will take place on MyInvolvement beginning March 28 at 12 p.m. and conclude on March 30 at 12 p.m.

CAMPUS CENTER DINING

Damien's Dominates: Worth the Wait

By DANIEL RUSSELL

It took longer than expected to open, but Damien's is finally here. It's in a weird spot in the Campus Center, and its construction wasn't without drama, but I think that the time we spent waiting was worth it. To me, it's best spot to eat in the Campus Center, and it sets a strong example for what this campus should strive for when it comes to achieving a pleasant dining experience.

First and foremost, having the buzzers that tell you when your food is ready is a great idea. I can sit down without having to worry about my number being called, something that happens frequently at both Fountain Grill and Cusato's. The wait time for food is pretty short too; I've spent half an hour waiting for food at Fountain Grill, and have even had times where they forgot my order and I had to tell them about their mistake. No such experience has happened in

my time at Damien's so far.

Damien's also thrives in environment, due to the large space it occupies, as well as the amount of televisions that surround the eating area. I'm a simple person; I enjoy chowing down on a plate full of wings while watching a sporting event, and the only thing that would make it better would be a cold beer (I am of the legal drinking age) alongside it. But some people can't let us have these nice things.

As someone who really enjoys wings, Damien's makes them far better than Cusato's does. My only gripe is that the staff gives you the sauce to put on the wings on the side, and has you do them yourself. I personally don't care how much sauce my

wings have, but if someone is particular about it, then that's something that's good for them. And speaking of food, Damien's has a wide menu that's great for pretty much any appetite. Not in the mood for wings? You can get a wrap, burger, sandwich, or even nachos. Trying to eat healthy? They have three different salads that you can order from.

Despite all the ways that I can compare and contrast Damien's to the Campus Center's other eateries, it isn't exactly fair. Everywhere else in the Campus Center serves

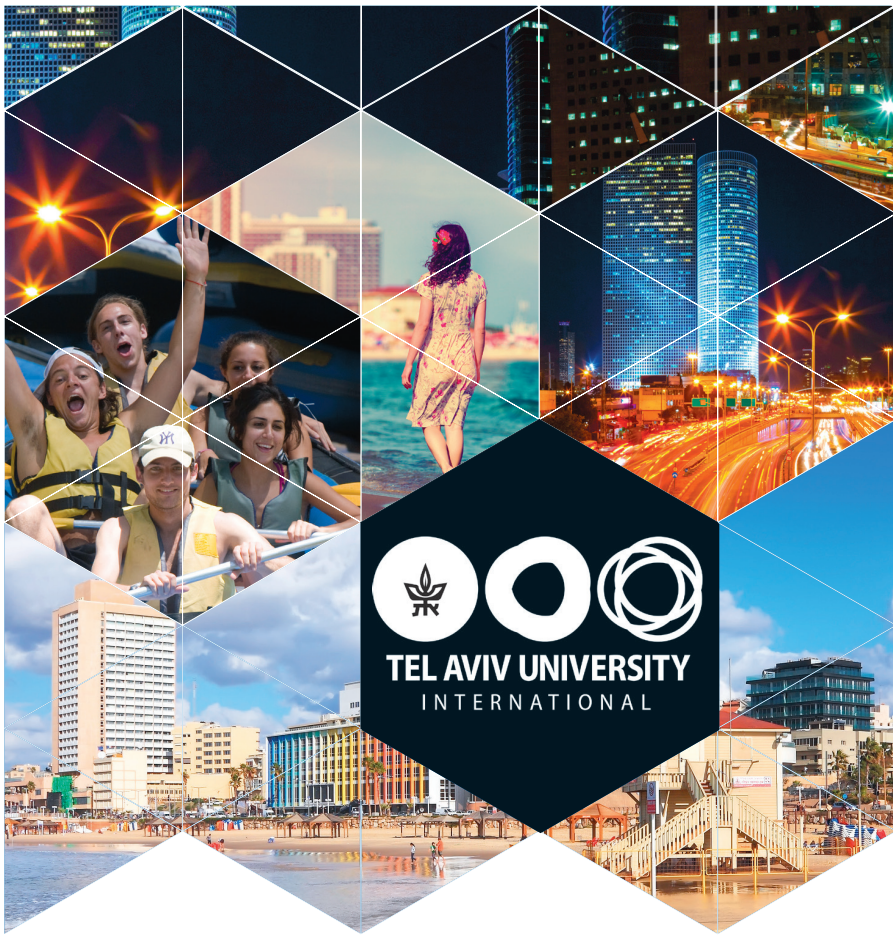
the sole purpose of making food and then having patrons be on their way. Whether it be to class, the library, or back to your dorm, you grab your food and go, and you don't have a second thought about it. Damien's is a whole other experience. It's a place where you can get your food and stay there because of the atmosphere that surrounds you. It's not that the other eateries fail to achieve this; they don't even attempt it.

If I could go to Damien's everyday, I would. The only thing stopping me is that everytime I'm there, I wind up spending \$15-\$20 on food. If I did that everyday, my meal plan would be eviscerated in barely half a semester. So every now and then, I'll stop by other places in the Campus Center where I can spend a bit less. But I'm never as satisfied. I encourage you to eat at Damien's in the Campus Center if you haven't done so already. It was worth the wait.



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NOISE FROM NOYES

New York Deserves Better than Schumer

By **MATTHEW NOYES**

Chuck Schumer is taking a step backwards by propagating racism under the guise of virtue signaling. Earlier this month, Schumer voted against Judge Marvin Quattlebaum, who was nominated to be a district judge. As reported by CNN, the sole reason Schumer said he voted against him was because he was white, despite his qualifications. Schumer only cared about the color of his skin, and this kind of thinking is toxic. Racism and those who proliferate it should be condemned, and New York can do better than Chuck Schumer.

The role of the judiciary is to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and enforce the law. Judges should be appointed based on the content of their character and their ability to carry out those responsibilities. Defending his actions on the Senate floor, Schumer said, "It's long past time that the judiciary starts looking a lot more like the America it represents. Having a diversity of views and experience on the federal bench is necessary for the equal administration of justice."

This kind of thinking is flawed; it assumes that people are members of arbitrary groups based on their physical appearance. People are individuals with unique interests and preferences. It is wrong to assume that everyone in a collective shares the same interests and that those interests can only be represented by someone from that same group.

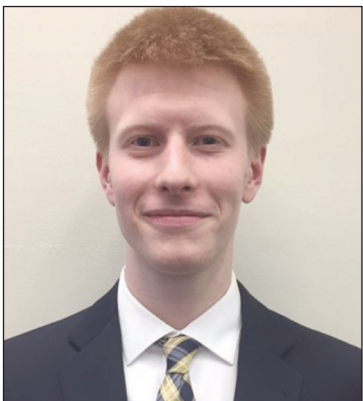
Schumer is trying to score political points at the expense of doing what's right. Valuing someone for their qualifications and not their race is the right thing to do. This thinking is also dominating the administration here at the University at Albany. As reported by the ASP, hiring racially diverse faculty is a "pipeline issue" for the university. Instead of focusing on hiring the most qualified candidates, the administration would rather virtue signal and create divisions along racial lines.

Deciding to vote for or hire someone on the basis of their race is the very definition of racism. If Schumer had said he voted against Quattlebaum because he was unlikely to uphold the Constitution, then that would have been appropriate. Using race for political points is reprehensible when white supremacists do it, and just as when other leftists like Chuck Schumer and the Strategic Planning Committee on campus do it.

Our top priority shouldn't be to appoint people who look different; it should be to appoint whoever is best for the job. If you select people based on merit, there will naturally be diversity, because it turns out that certain races are not superior to others. Through hard work, anyone of any race and background can succeed.

To vote for someone only because they're a minority is to vote out of pity. It implies you don't think they are capable of being selected based on their skill alone. What is the difference between a white supremacist saying they need to advance the goals of whites and our administration and senator saying they need to advance the goals of African Americans?

The solution is see people as individuals. That is the only way people can be equal under the law and in practice regardless of things they can't control like race, gender, and sexual orientation. New York should be a melting pot rather than a place of division and identity politics.



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TIMELY NOTIFICATIONS

University Fails to Give Timely Alerts on Crimes

By **RAYMOND E. STRAWN III**

The University at Albany has been accused by the Police Benevolent Association, the union representing state university police officers, for failing to disclose information related to campus crimes in a timely manner.

The March 5 Times Union article reported that the PBA claimed there were nine incidents in 2016 and 2017 where UAlbany failed to notify or delayed notifying students and employees about serious crimes that had just occurred on campus.

The university has denied these allegations, but I believe there are some merits behind these accusations. This may be something the university does not want to hear from one of their students, but I think it's clear and obvious the university has recently failed to disclose information to their students relating to campus crimes,

especially when it comes to rape.

An Albany Student Press article titled, "UPD releases report of alleged Dutch Quad rape," was dated Feb. 17. This was the first I had heard about

a rape on campus, and the article reported that a rape occurred on Feb. 5. As I read through it, I told my girlfriend about the horrific news. My last comment to her was, "And I found this out through Facebook." She shook her head and didn't understand why the university didn't inform the students. This was disturbing a fact.

I went through my emails

to see if I somehow missed anything. Nope. Nothing. No official emails to students about this rape. No safety concern email to students. Still nothing official from the university. I

would say that this is a failure to disclose information related to a campus crime.

I received an email on Feb. 28 regarding a robbery that occurred south of the main campus. The email stated that the robbery occurred at about 1:40 a.m. that day and I received the email at 4:00 a.m. I would argue that this is disclosing information relating to campus crime in a timely manner.

However, if the university is



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FIRST AMENDMENT

Free Speech Protects Inclusivity, Facilitates Diverse Communities

By **BENJAMIN SANO**

A new poll came out that raises questions about the campus free speech debate. Conducted by Gallup, the poll interviewed 3,000 students and asked them whether protecting free speech or providing an inclusive and diverse society was more important. Rather alarmingly, inclusivity and diversity was favored overall by a 53-46 percent margin. While both are important, it's a stark display that the First Amendment would take a back seat to any other principle. This is especially true when free speech is actually indispensable to diversity.

It initially seems bizarre that these two principles are being compared. They're not diametrically opposite ideals. It's not like you have to decide whether to protect or renounce free speech for the sake of diversity. Except, the unfortunate truth is that on college campuses, these are two warring principles.

Many politically active college students believe speech that can offend is violent. "Hate speech" is the term used to declare any speech that may be offensive,

and it's believed to be incite violence. It's also the belief of these students that certain speech will target specific communities of students, potentially denying these communities their identity. Therefore, it becomes clear that in this frame of mind, free speech can directly hurt the diversity or inclusivity of a campus. The reality is that free speech and diversity go hand in hand.

Of course, the most important kind is diversity of thought. All too often on campus we ignore diversity of thought in favor of diversity of appearance or identity. Obviously, those are positive goals to achieve and I'd loathe anyone who'd want to do away with them, but without diversity of thought, other forms of diversity mean very little. For example, you wouldn't find

a meeting between Idi Amin, Mao Zedong and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi a moral good just because there was diversity of appearance and identity.

Moreover, making diversity the primary goal of a society does not make that society inherently better. India is perhaps the most ethnically diverse country in the world, yet according to the Washington Post is the most racially hostile. Ideas and principles trump any ethnicity or skin-deep diversity.

Individuals are more important than their identity.

The limitation of free speech would therefore stifle the most important element of diversity and inclusivity. Those against free speech want to suppress hate speech, but with such an ill-defined boundary of unacceptable

speech, the door would be wide open to abuse. That's why hate speech has already become the rallying cry to shut down campus talks by feminists and liberal professors as well as white nationalists. When a right is no longer protected, you never know when the pendulum of legality will swing away from you.

Free speech can also be as much a check on bad ideas as a protection of all ideas. When a truly offensive or incompatible idea enters a forum of ideas, such as a campus, it becomes scrutinized, criticized and socially ostracized by those who think differently. The idea is then forced to change or be subject to rightful ridicule. If only one way of thinking is allowed in the forum, these ideas can only fester unchallenged and unabated.

Finally, it's a fallacy to believe that eliminating offensive speech is the key to achieving inclusivity. Being able to speak your mind without physical recourse is one of the most inclusive principles we have and protecting it can create the most diverse communities.



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MUSIC

Pint-Sized Profile of Larger Than Life Country Singer

By DANI MARTINEZ

Keith Lionel Urban has been successful because he's broken barriers in so many ways and dominates the country music charts. He's best known for singing songs such as "Blue Ain't Your Color," "Wasted Time" and "John Cougar, John Deere, John 3:16."

Urban's father had been a fan of country music, so he grew up listening to Dolly Parton, Glen Campbell, and Jimmy Web. In order for Urban to change the style of country music, he immersed himself with the idols that came before him.

Urban had started playing at Tamworth Country Music Festival in Australia, where he went every year. After his first album, he moved to Nashville, TN, in 1992 from New Zealand. In 2004, he released "Be Here" which earned him his first Grammy nomination for Best Country Instrumental Performance.

While most fans believe they know much of Urban's background, most people would be surprised by the facts. Urban was born in New Zealand which is a misconception to most because fans think he's from Australia.

Surprisingly, the countries like to take turns passing Urban off.

When Urban gets into trouble, he's seen as being from New Zealand, but when he wins a Grammy, Australia instead will claim him.

Another misconception that fans have is that Urban had instant stardom. But since he was introducing a new sound to country music, it took him some years to make it in the music industry. Therefore, in the



Source: Wikimedia Commons

Keith Urban, above, has won four Grammys since 2006 and been a staple at CMA and CMT Awards.

mid 1990s, he gained a lot of commercial success. Lastly, unbeknownst to most, Urban has overcome an addiction to drugs as well alcohol.

In recent years, Urban has been a judge on "American Idol." He's performed at the CMA (Country Music Association) Awards, CMT Awards, and at a special Grammy tribute to honor the Bee Gees.

He's currently working on his next album called "Graffiti U."

According to TasteOfCountry.com, published on Jan. 17, 2018, the Graffiti U World Tour will start on June 15.

According to Rolling Stone, Urban released the song, "Coming Home" featuring Julia Michaels on March 20 that incorporates a revised version of "Mama Tried" by the late Merle Haggard, another country singer who had passed away in 2016. The new song has a great beat and Haggard's beat is easy to pick up in the song.

The song is a success because it mixes the "country twang" with Urban's style, and Haggard is even credited as a co-writer. The song mixes an older style of country with a newer version of country. It shows that pioneers of country music will live on through the artists who grew up listening to them.

Urban will stop at Saratoga Performing Arts Center on June 27 as part of his tour.

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THEATER ON CAMPUS

‘Hair’ Inspires Today’s Youth with 1960s-era Sociopolitical Messages



Source: UAlbany Theatre Program

The company, some of whom photographed above, passionately represented how the youth, as a resistant force, can challenge politics both in the 1960s (when the musical is set) and today.

By DIEGO CAGARA

Don't be fooled by its frivolous-sounding name as this was perhaps one of the most scandalous, daring and provocative musicals to hit the University's at Albany's Performing Arts Center.

‘Hair’ debuted on campus on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m., being a fusion of politically-charged visuals, a racially-diverse cast and a thought-provoking message that still matters in today’s disquieting world.

Originally premiering off Broadway back in October 1967, ‘Hair’—promoted as the ‘American Tribal Love-Rock Musical’—chronicles the resistance of the so-called ‘Age of Aquarius,’ a bunch of young hippies sporting long hair, who disapprove of being conscripted to the Vietnam War.

For UAlbany, there were several scheduled performances, running from March 22 through 25, acted by students and some faculty.

The political attacks even began before the actual performance as four students appeared by the audience’s seats with posters about current sociopolitical movements and chants like ‘Black Lives Matter,’ ‘Love Trumps Hate’ and ‘Immigrants are Welcome Here!’ It already embodied how conscious these students are about today’s politics, especially in regards to U.S. President Donald Trump.

The theater was also slightly filled with fog, which served its purpose once the performance actually started and a lone light shined brightly from center stage, its radiance successfully spreading through the

mist. It wordlessly proved how important production value was in this performance.

Speaking of production, the set showed what appeared to be the backside of rundown bricked apartment buildings in New York City, filled with graffiti of a raised fist and the peace symbol. It also provided a safe haven for the inhabiting hippies, a metaphor for how they’ve turned their backs to mainstream American culture.

The ensemble cast was filled with many intriguing members.

All of them were passionate in their dramatics, unafraid to be physically and verbally obscene, fully embodying their characters. The audience itself almost became part of the production as around me, audible gasps left stunned mouths and hands were placed over chests and ajar lips. This was due to cast members uttering the N-word with abandon, literally dry humping the stage or one another or even showing skin.

‘Masturbation is fun!’ A cast member loudly exclaimed as a fellow member was shoved to his groin area, perhaps the epitome of obscenity this musical is unafraid of shying away from.

‘Hair’ seemed to center mostly on Claude though, played by Jon Liuzzo, who specifically disliked the conscription which frustrated his conservative parents.

Herein lied the heart of the musical as Claude wanted to embrace free love and independence but his father believed that going to the Vietnam War will ‘make a man out of him’ while his mother believed that drugs, sex and his hippie friends are bad influences. His struggle between following

his heart and pleasing his parents culminated in him deciding whether to burn his draft card.

The performance took a whimsical turn when Claude ingested a hallucination-inducing joint, giving him visions of famous American historical figures. Such figures were comically acted out by other cast members, portraying the likes of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Aretha Franklin and John Wilkes Booth.

The audience notably looked confused and even laughed when more random figures appeared onstage like Catholic nuns, monks and Native Americans.

Sure, this musical is quite dated as it was taking place in the 1960s. Its radiantly hippie-themed wardrobe and style spoke to how the characters rebelled against conventional fashion, thanks to Raymond J. Torres (wig and hair designer) and Reneé Bell (costume designer).

But the messages still remain relevant today, circling back to the anti-Trump and passionate protests prior to the performance earlier.

Regardless of what each audience member’s political views were, the musical’s messages were loud and clear.

‘Hair’ seemed to advocate freedom to love whomever one desires, to practice drugs and casual sex, to rebel against conservative and also mainstream culture, and to protest against whatever one disagrees with (in this case, mainly conscription). After all, the 1960s were a prominent decade that dealt with social and



Source: Flickr

Note how the vibrant colors in this original 1968 Broadway poster, above, hint at the drugs, LSD and hallucinations portrayed in the musical. This sparked controversy but the UA students did not feel pressured to censor themselves when acting such obscene scenes on opening night.

political reform.

The characters also explained that their freedom to grow out their own hairs was like a metaphor for their freedom of choice, hence the musical’s title.

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DIET

Cut the Carb Culture with Paleo Diet



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By KATIE GIBSON

We love bread and we love sugar. Heck, I ate a pop tart right before writing this. But our bodies do not love bread and sugar. Most grains include gluten and lectins. A growing number of Americans are gluten-intolerant and lectins are difficult to digest for all humans.

Sugar is difficult for our bodies to burn off. Therefore, it is usually stored as fat. Basically, our bodies are not well-equipped to digest high

amounts of carbs, yet our current culture is based on high-carb intake.

The paleolithic diet seeks to reverse our dependency on carbohydrates. It's not a diet in terms of counting calories; it's more like a lifestyle. It involves eating as our hunter/gatherer ancestors did. That means no grains, no added sugars, and no processed foods.

This may sound daunting at first. It means banning cereal, pasta, and bread. However, it also means feasting on steak, roasted vegetables, and as

many yogurt and fruit parfaits as your heart desires. Think about all the bananas covered in peanut butter you could eat for breakfast! This diet is easier on digestion, energizing, and delicious. Here are some recipes to get you started.

Breakfast-style ants on a log

Cut a banana into fourths. Slather each piece with your favorite nut butter and place a few almonds in the nut butter.

Yogurt and date parfait

Take a spoonful of plain yogurt and put it in a bowl. Then add a spoonful of nut butter. Cut up some dates and layer them over the nut butter. Repeat each layer.

Tuna 'sandwich'

Lay out two leaves of lettuce. Spoon four tablespoons of tuna on to one piece of lettuce and cover with the other piece of lettuce. For variety, you could also make this a salad.

Lox & eggs

Boil broccoli as a base. Fry an egg over medium. Place lox and egg over broccoli, salt and pepper to taste.

Paleo pancakes

Mix two cups of almond flour, two eggs, one cup of milk (or milk substitute), and a teaspoon of baking powder. Grease a pan, pour in some batter, and flip when you see bubbles. Once cooked, garnish the pancakes with nut butter and berries.

HAIR CARE

Alternatives to Commercial Shampoos

By KATIE GIBSON

No poo is a movement about replacing traditional commercial shampoos with less harmful mixtures. Commercial shampoos tend to use sulfates and other detergents to make their product sudz up. The chemical buildup can lead to dandruff, oiliness, and breakage.

Some studies have linked such shampoos to cancer.

Our hair was not meant for such concoctions. Instead of allowing hair to balance oils, shampoo strips the hair, which opens the market for artificial conditioners.

Switching to a homemade method is cheaper and more fun. I have been no poo for half a year. My hair is softer, fuller, and less maintenance.

In my experience, there is a two week transition when you stop using traditional shampoo where your hair feels oilier than usual. This is because your hair is getting used to regulating its

own oil after years of having it manually stripped.

During the transition, comb your hair at the end of each day to redistribute oil from your roots to the ends of your hair that need it much more. Resist the urge to use commercial dry shampoo and shampoo.

After the transition period, I noticed my scalp felt lighter and tiny hairs grew over my head from areas that had been previously blocked by buildup. This made my hair look fuller.

Here are some off my favorite no poo recipes:

Baking powder paste

Mix baking powder with water until it forms a paste. Apply paste to hair and wash out with water. Follow up with an apple cider vinegar rinse once a week, which works like a natural conditioner.

This recipe is great for trips because most people have baking soda in their homes. I'm a big fan of the apple cider vinegar because it feels

invigorating and wakes me up for the day.

It also makes my hair super soft and surprisingly leaves no smell.

Sea salt DIY shampoo

Mix sea salt, a teaspoon of coconut oil, and unscented castile soap, and lemon juice. This is my staple shampoo. It is modeled off the shampoo "Big" from Lush. Buying the ingredients in bulk offers a much more affordable and long-term option.

Aztec clay mask

Mix aztec clay and coconut oil with apple cider vinegar. Apply it to your hair and let set for thirty minutes, then remove in the shower.



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Homemade sea salt shampoo retains natural oils unlike commercial shampoos, which strip hair of natural oils.

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BASEBALL

Men Lose Series Opener to UMass

By ELIJAH CASPER

The UAlbany men's baseball lost a tough conference series opener to UMass Lowell over the weekend, losing the first game 3-2 in 11 innings, winning the second game 1-0, and then losing the series finale, 1-0.

The Great Danes (9-7, 1-2 AE) used superb pitching in all three games, but were out-dulled in the end by UMass (9-11, 2-1 AE).

In game one, Brandon Smith pitched seven strong innings, giving up just two runs on four hits, with nine strikeouts and zero walks.

Dan Yankowski came on to finishing the game, pitching three innings of scoreless relief, before J.T. Genovese (1-2) walked home the winning run in the bottom of the 11th with two outs.

Leading the Great Danes in offense during game one was Marc Wagensten, who went 2-for-5, accounting for the teams only two RBIs. His double in sixth inning, putting the Great Danes up 2-1.

Nick Kondo also went 2-for-5 with a double for the Great Danes.

In the second game of the double header, Dominic Savino (3-0) pitched his second consecutive complete game, allowing just five hits in seven innings without giving up a run and recording five strikeouts and zero walks.

Savino's performance comes just one week after his dominating performance against Hofstra where he struck out a Division I-era program record 15 of 21 batters he faced.

Matt Codispoti leadoff solo home run in the top of the third inning was enough to secure the

Danes a 1-0 victory.

"Dom was tremendous today in that second game. I thought Brendan Smith pitched great, too. I think that it was tough for both teams to score, but that's what America East baseball is all about," said Coach Muller of Friday's double header. "Both teams played very clean defense, but when Dom is throwing like that in the second game, it's very difficult to score runs on him."

On Saturday, the Great Danes lost another heartbreaker in the rubber match of the three game series.

John Clayton (0-1) pitched seven solid innings, giving up six hits allowing only one run and striking out six.

Jack McClure made his season debut, pitching one inning of scoreless relief, striking out two.

UMass scored the only run in the second inning, and held the Great Danes to only three hits.

The Great Danes threatened in the top of the third, loading the bases with two outs, but could not push a run across. They had runners on second on the fifth and ninth inning but couldn't score the tying run.

"Today was another tough ball game, just like all weekend. Runs were tough to come by. If you had told me we'd only give up four runs this weekend I probably would have said we were going to get a sweep, but unfortunately we were a little short today," said Coach Mueller following the series defeat on Saturday.

"Defensively we were good, and I thought John Clayton pitched great. Jack McClure came back and threw the ball outstanding



Source: UAlbany Athletics
Pitcher John Clayton.

in the last inning. UMass Lowell was just a little better today, and you have to tip your cap to them

when they score one more run than you." Up next, the Great Danes are

scheduled to host their season opener on Tuesday, March 27, as they get set to host Massachusetts.

GOLF PROFILE

Senior Elevates Golf Team to Higher Levels

By CHRISTIAN SCHAEFER

As NCAA teams go, it's clear that football and basketball get the most love. At Division I schools, these teams are large sources of revenue. They are easy to watch, and game times are quick. NCAA golf, on the other hand, isn't any of those things.

Matches usually take place over three days and are far from the most exciting and spectator-friendly. That hardly means anything to the players who compete in those tournaments.

For her freshman season at the University at Albany, Annie Lee arrived with a sense of determination.

"I knew we weren't the best team around and I wanted to go somewhere that I could help build," said Lee. Though that determination wasn't just for the on-field athletics. "I wanted to go to college where I could study my academics and excel in my sports, so Albany was perfect. We are Division I and as an accounting major, we have a great business school."

Luckily for UAlbany, her impact on the team was immediate. In her first season, Lee racked up accolades most students would hope to achieve after four seasons.

Along with leading her team to an overall win and the first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship in school history, Lee took home the MAAC Individual Championship while earning MAAC Rookie of the Year honors.

On her way to helping the Danes secure the MAAC championship, Lee recorded

her best performance of the season (226), shooting a 76 on day one and matched her season low with back-to-back 75's in the final two rounds, finishing three strokes ahead of Siena's Victoria Nguyen (75-78-76--229). The Danes' victory sent them to Utah to play in the NCAA regionals. There they stumbled and placed 18.

After her freshman season, Lee had done what she set out to do. She helped a team described as "not the best," and turned them into a dominant force -- and she was only getting started.

Lee was born in Korea. She remained there until she was four, at which point she moved to Vancouver, British Columbia with her mother and two younger sisters.

"I was a shy kid in Korea, so moving to Canada only made it worse," she said.

Before moving, her father took her to a driving range -- a trip that would shape the rest of her life.

"I went to the range for the first time with my dad, and I loved it. Just the fact that you don't have to be tall or muscular or whatever. If you practice and perfect your shots and you work hard, you can become a good golfer," said Lee with a smile. "Plus you don't have to talk to anybody or yell or anything."

Once she had settled into life in Canada and chose to pursue golf, Lee began working with the man that would become her coach and family friend, Richard Hyun.

"I don't hit it very far but my swing is pretty consistent," said Lee who credits her consistency to Hyun.

Lee's swing surely helped her become the target Colleen Cashman-McSween, who at the time was the assistant coach in charge of recruitment for the Michigan State Women's Golf Team. While trying to recruit Lee, Coach Cashman-McSween became the head coach at UAlbany, and successfully recruited Lee to Albany.

"I knew that if I could get her to come to Albany she would be a program changer, and that's what she's been for the last four years," said Cashman-McSween.

Since her defining freshman season, Lee has gone on to win four individual tournaments, a three time MAAC Golfer of the Month, MAAC Golfer of the Week, and a three-time WGCA All-American Scholar.

"She's not only been a leader on the golf course but has also been a leader in the classroom," said Cashman-McSween. "She's been a great addition to the team and really helped us take it to the next level here."

As much as she learned before her time here at UAlbany, Lee gives credit to Coach Cashman-McSween for helping her with her success during her four seasons in Albany.

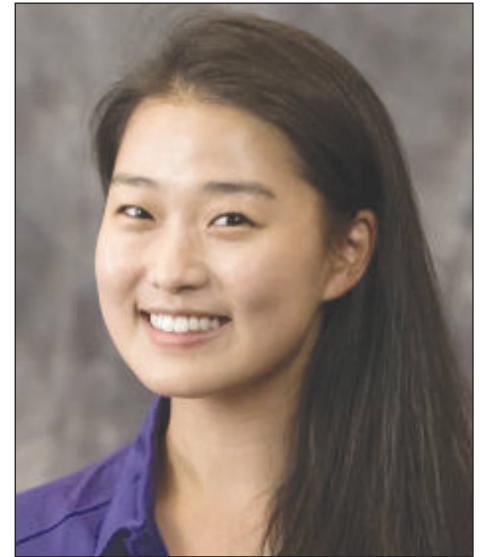
"She was pretty new, she was getting to know UAlbany as much as I was and she understood my game and my personality a lot," said Lee. "I'm pretty harsh on myself while playing, so on the course she tells me to relax and let my clubs do the work."

With the end in sight to her final season in the purple and gold, Lee looks to the future regarding her golf career.

"With golf, I'm not so sure. I'll stay as an amateur and maybe play a couple games but I'm gonna focus on my other career as an accountant," said Lee.

"Besides golf, I have had the opportunity to interact with many professors, alumni, donors, teammates, and students on campus who have helped shape who I am today. I would personally like to thank Coach Cash, Coach Matt Rags, Professor Hughes, Kimberly Verhoff, Susan Maloney, and Lori Friel."

Wherever her future takes her as a golfer, she'll always be remembered for her time here at UAlbany.



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Danes Defeat Hawks to Open Conference Play

By JOHN C. LONGTON III

ALBANY, N.Y. — The UAlbany women's lacrosse team opened up conference play with a dominating 23-5 victory over Hartford at Casey Stadium on Saturday.

It's only the Danes second win of the season, but it's also their second win in a row as they improved their record to 2-7 and try to right the ship at the beginning of their conference play schedule.

Ten different Great Danes recorded a goal and 12 different players recorded at least a point in the game including senior attacker Emma Powlin, who netted seven goals on the day. Powlin tied the fifth-highest single-game goal total in school history with her performance.

"It's great to start off conference play with a win. The team has been working hard, and things are starting to click -- I think that was evident today," said interim head coach Jessica Davos. "We were able to get everyone in and get contributions across the board,

which was really nice to see."

Kendra Harbinger scored four times, Paige Werlau netted three goals and Sam Totoro and Bridget Simmons both had two goals apiece. The Dane train got rolling and for the Hawks, was very hard to start.

On the other end of the field the Danes held the Hawks without a single shot on goal in the entire first half and beat them in that category 38-15 on the day.

The Danes scored 19 straight goals to start the game and imposed their will from the opening faceoff. This multifaceted Great Dane team is kicking it into high gear at the right time when it counts the most.

The Danes will host the Binghamton Bearcats this Saturday at Casey Stadium for a game that starts at 1pm. The Bearcats have also started conference play with an unblemished 1-0 record and the Danes will get a gage on how well their team is performing as of late in this game.



Source: Bill Ziskin / UAlbany Sports
Emma Powlin drives the ball away from a Hawk.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Men Remain Undefeated with Win Over Hawks



Source: Robert Ellis / UAlbany Sports
Connor Fields became the all-time leading scorer in UAlbany history on Sunday.

By ROB LEP

Behind a career-high 20 saves from University at Albany men's lacrosse goalkeeper JD Colarusso and a career high seven points for Sean Eccles off five goals and two assists, the Great Danes knocked off America East foe UMass Lowell 13-6 to improve to 8-0 on the season and 2-0 in conference play.

Despite the undefeated start and the No. 1 overall ranking in the country for the fourth consecutive week, the focus after the game shifted to the right knee of 2017 Tewaaron Trophy finalist and the Danes

new all-time leading goal scorer Connor Fields.

In the first quarter, Fields was driving to the net from the right side, avoided pressure from UMass Lowell defender Jack Hinken and stumbled to his knees as Cameron Richard came over to help.

Fields limped off the field but returned later on in the first quarter to score a goal, his 191st of his collegiate career, making him the all-time leading scorer in UAlbany history.

He came out in the second quarter and was examined by the UMass Lowell medical staff. No structural damage was detected

but Fields will be checked further by the UAlbany doctors when the team returns home this week.

Tehoka Nanticoke finished with four goals and two assists in the win.

Sophomore faceoff specialist TD Ierlan, the leading faceoff man in the country winning over 83 percent from the X, continued his dominance versus the River Hawks with 20-of-21 won with 12 ground balls.

With the win, the Great Danes have now won 30 consecutive regular season victories in America East play.

"It is a win, we came on the road and got the victory," UAlbany head coach Scott

Marr said. "JD Colarusso was outstanding and has been dialed in all season. UMass Lowell got off some good shots, and he was calm and collected. I thought we got off to a nice start in the game."

Colarusso had eight saves in the second quarter to help shut out UMass Lowell in the period as UAlbany took a 9-1 lead into the locker room at the half.

In the loss, Matt Balter, the River Hawks junior attack from Albany Academy, finished with a hat trick and one assist.

Next up for the Great Danes, is an at home matchup with Harvard Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Casey Stadium.