BOOZE PLANS NO LONGER BREWING FOR SPORTS DEN

By JOE HOFFMAN

The sports restaurant under construction in the Campus Center is expected to soon serve alcohol, per decision by university leadership that overruled University Auxiliary Services’ plans to serve beer and wine there. The change was not publicly made. Mike Nolan, UAlbany communications specialist, confirmed via email last week that the decision was made in late October, but declined to comment on the reason for the change.

“University leadership evaluated options for this space and decided the best plan of action was to move forward with a sports restaurant that does not serve alcohol,” said Nolan via email. “We have no further comment on this.”

Steve Pearse, director of UAS, expressed disappointment at the decision about the establishment, which he said is tentatively called Damien’s.

“Maybe someday we’ll get it [alcohol] back, then we can call it Damien’s Pub,” said Pearse.

UAS had planned the area to be a sports-themed pub, saying that the area would be an installment of upstate restaurant Tully’s Good Times.

Pearse said in October that the restaurant is expected to serve comfort food such as chicken tenders and burgers. The restaurant is still slated to open next spring. One dining change expected then: Tully’s Good Times would serve beer and wine in the Campus Center. Since, Tully’s scrapped a contract with Sodexo and the next lounge will not sell alcohol.

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SA SENATE

By-law Prohibits Gift Cards for Groups

By CHAD ARNOLD

The Student Association settled a weeks-long debate on Wednesday, passing legislation that bars student groups from requesting appropriation money for gifts. The new legislation, which updates SA’s current finance regulations by university by-law, states, “The appro priations committee shall not accept gifts as a request item. Sponsored by Brandon Holdridge, rules commit tee chair, and Mark Anthony-Quinn, appropriations chair, the newly passed bill defines gifts as “any item with monetary value that is not available for any recipient to earn because there is a predetermined recipient.”

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Future Study Zones Unclear

By TYLER A. MCNEIL

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 Julio’s Stays: Camp Chair on Petition to Rename Lodge After 9/11 Firefighter

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A Student Association alumna’s call to rename Julie’s Lodge after a 9/11 first responder carries little weight for the Dippikill board chair. Casey Cranadel, chair, rejects former senator Connie Durancey’s most push to scrap the name of a former SA director, Julie St. Amour Glass, from the lodge’s title.

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only location confirmed verbal so far. “As you’ve sensed by now, we’re still in keeping mode,” said John Giarrusso, associate vice president of finance and administration in an email about expanding study spaces. “Whatever happens will be a summer 2018 job.”

After Maffeo,” Dunleavy wrote in a memorial to one of UAlbany’s career in SA, was honored with a 16 years ago, “I can think of no more fitting member within her 25-year memoriest of St. Amour Glass, a New York had been in the career in SA, was honored with a suicide attack. Maffeo, who graduated from the University while the car was towed. An arrest was made and vehicle was towed. An arrest was made for an active warrant, which reportedly suggested to rename it for a future cabin on the nearly 150-foot tower. Other- Off-Campus. A report of a female student driving while intoxicated. An arrest was made for an active warrant, which reportedly has been in the past presidents, claimed was an effort last semester from the students to locate, said Barbara Brown, coordinator of Advising Plus. Although a service to connect students to tutors, moved in around the start of the basement. Advising Plus started in the main library and offered to donate a statute of St. Amour Glass to fulfill mandated hours. Some members of Students fill the edge of the second floor of the Science Library.

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Mail, Rapid Copy Services to Make Home in Temp Trailers During Building 27 Renovation

By KATY DARA

University at Albany mail services and rapid copy centers will be relocated for approximately three years beginning this winter.

Students on Nov. 21 received an email from Institutional Services announcing that as part of the renovation of the Business Administration Building, or Building 27, the package services would be moved to temporary trailers.

“The renovation of Building 27 is anticipated to take approximately thirty-six months after which the Mail Services and Rapid Copy centers will return to space in Building 27,” read the email. “The move to their new home is currently scheduled to begin on Friday, Jan. 5 and be completed after that weekend.”

Mail Services holds all of the packages sent to students on campus, which they must retrieve after notification. The renovation will move these services to trailers in front of the Social Science dock, close to the original Mail Service site.

“The accessibility of packages will remain the same, since the location is still on campus and in close proximity to the current location,” said Lampadozo, Mail Services manager. “There will be appropriate signage and accessibility in the temporary location to address all of the needs of students.”

The university plans to gradually renovate each academic building on the uptown campus. The most recently completed projects were the Arts and Sciences building and the new Campus Center addition. The Business Administration building is next on the list of planned improvements.

“All the services will be improved due to the renovations,” said Lampadozo. “The temporary location has double the square footage and full capabilities to assist the UAlbany Community in all mail service related functions.”

“We are excited about the renovations. The renovation aligns with the university’s effort to improve the facilities and the quality of life on campus,” he added.

Management has assured the community that the new facilities are up to standard. “Campus Facilities has done a truly outstanding job designing this transitional space,” Institutional Services director Gary Miller wrote in the Nov. 21 email. The new location will certainly be a change for many of I.
Diversity

Diversity is a quality colleges not only strive for, but also pride themselves on. At the University at Albany, we have both an Office of Diversity and Inclusion and a Diversity Council tasked with assessing the school’s diversity. It’s a fine goal to have, but when we discuss college diversity, political diversity is generically left out. Perhaps because it isn’t something that it’s open, maybe we’re afraid of confronting the political biases of our friends and faculty. In a politically charged environment though, especially on America’s campuses, it feels more and more like something worth addressing.

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Most importantly, it makes us all understand our political opponents. All too often, people who don’t interact with those of another political perspective begin to see the other side as evil and immoral. Then, every person on the other side becomes a caricature. Once you feel the other side is evil, then you feel justified in hating them or even hurting them. Interaction between politically diverse people gives a human side to an ideology, and it helps us realize that when it comes to politics, we all normally want the same outcomes, we just have different ideas of how to get there.

Political diversity also makes our university environment safe and comfortable for everyone who attends. As someone who’s encountered people too afraid of how others in the university will react to join a political club, I knew some on campus could use a political dialogue to know that they belong on campus. I wouldn’t want a school to only welcome to Republicans, and hope Democrats would feel the same.

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Should the Government Refrain From Regulating the Internet?

By Raynond Strawin III

Right now, when we use the internet, we have not net neutrality, meaning that the internet is free and open to the public. In the 2010 Federal Communication Commission was pressured into establishing net neutrality rules. Currently, net neutrality is being challenged by Trump’s FCC Chairman, Ajit Pai. It is important that we support net neutrality because it allows freedom and access to information and websites on the Internet. Without it, Internet Service Providers (ISP), like Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast can restrict and block information and websites on the Internet. We must not allow this injustice to occur.

On Dec. 14, the FCC will vote on Pai’s proposal to destroy net neutrality. If the proposal is passed, ISPs will have the power to speed up, slow down, or completely block content, websites, or applications on the Internet. This is not fair to consumers. The government has the power to speed up, slow down, or completely block information, websites, and access to information and websites on the Internet. Pirating and cyber bullying is an issue, but that is because the same attributes that are necessary for political success - tenacity, commitment, and censored from the Internet. Don’t we value freedom of information? Doesn’t net neutrality protect our basic freedoms? Why should we give up the free and open internet. Lastly, some say that net neutrality will lead to internet piracy and cyber bullying. Does the internet protect our basic freedoms? Why should we give up the free and open internet.

Whether or not the FCC votes to preserve net neutrality will determine the future of the internet, and is an issue that requires careful consideration.

By M. Francis Mirro

Election

Candidate Cuomo? Governor’s Ability to Compromise is Presidential Material

By M. Francis Mirro

During the last election, I was an unabashed Hillary Clinton supporter. Many of us believed in her promise to make change. However, I believe that it is necessary for the country to give this country back to the people. The government has been thoroughly subjected to the disadvantage of the Trump and the Republican Party’s best representation of the people. America should not forget the lesson of the 2016 election. A great unifier is coming, and his name is Andrew Cuomo. You don’t garner a lot of hardline support when you’re a moderate kind of leader. But when you have the benefit of being a leader, your voice can be heard by the people. Andrew Cuomo has been the governor of New York since 2011 after serving as the state’s attorney general before that. He has brought respect to the office and has earned the respect of the people. His work on major infrastructure projects like the new Mario Cuomo Bridge or to make New York the first state to offer free tuition to in-state college students.Cuomo has shown a willingness to compromise with the opposing Republican Party in the state legislature. This has resulted in New York getting back on the right path after being hit hard by the economic downturn that preceded his term in office. It was through Cuomo’s efforts that New York finally made marriage equality a right, signing it into law during his first year as governor. Following the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012, he scored viable gun control legislation — something the state desperately needed. He signed into law gun control measures that were put into place by the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Seven years later, we are seeing the beginning of a new era. In the wake of the Parkland shooting, including the two Roswellites (both served in the U.S. military and are veterans) and our current president. Perhaps this is because to the same attributes that are necessary for political success — tenacity, commitment, and a thick skin — are also common traits to thrive at the heart of every New Yorker. This administration has magnified the revolving nucleus which has long made us a magnet for attention on Capitol Hill. A president who is popular and censored from the internet. Don’t we value freedom of information? Doesn’t net neutrality protect our basic freedoms? Why should we give up the free and open internet.

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By Paul Scott

Not neutrality is dissolving the economic model our country was founded upon. What seems like a fair way for each consumer to obtain information online is just a wolf in sheep’s clothing, impairing the economic growth of the most up-and-coming marketplace in the world: the internet.

Net neutrality refers to the principle that internet service providers (ISP) should enable access to all content and applications regardless of the source, without lowering or blocking particular products or websites. As much as this sounds like an enticing movement, deeper dips into this systematic lining of internet shows great flaws. For one, net neutrality does not benefit the consumer. The leveling of the playing field between all competitors over the internet and all ISP alike allows for competition, which is hugely important for the growth of the internet and its capabilities. Competition is essential for our economy, and the elimination of it within the internet world will cause the expansion of the internet. If ISP like Verizon or Comcast no longer were competing with each other for business from consumers, then they would not have to improve their networks, thus limiting the true potential of what these ISPs could provide. The point of competing enterprises is that they will drive the best to be the most competitive and best working provider of goods, making them strive to better their competitors. This improves the quality of what we demand, which is hugely important for the internet. Training all content with equal priority, as mandated under net neutrality regulations, decreases the speed of frequently visited sites, such as Netflix and YouTube, for example. Sites with a higher user base need a larger bandwidth to support said viewers. These sites would have to pay more money in order to support more users, but without the ability to make necessary increases to the bandwidth, the site then lacks resources to get the content to the consumer. To express this issue as an analogy, imagine a freight truck carrying thousands of pounds of material over the same road on a daily basis, and a passenger vehicle carrying two people over the same route once a week. Which party should pay more for the upkeep of the road? Clearly the freight truck. Now imagine the freight truck is Netflix and the passenger vehicle is MapQuest. Who should pay more now? The Federal Communications Commission enacted net neutrality in 2015, and has since been working to rescind its own order. On May 14, 2017, the FCC will hold a vote on whether or not net neutrality should be repealed. As of now, it looks likely that the repeal will be effective following the vote. FCC chairman Ajit Pai said on Nov. 21 that this repeal would “stop micromanaging the Internet.” This repeal would bring the Internet back to its fullest potential and pay for the government, and should remain without its presence. The Internet is the greatest technological invention to date, and would remain free from government intervention, free to change at the consumer’s own pace and in its own direction.

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**Editor Daniel Russell of the ASP has compiled a personal list of what the top five films of the year are, believing these deserve your undivided attention and are worth that pesky movie ticket price. This list is not exhaustive and he ranked them to his personal liking. These films have also attracted positive critical reception and mostly excelled at the box office.**

### Top Five Films of the Year

**1. Dunkirk**

Far and away the best film of 2017 belongs to Christopher Nolan, whose WWII epic “Dunkirk” took theaters by storm this past summer. The film tells the story of the Dunkirk evacuation during the beginning of WWII, and is split into three narratives: soldiers on land, sailors at sea, and pilots in the air. All three narratives rely more on sound design and action rather than dialogue, and as the film goes on, the narratives all start to intertwine. The entire cast, which includes Mark Rylance, Harry Styles, Tom Hardy, Kenneth Branagh, and Cillian Murphy, are all outstanding, and portray a wide variety of characters all act differently in the face of war. “Dunkirk” stands out as one of the best war films of all time and is easily the best film of 2017.

*Source: Twitter*

**2. mother!**

Director Darren Aronofsky has a reputation for making films that are dark and disturbing, and “mother!” is no exception. The film had a polarizing reception when it debuted in theaters in September, mostly due to its religious themes and one instance of violence in the film (you’ll know it when you see it). Without spoiling too much, the film mostly serves as an allegory that becomes clearer as it moves forward, and when the second act comes around, it becomes flat-out chaotic. The second half of this film offers some of the most surreal filmmaking and storytelling of the year, and as a whole, this film takes a huge gamble that largely pays off.

*Source: Facebook*

**3. The Killing of a Sacred Deer**

Last year, American audiences were introduced to director Yorgos Lanthimos with his film “The Lobster.” This year, he had done in the English language. One year later, he reunites with Colin Farrell to bring us “The Killing of a Sacred Deer,” one of the darkest and funniest films of the year. The film follows the relationship between a surgeon (Colin Farrell) and a teenage boy (Barry Keoghan), and without spoiling too much, there are some sinister results. Lanthimos’ films are usually very heavy on black comedy, but here, he adds a psychological thriller element that results in a film that will make you laugh while on the edge of your seat. Like the next film on this list, you’ll either really like “Sacred Deer,” or hate it.

*Source: Twitter*

**4. Baby Driver**

Edgar Wright’s first directorial effort in four years was one that was certainly worth the wait. Starring Ansel Elgort as the titular character, “Baby Driver” revolved into theaters this past summer, and challenged how we view action movies. The film is notable due to its use of music, in which actor’s movements and actions are often in sync with the film’s soundtrack. Featuring a stacked cast, “Baby Driver” is almost like if Edgar Wright directed a “Fast and Furious” film, and the final result was quite close to that, and wound up being one of the best movies of the year.

*Source: Twitter*

**5. Logan**

Earlier this year, Hugh Jackman reprised his role as Wolverine for the final time, after 17 years of portraying the character. The final film, “Logan,” is not only the best Wolverine film, it’s easily one of the best films in the “X-Men” universe. Finally working within the confines of an R-rated movie, “Logan” is a bloody and profane film, but also contains an unexpected amount of heart that most superhero movies are unable to accomplish. The final result was a film that not only served as a proper sendoff to a beloved character, but a film that will be remembered as one of the best superhero films of all time.

*Source: Vimeo*

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**“Nolan pares a week of combat during the Second World War, from May 26 through June 4, 1940, and the effort to rescue British and French troops [on land, sea, and air], and gives each a time frame...that corresponds to its speed. The movie thus leaps about in time, with each thread of action moving ahead fitfully, until the three threads unite in the movie’s evident conclusion.”**

— RICHARD BRODY, The New Yorker

**“Mother! made me laugh harder and more frequently than just about any other movie I’ve seen this year...Mr. Aronofsky’s visual wit and dexterous, disciplined, camera movements create frissons of comic terror. His gift for escalation — evident in the marvelous crescendo of frenzied action that occupies most of the movie’s second half — may be unmatched in his generation of filmmakers.”**


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**“It’s that clash between the ancient and the modern, the farcical and the fearsome, which gives ‘The Killing of a Sacred Deer’ its edge. While the setting may seen at first more “realistic” than the worlds of Lanthimos’s previous films, any sense of familiarity merely accentuates the eeriness of the otherworldly elements.”**

— MARK KERMODE, The Guardian

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**“Swaying and spinning in a plain white tee, dark skinny jeans and off-brand sunglasses, Elgort brings a physicality to every on-screen task — even the mundane ones, like making a peanut butter sandwich for his deaf, wheelchair-bound foster father (C.J. Jones) — that has you living in your seat.”**

— ROBBIE COLLIN, The Telegraph

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**“Is Wolverine getting old? Don’t panic: ‘Logan’ is a hard ass, R-rated rager that explodes with action. But what makes it indelibly raw and touching is the sight of mutant heroes raging against the dying of the light...It’s ironic that Jackman, having a 10th and final at the career-defining role that made him a star, has never been better or more emotionally alive.”**

— PETER TRAVERS, Rolling Stone
CINEMA

When Three ‘Bad Moms’ Greet Christmas with Crude Humor

By SIEGO CACARIA

The holidays can surely be stressful: figuring out what gifts to buy, setting up the Christmas tree on time, and rushing to grab the best holiday deals in stores. But for the three mothers in “A Bad Moms Christmas,” they have the extra layer of stress that comes in the form of their own mothers visiting them suddenly, with mixed results.

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The film is prime example of using the same formula other similar films have as Carla declared. They had moaned about how they want wanting to “put the ass back in Christmass,” to feel excited about the holidays again, and stealing a Christmas tree from a store. While this formula works better for certain films, it is common in PG-13 and rated-R films like the acclaimed “Girls Trip” (2017) and “How To Be Single” (2016). For this film, it unfortunately starts to feel repetitive although directors Scott Moore and Jon Lucas clearly tried hard to make it feel authentic and funny.

Speaking of funny, the film was rampant with randy humor which made for a great distinction and cultures about how the holidays genuinely could be a stressful time.

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Skin Care

By ARIAH MATIAS

Consistency is the best way to see results in your hair. Natural hair takes more maintenance. It’s more time going to the salon weekly or biweekly, having breakends consistent- ly, or wearing sew-ins: you need to be aware of the time commitment to get it unmatted and healthy.

If you do job, but occasionally it is worth springing for a good cup of coffee during finals week. It’s true that a crappy cup will get the job done, but occasionally it is worth splurging for the good stuff. I sampled three coffees to find out if they were worth the price. Three of those coffees were sent to me by Current Coffee, a locally based coffee company in Schenectady.

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Figure out a good gift.

Think of you whenever they use it — that is, if you can make sure they use it.

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Using these tips you can make your hair look its absolute best.

Tips for Healthy Hair in the Winter Months

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Caffeine Rush for Finals

By KATIE GIBSON

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Chocolate Mochi

Cut a small-sized chocolate bar lengthwise. Use melted chocolate to attach tortoise-like candies. You will need four on the left, four on the right, and mold the ninth candle to fit. Mix the cream with cream cheese and pour it into the saucepan. Once the cream has boiled, add the pudding mix and cook over medium heat until it thickens. Stir in the chocolate. Place the rice paper in the fridge to set. After they’re set, slide one body and one head onto a skewer and repeat for each pop. Dip these pops in melted chocolate. Put them back in the fridge to set once. To make your own, use green gel frosting to draw a carrot nose and black gel frosting to draw eyes and bottom.

Snowman Cake Pops

For this recipe, you can prepare a sake of your choice (I bought a premium pomegranate cake). Crumble the cake and place the crumbs into a large bowl. Mix frosting in until the cake is soft and light. Create small balls of icing for heads and larger balls for bodies. Place these balls on wax paper in the fridge to set. After they’re set, slide one body and one head onto a skewer and repeat for each pop. Dip these pops in melted chocolate. Put them back in the fridge to set once. To make your own, use green gel frosting to draw a carrot nose and black gel frosting to draw eyes and bottom.

Shopping Smart for Gifts Can Still Show You Care

By AVA O’DEA

By KATIE GIBSON

You have to shop smart for holiday gifts. As you get older, the holidays become less and less about receiving and more about giving. This may sound like a bad thing, but giving gifts to your loved ones is great. You get to make someone happy with a gift that will make them think of you whenever they use it — that is, if you can make sure they use it.

But, the broke college student tribe is tragically real. What are you supposed to get someone that means a lot to you and doesn’t cost a lot, if any money? It’s easier than you might think. Here are some cheap holiday gift ideas for everyone in your life.

Do you know someone who loves beauty and skincare? Make your own mask for the_id_ for their skin type. Make it together half an avocado, one teaspoon of plain yogurt, and a teaspoon of honey in a small bowl. Mix it and apply it to your face. You can find tons of recipes like this online. Just be careful of ingredients that are clogging to some people’s skin — like lemon or cinnamon, and remember to refrigerate it if necessary. How about the music lover in your life? Mix tapes are not out of style, and with the invention of Spotify or Apple Music, they’re easier than ever. Just create a playlist of songs that remind you of this special person and send them the link when it gets to the holidays. If you want to go the extra mile, burn it on a CD and decorate the disc and the case you give it in. They’ll be able to listen to it and know about all the thought that went into it.

There is the person who knows a nice little cup of hot coco- conuts? Try not hot chocolate in a jar? A good recipe for peppermint hot chocolate: just ¾ cup powdered milk, ¼ cup powdered sugar, 2 tbsp of unsweetened cocoa powder, ½ cup chocolate chips, and half of a crushed candy cane. Layer all these ingredients in a mason jar and gift with a cute mug. No matter their preference, almost everyone will love this gift and it’s super easy to make.

If none of these ideas appeal to you, a framed picture of you and your loved one is always easy and relatively cheap. Remember, it’s not about the overall monetary worth of the gift; it’s the fact that whenever they see it in use they’ll always think of you. It may be cheese, but it’s the thought that counts.
Syracuse Scathes Women in Post-Season Tournament

By ELIJAH CASPER

Colgate, N.Y. — The University at Albany’s women’s volleyball team lost in four sets to Syracuse in the opening round of the National Invitational Volleyball Championship tournament on Thursday. After the starting off the season 0-12, the Great Danes were invited to the NIVC tournament where they got to see in a losing performance of his own, although overshadowed in a losing effort. The sophomore posted 27 points, and drained five three-pointers on the night. Unfortunately for Columbia, engaged in a spectacular feat in the second set, UAlbany and Syracuse exchanged the lead back and forth with UAlbany going up 12-11. Syracuse then went on a 9-4 run to go up 20-16. The Great Danes got within two at 22-20, but eventually came up short as Syracuse took the second set 25-22, tying the match at 1-1. The Donna came out strong in the third set, giving up quickly 9-2 and then eventually pushing their lead all the way up to 23-10. However, the Great Danes would not go quietly in the third set. They took the next 9 out of 10 points and closed the gap to within two to put the score at 23-19. However, the Great Danes rally came up short as Syracuse finished the set at 25-20 to go up 2-1 in the match. Again, Syracuse started off hot, going up 5-1, and then eventually building up a 14-9 lead in the fourth set. The Great Danes made a small run at 18-15 to get to 18-18, and then again at 21-16 to pull within one at 21-20. However, Syracuse took the final three points of the set to win 25-22 to take the match in four sets, 3-1. “I’m happy the NIVC came back, and we felt fortunate to be chosen to play, it gives us a chance to compete again and improve,” head coach MJ Engstrom said. “And we did improve, our younger kids got better down the last week of practice. We wish Syracuse all the best.” The NIVC is being revitalized for first time since 1995 and UAlbany had earned its automatic in by being the regular seasons America East champion. This was the Great Danes first postseason berth since 2011. For the Great Danes, freshman Daniella Trubick hit 10 kills with five blocks. Freshman Tatiana Tienche hit 211 with 10 kills, and sophomore Alcina Oliveira led all Great Danes with 11 kills while also contributing eight digs and two aces. Junior Nicole Utano finished with 20 digs for UAlbany. The Great Danes finished their improbable season at 11-15, and with a young core, looks to build on this season’s success heading into next year.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

“Composure was good down the stretch today. We rallied the ball, we got clean looks, handled the pressure and got the balls in bounds. We did some good things,” said UAlbany head coach Will Brown after the win.

Brown, who was issued a technical foul in the first half of Saturday’s contest, also noted that he “needs to get bench more involved.” The Danes were outscored 33-4 in the bench points by Columbia. The Great Danes with 11 kills while also contributing eight digs and two aces. Junior Nicole Utano finished with 20 digs for UAlbany. The Great Danes finished their improbable season at 11-15, and with a young core, looks to build on this season’s success heading into next year.

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By John C. Longton III

In just over two and a half seasons as a Great Dane, junior forward Joe Cremo has scored his 1,000th point, easily. After a scorching hot start to the second half from Cremo and the hot shooting of David Nichols and Joe Cremo, that division became the America East Conference.

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