SA SENATE
Gift Request Rolls Senators for 2nd Straight Week

By CHAD ARNOLD
For the second time in two weeks, Student Association’s legislative agenda was bogged down by a debate surrounding an appropriations bill, paving the way for a rule change in how student groups can spend appropriation dollars in the coming weeks.

Wednesday’s debate circled around a $427 appropriation request from Doctors IV Hope, an on-campus organization that aims to support academic, service, and professional development for pre-medical and health students.

Divided into two lines, it was the second line which sparked debate. This line sought $104 to purchase “thank you” gestures for the event’s guest speakers, once again raising concerns about SA’s appropriation budget and whether money given to student groups should be used to purchase gifts.

“Should we be giving gifts out with appropriation money?” asked Mitchell Ryback, chair of the Board of Finance, who Gift Request Roils Senators for 2nd Straight Week.

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UNIVERSITY HALL
Plans to Drive Plans

Strategic Plan, Contingency, Textbook Prices, Discussed at President’s First Faculty Address

By JOE HOFFMAN
University at Albany President Havidan Rodriguez delivered his first faculty address last Wednesday, detailing membership of the Strategic Planning Committee and answering questions about textbook prices and contingent faculty, among other concerns.

“Originally, the steering committee had about sixteen members,” said Rodriguez about the strategic

Planning, Contingency, Textbook Prices, Discussed at President’s First Faculty Address

Students, faculty, and staff are voicing both hopeful anticipation and logistical concerns as the construction of the Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship Complex nears its second stage.

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the project’s planned site last February, describing it as the central location for University at Albany’s new College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity and the headquarters of the Mesonet, a new weather analysis service.

Plans have been announced to move both the College of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences and the physics department onto the 12-acre site being built on the Harriman State Office campus to the east of UAlbany.

Need for more space for classes, offices, and research labs has been an issue for years, with acknowledgment of the problem coming from administration in the 2012 Facilities Master Plan.

Qing Lin Li, a third-year physics Ph.D student, described a cramped environment for students and faculty in the physics building on the podium.

“I’m not sure if the funding has been approved to move everything on the 12-acre site,” said Li.

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A construction vehicle situated within the future site of the Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship Complex.

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After a rough start, the women’s volleyball team won the American East conference.

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Hearing the four-year term of his tenured position, Dan Robbins, associate professor of Physics, said he was not looking forward to leaving this nice campus. Robbins emphasized the varied composition of the committee, which includes 20 faculty members, 20 professional staff, 18 senior staff, and 11 undergraduate and graduate students.

Citing statistics that 16 percent of the country’s top 50 schools are represented, Robbins said the makeup of the committee should make everyone feel represented.

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E-TEC was originally planned to be constructed on UAlbany’s campus. The decision last year to build a housing facility on the Office of Civil Rights to resolve any compliance issues as we are committed to complying fully with the requirements of Title IX. As a result of its first competition this year, the team had a roster of 53 players. This is a decrease from 2012, when the team opened their season with a 60-player roster. This year, the team had a roster of 53 players. Todd Rutecki, coach of the Albany women’s soccer team, said that this is not a new problem by any means. The women’s soccer team was one of the first teams to go out by the University back in 2013. When the team was originally cut, Rutecki recalls his players saying that the administration had not provided a reason for the removal.

Butski said that he believes that the inequality between men’s and women’s sports on campus could be solved with the addition of the women’s crew team. "It’s not uncommon for Division 1 institutions that receive federal funds, we are committed to complying fully with the requirements of Title IX.

HARASSMENT
2ND 10/31/17
Colonial Quad- Clinton Hall
Report of a female student being harassed by a male student.

MEDICAL INCIDENT
10/28/17
Colonial Quad- Herkimer Hall
Report of a student being hit by a head injury, transported to hospital by 9-1-1.

CRIME BLOTTER
3RD 10/28/17
Report of a female student in possession of a controlled substance. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

DOMESTIC TRESPS
10/12/17
Dutch Quad- Ten Hall
Report of an alteration between two students.

DEFENDANT FAILS TO APPEAR IN COURT AFTER RUNNINGS SERVED 10/12/17
Other-Unknown
A male subject was arrested for an Active Warrant by Albany Police Department.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA 10/31/17
Other-Unknown
Report of a male student in possession of marijuana. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

CRIM MISHAINTED PROPERTY 10/31/17
Dutch Quad- Smith Hall
Report of a damaged vehicle by an unknown.

FIRE ALARM 10/31/17
Liberty Terrace- LT South
Ignited by caused heat.

WHEE M blowing up. Refused medical attention.

AGGRIEVEMENT - N/PHONE/TLED-GRAPH/WRITTEN COMM TO ALARM 11/1/17
Dutch Quad- Stuyvesant Tower
Report of a female student being harassed by another female student. A referral was made.

TRESPASS 11/1/17
Report of a male student trespassing on campus.

INTROJ 3-INTL FEAR SURV 11/1/17
Podium- Chemistry
Report of a female student receiving a threatening note.
EX-SUNYSA CHIEF OF STAFF STARTS NYIHEA

BY CHAD ARNOLD

With less than a year until graduation, Rey Muniz left his role as chief of staff for the SUNY Student Assembly for a new project: the New York Institute for Higher Education Advocacy.

“I would love to see this become sustainable and move far beyond me,” said Muniz, “I want this to be bigger and better than I will ever see it.

NYIHEA is a month-old nonprofit group established to bring about progressive reforms in higher education throughout the state. The group, which will officially launch this coming week, currently houses a staff of 15 and has policy advisors throughout the state.

After many conversations with friends over several months, Muniz decided to leave his position as chief of staff for the SUNY Student Assembly so that he could begin to see the impact his work could have on students.

Muniz, 23, said college institutions are likely to include issues pertaining to campus diversity.

“I have a pretty aggressive travel schedule,” said Muniz, who would like to meet with the student governments on every SUNY and CUNY campus by Feb. 1, to establish connections and better understand the legislative needs of these communities.

Muniz hopes to have 15 legislative policy drafts by the start of the upcoming legislative session, policies he says are likely to include issues pertaining to campus safety and drug overdose, food insecurity, sustainability initiatives, and campus diversity.

Fascinated by government and policy his entire life, Muniz, who grew up in the Bronx, decided to run for a position in the student government in high school. Muniz was elected to the SUNY Student Assembly for a new term Telecounseling Network, a program designed to alleviate pressures on counseling centers throughout the SUNY system.

The result: a $300,000 investment from the state to establish a five-campus pilot program to be rolled out in the coming weeks.

“I realized then, without delay, that I wanted to focus on doing real things, on making real things happen,” said Muniz.

TITLES

Admin: Sexual Assault Measures to Remain

By DESIREE SHEPHERD

Title IX changes will not change how University at Albany administration conducts on-campus sexual assault procedure.

The federal change made by the Department of Education on Sept. 22 offers a “new guidance,” a question and answer format. Higher education can now address administrative policy in conducting a sexual assault investigation.

Chantelle Cleary, assistant vice president for Equity and Compliance and Title IX coordinator, said that the new standard gives universities the choice in how to handle sexual assault cases.

Cleary noted that the new guideline does not lead to any distinctive changes in the way the University, currently conducting administrative investigations.

Paul Burlingame, deputy chief of the University Police Department, agrees. “I don’t see that as terribly different from our old standard,” he said. “Preponderance is not that far off from ‘clear and convincing’ and I don’t see that being a big of an impact in the process.”

In early September, Betty DeVos, United States Secretary of Education, made a speech at George Mason University in which she made a critique about Title IX under the Obama Administration.

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GIFTCARDS

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voiced similar concerns the previous week when SA debated whether to give La Dolce Vita, appropriation money to purchase gift cards. “Money we take out of appropriation will be presented to SA in the coming weeks. A final draft is expected to be presented to SA later in the coming weeks. Although, this does not mean that the rate at which sexual assaults are still occurring has changed.

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By Nicholas Sherman

The death of four United States soldiers in Niger earlier last month has prompted the question: why is Niger, why are we in Niger, and should we be in Niger? First off, Niger is a landlocked country in Africa, bordered by Libya and Algeria to the North, Mali and Burkina Faso to the West, Benin and Nigeria to the South, and Chad to the East. The United States involvement in Niger has two explanations: countering terrorism and helping the French.

The first explanations as to why we’re in Niger is rather simple: to stop the spread of terrorism. Since the events of Sept. 11, 2001 the United States has become preoccupied with preventing that radical foreign born terrorism be smuggled out to prevent another 9/11. This is an easy answer as the United States has intervened in many countries in the Middle East. The United States involvement in Niger was not to last. The Tuareg were then betrayed by their Al-Qaeda comrades who wanted to turn the country from a fledgling democracy into a theocratic despot state. The United States also helps and protects Niger from people and organizations who would wish to do us harm, and as a side-benefit, the United States intervention wherever it goes and is plainly not true. There are those still that claim United States and French intervention in the region is an effort to establish or reestablish some sort of colonial empire in Africa, which is another baseless conspiracy.

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The second explanation as to why we’re in Niger is slightly longer: to stop the spread of terrorism. The Tuareg, an ethnic group native to Libya, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali rebelled against the Mali government. The Tuareg did not fight their rebellion alone — they were aided by several outside groups such as Boko Haram and al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. Since the Tuareg are Muslim they banded together to fight their common foe: Mali.

By April of 2012 the Tuareg had gained control of Northern Mali and instituted their own national state of Azawad. This, however, was not to last. The Tuareg were then betrayed by their Al-Qaeda comrades who seized the Tuareg and instituted their own Islamic state with Sharia at its center. The Mali government requested French intervention. The French were joined by several African states to retake Northern Mali. It is here that the United States became involved. In aid of France, a United States ally, Barack Obama sent in 150 troops to Niger to help.

So, should the United States intervene in Niger? The answer is yes. There are those who believe that we are intervening in Niger for oil, it is a conspiracy that follows United States intervention wherever it goes and is plainly not true. There are those still that claim United States and French intervention in the region is an effort to establish or reestablish some sort of colonial empire in Africa, which is another baseless conspiracy.

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YOU HAVE A VISION FOR YOUR CAREER.
NOW MAKE IT A REALITY.

By M. FRANCIS MIRRO

Edmund Burke said, “All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” Time and time again that statement has proven true in the world of politics and events in Catalonia. Spain, have been没有 precedent. This fruitless fight for independence from Spain has been on an again, off again struggle lasting the better part of the last 50 years. Largely unknown by many outside of the country in the modern era, it has reemerged in full force in the midst of this strange and tumultuous global political climate.

On Oct. 1, Catalonia went to the ballot box to vote on an independence referendum. Due to Spanish police interference ordered by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, only about 43 percent of the region’s population came out to vote. The New York Times called the vote “the newest bout of Spain’s democracy since the end of the Franco dictatorship.”

But despite the Madrid sanctioned violence, 90 percent of those voters decide in favor of Catalonia’s separation from Spain.

Though the vote, a just expression of the vital democratic principles of national self-determination, was denounced by the conservative Rajoy Administration and the Spanish courts, Catalonia’s separatist leader, Carles Puigdemont, declared the region’s independence from Spain on Oct. 27, following a meeting with the Catalan parliament. Puigdemont stated he was deciding to declare a partial separation with the Spanish government to avoid violence.

Instead, the Rajoy Administration issued a criminal complaint and the Catalan government. Rajoy exercised an executive power and dissolved the region’s government, placing full control of Catalonia in Madrid. Puigdemont’s officials have either fled the country or been jailed. The Catalan government that has come to Brussels and Spanish high courts have sought an arrest warrant for the president in exile.

But it is not only the Catalonia crisis that has the potential to bring a type of conflict not seen in Western Europe since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Western democracy is an unstable point on the international ideology once again starting up the ugly head. In this age of Brexit, the United States withdrawal from Europe and the Russian autocracy of Vladimir Putin looms large over the West. For democracy to survive this current generation of tyrants, it must be handled in a dynamic and powerful way, with diplomacy, sacrifice and demonstration. It is a battle of which the world is holding more weight than the wishes of the Madrid government.

Catalan Crisis Shows Lack of Democratic Initiative

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By BAYLEE WEST

UAlbany made the switch from their frame- current dining service, Chartwells, to Sodexo, another dining company in 2013. But this isn’t the first time that UAlbany has dealt with Sodexo. Prior to Chartwells, Sodexo was the school’s food service provider, and according to an ASP opinions article, “Sodexo had a tenacious relationship with the university including an E. coli outbreak and labor issues.”

But these weren’t the only problems the company had faced on campus either. Back in 2000, 30 UAlbany students protested the company’s removal, then called Sodexo-Marin. “The goal... was to bring attention to the injustices being carried out by Sodexo-Marin,” stated another opinions article. The protest was being held regarding a lawsuit the company was facing, as there were accusations of discrimination against minority managers in the hotel contract.

Then, right after the lawsuit was taken care of, the previously mentioned E. coli outbreak sent at least six students to the hospital after they ate at Indian Quad’s dining hall, both articles mention.

Sodexo has also seen its fair share of international outbreaks as well. There was also an E. coli outbreak around the same time as the Indian Quad outbreak in an elementary school in Wisconsin that left 19 kids sick and four more hospitalized. “Similarly, in 2012, Sodexo faced one of its largest E. coli outbreaks to date in 500 schools. Thirty- two of those children were hospitalized due to their illness. It would be understandble to switch back to a company that only had one or two small outbreaks like these, as it is understandable in a company that large dealing with that much food. But with so many outbreaks and on this scale of a Sodexo has had, why would UAlbany take Sodexo back?”

When UAlbany first made the switch to Chartwells from Sodexo, it was because of poor food quality and working conditions. If this is why, would the school entertain Sodexo again, if they know how poorly the first contract turned out? It seems like the students and workers of Chartwells are continuing work with Sodexo.

The article states that plans were sacked by the federal government tried to intervene in 2011 by proposing new food rules. They “would set limits of four fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and limit trans fats to 4 percent,” according to a New York Times article. But who was responsible for these new proposals and other companies like them. Sodexo has also seen its fair share of food quality and working conditions. If this is why, would the school entertain Sodexo again, if they know how poorly the first contract turned out? It seems like the students and workers of Chartwells are continuing work with Sodexo.

This second time, if they tried to increase fruit and vegetable intake at schools by offering more, it might result in “plate waste.” They also, with other companies like Aramark and Chartwells, claimed that “children may not want to eat vegetables food.” This is from actions by companies like Sodexo that schools could put on tomato sauce on pizza as a vegetable serving.

More recently, in October of 2017, Sodexo cancelled plans for the construction of the Yau’s Good Times in the Campus Center, due to “unfavorable discussions between the two companies. According to a more recent ASP article, “Sodexo and Yau’s couldn’t come to an agreement about a partnership, even though Sodexo and Yau’s successfully worked together to bring the pub-style restaurant to Highlander Arena, another SUNY campus.”

The article states that plans were sacked in the “11th hour,” but things like this do happen. It isn’t that companies like Sodexo seem to constantly pop up over and over again. But the Sodexo company is not the best choice for UAlbany, as it is. With its numerous large scale E. coli outbreaks, outcomes to complying with healthy food rules for students, and overall disappointing record with their food, it’s hard to understand why UAlbany continues this partnership.
By KATHRYN DARA

On Friday Oct. 27, Netflix released the long-anticipated second season of its most popular original drama ever, “Stranger Things.” Many doubted that the series’ second installment could live up to the first. Recreating the sense of discovery of last season’s events after Will Byers (Noah Schnapp) returned from the alternate dimension, “The Upside Down.” It dealt with the trauma he experienced and struggles to adjust to the normal world, all while his mother Joyce (Winona Ryder) lives in fear of losing him again. It becomes evident that “The Upside Down” is not gone forever. Instead, a much larger and more powerful force threatens to seep into the world and destroy it.

Audiences also see Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown) as she tries to find her place in the world after nearly dying at the end of last season. She seeks to discover her origins and tries to figure out what to do with her powers.

This season was strong with its energy, plot development, and character growth. However, certain storylines felt rushed or like they existed to serve the fans instead of the story itself. For example, while most fans were fan favorites. The most surprising new standout of this season was Steve Harrington. He matured and became a father-like figure for the show’s main cast of kids, quickly becoming a season highlight.

In addition, Noah Schnapp gave a phenomenal performance as Will Byers. Considering he was not in the last season that often, he had a chance to shine as the central character. The kids in the cast have all matured in the past year as actors, which was made evident in their performance as a whole. Overall, “Stranger Things 2” hit the right mark. Although there were weak points in story development, the season was fantastic overall. It was terrifying, dark, mysterious, fun, and heartfelt.

Only one question remains on fans’ minds: when is season three coming out?
**UAS**

4.5k UAlbany IDs Replaced Within 8 Months

**BY TYLER A. MCNEIL**

University at Albany ID cards were replaced nearly 4,500 times within the first eight months of this year.

Of over 11,000 cards printed within this time, 44 percent were replacements, University Auxiliary Services reported.

It’s unclear how many IDs were replaced over the last two months. UAS doesn’t compile card data until semester’s end. Should numbers mirror data from last fall, over 40 percent of cards printed during September and October will be replacements.

The number of card replacements was highest around the start of the spring and fall semester: 753 in January and 980 in August. Both levels are common when students return to campus, according to UAS officials.

“The reason that people report for having lost their card and the reasons that people report as to how their card has been damaged are — there’s a million of them,” said Michelle Schifley, senior director of Administration for UAS.

Most cards are replaced due to wear and tear or loss. In rare cases, cards have been cut, damaged while used to strip ice, and in a recent case, Schifley said an ID appeared to have been set ablaze.

“Some students simply don’t care for their card,” said Sharon Webster, director of ID Card Services for UAS. “Whether they keep it in a pocket or they keep it somewhere where they’re sitting on it all the time, there’s always that breakdown of integrity of the card.”

Some ID cards are replaced for fraudulent use. Since the start of the Dane It! temporary card program three years back, the number of replacements has decreased, UAS reported. Over the last eight months, about 50 percent of cardholders with a temporary ID had their cards restored.

Temporary IDs are active for three days. Official ID replacements cost $20. Sydney Wright, a junior communications student, lost five IDs in two years, totaling $100 in replacements. She often discovered her card missing after riding taxis and buses across Albany.

Wright secures her ID in a wallet, a measure taken after her last card was lost six months ago.

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

‘Longshot’ Amazon Bid Could Impact University if Approved, Officials Say

**BY TYLER A. MCNEIL / ASP**

Andrew Kennedy, president of the Center for Economic Growth, believes the University at Albany would experience an uptick in out-of-state students along with greater alumni numbers in the region should Amazon build a $5 billion site nearby.

The CEG last month made a $100,000 pitch for the online retail giant to build a second headquarters in Downtown Albany and Rensselaer, home of two UAlbany campuses. The City Growth pitch — considered a pipe dream from critics — is one of 238 proposals across the country made to Amazon.

If approved, Amazon would generate 50,000 jobs in the Capital Region through its incentives. Such employment opportunities could attract more UAlbany students to remain in the area after graduation, Kennedy said.

“Having a big company like this given them that sort of stable environment which could help retain our college educated students that come here,” said Kennedy.

Robert Spahn, a Long Island native and graduate student, would be interested in living anywhere in the region with a second Amazon headquarters. Expecting to take a master’s degree in math come May, Spahn has been eager to apply for employment at the online retailer’s Buffalo customer center.

“It would be easier in terms of travel and opportunities,” he said. “I don’t want to move to Seattle.”

Spahn is one of 3,253 in-state graduate students this fall. Overall numbers indicate that 816 international students and 166 out-of-state students are enrolled in a graduate program at UAlbany. Out of 13,508 undergraduates, four percent of students are from out-of-state and five percent are international.

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“Having a big company like this gives you the right mix of industry that can employ the student after graduation in your area?” he said.

For STEM demands, emerging schools in the Capital Region may need to adapt. Andrew Kennedy, professor in econometrics, considers the possibility of a second Amazon headquarters in the Capital Region unlikely. The cold climate and lack of an large urban center, he explained, could risk high talent applicants looking elsewhere.

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While proposals are processed, some have pedido fun at Albany’s pitch. The Onion, a satirical publication, recently published an article titled “Jeff Bezos’ Heart Breaks A Little Reading Albany’s Amazon Headquarters Pitch.”

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**Sources:** Dalpes Architects & Integrators, Syracuse

The CEG found 25 acres in downtown Albany and 75 acres in Rensselaer for development.
Supplies to Clean Your Dorm Room

By KATIE GIBSON

It is better for the earth to make your own cleaning products and keep them in reusable containers. Not only is this practice better for the earth and healthier for you, it’s also fun! I’m here to show you some simple cleaning supplies to tidy up your dorm.

ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER

Find a used squirt bottle and clean it thoroughly. Fill it halfway up with vinegar, then halfway with water. Vinegar naturally dissolves dirt and deodorizes smells. Add five drops of lemon or any essential oil you have lying around. This is more for aesthetic value. If vinegar isn’t your favorite smell you can counteract it with the essential oil. Close the bottle, shake up the mixture, and you’re ready to go. You can use this to remove stains, freshen a room, wipe windows, or clean dishes. For a stronger cleaning power use only white vinegar and essential oil.

BATH CLEANER

In a jar, mix baking soda, water, and essential oil until a paste is created. Spread this paste around your bathtub or sink to remove grime.

BODY WASH

Don’t forget that you have to stay clean as well. For a no-frills body wash, mix coconut oil, raw honey, and liquid castile soap in a jar. This will keep you clean and moisturized.

SHAMPOO

Once again, coconut oil saves the day. Reuse one of your old shampoo bottles for this recipe. Mix coconut oil with castile soap, sea salt, and essential oils. The coconut oil will make your hair soft, the soap will clean it, the sea salt will add volume, and the essential oils will make it smell nice. Shake the mixture and let it sit for 24 hours. Because of the moisturizing coconut oil, some hair types will be able to use this as an all-in-one shampoo and conditioner.

Activities in Albany for Chilly Weather

By KATIE GIBSON

You can have fun in Albany no matter the season. The weather’s getting chilly and it seems like Netflix is the only option, but never fear! You can still spice up your schedule. Whether you’re trying to organize a fun hang out with friends or a cute date, Albany offers a variety of options.

Busses can be a hassle. Sometimes it’s better just to stay on campus. It’s not too cold to have a picnic next to Indian Pond. Indian Pond is underutilized by our community. It’s beautiful, full of wildlife, and quiet. Gather some friends and some snacks and spread out on the grass or picnic tables. Bring a frisbee or some cards and get a tournament going. At night you can curl up with a piece of blanket and a well-charged laptop and watch movies in Collins Circle.

If you’re looking for fun off campus try the New York State Museum. It’s free and a route 12 bus away. The museum is full of exhibits, but my personal favorite is the carousel on the top floor. You can see all of Albany as you ride around on a plastic horse. The Corning Tower Observation Deck offers another great view. It is the highest building outside of New York City. From the 42nd floor you can see Albany, the Catskills and beyond.

Once winter picks up, Empire Skate Plaza offers a cheap location to try out your ice skating moves. You can rent skates or bring your own. This is a fun activity for couples or friends. While you’re out you can build a snowman and hunt for winter treats. Take a stroll through Washington Park and see all the lights. A cup of hot chocolate and some friendship will warm up your night.

This is the perfect season for spending time with friends — indoors and outdoors. Don’t let the chilly weather stop you from exploring Albany.
**SPORTS**

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

**Team Makes History with 10th America East Title**

By ROBERT LEPESLATE

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Danes Rack up 5th Loss in a Row

Stony Brook, N.Y. — The UAlbany football team lost to Stony Brook 28-21 in overtime in the New York State ‘Temple Clash’ on the road in a front of a crowd of 7,006 at LaValle Stadium Saturday, relinquishing the Golden Apple to the Seawolves.

The Great Danes’ season has taken a turn for the worse as they have now lost five games in a row since ousting #6 Villanova back on September 23rd. This year the team has been plagued by inconsistent performance on the offensive line, which has led the Danes to fall from fifth in the Colonial Athletic Association in rushing in 2016 all the way to last in 2017.

The Danes forced a 3 and out on the ensuing possession and led the league in turnover margin last year. This year that has not been the story, as they have given up 25 turnovers, including 19 in conference play.

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MEN ADVANCE TO SEMIS IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

By OMAR NOUJOUM

SOCCER

Stony Brook, N.Y. — The UAlbany men’s soccer team knocked UMBC out of the 2017 America East Tournament. UAlbany will be looking to do the same in the conference championship in a penalty shootout Saturday, advancing to the America East Semifinals.

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The game didn’t start off to well as Danes Mt. McDonald fumbled the opening kickoff inside the UAlbany 20-yard line, which was recovered by a swarm of Seawolves defenders. That set Stony Brook up in the red zone on the 16-yard line with only seconds taken off the clock. From there the Seawolves ran a 4-play, 54-yard drive capped off by a 6-yard touchdown run by Donald Leitner, giving Stony Brook an early 7-0 lead.

The Danes responded to the way that Stony Brook would like to have them matching down the field and tying the game on a 7-yard pass from Will Brunson to Brad Harris. The drive went 12 plays and took 6:07 off the clock. If Stony Brook could have maintained that same efficiency for the duration of the game, then this would be a different story. That simply was not the case.

The Danes forced a 3 and out on the ensuing Stony Brook drive, but lost themselves in the foot again when Carl Moton was stuffed inside the UAlbany 10-yard line as Stony Brook jumped on the ball at the 9. Stacey Stollak ran on a 4-yard touchdown and the Danes found themselves in a 14-7 hole.

Mistakes were the difference in the game for a UAlbany team that led the league in turnover margin last year. This year that has not been the story, as they have given the ball away more than taken it from their opponents.

“We gave them opportunities. It’s self-inflicted,” said UAlbany head coach Greg Gattuso. “We shouldn’t be in the position that we’re in. We need to play better. The discipline, the penalties, the turnovers were killing us.”

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