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CLASS GIFT

GREEK LIFE

Free Tuition Scored In Budget Deal

Tuition will become free for University at Albany students whose households meet a specific income beginning in Fall 2017. Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Saturday that SUNY and CUNY students whose families make less than $100,000 will become eligible for free tuition. Ideas for the plan were first announced on Jan. 3 during Cuomo’s first state of the state address at LaGuardia Community College in Queens. The plan was confirmed April 7 as part of the long delayed state budget, which was supposed to be passed on March 31.

“Today, college is what high school was—to should always be an option even if you can’t afford it,” Cuomo said in a state-
ment. “The Excelsior Scholarship will make college accessible to thousands of working and middle class students and shows the differ-
ence that government can make.”

Currently, SUNY tuition is $6,470, and many students must also bear additional costs such as student fees, and room and board. For University at Albany students, based on the 2016-2017 academic year, these additional costs can still amount to $15,735. At UAlbany, an estimated 80 percent of undergraduate students receive financial aid.

The budget agreement has made New York the first in the nation to enact a free tuition plan, according to Cuomo. SUNY Student Assembly President and UAlbany alumnus, Marc Coburn also welcomed the budget agreement.

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Janitor Sweeps Barriers Far From Home

BY ELYSSE MOORE

Almost 5,000 miles and five years separate an Albanian club for the humanities from a busy UAlbany dorm.

Uli Berberi or Uli, as people call him, came alone to the United States in November 2012 for a better life.

But Uli is still waiting for that better life to become a reality.

By TYLER A. MCNEIL

DIPPIKILL

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Aside from the purchase being approved by the board of finance officials and the Dippikill development line meeting little resistance on the SA senate floor.

The BOF decision to include the purchase go through, the Lodge and Dippikill Road would become the main thoroughfare accessibility, said Dale Henderson, director of the Dippikill Lodge and Dippikill Rd.

Lack of roadways accessibility, the divide between Lyon’s Den and Kaatskill Rd. would tend an offer, the BOF jumped on it.

With sellers unlikely to extend a contract, the BOF had to make a decision now or never,” said Michael Dunleavy, vice from the Dippikill board.

The highlight of the afternoon was a moon which had been the last time people saw it. It was a very troubling time for me that happened,” said Beltre about what would happen.

“My ultimate goal was to leave this country and have the opportunities on the US. That would enable her to live lawfully in the US.

This is because Esjola does not yet have a green card, or permanent resident card that would enable her to live lawfully in the US.

In the meantime, Uli works the night shift, washing dishes at a local university eatery.

Uli is in the process of obtaining the proper paperwork for Esjola, but he noted that becoming a citizen would make the process easier.

The future. But as of yet, there remains up in the air as price negotiations continue between board of finance officials and sellers.

Since this November will mark five years that Uli has been in the US, he will be able to apply and test for citizenship, but he is not sure of his current status as a permanent resident.

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What would happen to the purchase if the sale was added to Camp Dippikill?

“On the surface, it seems like something that makes sense, but look at it as something that makes secondary and just keep pushing forward...” Abreu said.

Mentally, Beltre is hopeful that the brunch did a good job at spreading awareness of sickle cell and will allow more people to help others.

The University at Albany offers an Intensive English Program for international students to obtain a green card, or permanent resident card. This is because Esjola does not yet have a green card, or permanent resident card that would enable her to live lawfully in the US.

So much so I even pledged the frat.” said Beltre about what would happen.

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Another thing Uli finds beautiful is the sunset. Looking out a third-floor Humanities window, Uli glimpsed the sunset and said, “I love it. It’s beautiful.”

Taking a break from his shift, Uli said that his day consists of “work home, work home, work home.”

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“From there, I talked with her more, and more, and more, and the she says yes,” Uli said.

However, a person spoke the questions in the form of a yes or no. Uli said, “If something isn’t, it’s very hard for me.”

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**Sexual Assault:**

Bystander Program Yet To Meet Training Goals

By KASSONDRA GONZALEZ

The University at Albany’s Empowered Bystander Training Program has yet to reach 100 percent of its target, an issue of a spate of the student population by the end of the academic year, according to a university official.

Carol Stenger, director of the university’s Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence, stated that as of the end of the fall semester, 61 separate training programs were offered and the turnout was close to 2,300 people in total, but as of now they have not yet met their goal to train one-fourth of UAlbany students in bystander intervention.

“I know we will likely not meet the goal. Hopefully in fall, if we get people to attend in the spring semester, so we’re having some issues with that,” said Stenger, “so we don’t meet the goal, we will look to meet it for next year.”

Title IX Coordinator Chantille Cleary said they are, “very close,” to the goal.

The Empowered Bystander Training program by Stenger and Cleary through the university’s Sexual Violence Prevention Project, is a series of 90-minute training sessions which familiarizes facilitators on how to recognize sexual violence and safely intervene in sexually violent situations.

Though not meeting their first goal, Stenger said the program will continue to run on a regular basis due to the difference in the number of reports of sexual violence cases.

Leaders of the only means or methods that has been proven or shown to make changes in the rate of rape and other sexual offenses, would have been training bystanders,” she said.

Cleary said she has also seen a difference since the start of the program.

“We’ve noticed an increase in students reporting or talking about it,” she said. “Part of my job is to track all known instances of sexual violence on the campus. As I receive these reports, I’m noticing that the percentage of reports is significantly lower than I have noticed in the past couple of years.”

According to the UAlbany website, the training sessions are sponsored by the university’s Just Ask Campaign, a campaign, “designed to raise awareness about sexual violence... as well as facilitate a campus-wide conversation about this critical issue affecting college campuses nationwide.”

The training is voluntary with the exception of athletic teams, fraternities, and sorority members, and other student leaders who are required to complete the training. Enough is Enough Lead, a legislation signed into law in 2015, combat sexual assault on SUNY campuses.

Changes made to the training program for Spring 2017 concerning the training exercises and time management were small and not significant, according to Stenger. However, the program allows attendees to attend the training where it is more convenient and the fall semester evaluations that were sent out received a good response rate, said the director.

“We are not at that level for the spring semester,” said Stenger. “We can’t change asking what it’s going to well, what the attendees think is going well, what the criticisms are, how can we make it better.”

The program has offered four more times this semester between April 13 and May 5.

**Study Space:**

really not rather talk about it because I think that’s what people’s biggest complaint is at this point. Because this thing is going to happen no matter what.

Concerned about the change, some pledges for Theta Tau, a professional fraternity, emailed University Library to fulfill mandated library hours.

“We are not in a position where we can jump into the main library and actually con- cons we cannot fulfill the mandate dam a supplement to Theta Tau pledge. ‘I am so mad about this lack of consultation. We are literally the Victims of the entire system changing, with no voice. Facilities Management originally con- sidered repurposing the third-floor of the University Library to make space.

According to John Giampa, associate vice president of finance & administration, University Library studies are less mobile, one key reason for moving away from the sec- ond floor of the Science Library for space.

Because of constructed to the second floor of the Science Library would eliminate some physical constraints, weight for other pending projects.

Science Library located the space as part of its normal operations demands.

Field said the library is a strategic point in the campus, and that “with the expected rise in student population, we must have a way to ensure that everyone can access the campus in less time.”

Concerns in the past have been many, including the required $110,000 annually, reaching $121,000 at the beginning of the fall 2017 semester.

“We don’t have to wait until after the program is complete before we have the opportunity that education provides,” she said. The University Library has been able to provide 280,000 students for the year.

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From Book to Life: Justice Sotomayor Brings Life Experiences to Students, Engages Audience

BY JHORNA HARD

Imagine being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, but worse, being told you’ll die young because of it? In the 1960’s, this was the case for 7 year old Sonia Sotomayor. It was my Los Latinos en Estados Unidos (Latinos in the United States) class where Professor Carmen Serrano pulled out a box full of new books, introducing us to the memoir of U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor, “My Beloved World.” Another book I thought, but at least it was free.

After reading the book, I understood who Sotomayor is and where she came from. A Bronx native who, although she came from a poor neighborhood where drugs and crime was common, became the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. I decided to attend the Speaker Series on April 4th, as she was the guest speaker.

She walked in the arena surrounded by tall and muscular guards while the audience stood up clapping and whistling out loud. Referring to the audience in a comical matter, she asked people not to use their phones while she spoke. Every single person did as she asked. She showed the true caring about the people she serves.

Surprisingly, she revealed instances where she too faced discrimination, being a woman, saying this is a male dominated world and that it’s going to take time for things to change.

“Most of the workforce is still male dominated and even when women reach high positions, we don’t know how they would do or what they would do.” Yet, there is no magic formula for how you deal with discrimination, Sotomayor said.

“Every situation requires a different response, because you have to look at people’s motives and look at why they’re doing things. But what you do have to do is think about what response is appropriate,” she advised the audience.

Many may not understand why this was important. Not only for me, but for every Latina that attends UAlbany as well as for women aspiring a dream whether it be any kind of profession.

The simple fact is we are minorities and Sotomayor is an example of the accomplishments we can achieve. As a matter of fact, Latinos are a fast growing demographic as there are more women out there with jobs and children coming in to college.
Because our focus is on you, not shareholders, you can get personal support whether you have $500 or $5 million. Start now at TIAA.org/advice.
Christopher Nolan's first war film, Dunkirk, is shaping up to be the premiere Oscar bait of the Summer.

Source: tvmag.com

SUMMER FILM GUIDE

Director: Ridley Scott at the helm once again, this film is unlikely to disappoint many.

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Director: Patty Jenkins

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Sailor's Run

On the outside it's a passable Stephen King adaption. If you read a review for before you go and see it, because it may just be another or-miss. It sounds very interesting but also sounds like the type of film you may be the biggest and best film of the summer.

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Summers are a time when American film studios are able to flex their monetary muscles and churn out some big-budget productions. We’re all familiar with the summertime blockbuster, and with the end of the year quickly approaching, let’s take a look at the biggest movies to watch for this summer.

Guardians of the Galaxy: May 4
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**FOOTBALL**

**Scrimmage Casts Doubt on Fall Season**

By TROY FARMAS

It’s a good thing football season isn’t here yet. Because if it were, the University at Albany squad wouldn’t be ready to compete.

In the annual spring game on Saturday at Casey Stadium, the defense overwhelmed the offense, scoring 54-18 in a battle of a veteran-laden defense and a young and inexperienced offense.

“I’m very disappointed in the offense. It was embarrassing,” head coach Greg Gattuso said. “Our defense is good, but I don’t think they did good.”

In a scoring system that rewarded big plays (two points for runs of 35+ yards and two points for passes of 20+ yards), the UAlbany first and second team offenses struggled to move the ball. Redshirt sophomores Wil Bunson led the first team, completing 11 of 17 passes for 113 yards, while Thompson and Newmann split snaps on the second team, going a combined 6-for-18 for 62 yards. Bunson and Thompson each threw two interceptions.

The offense failed to score a touchdown in the abbreviated game, which ended early after Gattuso had seen enough following a pick-6 at the start of the fourth quarter. The only offensive score came at the end of the third quarter when kicker Ethan Stark kicked a 35-yard field goal.

The young offensive line had two penalties that nullified any push against the strong defensive line, which gives the quarterbacks little time to scan the field. The quarterbacks mostly threw check downs and short routes, which limited the team’s ability to score points. The only highlight play came in the second quarter, when senior wide receiver Jaiden Diggs, a JUCO transfer who will only play one season at UAlbany, Bowman completed a 39-yard pass to Diggs, who broke out the defensive back and raced to the end zone from 15 yards to the ground.

The offensive misfires, tight end Brian Dolce is confident his offense will be all right.

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Catching up with Former University at Albany Star Shereesha Richards

By ROBERT LEPELSTAT

Shereesha Richards moved to New Jersey at the age of 16, leaving behind friends and family in her native Jamaica to play basketball at the University at Albany.

Richards is a star who has left a mark on the UAlbany record books and helped lead the Great Danes to their first NCAA Tournament appearance. Despite her rookie-year success, she still followed her coaches' advice and worked hard to continue improving.

Shereesha Richards was not surprised by the continued success of UAlbany in 2017. She was a part of the Danes' six consecutive conference titles and understands the importance of being a part of a team.

Richards knows the possibilities for her future are limitless.