Campagne aims for decrease of electricity use across campus

By GRANT ZELIN

With climate change already reflecting on the world’s future, the University at Albany is attempting to make a difference.

The University at Albany introduced the Energy Campaign in the spring of 2007 as an electro-saving competition among the six on-campus residence halls. Now in its ninth year, the campaign is being expanded to include the Academic Podium and residential living areas.

Mary Ellen Mallia, the director for Environmental Sustainability, and Mary Alexis Leciejewski, the program assistant for the Office of Environmental Sustainability, hope to reduce electricity use across the campus in order to set a better example among the 30,000 students, faculty and staff.

In the fall of 2007, the Energy Campaign initiative was introduced to the campus, with 9 percent of electrical energy consumed by students and faculty in the spring of 2008.

The Office of Environmental Sustainability has shown 30 percent reductions in electricity use over recent years. "It really is a focus of ongoing collaboration," Leciejewski said. "If you have faculty and staff setting the right example, the students who are working will carry those conservation habits with them for the rest of their life."

Developing partnerships on the Academic Podium has proven more difficult, but it is important. "We thought about two things: First of all, we’re all in this together as a campus, so that doesn’t mean just the students and the residence halls. And only a third of our electricity is used on the Podium," Mallia said.

This year, the Energy Campaign hopes to increase competitiveness among the academic buildings by encouraging halls like the Academic Podium to cut electricity use by the greatest amount.

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All residence halls are monitored for their energy consumption, and the office that achieves the best savings is rewarded the offices which cut electricity use by the greatest amount.

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When introduced in 2008, the campus introduced the Energy Campaign. Starting Sept. 2, every two weeks the Energy Campaign will sponsor a new initiative related to the Energy Campaign with a prize for the halls which save the most. Each prize is different and students and faculty will be encouraged to participate in the Energy Campaign to win the prize. Each prize is different and students and faculty will be encouraged to participate in the Energy Campaign to win the prize.

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The University at Albany campus community has something for everyone. As the amount of enrolled students grows larger, it's natural for some to become confused and lost, especially at back-to-school time.

Whether an incoming freshman, a senior or someone in between, it is helpful to plan ahead and try to get involved somehow—this will make the summer break-to-college transition much easier.

On the much-awaited first day of classes on Aug. 25, there were already numerous tables set up throughout the Campus Center that were filled with brochures, handouts, banners and helpful signs that could inform people about their organizations.

As the days go by, such groups continue to attract potential new students who might have been hesitant at first. Joining at least one club or organization will group students with other students who share the same interests and the chance of meeting new friends on this gigantic campus.

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This particularly applies to incoming freshmen students, international students, and transfer students who are still acquainting themselves with the campus community. Here, a student-run organization is very important, but so is maintaining a healthy social life while in college.

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Expanding course online

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**FIFTH HARMONY SHOWS THEY'RE 'WORTH IT' AT PALACE THEATRE**

**By Diego Cagara**

Fifth Harmony stopped by the Albany Palace Theatre on Monday, Aug. 24 as part of their tour in support of the album ‘Reflection: The Summer Tour’—which has been a huge success throughout the US Billboard 200 in late January.

The five ladies—Camilla Cabello, Lauren Jauregui, Normani Kordei Hamilton, Ally Brooke Hernandez and Dinah Jane Hansen—stood as the most recent winner of the Teen Choice Award for Choice Summer Song Opening the concert with “Worth It,” Fifth Harmony managed to maintain an energetic and enthusiastic atmosphere, with each member having her fair share of singing and dance numbers. They performed a mash-up of Missy Morn’s “Oh,” Queen’s “We Will Rock You,” Rihanna’s “Bitch Better Have My Money” and Taylor Swift’s “Shake It Off,” showing off impressive guitar solos and surprise dance routines.

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Being a full time college student can leave little time for outside hobbies, but that’s not the case for senior student Sean Lachhander. “I have to find time for music,” says Lachhander. “Whenever I get stressed I put down the school work and just play around with it.”

The 20-year-old Computer Sci- ence major has always had a passion for music, and a natural tendency towards mixing and remixing music. Most of the games of music Lachhander was immersed in were from a Caribbean vibe with an underground dancehall vibe. “Music has always been an important part of Lachhander’s life. His familial heritage from the South American country of Guyana has had a strong influence on the type of music he was brought up on,” says Lachhander.

Much of Lachhander’s style originates from reggae and dance hall. “Most of my music would listen to, as well as visiting Jamaica and learning more about the West Indian entertainment industry,” says Lachhander. “I started hearing about the West Indian entertainment industry, and making music in their own Caribbean type vibe. But I had more of a dancehall vibe, so I keep with the style of dancehall music.”

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I will make mistakes during my time as Editor-in-Chief. I say this not as an excuse, but because I want this school to understand that we at the ASP are people with real souls and every real student knows, that you can reach out to. I can’t force people to be involved with this newspaper… no school paper will be everyone’s cup of tea. But I can ask, and give everyone a guarantee that this paper will become a part of the community, as it should be. All I can really do is come to this school with an obnoxious enthusiasm that burns like 1,000 suns and hope that you will be returned, because like I said, this newspaper is held to a very high standard. As much as I like to think I am, I am not infallible, and I’m a student because of something else must be fixed. I was an editor sitting behind a computer for three years and now, as Editor-in-Chief, I intend to be outside, interacting, and communica-
ting with this school, as does the entire staff of this newspaper. The editors of this paper should not be the ones filling the pages every week, because we aren’t the only students on campus.

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per needs to reflect that. The paper should have the voices from all of the dif-
ferent cultures that exist on campus filling the pages. It should have voices from ad-
juncts, full-time professors, and the student government. It should hear from the cam-
pus staff who frequently go unacknowledged and unnoticed, but are instrumental in mak-
ing our time here special. I’m proposing open the door to our office for the first time in three years because I want the school to flood in and make this paper what it should have been a long time ago.

Sometimes I forget that I’m a student because of this newspaper, but then I’m reminded of that fact when I’m told about a mistake I’ve made. But pushing forward through criticism and sometimes downright cruel remarks is something I’ve learned to do because, like I said, this newspaper is held to a very high standard. As much as I like to think I am, I am not infallible, and
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Maturity and depth assisting men’s soccer in 2015

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After finishing fifth in the America East last season, the University at Albany men’s soccer team will use its foundation of depth and maturity to its advantage with 13 upperclassmen and eight starters returning this fall.

Head coach Trevor German stresses consistency and execution at the little things, two objectives he believes will factor into the team’s aspiring contensions for the America East crown and NCAA post-season.

“This group has largely been together for a number of years now. It’s a mature team that’s very close on and off the field,” said German. “We believe we’re good enough to play against, and beat, anyone out there if we’re performing at our best. Embracing these types of challenges is the mark of a mature, motivated team.”

The departures of starting forward Brandon Wilson, starting defender Dominic McGuire and starting goalkeeper Tim Allen is not expected to hurt the team in the fall. German admits last year’s seniors were great representatives of the program and its philosophy, but replacing them is part of the process and their impact on the players returning will remain in the team’s universality.

Junior defenders Keith Trust, Barnette Matos and Luke Palmateer started every match last season and will lead the way for a Danes backfield that allowed 1.26 goals per game in 2014. The defense continues to develop in its overall shape, positioning and giving opposing offenses a challenge in positioning. Obviously, German says the team is stepping up.

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Photo provided by DJ Evans.

Great Dane grad playing pro in unlikely place

By AARON CHERIS

The last time DJ Evans stepped on the floor as a Great Dane, he had just begun his Freshman year.

Listed at 5-foot-9, Evans was the smallest player on the court when the University at Albany played top ranked University of Florida in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on March 20, 2014.

In that game, Evans was the star. He finished with 21 points to lead all scorers as his college career ended with a 77-55 loss to the Gators in Orlando.

His performance on the game’s biggest stage earned him consideration for the game of his life.

After that game, legendary basketball star Chipper Jones said, “Albany had a good game. Beat the pros a lot and their point guard DJ Evans can play on my team any day.”

Now, Evans is taking his game to the next level. After graduating in 2014, Evans currently plays for the professional team in Europe.

In early 2015, Evans got an opportunity to play in Switzerland for Fribourg Olympia. He jumped at the opportunity.

“One day, I got a call from my agent that a team needed a point guard and they knew you can make a huge impact on the production this season.”

By SHANE MARSHALL

University at Albany head coach Greg Gattuso named DJ Crook the Great Danes starting quarterback for its season opener against University at Buffalo on Saturday. A new quarterback for its season opener against University at Albany, Crook has stepped into the role.

Here’s five highlights for this year’s Great Danes.

1. Experienced Offensive Line

An experienced offensive line will help Crook and Co. adapt and get into a rhythm. Four of five starters return in Kevin Malley, Matt Campisi, Tim Wade and Adam Wierbinski, and each was a part of a Great Danes rushing offense that averaged 140.8 yards per game.

“When the defense is running games and stuff like that you know what the guy next to you is doing,” Malley said. “It’s like the same thing you do because you guys are kind of connected. The leadership of the offensive line hasn’t gone unnoticed by the coaching staff. That big guys upfront know they can make a huge impact on the production this year.”

“The offensive line is really hungry to be leaders,” Gattuso said.

2. Youth at Skill Positions

Offensively, the Great Danes will have a young, new look at the skill positions. Crook, a sophomore transfer from Penn State, will replace UAlbany’s all-time leading passer. Will Fisch, at quarterback, UAlbany will have a new starting running back in junior Andre Martin, while Brad Harris and Josh Gontacki, two sophomores, will anchor the wide receivers.

“Everyone in our starting lineup is new this year,” Gattuso said. “It’s just a matter of getting used to each other. We have a bunch of guys have good chemistry and everything.”

3. Defensive Familiarity

UAlbany returns eight starters on defense from a unit that forced 34 turnovers, 20 of them, and 10 interceptions. Anchored by redshirt junior middle linebacker Michael Nicoletto, the Great Danes defense is confident in their ability to build on last year’s success.

“The kids on defense know what to expect from the running back and skill positions in the CAA,” Nicoletto said. “It’ll be a good year defensively, we got everybody back. A bunch of guys have good chemistry and everything.”

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