7 in Winter Winnerland: Unusually High Voter Turnout in SA Contest

By CHAD ARNOLD

The Student Association once again has a full roster following a high turnout at last week’s special election. Over 920 students cast their ballot from noon Wednesday until the polls closed two days later, a sharp increase from the 620 who voted in last year’s special election. “This is the highest [number of voters] I’ve seen, and I’ve been around for five years,” said Raymond Webb, a graduate assistant for student governments and former SA senate chair. According to Webb, the number of students on the ballot likely contributed to the above average voter turnout this election. The 26 students who voted to fill the seven vacancies on SA’s roster following a string of resignations, graduations and impeachments last semester is the largest number of nominations on any special election ballot in

THE WINNERS

Nick Gonzalez
Senator-at-Large
374 votes

Kelly Zelaya
Senator-at-Large
222 votes

Mitchell Hura
Senator-at-Large
196 votes

Garrett Hermann
Alumni Quad
127 votes

Alodie Keza
Colonial Quad
82 votes

Lilly Umana
Haller Quad
38 votes

By JOE HOFFMAN

Residents of Alden Hall at Alumni Quad woke last Tuesday to find their gym, two laundry rooms, and several bathrooms closed due to flooding. The University said Thursday that a cracked pipe installed in a plumbing upgrade last year flooded Alden’s basement. “Facilities is still determining what caused the crack to occur,” said UAlbany communications specialist Mike Nolan. “They are working closely with the University’s engineering and construction team to reduce the risk of it ever happening again.”

The facility re-opened on Friday, according to the Alumni Quad information desk. The center was closed for nearly three months last semester due to non-flushable items like sanitary napkins in the plumbing. “It was annoying because the gym was closed like the whole semester,” said Desreen Perez, a sophomore at Alden. “I got lazy because I didn’t want to go all the way upstairs [to work out].”

On Tuesday, a paper note was found taped on one of the closed bathroom doors: “THANKS for closing E FEB’s bathroom without notification! All of us with early classes REALLY appreciate this!!”

When asked how many times flooding has occurred on Alumni in the past two years, Nolan said, “We do not track this, as facilities operate and maintains more than 100 campus residence halls.”

Plumbing is one of many problems Alumni Quad has faced over its nearly 80-year history — problems that include minimal parking space and rodents in the dormitories. The five halls are named for the Alumni Association, which funded the construction of Pierce and Sayles halls in the 1930s. The other three, including Alden Hall, were completed in the 1950s.

President Havidán Rodríguez ended a long-awaited comment about the University at Albany’s research standing with three rhetorical questions: “Can we do better? We can always do better.” “Should we do better? Yes we should.” “And are we going to do better? Absolutely, that’s the direction we’re going to move in.”

Applause followed from the mod- est audience at Thursday’s Campus Center town hall. Two minutes earlier, the Albany Student Press asked him if UAlbany was under threat of losing Research 1 status, doctoral universities with the highest research activity in the country. The organization which marks such status, the Carnegie Classifica- tion of Institutions of Higher Educa- tion, is set to release an update of its
The meeting minutes haven’t been updated in two years, Senate Chair Jarrett Altilio said he expects the senate to comply with the by-laws “sooner rather than later.”

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“Usually in special elections you have write-ins who are writing, or you have one person on the ballot for a good cause,” said Webb. “It’s good, the more candidates we have the more voters turn out.”

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Although confident R1 status will hold on, officials at the Division of Research say federal funding is the biggest concern hanging over university research. Carnegie eliminated such dollars from the classification system 17 years ago but some fear federal cuts could harm research progress ahead.

UAlbany’s federal research coffers were at $51 million in 2012. After attaining with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (now SUNY Polytechnic Institute), the university lost chunks of funding.

“Some of the programs, especially those in atmospheric sciences are already pumping up university coffers. Atmospheric Sciences between July of last year and March held over $11 million in awards, the highest of any academic department. The Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, part of the university’s Division for Research, has taken in millions in recent federal years. Looking to build on the Center’s progress, UAlbany is seeking $350,000 from the state for the ARD, this budget cycle.”

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But Jack Mahoney, assistant vice president for Academic and Resource Planning, believes the university’s R1 status would likely remain unchallenged by such changes.

“Quite frankly, to be honest with you, I’m not the slightest bit concerned that it will make the slightest bit of a difference for us,” said Mahoney.

There’s still more to be done in order for the university to stay cozy in the 115 group according to James Starr, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. Starr said that university has to look closely at boosting the number of doctoral and masters research students. Overall, UAlbany has missed the mark on graduate enrollment projections over the last eight years.

What’s more, he said more efforts needed to be made to harness and research conflicts among faculty and strengthen undergraduate research.

“We may have gotten complacent with how hard we work, said Stellar about remaining competitive in the R1 pool.

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WASHINGTON

Memo Highlights Partisan Distrust

BY OLIVIA C. NATA

The release of the Nunes memo without its Democratic counterpart presents an incomplete picture of important issues going on in Washington. The memo, a Republican-drafted statement on FBI missteps in obtaining a series of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrants, is at best a list of questions than answers. Political parties and the public have a right to know the truth in order to make well-informed decisions. When we see parties fighting to release only the portion of the truth that suits them, the public suffers.

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The Steele dossier has sections that have been verified and some that have not, which further clouds a sound interpretation of FBI actions in using the dossier as a critical piece of evidence in obtaining the FISA warrants. Since its publication on Facebook in 2016, the dossier has acted as a specter hanging about the president in the Russia investigation, providing names of aides and advisors who may or may not have connections to the Kremlin. This may or may not prove fatal to the Trump presidency.

The intrigue surrounding the memo is just as ambiguous. The conclusions of the House Intelligence Committee “represent a reflection of the mood of legal processes established to protect the American people from the FISA process.” But the targets of the FISA warrants are specific, and the memo does not make mention of the “American people” after its release.

President Trump has stated via Twitter that the memo was drafted in front of Robert Muller’s special counsel, but according to the New York Times, Trey Gowdy, a Republican on the committee, says otherwise. Initially, the committee blocked a simultaneous release of the Democratic memo but has now seen the release as a way to reach the President’s goal.

So, if the FBI and Democrats believe that the memo is at best a presentation of half-truths and Republicans find it hard to read lightly, what exactly are the American people supposed to be concerned about? Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus released a statement last week that the Steele dossier and it’s publication is not a full picture. National Committee and Clinton campaign reacting to the Steele dossier. Or that said dossier was used as evidence to furnish a FISA warrant and the White House was a part of the request.

Faced with the blowback from the FBI and other members of the committee, Republicans have been forced to concede to the second memo’s release. Having the next memo is essential for a full analysis of the consequences for the FBI, the Trump administration and the integrity of the Democratic party. But if one partisan report can be a compilation of skewed facts, who is to say that Democrats won’t do the same?

This is the world we live in. The world is rife with lies, and it is difficult to trust either party and we feel the need to tread with a grain of salt. Like all political narratives, we need the full truth to move forward. The Steele dossier was used as evidence to obtain a FISA warrant and the judge knew that said dossier was used as evidence to furnish a FISA warrant and the White House was a part of the request.

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By NATIONAL ENQUIRER

The advent of socialism has been one of the most treacherous social systems to mankind. It is not a new form, it is simply the absolutism of the few that rules over the great multitude. Communism, socialism, and democracy are all alike in their purpose of centralization of power and control. The socialist system is one of limitation and restriction. It is not a system that is intended for the common good; it is for the benefit of the few.

Socialism Causes Millions of Deaths

BY MATTY NOYES

There are 323 million living people in the United States of America, the world’s most populous nation. Of these, two million people died from the pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus. This is a staggering number, but it is dwarfed by the millions of deaths caused by socialism around the world.

In China, socialism has resulted in the forced abortion of an estimated 400 million children since 1979. This brutal policy has led to a massive population decline, with the total fertility rate dropping to 1.67 in 2019, the lowest in the world.

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In Venezuela, socialism has led to hyperinflation and a collapse of the economy. The country’s currency, the bolivar, has lost 98% of its value since 2017. This has led to widespread poverty and hunger, with an estimated 4 million people in Venezuela suffering from food insecurity in 2019.

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UAlbany President Havidán Rodríguez answers questions from students on Thursday at a Campus Center town hall.
This Year’s Super Bowl Halftime Show Could Have Soared Higher

By DIEGO CAGARA

Enjoying his third time gracing the halftime show’s slot, pop musician Justin Timberlake sang and danced his way through the U.S. Bank Stadium at Minneapolis on the night of Feb. 4, 2018. But despite reminding the world of his resume of hit songs, the show overall did not reach the heights Timberlake had hoped for.

Starting out with the awkward supersonic monster of an attempt at a comeback single, “Filthy,” Timberlake began performing in an apparent underground club scene, below the stadium field. Despite its lyrics calling out his haters, the song is a dejected reminder of how his recent album, “Man of the Woods,” has not won over critics and audiences as much as his past albums have.

Continuing with the catchy yet controversial “Rock Your Body,” Timberlake finally emerges with the song’s memorable choreography, advancing off with his signature swagger. Bear in mind, this was the song where Timberlake accidentally ripped part of fellow musician Janet Jackson’s clothing off to reveal her breast, back in the 2004 Super Bowl halftime show.

This year, Timberlake consciously omitted the lyrics, “Bet I’ll have you naked / By the end of this song.” These were the lyrics during which he exposed Jackson’s breast all those years ago. Jackson herself took to social media prior to this year’s halftime show to confirm she will not be performing, much to the disappointment of her fans and supporters who believe she was unfairly treated by NFL. That post has since been deleted.

It was a major scandal back in 2004 and many people argued that Timberlake did little to help Jackson whose career and reputation sank due to her “wardrobe malfunction.” Some critics even brought up white privilege and how Jackson, being a black woman, had to work even harder to get back into the music scene.

Timberlake continued the show with hits like “Suit & Tie,” the iconic “SexyBack,” “My Love” and “Cry Me a River.” It becomes gradually clear that Timberlake may be a pop icon of the past now, since a vast majority of his successful songs belong in the last decade. Even his works with boy band *NSYNC were primarily in the late 1990s.

This hereby brings up another issue: can Timberlake sustain his star power for the near future?

He only has had three major hits in the 2010s: the gentleman-oozing “Suit & Tie” and the poignant “Mirrors” (both in 2013 from his acclaimed “The 20/20 Experience”), and the family-friendly “Can’t Stop Feeling!” (from the 2016 film, “Trolls”). The next thorn in Timberlake’s show was his tribute to the late musician Prince, with whom they had a feud back when he was still alive.

Despite massive rumors and reports that Timberlake will feature a hologram of Prince here (holograms were something Prince himself called “demonic”), archive footage of Prince was simply projected onto a large screen. While it was touching in the moment, particularly when Prince’s famous symbol was lit up in purple, it fell rather disingenuous and out of touch in reality, as if Timberlake did not remember how Prince felt about him and his music.

Ending his show with a selfie with an unsuspecting boy in the audience which has since gone viral, various reactions popped up on social media. One specific topic was how Timberlake should have brought out much-anticipated guests like Janet Jackson (as a form of a public apology for the 2004 controversy) or *NSYNC.

But while Timberlake was able to carry the show himself, one may worry whether he can continue to thrive in this ever-evolving music industry.

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**Sexual Health**

**Conversation: Safe Sex Tips**

**By JUSTINE SHAFFER**

It’s time to talk safe sex—regardless of the number of partners you’ve had, conversations about safe sex are vital to sustaining any relationship involving sex.

“Work hard and being able to talk more candidly about sex and sexual health with friends and partners,” says contributors for Our Bodies Ourselves (OBOS), a nonprofit organization for women’s reproductive health and sexuality. “It’s easier to be safe when you don’t feel ashamed.”

The organization also promotes practicing safe sex conversations by brainstorming among friends and finding ways to integrate safe sex activities into sex itself, like putting on male or female condoms together.

The contributors assure that practicing safe sex in these ways may not be as comfortable at first. “Many of us were taught that talking about sex isn’t romantic or that nice girls don’t. But we can—and we do—and it gets easier to ask them to be ‘sex machines.’”

Getting tested for STIs is also a part of safe sex, according to the Options for Sexual Health organization, a nonprofit provider of sexual health services. “Getting tested and treated for STIs regularly can help you to reduce the risk of transmitting STIs to others,” they wrote.

The organization recommends asking your partner(s) about their sexual health practices and then get tested for STIs if they have had unprotected sex, or if symptoms, or if they have had unprotected sex.

According Mackenzie Darling from Project SHAPE’s Student Assistant, “The most important thing for you to do is to protect yourself and to actually use protection.” She suggests barrier methods such as external condoms or internal and vaginal condoms as they are more successful at preventing pregnancy and STIs. Project SHAPE (Sexual Health and Peer Education) is an organization on the University at Albany campus that devotes itself to spreading educational information about safe sex. During its annual being tested for STIs at the health center or the local Planned Parenthood. Options for Sexual Health also recommends using condoms during intercourse to avoid transmitting herpes and HPV, as well as to warn against using oil-based lubes with condoms because the oil will cause the latex to dissolve and the condom may break. They recommend water-based lubes as an alternative.

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**Valentine’s Day**

**Sweet Deals for Gifts**

**By KATIE GIBSON**

I’m here to help you find or create the cheapest gift possible in the shortest amount of time. The cheapest gift you can give on Valentine’s Day is no gift at all. Let’s be real, no one knows why we celebrate this holiday. Who is St. Valentine? But we do celebrate it, and your significant other, or your mom, or your, clergy roommate is expecting a gift.

Chocolate-Covered Strawberries

This one is pretty straightforward. Buy strawberries, dip them in chocolate. If you want to get fancy, use white chocolate and add just enough red food coloring to make it pink. Or you can layer red, dark, and white chocolate, and pink chocolate. If the subject of your affection hates strawberries, you can dip cherries or bananas.

Chococlate Popcorn

This is a similar concept to the first recipe. Pop some popcorn and drizzle chocolate over it. To make it more holiday appropriate try some white chocolate red and some pink.

Cougarn Book

Write out acts of love on strips of paper and staple them together at one end. These acts can be as simple things that you should probably be doing anyway (taking out the trash, cooking dinner) or romantic ideas (trip to the museum, candlelit meal, a message “I love you”).

Reasons Why

On a nice piece of paper make a list of reasons why you love your subject of affection. Reprint it and frame it. Draw on the sides. Make it as personal as possible.

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**Sexuality Month**

**Impassioned Student Teaches About Social Issues, Safe Sex**

**By KATIE GIBSON**

There are few students with as strong a passion for educating others about sex and social issues as Fae Simpson. Simpson is a sophomore accustomed to taking 21 credits a semester in LGBTQ Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies. They work on the Middle Earth Mental Health line, dance on the Dance Council, and intern at Project SHAPE, and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and take part in the Women’s and Gender Studies Collective. Just belonging to one of these organizations is time consuming. Belonging to all five takes an extreme amount of dedication and scholasticism.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Collective prepares students to teach little children to feminism on campus. According to Simpson, “In the fall (the students in the collective) plan the curriculum and choose what articles go in the course packet, and generally prepare ourselves, and so forth. In the spring semester we are the instructors.” Having undergraded students or even other students is meant to break down the student-teacher power triunity and empower students.

Project SHAPE (Sexual Health and Peer Education) also focuses on the impact of students teaching students. SHAPE educates its members for two semester about safe sexual practices and then those member spread the message across campus via tabling, panels, and interactive events. Simpson is running several events for this sexuality month.

Someday Simpson hopes to put these experiences to use as a sex educator or sex therapist. Simpson has been a self-identified feminist since middle school. For eight years Simpson has worked as a camp counselor educating children about gender and sexuality issues. This has translated to their work at the Resource Center and SHAPE.

Simpson commented, “I really love educating and I think that’s the first step in change.”

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BY JOHN C. LONGTON III

Last year Teahoh Tehoka Nanticoke was regarded by many as the number one men’s college lacrosse recruit in the nation. His game is based on versatility and creativity, which is the reason why “Tehoka was featured on Sportscenter’s top plays on multiple occasions. He scores goals behind the back and shoots between his legs while driving defenders scrambling their hands on how to even go about guarding him. The 6’1” 225 lb freshman from Six Nations, Ontario was a highly coveted recruit and has a lot of big game playing experience. Nanticoke spent the last three years attending IMG Academy, a prep-school in Bradenton, Florida and has played on multiple under 19 lacrosse teams for the Six Nations Iroquois tribe in international tournaments.

Most coaches would try to change a creative player’s approach and get them to have more of a textbook attack. Not the University at Albany men’s lacrosse coach Scott Marr, who is returning his 18th season as the program’s head coach and has been the only man’s coach hired in the Division I era. “Tehoka has really unbelievable sense of getting his shot off quickly whether it’s behind his back, between his legs or over his shoulder.” Marr said. “His decision making process is very very quick. He has the ability to be creative more so than anyone I’ve ever coached.”

This approach by Marr to cut creative players loose and set them up for success is a testament to why Nanticoke has the number one men’s college lacrosse recruit in the nation committed to UAlbany last year and is already making an impact here in league play,” Brown said. “Hopefully we get another crack at them.”

By JOHN C. LONGTON III

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MEN’S LACROSSE

#1 Recruit Already Making Impact

Nanticoke scored 3 goals in a scrimmage against Colgate earlier this month.

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Nanticoke’s style of play has been renown on the national level and even earned him a cover photo on Inside Lacrosse, a national magazine published 11 times a year. He’s his playing the game since he was old enough to hold a stick, and he motivation to do it for others that had tried. “My brother has been telling me my whole life that I have something special. He said it so much that I let me believe it,” said Nanticoke. “He dropped out of community college and told me to do what I didn’t do. So I got myself into a four-year school and I plan to finish it out.”

Nanticoke has spent the last three years preparing for college at the IMG Academy. The preparatory school houses players for eight different sports, including lacrosse, and prepares the athletes to attend national colleges. “IMG prepared me really well for school with time management, taking classes and doing my homework on time,” said Nanticoke. “He believe that his time here really helped the transition process from high school to college.”

“Last season I finished with my highest GPA ever and made the dean’s list. I think I’m doing pretty well for my first year.” Nanticoke’s major is communications, but he’s not sure what he wants to do for a career.

When asked what his career aspirations were, he replied, “Not so much besides finishing my four years and getting a degree in something that hopefully I can find a career I’d want to do for the rest of my life.”

Well he has four years to figure it out in the classroom, but on the field he’s found his rhythm with his now fellow teammates almost right away. Coach Fields embodies the sentiment that the rest of the team had when they found out that UAlbany landed the highly coveted recruit.

“We heard he was coming and we were pumped about having a guy like him coming here. Just having seen him put on the roster for the next year was awesome,” said team captain Fields, who averaged over three goals per game last season.

Adding Nanticoke makes the Danes offensive threat just that much more explosive and these guys can’t wait to start the season. “We have a bunch of returning players who already played with each other and then with Hoogs (Nanticoke) stepping in the meshes with everyone else,” said Fields. “I think he definitely adds a good touch to our offense and we’re excited to get out there.”

Fields and Nanticoke kept in touch after his official visit to UAlbany. They are good friends and seem to have nice chemistry on the field. “We’re good friends. When he came for his official we kind of connected there and kind of got close and we stayed in touch while he was in high school talking to each other,” said Fields. “When he got here it was like he never left. When he came in we were real close right away and he gets along with all the guys too.”

The guys are anxious to see how the team is going to fit this season. Right now the Danes are ranked third in the nation and they will open their season next week in Syracuse. Last year they lost an absolute thriller to the Orange when “Case scored with 1.9 seconds left to defeat the Danes 11-10. UAlbany hasn’t beaten the Orange since 2013, but with the addition of Nanticoke they are favored to win this Saturday.”

Nanticoke has his high expectations for his freshman year: “Win a national championship has got to be number one on our list. Sky is the limit.”

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before the start of the conference tournament. “I think they (Vermont) will go 16-0 in league play,” Brown said. “Hopefully we get another crack at them.”

To make a return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since Peter Hoogs’ game-winning three pointer versus Stony Brook in 2015, they’ll have to find a way to knock off the Catamounts. With blank weeks to go until that point, they aren’t there yet.

This stretch is crucial for the Danes as they could risk having to play on the road to win a national championship. “Vermont keeps at their current pace, they could easily be in a strong 13 or 14 seed to cause havoc and potentially win a first round tournament game in March Madness. That’s what the Danes will most likely have to get through to put their dancing shoes on.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Danes Lose to Hawks then Bounce Back

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Men’s basketball team bounced back with a 98-75 win over Hartford Sunday afternoon at the SEFCU Arena.

The Danes got clipped by the Hawks 70-55 in early January, but they avenged that loss and got back on track in front of a packed gym of exuberant fans.

“I think that was a great win to bounce back from our last game,” said UAlbany Head Coach Joanne McShane.

“Our crowd was really spectacular and they were a true sixth man.”

“The building had a playoff atmosphere and the thousand or so fans on hand knew that this was an important game for the Danes as they are coming down the stretch of the regular season.”

Jessica Féquière led the charge for the Danes with 20 points and five rebounds. She want 3-for-5 from behind the arc, all of which came in the second half when her team needed them the most. The Danes got off to a slow start and could only muster 20 points in the first 20 minutes. They looked sluggish and had a hard time penetrating the Hawk defense.

“We've proven that we can take them out from our last game,” said UAlbany

Head Coach Joanna Bernabei McNamee.

Next up for the Danes, they’ll continue their three game road trip with a matchup versus UMass Lowell on Thursday, Feb. 22 with tip-off at 7 p.m.

The University at Albany men’s basketball team (19-7, 7-3) saw their two-game winning streak come to an end at the hands of their America East rival Vermont Catamounts with a 72-67 loss at SEFCU Arena Thursday night.

Behind 20 points by mid-major star Joe Cremo, UVM extended their conference win streak to 31 games and 15 wins in-conference. It was also their eighth straight win on the road.

Down by three with 13.2 seconds left, Joe Cremo had a chance to tie the game but missed on a three point attempt from the left wing when the ball rimmed in and out.

“It’s a shot that I work on all the time. It just didn’t drop,” Cremo said.

Vermont would seal the game with two free throws by sophomore guard Ernie Duncan, who finished with fifteen points in the win. Ernie’s brother Everett finished with a perfect game of sorts, finishing with 10 points on 4-4 shooting from the field and two free throws.

The Catamounts take a commanding lead in the conference standings as they finished with a perfect game of sorts, finishing with 10 points on 4-4 shooting from the field and two free throws.

MACKate Tipico had four of her 14 assists and five of her 11 points in the third quarter and her presence on the court was the catalyst for her team’s success.

“Getting assists is a two-way street. My teammates get open for me,” said Tipico.

“They just create space and I get them so wide and we go from there.”

Tipico plays with a lot of heart and leaves it all on the court. At one point in the game she fought for a rebound over two defenders, tipped the ball into the open court, dove on the ball and passed it on to her teammates to give her team a second chance and another possession.

Plays like that are becoming more and more common for Tipico and company and they will need to keep coming to the season winding down.

The Danes have three games remaining on their schedule before the America East Conference Tournament, where they will begin their quest for a seventh consecutive conference championship. Before they get there the Danes have a murderer’s row, so to speak, lined up in the next couple of weeks.

Next Saturday the Danes will play host to UMBC, a team they barely put away by three points in late January. The following week UAlbany will take to the road and travel to Binghamton to play the third place Bearcats and then head up to Maine and play a Black Bear team that are currently tied with the first place.

Having a gruelling schedule to close the season out is looked at as a positive by Coach Mac and company. She believes that it’s a good test before the conference tournament.

“You don’t have easy games right before the tournament. You want to play tough competition,” Mac said. “We’re going to see a lot of different styles of basketball in those games which is good.”