JONES: FLEX PARKING NOT ‘FAVORABLE’ FOR STUDENTS, WEIGHING OPTIONS

BY JOE HOFFMAN

Faculty occupy 40 percent of the Flex Parking lot on State Quad at peak hours, and 25 percent of the 177 spaces at non-peak times according to Parking & Mass Transit Services.

“We definitely understand the Flex designation in State lot has not been favorable to the student population and we are currently taking a look at options,” said Jason Jones, director of PMTS. The recent designation of 177 parking spots on State Quad as Flex Parking for faculty has caused some grumbling among students.

William Johns, a commuter student graduating in 2019, parks on State Quad and walks through the flex lots to get to class. “The flex parking lot is never full,” said Johns. “Why not give some spaces to students?”

PMTS is discussing construction of a new lot on the east side of Indian Quad. “We are also discussing revised options for State Flex but again we need the semester to move forward and the construction on the west side of campus to commence until we can make a better informed decision.”

Samantha Daveys, a Colonial sophomore, reported similar problems. “I think on the

See PARKING page 2

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

SA State’ Reps Question Asbestos Awareness

By TYLER A. MCNEIL

Newly minted Student Association State Quad senators believe residents don’t know enough about asbestos despite notices provided in housing documents and dorm signage.

Cassandra Jones, a recently elected SA State Quad senator, dorm-stormed throughout Eastman Tower last month. What she reportedly found: confusion and concern over asbestos notices.

“They didn’t really feel comfortable with it,” said Jones. “They weren’t really happy that there was just a note on the back of the door as opposed to the university actually going out and saying ‘okay listen, we are aware of it, don’t worry—it’s not going to hurt you.’ ”

“They just got stuck with a note on the door,” said Max Sevor, Jones’ ticket mate on State Quad.

Residential Life has posted signage on doors warning of low crystallite asbestos in dorms for roughly 20 years. It asks tenants to avoid disturbing the ceiling, a policy also mentioned in the department’s housing license.

Asbestos—found in some quad ceiling insulation—is only harmful through long-term exposure. This can occur in dorms when a ceiling is disturbed.

According to Residential Life, ceilings haven’t been disturbed as of late.

Ceiling disturbances are often caused by heavy digs. Some

See ASPcc page 2
Pipe Leak Prompts Maintenance and Cold Showers

PARKING
Continued from Page 3

Pipe Leak Prompts Maintenance and Cold Showers

PRESENTED BY THE TIMES UNION, ALBANY, NEW YORK — A HEARST CORPORATION NEWSPAPER

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Munch with the Majors Brings a Bigger Crowd

BY JOE HOFFMAN / ASP

The university’s second-year student could not believe his good fortune when he learned that the university’s annual Munch with the Majors event was only in its second year, it had over 800 students. It’s great that thousands of people go to the football games but thousands also come out and talk about their classes and majors,” Krzykowski said.

Last month’s pipe maintenance which temporarily denied students hot water was the most recent incident of a costly, recurring problem on campus. The total cost of the impromptu repairs was $13,500, according to the Facilities Management Vice President John Giarrusso. A pinhole leak sprang in a section of high-temperature hot water main in the tunnels near the Performing Arts Center, which heating and cooling crew noticed at the end of August.

“It seems like every other year we catch one, which is not a bad track record given the amount of pipe we’ve got on campus,” said Giarrusso.

Giarrusso estimated that the 150-foot pipe had leaked less than 20 gallons of water before being fixed by two private firms which the university contracted. The $13,500 figure is a typical price for such repairs.

The university hired TJ Bell Environmental to remove asbestos insulation from around the pipe segment. Because most of the university’s infrastructure pipes have not been replaced since the campus was built from 1964-73, many of them are insulated with asbestos, which is now illegal to use in construction. Existing structures with asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) are not required by law to replace their installations, so the university is in compliance with the law.

However, asbestos-containing materials such as the university’s pipe insulation present only a danger if their fibers become airborne. To ensure safety, the asbestos was removed using water sprays to keep the toxic particles from becoming airborne. To ensure safety, the asbestos was removed using water sprays to keep the toxic particles from becoming airborne.

For students who attended found enrichment because he not only got to meet with a few faculty members, but also take hot showers which fill her dorm plates to eat from; “That’s a little dishwashing because it’s bad for the environment, but, it’s the best thing to be washing tons of dishes with clean water,” Estrada said.

TJ Bell did not immediately return the ASP’s call for comment.

Estrada also said that her dining hall gave them plastic silverware and paper plates to eat from; “That was a little dishwashing because it’s bad for the environment, but, it’s the best thing to be washing tons of dishes with clean water,” Potter, a freshman biology in Biology, said.

“ personally found it a kind of funny, and more comfortable,” said Estrada, a freshman on State. Her roommates usually take hot showers which fill her dorm plates to eat from; “That’s a little dishwashing because it’s bad for the environment, but, it’s the best thing to be washing tons of dishes with clean water,” Potter, a freshman biology in Biology, said.

“Personally, I found it a kind of funny, and more comfortable,” said Estrada, a freshman on State. Her roommates usually take hot showers which fill her dorm plates to eat from; “That’s a little dishwashing because it’s bad for the environment, but, it’s the best thing to be washing tons of dishes with clean water,” Potter, a freshman biology in Biology, said.

Water from the hot water main lanced onto pipes below for weeks before being repaired.
SA President Feels Dominica Storm Aftermath

By TYLER A. MCNEIL

Student Association President Jerlisa Fontaine in front of a poster which reads "Juju on that vote" with a Dominica flag.

When Jerlisa Fontaine described as an aura of positive energy from her Caribbean birth-nation has disappeared. Fontaine referenced a cell phone video taken from a family friend in Dominica taken post-Hurricane Maria. In the video, a village is in complete. Pieces of splintered wood and toward chalets lie on the street. For her, it’s not recognizable from her last visit in 2014.

"When I tell you -- I felt like, 'Wow,'" Fontaine described her fear. "That’s the first time I’ve met with the family that my family has experienced and Alumni Affairs. The College of Arts and Sciences and Alumni Affairs.

After Hurricane Maria hit Dominica on Sep. 18, Fontaine last communicated with some of her immediate family members back on the island. She still hasn’t heard back from one of her uncles. Due to the island’s limited electricity in the aftermath of the Maria, direct relatives called her father, Desmon, to alert other family members. With her cramped class schedule and work as Student Association president, Fontaine is considered a less reliable contact to get in touch with.

"It wasn’t until Thursday that week which she began to talk about her family’s situation. "When I fell in love -- I felt like, 'Wow,'" Fontaine described her feeling after learning of her family’s safety in Dominica. "I had a full tank in me and it was just like, ‘Wow,'" Fontaine referenced a cell phone video taken from the island three times since moving to the Bronx early on, doesn’t know when she will return. Her father, Desmon, had his plane for an October trip cut last month due to the storm. For Dominicans, the devastation still follows. Three weeks following the storm, over 50 people remain missing; the official death toll is 27. Thousands are without electricity or water. To counter the destruction, the United Nations released a $31 million emergency appeal. Dominica was one of six islands hit by Hurricane Maria. Barbuda, Puerto Rico, Cuba, St. Martin, and Barbados. Some of the islands were already battered by Hurricane Irma.

"When you compare Dominica to Puerto Rico and Haiti, my scare and my fear for Dominica is that we’re not a famous island," she said. In an effort to grow support for the island, Fontaine launched a month-long SA Dominica relief drive. Along with the drive a week after the hurricane, Fontaine plans to host several Dominica relief events throughout her term.

"I’m not going to stop," the SA president said.
Should Sports Players Kneel to Protest During the National Anthem?

YES

By RAYMOND E. STRAWN

I support kneeling during the National Anthem as a respectful and peaceful way to protest. Our country was built on protests when our rights were ignored and violated from the British, and there isn’t anything more American than revolting and protesting for our rights.

When I was in high school in 2002, just during the height of the Plague of Allergies, my teacher demanded that I stand and I refused. I was protesting, and I continued to sit until my parents found out. They told me to stand, but I continued to sit because I was bringing the wrong kind of attention and only putting a bigger target on me. In 2003, all my civil rights were violated from law enforcement and 1 was suing. That is why my parents wanted me to stand — to not bring more attention to my situation. Why I say — to protest over my rights being violated.

That being said, I decided to stand during the anthem when I was with my children. I didn’t want them to be exposed to negative attention from my actions. Back then, it was unheard of to sit during the anthem, and now, I am considering kneeling. As my children are getting older, kneeling in common now and the oppression from law enforcement continues.

In the last several years, I had been out on protests and searching by law enforcement about six times. My child was with me doing one of those protests. When I took my child out of my front of my daughter. She then ran off out of my sight and was searched by law enforcement about six times. My officer refused. Now I was illegally detained and I don’t even know where my daughter was. I filed a complaint to the sergeant. The sergeant basically told me and refused to take my complaint. Therefore, I support kneeling.

Even with my long history of bad experiences with law enforcement, I stand against law enforcement. Last year, I helped organized an event at my community college that caused several problems for law enforcement. We went to the sheriff station and handed them out. We wanted to bring law enforcement awareness to what we appreciate the difficult job they do and wanted to thank them. It was a gesture of respect. It is too much to ask for the same in return.

Those who are opposed to kneeling state it is disrespectful. I’m opposed to this, it is disrespectful for police officers to continue violating civilians’ rights. It is disrespectful that police officers are not held accountable and continue to get away with their behavior. Change is badly needed. The only way anyone is going to see and care is by protest. Many police have criticized when protests were not peaceful. Kneeling during the anthem is peaceful. Isn’t that the type of protesting you want?

When did taking a knee become a sign of disrespect anyway? According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, to bend a knee is also called genuflect. The other definition of “kneel” is considered more respectful. When someone is paying respect to our lord or a significant other, he or she makes a sign of respect and submission.

When a player is jurors on the field, players from both teams take a knee in sign of respect on June 1, 2020. USA TODAY Sports

Taking a knee is a sign ofrespect. Peaceful protest during a time of oppression and unrest is an American Pastime. I’m sorry of some you may feel uncomfortable when someone is protesting by taking a knee during the National Anthem because you are not comfortable enough to the point you are basing yours juries and making your demands to the American citizens, this is the problem. And that is why we peaceful protest. That is why we peaceful protest. This is why we take a knee. You want to stand during the anthem, you should stand during the anthem. You should stand up for the things you care about like respect, change, and to be treated fairly and equally in this country.

By MATTHEW NOYES

President Trump and the NFL have stirred up quite a scene over the past couple of weeks. The president’s comments about doing NFL plays were inappropriate because it is not the president’s job to be involved with such affairs.

At the same time, the anti-American movement propagated by former quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who, by the way, cares so much about politics that he did not vote in this past election, is a disgrace. Kaepernick said, “I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color.”

I want us to stand during the National Anthem and only put a bigger target on ourselves because we were bringing the wrong kind of non-violent protests even if it disrespects the flag, it does not mean disrespect. Is it too much to ask for the same in return? I, for one, do not think so. I believe peaceful protests are more effective in impacting the public.

The NFL exchanged verbal blows, this issue has come to a very divisive issue. One thing is for sure, if not stand for. Colin Kaepernick, who, by the way, cares so much about politics that he did not vote in this past election, is a disgrace.
For decades, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) or North Korea, has been an isolated aggressor, constantly tying to show its way to the world stage without any real substance behind its bark and no real ally behind its bite. It is a nation that was never meant to be, a product of a geopolitical pissing contest between twohello superpowers who carved up a burning world in an attempt to build a better world.

Korea was a unified, independent nation before it was annexed by the Empire of Japan in 1910. That occupation lasted until 1945 when the Allied Powers divided Korea into two zones; North Korea and South Korea. But when the Soviet Union and China were allies, North Korea was divided along the 38th Parallel with Marshall Joseph Stalin’s Soviet Union administering the North and Harry Truman’s United States controlling the South.

The current North Korean leader, the infamous Kim Jong-un, keeps his people in the dark. North Koreans are taught that America is a warmongering enemy that diverts the Korean War and seeks to kill them all. No outside news is allowed in the country and the starving masses of the North are led to believe they live in one of the most advanced lands in the world. Kim Jong-un is a dictator in every sense of the word as a tyrannical state of tyrants that have a direct link to the barbarous Joseph Stalin.

What we have in Korea is a complicated situation that must be dealt with using a delicate hand. Well, we don’t have a delicate hand. We have a bumbling hand of a president who resembles a moderately trained circus acrobat more than a diplomat. Watching President Donald Trump dance geopolitics is as painful as watching a babbling toddler try to recite the work of Shakespeare. Trump is so out of respect for North Korean’s citizens and the culture of the country. Instead of working with North Korea, they are determined to kill them off. The propaganda against North Korea is quite massive to the point that there’s the correct factor that I briefly mentioned before, the ‘nuclear-minded’ of the donors. I’ve also noticed that many Uber drivers tend to be very salty. A little cleaner than regular taxis. Not to taxi (and everyone in general), I shouldn’t feel like I need to take a shower after being in your car. It also bears the hint that North Korea is the world’s only nation that does a 2.50 in the morning — where pretty much everyone is packed together to get the bus home (10 sweaty, drunk college kids trying to occupy a space that only 50 or so people can fill. It’s extremely uncomfortable, and should be done when you truly can’t spend any more money. But if you’re willing to spend a few extra bucks between the group of friends, I’d recommend an Uber. It’s not heartburn, where they have as much free space as you need, and don’t need to worry about being crowded.

So what does this mean for the pre-existing taxi companies in Albany? If they definitely lower their rates, it may not be a huge problem. With all of the redlining factors we’ve seen above and the new influx of people, Uber may very well end up killing the rat race for taxis. Of course, the number of a taxi that will charge you the same amount is very low. It may end up giving you a discount for a ride. If you don’t(!) get a discount for a ride. The problem is we may just end up killing the taxi. It is also available throughout the country, which is as high as it can get. So you’ll be left with the same as Uber. But there’s one thing that is certain. Americans have no need to fear for their own lives. Through that fear we lose ourselves, we lose our way. We fall for dangerous ideas. This is a situation with no clear end, and the problem at hand but create new ones. We fall for dangerous ideas. This is a situation with no clear

No Need to Fear North Korea: History Shows that Fear Leads to Suffering  
By M. Francis Mirro

For Students

Uber is an Affordable Option for Students

By Daniel Russell

In case of emergency situations, Uber is now available everywhere in New York and nearby states via its Fall Break 3x rate introduction, I had never taken one, despite how many credit cards I can set up on my phone for almost two years. Previously, on occasion if I wanted to get in touch with my friends, we either had someone pick us up or would have to use the bike a bit early and take the last bus home. The taxi services in Albany were a last resort option — until Uber came around.

Note: Uber has a fast first priority, and there were no other people have read about the Uber application in some of the cars that hail have driven before and it was quite unsettling where the Uber destination will be to my destination.

Uber is easy kinder to your wallet than regular taxis, something that makes it a huge difference to many broke college students. Personally, I’ve noticed that many Uber drivers tend to be very salty. A little cleaner than regular taxis. Not to taxi (and everyone in general), I shouldn’t feel like I need to take a shower after being in your car. It almost bears the hint that North Korea is the world’s only nation that does a 2.50 in the morning — where pretty much everyone is packed together to get the bus home (10 sweaty, drunk college kids trying to occupy a space that only 50 or so people can fill. It’s extremely uncomfortable, and should be done when you truly can’t spend any more money. But if you’re willing to spend a few extra bucks between the group of friends, I’d recommend an Uber. It’s not heartburn, where they have as much free space as you need, and don’t need to worry about being crowded.

So what does this mean for the pre-existing taxi companies in Albany? If they definitely lower their rates, it may not be a huge problem. With all of the redlining factors we’ve seen above and the new influx of people, Uber may very well end up killing the rat race for taxis. Of course, the number of a taxi that will charge you the same amount is very low. It may end up giving you a discount for a ride. If you don’t (!) get a discount for a ride. The problem is we may just end up killing the taxi. It is also available throughout the country, which is as high as it can get. So you’ll be left with the same as Uber. But there’s one thing that is certain. Americans have no need to fear for their own lives. Through that fear we lose ourselves, we lose our way. We fall for dangerous ideas. This is a situation with no clear end, and the problem at hand but create new ones. We fall for dangerous ideas. This is a situation with no clear

Make a Small Investment

* Ranked top 15 percent business school by Forbes, Bloomberg Businessweek and U.S. News & World Report. Ranked 1st for dual collaboration programs to increase your marketability: A/D/MBA, D/S/MBA, Engineering/MBA; JD/MBA, MPH/MBA, MD/MBA, MS/WBA, D/NBA

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @ALBSTUDENTPRESS

Speak your mind: email opinions.asp@gmail.com to submit an article.

By M. Francis Mirro

For Students

Uber is an Affordable Option for Students

By Daniel Russell

In case of emergency situations, Uber is now available everywhere in New York and nearby states via its Fall Break 3x rate introduction, I had never taken one, despite how many credit cards I can set up on my phone for almost two years. Previously, on occasion if I wanted to get in touch with my friends, we either had someone pick us up or would have to use the bike a bit early and take the last bus home. The taxi services in Albany were a last resort option — until Uber came around.

Note: Uber has a fast first priority, and there were no other people have read about the Uber application in some of the cars that hail have driven before and it was quite unsettling where the Uber destination will be to my destination.

Uber is easy kinder to your wallet than regular taxis, something that makes it a huge difference to many broke college students. Personally, I’ve noticed that many Uber drivers tend to be very salty. A little cleaner than regular taxis. Not to taxi (and everyone in general), I shouldn’t feel like I need to take a shower after being in your car. It almost bears the hint that North Korea is the world’s only nation that does a 2.50 in the morning — where pretty much everyone is packed together to get the bus home (10 sweaty, drunk college kids trying to occupy a space that only 50 or so people can fill. It’s extremely uncomfortable, and should be done when you truly can’t spend any more money. But if you’re willing to spend a few extra bucks between the group of friends, I’d recommend an Uber. It’s not heartburn, where they have as much free space as you need, and don’t need to worry about being crowded.

So what does this mean for the pre-existing taxi companies in Albany? If they definitely lower their rates, it may not be a huge problem. With all of the redlining factors we’ve seen above and the new influx of people, Uber may very well end up killing the rat race for taxis. Of course, the number of a taxi that will charge you the same amount is very low. It may end up giving you a discount for a ride. If you don’t (!) get a discount for a ride. The problem is we may just end up killing the taxi. It is also available throughout the country, which is as high as it can get. So you’ll be left with the same as Uber. But there’s one thing that is certain. Americans have no need to fear for their own lives. Through that fear we lose ourselves, we lose our way. We fall for dangerous ideas. This is a situation with no clear end, and the problem at hand but create new ones. We fall for dangerous ideas. This is a situation with no clear

Make a Small Investment

* Ranked top 15 percent business school by Forbes, Bloomberg Businessweek and U.S. News & World Report. Ranked 1st for dual collaboration programs to increase your marketability: A/D/MBA, D/S/MBA, Engineering/MBA; JD/MBA, MPH/MBA, MD/MBA, MS/WBA, D/NBA
Miley Cyrus’ “Younger Now” Brings Poignant and Metaphorically Feeling Younger Than She Ever Second Single that She Named the Album After, “Malibu” and Followed the Summer Hit with the Opening; the Scenes Flash Between the Young Boy’s Life. He Also Finds it Difficult to Read and Express Emotions and Socializes with Others. He Asks Off-Limit Questions Without a Filter. It Isn’t to Be Cruel, but Rather Because He Lacks the Skills to Control His Mind. The show still has ways to go. It is very easy to make assumptions and negative connotations just upon hearing the term, but seeing it portrayed in mainstream media may cause people to try to educate themselves on the syndrome. “The Good Doctor” will be a small step towards a more informed population and may prevent “autism” from being shown around negatively in conversation without really understanding what it means. The show has still ways to support. Characters and storylines still need to be explored further in future episodes. Most importantly, Shaan helps to portray autism with respect and compassion. Hopefully, this will continue through the season.

ABC’s ‘The Good Doctor’ Shines a Light on Autism

By KATHRYN DARA

ABC’s new drama “The Good Doctor” is opening this season premiere last Monday with 11.8 million viewers. The series, from “House” creators David Shore and Daniel Dae Kim, embraces the controversial viewpoint of any ABC Monday night drama for 11 years. In some ways, the show resembles medical dramas. There are tensions between co-workers, secret love-odds, and life and death suspense. What sets it apart, of course, is that the protagonist, a brilliant young resident surgeon, is autistic.

His disability is also an advantage, giving him savant-like abilities in the field of medicine. Freddie Highmore (from “ Bates Motel,” “August Rush,” and “Finding Neverland”) delivers a wonderfully believable performance as Dr. Shaun Murphy. He immediately gains the audience’s sympathy, for he is being treated as a nuisance when he is in fact an asset, and is kind, charming, and capable.

The main concern surrounding the series was that it is difficult to “get it right” when portraying something as complex as autism. In this case, the character is high-functioning and perfectly capable of living independently. Despite his genius, he is also Sheldon-like in some ways and struggles to gain the respect of his colleagues. He has difficulty communicating with others or accurately expressing his emotions. He also finds it difficult to read the emotions and socialize with others. He has a filter and blurts out taboo topics without a filter. It isn’t to be cruel, but rather because it lacks the skills to control his mind.

The first episode presented a solid opening; the scenes flash between the young boy’s life. He has difficulty reading the emotions and socializes with others. He asks off-limit questions without a filter. It isn’t to be cruel, but rather because he lacks the skills to control his mind.

Still, it is evident that Shaun will face an uphill battle in the episodes to come. He gets hired, but it is made evident that his colleagues will let him do little more than observe procedures. The next several episodes will most likely involve Shaun “proving himself” in the hospital, which should prove to be interesting to watch.

The most important question is what does it mean for autism? This year, Netflix also tackled this subject with the show “Atypical." Autism is on a spectrum and can present itself in various ways. Some individuals are low-functioning, meaning that they are incapable of ever being independent. Others are high-functioning, like Shaun Murphy, and can in some ways lead normal lives.

Autistic individuals may be unaware of others’ emotions or social cues, have limited yet intense interests, sensitivity to sound, speech delays, and limited attention spans. In addition, people with autism can have learning disabilities and social difficulties. A person with autism can have any combination of these symptoms to varying degrees from mild to extreme. The subjectivity of the syndrome is part of what makes it so difficult to portray.

Knowing someone with autism does not make you an expert on it. That being said, as “The Good Doctor,” the character of Shaun Murphy can easily be identified as a real medical student who has. Some will tell this portrayal continues to be good. So, what will this do for the autism community? Hopefully, if the series becomes successful, it will shine a light on what autism can truly be.

It is very easy to make assumptions and negative connotations just upon hearing the term, but seeing it portrayed in mainstream media may cause people to try to educate themselves on the syndrome. “The Good Doctor” will be a small step towards a more informed population and may prevent “autism” from being shown around negatively in conversation without really understanding what it means. The show has still ways to support. Characters and storylines still need to be explored further in future episodes. Most importantly, Shaan helps to portray autism with respect and compassion. Hopefully, this will continue through the season.

Miley Cyrus’ ‘Younger Now’ Boasts Poignant and Reflective Record to Listen to this Fall

By KASSANDRA GONZALEZ

Two years after since her last release, singer Miley Cyrus dropped her sixth studio album “Younger Now” this past Friday. The album is the first that she has released since the public is used to seeing with her first single, “We Can’t Stop.” The album is the biggest hit since the name that she named the album after, “Younger Now,” an upbeat anthem about change and growth. She manages to sound younger than she ever has before. Other than the three songs co-written with producer Oren Yoel and one co-written with her godmother and country music legend Dolly Parton, Cyrus wrote seven out of the 11 tracks on record entirely on her own.

“Writing the lyrics for me solo on this record was important because I’m really trying to project what I think and feel, and I don’t think that anyone can know that besides me,” Cyrus said in an interview with the Recording Academy. “Lyrics are very sacred to me, and also to my fans. I want them to understand that this record is really all the truth, from me.”

Perhaps the strongest of the songs comes forth in her slow song “Rainbowland” featuring Dolly Parton, where she explores the preventative measures to be taken in the world. The relatively peaceful nature of the new Miley Cyrus record may cause one to think that the singer has lost her signature edge, however, she has made it known that she has lost that side of her fade away. Tracks like “Thinlin’s” and “Love Someone” bring the space and attitude to the album with her catchy, raspy tone and impressive vocals over thumping bass.

She sings in the latter, “I’m starting to think you have no heart / You don’t even give a soul / You always give in or you try too late / All I do is give and you all do is take / I’m trying to protect you from what you need to know.”

With profound and moving lyrics, the album is sure to be a hit. It is not only a hit in the music world but in the world of autism, as well as some rock n’ roll influences that are sure to please the ear and touch the heart of any listener.

In an interview with the BBC Radio 1, Cyrus proclaimed her new music to be “a new way of thinking” for herself. “I just want people to love the music,” she said. “I’m really proud of it. I’m happy.”
NOSTALGIC TELEVISION

‘Will & Grace’ Struggles to Find its Place 11 Years Later

BY ZOE NICKS

Prior to 1998, few gay characters were depicted in mainstream entertainment, and fewer still were the leading characters on network programs. With its debut, “Will & Grace” changed history, by bridging the gap that existed between LGBT and straight audiences. For many in the first camp, it became an icon; a major sitcom that didn’t tolerate its gay characters to be stereotypes and punchlines, instead celebrating them by giving them well-rounded characteristics and plots that went beyond their sexuality. The show succeeded for eight seasons because despite this, it didn’t alienate its straight audience, who outnumbered those who looked to it for representation. The relationship between gay New York lawyer, Will Truman, and his straight female best friend, Grace Adler, was relatable, captivating, and hilarious—the joke often being that they did have the perfect relationship, except without the sex.

On the heels of a recent surge of nostalgia television, which has brought us a mixed bag—containing “Fuller House,” “Girl Meets World,” a forthcoming “Roseanne” reboot, and new seasons of “Gilmore Girls,” “Town Peaks,” and “The X-Files”—after eleven years off-air, “Will & Grace” returned for a ninth season on Thursday.

The cast first reunited for a web special that was released prior to the 2016 Presidential Election. The mini-revival played upon topical political humor and pretended that nothing had changed in the lives of the four main characters, which was a fun treat for the fans who had missed them over the past decade, rather than a serious attempt at continuing the series’ story. And its positive reception led to the decision for the series’ small screen return, however even with 20 minutes and network backing, the season nine premiere failed to capture the YouTube short in terms of comedy, story, or quality.

In fairness, the season eight finale in 2006 was bizarre at best, and left the writers in a difficult position when attempting to resume the story. An 18-year time jump depicted that the titular best friends fell out, went no contact and just as neurotic and co-dependent as ever. A decade later Will and Grace are still single and living alone, and no character development at all has been achieved for any of the four main characters.

To its credit, the show was self-aware and attempted to make light of the lack of change, but it wound up prevailing hollow, like little more than a cheap grab for attention riding on sentimentality and nostalgia, and lacking all the charm of the original. Heavy-handed political humor tying Karen to Trump dominated the plot of the first episode, but the jokes fell flat as they tried to force the viewer to believe that the show was still relevant.

When done properly, political humor can be brutal and hilarious, such as on HBO’s “Veep,” but it has to be sharp and fresh to land. Tired and stale jokes about Trump’s coloring only want to show that the writers were no more informed than their characters and reinvented that the show no longer has a place.

It was a brilliant show in its first airing, but in 20 years, comedy has changed. While “Will & Grace” was first notable for its well-rounded depiction of LGBT characters, that isn’t to say that stereotypes didn’t play a heavy role in its humor. Found most strongly in Jack, the effeminate and promiscuous lover of Grace, those roots in mainstream conceptions of gay culture were part of what allowed this “ugly” show to retain a mainstream straight audience on a prime-time network.

And so, today, this show wouldn’t be made. Many of the jokes would be seen as derisive or just offensive. But “Will & Grace” laid the groundwork for the culture that rejects it today, as greater representation of LGBT characters in media has led to less tolerance for politically-incorrect humor. So despite its important part in entertainment history, it struggles to find its role today.
Hijab Fashion: A Fashion Statement and the Perspective Behind it

By JASMINE MILLNER

While your years at college can be some of the best times of your life, they can also be the most stressful. Between classes, extra curriculars, work and even just trying to be an adult, college can leave some students with poor mental health. However, there is a great variety of free apps available to help you navigate through any stressful times.

1. Mindshift

Students who suffer from anxiety or depression related issues will really appreciate the Mindshift app. It’s a simple layout is easy to navigate.

One of the best features of the app is the “notes” tool section, which allows the user to discover different techniques to help stay calm during times of anxiety or discomfort. The app also features several other sessions to help ease anxious students such as breathing techniques, inspirational quotes, and an interactive journal that helps to discover what makes you anxious and give you tips on how to reduce the associated anxiety.

FASHION

By CAROLINE DUNNE

20-year-old Japanese international student Haruka Hamamoto was enthusiastic about getting to share her political and social views with students at the University of Albany, but soon encountered great difficulty connecting with non-international students. During her first semester, she, along with other international students, struggled to make friends. “This school doesn’t have a good aspect for international students even though we have so many here,” Hamamoto said. “For me it is hard to make friends from students going to another university and having a Japanese night because students are more interested in people from other countries and Japan, but I see that people are more interested in their country and other countries. I want to have an opportunity to share our own culture and I want to listen to other’s opinions, not just my own opinions.”

Hamamoto said. Although she is happy to practice with students studying Japanese, she prefers to teach Japanese to other students studying English. Regardless, Hamamoto was looking forward to studying abroad. She was excited about the cultural differences between Japan and America. “People here always talk about politics, or gender and sexual orientation. Most Japanese students don’t have their own opinions, they just follow what they are told, this is the reason why I love America. Americans are more open to talking about gender, sex, women’s rights and race, according to Hamamoto. In Japan these topics are considered taboo. “I always thought if I come to the U.S. I’ll have more chances to discuss with people my own opinions, and I love to listen to other’s opinions,” she said.

Hamamoto’s more optimistic about this semester than last year. “Last year I was learning new slang and I love speaking English. My internship is more interesting this year than last year. This is last semester before she returns to Kansai Gaidai University.
To discredit Albany, as the Great Danes had many chances and took eleven shots on the net. This is not passed Great Dane defenders while passing with precision. Really seemed to be in control of the half. Into the locker room in a scoreless tie. Keeper, Andrea Leitner, though, who saw no real,ario to reflect back on his most memorable moment with the Great Danes, UAlbany's leading tackler with 42.5 on the season opts to go in a different direction — similar to what he's been making since I've been here — we just have to take it game by game and we'll get it.

Growing up in the nearby town of Mechanicville, NY, Hatalsky could be described as a small town guy. With a population of just over 5,000, the defensive anchor of the Great Danes defense recalls a sense of hometown that he wants to support when given the opportunity to reflect back on his most memorable moment with the Great Danes, UAlbany's leading tackler with 42.5 on the season opts to go in a different direction — similar to what he's been making since I've been here — we just have to take it game by game and we'll get it.

One of the toughest tasks for a player is to keep the offense from scoring while maintaining a consistent level of performance. UAlbany's defense was undeniably the backbone of their success, allowing just one goal in their first four games of the season. The Danes' goal was to continue this dominant defensive play throughout the remainder of the year, and they aimed to keep their opponents guessing with their wall of defense.

The Great Danes took the lead against UMass in the 36th minute and never looked back, scoring the lone goal of the game to secure a Confidence Tone

From Freshman Walk-on to CA, Leading Tackler

Nate Hatalsky in UAlbany's leading tackler with 42.5 for his first season. When Nate Hatalsky stepped in as a Freshman a few weeks ago, he was just another walk-on, looking to make a name for himself in the crowded defensive line. But as the season progressed, Hatalsky's impact on the field became increasingly apparent, earning him the starting nod in the team's most recent game. His performance was highlighted by a well-timed steal and a果断 defense, which prevented opposing teams from breaking through the Danes' wall.

The Great Danes' defense, led by Hatalsky, was unbreakable throughout the game, forcing their opponents to settle for long-range shots that were easily saved by the goalkeepers. This resilience and tenacity were evident in every minute played, with Hatalsky and his teammates working in unison to maintain their lead and secure the victory.

Despite the transition, it's comforting for Hatalsky to know that he has the support of his family and friends, no matter how small or great the victory. As he closes this first season, he leaves behind a legacy that will serve as inspiration for future players, and his dedication to the sport will continue to be remembered for years to come.
**By ROBERT LEPHELSTAT**

The UAlbany women’s field hockey team suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 upset loss to America East rival UMass Lowell as double overtime at the Alumni Turf on Friday afternoon despite getting cheered on by the men’s lacrosse team, who stayed to watch the game after their practice ended on the sidelines.

The UAlbany offense was abysmal and could only muster 278 total yards and turned the ball over four times during the afternoon as the Danes could only convert 2-out-of-12 third downs.

“We absolutely just did not play well on offense,” said UAlbany head coach Phil Gattuso after the game. “We’ve got to get better at quarterback. He (Will Brunson) was good last week and the week before, but struggled here.”

Brunson threw two interceptions and also fumbled the ball once on his way to passing for a pedestrian 219 yards on the game. He and his receivers could never find a rhythm as the Danes could only convert 2-out-of-12 third downs.

“We’ve got to get back to the drawing board because this isn’t good enough obviously,” said Gattuso. “This is a game we should have won.”

The Great Dane defense fought hard and kept UAlbany in the game all the way to the final drive. They held the Elon passing game to under 100 yards on the day and forced a turnover in the process. The only blemish on the unit had to be allowing Elon running back Malcolm Summers 117 yards on the ground. That was largely due to Summers’ getting 19 touches.

The Great Dane defense came up big in the final minute to put away a timely tumble on Elon’s drive. On that possession the Phoenix put together an eight play 64-yard drive and marched up the field into the UAlbany red zone. On third down the Danes got to Elon quarterback Darnel Creek, sacked him, forced the ball out and Brian Dolce recovered the fumble taking points off the board for an Elon offense that seemed to have momentum.

The defense was spectacular in the way they played today and they deserve better,” said Gattuso. “As a team we’ve got to stick together and keep working.”

The UAlbany offense was held scoreless and have some people wondering if their travel burden had anything to do with their lack of enthusiasm. The Great Danes were forced to fly into Roanoke, Virginia then drive two hours south to the team hotel in South Boston, just north of the North Carolina Virginia state border. On Saturday the team had to leave their hotel and take another bus to Elon. Normally UAlbany would just fly into North Carolina, but with recent state legislation that was out of the question.

A travel ban was signed into action in late March 2016 when Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state legislature banned all non-essential government agency travel to North Carolina. This was due to North Carolina’s trans- gender bathroom law, which has been recently revised, but wouldn’t suffice for Cuomo and the state legislation to lift the sanction.

“We were glad to be able to find a solution that allowed us to both play the game and honor the spirit of the governor’s executive order,” said UAlbany’s football Sports Information Director Pete Iorizzo.

All set aside the Danes have to lick their wounds and get ready to hit the road again this week to square off with #15 ranked Richmond, a team they lost to in three overtimes last season. The Danes can’t afford to lose two games in a row and expect to make a playoff run.

FOLLOW ROBERT @LongshotLongton

**FOOTBALL**

ELON, N.C. — The #19 Great Danes lost 6-0 to #23 Elon on a longer than expected road trip to North Carolina this past weekend.

The UAlbany offense was average and could only muster 278 total yards and turned the ball over four times during the afternoon as the Danes could only convert 2-out-of-12 third downs.

“We absolutely just did not play well on offense,” said UAlbany head coach Greg Gutowski after the game. “We’ve got to get better at quarterback. He (Will Brunson) was good last week and the week before, but struggled here.”

Brunson threw two interceptions and also fumbled the ball once on his way to passing for a pedestrian 219 yards on the game. He and his receivers could never find a rhythm as the Danes could only convert 2-out-of-12 third downs.

“We’ve got to get back to the drawing board because this isn’t good enough obviously,” said Gutowski. “This is a game we should have won.”

The Great Dane defense fought hard and kept UAlbany in the game all the way to the final drive. They held the Elon passing game to under 100 yards on the day and forced a turnover in the process. The only blemish on the unit had to be allowing Elon running back Malcolm Summers 117 yards on the ground. That was largely due to Summers’ getting 19 touches.

The Great Dane defense came up big in the final minute to put away a timely tumble on Elon’s drive. On that possession the Phoenix put together an eight play 64-yard drive and marched up the field into the UAlbany red zone. On third down the Danes got to Elon quarterback Darnel Creek, sacked him, forced the ball out and Brian Dolce recovered the fumble taking points off the board for an Elon offense that seemed to have momentum.

The defense was spectacular in the way they played today and they deserve better,” said Gattuso. “As a team we’ve got to stick together and keep working.”

The UAlbany offense was held scoreless and have some people wondering if their travel burden had anything to do with their lack of enthusiasm. The Great Danes were forced to fly into Roanoke, Virginia then drive two hours south to the team hotel in South Boston, just north of the North Carolina Virginia state border. On Saturday the team had to leave their hotel and take another bus to Elon. Normally UAlbany would just fly into North Carolina, but with recent state legislation that was out of the question.

A travel ban was signed into action in late March 2016 when Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state legislature banned all non-essential government agency travel to North Carolina. This was due to North Carolina’s transgender bathroom law, which has been recently revised, but wouldn’t suffice for Cuomo and the state legislation to lift the sanction.

“We were glad to be able to find a solution that allowed us to both play the game and honor the spirit of the governor’s executive order,” said UAlbany’s football Sports Information Director Pete Iorizzo.

All set aside the Danes have to lick their wounds and get ready to hit the road again this week to square off with #15 ranked Richmond, a team they lost to in three overtimes last season. The Danes can’t afford to lose two games in a row and expect to make a playoff run.