**Awkwafina Makes Splash in West Addition**

By JASMINE MILLNER

“I took a chance, you know, and it worked out,” said comedian rapper, soon-to-be movie star, and University at Albany alum, Nora Lum, also known as “Awkwafina.” Lum walked through the Science Library halls, reminiscing about being a student here. She remembered walking down Fuller Road, walking through Shaysen- sant Plaza, and living on Empire Commons. This was Lum’s sec- ond time back on campus since she graduated. She made her way to her must-and-great, where she signed autographs and took pictures with students, before having an on-stage interview with Steve Barnes, a journalism professor and senior writer at the Times Union. Lum first gained fame after re- leasing a music video for her song “My Vag” on YouTube back in 2012. It gained almost two million views.

“I was sitting on it for quite a while,” said Lum. “I was 19 when I wrote it, I actually wrote it here.” She released the song after graduation. About six or seven years after writing it, her friend heard it and decided that they needed to make a movie out of it. “It took a while,” she said. “I was working in a full-time job at the time, so I was scared to put it out.” But Lum took a chance.

Upon uploading it online, she has gained more success every year since then, releasing mul- tiple songs, videos, and making appearances on TV shows. She has even guest- started on MTV’s “S炭rd Girl.”

One of Awkwafina’s latest achievements was being cast in two upcoming major motion pictures. Lum will star in the upcoming heist comedy “Ocean’s Eight,” a sequel to the original Ocean’s films, but as an all-female adaptation. She will also be in the upcoming adaptation. She will also be in the upcoming adaptation. She will also be in the upcoming adaptation. She will also be in the upcoming adaptation. She will also be in the upcoming adaptation.
Build Female Enrollment Numbers

By ELISE COOMBS

While the majority of both students and faculty in engineering education are male, Dr. Yenna Liang began her role as chair of University at Albany’s environmental engineering department last Friday. It’s a bit different from the different kinds of engineering departments, Liang acknowledged, that there is a more equal number of men and women in environmental engineering than in any other type of engineering.

As a woman finding the new Department of Environmental and Sustainable Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Liang said, “If you have female faculty in the department, then the student will say, ‘Oh, she can do that.’”

The dean’s goal is to improve the college by incorporating programs that attract women in the early stages of adding new departments. With environmental engineering attracting more women than any other type of engineering, Boyer said, “They’ll see the college has a good and reasonable representation of women among its students balanced overall.”

However, Boyer emphasized that the college did not choose Liang because she was a woman, but rather because she was best qualified. The dean even noted that the final two candidates for chair of the new department were both women.

Tasked with developing the department, Liang is working to send out advertisements to hire five faculty by spring. At the same time, she will develop at least 120 credit hours to submit to the state so it can approve the program.

Liang is hoping to have courses ready for the bachelor’s degree in environmental and sustainable engineering by next fall.

Boyer also anticipates that it could take a year or 18 months for the program to get state approval, which is necessary before students can obtain degrees.

In her position, Liang is planning to do community outreach to make students aware of possibilities in engineering. Plans for this include sending out faculty to local middle and high schools and to have students visit labs at the university.

“It’s got to be a two-way communication,” Liang said.

Back when Liang was a student in China, she wasn’t sure which major she should pick. She heard from one of her teachers about environmental engineering, which she liked the aspect of protecting people and the environment, and decided to go into engineering.

Environmental engineering has the highest percent of women than any other type of engineering, with 45 percent being female, according to 2016 data provided by the nonprofit organization American Society for Engineering Education.

In the same report, ASEE indicated that just over 20 percent of engineering undergraduates are women, with that rising slightly to 25 percent for graduate students.

In terms of the amount of female faculty, ASEE reported that just over 16 percent of faculty are women in the field of engineering.

Liang indicated that there is a greater aspect of all-female faculty, so more females are entering the engineering field. As engineering colleges hire female administrators and professors, Liang said, “It’s not all that uncommon to have female engineering faculty.”

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NEW ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SEeks TO DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

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Commenting on the increase, Cohen said, “It’s connecting with where the emergency comes, it’s put on the shoulders of the students.”

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Cohen believes that access to higher education is a human right, and that calling it such will bring more attention to associated issues.

“I think we can bring to light the fact that access to education is a human right, a lot more people would be paying attention to issues of affordability and issues of access,” the Student Assembly president said.

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New Cafeteria Venues Bring ‘Variety,’ but Longer Waits as Staff Adjust to Retail Dining

By TAYLOR A. McNEIL

Long waits and pricing errors are a result of staffing changes with the west addition opening, University Auxiliary Services officials say.

Last week, some wait times consumed parts of the cafeteria. Waits at the Fountain Grill have been upwards of 10 minutes, waits at Starbucks have been as long as 40 minutes. Another issue: about 230 transactions between Aug. 24 and Wednesday were not deducted from “Thank you!”, a new meal plan option which cuts out overhead costs per purchase at Campus Center vendors. Students affected have since been reimbursed.

“We didn’t do all this to have slow, crappy, service,” said Steve Pearse, executive director of UAS. “The service needs to be the same as the venues we’ve created.”

Pearse said he’s been told staffers in the west addition are more “student-centered” than before, albeit waits remain an issue at hand for UAS. He continued: staffers who do not work retail dining venues soon will be moved.

Management has made an effort to reduce waits, he said. Minutes after a cash register breakdown at Tres Habanero, manage- ment allowed students to pass through the line for free. At the time, nearly ten vendors allowed students through the line for free. At the time, nearly ten.

“Today I want to try to get through and I was like ‘This is too many people,’ he said. “But I’ll take it. I’ll accept it for better options.”

Michael Ramella, UAS associate director of operations, believes congestion will drop off as the semester continues. Greater course loads over time, he said, will detour some students from the cafeteria.

Beyond congestion, professor Joanna Werkman encountered a staff error. Workman received the wrong-sized salad bowl.

She was later credited by UAS.

Michelle Bowman, UAS senior director of Marketing & Communications, said that the mistake was likely linked to staff inexperience.

Some students, some of which have been sent in from across the nation, are working with employees to reduce service issues in the west addition, UAS reported.

Preparing for the opening of the cafeteria extension over the summer, a number of staffing were hired or shifted roles. Some staffers from the now-closed Dutch Quad were shuffled around campus.

Now, out of nearly 400 staffers at UAS, 180 of them (excluding work- ers at Niko’s and the Halal Shack) work in Campus Center. It’s the highest staffed food service hub on campus. Indian Quad is second with about 300 employees. UAS officials expect time, training, and he opening of two venues to reduce congestion in the west addition. Cusato’s, a pizzeria formerly in the east addition, is expected to open late this month. Tally’s Good Times, a Western New York sports pub, will open in October.

For Elisa Mannino, a junior marketing student, the change is slight. Mannino uses State Annex when student lots near Colonial Quad are full.

“I don’t really care,” she said. “It’s just a longer wait which I don’t mind.”

According to PMTS, State Quad has 130 student spots open on high traffic days. Al- together, it has 960 student parking spots. It’s the second largest student parking lot on campus (in comparison, Dutch Quad has nearly 230 more student spots).

On the upstairs campus, there are roughly 470 student spots, 1,500 faculty and staff spots, and less than 200 vis- itor spots. With student, faculty, and staff numbers expected to increase, PMTS has had talks adding a lot near nearby Indian Quad to open up space.

At an SA meeting last semester, Interim President James Stellar suggested that the university could construct a garage to meet parking demands ahead. Six years back, a parking garage exploration committee deemed that a potential structure was not essential on the main campus.

Incoming President Havidán Rodríguez in an interview after Convening said he plans to evaluate parking concerns as an student and faculty population-max. Rodríguez, who has taken administrative roles at several research institutions across the country over the last 25 years, called parking “top five of the list” of common campus issues.

“So we’ll also have to look at the infra- structure and look at how we can make re- servations to improve the infrastructure not only in terms of parking, but in terms of a variety of other things that we’re developing as an institution of higher education,” he said.

Elisa Coombs contributed to this reporting.

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“Is it an extra couple of minutes,” she said. “I’m running late, those extra minutes are a lot.”

Since the Carlton lot, the last reassig- nment has grabbed the attention of top student leadership. The Graduate Student Association received complaints from stu- dents displayed with the change last week. GSA President Dylan Card and Student Association President Jerlisa Fontaine met in late August to discuss the reassign- ment. Both leaders will talk to Jones this Thursday.

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Pie, Oh Pie! Why Isn’t There Any Pizza?

By DANIEL RUSSELL

It’s been well reported by now that the new campus center is officially open, but it’s missing something. A certain food item that is near and dear to my heart. A food item that many of you get while downtown in the early hours of weekend nights (I’m looking at you, DiCarlito’s). Pizza. Now, and yet, it’s nowhere to be found in the new campus center. I know what you’re probably thinking, and yes, this is why Cusato’s exists. Except, Cusato’s isn’t expected to be in the Campus Center until mid-September. Tully’s, which is known for chicken tenders, is also missing until Oct. 15. But still, how long will it take for Cusato’s to open? And also, why move Cusato’s to open? And why Cusato’s in the first place? The dining halls. The couple of food items that many of you get while downtown in the early hours of weekend nights (I’m looking at you, DiCarlito’s). Pizza. It’s a bit jarring that there isn’t one option for pizza in the campus center, considering that there’s multiple options for other kinds of food as well. For example, both House Sludge and Star Ginger both serve different kinds of Asian cuisine. Both Damon’s Delc and Subconnection serve sandwiches. Not as exact as my other connections, but The Halal Shack and Tres Habaneros serve foods that are largely based on rice and meat. So when you have all these different options in the campus center for different foods, it’s odd that there’s no pizza. I spoke with a few students in the campus center about the lack of Cusato’s as well, and they seem to agree. Jason Rodriguez, a senior here at UAlbany, says “I’m kind of upset because I really want pizza. It’s operating that it’s not here (in the campus center).” Interestingly, I asked him where he’s been getting their pizza from since he returned to campus, and he said Papa John’s, in downtown Albany. Despite being almost five miles away, they deliver to the UAlbany campus, and are open until 2 a.m. So where’s the only place to get pizza now on campus? The dining halls. But let’s be realistic here, the dining halls might not be your first choice for pizza. Cusato’s was around. With no definitive date on when Cusato’s officially opened, pizza lovers of UAlbany are out of luck when it comes to the campus center.

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Embracing Diversity on Campus Leads to Success

By LEAM DEUHL

We all come from different walks of life, the greatest part being the different perspectives we all have that make us unique. When walking onto campus for orientation, I was amazed by the diversity that surrounded me. People of different races, religions and nationalities all gathered in one area to celebrate the furthering of their education. As a transfer student, it was a major shock (in the best way possible) to be able to look at each and every unique individual.

At my last school, there was an obvious lack of diversity. Looking up statistics on my previous college’s website, I saw that over 70 percent of the student body was predominately white. While studying there, I noticed that there would only be large social groups with those of similar backgrounds, and because of this, controversy and discrimination which due to groups not being accepting of all students.

When researching UAlbany’s diversity statistics on the University website, I found that the student population is widely spread out in terms of diversity. According to CollegeFactual.com, with the population of white students at 40.1 percent, African American students make up 16.2 percent, with the Hispanic/Latino community at 14.9 percent. From my first week here, I have felt and seen an immense welcoming feeling for who I am. UAlbany is, without a doubt, our own little city full of people who bring so much to the table. So how can students embrace diversity on campus? To start, we have to understand the importance of people who have different views and different beliefs. We must then take into consideration the reality of the outside world and the effect we can have on the smallest group if we accept and celebrate our differences. The steps we take during our time at UAlbany will help us grow into the people we aspire to be. Accepting diversity can help our school community flourish and become a safe haven for those from every background, something that will make this school a place we will always remember.
“Every day we wake up, we have an opportunity to do some good, but there’s so much bad that you have to navigate to get to the good.”

- Chesley Sullenberger

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I think that at the beginning I was scared to tell people that I was a feminist because I didn’t want feminists to pick apart the language of all of my songs,” she said. “I didn’t want to be yelled at on both sides, but at the end of the day, how can you not say you’re a feminist?

In terms of the current political situation in the United States, Lum is very worried though.

“I’m very stressed out by our current political climate, but I also feel like it builds a strong sense of solidarity between a lot of people who are upset about it, so you don’t feel like you’re alone in all of this. I commend all of those women that are there and still fighting for what’s right.”

Lum’s career is certainly taking off. She still makes music, but seems to be focused on film at the moment with her two major movies being released next year.

“Ocean’s Eight” is set to be released on June 8 of next year and “Crazy Rich Asians” does not yet have a set release date.

“I still don’t know if I can act,” said Lum. “I’ve never seen it, but we’ll see.”
By DIEGO CAGARA

Fifth Harmony slowly pushes forward with a new self-titled album.

A shadowy fifth member flings herself offstage into the abyss, whose arms might as well be flailing around, leaving four behind to perform at the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards on Aug. 27. These four — Ally Brooke Hernandez, Normani Kordei, Dinah Jane Hansen and Lauren Jauregui — are Fifth Harmony, the country’s most successful girl group in recent years. Performing “Angel” and their lead single “Down” with rapper Gucci Mane, Fifth Harmony offered a slice of their third eponymous album released two days prior on Aug. 25. This is the first album since original member Camila Cabello’s departure last December. At the time, the quartet’s survival seemed impossible. But since then, they’ve evidently attempted a brand refocus, fusing female empowerment and sensuality to form a more mature sound. The album begins with “Down.” This number, bang bang” all make for a gloriously-teasing mid-tempo “pumps and a bump” and Jauregui’s “he like that bang” is what Fifth Harmony succeeds in after all as Kordei’s take turns leading the chorus. Perhaps, lyrical repetition of the album’s highlights, where Jauregui and Kordei chorus.

“Lonely Night” is also worth bookmarking as of late August), “He Like That” sees each member injecting their own respective flavor a potential radio-friendly hit, perfect for a road trip. Many fans have openly wanted the group to explore R&B more and “Havana” answered their prayers. Hansen’s vocals particularly stand here as she genuinely loves R&B, further expressed by how Mariah Carey is among her biggest idols. “Make You Mad” serves the listener with elements of tropical and house music, where the four sing about how they want to ensure their lovers will never find anyone better than them. Hip hop is another genre the group experimented with “Deliver” where Hernandez, often relegated to the bridge in past non-single songs, comes out with her girl-you-can-do-so-much-better-than-him presence making this song repeat-worthy. “I was so Depressed” is another high note in the last chorus, her strong, sensual vocals which conjures up memories of her low, sensual vocals which conjures up memories of rodent’s most politically-driven song which helps the overall album feel quite relevant and conscious of the current political and music scene.

This album is a landmark for the group who has long fought for their rights to decide what their music promises. The song’s sensitive nature feels similar to “1000 Hands” from their last album, “7/27” (2016). “Angel” also a complete hit by reverting back to their confrontational sound by immediately asking “Who said I was an angel?” When you look at me, what do you see?” Hence, this serves as an anthem for marginalized people who want to prove people wrong and express their freshly-peeled harder side. Kordei’s seemingly-fragile voice here ironically works as she nonetheless proves that one should rethink their impression on her. Its production was bolstered by the skilled minds of Skrillex and Poo Bear

Do you want to see your name in here? Come to the ASP’s general interest meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the transfer/commuter lounge in the Campus Center and learn about writing for the paper.
Resources on Campus to Combat Sexual Violence

By GIANLUCA RUSSO

Sexual violence is a topic that we often stray from speaking about, trying to avoid the difficult conversation that can accompany it. While many may feel as though they will never find themselves in these harrowing situations, the statistics blitzingly show otherwise. According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), 23.1 percent of female and 5.4 percent of male undergraduate students experience some sort of sexual violence or assault, including rape. At UAlbany, this is roughly 3,000 women and 700 men. The time of year when this is most likely to happen: August through November, the first few months of the semester. The statistics don’t lie: sexual violence is an incredibly important topic to discuss on college campuses. And after a powerful piece about rape culture on college campuses in the September issue of Glamour, and following the mandatory informational session on it at orientation, we decided to break down some of the most important things to know about sexual violence and how you can stay safe.

There are many different conduct s that fall under sexual misconduct. Among them are dating violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual harassment, rape, sexual assault and sexual exploitation. Each one of these is prohibitive and should be reported if occurred. If you’re engaging in some sort of sexual act, you must receive an affirmative, clear “yes” from the other person involved before continuing. Without this clear line of consent, you are not welcome to move forward. “No means no” is outdated, as often times in certain states of intoxication or otherwise, one of the partners involved may not be able to say “no.” Thus, “yes means yes” is more fitting, as an affirmative “yes” ensures that both parties are clear and okay with the situation.

What if you endure one of the misconducts mentioned above? Thankfully, UAlbany has an excellent resource for all: The Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence. Located in Indian Quad, the center welcomes students by providing support, advocacy and a listening, judgment free ear. Students may go to the center to report an instance or to simply talk with one of the trained, expert counselors. They will guide you through the process and ensure that you feel safe once again no matter what form of sexual assault or violence you have endured.

Unfortunately, sexual violence does occur on college campuses, and far too often, it goes unnoticed. The Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence is the first place you should go on campus to help and inform all of the dangers they may face. Remember: If you find yourself in one of these situations, there is help. You are most certainly never alone.

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Make Your Own Ramen: Cheap Hacks for Flavor

By KATIE GIBSON

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You can go a long way, and thankfully, the dining hall has all the spices you’ll need from hot sauce to garlic powder.

3. Throw in an egg
Taken directly from our favorite animes, adding an egg to ramen is a go-to. For simplicity, pick up a boiled egg from the dining hall (unshelled kind in the morning and sliced cold boiled eggs during lunch and dinner) and take your ramen to the next level.

Many make sure to include items that make them feel both comfortable and confident, such as students January and Alba. “I always wear my class ring.” Alba commented. Both girls are upperclassmen yet still feel an attachment. “It’s just comfortable,” January added. Unlike January and Alba, others have strayed from their high school style.

AUDRA

“I was a major tomboy in high school and then I got to college and I decided I didn’t really care any more,” stated Audra. “I always wear my class ring.”

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Otero a Bright Spot for Wireless Danes

By ELIJAH CASPER

Albany, N.Y. — The UAlbany women’s volleyball team dropped three matches over the weekend in the De枕oidal Hotel Invitational, losing in three straight sets to St. John’s and Temple and falling to Colgate for four sets before losing.

On Friday night junior Nicole Ozoro took her 1000th career dig against St. John’s during the third set as UAlbany fell in three sets (15-25, 16-25, 15-25). UAlbany, who dropped 0-4 on Friday night, could not overcome St. John’s 6-4 on Friday night, as the Red Storm had 43 kills on the night compared to just 29 kills for the Great Danes.

Sophomore Chelsea Evening led the Great Danes with eight kills and added four digs, while America East Volleyball Player of the Week Abakasaba Okenwa, a redshirt sophomore, and senior Taylor Robinson each had six kills during the match. Ozoro finished the match with nine total digs, giving her 1,001 on her career to date.

St. John’s was led by freshman Jordan McCalla, who led a double-double with 11 kills and 11 digs and by senior Julia Cast who finished with 14 kills and two blocks for the Red Storm.

On Saturday afternoon the Great Danes took on Colgate, where the Danes took the Raiders to four sets before dropping (17-25, 20-25, 22-25, 17-25). UAlbany was led by Evening yet again who finished the match with 11 kills to go along with seven digs. Sophomore Kelly Cotton added seven kills, 22 assists, and 11 digs for the Great Danes during the match. Otero added 22 digs for the Great Danes, who dropped 0-6 on the year.

Colgate’s Amanda Smith, a junior, paced the Raiders with 14 kills against UAlbany and junior Katie Stanbury tallied eight kills and 16 digs in the highly contested match. After losing the first two sets, the Great Danes clawed their way back and won the third set, ending the set on a 5-0 run winning 25-22. But that wasn’t enough as Colgate ended the fourth set on a 9-1 run to win 25-19 bringing them to 5-1 on the year.

In the final match of the tournament UAlbany took on the Temple Owls, where the Owls beat the Great Danes in their straight sets (15-25, 16-25, 12-25), out scoring UAlbany 42-24 in total kills.

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Temple (3-3) was led by senior Eazy Rapacz who finished the match with nine kills and seven blocks, her teammate from Auvi, also a senior, added eight kills, 17 digs, and three blocks as Temple controlled the match from beginning to end.

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FOOTBALL

David Can’t Beat Goliath Twice

By OMAR NOUSSID

Lightning couldn’t strike twice for the Great Danes and their halfback Jelani Fields short against the Old Dominion Monarchs.

After losing the opening 2016 season with the win over Buffalo, an FBS opponent, the Great Danes lost their season opener to the Monarchs (24-7), 11-7 on Saturday, in front of a sold-out crowd of 13,000 in Virginia.

The Great Dane defense, which has been highly touted all offseason, came to play and held their own early on. They picked up right where they had left off last season and recorded three takeaways. But as the game wore on, it was their sputtering offense that couldn’t get into high gear in the Virginia rain.

As is often the case in week one of the college football season, the most telling stat for the Great Dane offense was the first glance. Mofor bears a stunning resemblance to Sussman did on Saturday. If the name sounds familiar, “[Elijah’s] a terrific player. We’re taking an All-American off the field. But these other guys are still going to show up and play and lead, and we’re confident in them,” head coach Greg Gattuso said after the game.

As far as pass protection goes, it wasn’t pretty. QB Will Brunson took a beating, knocked down and hit at the conclusion of most pass plays. The running game, however, was much more polished work by the big boys up front. They created sizable creases often leading to 25-30 yards on the ground from the Great Danes running back duo, Karl Mofor and Kendall Ibitokun-Hanks. Both are shorter, powerful running backs for 99 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. His TD run was quite a sight, as he parted the Old Dominion defensive line.

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

Pinheiro Picking Up Where He Left Off

By ROBERT LEPELSTAT

When Forward Afonso Pinheiro scored the game-winning penalty kick goal vs Hartford back in November 2016 to seal the University at Albany Men’s Soccer first title in program history, the Sao Paulo, Brazil native ripped his shirt off in celebration with his teammates.

Fast forward to Friday night when Pinheiro found the back of the net to break a 1-1 tie vs George Mason, he once again went back to his signature celebration.

After a scoreless first half, UAlbany Men’s Soccer defeated George Mason 3-1 with three goals in the second half and a two goal explosion by Pinheiro in less than two minutes late in the game.

“The only thing that surprised me was that he took his shirt off,” head coach Trevor Gorman said when talking about Pinheiro’s performance in the win. “The last time it did it was later in the season—and it was colder.”

George Mason entered Friday’s contest having just knocked off #49 Coastal Carolina in their last game but the Great Danes were able to do it on the momentum from their 4-0 win over Rhode Island in the home opener.

Sophomore midfielder Breyan Stuparick broke the 0-0 tie with a header in the 66th minute off of a perfectly placed corner kick by Daniel Krutzen into the box for his first career goal.

Moments later in the 69th minute, George Mason would respond with a goal of their own to even the score at one. Junior Grayson Hunter found teammate Henning Dricks with a brilliant pass behind the 3/4 line and shot out the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Daniel Vetillos.

The goal ended Vetillos’ bid for a fifth consecutive home shutout.

With the momentum back with George Mason and the fans at Casey Stadium shattered, the Great Danes responded.

In the 85th minute, senior defender Jeff Medina set up Pinheiro with a through ball inside the box and the senior forward broke through with his second goal of the season to take the 2-1 lead vs George Mason.

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Freshman Jakob Patterson contends with multiple defenders near the Syracuse goal in the Great Danes’ season debut.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Youth Movement Propels Win for Danes

By JOHN C. LONOTON III

ALBANY, N.Y. — Freshman and sophomore put the injury saddled Danes on top 2-1 in their home opener against Siena on Sunday at Casey Stadium.

Sophomore midfielder Bracamonte scored both goals in the second half to give a Danes team that started 0-4 a much needed lift in a game that was a tale of two halves.

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The goal ended Vitello’s bid for a fifth consecutive home shutout.

The win ended the match the same way he did vs George Mason—with the senior putting the game away with his clutch second half scoring.

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The win was the first of their home games that the Danes play in a row. They host by league Dartmouth this Thursday and then another by league team in Colgate on Sunday. The team is trying to get back on track after dropping their first four games of the season. They are now on a two game win streak and are looking to build upon their win in a row right now."

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