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## Increase in drug busts stimulates outcry for federal aid

### Sen. Schumer looks to label Oswego County narcotic risk after series of meth-related arrests

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After police discovered four methamphetamine labs in Oswego County in the past two months, Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) encouraged the county to apply for the High Intensity Drug Area [HIDTA] federal program.

Being recognized as a HIDTA could entitle the county to millions of dollars in federal aide to assist local police departments combat methamphetamine produc-

tion and consumption.

"With the number of methamphetamine busts and arrests on the rise in Central New York, the time is now to crack down and to stop the dangerous spread of crystal meth in its tracks," Schumer said in a statement. "This devastating drug can literally rip our families and communities apart, we can't let that happen."

The Oswego County Sheriff's Department discovered the first two methamphetamine labs in the towns of Williamstown and Mexico during the month of October,

leading to five arrests.

"We are seeing a rise in the meth labs in this area," Sheriff Reuel Todd said. He said meth is easier to transport because it can be held in smaller containers than marijuana.

"Certainly being here in a rural area, people here are realizing it can be done," he said. "Now the consequences if you get caught, they are starting to see are a little stronger than for most of your drug possessions. So whether or not that will be a deterrent yet, I don't know."

See AID, page A5

**METH BUSTERS**

**Oct:**  
 Town of Williamstown\* 3 arrests  
 -Private use  
 Town of Mexico\* 2 arrests  
 -For sale

**Nov:**  
 Town of Oswego\* 1 arrest  
 -Mobile meth lab  
 -Found materials consistent with meth labs 3 arrests

\*Arrests made by Oswego County Sheriff  
 \*Arrests made by Oswego city police

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## Quilts hang for World AIDS Day



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In celebration of World AIDS Day, Oswego State arranged a display in the Campus Center Ice Arena on Thursday.

Residence Life and Housing and the Lifestyles Center joined efforts to bring information, awareness and commemoration to the campus community. In an effort to increase awareness of the disease, Mary Walker Health Center now offers free HIV testing for all students.

Across the country people celebrate loved ones lost to AIDS by creating quilts in their memory. Res Life has combined the smaller quilts into large and colorful displays.

World AIDS Day is a day of knowledge, tribute and remembrance.



**Jessica Bagdovitz** | The Oswegonian

In commemoration of World's AIDS Day on Thursday, quilts hang all week in the Campus Center Ice Arena.

## Stanley must consult before closing programs

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Faculty Assembly passed a proposal on Monday that put in place a formal procedure that the administration must follow if they wish to deactivate or discontinue an academic program at Oswego State.

"The SUNY Provost Office asked for a formal procedure from all the campuses so if a program was eliminated it would be after a formal consultation process," said Sue Fettes, who chairs the Academic Policies Council in Faculty Assembly. "There is now a form that states when President Stanley signs off on the elimination or discontinuance of a program that our campus process has been adhered to. Before now, there has been no formal process for elimination or discontinuance of a program."

While the proposal has been passed by Faculty Assembly, it will not be made official until President Deborah Stanley signs it, said Chair of Faculty Assembly Susan Camp.

"It's a document that insures that if there are proposals to discontinue or deactivate a program that all proper people are consulted," Camp said. "It's important because it's important for the proper people to make decisions."

The proposal states that the president or provost must "consult with department members and chair, division dean, Academic Policies Council or Graduate Council, Priorities and Planning Council, Faculty Assembly, and other affected departmental or program faculty, staff and governance units" before issuing a request to do away with an academic program.

See PROGRAM, page A5

## Oswego cheerleading accounts still frozen despite hearing

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In a pretrial hearing, an injunction requested by the cheerleading club to unfreeze accounts was denied; the group's finances remain untouched.

"I dislike the fact that they might not get their money, but it's just the process and we're trying to be as fair as possible to all student orgs," said Jonathan MacDonald, president of Student Association.

Of the 160 organizations that use Student Association funds, 23 missed the mandatory meeting. These clubs all had their accounts frozen by the department of finance until 2012.

The cheerleading club is the only club filing a case to retrieve its funds, Thomas Scandaliato pointed out. He is representing the cheerleading club in its trial.

Scandaliato argued that S.A.'s new procedure dealing with club finances was rushed, and that emails often get lost in the shuffle of day-to-day life, especially those without clear subject lines. The law relating to freezes is vague, unclear and therefore unjust, he said.

Scandaliato asked for an immediate unfreeze so that the cheerleaders could purchase uniforms and other items for the upcoming basketball season and for local and national competitions.

Michael Dempsey, assistant director of finance and representative for S.A. had rebuttal arguments. He noted that they had received notice of the mandatory meeting at the beginning of the semester through a letter in their organization mailbox and in an email.

See CHERLEADERS, page A5



**Diana Gerstacker** | The Oswegonian

Members of the Student Association and the Oswego State cheerleading team at the pre-trial Thursday.

## Mayor: parking ban not in effect yet

The winter parking ban, which Oswego Mayor Randy Bateman can implement at his discretion, is not in effect. The ban prohibits parking on city streets from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Previously, the ban automatically went into effect from Dec. 1 to March 31. However, the Common Council voted in 2009 give the mayor discretionary power to decide when to begin the ban.

The winter parking ban prohibits parking on city streets from 1 a.m. 6 a.m.

Due to the fact that there is no snow on the ground, Bateman has decided not to put into action the ban. The mayor's office said they would notify local media outlets once they decide to begin the ban.

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## SUNY BRIEFS

### SUNY

The SUNY Board of Trustees last week approved the state budget request for the next fiscal year as well as a \$300 dollar increase in tuition.

The approved request for the 2012-13 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, was for \$8.15 billion, a 6 percent increase from the previous year. The tuition increase will be enforced on all SUNY undergraduates beginning next year. The increase is in concordance with the NY SUNY 2020 plan, which is set on increasing tuition by this amount every year through 2016.

SUNY's state funding has declined by approximately \$1.4 billion since the 2008-09 fiscal year.

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### Potsdam

SUNY Potsdam honored current state agriculture commissioner Darrell Aubertine with the 2011 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award last week.

Aubertine, a former state assemblyman and senator, was given the award at a reception at Potsdam school president John Schwaller's house.

Potsdam gives out this award, its highest honor, to individuals who show support for the school through leadership, advocacy, service and stewardship.

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### Binghamton

SUNY Binghamton appointed Harvey G. Stenger Jr, the interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Buffalo, as their new school president on Sunday.

Stenger is the first permanent president appointed by the school since Lois DeFleur, the school's previous president, retired in 2010.

Stenger will take over for Binghamton's interim president, C. Peter Magrath, on January 1.

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### SUNYIT

A psychology professor at the SUNY Institute of Technology is partnering with the Lewis County Community Mental Health Clinic for a study on nonviolence.

Professor Vinod Kool, who has taught at several other schools and has written books on the subject, will conduct research with the clinic based on theories proposed in Kool's most recent book, "The Psychology of Non-violence and Aggression," which deals with the effect correctional facility programs have on the nonviolent tendencies of prisoners.

The program will begin with preliminary studies of the theory, which will expand into long-term projects, according to a representative of Lewis County.

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## POLICE BLOTTER



Jared S. Domachowski, 21, of The Village, was arrested Nov. 18 at 3:18 a.m. on Iroquois Trail for 2nd degree physical harassment and 2nd degree unlawful imprisonment; the charges were related to a domestic dispute. Domachowski was released on an appearance ticket.

Gabriel A. Radbel, 22, of Cayuga Hall was arrested Nov. 18 at 3:30 p.m. at Pathfinder Dining Hall for unlawful dealing of alcohol to a child. Radbel was released on an appearance ticket.

Dean L. Domenici, 19, was arrested Nov. 22 at 3:35 a.m. at Seneca Hall for 2nd degree criminal nuisance; Domenici discharged a fire extinguisher when there was no existing fire. Domenici was released on an appearance ticket.

Saverio A. Lombardi, 20, was arrested Nov. 27 at 2:23 p.m. at Pathfinder Dining Hall for unlawful possession of a weapon. Lombardi was released on an appearance ticket.

Olivia S. Dicapua, 18, was arrested Nov. 20 at 8:09 p.m. at Seneca Hall for 2nd degree criminal trespassing. Dicapua was released on an appearance ticket.

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## Food drive results 'tragic'

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Penfield Library collected 638 non-perishable pantry goods during its annual "Food for Fines" drive, Ray Morrison, who administers the program, said. The contributions, which filled 25 boxes, for-gave \$371 in fines.

While that may seem like a weighty contribution, the total donation is down dramatically from this time last year.

"This has been a terrible year," Morrison said. "That, to me, is tragic. We're just kind of confounded by all this."

The library received only half of the donations obtained last year. In 2010, 923 items were collected to forgive \$638 in fines; 2009 was even bigger, with 1058 pantry items gifted and \$886 forgiven.

The food items are given to Oswego Human Concerns, located on East Fourth Street in Oswego. The organization provided many Thanksgiving dinners to locals in need this year. The holiday significantly depleted their pantry.

Librarian Thomas Larson speculated that one reason the donations are down could be that the library has increased the amount of time items can be taken out before incurring a fine. Previously, students were able to check out books for 28 days. Now they may borrow for 42 days. That might lead students to incur fewer fines, and for the fines to register later than they would have before the change.

Morrison, however, has another theory. "A lot of it has to do with time," he said. You can save up to 75 percent on your fine, at least. Everybody is just so rushed that they don't want to take the



photo provided by Ray Morrison  
 Lorraine Geer and Carrie Izzo, of Penfield library, stand with food collected in November.

time do that."

Students without access to transportation might prefer to pay their fines in cash, rather than schlep to a grocer to take advantage of the program. In fact, Morrison said that during the period the "Food for Fines" drive was on, the library noted more fines were paid in cash than were forgiven through donations.

"We're more than happy to give up the fines money for charity," Morrison said. "We promoted it; everybody who had a fine got an email."

No portion of fines collected in cash

are donated to Oswego Human Concerns.

Larson said the charitable program has a long history, going back more than 20 years.

The "Food for Fines" drive allows students to pay down late fees (but not lost book fees) by accounting for each donation against a student's total fines. For example, four packages of Raman noodles donated this year would have reduced a student's total fine by \$1. The program, which only accepts pre-packaged, non-perishable food items, ended Nov. 23.

## Balancing time requires tricky management

### Student juggle off-campus jobs while maintaining extracurriculars

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Emily Sanderson leads a class at the gym that is intense enough to attract the attendance of many guys. Tyler Kirby balances school, work, his girlfriend and a hefty commute. Danielle Passage keeps up with writing while gaining promotions at work.

What do these three students have in common? They all have off campus jobs and support themselves through their work.

Sanderson is a senior geology major who works four jobs, one of which is waitressing and bartending at Greene's. She also lives alone, which means paying for everything herself. Add in her other commitments to the geology club as president and to the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) and of course, schoolwork and she has a full schedule.

"Time management is the key to anything," Sanderson said. "And they tell you that before you even get here, at orientation."

Some of the things Sanderson uses to keep on track are organizational tools.

"Schedules and to-do lists - I live by them. I am your organizational freak," Sanderson said.

Fitting schoolwork into down time at

work also helps for Sanderson but not everyone is so lucky. Kirby cannot fit work into down times at Wal Mart, its just policy.

"Most students that work on campus could just run to the library on their breaks, but there's really no where for me to go," Kirby said.

A junior adolescent education major, Kirby works at the technology desk in Oswego's Wal Mart and is thinking about applying to be a delivery driver to get some nighttime hours that will not clash with his class schedule. A downside to those night hours is that he stays up even later to finish homework, sometimes to three or four in the morning.

"I just sleep when I can, energy drinks help. A lot of energy drinks," Kirby said.

Passage, a junior English major, agrees that she is often up late at night finishing school assignments. She works at Price Chopper in Oswego and was recently promoted from cashier to the deli section. She said she is less stressed now, the deli always closes at nine, giving her a definite schedule to work homework around.

"I like being in the deli better now, I can count on fitting homework in from nine to one," Passage said.

While she now has a set schedule, she still has much to do. Luckily, she said she

does not have work at the deli on weekends so she tries to reserve that time for her social life.

"It's really stressful to try to make the amount of money I need to live off campus and do [school] work," Passage said.

It's not all bad though, Sanderson genuinely likes working at Greene's. She likes the change of scenery, the interesting human interaction, the longer shifts and the good pay plus tips. Wal Mart offers scholarships to the student workers said Kirby. Passage likes the flexibility of her schedule and the people she gets to work with.

The down sides that come with off campus jobs are there as well. The lack of time for other things is what concerns Passage the most. Kirby dislikes the commute and Sanderson pointed out that more is expected of a student worker off campus.

"You are there to work. To them you are not a student, you are a worker," Sanderson said.

Perhaps the most important thing to know when seeking employment while in school is that you are in school to land the career you really want. Your schooling will make you more money in the long-run.

"Definitely school comes first, always. No matter what," Sanderson said.

## Spanish refugee descendant speaks in America for first time

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Carmen Kilner told of her parent's evacuation from Spain in the first Basque Children Association presentation in the United States at Oswego State on Wednesday.

Georgina Whittingham, of the department of modern language and literature, invited Kilner, the treasurer and speaker of the Basque Children Association, to speak about the Spanish Civil War of 1937.

"We met in Poland," Whittingham said. "We found out we were both interested in Spain. I was always interested in languages, and I am Hungarian by origin. She is a second-generation child of the Spanish Civil War."

Kilner shared the history of her parents' first-hand experiences through the evacuation process of the war.

Almost 4,000 Basque children were evacuated to England after the town of Guernica was bombed mercilessly by the Nationalist party, led by General Francisco Franco.

Kilner's mother was a grade-school teacher that went with the students on a boat built to hold about 800 people. Her father caught rheumatic fever and was sent to live in England the day before the insurgents attacked. The two met through the Basque Children Association in the United Kingdom.

Before the bombing, England planned to simply remain neutral and not give any

financial or military aid to any nation in Spain during the war.

"The response in England was a humanitarian response," Kilner said. "Local miners gave a penny a day to the immigrant children. Today, you don't see that anymore. You have many immigrants coming into America every day, and we turn our backs to them and say it's the government's job to deal with them."

"It was interesting to hear that the 13th century women had rights in the Basque provinces as opposed to other nations where they had limited to none," junior Mike Clute said.

Most Oswego State students never learned about the Spanish Civil War, as represented by only one raised hand when Kilner asked who knew anything about it.

"It was cool hearing about the Basque [region] because I've never heard of it be-



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 Carmen Kilner discusses her parents' evacuation.

fore," Aaron Lemay said.

Kilner said it is important for students to not only learn about the war, but to learn from the war.

"Each generation has to make its own mistakes," she said. "But if we could remember some of them, it would help."

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## Aid programs to benefit police, taxpayers in drug prevention

**AID, from COVER**

The Oswego city police discovered a mobile methamphetamine lab after pulling over a car in the Lowes parking lot in November leading to one arrest. The investigation led them to 3 Mary St., where they found a methamphetamine lab, which was not currently in use, and three more individuals were arrested.

"We certainly need the money to keep the people on the street that, like I say, are the eyes and the ears, that are the ones that the people come to, to talk to," Todd said. "[HIDTA] is something we need."

Under Schumer's plan, Oswego County would apply to the Office of National Control Policy (ONDCP), which started declaring regions with critical drug trafficking problems HIDTAs under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

If Oswego County is recognized it would join more than 15 counties in the New York and New Jersey HIDTA group, one of the 28 headquarters across the country.

"Any assistance like that we receive is always helpful, we've been dedicating a lot of resources," Oswego City Captain Michael Beckwith said. "We've had a really targeted increase against this problem for the last year or so now, while although results have been very positive because of that it unfortunately is very expensive. It requires a lot of police resources and man-hours, which costs money."

"It is clear that Oswego County and all of Central New York need additional federal and private assistance in fighting back against both production and consumption before this trend reaches epidemic proportions," Schumer said. "That's why I'm pushing for Oswego County to be designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, making them eligible for specific drug trafficking programs and initiatives to reduce meth in the region."

A 2007 Bureau of Justice Statistics special report found that while the use of other drugs by state prisoners remained largely static between 1997 and 2004, methamphetamine use rose.

"It is a very, very addicting drug, highly, highly addictive," Todd said.

He also said that process of making methamphetamine is dangerous.

"If it explodes, you are going to have a very, very serious fire," Todd said. "I mean because of the chemicals and the vapors you're going to see an explosion and a very, very fast, high-intensity fire. It doesn't take much, it's more explosive than just regular gasoline and the fumes and everything else."

By becoming a HIDTA, the federal government will help support the local police financially.

"Smart law enforcement, drug education and drug treatment all play a vital role in reducing drug use and its consequences in upstate New York and across the nation," ONDCP spokesperson Rafael Lemaitre said in an email. "By law - every request for expanding the HIDTA program will be reviewed by a panel of qualified, independent experts to ensure that Federal drug control resources are deployed effectively and efficiently."

## Continuing to preserve programs

**PROGRAMS, from COVER**

The proposal was not made in response to other SUNY schools who have eliminated academic programs.

The last time a program was eliminated at Oswego was when the earth sciences department wished to eliminate the meteorology BA.

"In the past we have always made sure that a student would graduate under the catalog that said student entered under. It is a legal contract," Fette said. "I believe were a program to be deactivated or discontinued that accommodations would be made for students enrolled in the program."

In November 2010, SUNY Geneseo voted to deactivate their computer science, communicative disorders and sciences, and studio art programs over the following three years. Prior to that, SUNY Albany voted to eliminate Italian, French, Russian, theater and classic programs. The decisions were made due to budget cuts.

Oswego State is currently not in danger of eliminating any program, said Director of Public Relations Julie Blissert.

"The last time the budget advisory group met that's what the president said," Blissert said.

## Case continues to trial

**CHEERLEADERS, from COVER**

Prior to the court's statement, Scandalio made a comment.

"It ain't over till the fat lady sings," he said. Following the court's ruling, however, Scandalio had no comment.

Dempsey said the court did a good job in upholding the law and was positively moving forward.

The ruling stated that given the current evidence there was no apparent violation of the law by the finance department. The case will proceed to trial at a later, undetermined date. Both parties were asked to provide availability in scheduling the trial, via email, to determine the validity of S.A.'s laws dealing with account freezes. The trial will be held during the spring semester.

# Holiday season preparations begin

Local stores decorate to welcome shoppers

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Many business owners celebrate the holiday season in different ways and local businesses are no exception.

Oswego businesses decorate for the holidays, just like big businesses. How they decorate varies depending on the store. Businesses such as Stone's Home Made Candy Shop use their merchandise to decorate. Stone's makes candy that looks like Santa Claus and other Christmas figures.

"We start in early November making stuff," Stone's Candy owner Margret Stachowicz said. They also sell special and popular candy, like sponge candy, more often during the holiday season.

Another business that decorates in a special way is the river's end bookstore. Since the bookstore sells many holiday-related books, they use those as decoration along with traditional decorations. During the holiday season, the bookstore puts out a catalog each year, which is distributed throughout the store and the Palladium Times. The books that are in the catalog are discounted, along with best-sellers being discounted throughout the year; this helps draw

more people in to purchase books at a lower price.

At the Mustard Seed Natural Foods Market, manager Eric Mena said they "focus on whole foods and products which go with the season." Just as other businesses, the Mustard Seed also decorates their store but tries to keep it simple.

"We also recognize that people of all faiths and backgrounds shop here, so we remain sensitive to that and try our best to put on a cheery look within the store without going overboard," Mena said.

Not only are businesses decorated for the holidays, but the city of Oswego, itself, is decorated. Along Bridge Street, wreaths and other decorations are put up on the telephone poles, giving the city a Christmas-like look and feel.

During holiday season, most college students are at home and are not around Oswego, which affects sales at businesses like the river's end bookstore and the Mustard Seed.

"College students are important, but we don't rely on them for business," owner of The River's End Bookstore Bill Reilly said. The holiday season brings just as much business to stores as college students would.

Students gain temporary employment options

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An increase in seasonal hiring gives students a chance to earn some cash for the holidays, as stores like Polo Ralph Lauren look for more employees to help with the hike in customers and sales.

Managers at the Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store in Central Valley, N.Y. have every confidence in their customers spending ability this upcoming holiday season.

The Factory Store expects to have made \$1.5 million in sales during this year's Black Friday weekend, an increase from last year's expected amount of \$1.2 million, said Kaitlyn Marsh, women's floor supervisor at the Central Valley Polo Ralph Lauren.

Marsh also explained that now is a good time for college students to look into seasonal positions.

"This year we hired about 756 people, which is an increase from the 600 we hired last year," Marsh said. "We have definitely seen an increase in the number of college students we've hired."

Taking on a seasonal position is a good opportunity for students to get their foot in the door, especially in retail.

"Students can come home and work for the holidays and then have a guaranteed position

for the summer," Marsh said.

Katie Sullivan, a sophomore at Oswego State, has been working a seasonal position at the Toys "R" Us in Times Square for three holiday seasons.

Sullivan explained that she is unable to find seasonal positions very close to her home but living close to New York City offers many more employment opportunities.

"Seasonal employment is perfect for me because I also have a job on campus but I can't work that job when I am home on breaks, so taking on a seasonal position allows me to work even when I'm not in school," Sullivan said.

Sullivan works with a lot of college students especially those in graduate studies.

"I love it," she said. "The atmosphere is good, I like the people I work [with], the hours are decent and I get paid pretty well."

Retailers plan to hire 490,000 part-time seasonal workers this year, The National Retail Federation said in a usatoday.com article.

17,800 jobs have been added by retailers last month and a monthly average of 16,500 so far, stated the article.

The Research Firm Customer Growth Partners says holiday sales will increase by 6.5 percent though they expect there will be a decline in new fashions "which are drawing customers to apparel stores," RFCGP President Craig Johnson said in the article.



## Higher Black Friday attendance not necessarily indicative of long-term economic recovery

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Despite larger crowds in stores on Black Friday, analysts said it may not indicate significant economic recovery.

"Black Friday is only one piece of the puzzle," National Retail Federation spokesperson Ellen Davis said. "You could have the best Black Friday in the world but the rest of the season wouldn't match up and that's what happened in 2008."

According to the National Retail Federation [NRF], a record 226 million shoppers turned out for the Thanksgiving weekend sales this year, which is 14 million more than last year. The same report from the NRF showed that average con-

sumers spent over nine percent more than last year, and the total amount spent was \$11.4 billion. This was roughly \$1 billion more than last year.

A recent survey conducted by Bankrate.com seems to concur, painting a glum picture of consumer behavior. The survey found that only 13 percent of Americans feel more secure in their jobs than they did a year ago and that a full 42 percent said they planned on spending less during the holiday season this year. Only 10 percent of those surveyed said they would increase their spending.

With nine percent unemployment and gas prices at historically high levels, many consumers have been feeling the squeeze on their wallet. It is possible that the high sales statistics from Black Friday

do not reflect an increase in overall holiday spending, but a change in consumer behavior. Consumers may be choosing to take advantage of low prices on Black Friday by doing their entire holiday shopping on that day, then cease to buy anything for the rest of the holiday season. This is what occurred in 2008 when there was a very successful Black Friday but a dismal holiday season.

Many economists dismiss the importance of the holiday shopping season, claiming that it tends to offer few surprises and little wisdom as to general economic conditions. William Goffe, an economics professor, said in an email that "most economists think that the emphasis on the Christmas season is overrated."

Goffe explained that the \$11.4 billion

in sales on Black Friday account for less than one-tenth of one percent of GDP, and that the overall outlook for the economy has not changed.

"The economy is slowly struggling back from the effects of the Great Recession of 2007-2009," Goffe said. "Many likely don't know that the recession has ended. While the economy is indeed growing, it is growing so slowly that employment is still down some 6.5 million from its peak."

While some are hopeful that the positive numbers from Black Friday weekend could be the harbinger of a recovering economy, Goffe offered caution, stating that "The outlook for the next year or two is pretty much more of the same as there are no obvious reasons for economic growth to pick up."

## DSS provides alternative learning options

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Approximately 200 students are currently enrolled with Oswego State's Disability Services (DSS), the support services program. Many of these students use the rendering services where other students are employed by disability services to take notes.

Oswego State DSS makes different accommodations for students in order to ease them into learning. Some of the accommodations offered for students are special classroom seating, extended time for testing, note-taking assistance and alternative testing location.

Patrick Devendorf, assistant coordinator of DSS said in an email the increasing number of students using the service is due to the "increased supports in middle/high school giving students the opportunity to attend college. There seems to be less of a stigma attached to learning differences."

Ashley Chruscicki, a member of DSS double majoring in Spanish and psychology, said the disability center helps her by providing alternative testing locations. They also help her by giving her some of her textbooks in an alternative format that can be read with a program named "Jaws."

"The services are helpful but most of the time I usually get textbooks myself and try to get help on my own," she added.

A report by the Government Accountability Office showed the proportion of college students with a disability has inched upward to about 11 percent in

2008 from nine percent in 2000. The number of people who report learning-related disabilities is growing at a much quicker pace, according to the report.

"I feel independent as a college student, despite the fact that I am legally blind, I do not let that hold me back from achieving my goals," Chruscicki said.

Higher educational institutions are not always up to date with the needs of people with learning disabilities and the services that they require.

"Students with disabilities face the insecurities as any other student such as adjustment to academic demands without or lessened parental support. Living away from home and dealing with a roommate," Devendorf said. "The major difference for students with a documented disability is that they are tasked with self-advocating in some cases for the first time. Even when students do speak up, colleges to a certain degree, do not have a good handle on what these students need. Students are adults and must self-advocate. Some students may elect to not utilize their accommodations and this is their right."

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, all colleges are required to provide accommodations to college students. However, they can decline to do anything they consider unreasonable. Unlike grade schools and high schools, which are required by law to identify, evaluate and help students with disabilities, colleges do not have to do anything, unless a student asks for help and provides proof of a learning disability.

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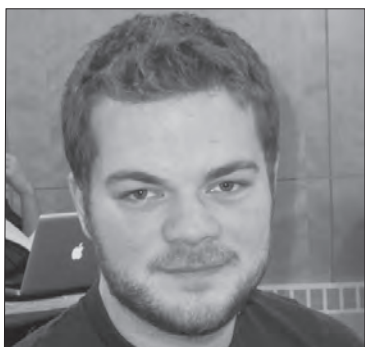
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### Did you go Black Friday shopping?



"I was working at the Museum of Science and Technology in Syracuse."

-Matt Fagan  
senior, english



"I didn't participate. I didn't have enough money for that."

-Steven Altarac  
senior, business administration



"I did nothing for Black Friday, but I was at Kmart 5 a.m. Saturday."

-Bryan Kern  
graduate student, HCI



"I worked at Dunkin' Donuts and experienced the craziness as they all came in for coffee. It was horrible."

-Andy Buchmann  
junior, philosophy-psychology



"No, I didn't go out."

-Adam Ryan  
junior, biology



"I was at the mall for eleven hours. We ate lunch and dinner there. It was intense, but worth it."

-Alyssa Hare  
junior, biology

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# ENJOY FAMILY, NOT ITEMS

The holidays are approaching, and though we haven't just had Thanksgiving or anything, that's not really what is deemed the "holiday season." Black Friday solidifies the start of this season, obviously, with the gross misconduct of bargain shoppers who half-kill each other to get to a sale. They have to get to them, otherwise they could never afford what everyone seems to think we should buy for our loved ones. Although with the way the commercials advertise it, America's economy is doing just fine.

You turn on the television and you see the average nuclear family carving the turkey with big smiles and piles of presents under the heavily decorated tree. Sometimes it's like we're living in the '50s again with fake smiles plastered onto housewives when these commercials come on the television. It's almost like they're trying to distract us from something; only instead of racial and gender injustice it is now hiding how we cannot afford the Hallmark-card Christmas.

Of course, this Hallmark-card Christmas is never the reality, and we know that, but more and more it seems like it is being endorsed. Manufacturers tell us we should be able to afford their unnecessary luxuries like 72-inch televisions

that check your Facebook feeds and those Honda cars that advertise in jest of buying one for a loved one for the holidays while still trying to sell them for that very reason. We have masses of middle-class citizens protesting against their high, education-related debts, unemployment and health costs. They still think we can pay for these things?

When it gets to the point where a woman will pepper-spray her opponents to get to that Xbox 360 first, you know something's wrong. Our parents, and maybe even some of us, elbowed each other out of the way for Cabbage Patch Kids, but now we're dying. At least one fatality seems to crop up from Black Friday hysteria each year, and most of us are just fine with that. This year Buy Nothing Day might have gotten a few more people, and Cyber Monday may have made some think twice about venturing out in the middle of the night, but people are still willing to stand in the cold to satisfy our society's demand for Christmas excellence.

How many of you out there will go home in a few weeks to the Hallmark-channel Christmas, and how many of you are happy with the real one? How many of you don't even celebrate the holiday, and are forced to watch as it

permeates every aspect of these weeks, as your fellow man will fight almost to the death for goods?

Family has always been, and will always be, the focus of these late-year holidays. When we fight for products we are fighting for them and for their happiness. You might never forget the looks on their faces when they open that perfect gift. What they will always remember about you, though, is a different story. Will they remember how frantic you get around Christmas, how hard you tried to make everything perfect, or will they remember the joy you brought? It seems that while you probably don't remember the presents from when you were seven, you remember your family. You remember the good and the bad, like when aunts and uncles start quiet fights or when they put aside their disagreements just for a couple of days. You remember music, food, decorations, anecdotes; and that's just what you should. No Hallmark-card Christmas, just the Christmas that you should have.

For this holiday season, no matter what you celebrate or even if you don't celebrate anything at all, take those days and spend them with your family, while you have them.

## IN THE OFFICE

# Christmas all about making memories



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Christmas is quickly arriving, but for many it began halfway through October. It seems like every year stores start bringing out Christmas merchandise earlier than the year before. It irritates me a little bit, because as much as I like Christmas time, let's not ruin it by kicking Halloween and Thanksgiving out of the way. It is making Christmas become more of a marketing holiday than one about enjoying the season, spending time with family and holding on to memories that make the season worth celebrating. While Thanksgiving is supposed to be a holiday for giving thanks for everything we have, it takes a back seat to Black Friday, which is becoming more of a holiday than Thanksgiving. To me once Thanksgiving is over with, then the Christmas season can begin with the putting up of decorations, stores can put out all of their Christmas stuff and the snow can fall.

Once Thanksgiving is over, that still leaves Black Friday as the start to the

Christmas season. And although people tend to take it a little too far, it can actually be a good start to creating the first memory to the season. I have only participated in Black Friday once and it will probably go to be the only time. At 6 a.m., still half asleep, I went to the mall, which looked like it was going out of business, with the intent of just buying a necklace and had the perfect amount for it with me. So once I went to buy it, the cashier asked if I wanted the insurance and I politely declined. But for some reason she didn't feel that was the correct answer and proceeded to argue with me that I must get the insurance. After a couple minutes of this I was about to just walk away, but she finally gave in with the comment of, "Well when a diamond falls out, don't come crying to me," and I assured her that I would not. And due to a fortunate event, I have the necklace back in my possession with every diamond still in it after three years.

Then once the Black Friday chaos is over, all the really important memories begin. The house decorations go up and Christmas cookies are made. Christmas tree shopping begins, followed by decorating the tree, which is always an adventure beginning with getting the tree into the house and trying to keep the dogs away from it. But decorating the tree is always fun with Christmas music playing, cookies made for the breaks in between hanging up decorations and me putting my favorite ornaments (a

Jeff Gordon car, Camaro and Corvette) up first. The presents are bought, sometimes last minute, wrapping begins and before you know it Christmas Eve is here.

For me that means gathering with the family at my aunts for dinner and where some of the best memories come from, because most of the time, in a positive way, once the whole family gets together it is almost like living in a sitcom. Many funny stories are told and events that create the future funny stories are created, like when my aunt unintentionally baked a whole boiled egg in the center of a cake once.

Christmas Day then finally arrives and the real fun begins. Everyone opens their presents, and I have luckily never gotten coal. I'm also hoping this year Santa brings the new ZL1 Camaro I asked for. But then there is the Christmas morning breakfast. Everyone spends the rest of the day trying out whatever they got and it ends with dinner at my grandparents'. Although once it ends, it seems to come to a sudden halt. The new gifts already seem old, the cookies become stale, the tree goes away and everything else Christmas related around the house is put away, bringing everything back to its usual boring look. Which is why instead of seeing Christmas as just a time for presents or only a religious holiday, it should be seen as a time span starting after Thanksgiving, where you take in everything you enjoy around you to keep it as a great Christmas memory to have for years to come.

## Black Friday shopping not worth consumer madness



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Before Thanksgiving last week, I had never participated in anything associated with the sociological event known as Black Friday. Normally, I will only get out of bed before dawn for a really good reason, and hours of shopping simply did not qualify.

On the night of Thanksgiving, my youngest brother was told to get a gift for my younger sister at Toys 'R Us this year. My other two brothers and I reluctantly decided to go with him. I assumed that if we got there right as the store opened at 9 p.m., we'd be in and out in an hour tops. Well, I was off by about two and a half hours.

I've always been fascinated by Black Friday because of how people react to it. Anyone who doesn't think we're a materialist culture would have a hard time defending people getting trampled and maced to buy knick-knacks. The first thing my brothers and I saw when we arrived there was a car slowly rocking back and forth. Upon a closer inspection, we

realized that two people were having sex in the back seat. That should have been a warning sign right there.

The line in front of the Toys 'R Us was long (it was about the distance from Poucher to Mahar Hall). There was a store worker going up and down the line with a blow horn warning shoppers that anyone who cuts in line would be removed by the local sheriff's department and be banned from the premises for 24 hours, and that we should "make friends" with other people in the line to make the time go faster. The people standing near us looked like they were about to hit this man in the head with something.

Once inside, we found our treasured item within 10 minutes, we entered the long and winding checkout line, which made the store feel like a labyrinth. One of the workers near us screeched into her walkie-talkie that the line was "too long for the store." I didn't think that was possible.

The only good thing about this whole experience was that if I ever needed to go into Toys 'R Us again, I would know exactly where everything was, since the line went up and down every single aisle in the store. Hey, in this economy, you need all the skills you can get.

The entire time I was asking myself, why am I here? This was not an existential moment of clarity, I literally wondered why myself and everyone around me even came out to the store that night. Is it really worth it to wait in line for

hours and enter a madhouse hoping the items you're looking for are still there? The answer, at least for me, is clear: it is not worth it at all.

As I said before, some of the Black Friday deals are legitimately stellar. Everyone likes to save money, but the clamor for these deals turns people into irrational, psychotic loons. Stories of people getting injured, or in some cases, killed after being trampled upon makes one want to disassociate oneself completely from the entire human race. But the biggest reason is simple: Black Friday is not the only time one can find good deals on Christmas gifts.

Online stores always have good deals. But, the whole "Cyber Monday" craze is kind of redundant as sites like Amazon have discounts available all year. Also, most stores have sales the entire month of December. Sure, they are not as drastic as the ones on Black Friday, but money and time can still be saved.

Here is the most disappointing thing about Black Friday: all of the madness can be avoided. But people have the basic, elemental need to compete. If there is a limited supply of something people think they need, they will discard common sense and rationality to act like idiots getting something they can easily get elsewhere. The hysteria that comes with Black Friday can be avoided, as long as people learn to be a little more patient. A good gift is a good gift, no matter how quickly you found it or how much you spent on it.

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# America all fracked up

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Though I do not attest that fracking is a momentary economic boost to a location, it is only such a boost to the landowner that leases the property. To say that it brings monetary relief to whatever economy it enters is almost like saying invading troops bring a boost in agriculture when they steal and pillage the farmlands. To allow fracking to continue is simply throwing more dimes in the bottomless well that oil has produced. I completely understand that it is financially easier to allow oil companies to continue their course of reckless endangerment, than it is to attempt to revamp our environmental excavation of natural resources. The truth is, fracking allows gas companies, like Halliburton and Shell, to continue their upward climb in the stock market and denies them the responsibility of cleaning up any spills, leaks and contamination to farmlands and communities. But, I simply ask, "At what cost?" It is somewhat disheartening to see that the Department of Environmental Corrections (D.E.C.) put out 1,000 pages of restrictions, legislation and rules that the gas industry will have to adhere to in order to horizontally drilling in New York. But, what the pro-frackers are not discussing or even mentioning is the complete lack of manpower, funds or even willpower that the D.E.C. has to uphold these rules. New York state is on the verge of collapse due to the terrible fiscal year it has had and the D.E.C. does not have the adequate funds to hire more officers to enforce these codes. In a sense, these 1,000 pages are simply fluff to silence the concerns of citizens.

It also concerns me when I found out the gas industry actually paid Penn State \$100,000 dollars to write a favorable case study on the fracking industry. I think anyone who reads up on the

subject can attest that Pennsylvania has suffered terribly due to lazy regulation enforcement and lack of any liability from the gas industry. Due to the slipperiness of the provisions in the Clean Water Act, Halliburton, with help from Dick Cheney, is able to pollute our water by dumping their heavy-metal-laden sludge into drinking water; all in the hopes that dilution will prove the better and people will not suffer terribly from the carcinogenic toxins Halliburton dumps. The gas industry is also exempt from the Clean Soil Act, the Clean Air Act and the Superfund Act. How is it a feasibly safe method when the only acts that would prevent the introduction of toxins, heavy metals and acids into the environment have become completely circumvented? At what cost to us do we allow such disastrous introductions into our world? True, the regulations would allow a safe extraction, but I think it is overly evident that the D.E.C. is completely ill-prepared to enforce the new laws and produce anything other than face time with new papers that fine the occasional small infraction.

If it is true that farmers are paid a substantial amount of money for the use of farmland, then what will happen to the farm if, or when methane seeps up into the soil? Puncturing into shale requires a tremendous amount of force, and shale itself allows for a great deal of spider webbing when struck. So, would it not be feasible to assume that these microfissures will allow toxic gases to reach the soil? Or the fact that they must let some of the gases they use come to the surface to allow the toxic chemicals they use for lubrication? All these disastrous possibilities and more, only for a temporary boost in revenue, while the gas industry stands to make billions off of their land. Another startling fact is that fracking does not bring jobs into an area, instead it brings white-collar engineering jobs, well-building construction jobs that are filled by out-of-state workers,

and does not provide adequate jobs to the already poor county it wants to enter.

I see none of the pro-frackers speaking of any real environmental issues, aside from the occasional mention of the 1,000 page D.E.C. Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) document, which they use as if it were their only shield to protect them from addressing real environmental issues. Sometimes they simply state studies or statistics that have been funded by SHALE and other such gas industries. Simply look to Pennsylvania, and see how real scientific research can be obscured by monetary gain. I am saddened that such environmental issues, issues that are at the forefront of all possible environmental disasters, are simply broken down to monetary sense. It is disgusting to see such reckless and haphazard destruction of our environment simply because the funding that would normally go to alternative energy research continues to go to propaganda research, and the continuous propulsion of a dying gas and oil industry.

At what cost and at what limit should we set to stop the ever-apparent destruction of our country? The truth is there is no way to prevent spills and leakage, and this comes from D.E.C. studies. We are producing a quick fix to obscure long-term disaster and long-term pollution. The drilling may be done far away from streams, but not from water sheds and underground pathways, which lead to waterways that flow into rivers and lakes. I do not want to give the land to my daughter, as a sterile, over tapped and completely desolated land, only to be able to say, we managed to make a few bucks to last us five or 10 years. I do not want her to have to clean up the messes left by us, as my generation was left to clean up the messes left by our apathetic prior generations.

So I ask, "at what cost should we allow our environment to be destroyed?"



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## In Soviet Russia, 'Elf' watches you



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As the holiday season encroaches, Americans should be wary of our most cherished institution: television. Sure, TV will regurgitate the usual canon of Christmas movies and specials. Within the next month, Jimmy Stewart will realize the value of life, Rudolph will overcome a virulent strain of uniquely-caribou racism and Frosty will unfailingly defy the third tenant of cell theory.

But another "new classic" lurks in the shadows of our common stock of Christmas myths, ready to upset the applecart on both commerce and culture. I am speaking, of course, about the Communist subtext in Will Ferrell's "Elf," (a leitmotif so thinly veiled that I am sure you are already aware of it). We ought not let our children come in contact with this Bolshevik talkie's call for a violent revolution—not even with a 10-foot pole.

But for those you unconvinced that the specter of Marxism hangs over this work of pinko propaganda, allow me to explain the plot:

Will Ferrell plays Buddy (notably, a synonym for comrade). He is a human raised by elves who live in a classless utopia of post-revolutionary splendor complete with Christmas carols (read: workers' chants) and Godless atheism—think about it, did you see any of those elves praying? I didn't think so. As a human, Buddy is seen by the elves as best able to export their particular brand of what I deduce to be council communism. Thus, Buddy is sent off to New York—the capitalists' crown jewel—to find his true family.

Socialist elfin society is presented as idyllic. All elves live communally in what we presume are gingerbread houses. These workers jointly operate Santa's workshop for the benefit of all society (Santa, by the way, is nowhere to be seen at the North Pole, as these workers have assumed quasi-ownership and total control of the means of production). Most concerning is that they toil under a strict quota system, handed down by a Politburo of elfin technocrats and

Christmas-party functionaries. It's sickening.

Yet, the movie holds up these elves as paragons of moral character. They're always cheery, meaning devoid of a capitalist worker's "alienation." They seem to reap no material reward from their work, sustained only by the notion that they are assisting their brethren in the shared work of the people.

The capitalist customs of New York are so alien to comrade Buddy that he is unable to comprehend them—providing for much of the comedy in the movie. He races into a coffee shop to congratulate its operators on having "the best coffee in New York." Buddy cannot understand the marketplace's bend toward hyperbole, which is satirized and made to appear silly.

The myth of the socialized economy's hyper-productivity also gets some play. One scene shows Buddy construct a wondrous replica of Santa's workshop inside of Macy's with only a few hours, some craft products and maple syrup (the opiate of the masses?). The skilled comrade does this despite the anxiety it provokes in his jittery manager at Macy's, who satirizes the middle-manager, always afraid 'corporate' will swoop in to wrest away his mediocre fiefdom.

In New York, Buddy encounters James Caan (whose entire career has been an exercise in proselytizing red ideology; see his work in "Misery," and "Brian's Song"). If Buddy is the proletariat's revolutionary savior, then James Caan plays his arch-capitalist foil. In his role as the fat cat publishing executive, Caan's character lives cynically and keeps his family at arm's length. His latest children's book finds the final two pages completely missing (a metaphor for the futility and fruitless frustration of the worker's alienation).

At first Caan rejects Buddy (like Engels' parents rejected his own communist theories). After seeing lingerie advertised as "For your special someone," Buddy buys and gifts a wispy babydoll to his distant father. Does he do this because the elves have created not only a classless society, but a genderless one as well? The message is clear: the market requires us to gender our clothing to increase consumption of products unnecessarily differentiated. That segregates prol brothers from prol sisters. This is just one of the many shell games through which the machine toys with our affections. Note that the North Pole-dwelling elves all wear the same androgynous, utilitarian garments.

Caan is strained by the irrational demands from higher management. While he initially resists Buddy and refuses to embrace revolution, he finally breaks free by abandoning his work on Christmas.

Why does the reformed capitalist pig do this? To join Buddy and his son as they assist good-old St. Nick. Throughout the movie, Santa serves as a living symbol for the violent overthrow of bourgeois capitalism. His midnight ride, a rough equivalent to Lenin's storming of Petrograd in 1917. Consider: Santa distributes his gifts for free, asking not for profit but only that boys and girls "be good" and "believe in him." However, he cannot complete his mission unless society exhibits enough "Christmas Spirit" (a stand-in phrase for class consciousness). Also, I pity the fool unable to make the connection between Santa's so-called naughty list and Stalin's death list during the Great Purge.

The pinko obsession with indoctrinating children continues here. When Buddy arrives in New York, it is Caan's other son who allies with Buddy. Thus, the writers perpetuate the myth of communist ideologies appeal to the young, who have not yet been brainwashed by the labor market. Because of his youthful innocence, the child is able to recognize and embrace the values of Buddy's Communist message. Always the writers keep one eye toward perpetuating the myth of communism as youthful ideology.

The final scene sees Buddy and the newly-converted Commie-Caan save Santa from tyrannical "Central Park Rangers." This is a revisionist history of the Cuban Missile Crisis, with the movie's writers dramatizing Russia's narrow escape. Central park—an isle of nature in an urban sea—is a metaphorical Isla Grande. The despotic rangers, analogous to Kennedy and McCarthy, narrowly crush Santa's December Revolution underfoot, but ultimately he lives to complete his sleigh ride (a reference to Mao's long march).

The moral: market labor makes one unhappy, and the only remedy available is a brotherhood of the proletariat. This movie's symbolism is incredibly obvious—all hammer, no scythe. We ought not let our impressionable youths be brainwashed by the Marx's dialectic, even if it is disguised in jingle bells and reindeer games.

## Rushing into marriage leaves room for doubt, failure



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Can you name a tradition as old as human sacrifice and equally as unwise? If you said young marriage, you are correct and may also be a mind reader.

In ancient times, average life expectancy was somewhere in the 20's or 30's – as death at the paws of a lion in the coliseum tends to dramatically cut years – marriage at the age of 16 made perfect sense.

But flush forward to present-day and people are still rushing to tie the knot. When the average person can expect to hang around on this rock in excess of 70 years – doing much more now than harvesting crops, selling them at the local square and simply trying to live past 25, some people still can't

help but race into marriage as if their lives depended on it.

Recently a friend of mine got engaged – for the second time. She is 24, still attending school, and she still no idea what she'd like to do with her life. Yet she is promising to spend her entire life with just this one person.

When examining reasons why young people are rushing into marriage, psychologists cite a multitude of reasons. Among them is the fear of growing old alone and all that is uncertain in the future. The theory that choosing someone now will make at least one part of life certain and stable often backfires when they grow and change.

Emotional scars aren't the only issues left in the wake of divorce; financial burdens often plague young divorcés.

Call me a cynic, but I can't see this arrangement working out in anyone's best interest. The world is so different now; we are free to do so many things. When there is so much to do, so much to see and so much to explore about yourself as an individual, especially as a woman, signing a contract to make yourself essentially part of a whole for upwards of your remaining 50 or so years just seems ludicrous for

someone so young. The proof is in the rapidly rising divorce rate, which now hovers at almost exactly 50 percent.

An article on young marriages in The New York Times stated that despite the image of divorce as a mid-life occurrence, most American marriages end before the age of 30 than at any other time in a person's life. The divorce rate for young couples is more than double the already-dismal national average, according to the same article.

Truthfully, the only logical reason to marry anymore is for one of three reasons: money, attention or gaining citizenship. Take your pick.

Sure, you could be "in love" but that's an overused, overstated and overrated phrase. And what's the harm in waiting until, say... 30? Love is a flighty thing. Let yourself really grow, understand yourself and make sure you actually want to tempt this bull with a red cape; most likely, you won't.

Considering this premature marriage ceremony, I can't help but imagine that this must be how the ancient Romans felt when attending fights to the death in the coliseum. Seems people are still captivated by brutal games.

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“We know we have a good team. The national rankings are great, but we have to be focused if we want to keep it going.”

-Chad Burridge, men's basketball co-captain

## Whitelaw assumes leadership role

First junior assistant captain since 2007 leads team with 10 assists, shares point lead with 14

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For the first time since the 2007-08 season, the men's ice hockey team features a junior who wears an "A" on his jersey, a symbol of leadership, maturity and respect.

Junior forward Jon Whitelaw has had a successful career with the Lakers during his first two seasons in an Oswego State uniform, leading to the decision among his teammates to be named the first junior assistant captain since Kyle McCutcheon in 2007.

"It was a good show of respect from my teammates," Whitelaw said. "I guess they thought I was capable of accepting that role as one of the leaders. It's one of those things I'm honored with and happy to fill."

As an assistant captain, Whitelaw has served as a guide for this year's freshmen class. Whitelaw recounts the leadership of former captain Tyler Lyon and assistant captains Neil Musselwhite and Brad Dormiedy back when he came into the program as a freshman.

Whitelaw, as well as the two other assistant captains and team captain Andrew Mather, meet with head coach Ed Gosek and assistant coach Mark Digby regularly to talk about both off-ice and on-ice issues regarding the team. Whitelaw said that he has a close relationship with both Gosek and Digby, as well as with former assistant coach Dan Ford, whom he still keeps in contact with.

Born in Huntsville, Ontario, Whitelaw has been playing organized hockey since he was four years old. He played in the Ontario Junior Hockey League for four years with the Huntsville Otters before he was recruited to play for the Lakers.

Whitelaw earned SUNYAC Rookie of the Year honors as a freshman, recording 38 points on 12 goals and 26 assists. He followed up that season with a strong sophomore showing, finishing third on the team in scoring with 30 points on 12 goals and 18 assists.

Whitelaw's favorite part about playing hockey at Oswego State is the fan base that covers the program. Oswego State had the second highest average attendance during his freshman year with 2,313 fans per game and

also during his sophomore year with 2,347 fans per game.

"I don't think there's another atmosphere like it in Division III. It's the best place you can play," Whitelaw said. "(The fans) are great. They're very supportive and very friendly. It's nice to have that kind of following and it's something we're very fortunate to have."

However, away from the Campus Center Ice Arena, attendance numbers are not always as high, especially when traveling to SUNY Fredonia and SUNY Potsdam, who they play on Dec. 3. Potsdam is averaging just 360 fans per game so far this season, second lowest in the SUNYAC.

"It's one of those games where you have to find a way to get yourself up," Whitelaw said. "You don't have the fans to rely on so you have to be mentally prepared or else you might have a slip-up. We're pretty fortunate that regardless of where we go we still have a following."

Whitelaw said that his two least favorite venues to play at are Hobart College's Geneva Recreation Center and Morrisville State College's Iceplex. The Lakers lost at Hobart last season, 5-2, in front of 220 fans on Dec. 11, 2010. Oswego State travels to Morrisville on Feb. 4, looking to avenge an early-season tie at home to the Mustangs, a team the Lakers have struggled against in recent years.

"I don't know if we drop our game down to them or they just raise up to ours, but no matter what it is whenever we play them it's always a close game and it's something we have to be more mentally prepared," Whitelaw said.

In the 3-3 tie against Morrisville this season, the Lakers wore their yellow alternate jerseys for the first time this season. While the jerseys have gotten mixed reviews from the fans, Whitelaw and the rest of the team like them and wouldn't blame them for the tie.

"I think they're pretty neat," Whitelaw said. "I don't know what the general public opinion is about it but it's something we talked about doing last year and as a team census we agreed upon. We like them. We hope everyone else does. It's unfortunate we had a rough go our first time wearing them."

While Morrisville and Hobart are two rinks Whitelaw enjoys the least, he said that the Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena in Plattsburgh is his



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During his career as a Laker, **Jon Whitelaw** has helped the men's hockey team to a 56-9-1 overall record.

favorite place to play outside of the Campus Center Ice Arena because of the intense rivalry between the Lakers and Cardinals, a rivalry that will be renewed on Friday, Dec. 2, when the two teams meet in Plattsburgh.

"Playing Plattsburgh, it's just one of those things that nothing is going to prevent you from rising up because it's such a big stage that you're adrenaline is going to be flowing and I don't think any travel should be an issue because if you can't get up for that game I don't know what game you can get up for," Whitelaw said.

Whitelaw and the rest of his freshmen class have yet to drop a contest to their archrivals, defeating the Cardinals in the last five meetings. The five-game winning streak for the Lakers follows a 0-9-1 stretch against Plattsburgh that stretched from Feb. 24, 2006 to March 7, 2009.

"It was nice that we were able to reset the way things have been going over the past few years and it's obviously something we take great pride in doing and hopefully it'll continue."

During his playing career at Oswego State, Whitelaw has helped the Lakers go 56-9-1, winning a SUNYAC title in 2010 and

winning a pair of NCAA Quarterfinal games against Bowdoin College to advance to the NCAA Frozen Four. Despite the success, Whitelaw said that two NCAA Frozen Four losses still linger.

"It's been very successful," Whitelaw said. "Coming in I wasn't too sure what to expect. But two trips to the Frozen Four and a SUNYAC title definitely have been nice, but the heartbreak of going to the Frozen Four twice and losing it still is in your stomach."

Whitelaw said that he would love to have another chance to play Adrian College, whom the Lakers lost to in last year's Frozen Four.

"It really hasn't been them that's beat us, we beat ourselves," Whitelaw said. "Adrian is a great team but I really think that was a game we could have had. I would love to get another shot at them and hopefully take another shot at getting to the championship."

Whitelaw said that the freshmen class he came in with wants to win a couple of SUNYAC titles and national championships before they graduate. The Lakers currently sit at 7-1-1 overall and lead the SUNYAC by one point over Plattsburgh. Oswego State holds the No. 2 ranking in Division III behind undefeated Norwich University.

Lakers preparing for SUNYAC play

MEN'S BBALL, From BACK COVER

"When [Burridge] is on the floor he's somebody that's going to command a lot of attention, so that makes the game easier for everybody else on the floor," Leone said. "He is a very intelligent player. He sees things on the floor and has a very high basketball IQ."

The Lakers followed the win over Wells with an offensive explosion on Nov. 22 against SUNY Cobleskill (0-6), blowing out the Fighting Tigers 107-53.

"I thought that was our best game," Leone said of the win. "We executed the scouting report and we moved the ball well against the zone."

Burridge led all scorers with 15 points, as he was one of eight Lakers to record double-digits. Michele and junior forward Hayden Ward also contributed 13 points.

"[The game] validated that we have good balance, which I think all good teams have," Leone said. "It validated that we made shots that particular night, and stuff like that can be contagious."

Overall, Leone was pleased with what he saw out of his team over the past three games.

"I think we've gotten a little bit better every game," he said. "The thing I've been encouraged about is we've been a little more consistent defensively with our effort, finishing our possessions rebounding-wise and executing our game plans and scouting reports."

Oswego State will now gear up for the beginning of SUNYAC play this weekend with home games against SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Plattsburgh on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The Lakers start a span of five consecutive conference games.

"What I've tried to do with the players is break the season up into mini-seasons," Leone said. "We had a first part that was the four non-conference games, now this is the next segment of our season where we play these five conference games. These five games are going to be very important games, and we've talked to the team and they can handle that."

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# Burridge setting records

Senior star hopes to lead team to consecutive NCAA tournament berths



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Chad Burridge leads the team with 17 points per game and is second in rebounds with five per game.

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One thousand-two hundred-and-fifty-one points. That was the number of points Mat Burridge, senior forward Chad Burridge's older brother, totaled during his well-heralded career at Oswego State.

This number also represents the lone individual accolade that has crossed Chad Burridge's mind since enrolling at Oswego State in the autumn of 2008.

"I've been well aware of how many points my older brother scored," Burridge said. "It was great when I finally passed him last season. But to be honest, I am much more focused on the team's success than on my numbers."

The light-hearted and well-spoken senior forward may modestly shrug off his individual accomplishments, but Burridge has effectively rewritten the Oswego State record books, all while leading the Lakers to uncharted postseason heights.

Entering this season with 1,361 career points, Burridge is on pace to become the second leading scorer in Oswego State history. Additionally, Burridge is tracking to become the second leading rebounder in program history, as well as the all-time leader in blocked shots.

Last season, Burridge earned the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) player of the year award and finished the season as a National Association of Basket-

Burridge said. "I knew (former head coach) Kevin Broderick from my brother's career at Oswego State, and I had attended several basketball camps at Oswego during my high school years."

Burridge was attracted to the prospect of playing close to home, which would make it convenient for his family to attend home games.

"Oswego State was simply the best fit for me," Burridge said.

As a freshman, Burridge started all but one game, averaging 14 points per game and leading the team with 85 blocks. In his first SUNYAC playoff game, Burridge scored 30 points and added 10 rebounds in a Laker win.

Despite winning the SUNYAC Rookie of the Year award, Burridge admits his role on Broderick's team was much different than what he was previously used to.

"I didn't know what my role would be freshman year," Burridge said. "We had two great senior scorers in Kyle Reuter and Tommy Downer. My job was to play physical and quick, and growing up in the Burridge household had certainly prepared me for that."

Burridge's became the focal point of the offense for new head coach Adam Stockwell during his sophomore season. Burridge averaged 17.2 points and nearly eight rebounds per game, however the team struggled to their first losing record since 2000.

"My sophomore season, we simply didn't know what to expect with a new head coach and such a young roster," Burridge said. "We knew we were going to struggle early on."

According to Burridge, something clicked by the end of that otherwise losing season, and the Lakers won four of their final six regular season games. The Lakers took that momentum into the 2010-11 campaign, and have been riding it ever since.

"We know we have a good team," Burridge said. "The national rankings are great, but we have to be focused if we want to keep it going."

Whether it's the national rankings that grab their opponents' attention or the impressive statistics, opponents know the only way to bring down the Lakers is to try and contain their captain.

"[Burridge] is a special player," said Luke Flockerzi, head coach of the University of Rochester men's basketball team. "His versatility and ability to play inside-out at his size makes him a very tough match up at our level. He plays well within the team concept and picks his opportunities."

"Chad has been a great listener," Leone said. "He is a very good defensive player. The way we play is going to continue to get him opportunities. He is so impressive because a lot of guys have the talent, but what makes an All-American is the intangibles. He has those."

Burridge's senior year goals are very simple. "I want this team to win a SUNYAC championship," Burridge said. "Winning the first one in school history would be a great way to end my final season."

Considering everything that Burridge means to the program as both an all-time great and as a member of the first NCAA tournament team, it seems that whatever comes from this season will only add to one of the most impressive and respectable careers in Laker history.

ball Coaches (NABC) first team All-American as a junior.

And yet, what makes Burridge most proud about last year is that Oswego State earned their first NCAA tournament appearance in program history, with home court advantage in the first two rounds to boot.

The Lakers did not disappoint in their first NCAA tournament game. Led by Burridge's 27 points, nine rebounds and three blocks, the Lakers won their first NCAA tournament game in program history on their home floor.

"My teammates and I could hardly put it in words," Burridge said. "To be the first team in program history to go to the NCAA tournament, to watch the official NCAA tournament stickers get placed on your home court, was as fun a time as I've ever had."

"It's an experience having an All-American as a teammate," junior forward Hayden Ward said. "[Burridge] does a great job of taking pressure off his teammates while also pushing the team to play at a high level."

"I've been coaching for 13 years, and most of the great players I have been around, players like [Burridge], have excellent basketball character," Oswego State head coach Jason Leone said.

Growing up nearby in the town of Hannibal, Burridge has been a fan of the Oswego State program for years. His interest peaked when his brother became a member of the team in 2003.

"I knew the only Division III program I'd ever play for would be Oswego State,"

# Women's club hockey off to strong start this season

Team moves to 5-0-1 after come-from-behind win

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The Oswego State women's club ice hockey team began its season with lofty goals, and thus far has been achieving them with an impressive start to their season.

Oswego State is off to a 5-0-1 start and look to continue its winning ways. The team is coming off a key win on Sunday, Nov. 20 against SUNY Cortland at the Campus Center Ice Arena. Oswego State played with a short bench in what became a penalty-filled contest.

"The refs were not on our side," captain Katie Scheib said. After being down on the scoreboard, Oswego State would go on to have a player ejected as well.

"We had to shuffle things around, step back, and a few girls stepped up," Scheib said.

Oswego State went on to win the contest, 3-2, on overtime. Senior Liz Bernath thought the game showed Oswego State's character as a team.

"It was a test to not get down on ourselves," Bernath said.

Head coach Jon Zella said that both Bernath and Scheib have stepped up and played key roles for the team this year after last season saw several key players graduate. Along with the two seniors, newcomer Shauna Clair has been able to put the puck in the net for Oswego State and goaltender Sara Kenyon has had a solid season in between the pipes for Oswego State.

"We can play a full 60 minutes and come out strong in the third and put a team away," Bernath said.

One of the most important aspects of hockey is the ability to play physical and win battles in the corners and along the boards. Bernath thinks her team has excelled so far in all of these. These strengths combined have helped the team tremendously, Schnieb said.

"We play off each other's strengths and have each other's back," she said.

The special teams have been a focus point this year for the team as well, Zella said. Not just against Cortland, but the whole year, the penalty kill has bailed out the team. Taking fewer penalties is something that the team needs to improve on if they want to continue with success.

Zella said he tries to stress defense from his team.

"Defiantly work defense out," he said.

In conjunction with defense, Zella added that the team has a group of forwards that know how to break out of their own zone and put the puck in the net.

The club team is out of the ordinary in a sense because the team does not play in a league. The program is an independent team that picks and chooses who they play. Aside from tournaments, Oswego State recorded a nine-game regular season win total with only one loss last season. The team takes its success on the road this weekend against The College at SUNY Brockport on Friday at 8 p.m., and at St. Lawrence on Saturday at 3:45 p.m.



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Both Liz Bernath and captain Katie Scheib have stepped up with the loss of key players to graduation.

# SUNYAC playoffs ultimate objective

**WOMEN'S BBALL, From BACK COVER**

Last season, the Lakers had a record of 4-2, against these teams and outscored their opponents 413-385.

"Our ultimate goal is to make it to the SUNYAC Playoffs at the end of the year but right now we will continue to take it one game at a time. If we do that, the SUNYAC playoffs will be there in the end," Ryan said. "The depth we have on our team this year has helped tremendously. Every one of us, players one through fifteen, push one another in practice everyday and it has really showed during our games."

The Lakers recognize that the season has only just begun and there are still many

games to be played. On top of trying to find longevity during the season, coach Bruno and her team is also enjoying the development of new players that increase the depth and flexibility of the roster.

"I am looking forward to watching who on our team continues to emerge as scoring threats, as great defenders, and as great leaders," Bruno said. "The great news is that I think those people can change. We are working incredibly hard in practice and we have a continued commitment to the defensive end of the floor. Only four games into our season and we are giving up 55 points per game. You give yourself many more opportunities to win with numbers like that."

# Campus Recreation Sports Report

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## BASKETBALL:

The Lee Hall Ballers captured the men's championship on Nov. 17 after defeating the 518 Ballers, 53-44. The team utilized an effective balance all season, getting superb guard play along with a solid inside presence from big man Scott Seiter. The Lee Hall Ballers also were a serious threat from behind the arc, with sharpshooters Danny Marcus and Pat Kane.

Although the fourth-seeded 518 Ballers fell one win short of the title, the group's work cannot be overlooked. They advanced to the championship on the shoulders of strong guard Jahmeer Rollin, who single-handedly sent the top-seeded Supersonics packing in a 64-55 semifinal win. Rollin earned Campus Recreation co-player of the week.

Jim Lahey's Squad defeated Swagger, 56-50, to win the Co-Recreation title.

## BROOMBALL:

The Big Daddy's started the men's playoffs on the right foot by defeating the Rolltiders, 9-1. On the Co-Rec side, John Evans and Daniel Ulrich combined for all five goals in the Goals in All Holes' 5-0 win over Perkisystem.

## FLOOR HOCKEY:

Team Jimbo's Crickets got a championship performance from Alexa Rudy, who scored two goals to help the team take the Co-

Rec title over the Crimson Panthers. Rudy was aided by teammate Mike Altavilla, who also added two goals.

On the heels of a five-goal semifinal, Chris Galante added four goals in the final, but was unable to stop Jimbo's Crickets from taking the crown.

The men's competitive playoffs got under way with Car Ram-Rod beating Rick Jeanneret, 7-6. The Stonefacers beat Team 2 Sedin's No Cup, 2-0, and Anne Frank's Army topped

Shut Your 5-Hole, 9-5.

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The Lee Hall Ballers took home the Men's Competitive on Nov. 17 title beating the 518 Ballers 53-44

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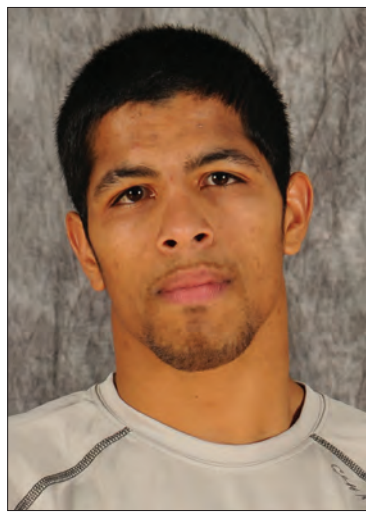
## Athletes of the Week



**KAYLA RYAN**

Women's Basketball  
Senior, Schaghticoke, N.Y.

Ryan, a forward on the Laker women's basketball team, earned tournament MVP after posting a combined 29 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and five steals in wins over Wells College and Mount St. Vincent in the Max Ziel Women's Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Lakers trailed by 14 in the championship game before Ryan's 20-point effort helped Oswego State win its second straight tournament title.



**OMAR SANTIAGO**

Wrestling  
Junior, Huntington, N.Y.

Santiago won the 133-pound weight class at the 15-team Doug Parker Wrestling Invitational hosted by Springfield College on Saturday. The junior moved into the finals with a pin, and three straight wins by decision before the junior beat Curt Thompson of Brockport 2-1 in the championship match to finish the day with a record of 5-0.



# Lakers cruising to start season

Michele hits game-winning 3-pointer as time expires against Wells College in Max Ziel Classic



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The men's basketball team has won three in a row and are heading into five consecutive conference games. The Lakers open up SUNYAC play against SUNY Potsdam on Friday in Max Ziel gymnasium.

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The Oswego State men's basketball team rebounded from a season-opening loss to St. Lawrence with three consecutive home wins over a five-day span.

The streak started during the Max Ziel Men's Basketball Classic, which began on Nov. 18. The Lakers (3-1) opened up against Ithaca College (1-5) and defeated the Bombers 74-71.

Oswego State held the lead for the final 11:37 of the game, but Ithaca was able to hang around and put itself in a position to tie the game with just under four seconds remaining after senior captain and guard Sean Michele missed the second of two free throws, and the Bombers captured the rebound.

"Normally, under five seconds to

go, up three, I like to foul," Lakers head coach Jason Leone said. "The problem is, we hadn't practiced that as of yet, and I never like to do something in a game that we hadn't worked on in practice."

Oswego State instead played straight man-to-man defense and put pressure on the ball carrier, forcing Ithaca's junior guard, Sean Rossi, to throw up an errant 3-pointer at the buzzer that bounced off of the rim, sealing the win for the Lakers.

The team was back in action the next day against Wells College (1-4) in Oswego State's final game of the tournament. The Lakers earned another win in dramatic fashion on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Michele.

Both teams started out flat shooting, going a combined 0-for-10. Wells was able to come out to an early 10-4 lead, but the Lakers were able to go on a run and tie the game at 18.

Oswego State was able to pick it up in the second half, as the team held a nine-point lead with 4:32 remaining. But poor shooting and defensive execution allowed the Express to tie the game with 33 seconds remaining.

"I made a bad decision, we stayed in the zone a couple possessions too long," Leone said. "We made some mistakes personnel-wise, we didn't get to a couple of their shooters, and they made a couple shots."

The Lakers were able to regroup and take possession of the ball during the final seconds, earning the final possession of a 55-55 tied game.

"We were going to screen [junior forward] Chris Gilkes into the post, I thought there was a size advantage with him," Leone said. "What happened was the play broke down, Gilkes drove the ball and forced help. He made a great extra pass and as soon as they were in

rotations and helping, Sean [Michele] was the last guy that was left open and stepped in."

Once Michele released the ball, Leone had no doubt that the ball was going in the basket and his team was going to win the game.

"If you watched the game, when it left his hand, you saw it said 'that's definitely going in,'" Leone said. "To Sean's credit, he stepped right into it. It was like a shot he shot everyday in practice. He wasn't nervous."

The two wins gave Oswego State a share of the tournament title with SUNY Fredonia (5-0), who also beat Ithaca and Wells. Senior captain and forward Chad Burridge won tournament MVP honors, as he led the Lakers with 23 and 11 points against Wells and Ithaca, respectively.

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# Women's basketball rattles off three straight wins

Ryan steps up with loss of key players to graduation, leading team with 13.8 points per game

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After losing four veteran players from last season's roster, many doubts surfaced around the Oswego State women's basketball team entering the fall. After a 3-1 start and a tournament victory in the Max Ziel Gymnasium Basketball Classic, the Lakers are silencing their critics.

With the departure of Traci Bacon, Kristen Diglio, Colleen McCready and Wanda Sanchez, who started in a combined 82 games last season, there was bound to be uncertainty surrounding head coach Tracy Bruno and her team when they tipped off the season in mid-November.

After all, this quartet produced 39 percent of the team's points per game last season. Leadership would become a key question heading into the 2011-12 season.

"We have really had to work at redefining roles. Kayla Ryan is our returning leading scorer but we need others to step up and contribute. Meagan Stover has done a great job right away and Jenna Rossi is a huge spark coming off the bench," Bruno said. "The positive, with the loss of four starters, is the increased competitive atmosphere in practice - there are four starting spots up for grabs as well as new minutes for those coming off the bench."

This season the Lakers have answered the doubters with Ryan leading the way. Accompanied by fellow starters Stover, sophomore guard Lauren Nunziato, junior guard/forward Kari Kipper and junior guard Kassie Kleine, the Lakers have averaged 62.0 ppg this season en route to winning three straight contests heading into Thanksgiving break.

The last of those victories came against SUNY Cobleskill, where Ryan scored a game-high 19 points, and Rossi added 15 points amidst shooting 13-of-14 from the free-throw line.

"The entire game felt like it was neck-and-neck," Ryan said. "We kept our composure and fought the entire game. Every single person that stepped on the floor contributed in one way or another."

Alongside Bruno the Lakers have also

found powerful team leadership in senior captain Ryan and junior captain Taryn Smith, who were chosen to lead the Lakers to success this season.

"Being a captain is a great feeling and great honor," Ryan said. "This year will be a great season and I will try my best to help the team any way I can."

One of the team's goals for the season is to improve on last season's 11-15 record and qualify for the team's 11th straight SUNYAC postseason berth.

"Those thoughts began on October 15th when our season kicked off and honestly it was probably even earlier than that," Bruno said. "The opportunity to play in the postseason is why we work so hard and why we make such a strong commitment to focusing on every practice and every game to get better."

The first step toward that goal will be taken this weekend when the Lakers open conference play at home against SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Plattsburgh in back-to-back nights. After a long week of preparation and regaining focus, the Lakers feel they are ready for the task at hand.

"I think we mainly need to get our focus back and concentrate on our goal in basketball," Stover said. "Play great defense which in turn makes great offense."

"Defense will definitely be the key for our wins this weekend," Ryan said. "We are preparing for these two games all week and are determined to get these two victories."

Last season, the Lakers played the Bears and Cardinals a combined four times, winning three of the four meetings. The sole loss came at the hands of Plattsburgh by a score of 46-42, a game in which the Lakers shot 27.4 percent from the floor and allowed 20 turnovers.

"Both Potsdam and Plattsburgh have a couple of good returning players but have added a lot of new kids," Bruno said. "I think all three of us have potential to be very different than we were last year."

The second game last season was at Plattsburgh where the Lakers picked up the win, 67-47. Ryan and Rossi both scored in double figures that night.

Both Potsdam games were decided by



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The Lakers are off to a 3-1 start this season and look to improve on last season's 11-15 record.

nine points or less. The first was a 42-38 victory for the Lakers who saw a 20-point breakout game for Stover, and the second, a 60-51 victory, with the Lakers boasting three players in double figures.

"With both teams, we will have the advantage with our inside game so we will be focusing on working the ball inside as much

as possible," Bruno said.

The conference streak continues next week on the road when the Lakers travel to Brockport on Tuesday, Fredonia on Friday, and finally Buffalo State on Saturday - a total of five games in nine days.

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## UPCOMING MATCHES

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Friday, December 2

Women's Basketball



Friday, December 2

Men's Basketball



Friday, December 2

Men's Ice Hockey



Friday, December 2

Women's Ice Hockey



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## Events Calendar

Friday, Dec. 2 through Thursday, Dec. 15

### HOLIDAY CONCERT

**Date:** Friday, Dec. 2

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall

### THEATRE: BARE: A POP OPERA

**Dates:** Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lab Theatre, Tyler Hall

### CONCERT: GOSPEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS

**Date:** Sunday, Dec. 4

**Time:** 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Location:** Hewitt Union Ballroom

**Suggested Donations:** \$5

### TWO-MINUTE THEATRE

**Date:** Monday, Dec. 5

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Campus Center Auditorium (132)

### CONCERT: COLLEGE CHOIR

**Date:** Friday, Dec. 9

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall

### TWO-MINUTE THEATRE

**Date:** Monday, Dec. 5

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Campus Center Auditorium (132)

### DANCE RECITAL: "NO GETTIN' OVER DEL SARTE"

**Dates:** Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11

**Time:** 7 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively

**Location:** Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall

**Tickets:** Oswego State students \$4, General Admission \$5

## Art Exhibits

### BFA/MA AND FACULTY WORK

**Date:** Every day until December 14

**Times:** 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Location:** Tyler Hall Art Gallery

**Reception:** Friday, Dec. 2, 5 - 7 p.m.

## Movie of the Week

### "CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER"

**Tickets:** \$2 with ID, \$4 without

**Location:** Campus Center Auditorium (132)

**Thursday:** 10 p.m.

**Friday:** 10 p.m.

**Saturday:** 10 p.m.

**Sunday:** 4 p.m.

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# Hyperion Quartet brings unique energy

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The Hyperion String Quartet earned an audience of eager ears, filling Sheldon Hall's Ballroom Wednesday night.

The first piece that was presented was Piano Quintet in G Minor, Op. 57, by Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975).

Shostakovich begins with heightened energy, trading off drawn out diatonic phrases with short staccato melodies. Although it produced an effect of liveliness, the musical term of the first musical movement, *lento*, is defined as slowly, referring to the tempo.

Short silenced breaks occurred between each movement, demanding no applause as the piece shifts mood, tone and dynamics. Shostakovich's second movement, Fugue: Adagio,

expelled a cyclic layering of melodies, with each musician contributing his or her personal layer. In a popular sense this can be compared to a round, such as "Row row row your boat." The term *adagio* yet again defines the tempo as being slow and stately; a slight rise compared to before.

Heightened energy returned in the last movement, Finale: Allegretto. A moderately fast-tempo climax was reached. The piece, executed flawlessly, received a grand response from the crowded audience before a brief intermission.

Formed in 1999 at the Eastman School of Music, the quartet has performed from New York to Japan, making television and radio appearances. These seasoned string players have collaborated on projects with Skidmore College's Dance Department, the faculty at the College of Saint

Rose in Albany and award winning composers, Paul Moravec and Richard Danielpour. They have been a part of prestigious programs such as the Juilliard String Quartet seminar and the Emerson Quartet International Chamber Music Workshop.

The second piece performed was, Piano Quintet in F Minor, by Cesar Franck (1822-1890). This work consists of three movements: *Molto Moderato*, *Lento* and *Allegro non troppo*. The different movements describe how the piece took directions from a moderate pace to considerably slowing the dynamic down, finally achieving a striking release of powerful intentions.

Franck incorporates an element of dissonance and jarring rhythms in this piece. His use of chromatics contribute to this idea. Chromatics often

use notes not usually heard in the range of a major scale. This can create a sound foreign to the ear and disjuncting the natural flow of harmony.

Each of the two musical compositions performed Wednesday night lasted an hour in length. The Hyperion Quintet proved their stamina and precision as they tackled these landmark works faultlessly. Well received by the audience, the quintet received a standing ovation with rumbling applause.

The group consists of Amanda Brin (violin), Jamecyn Morey (violin), Simon Ertz (viola) and Jonathan Brin on cello. Wednesday night's performance included special guest, Robert Auler, a piano professor entering his seventh year at Oswego State. The group filled out as a quintet, and hearing piano quintets is a rarity.

# 'El Camino' rides band's past success

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Rating: ★★★★★

It has been quite a year for The Black Keys. Still riding the Grammy-winning success of last year's critically and commercially successful album "Brothers," the duo has finally emerged as one of the most prominent bands in modern rock after a 10-year career. One would think that the band would take a break to relax. In typical Keys fashion, though, they decided to skip the downtime and quickly make more music. The result is the group's seventh studio album, "El Camino."

The cover of "El Camino" depicts the van that singer/guitarist Dan Auerbach and drummer Pat Carney used to tour around in when they were first starting out. The cover is suitable, as the album serves as a nod to the band's journey from Carney's basement to the world stage. While the band's bluesy sound seems like it could grow stale after a while, the Keys manage to keep evolving their sound with every new release,

quicken their pace this time around with heavy doses of '60s garage rock, rockabilly and even some Clash-esque riffs.

The duo has once again recruited longtime collaborator Danger Mouse for production duties. While "Brothers" felt like a very loose, sprawling effort, it seems Danger Mouse has tightened the group's sound up this time around. Notably absent on the album are the moments of R&B cross-genre hints. "Stop Stop" comes the closest to sounding anything like the groovy style of "Tighten Up." Minor flaws aside, "El Camino" doesn't have its share of pleasant surprises. "Hell of a Season" has a reggae-infused melody that makes it instantly stand out.

First single and opener "Lonely Boy" best indicates what the duo is going for on this album. Its irresistibly catchy hook and sing-along chorus should have many dancing and humming for weeks. This catchy, quick charm stays present throughout most of the album, with Auerbach's soulful vocal range making each track feel unique. Just when things appear to take a sud-



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Pat Carney (drums) and Dan Auerbach (vocals and guitar) wasted no time on releasing their seventh studio album, "El Camino."

den dull acoustic turn on "Little Black Submarines," the song gets an intense jolt of life, shifting into a triumphant all-out jam without warning.

Perhaps the most impressive thing about The Black Keys is their ability to seamlessly channel a bunch of old influences and somehow make it feel fresh.

They not only make it feel original, but also consistently sound more exciting with each album. "El Camino" is bursting with the same raw energy and talent that Keys fans have come to expect. It is quite evident that this is what Auerbach and Carney were born to do, and there are no signs of them slowing down any time soon.

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The competition for best tablet continues for the 2011 holiday season with the XOOM and soon to be released XOOM 2, Kindle Fire, Nook Tablet, Playbook, Galaxy Tab, iPad2 and ASUS Transformer Prime.

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Thanksgiving is over; people have already eaten their fill of turkey and pepper-sprayed each other to get to the good Black Friday deals, and now we are nearing the frantic sprint to the official holiday season. This year, some of the biggest items are tablets. There are a lot of them out there running different operating systems and doing slightly different tricks, so here is a quick guide to the best tablets you can get in the upcoming month.

One great thing about new tablets is the price range. You can pay between \$200 and \$800 for a tablet, and the ones in the middle of that range can be just as good as the end. Forget about the Motorola XOOM, which topped the price range with a ridiculous \$800 price tag when it was released last year, and its upcoming sequel the XOOM 2 – while the price will go down to \$500 and \$600, the specifications still cannot compete with other arrivals. Also forget about those \$150 tablets you see advertised running Android 2.1 at the drugstore, because they will be unwieldy and difficult to use. At the bottom of our price range are the Amazon Kindle Fire and

Barnes and Noble Nook Tablet, selling for \$200 and \$250, respectively. Both come with a few similar specifications: 1GHz dual-core processors, seven-inch screens and heavily skinned Android operating systems. The Nook Tablet can be read for 11.5 hours straight, beating out the Kindle Fire's eight hours soundly, and the Nook Tablet also has 16GB of internal storage compared to the Kindle Fire's 8GB, although only 1GB of storage is set aside for personal media (application data will continue to be stored in the 15GB reserved for Barnes and Noble content). Both tablets have 2-3GB set aside for operating system data, which definitely gives the upper hand to the Barnes and Noble Nook Tablet.

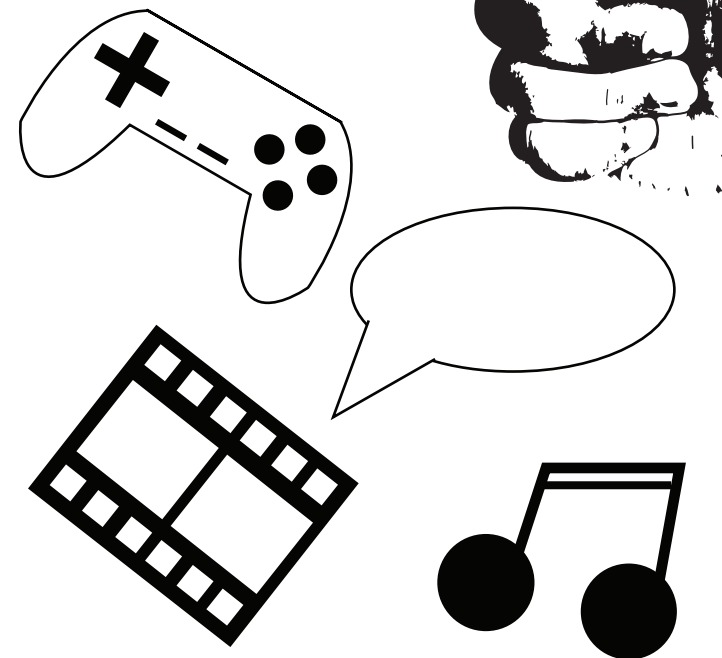
For mid-range tablets, you can pick between the Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0 Plus and the Blackberry Playbook. While the Playbook is not shiny and new, and neither being much bigger than the previous tablets, their price points of \$400 and \$500 respectively are nothing to laugh at. The Galaxy Tab has a 1.2GHz processor and runs Android 3.2, while the Playbook has a 1GHz processor like the previous tablets and runs its own operating system. They are both also seven-inch tablets. While the price points do not seem to help them to seem worth more than the previous tablets, they are not primarily e-book reading devices. The Kindle Fire and

Nook Tablet are still e-readers at heart and have their primary memory dedicated to this; the Galaxy Tab and Playbook are full-media devices, ready for as much music, pictures, movies and pictures as you want.

Now for the big boys, Apple's iPad2 and the ASUS Transformer Prime. While the iPad2 has been all over the media and loved by many, the Transformer Prime is a serious competitor. The iPad2 is 9.7 inches, goes from 16GB to 64GB of memory, has a 1GHz dual-core processor and lasts up to 10 hours. The App Store has over 140,000 applications and its design is sleek and minimal. The Transformer Prime will be priced at \$500 for the 32GB version, breaking even with the iPad2's 16GB version. That is twice the memory for the same price. The Transformer Prime will come with Android 3.2, an 8MP rear camera and 1.3MP front camera, a screen protected by Gorilla Glass and a 12-hour battery, but its defining feature definitely has to be its quad-core NVIDIA Tegra 3 processor. It will be the first quad-core tablet when it releases sometime this month. Of course, only time will tell if it beats out the iPad2, but shoppers should wait for it to release before deciding. Whether you go for the cheap yet enjoyable Nook Tablet, the Galaxy Tab 7.0 or the more expensive iPad2, you will still have a great choice for a tablet.

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# Funny business as usual for 'Muppets'

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Rebranded versions of '70s and '80s film and television properties have become a bit of a trend over the last few years. Most of these remakes suffer from poor writing and direction, usually as a result of executive meddling that forces filmmakers to put a "modern" spin on old classics. It is this sort of production process that gives birth to travesties such as "The Smurfs," "Yogi Bear" and "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra."

"The Muppets," on the other hand, serves as a perfect example of how to properly reintroduce an old franchise to a modern audience. Co-written by Jason Segel (TV's "How I Met Your Mother"), who also stars in the film, "The Muppets" solves the problem of trying to bridge together old and new audiences by largely ignoring it, instead focusing on creating an authentic Muppet film that can appeal to any generation.

The film's plot revolves around muppet Walter (voiced by Peter Linz of The Jim Henson Company) and his human brother Gary (Segel). Due to the obvious repercussions of being a muppet, Walter finds himself os-

tracized by most people. To cheer him up, Gary shows him episodes of "The Muppet Show," acknowledging the physical similarities between Walter and the Muppets. Many years later, Walter is invited to join Gary and his girlfriend, Mary (Amy Adams, "The Fighter"), on their 10th anniversary trip to Los Angeles. When the trio visits The Muppet Theater, they are shocked to discover that the place has been closed and unkempt for many years. Along with what remains of the studio will be torn down by evil businessman Tex Richman (Chris Cooper, "The Bourne Identity") if the Muppets do not raise \$10 million within a few days. Desperate to stop the oil magnate from seizing the property, the three embark on a quest to find Kermit the Frog, Gonzo, Miss Piggy, Animal and the rest of the Muppets and reunite them to put on a show to raise the money. What follows is a series of fourth-wall jabs, elaborate musical numbers and cameo appearances by the likes of Neil Patrick Harris (TV's "How I Met Your Mother"), Jack Black ("School of Rock") and Foo Fighters frontman (and former Nirvana drummer) Dave Grohl.

The writing in the film is fantastic. It is clear that Segel himself is a Muppet fanatic, given the sheer attention to detail placed on references, sets and other minutiae from previous

## "The Muppets"



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"The Muppets" stars Jason Segel (Gary), Amy Adams (Mary) and Chris Cooper (Tex Richman), as well as the full cast of muppets as they attempt to save The Muppet Theatre from Richman, who wants to tear it down.

Muppet shows and movies. The film's comedic timing is spot on, with plenty of hidden jokes and references directed toward older audiences. The humor is so perfect, in fact that it is very difficult to describe without ruining part of the experience. Put simply, numerous references to '80s and '90s culture are thrown about, and the film has no shame in admitting that the franchise is not

nearly as popular as it once was.

The cast's performances are as great as the writing. Segel's and Adams' performances as Gary and Mary compliment those of their Muppet co-stars by providing most of the modern humor, and Linz' role as Walter is done rather well. The film also sports a clever soundtrack, with certain '80s rock songs and modern covers of Muppet songs

like "The Rainbow Connection," as well as the various original songs written specifically for the film's musical numbers.

In an age when most PG-rated films are mere "kid-friendly" affairs, it is refreshing to see a film that provides humor for all ages. Moviegoers need not be fans to appreciate "The Muppets," as the film's humor comes with no strings attached.

# Heroes get remembered but 'Legends' never die

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Rating: ★★★★★

This year marks the 25th anniversary of one of the most famous and innovative game franchises around: "The Legend of Zelda." Nintendo has concluded their year long celebration with the release of "The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword" for Wii, the most highly anticipated Zelda game to date. Fans were worried that this new game would suffer with the emphasis on motion control. I would say that Wii MotionPlus is the best thing to ever happen to the series.

"Skyward Sword" is very different from its counterparts. The game starts off on the floating island of

Skyloft rather than the vast lands of Hyrule. Humans who live in Skyloft are partnered up with giant birds called Loftwings, which fly them around the island. They have only heard myths of this place down below called "the surface." Link and Zelda are actually childhood friends. When Zelda gets sucked down to the ground by a tornado, Link must fly down to "the surface" to save her. The story is more refreshing when compared to some of the previous titles. "Skyward Sword" does end up telling the tale of the creation of the Master Sword, which is Link's weapon of choice in every game in the series.

The story may be great, but how does this new Zelda game look and feel? "Skyward Sword" is easily the best-looking Wii game to ever be released.

The game looks like a beautiful painting. Even though the Wii is not as graphically powerful as its competitors, a beautiful art style can always make a game stand out. As for controls, gamers should have a Wii Motion-Plus attachment or a Wii Remote Plus controller before picking it up, as it is required. "Skyward Sword" has the best controls of any Zelda game ever. Swinging one's sword is as easy as swinging the Wii Remote. One-to-one motion means that one is literally wielding Link's sword in their hands, which is easily the coolest thing about this game. The game even forces players to beat enemies by swinging the sword in specific ways.

## "Skyward Sword"



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"The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword" creates a new experience for players with a new storyline and advanced gameplay and graphics.

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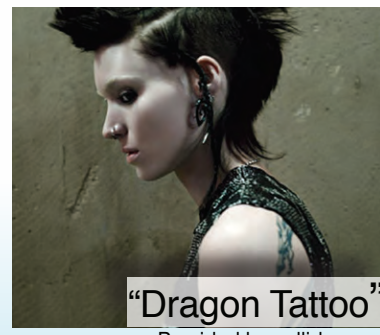
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David Gordon Green, director of "Pineapple Express," brings another comedy to theatres with zany babysitting romp, "The Sitter." After being suspended from college and forced back to living with his mom, Noah Jay-bird (Jonah Hill, "Moneyball") must care for the three children of Mrs. Pedulla (Erin Daniels, TV's "The L Word"). This is no easy task though, as he becomes involved with crazy drug dealers in a chase through Manhattan with the kids. The film will be released on Dec. 9.

After the success of director Guy Ritchie's "Sherlock Holmes," Robert Downey Jr. ("Iron Man 2") and Jude Law ("Hugo") have returned to reprise their roles for the second installment, "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows." The sequel sees Sherlock Holmes (Downey Jr.) and Watson (Law) teaming up once again to take down Professor Moriarty (Jarred Harris "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"), who became the newest rival at the end of the first film. "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" will be in theatres Dec. 16.

Legendary director Steven Spielberg ("War Horse") and producer Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings" trilogy) combine their artistic and visionary skills for their next project, "The Adventures of Tintin." Based on a classic series of comic books, the motion capture 3D film stars Jamie Bell ("Jumper") as Tin Tin, a young journalist who sets out to find a missing sunken ship with the aid of Captain Haddock (Andy Serkis, "Rise of the Planet of the Apes"). This PG-rated action-adventure also stars Daniel Craig and Simon Pegg and will be released Dec. 21.

From director David Fincher ("The Social Network") comes the American adaptation of the first novel in the best-selling Millenium Trilogy by Steig Larsson, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo." Daniel Craig ("Cowboys and Aliens") stars as Mikael Blomkvist, a journalist who has recently been haunted by a libel conviction. At his side is Lisbeth Salander (Rooney Mara, "A Nightmare on Elm Street"), a tattooed and socially challenged computer hacker. Together they spiral into a world of lies and violence they never thought could have existed. It will be released on Dec. 21

Acclaimed writer/director Cameron Crowe returns to the big screen with "We Bought a Zoo." Based on a true story, Matt Damon ("Contagion") plays a recently widowed father who quits his job and moves his two children to a house in the country to start a new life. He realizes upon his arrival that their new home is in fact a rundown zoo. Damon and the zoo's staff decide to restore the dilapidated zoo, which has an uplifting effect on everyone. Scarlett Johansson and Elle Fanning co-star. It will be released on Dec. 23.

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# Nickelback trying to gain approval with newest album

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Rating: ★★★★★

Nickelback has returned with their party-rock sound with their seventh studio album, "Here and Now." The band (consisting of lead singer Chad Kroeger, guitarist Ryan Peake, drummer Daniel Adair and bassist Mike Kroeger) has received a negative reception from critics and some rock fans throughout the years, especially on their past couple albums "All the Right Reasons" and "Dark Horse" for their themes and similar sounds. But the band has paid no attention to the criticism and fans looking for something new will be disappointed to hear the same thing they have heard on the previous albums, while fans that love the traditional Nickelback sound will enjoy every song. "Here and Now," like the couple previous albums, has the fight song, "This Means War," the drinking song, "Bottoms Up," the

relationship songs like "Trying Not to Love You" and "Holding on to Heaven;" the sex related song with "Everything I Wanna Do" and "Midnight Queen," as well as the song about saving the world, "When We Stand Together." This is also the one acoustic song that appears on the album. Similar to their previous songs "Photograph," which appears on "All the Right Reasons" and "This Afternoon," appears on "Dark Horse." Along with the same sound and themes, Chad Kroeger's writing ability has stayed the same as well. Whether it is the love songs or the song about helping the world, the lyrics are average and straight forward. They get the point across and have a good rhythm to them, but none of them are really-award winning quality, especially with one of the catchiest new lyrics that you get from this album comes on the song "Everything I Wanna Do," where Kroeger sings: "You and me, sitting in a tree, f - - i n g." Nickelback is not the classiest band, but they are not afraid to embrace that and they do not care



"Here and Now"

Provided by muchmusic.com

Nickelback members (from left to right) **Daniel Adair** (drums), **Ryan Peake** (guitar), **Chad Kroeger** (vocals and guitar) and **Mike Kroeger** (bass) released their seven studio album, "Here and Now," on Nov. 21.

what kind of reception they receive, because with over 50 million albums sold and multiple awards, they have no reason to change the style that makes them Nickelback. "Here and Now" has proven to be no exception to that philosophy. Although the topics of the songs always tend to deal with sex, relationships, violence, drinking and helping the world, they are all subjects that people deal with and can relate to in their lives. Then add the heavy guitar riffs and loud drums, the fact that the lyrics may not be the words of John Lennon disappears because one thing that Nickelback does very well is to create a strong sound. Only time will tell how well "Here and Now" will fair amongst everyone and if Nickelback can silence any of their haters, but whether you are a fan of change or not, "Here and Now" is still worth taking a chance on.

# Puzzles & Games

## RIDDLE ME THIS

What five letter word, no matter how you pronounce it, is always pronounced wrong?

Clue: GROWN (Unscramble)

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Answer: Wrong

Attempt to solve the riddle by unscrambling the clue, filling in the blanks and using your brain. The answer is provided below.

## Sudoku

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6			1			4		
5			8				6	
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	3				5			1
		5			6			7
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DIFFICULTY: VERY HARD

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains 1-9 exactly once.

Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

4	6	9	2	8	5	7	1	3
8	5	2	3	1	7	6	9	4
7	3	1	9	4	6	5	8	2
1	4	6	5	7	2	9	3	8
5	8	3	6	9	4	1	7	2
2	9	7	1	3	8	4	6	5
3	2	4	7	6	1	8	5	9
6	7	5	8	2	9	3	4	1
9	1	8	4	5	3	2	7	6

## Top web comments

11/16-11/30



Entire "Legal, moral ramifications of mandatory registry" thread

—Various readers



"I absolutely loved this book! Information you can't imagine. Bryson is a wonder. 'A Walk in the Woods' is one of my favorite books of all time."

—Dianne Martinez (At Home: A Short History of Private Life)



"I'd Like to read about the women's club ice hockey team, they are playing awesome, winning lots of games but no news about them why?"

—Nora Kenyon (Campus Recreation Sports Report 11/18/2011)

## ON THIS DATE

- 1927: Ford Motor Company unveils the Ford Model A as its new automobile.
- 1942: Manhattan Project: First self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction initiated.
- 1968: American actress Lucy Liu ("Kill Bill: Vol. 1") is born in Queens, NY
- 1978: Nelly Furtado, Portuguese-Canadian singer and songwriter, is born.

## Crossword Puzzle

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Puzzle provided by boatloadpuzzles.com

### Across

- Lid
- Tumult
- Flower Feature
- Crude mineral
- Hit lightly
- Musical drama
- Where planes land
- Laid bathroom flooring
- Bemoans
- Motorist's aid
- Spider's snare
- Bus depot (abbr.)
- Neighbor of Mex.
- Daytime drama (2 wds)
- Rock Growth
- One\_\_time (2 wds)
- Cowl
- Disgusting
- Originally called
- Blushing
- Author\_\_Flemming
- Sleeved garment
- Identifying label (2 wd)
- Sound
- Pizza seasoning
- Look of contempt
- Classified\_\_
- Business VIP
- Commence
- Truman's monogram
- Have

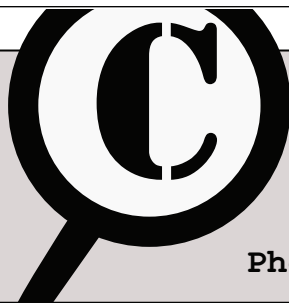
### Down

- Furnance Fuel
- Diva's solo
- Salon treatment
- Makes amends
- Cork target
- Chooses
- Idaho product
- Tomb inscription
- Inform
- \_\_code
- Young men
- Church bench
- Madrid native
- \_\_Thurman
- Weep
- Fire residue
- Feasted
- Long period
- Shad eggs
- Lemon drink
- More regretful
- Witty reply
- Least wild
- Opposite of pos.
- Talk back
- Scavenger\_\_
- Inspiration
- Ark skipper
- Mexican treat
- Again
- Hoodlum

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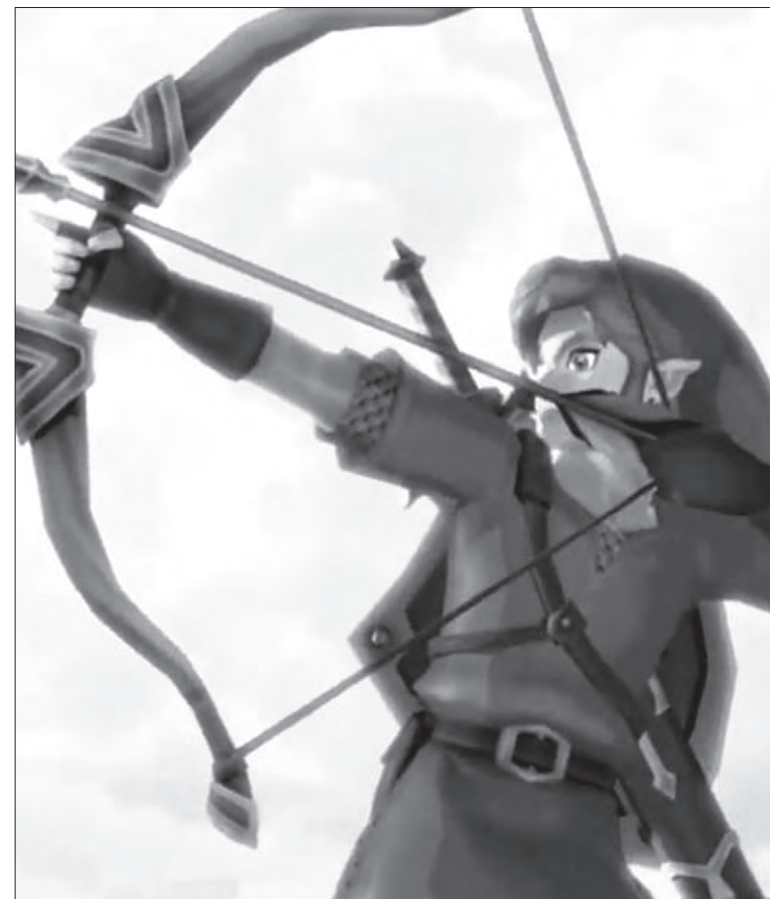
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The Wii motion control used with "Skyward Sword" make controls a great new experience for players, especially with using the Master Sword.

## Controls create new gameplay

### Zelda, FROM B4

Choosing items is also easier as the player can just hold down the B trigger and point to their item of choice. Anyone can pick this game up and easily figure out how to play.

"The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword" definitely comes close to being the best game in the

series; it might even be the best. The controls are absolutely perfect and prove that motion control are not at all a gimmick. The game is beautiful and features a main story lasting over 40 hours of gameplay. The game comes highly recommended for everyone who loves "The Legend of Zelda" or video games in general.

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