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Lower tuition rates do not ensure less student debt

Recent findings indicate despite moderate tuition rate Oswego students owe more than average SUNY students

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With the average salary of college graduates decreasing and loans increasing, the prospect of successful finances after commencement has been diminished.

Oswego State students, may be surprised to find out the tuition deals they thought they were getting by attending Oswego, may not be such a steal after all, when compared to other SUNY schools Oswego does not stack up, according to a study released by The Proj-

ect on Student Debt.

Although Oswego State boasts a competitive tuition rate, with tuition and fees 13 percent less than the average national tuition rate for four-year public universities, Oswego State graduates actually had on average 2.7 percent more debt than the national average that included both public and private universities.

Although Oswego State's average of \$25,931 in student loans per graduate is better than the New York state average of \$26,271 in 2010, Oswego's average did not fare well compared to other

SUNY schools. Of the 15 SUNY schools in which average student loans were reported, Oswego graduates had more debt on average than all but two, which were SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), and SUNY Fredonia.

These levels of debt were recorded before the increases to Oswego State tuition this year, so 2011 graduates will likely face even steeper bills.

With the national unemployment rate at nine percent many students are worried about what sort of job market they will be entering upon graduation.

A survey taken this spring by Rutgers University provided a less-than-optimistic view of U.S. college graduates' job prospects. The survey included graduates from the class of 2007 through 2010 and found that a full 16 percent have no kind of employment at all.

The survey also found that the median salary of 2010 graduates was only \$27,000, compared to the \$30,000 received by the class of 2007.

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Gillen wins mayoral election



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Gillen set to take office

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Winning each of Oswego's seven wards and 66 percent of all votes, Oswego State alumnus Tom Gillen (D) was elected mayor Tuesday.

"I'm going to be smiling in my sleep tonight," Sue Matthews told Tom Gillen during his rally with supporters at Vona's. "Thank you for running."

Although Matthews lives just outside the city limits, she said she is deeply affected by how the city is run.

"Even though I live outside of the city, I still pay school taxes, I shop in their stores," she said.

Top left: (From left) Current mayor, **Randy Bateman**; campaign manager, **Seth Wallace**; and mayor-elect, **Tom Gillen**, look at results Tuesday night. Top right: Wallace celebrates Gillen's win.



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Mayoral candidate, **Dave White**, stands with supporters before leaving without making an address.

White concedes after falling behind in the count early on Election Night

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Mayoral candidate Dave White left Steamer's banquet room at 10:30 p.m. after conceding the election to Tom Gillen, on Tuesday night.

Despite initial problems with ballot counts, it became clear at one point through the night Gillen would win the election. The unofficial count at roughly 9:30 p.m. left White close to 700 ballots behind; the current count puts him behind by 1,192 ballots. White was out-voted in every ward. The official total will be released next week after canvassing the voting booths and counting absentee ballots.

White left without making any statements to the crowd or the press. He said he did not want to comment.

There were 30 to 50 people in attendance, differing throughout the night. Most people were dressed casually, as was White. He wore a collared shirt, wind-breaker jacket, blue jeans and sneakers.

Harrison Wilde, a supporter and photographer for White, awaited the results.

"There will be a lot of happy people and a lot of broken-hearted people," Wilde said. "White has been knocking on doors since summer... he would be devastated."

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Political protests continue as Oswego State tradition since Vietnam

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Occupy Oswego is not the first time in the college's history that protests have taken place. Throughout 1969 and 1970, student-led protests which rallied thousands of people were common occurrences at Oswego State.

Students displeased with the United States involvement in the Vietnam War participated in what is considered the most radical time period on-campus, according to Jeff Rea, who works for the Oswego State Office of Public Affairs and was a student at Oswego State during the protests.

"For many students during this era it was the most radical it got for most of us," Rea said. "Many students were well aware of the national anti-war movement and were swept up in the era for the right reasons."

Many students believed the U.S. was involved in an "unwinnable" war that was never officially declared by Congress, School of Communications Dean Fritz Messere said. He was also a student at Oswego State during this time. President Richard Nixon, who was elected in 1968, promised an end to the war that many labeled as his "secret plan" because it was never publicly stated.

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Above: Oswego State students and faculty participate in protests, teach-ins and marches.



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Above: Occupy Oswego protests occur in the Campus Center in 2011.

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Joseph L. Dibiase, 20, of Onondaga Hall, was arrested Nov. 4 at 1:42 a.m. at 515 Onondaga Hall for unlawful possession of marijuana. Dibiase was released on an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in Oswego Town Court Nov. 21.

Steven R. Wilock, 20, of Moreland Hall, was arrested Nov. 4 at 6:48 a.m. on Sheldon Avenue for criminal mischief: intentional damage of property, a 4th-degree misdemeanor. Wilock was released on an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in Oswego Town Court Dec. 5.

Douglas D. Lokker III was arrested Oct. 22 at 12:50 a.m. at the corner of West 6th St. and West Bridge St. for violation of the open container policy.

Bradley M. Finewood was arrested Oct. 22 at 11:05 p.m. at 208 W. Fourth St. for violation of the noise ordinance.

Michael J. Anselmo was arrested Oct. 22 at 11:05 p.m. at 208 W. Fourth St. for violation of the noise ordinance.

Ismail S. Haknasar was arrested Oct. 23 at 12:20 a.m. at 97 W. Bridge St. for

public urination.

Julian Martinez was arrested Oct. 23 at 1:20 a.m. at 1 Porter St. for violation of the noise ordinance.

Jeremy J. Prentice was arrested Oct. 23 at 2:59 a.m. at the corner of George Washington Avenue and Third Avenue for disorderly conduct: fighting or violent behavior.

John E. McCabe was arrested Oct. 23 at 3:07 a.m. at the corner of George Washington Avenue and Third Avenue for disorderly conduct: fighting or violent behavior.

SUNY BRIEFS

Cortland

A U.S. Army national guardsman who graduated from SUNY Cortland will speak at the school's Veteran's Day celebration on Friday.

Josh Bacigalupi, a kindergarden teacher who is also working toward a Certificate of Advanced Study in school-building and school-district leadership and served in Afghanistan in 2008, will speak to fellow servicemen and women at Cortland on the importance of family in military life. His wife Darci is the special events coordinator at Cortland.

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SUNY Cortland will hold a teach-in and lecture on Nov. 16 to educate the public on the process of hydrofracking.

The lecture, titled "Don't Drink The Water? Teach-In on Hydrofracking and the SGEIS," will have project coordinators for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPiRG) and Cortland students give presentations that focus on the controversial natural gas extraction process known as hydrofracking, and the health and safety concerns that go with it.

The teach-in is co-sponsored by NYPiRG, the Environmental Justice Committee of the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies and the school's Education Club.

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Canton

SUNY Canton is expecting record enrollment numbers for their winter term online sessions.

Between 1,300 and 1,400 students are

expected to sign up for this wide-ranging online class program, which offers over 100 courses in a wide variety of fields offered by the school.

The program began in 2005, with only 18 classes and 160 enrollments, and those numbers have grown exponentially in the years since.

The program runs from December to January. Students are allowed a maximum of six Winterterm credit hours.

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Delhi

Representatives from SUNY Delhi's culinary arts program will work with the U.S. Army as part of their Armed Forces Training with Industry (TWI) program.

The program, which began in 2009, has students and associate professors working with Army personnel to boost the culinary skills of soldiers participating in the annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition. The Army said they picked Delhi for this year's competition because of its reputation as a premiere culinary school.

This is the second time Delhi has participated in the TWI program, and the Army said they will look for a new school to work in the program next year.

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Oneonta

SUNY Oneonta announced Wednesday that they will be closing its student-run public radio station.

The station, WUOW, will cease broadcasting due to cost concerns and a lessening of importance in emergency broad-

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Fredonia

A student environmental group at SUNY Fredonia will hold an open exposition in protest of the hydrofracking process. The group, called Campus Climate Challenge, is putting on this exposition to inform people of the potential dangers of hydrofracking, which New York state legalized this past July.

The exposition will consist of art, music and writing presentations from Fredonia students.

-observertoday.com

Potsdam

SUNY Potsdam announced Thursday that they are starting a new student initiative focused on preventing drinking deaths.

The school's Red Branch program is launching "Every Second Counts," which will focus on educating students on the dangers that come with abundant alcohol consumption. They will be taught how to handle emergency situations and how to contact the proper authorities.

This program was adopted from SUNY Stony Brook's Red Branch program.

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SAT	<p>SUNY OSWEGO HALL OF FAME INDUCTION Location: Hewitt Union Ballroom Time: 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>
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Above: From left to right, **Rodney Jeannis, George Jackson, Castelli Laflotte, Ronald Russell, Niall Pope, Osaze Olumhense, Kadeem Locke.**
Below: Volunteers from Phi Beta Sigma help out at a local church to distribute food to the community the first Saturday of each month.

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On the first Saturday of every month, the fraternity Phi Beta Sigma volunteers at a local church to give away a truckload of food.

According to Phi Beta Sigma [PBS] President Castelli Laflotte, the fraternity truly lives by its motto: “Culture for service, service for humanity.”

In that time, the group managed to distribute food to a line of about 150 people. On Saturday, the six brothers brought other Oswego State students with them to Lighthouse Baptist Church in Mexico, N.Y. to volunteer.

“We have fed over 50,000 people in the past eight years that we’ve been doing this,” Rev. Ronald Russell said. “Every time we do this, more and more people line up. We get people all the way from Chittenango.”

Akilah Portee is an Oswego State student who heard about the church’s give-

away at an African, Latino, Asian and Native American (ALANA) Student Leadership Conference.

“Some families were coming through the line two or three times because they have nothing,” Portee said.

John Marrero was another one of the students who volunteered on Saturday.

“I was actually inspired and touched,” Marrero said. “It did my heart good to know I was helping out the community and maybe even changing someone’s life.”

Russell and Laflotte each invite Oswego State students to volunteer at the church again Saturday, Dec. 3.

“It will be crazy in December,” Russell said. “We’re going to be handing out toys for Christmas, too.”

Volunteering is one of the many things the brothers do to serve their community. During this semester, the fraternity has been fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Next semester, PBS plans to walk for the March of Dimes fundraiser. About 50 students from Oswego State went with them last year. They encourage non-fraternity students to join them.



Oswego county schools not making the grade

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Oswego County schools fall short in academic performance according to a recent survey.

Buffalo’s Business First released the 2011 upstate school district rankings, a report based on four years of test data from the New York State Department of Education.

Pulaski ranked highest in Oswego County coming in at 212 out of 431 upstate school districts. Sandy Creek ranked 217; Central Square, 235; Phoenix, 269; Oswego, 271; Fulton 273; Mexico, 332; Hannibal, 383; and Altmar-Parish-Williamstown (APW) ranked the lowest in Oswego County at 397.

“Our parents have always been interested in the education and well-being (safety and security) of their children.

The Board of Education, administration and staff continues to remain focused on providing the best educational experience possible,” Oswego School Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Cathy Chamberlain said.

This information is being released to faculty, students and parents to observe. Many people are wondering why all Oswego County schools are all in the bottom half.

The current economic situation has forced numerous cuts and changes in the education system everywhere.

“Cutting funding for schools plays a huge role. Teachers are being cut; fewer teachers lead to larger class sizes. Large classes make it difficult for teachers to control behavior and to address individual students’ needs,” said Kristen Corbett, a social studies teacher at Oswego Middle School.

“I believe the demographics in the

school district have changed in the last several years,” said Philip Mooney, a parent of four kids who have attended Oswego High School. “You start to see a lot more of nontraditional families. Some don’t have two parents and there’s a lot more people moving in from out of town.”

Many schools in the county have been making drastic changes to their curriculums. Some districts no longer offer summer school or advanced placement and honors classes. There is also little money to devote to literacy and reading classes.

“We knew it was happening. Our test scores kept coming back lower and lower,” said Malinda Reed, a senior at APW High School.

Schools in Oswego County are working on possible solutions to change the rankings once again.

“We continue to look at and analyze the data for school improvement initiatives,” Chamberlain said.

International students travel, celebrate during holidays

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International students come to Oswego State from all over the world to experience American education and culture. Thanksgiving and Christmas are in the near future and are recognized by many American families. For many students, they are learning and celebrating these holidays for the first time.

While domestic students generally travel home for the holidays, international students find new, American experiences during the breaks. These students are far away from their country and are not permitted to stay in the dorms throughout the holiday breaks in order for the hall directors and resident assistants to spend quality time with their loved ones.

“They usually travel somewhere in the U.S. during the holiday breaks,” says Joanne Richardson from the International Education department on campus. “Washington D.C. and New York City are popular visitation spots for many international students. Most of the time they try to explore the country or if they have the time, they go back home.”

Eyub Yegen, a student from Germany, said that he will be spending his Thanksgiving break traveling to Chicago with friends or visiting Colorado Springs.

“I did not know much about Thanksgiving prior to coming here and I do not know much now. I only know that a lot of movies come out around Thanksgiving,” he said. Yegen plans to accompany his friend on a vacation to Dubai during winter break because it gives him more time to enjoy himself overseas without being rushed back to Oswego.

hammed Rahman, plans to visit Chicago as well. He transferred as a graduate student from Dubai to Oswego in the spring of 2010 to further his education and to travel the world.

“I’ve noticed that Americans like to plan before they travel, especially around Thanksgiving and that’s a problem for me because I’ve always traveled last minute. The dormitory’s want us out of the building by eight o’clock so it becomes difficult because my home is not close by,” Rahman said.

This year, Rahman will be celebrating his first Christmas with his friend’s family in Syracuse. “We know a lot about Christmas at home but I have never celebrated it before.”

In regards to Thanksgiving, he has learned an immense amount of information about the holiday. “After I came here I took a history class in which I learned more about American culture and Thanksgiving. I also heard a lot about it from my friends. I don’t see Thanksgiving as a very popular holiday because some people say its fun and others do not.”

Asano Aoshima, a freshman from Japan, will also be spending a holiday in the U.S. with a friend.

“I’m going to my friend’s house in Rochester for Thanksgiving. I haven’t experienced the holiday yet, but it seems important,” Aoshima said. Prior to coming to Oswego State, she had heard that Thanksgiving was about spending time with family.

“We celebrate Christmas at my house but we decorate the Christmas tree differently and we do not use real trees,” Aoshima said. “I feel like Christmas is extremely popular here but New Year’s is the most celebrated holiday in Japan.” This year, she will be traveling to London during Christmas break to visit a family she had lived with before attending Oswego State.

Over 130 international students enroll every year and celebrate holidays the “American” way for the first time. Whether these students travel the county, visit a friend’s house or go home, they always occupy themselves during Oswego State’s breaks.

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Tom Gillen on issues...

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Mayor-elect's views, statements on problems, topics affecting Oswego

Housing

“I really want young people to stay here. One of the things that came up with the people we met, that had just moved here, it's tough to find housing for a young professional. We have a lot of student housing, a lot of retirement homes and older homes in the city. But there's not a market for young professionals to come in here...We need to have it. Gosh, if you want young professionals to move here, you need to offer them a place to live.

Student activities

“Eighteen and over is a good way to put it [for] some places to go to that aren't alcohol based that you can actually go and dance and talk. I also think that there aren't enough businesses in the college area to go to. I mean there are a few, but there don't seem to be coffee shops other than Dunkin' Donuts. But that's a different mentality.

College student retention

“It's a natural fit that maybe we would get some of the kids graduating from school to stay here, they spend four years here. Every year, we let 2,000 really smart, wonderful students leave us. Some of them are going to go home because they want to go back to where they live. But some of them are willing to stay here and if we encourage them with jobs, I think that's how we grow our way into it.

Downtown development

“In a small city, small businesses are the backbone of it. We all talk about bringing the big corporations and bringing the big jobs. We are going after them by the way, but those are long term. They are strategic. In terms of encouraging small business development, we have organizations in town right now, the community development office, the Chamber of Commerce, there's lots of places out there. There is the Do'ers. It's just re-energizing some of these folks.

Lake water for business development

“[About data centers] Tell people, 'put your laptop' on your lap, and after ten minutes you go 'man, that's hot.' If you have these rows and rows of computer processors, hundreds of thousands these things, it's an oven in there. If they cook, you've lost everything. Information is your business. That's a big thing to lose. So basically what people do is invest a ton of money in air conditioning, just a ton of it. It's very expensive. What we have out here is the excess of a lake, which has a temperature of roughly 40 degrees. There is no reason why we couldn't just pump [water] into the data centers, build data centers around the lake, use the lake water to cool it down and save these people a ton of money and then create these really good jobs. Once you built the data centers here, then people are going to say 'how about call centers, how about other knowledge-based industries.'

City promotion

“The thing about Oswego is when people do come here they go 'that's a great little city.' But we don't promote it very well, we've never really done that. We have a tourism director, but I think his scope, in terms what he's expected to do, and what happens is limited. And we don't really have parks and recreation, we don't have a parks and recreation person.

“We should have a very strong interactive website, not just a bulletin board, which it kinda is right now, if you really want to know certain things like "who's this?" We want something that people can just go on.



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Undying zombie success

Fascination with undead stems from person's ability to relate

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The concept of zombies roaming the Earth has become a type of cultural icon in our society. Many people find movies, series and books centered around the invasion of zombies fascinating. The new show, "The Walking Dead," and popular campus competition, Human vs. Zombies, both prove that the idea of the living dead has huge panache right now.

Tim Delaney, associate professor of sociology at Oswego, and an expert on popular culture in TV and film, said that the Zombie phenomenon has been around since the "Night of the Living Dead" was released in 1968. "This is when people started to learn about voodoo and the concept of being able to bring someone back to life after they have died," Delaney said. "We have always been told that when you're dead, you're dead, so this was a fascinating concept to us."

Delaney said he has seen a huge increase in video games with zombie storylines and shows like "Beavis and Butthead," which recently came back on the air, that incorporate zombies into their plotlines.

Delaney said that the Human vs. Zombies competition has become so popular at Oswego because it gives students a chance to create friendships over a common interest. Zombies are a huge part of popular culture, which means it has become big locally, Delaney said. Oswego is no exception to that, he added.

Many people never tire of the zombie apocalypse because of the individual's ability to relate to the situation; they put themselves in the position of the zombie hunter or even the zombie.

"If guys have to be dead to be dominant, they'll do it," Delaney said. He also explained that zombies appeal more to men because they are by nature more aggressive. "We like seeing blood and guts, not a romantic movie about the forbidden love between a girl and a vampire."

American Movie Classic's critically-acclaimed new series, "The Walking Dead," delivered its strongest telecast for any drama in basic cable history against adults ages 18-49, shattering a basic cable record of 10 years, according to AMC.com.

On Oct. 25 AMC President Charlie Collier announced that the series will be renewed for a third season, according to AMC.com.

The public's increasing interest with zom-

bies allowed the network to expand the new show, delighting viewers and participates of the series. "We are pleased to announce the 'dead' shall live," Collier said on AMC.com.

"The Walking Dead" captures the ongoing drama following a zombie apocalypse. The series, now on its second season, follows a group of survivors, led by Georgia Sherriff Rick Grimes, who are traveling in search of a safe and secure home.

This fascination with the living dead has not only captivated TV buffs but college campuses, as well. Students and faculty at Oswego State have seen an increase in the annual Human vs. Zombies competition run by the Story Tellers' Guild. Jack Carmody, vice president of the Guild, said it is a well-known game played at other colleges, as well.

"We usually have 100 something players, sometimes over 200," Carmody said. "People love playing and if they aren't, most other students find it fun to watch."

The week-long competition starts with humans and a few zombies and throughout the week, the zombies spread and the humans do their best to survive. Human vs. Zombies is similar to a game of tag Carmody said, but instead the humans get to use nerf guns to tag the zombies.



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Students receive internship advice

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Lauren Berger, the "Intern Queen," spoke to Oswego State students Monday to give them advice on searching for internships for job experience.

Berger explained to over 120 attendees that she had 15 internships in her undergraduate career. Berger's mother heavily influenced Berger's success with internships.

"Lauren, you gotta get an internship, all the kids have internships," Berger said, imitating her mother.

One summer, Berger juggled three internships with MTV, Fox and NBC in Los

Angeles, CA. Berger's internship experience even gave her the opportunity to fly to Barbados to investigate an argument between a celebrity couple.

One key point Berger shared was that students should be prepared for rejections. Internships are highly competitive, and if a student only applies to one internship, they're chances of getting it are minimal. Berger suggested applying for five to 10 at a time.

Berger also stressed the use of the career centers. Oswego State's career services center is in the Compass, located in Campus Center 145. Utilizing their resources, such as mock interviews and resume critiquing, can help students land internships.



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The Intern Queen, Lauren Berger, visits Monday.

Rice Creek walk promotes conservation, history education

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Tim McMonagle opened the eyes of many of the participants of the Fall Walk in the Woods at Rice Creek on Saturday. Participants learned first-hand about nature and the distinct culture of the Native American people.

McMonagle, the guide for the hike, shocked participants when he revealed that Native Americans used moss for their diapers because of its ability to absorb liquid. McMonagle also explained some important facts that hikers need to know, such as the lesser-known qualities of poison ivy, such as its ability to stay on trees year-round.

In addition, McMonagle taught the group various things about Rice Creek's surrounding environment as he led them through one of Rice Creek's many trails.

The four participants walked over wooden bridges made by Rice Creek members and came across an abandoned beaver dam. At one point, the group stopped to search for an owl, which can usually be seen in a tree cleaning itself or relaxing.

Various species make Rice Creek their home and participants saw this personally as they stopped along the trail to look for the remains of turtle eggs, which a mother snapping turtle would have left after laying her eggs near the trail not long ago.

The group also saw Rice Creek's environ-

mental scientist tag different varieties of birds in what is known as "bird banding." While holding a robin with one hand, the scientist put a small medal band around the bird's leg with the other hand.

Rice Creek's environmental scientist explained that the birds tagged will migrate to Mexico and the tags will help scientists track them. Bird banding helps scientists to record the sex and color of the birds and eventually understand their migration pattern.

One participant of the fall walk, Karinna Okkonen, an Oswego State student, was able to hold an adult robin before it was set free after being tagged.

"It was an interesting experience. It was so cool to actually touch its feathers," Okkonen said. "I actually thought I killed it because it didn't move when I went to release it, but it ended up being OK."

At first Okkonen was not excited about the hike, because she is not a person who enjoys the outdoors. Through the walk, however, she learned how appealing nature can be. "It was nice being in a different atmosphere other than campus," she said.

"My favorite part was seeing all the scenery. Our guide was so friendly and I learned a lot of new things," Okkonen said.

A couple from Boston attended the fall walk and said they discovered a lot about biodiversity. They added that they enjoyed being in a natural environment while learning many new things, such as the characteristics of poison ivy.

The Bostonians came to Oswego State for parent's weekend and heard about Rice Creek's Fall Walk in the Woods. Though the couple lives five hours away, they said they would definitely be coming back to Rice Creek.

McMonagle has been teaching environmental science for 15 years and now teaches earth science to sixth graders.

He told a story about how he caught a bunch of frogs near his home and brought them into school to show his students. When he brought them into the classroom, all of the students immediately screamed; they had never seen a frog up close. He explained that it is because only a small portion of kids are exposed to the outdoors nowadays.

"When I was a kid I used to come home from school and go explore in the woods," McMonagle said. "My dad used to always take us on hikes but now parents don't expose their kids to nature."

McMonagle was asked about his favorite part of the fall season. "It's a coming of change, the precursor to the next big event," he said.

He talked about how the fall season shows how similar humans and animals are. Animals are gathering their food and hunkering down and we are doing the same by stocking up on our firewood and staying indoors more.

Rice Creek Field Station exists to provide research opportunities for students and help them learn more about natural history, according to the Oswego State website. The station is five minutes from the Oswego State campus.

Degrees may be required for fighting fire

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Some fire districts are requiring recruits to have advanced degrees before becoming firefighters.

It used to be that a high school diploma and some good old-fashioned, on-the-job training was sufficient enough to acquire a job at one's local fire station.

"An associate degree is the new high school diploma," said Oswego City Fire Chief, Jeffrey McCrobie.

According to McCrobie, about 30 percent of his 66 firefighters have some type of college degree. He said that the majority of his firefighters with degrees are young because the job market is very competitive and when he was younger many people did not attend college.

McCrobie, however, who does not have a college degree, is split on the issue of whether or not a degree is necessary to become a firefighter.

"If someone achieves an associate or a bachelor's degree, it shows that they are completely committed to their respective careers," McCrobie said. "On the other hand, people who want to be firefighters, with or without a degree, still have to go through intensive training and pass a civil service test."

A civil service test is an aptitude examina-

tion that is a prerequisite to many governmental jobs. The exam tests applicants on comprehension and arithmetic.

Many fire stations around the country pay firefighters who have some type of degree more, but McCrobie said the Oswego Fire Department does not pay firefighters with a degree more than firefighters without one.

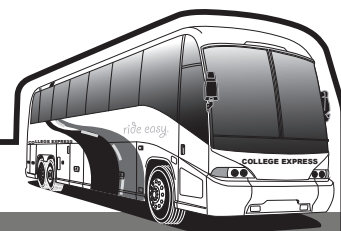
Community colleges and for-profit institutions around the country have noticed the growing demand to formally educate people who seek to be firefighters. In the past few years, institutions have made an associate degree in fire safety available.

SUNY Rockland Community College offers two associate degrees involving fire safety: fire science technology and fire protection technology. According to Jeremy Cordock, head of student development at SUNY Rockland, their programs work in cooperation with the local fire-training station.

"Our students work right along with professional firefighters to hone in on the skills necessary to become a fire fighter," Cordock said.

The role of firefighters has become "more complicated in recent years" due to increasing sophisticated equipment according to the SUNY Rockland website.

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Prior protestors close Culkin

Students chained hall doors shut in Vietnam protests of 1970

PROTESTS, from COVER

In 1969, student uproars occurred across the country as a response to Nixon's announcement of the U.S. invasion in Cambodia. Nixon's intention of invading Cambodia was to remove the Viet-Cong supply line, Messere said.

Students across the country felt the U.S. government lied to them, according to Paul Roodin, the director of the Office of Experience-Based Education at Oswego State and a professor during the protests.

"It was an era of student activism," said Roodin. "Students weren't violent but wanted to have their voices heard."

The first student-led protest of the era took place at Oswego State on October 15, 1969, and was fully supported by former Oswego State President James Perdue.

Activities on campus included a morning rally in the quad, speakers, workshops and a march from campus to the post office. There was a turnout of around 2,500 students, faculty and townspeople, who peacefully marched in silence to commemorate the lives of American soldiers who died in Vietnam.

"There was an empowering feeling of coming together with mass amounts of students for a good cause," Rea said. "It was a revelation about the power of an ideal to motivate people to an action."

Many students protested in opposition to the draft because students could

be drafted immediately after they finished their undergraduate degrees. Many students chose to enroll in graduate school to avoid being drafted, Roodin said.

"The Army was waiting for you after college," Roodin said.

In May 1970, there was a student strike on the Oswego State campus, in response to the National Guard shooting at Kent State University.

The altercation at Kent State consisted of 67 rounds of ammunition being fired in just 13 seconds, resulting in the deaths of four student protesters, while also leaving nine wounded.

The Oswegonian reported on May, 4, 1970 that students "voted to go on strike to protest the war in Southeast Asia, university complicity with the war machine, and the repercussion and holding of political prisoners."

During the strike, there were frequent workshops run by professors and students that anyone could attend. These became known as "teach-ins" and focused on educating students about the conditions that led up to the war, Messere said.

Students boycotted attending classes during the strike. While classes continued, many professors gave students the option of picketing and allowed students to protest in favor of something they felt passionate about, Roodin said.

"President Perdue ultimately made the decision those students who didn't wish

to continue classes for the rest of the semester could either take a pass-fail grade, their current grade, or drop the class without penalty," Messere said. "This was because the school was receiving frequent bomb threats everyday as a way to disrupt the academic calendar."

On May 6, 1970, protests on-campus became arguably the most tense when student protesters took over Culkin Hall. Student protesters ran chains through the handles of the entrance doors and locked them, said Jeff Durstewitz, a freshman at the time and part of the Culkin Hall protest.

Students only unchained the doors to let Culkin Hall workers exit the building, Durstewitz said. Culkin Hall occupiers participated in low-mayhem activities while inside, such as ripping papers and making long-distance calls, Durstewitz said.

Administrations tried not to escalate the conflict by getting any law enforcement involved. They waited until students were ready to depart and go somewhere else, said Sherwood Dunham, the vice president of academic affairs at the time.

Occupiers did not cause any serious damage and no one was hurt as a result, said Robert Schell, the student affairs administrator at the time. Afterward, students volunteered to clean up all damages and debris, Schell said.

"Students during this time had a good sense they were living history and realized they could make a difference," Rea said.

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Cross-party voting aids Gillen in election win

Decisive win boosts mayor-elects confidence, has clear vision for future of Oswego

GILLEN, from COVER

"I thought this was the most important mayoral election we've had in a long time," Matthews said.

More than 3,000 residents voted in the election on Tuesday. Without the inclusion of an estimated 300 absentee ballots, Gillen received 2,426 votes, almost double opponent Dave White's total of 1,234.

"I thought it was a decisive win," Gillen said. "It's nice to win, when you win an election it's nice to have a lot of support behind it, to kinda squeak in is 'eh.' It's kinda tough. But this time the people spoke loud and clear."

Part of the success, Gillen said, was that his message resonated across party lines.

"There are certain wards in the town that traditionally don't vote democratic," Gillen said. "I think what it's nice about it, is that I didn't really run on a democratic platform, I ran on a city platform. There were a lot of people crossed over, Democrats, Republicans, conservatives, liberals, working-family people."

Gillen will succeed current mayor Randy Bateman Jan. 1.

"We kept [the campaign] based in the reality facing the residents of this city," campaign manager Seth Wallace said. "Now we're ready to start the real work, which is working for the taxpayers and the working families of the city of Oswego."

After Gillen becomes mayor, Bateman is looking forward to the chance to travel.

"I'll have more time to visit my children who are out of town. My daughter in Atlanta and a son in Cape Cod area," Bateman said. "Even though I retired from my other full-time job last month, my other one, when you're mayor you still have to keep office hours, so it's pretty much a full-time job."

Bateman said that he is excited about the future of Oswego with Gillen as mayor.

"[I'm] excited that the city will keep moving forward under his leadership. He has a wealth of experience in the business community," he said.

Gillen, a 1972 Oswego State alumnus, wants to bridge the gap between city and community by opening communication and bringing more local businesses that appeal to students.

"I think we've had some good communication times and some not so good over the years," Gillen said. "But I think we need to improve at this point in time. How you do that, is getting more people to discuss the common issues."

Tensious topics include the "drunk buses" and the parties in town. The drunk buses have been criticized for dropping students off in residential districts in the middle of the night often causing noise disturbances.

"It may be just a college experience for them as they go through life, but for us this is our life," Gillen said. "But we also appreciate that they're young and they're going to do all kinds of things. It's part of the excitement of the city."

Gillen said that Oswego is a college

community and being in college is stressful and so students need to find ways to enjoy themselves.

"No one wants to punish anybody for being young and making mistakes," Gillen said. "But I do think that if we develop some activities in town that weren't required to be 21 or older, we would be a lot better off."

He also said that there weren't really a lot of small, local businesses with their own personality adjacent to campus, like coffee or tea shops. He said he has looked at other college towns that have a lot of small businesses near campus and that it adds to the personality of the communities.

"I would like to encourage more of that, more vibrant downtown, so the young people want to come down there," he said.

Gillen has plans to revitalize the community through knowledge-based jobs that could retain students after graduation. He also hopes to improve housing for young professionals.

"It's been like he's saying all along, we bring people into this city and educate them," Wallace said. "They get a great education, they learn all these skills, and for the most part they leave. We want to keep the talent that is grown at the university."

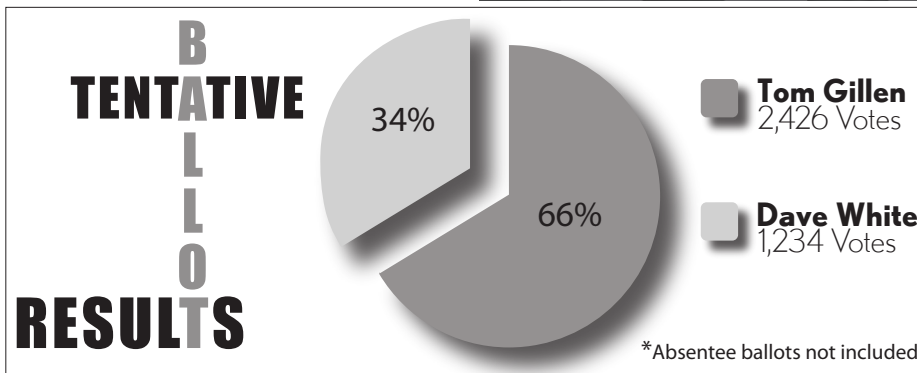
Among Gillen's plans for job growth is perhaps using Lake Ontario as a natural cooling device for technology, which could be an alternative to ordinarily expensive air cooling.

"What we have out here is the excess of

a lake, which has a temperature of roughly 40 degrees," Gillen said. "There is no reason why we couldn't just pump [water] into the data centers, build data centers around the lake, use the lake water to cool it down and save these people a ton of money and then create these really good jobs. Once you built the data centers here, then people are going to say 'how about call centers, how about other knowledge-based industries.'"

Housing is an issue that goes hand in hand with jobs. Currently the city has a lot of student housing, senior living homes and older homes. Gillen has seen an issue with young professionals finding homes.

"There's not really a market for young professionals to come in here," he said. "We need to have that. Gosh, if you want young professionals to move here, you got to offer them a place to live, as well as a job."



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Despite disappointing outcome, Republican party positive



Jessica Bagdovitz | The Oswegonian

Mayoral candidate, Dave White (left), watches supporters tally the votes as ballot totals came in from election poll sites on Tuesday at Steamers.

WHITE, from COVER

Whatever the outcome, the candidates worked hard, said Michael Bakus, Republican County Chairman.

"In campaigns you can't look backward, you have to look forward," Bakus said.

The main issue of the election, according to Bakus, was rebuilding the community – both structurally and economically. Even if some candidates did not win, they still helped bring those issues to the fore-

front. Proud of his candidates, Bakus said he hopes successors will hold true to their word and rebuild the city.

Mike Todd won the position of Alderman for the Third Ward.

He said he had his volunteers to thank for the win. From young to old, he credits his variety of volunteers, especially Oswego State's College Republicans.

"Those guys worked their butt off for me. Absolutely great group of kids," Todd said.

Nick Staiano, president of College Republicans said he thought all the candidates gave it their best. They ran hard campaigns, put their feet to the pavement and spoke to every constituent they could speak to.

John Canale, a retired alderman, aided in the campaign. Canale said he thought White should have won. He was out door-to-door since before summer. There was no pivotal aspect to the loss of the mayoral race, Canale said.

Obama loan initiatives help students

DEBT, from COVER

Federal loans give students a six-month grace period after graduation before they have to start making payments, but the same survey found that only 69 percent of graduates from 2007 onwards received employment in the first six months following graduation.

President Obama recently introduced a plan to reduce the minimum payments students must make on federal student loans from 15 percent to 10 percent of income.

Economics professor and chair of the Oswego State Economics Department, Ranjit Digne, said "15 percent, or even 10 percent, is a big pinch if one is barely earning enough to make ends meet."

It had been beneficial to Carrie Seeley, an Oswego State and new mother, lost who her job after they were unwilling to work with her school schedule.

"I have maxed out my student loans," she said in an email. "This has been a saving grace and just enough to maintain my livelihood during my studies. However the part of the loan with a 5 percent interest rate [unsubsidized Stafford Loan] throughout the four years of study is ridiculous. This makes approximately 10-15 thousand dollars increase \$3,000."

"On average, college graduates earn about... \$28,600 [more] per year, enough to pay off the debt all at once. As a percentage of the total wage premium earned by college graduates over 40 to 50 years of working, \$26,000 is hardly anything. But the devil is in the details: That \$28,600 yearly-wage premium is the average of all college graduates, including people in their 40s and 50s."

With salary and employment decreas-

ing for recent college graduates and tuition rates rising much faster than inflation, some students find themselves wondering whether college is really worth the price tag.

Senior Benjamin Harrison chose to spend a year at community college to alleviate the costs of college.

"As a senior about to graduate, I've only racked up about \$18,000 in loans. Anyone that complains that college is too expensive should change their major to something more profitable," Harrison said. "It's true, that photography degree is probably never going to pay for itself but if you weren't good enough to get into a better school or get scholarships, you probably shouldn't be racking up loans for it in the first place."

Oswego State Director of Financial Aid Mark Humbert disagreed.

"Oswego is very committed to helping students find the best options to pay for college," Humbert said. "The Financial Aid Office has very helpful information about loans and repayment options on our website. The office staff is available to help students with any questions or concerns they may have about funding their college experience or repaying their loans when they graduate."

He also noted that "several schools, especially higher cost private colleges, did not report the debt information" and therefore the averages could be inaccurate.

However accurate the report is, with a national total of over \$800 billion in student loans (as reported by FinAid.org and FastWeb.com), student debt has surpassed credit card debt in size. And with tuition constantly rising, student debt is expected to keep rising.

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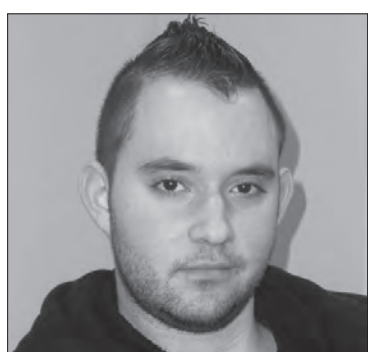
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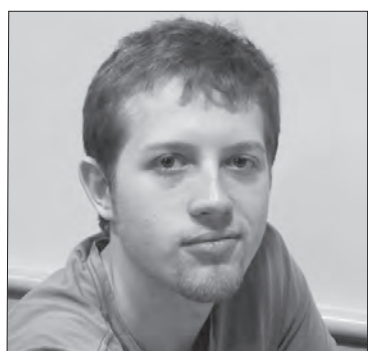
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Do you have any comments on Kim Kardashian's quick marriage/divorce?



"I had no idea. I didn't hear about it."

-Gabe Radbel
junior, creative writing



"I haven't been following it. I think the sanctity of marriage has been ruined a long time ago from other celebrities."

-Kyle Zenchysom
junior, journalism



"I think she jumped into it, they weren't dating very long. I think she just wanted to get married."

-Nikki Scott
senior, physics



"I just try not to think about it, because it's a depressing moment in human history."

-Joey Perez
junior, global studies



"It was a long time coming. \$10 million on the wedding and 72 days of marriage, and she cheated on him over the summer? It was predictable."

-Glenn Noynay
senior, accounting



"It's just a publicity stunt."

-Kevin Wilson
senior, accounting

STAFF EDITORIAL

IF IT LOOKS GOOD, EAT IT

There is a growing trend among new and old students alike. It is not a good thing and needs to be dealt with before it gets out of hand. The problem is the wasting of food and other materials in the various dining halls on campus. While it may not seem like a concern to some people, the consequences cannot be ignored. Perhaps we can all change them for the better. You know you've wasted food accidentally or intentionally at one time or another. Maybe you even do it to "get back at the man," "fight the system" or whatever other heinous excuse you might use to justify it. No matter how you look at it though, wasting food and materials is morally suspect.

One prominent example is student use of the paper eco-cups. The dining halls clearly state that each patron is allowed to leave with one snack and one

drink in those cups. That doesn't mean you can take seven. Or worse, when people use the paper cups in the dining hall itself, instead of the glass ones. The glass ones are washable and use fewer resources than a whole paper cup.

Another big issue is the overabundance of food waste. When you go to eat, take what you are sure you can finish for the most part. If you happen to be hungry again afterwards, there are always seconds or to be healthier, smaller snacks. It is sad to see someone get the main meal with sides, eat some of it and then get a pizza or sandwich that is later thrown out. Plan ahead and you will thank yourself for it later.

Food waste plagues the dining hall. Who among us has not noted how much remains on plates on the conveyer belt in Lakeside or brushed into the trash at

Cooper? Do something about it. If everybody worked to eliminate the amount of food they waste, then the entire problem would be resolved as well.

How about after the dinner is done? Many students choose to take some food for later.

This doesn't mean you can raid the ice cream freezer, snatch up all the chips you can grab or take multiple cups and putting unintentional food like sandwiches in them. That is not what they are for. Sometimes, cups are taken and not even used, only to be thrown out as students leave. Why take the cup in the first place? It is not as if they will all magically disappear if you do not grab one right away. Take it for what it is intended for, drinks, or at the very most cereal or something similar; not what you think you can get away with.

IN THE OFFICE

Confidence secret to successful life



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There is something even the best parents fail to teach their kids. Despite everything that colleges and universities do to prepare students for bright futures, they regularly miss the mark on instilling the most essential asset. It is the greatest tool. It is elusive. And there is no guarantee you will ever learn it.

It is confidence. And it will change your life.

Yes, I said it – confidence is the most essential asset. Think about it, you leave college and head out into the world, armed only with your hopes, dreams and a piece of paper that says you learned something over the last four-or-so years

that qualifies you to do some type of job – we'll call it a degree.

While all of these things are pretty important in attaining that dream job of yours, if you attempt an interview without confidence in yourself and your abilities, don't bother waiting by the phone. You didn't get the job.

Get serious; if you wouldn't hire yourself, why would someone else consider hiring you?

Let's move onto a less professional but equally pertinent scenario: dating. I will not harp on silly irrelevant things like sense of humor, looks or personality. Let's instead get to the only thing that matters (besides money, of course): confidence. If you carry yourself like you are a hot commodity, regardless of whether or not you actually are, people will believe it.

Don't believe me? Try it out. Date with someone with insecure tendencies. Or you could save yourself a torturous ride through reassurance hell and trust me; it's infinitely better to date someone who's self-assured.

Let's be candid, if you wouldn't date yourself, why would someone else want to?

Finally, we come to the classic situation that every timid person dreads. Two words strike fear into the heart of the shy: customer service. If you ever needed confidence, it is in this moment.

You are on the phone, most likely thousands of miles away from the person being paid to assist you, yet there is still plaguing unease. It feels as though you shouldn't be calling; you are the inconvenience in this person's day. Is the issue even that big of a deal anyway? The only way to deal with this situation is with the utmost confidence, or you could just not call and be complacent in the fact you have not gotten what you paid for. But confident people never face such a dilemma.

No one's buying it, if you can't deliver a tongue-lashing that will leave permanent scars, who would cringe the next time you call?

There is no such thing as Confidence 101; it is not something someone can teach you. Like all the best things in life it requires effort, practice and self-knowledge. The reason confidence is such a standout quality is because so few people have it. But anyone can take it, be confident.

Exotic chemicals leave sensitive skin feeling Bunsen burned



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I'll just come straight out with it: I don't use shampoo. I'm not ashamed of it, nor am I about to go and hug the nearest tree. This isn't some protest against corporations or cleanliness; it's about taking a stand against chemicals. More specifically, it is about the chemicals manufacturers actually will tell you about as well as the ones they aren't telling you about. You don't have to be a smelly hippie to understand that maybe the shampoo you're washing your hair with or the lotion you're putting on your skin might not be as nice as you think.

My foray into natural products began with my first year at Oswego State. My skin has always been kind of sensitive; I already had to swear off fruity-smelling deodorant due to allergies in junior high. Other than that I used any soap, shampoo

and lotion that I wanted to. I switched brands whenever I felt like it. As soon as I got here, though, my skin started to go crazy. My legs were so dry and no amount of name-brand lotion, whether it was sweetly smelling or cocoa butter-enriched, could stop it. I was also developing rashes after I put the lotion on. My scalp was itchy and drier than it had ever been before.

I would go home and feel fine, so it took me two more years until I had enough. I went online and bought handmade lotion with shea butter and other niceties, but it still did nothing to help. I would itch all over from fall until summer. Then I stumbled upon the "No-Poo" movement. Instead of shampooing and conditioning, you could use two teaspoons of baking soda in a cup of water. That's it. Guess what? I look fine, and so do the rest of these women.

But why were these people so adamant about this method? They had crazy hair, from thick and curly to thin and stringy. What we realized was that the manufacturing companies were putting some strange things in our products. What shampoo really does is strip your scalp of all oil, good sebum and bad grease, and conditioner leaves a residue that makes it look nice and shiny.

Propylene glycol, methylparabens,

phthalates – those long words in long lists on cosmetics are normally just glazed over. Consumers like to see the phrases 'natural product' and 'luxurious lather,' not 'filled with formaldehyde.' Just take a look at that lotion you use everyday – I did. Diazolidinyl urea was in my favorites and in the handmade ones I bought on Etsy, and it releases formaldehyde into the air for you to breathe in. In case you don't recall, that's used for corpse embalming and is a known carcinogen. Some others are known carcinogens and endocrine disrupters. Forget about fragrance. Cosmetic companies can withhold every chemical that goes into fragrance from the FDA in the name of trade secrets. The book "No More Dirty Secrets," published just last year, is an insight into just what these chemicals are doing to you.

The skin is the body's largest organ, and it is ingesting toxic chemicals daily. The European Union has banned over one thousand ingredients for use in cosmetics; as of June 2010 the FDA has only banned nine. Get yourself educated on what you're using. Go and grab your favorite potions and look up those chemicals, you'll probably cringe just like I did. Think about what your skin is soaking in; why do you think they tell you to call poison control if you accidentally drink them?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I don't think anyone would deny that Oswego has a great hockey tradition. Since the mid 60s we have had an unbroken string of outstanding coaches, awesome players and, of course, committed fans. And with the arrival of the Campus Center Arena, we can legitimately say we have a classy place to play. Regrettably, at Saturday's game against the College at Brockport, we fell from our classy pedestal into the pit of adolescence and vulgarity with the student section's unfortunate regression and retreat to language worthy of street corner bullies or children just learning that some swear words really do offend. I am speaking, of course, of the "F U Brockport" chant, which arose more than once in the course of the game.

To be sure, our traditional raspberries after opposing teams' penalties or af-

ter we score a goal are pretty tough, but they have a tradition here, though even they walk that fine line of acceptability. But I don't think anyone can say that throwing out the "F" bomb truly has any place either in taunting our opposition or as a representation of the quality of our school, our team or our community. "F U Brockport" does everything but paint Oswego as classy; frankly, it makes us sound pretty pedestrian and adolescent. Is this really the best we can come up with?

Of course, there is also the inevitability of the referees imposing a "bench penalty" for such chants, and I am confident that this would happen soon if this pattern continues, for no one can argue that such a chant falls under the heading of good sportsmanship, however difficult that term may be to define. To adapt the phrasing of one of our chants, whose fault

would it be then – especially if we lose the game because of a goal scored when we were a player down? Unfortunately, another inevitability would be the imposition of sanctions by the college authorities on those who are identified as engaging in such behavior, and I doubt very much the defense of "free speech," just being a fan or everyone else was doing it will go very far. There is no right to yell "F U Brockport" or any other school or player.

Oswego should rightly be proud of its hockey team, its facilities and its fans, for they aspire to meet the highest standards. Let's yell and scream and chant all we want, but let's not pretend that "F U" has anything to do with class or with being a winner.

-Greg Auleta, Retired

Penn State faces shame



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It is more than a cliché to say you cannot outrun the past. Egregious mistakes are etched in stone, never to be completely brushed aside. But the reason that cliché has been repeated over and over again for an eternity is because it is completely true. Penn State University and Joe Paterno, the legendary coach of its football team, are a tragic example of this.

On Wednesday, Paterno was fired after an astonishing 46 years of coaching Penn State football. His 409 victories are the most all-time, including two national championships. But unfortunately, none of these accomplishments may be what defines Paterno's tenure.

Earlier this year it was announced that a grand jury had been investigating Jerry Sandusky, a long-time defensive coach under Paterno, for allegedly molesting several young boys in the showers and locker room of the Penn State football team. The details given in testimonies to the grand jury and from other sources are shocking. In 1977 Sandusky created The Second Mile, a foster home/charity dedicated to taking in troubled young boys. Those may sound like noble intentions, but Sandusky allegedly used this foundation as a

front to get to young boys. Allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct began in the mid-90s with young men saying Sandusky would take showers with them. After a reported incident in 2002, Paterno reported Sandusky to his superiors at the school. This case has picked up steam over the last two weeks after two high-ranking Penn State officials, including athletic director Timothy Curley, were accused of perjury for failing to promptly report Sandusky's criminal behavior to the grand jury, and Sandusky was arrested on nearly 40 counts of child molestation.

Since the perjury charges, we've watched Penn State football, a pillar of integrity and fairness for nearly 50 years, go down in flames. Paterno resigned, Curley and school President Graham Spanier are leaving as well. The most shocking thing in this whole fiasco is not just Sandusky's alleged activities, but the school's reaction to it, or lack thereof.

Allegations have been made against Sandusky for the better part of two decades, and instead of dealing with the situation and dismissing him immediately, Penn State did nothing. Sandusky retired from coaching in 1999 but is still an emeritus to the school. It is amazing that they did not swiftly cut ties with this monster, but instead kept giving him the benefit of the doubt. Molesting a child is the most heinous of crimes, but sweeping it under the rug and not making an example out of Sandusky is nearly as heinous. As a result, the goodwill Penn State built up over the years has been destroyed, and everyone connected to this scandal will be haunted for the rest of their lives.

As I said, the legacy of Paterno, perhaps the greatest college football coach ever, has

been permanently tarnished. Although nobody knows for sure exactly how much Paterno knew about Sandusky's crimes while he was still coaching, it is unlikely that he was completely in the dark. It is true that Paterno reported Sandusky for the 2002 incident, but with a crime as serious as child molestation, he should have gone to the police. Loyalty and benefit of the doubt can only go so far, and only doing the bare minimum with this situation is inexcusable. When Paterno held his press conference on Wednesday, he said in hindsight, he could've done more to keep this disaster from coming to fruition. The use of the phrase "in hindsight" is a major cop-out. Hindsight does not mean anything to the young men whose lives were ruined by Sandusky. It doesn't mean anything to the perception of your school which will take years and possibly decades to get over. This doesn't just apply to this scandal, but to every scandal: recognizing inaction does not excuse inaction. Acknowledging something in hindsight is a useless claim, and a slap in the face to the victims.

There has been some debate as to whether it was right to fire Paterno or to allow him to coach the team for the rest of the season. Personally, I think the school was right in removing him immediately. Paterno had the opportunity to save his legacy, by coming forward earlier instead of sitting idly by while the rest of the school's administration fell around him, but he squandered it. Sandusky's alleged victims didn't lose their innocence and any chance of a normal life on their own terms, so Paterno shouldn't get to leave on his own terms either. He is not a god. He's just an 84-year-old man who did something terrible by doing nothing at all.

Media origin of Cain scandal

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How do you know when a conservative has a chance at winning an election? Simple, they become the target for the liberal-leftist media-attack squad. Herman Cain's popularity amongst the voters is becoming a real threat to Obama as well as the leftist agenda.

Herman Cain came out and said, "The only tactic liberals have is to try to intimidate people into thinking that the Tea Party is racist. The Tea Party is not a racist movement, period! If it were, why would the straw polls keep showing that the black guy is winning? That's a rhetorical question. Let me state it: The black guy keeps winning." The left needed another way to bring Cain down, so what better way than to accuse him of a moral crime?

The leftist media has lodged an attack on Herman Cain. The Politico, a left-leaning political website, released an article stating that Herman Cain was involved in a sexual harassment case while he was the president of the National Restaurant Association, in the late 1990's. The women are not named and their allegations are not specific, yet for a full week they continued to run stories without details or sources. Recently in an interview with Chris Wilson, a veteran Republican pollster who worked for the National Restaurant Association said Wednesday morning that Cain sexually harassed a woman. Wilson stated he was present when the harassment took place. However, he declined to say specifically what Cain said or did to the woman. Despite the lack

reason for going public was that she wanted to provide "a face and a voice" to support other accusers who have so far remained anonymous.

The attacks on Herman Cain are reminiscent to that of Clarence Thomas, another conservative black American who was nominated for the Supreme Court in 1991. Thomas was accused of sexually harassing a co-worker Anita Hill and was subjected to grueling interrogation by Congress. Despite the media circus of the inquisition, Thomas did become one of the Supreme Court Justices.

A video ad made by Americans for Herman Cain shows highlights of sound bites in which high-profile black social activists are insulting Cain. The ad accuses liberals of mudslinging instead of confronting policy issues. The video shows Cornel West telling CNN that Cain needs to get off "the symbolic crack pipe," and Harry Belafonte saying Cain was "denied intelligence." The ad ends with a clip of Thomas' infamous "high-tech lynching" response during his confirmation hearings in 1991. The ad finishes with a warning to fellow Cain supporters and Cain saying "Don't let the LEFT do it again."

The left has a history of attacking black conservatives. Those on the left had always laid claim to being the champions of diversity, battling racism, sexism and any other "isms" they can create. Herman Cain doesn't fit their image of the typical oppressed victim who spews anti-American rhetoric. Herman Cain is a self-made millionaire who did it without the help of big government.

Cain connects with the American people. He is an outsider and considered not one of the Washington elites. He doesn't play by the rules and shoots straight from the heart. This terrifies the left. Cain states, "The American people are sick and tired of excuses. They are sick and tired of the blame game. And they're sick and tired of the deception coming from this president and this administration. This is why I believe that I am doing so well in the polls."

Cain's campaign is somewhat unorthodox. His recent ad came under attack when it showed his campaign manager smoking a cigarette. The left went nuts over it; however, it did give him free publicity.

"The past several months I have been able to meet with people across this country. One thing is clear: America craves for real solutions to the problems we face. That's why I'm running for President of the United States," Cain said.

Cain believes the message of the civil-rights movement and insists color should not play a role in modern politics. However, Cain has been called a sell-out and Syracuse professor Boyce Watkins called him "the perfect racist" on CNN. What is Cain's reaction?

"Relative to the left, I believe that race is a bigger driving factor. I don't think it's a driving factor on the right. This is just based upon our speculation," he said.

Will the leftist media and Obama hit squad take out Cain? If he wins the primary nomination for president, it will be interesting to see how race plays out in the election.

Infrastructure undisputable job creator



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Go west young man. No other phrase is more typical of the American spirit—bristling with a brew of one part wanderlust, one part entrepreneurial gumption.

And it used to be that you could go west and start anew, baptized in the transcontinental sea of distance and emerging with a fresh, self-made identity. Manifest destiny was only one long highway away, too. They called it Route 66.

For those in the know, the road used to be called America's Main Street because there was a time when one could ride all the way from Illinois to Southern California. Before the age of the Internet and mainstream

"If my child got those kind of grades, I'd get them better teachers."

culture, nothing else served so faithfully as the central nerve of America.

During the '30s, the road was the escape route for those affected by the Dust Bowl.

In the '50s, Route 66 spawned a culture of mom-and-pop ventures that shaped post-industrial small-town enterprise. Until Eisenhower helped shepherd the Route into obscurity by establishing the interstate system, Route 66 was the fairway of our travels and the fodder of our shared American fantasy.

That's the power of infrastructure. But sadly government has neglected its duty to maintain safe and efficient roads, bridges and rails. On the one hand, the situation is understandable; infrastructure is a federal line item thoroughly devoid of sex, sizzle and controversy. If you want that, let's talk about federally-funded abortions, stem cell research or raising the retirement age.

I have a better idea: I'll use my pen to stab myself in the pancreas, because those talks will just circle the same roundabouts as they always do. In the end, we'll have reached no conclusion but we'll be as hopping mad as Andy Rooney near eyebrow clippers (too soon?).

Infrastructure, like George Bush, is a uniter, not a divider; okay, but seriously, it's a topic that we can all agree on.

Here are some facts: a 2010 report from the non-partisan Government Accountability Office found that one in four of America's bridges were "structurally deficient" or in need of massive overhauls. Is anyone okay with that? Because last time I checked in with myself, I'm not. (Also, I'm pretty sure I have to drive over at least four bridges to get home this Thanksgiving—and I maybe it's just me, but I hate when my road trips have that faint aftertaste of Russian roulette.)

Maybe that kind of neglect is kosher in Uzbeki-becky-becky-becky-stan, but not for the last superpower on Earth. And this just in,



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Herman Cain: rebuilding infrastructure will create a job! Many, many more than that, actually.

If Congress wants a jobs bill we can all agree on, how about restoring our country's highways and byways? A dollar spent on this kind of project has been proven to create more than a dollar in benefits. Currently the American Society of Civil Engineers gives our country's infrastructure a 'D-' overall and our roads an even worse grade: 'D-' If my child got those kind of grades, I'd get them better teachers. Either that or try for another one, because every family needs a smart child, and that first kid's going to need a brainy sibling after I'm gone.

So here's a novel idea. Let's rebuild Route 66. Unfortunately, a byproduct of its long obsolescence is that one can no longer travel the whole road in one epic stretch. There are gaps of gravelly, ugly and un-nurtured road where detours are necessary. Do we want to think of the America's Main Street as one with detours?

If pop music has taught us anything, it's that life is a highway. I think the American dream is, too. You're going to want that thing paved.

of specifics, Wilson went on to say that Cain's actions made other individuals at the table uneasy.

On Monday a fourth victim claiming sexual harassment against Cain came forward with her lawyer, Gloria Allred. Although the first three alleged victims remained anonymous and their claims unspecified, this fourth accuser gave a press conference in which she recites in great detail the sexual harassment that took place over a decade ago.

The accuser, Sharon Bialek, claims she did not file a workplace complaint against Cain at the time because she was not employed. Bialek goes on to say that she had informed her boyfriend and her long-time mentor about the alleged sexual assault, though, she stated that she could not tell them the details of the attack. She was too embarrassed to tell her boyfriend and her mentor, but she had no problem telling the world the graphic details. So why come out now with all the details? Bialek said the

Celebrity idealism

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Teen pop sensations, purity rings and baby-mama drama are running rampant in current popular culture. People are more concerned with Snooki getting smushed than knowing the works of Hemingway. They are more intrigued by Justin Bieber's vow of celibacy than reading "The Scarlet Letter." But, alas, Mariah Yeaster is here to expose Bieber's lie and drag his squeaky-clean rep through the muck with her cries of, "He's the baby daddy!" While Bieber adamantly denies the allegations, Yeaster is positive he is the father; she's as sure about that as she is that the sun will rise. She was also positive her dreamy ex-boyfriend was the father and that her steamy lover was the daddy. But our Justin, a father? That's not possible, he's such a good boy! Disney stars and teen pop sensations alike are wholeheartedly chaste and innocent, correct? Wrong.

History has proven time and again that all celebs—even the ones from the Disney channel—are eventually consumed by fame. So, why do we make such a scandal out of it? Miley Cyrus shows a little skin and the world shudders. Justin Bieber grabs his junk on live television and the world is in shock. I personally applaud Justin Bieber for getting down and dirty. Let's face it: if he doesn't get some at the peak of his fame, how's he going to get any once puberty hits and he can't sign anymore? Don't get me wrong, I feel for Selena Gomez, but hey, he has to get his kicks somehow.

Why don't we all just let the kid live his life? Whether he is the father of Yeaster's baby is Bieber's own problem. If Cyrus wants to flaunt it, carpe diem! If Kim wants to end her marriage before her iPhone battery runs out, then more power to her. Now, if your best friend decides to shave her hair off and join a cult, then maybe you have cause for concern. If you're really yearning for some scandal, pick up a copy of Orwell's "1984."

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Ziel’s legacy lives on

Legendary coach, player immortalized through campus, community

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Edward Austin Sheldon is not the only famous individual who has graced Oswego with his presence over the past 150 years. While Sheldon founded Oswego State back in 1861, another man put its athletic programs on the map while also serving his country during both World Wars.

Max Ziel did just about everything one could possibly do athletically during his long tenure at Oswego State that started back in 1921. In his 36 years at the college, Ziel served as the head coach for the football, basketball and baseball programs. He also became the college’s athletic director on Oct. 4, 1921.

“He’s a very influential person,” Grace Maxon, Ziel’s great granddaughter said. “He loved sports and was a great coach.”

But his coaching career did not begin at Oswego State. In fact, his life in general did not even begin in the United States. Ziel spent the first few years of his life in Germany with his father, John, brother, Albert and mother, Maria Androef-Ziel, who was a concert pianist from Russia. Ziel and his family immigrated to Alabama, where he would call Birmingham home through childhood.

Ziel attended high school in Alabama, where he would go on to be a four-letter athlete, but left a year early to attend Howard College on scholarship in 1911. However, Ziel would lose his scholarship during the summer of 1912 when he admitted to playing for pay in the Appalachian baseball league. Playing for pay in a semi-professional sports league was prohibited while playing athletics at Howard. His scholarship was thereby revoked since his summer baseball experience had cost him his amateur status at the college.

“Professionally, I’m not a professional,” Ziel told The Oswegonian during a 1981 interview. “I made the same amount I made at Howard.”

Ziel enrolled at Springfield College in

Massachusetts in 1913 after spending a year coaching baseball and basketball at Bingham Military School in North Carolina. While at Springfield College, Ziel was twice voted as the team’s most valuable player in 1915 and 1916. Ziel graduated in 1917 with a degree in physical education.

One month following his graduation, the United States entered World War I in Europe and Ziel enlisted in the army on Sept. 22, 1917, where he would serve as a private for roughly a year. Ziel became a commissioned second lieutenant on Sept. 16, 1918. Despite serving in the army, Ziel never saw action in Europe. Instead his talents were used stateside, as he was put in charge of instructing men on physical fitness, while serving as the camp’s quarterback and coach.

“Out of all of it I think he really enjoyed the physical fitness aspect of [playing sports], which is where the military comes into play because that’s where they really used him,” Maxon said.

In 1919, Ziel left the army and began his coaching career at Hamilton College (known today as Samford University). Ziel coached Hamilton for two years before accepting a variety of head coaching jobs at Oswego State in 1921. When Ziel coached at the college, it was not known at the time as Oswego State. Instead the college was referred to as Oswego Normal School.

Ziel first organized the first and only football program in Oswego State’s history. Of the 50 students who attended Oswego Normal, 17 of them signed up for the football team.

In 1930, Ziel made history by hosting the first-ever night football game in central New York, playing under the lights at Fort Ontario. The football program would not last long, as it was discontinued in 1933 due to financial reasoning.

“Just as we were beginning to get the manpower, we were forced to give it up,” Ziel told The Oswegonian. “Jealousy is a green-eyed monster.”

With football out of the picture, Ziel

turned to basketball and built the program into a powerhouse in 1936. Known as the “Zielmen” due to a lack of a nickname at Oswego Normal, the basketball team finished with a 14-2 overall record.

While coaching at Oswego Normal in 1938, Ziel was approached by the management of Oswego’s professional baseball team, known as the Netherlands, who were the Class C affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. They wanted Ziel to be the team’s new head coach after former head coach Riley Parker stepped down. Ziel accepted the position at the tender age of 45 and went on to win his first game as manager, defeating the Ottawa Braves, 4-1, on Aug. 12, 1938. Ziel even placed himself in the lineup to get the final at bat of the game for his team.

Ziel’s coaching at Oswego Normal would take a backseat to World War II in 1940, when he left the college to re-enlist in the army. Ziel had served as a commanding officer of Company D 108th New York Infantry starting in 1924 and was promoted to captain in 1930. But Ziel would be dismissed on Dec. 12, 1941 and placed in the Army Air Corp because he was over the army age limit for commanding infantry. Ziel was then stationed at Romulus Army Air Field near Detroit, Mich., where his duties included base defense commander, base survey officer, special service officer and physical and recreational officer. On Sept. 29, 1942 Ziel was promoted from captain to Major. Ziel and served 4.5 years in World War II before resuming his duties as coach at Oswego Normal.

Ziel went on to coach Oswego Normal for the next 11 years, stepping down as the head coach of the basketball program on Jan. 10, 1953. He would eventually retire in 1957.

A year later Ziel would receive the key to the city during trophy presentations following the New York Invitational basketball tournament on March 2, 1958. Ziel also received a lifetime membership in the Basketball Hall of Fame on Feb. 21, 1967 and was awarded the “Man of the Year” award in 1960.

Perhaps the greatest honor was the renaming of Sheldon Hall to Max Ziel Gymnasium,

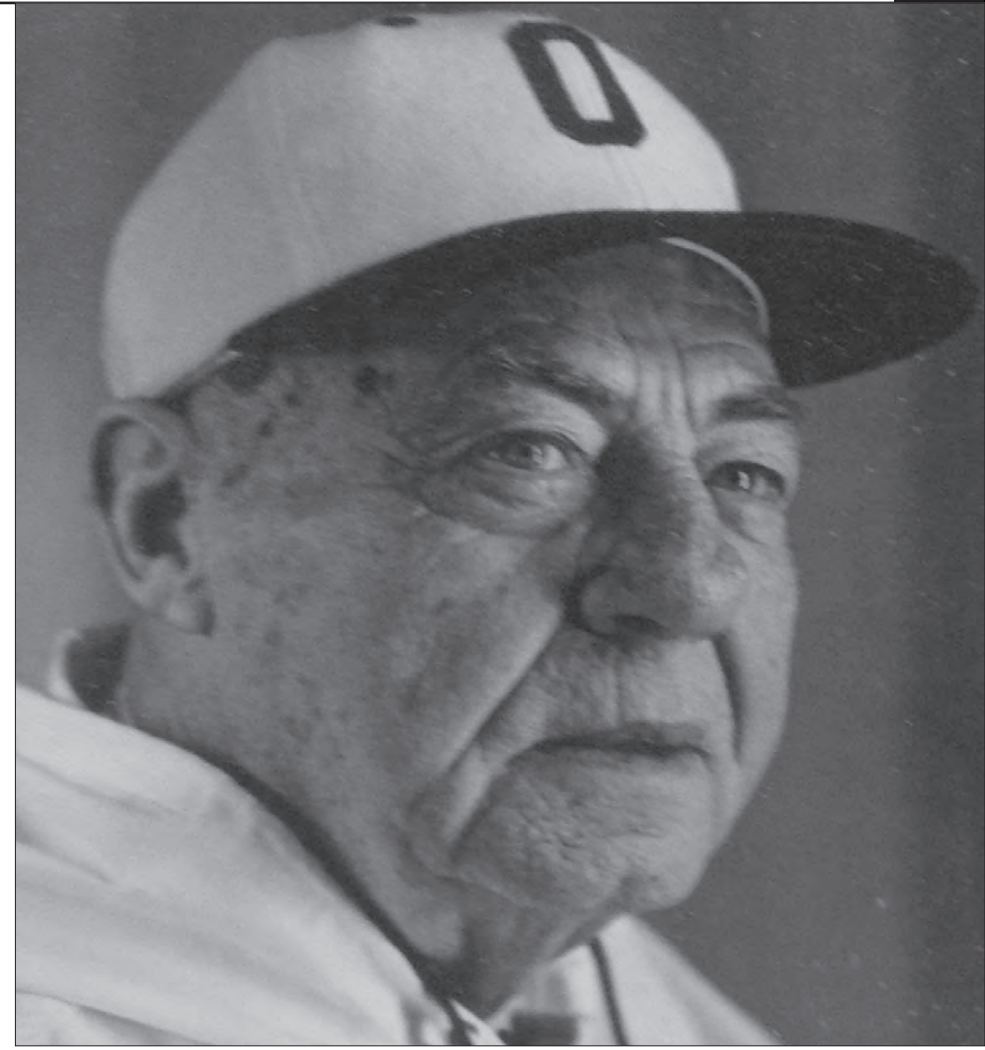


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Max Ziel served as coach for the Oswego State football, basketball and baseball teams during his tenure.

to which it remains named today. In 1980, as part of the anniversary celebration of Oswego’s Company D 108th Infantry, Senator H. Douglas Barclay passed a resolution through the state Senate making the name change official. Ziel, in his late 80s at the time, was present at the ceremony.

“Max is the perfect personification of town and gown,” College Council Chairwoman Joan Fitzgibbons said during the ceremony.

Ziel was a World War I and World War II veteran, a successful coach at Oswego Normal and he was also an inventor, as he created the “Play Ball” game. He secured a patent in the late 1930s and not long after that was being used by the New York Yankees during their spring training in St. Petersburg. Ziel enlisted the help of technical education students to manufacture his invention out of his East Utica Steet home. His invention consisted of a back-

drop with the image of a catcher bent down in the catching position with a batter off to the right side. There were five targets on the back-drop: one on each leg of the catcher, one in the catcher’s glove and one on each side just above the catcher’s mask.

“I’m not sure where it was sparked from, but I know he used it for training,” Maxon said. “It looks like a bean bag toss. It’s very precise. For baseball, it’s kind of incredible to use that as a training tool.”

While Ziel passed away in 1987, his mark on Oswego State athletics will forever be immortalized in the Oswego community. He was considered to be a legend among his peers and was beloved by friends and family. This year at the annual men’s basketball classic that bears his name on the court that too bears his name, there will be three generations of Ziel’s present, as his legacy lives on through his family.

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Leone set to lead Lakers

New men's basketball head coach looks to continue program's success

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Four months removed from being hired by Oswego State, 13 years since taking his first collegiate coaching job, and 17 years since he laced up his own sneakers and played his first collegiate basketball game, head coach Jason Leone is anxious to begin another basketball season.

"There's a lot of emotions going into the first game of the season," Leone said. "I'm very excited because I enjoy the competitive nature. It's being a part of something bigger than yourself that we are working hard and preparing for."

When Leone makes his Oswego State de-

but Tuesday against St. Lawrence, he will be accompanied by the No. 8 team in the country, the highest ranking team of Leone's career.

Conversely, the lengthy expectations of leading a national contender have not shaken Leone leading up to his debut.

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"We have to be focused and ready because every game is important," Ward said. "We want to start the year off strong."

"Defense is a very interesting side of the ball," Leone said. "It's easier to teach defense than offense because there aren't many different ways to be successful on defense. It's about making a stop. Offense is an art form, it takes time."

Oswego State was one stop away from beating St. Lawrence last season, when it gave up the game-winning offensive basket with 5.8 seconds left on the clock. Oswego State scored just 57 points against St. Lawrence, a full 13 points below its season average.

Leone has made it clear that despite the team's struggles last season against St. Lawrence, the Lakers will not be fraying at all from the common game plan.

"We want to keep it simple against St. Lawrence," Leone said. "I try not to give my players too many things to work on before each game. They trust me, I trust them, and we will have a lot of confidence going into that game."

"We are the highlighted team on everybody's schedule. We can't get too far ahead of ourselves," Burridge said. "Any team on our schedule can beat us and they want to beat us."

"I've tried to stress to the team that it doesn't matter who you play or where you play, but it's how you play that makes you a good team," Leone said.

Leone has taken a program with the utmost confidence following the greatest season in program history and convinced them he can take them to the next level. After 17 years around the game of college basketball, Leone is sure he has the right approach to follow through on the striking expectations awaiting the 2011-12 season.

"If we stick to our core values and stay mentally tough, than our talent will take over," Leone said. "Winning is a by-product of those things."

"The team has been ready to go. It's been a long preseason and we want to get on the court," Ward said.

Leone's home debut as Lakers head coach will be Friday, Nov. 18 in Laker Hall against Ithaca College. The team hosts a round-robin style tournament that weekend, which includes both Ithaca and Wells College.



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Lakers No. 1 in USCHO poll



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SUNY Geneseo forward **Carson Schell** attempts to fire a shot past a diving **Bobby Gertsakis** on Friday.

MEN'S HOCKEY, From BACK COVER

Hare finished the game with 20 saves on 22 shots faced to earn his fourth win in net this season for the Lakers. Rubeniuk finished with 46 saves on 50 shots faced in a losing effort for the Ice Knights.

On Saturday against the Golden Eagles, the Lakers wasted little time in taking control of the game. Whitelaw and Singleton each tallied a goal in the game's first 1:34 to take the early two-goal lead.

"We came out and played well and got the 'W,' but I don't think it was our best effort," Whitelaw said. "We haven't put together 60 full minutes this year yet. It was good enough to win tonight and everybody contributed."

The Golden Eagles would settle down after that, keeping the Lakers off the board the rest of the period thanks in part to Oswego State taking five consecutive penalties during the frame. Even Gosek got in on the penalty action, taking an unsportsmanlike penalty after arguing with the officials after a boarding penalty by junior forward Paul Rodrigues 31 seconds earlier.

The Lakers found themselves on the wrong end of a 5-on-3 advantage, but were able to kill off both penalties. The Golden Eagles finished the game 0-for-7 on the power play.

"I disagreed with the way [the refs] were calling it," Gosek said. "I thought because we were stronger in those situations that they were good checks."

Gosek wasn't the only member of the Lakers who had words with the officials during the game, as junior defenseman Jesse McConney was given a 10-minute misconduct penalty following a two-minute interference penalty.

Junior forward Chris Ayotte scored the lone goal of the second period to give the Lakers a three-goal lead heading into the third period.

Oswego State seized control of the game with four third-period goals to remain unbeaten in SUNYAC play this season. The Lakers received power-play goals from junior forward Luke Moodie and Rodrigues, as well as even-strength goals from Whitelaw and sophomore forward Kyle Badham.

"Brockport may be one of the lower teams in the standings, but you can't take anyone for granted in the SUNYAC because anybody can beat anybody on any given night," Whitelaw said.

Trailing 7-0, Brockport forward Bobby Conner scored the team's lone goal of the game with 1:43 remaining in the third period, denying junior goaltender Dan Jones the shutout.

"Brockport played very hard," Gosek said. "They competed hard right until they got the goal at the end. It's very easy because of the perception that they're picked to finish last that you relax and fall into bad habits. I was very pleased."

Jones finished the game with 27 saves in his first appearance this season in net for the Lakers. Brockport goaltender Joe Reagan finished with 43 saves in his first appearance with the Golden Eagles this season.

With the weekend victories, the Lakers move to 5-1-0 overall and 3-0-0 in SUNYAC play. Oswego State has also earned the No. 1 ranking in the latest USCHO.com Men's Ice Hockey Poll, sitting points ahead of No. 2 Norwich University.

The Lakers continue conference play on Saturday, Nov. 12, when they host Morrisville State College at the Campus Center Ice Arena.

Seamont records game-winning goal

WOMEN'S HOCKEY, From BACK COVER

In the second period, Oswego State was able to maintain control of the puck and create scoring chances. Early in the period, Seamont sent Lee on a breakaway that almost resulted in a third goal for the Lakers.

The Lakers took three penalties in the period. At 17:16 of the frame Boersen was called for slashing and the Red Dragons were able to capitalize on a 5-on-3 power play.

Sophomore forward Gina Tomei took a shot from the point that was deflected past freshman goaltender Bridget Smith by junior forward Kellie Micillo.

Cortland was unable to score in the final frame and the Lakers earned their first win of the year. Smith made 16 saves in the win and Double had 39.

According to senior captain Kathryn Sbrocchi, earning the win was a huge relief.

"It's like the monkey off our back, especially against Cortland," Sbrocchi said. "This is a pretty big win for us, 2-1 on the score board, I felt like it should've been a couple more but we got the (win) so that's what matters."

Seamont had a breakout game for the Lakers, earning the game winning goal and an assist. She was also named the ECAC West Player of the Week.

"Last year we had (Seamont) on a wing," Dillon said. "We moved her back into the middle this year and that's where she's gonna stay. She has a lot more freedom, she's using her speed, she's playing with more confidence than ever before."

Dillon was pleased with the way her team improved between games both offensively and defensively.

"I thought today our defensemen played exceptionally well," Dillon said. "They played the puck well and they won the battles in our corner. We really looked at how we were handling the puck in the offensive zone and tried to clean that up and obviously it paid off for us."

Penalties were a problem for the Lakers in both games, which is something Dillon says she hopes she has a solution for.



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Sophomore forward **Megan Howe** looks toward goal after sending a shot on Cortland's **Katie Double**.

"The team is going to be paying the consequence," Dillon said. "We're going to basically run ...for the average of (the penalties). It works for the men's team there's no reason it can't work for us."

Now the Lakers believe that with their

first win under their belt they can prove they are a team that belongs at the top of the ECAC West standings.

"This is what we needed," Seamont said. "This game is gonna set the tone for the rest of the year."

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Campus Recreation Sports Report

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BASKETBALL:

The playoff brackets are set, as the Super-sonics (4-0) earned the No. 1 seed after defeating the 518 Ballers, 49-41. Beach Season ran its perfect record to 4-0 after defeating previously unbeaten Pippin Ain't Easy by 20 points to earn the No. 2 seed.

The Lee Hall Ballers are the No. 3 seed in the tournament after posting a league-high 96 points in a rout over the El Cougars.

The men's recreational division and the competitive division will face off in the playoffs. The 315 Ballers will be a threat, as they finished the regular season undefeated.

The four-team bracket in the co-recreational division is also set as Swagger will take on Seventh Floor Flow and Jim Lahey's Squad battles the DunkAroos.

BROOMBALL:

The men's recreational division saw The Ice Holes defeat the Mountain Brews, 5-0, to improve to 3-0-1.

Jared Kline scored late to give Goals in All Holes a 1-1 tie against Multiple Scoregasms in the co-rec competitive division. The tie

kept both teams tied in the standings as the playoffs near.

FLOOR HOCKEY:

Nick Brain was the catalyst for the Stone-facers of the men's competitive division, recording a hat trick against Rule #76 en route to a 5-2 victory. Brain earned Campus Recreation co-Player of the Week honors for the offensive outburst and sportsmanship on the court. Brain took no penalties and utilized his quick wrist shot to catch the opposing goalie out of position multiple times.

Michael Steinke put up gaudy offensive numbers for The Stokers, scoring four goals in an 8-3 victory over the Rotney Racants.

In the men's recreational division, 2 Sedins No Cup registered two victories after defeating the HABS and Rick Jeanneret.

The co-rec competitive division saw two lopsided contests as the Crimson Panthers topped Jimbo's Crickets, 10-3, and The (Non-Sexual) Predators took down Team MVP, 10-0.

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Athletes of the Week



MELISSA SEAMONT

Women's Ice Hockey
Sophomore, North Bay, Ont.

Seamont, a forward on the Oswego State women's ice hockey team, scored a power-play goal and added an assist during the Lakers' 2-1 win over Cortland on Sunday at Campus Ice Arena to help Oswego State pick up three points in the ECAC West standings. Seamont deflected the eventual game-winning shot into the net late in the first period for her first goal and the Lakers' first victory of the season.



CAMERON MILLS

Wrestling
Senior, Fulton, N.Y.

Mills finished second at the Ithaca College Wrestling Invitational at 184 pounds on Friday and Saturday, helping the Lakers finish seventh as a team. Mills advanced all the way to the final, thanks to a 9-3 victory in the quarterfinals and a 5-1 win in the semifinals. In the championship, Mills narrowly fell 7-5 to Tim Lutke from Centenary College, who is ranked fourth nationally.





Lakers win two more at home

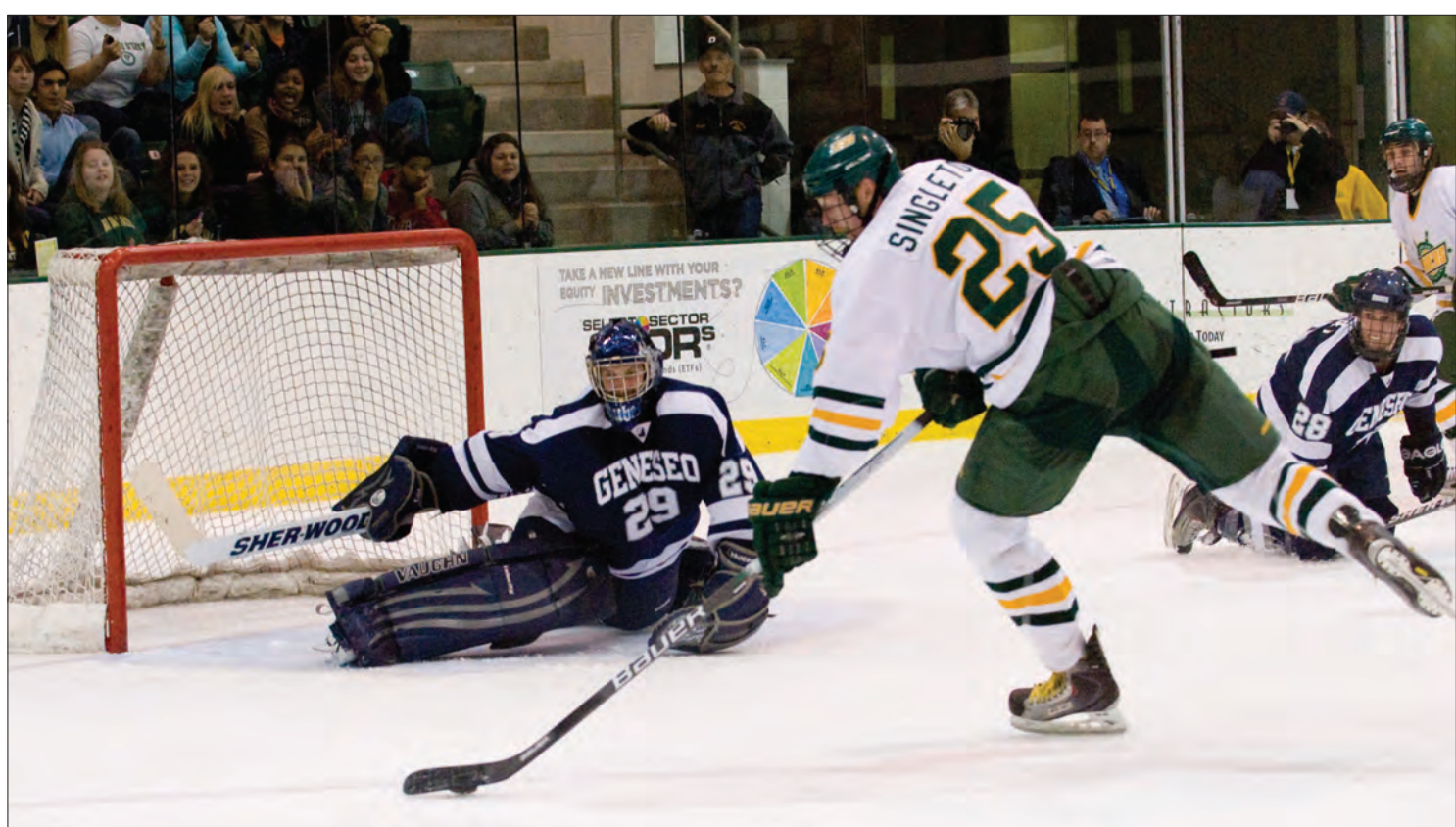
Whitelaw records three goals, assist in conference wins over SUNY Geneseo, College at Brockport

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Junior forward and assistant captain Jon Whitelaw continued his hot start to the season for the Oswego State men's ice hockey team, registering three goals and an assist over the weekend in victories over SUNY Geneseo and the College at Brockport.

The Lakers defeated Geneseo, 4-2, on Friday night and defeated Brockport, 7-1, on Saturday night, recording a combined 11 goals and 100 shots during the two-game stretch.

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Junior forward **Matt Singleton** prepares to fire the shot that would become the fourth goal in the Lakers' 4-2 victory over SUNY Geneseo on Friday.

In a matchup of two ranked teams, the Lakers jumped out to a 1-0 lead over the Ice Knights on Whitelaw's first goal of the weekend at 12:20 of the first period. Junior forward Luke Moodie found Whitelaw with a pass from the right side of the ice to the top of the right faceoff circle. Whitelaw one-timed a shot that beat Geneseo goaltender Adrian Rubeniuk stick side.

The Ice Knights responded a little over a minute later on sophomore forward Zachary Vit's first of two goals to tie the game at one. Geneseo's first goal was set up by a turnover by junior forward Chris Brown in the Lakers' defensive zone. Brown attempted to move the puck out of the zone, but his pass through the middle of the ice was intercepted by Geneseo forward Corbin Rosmarin. Rosmarin fed a

pass to Vit in the slot, who went five hole on Oswego State goalie Andrew Hare.

"Both of their goals was a result of us turning the puck over at the offensive line," Oswego State head coach Ed Gosek said. "We have to clean that up and do a better job as we move forward."

Oswego State senior forward and captain Andrew Mather netted the Lakers' next two goals, including the eventual game-winning goal at 1:01 of the second period. Mather's first goal of the game came while playing 4-on-4 hockey after penalties by senior forward Ian Boots and Geneseo forward David Arduin for hitting after the whistle. At 16:13 of the first period, Mather capitalized on a rebound attempt

off a shot from freshman defenseman Bobby Gertsakis from the left faceoff circle. Rubeniuk made the save on Gertsakis but was out of position on Mather's rebound attempt, leaving a wide-open net for Mather to shoot at.

Mather's second goal of the game put the Lakers up 3-1 early in the second period. Moments earlier, Mather had just come out of the penalty box after serving a two-minute penalty for interference. Boots passed the puck up the left side of the ice to Mather at the penalty area, who skated in on net and put the puck past Rubeniuk stick side for the two goal lead.

The Ice Knights cut the lead to one on Vit's second goal of the game on a wrist shot from the slot that was placed perfectly over the

glove side of Hare top shelf. Vit, last year's SUNYAC Rookie of the Year, leads the Ice Knights with four goals this season.

Junior forward Matt Singleton's goal at 12:41 of the third period pushed the Laker lead back to two and sealed the victory for the Lakers. The Ice Knights took two penalties over the game's final 5:34 to eliminate any chance of a comeback.

"I thought we played hard, clearly harder than we did against Utica," Gosek said. "All in all I thought all four lines contributed. The defense was pretty solid. Hare did a good job in net."

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Women's hockey takes three points from Cortland

Lakers forced to overcome penalties in conference opener; register first win of the season



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Sophomore forward **Olivia Boersen** sends an offensive zone pass to sophomore forward **Carly Henderson** during a game against SUNY Cortland.

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The Oswego State women's ice hockey team played SUNY Cortland to a 1-1 tie and a 2-1 win last weekend to open up conference play this season.

Penalties were a problem for the Lakers in both games, committing a total of 19 penalties between the two games for 38 total minutes in the box.

In game one, the Lakers took three penalties in the first period. They were able to hold

off the Red Dragon power play and keep the period scoreless despite being down a skater for six minutes.

The Lakers showed how effective their penalty kill could be in the second, when they kept Cortland from scoring on three more power plays.

With less than five minutes remaining in the middle frame, senior forward Lauren Gilpin got Oswego State on the board when she tipped a shot from sophomore defender Chelsea Hunt into the net.

The Red Dragons were able to tie up the game early in the third period when

Oswego State took its seventh penalty of the contest.

Junior defender Julia Rapp netted the goal for Cortland. She beat sophomore goaltender Catherine Cote with a rebound off a shot from sophomore forward Jenn Fitzgerald.

With the game tied at the end of regulation, the teams went to a five-minute overtime period.





Early in overtime sophomore forward Megan Howe almost ended the game when she gained a breakaway opportunity and hit the post.

Both teams took a penalty in the overtime period, but neither the Lakers nor the Red Dragons were able to score while on the power play.

Cote finished the game with 19 saves while Cortland senior Katie Double registered 43.

Head coach Diane Dillon was frustrated by the amount of penalties taken by the team not only because it gave Cortland chances to score but it limited the amount of time the Lakers could focus on offense.

"We were able to handle their power play

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for the most part," Dillon said. "It's more about taking away an opportunity 5-on-5 and we were the better team full strength... We had 10 penalties for 20 minutes. That's a third of a hockey game. You're not gonna win that way."

Dillon also said the Lakers' inability to score caused the team a lot of aggravation.

"It's a frustrating effort because we're the better club, we skated harder, we dominated possession but we're not finishing, and that's the name of the game."

In game two the Lakers seemed to find the answer to their scoring problems when they netted the first goal of the game less than two minutes into the first period.

Sophomore forward Melissa Seamont fed senior forward Mackenzie Lee a pass from behind the net and Lee was able to beat Double.

Seamont added a second goal for the Lakers on the power play late in the first period. Sophomore forward Olivia Boersen took a shot from the point that Seamont was able to tip in front and direct into the goal.

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UPCOMING MATCHES

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Saturday, November 12

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Friday, Nov. 11 through Thursday, Nov. 17

PRESENTATION: "WHAT DO THE STARS TELL US?"

Date: Friday, Nov. 11

Location: Campus Center Auditorium (132)

Time: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

CONCERT: 20TH CENTURY FAVORITES

Date: Sunday, November 13

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Sheldon Hall Ballroom

Tickets: Oswego State students \$5, seniors/faculty/staff \$6, General Admission \$8

OPEN CLASS: RAJECKAS

Date: Monday, November 14

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Date: Monday, November 14

Times: 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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PREVIEW: "AS BEES IN HONEY DROWN"

Date: Tuesday, November 15

Time: 8 p.m.

Location: Lab Theatre, Tyler Hall

Tickets: Preview \$5

THEATRE: "AS BEES IN HONEY DROWN"

Dates: November 16-20

Times: 8 p.m.; 2 p.m. on Sunday

Location: Lab Theatre, Tyler Hall

Tickets: Oswego State students \$7, seniors/faculty/staff \$12, General Admission \$15

FILM: DON CHERRY STORY

Date: Wednesday, November 16

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Auditorium (132)

Art Exhibit

ANIMALIDAD, CENTRO HABANA AND KATHY BUDD RETROSPECTIVE

Date: Every day until November 19

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

Location: Tyler Hall Art Gallery

Movie of the Week

"THE HANGOVER: PART II"

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

Location: Campus Center Auditorium (132)

Thursday: 10 p.m.

Friday: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Saturday: 10 p.m.

Sunday: 4 p.m.

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Guitarist Whittington's blues impress fans

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Buddy Whittington and his band took the stage at Sheldon Hall Saturday to satisfy hungry fans of Southern Blues and Rock.

An onslaught of precision and blistering riffs persisted throughout the night in a display of spot-on craftsmanship. Much is to be said of improvisation, but when a style of innovation and color is ablaze upon descendents of an American heritage, all but sweet sentiments are left to flutter. Whittington's fingertips stood to test his tone, frying his fret-board.

Texas-born and raised on rhythm, Whittington's stint with John Mayall is not considered modest among fans of the blues. A long 15 years among Mayall's Bluesbreakers provided him well. He expels an ingenuity containing forcefulness and smooth phrasing, leaving no one to second guess

his humbled skill.

Accompanied by Wayne Six (bass guitar), Michael Mayes (guitar & vocals) and Mike Gage on drums, the band filled out nicely. It is not at all surprising that the four had played together numerous times before, displaying an effective chemistry of kinship.

The audience received them well, even though the band felt them to be quite tame for the given genre of music. There were hoots and hollers amidst the applause but no dancing, and no one dared to leave their seats to gather around the stage. Knowing the various joints that the Bluesbreakers played, the given circumstances gave the performance an awkward formality.

"Ya'll are too quiet," Six said. "Where we're from we'd have to dodge the beer bottles by now."

"Yeah we play behind chicken wire," Whittington replied; conjuring an image in reference

to the notorious "Blues Brothers" movie, inciting laughter from the audience.

This concert did not forget to give appreciation and regards to ARTSwego and the music department for their support.

"This has been a long time coming," said Rick Balestra, a professor of guitar at Oswego State.

Balestra had met Whittington at a Syracuse Blues Fest years ago and have been friends ever since. At this time Whittington was playing with the Bluesbreakers. So in tribute to Balestra and his support, Whittington and the band invited him up on stage to play a few numbers and shred some licks. His improvisation clashed well as he and Whittington traded riffs, expressing a warm and subtle tone. Special guests seemed to be the theme of the night.

As Balestra left the stage another bombshell visitor

arrived. The U.K. based rocker Kim Simmonds, slung a Gibson to duel the other well-defined guitarists. Simmonds is noted for his fame of four decades with the British Blues band Savoy Brown. The three guitarists decided to do a little communicating, trading improvised phrases back and forth, creating a landscape for awe-struck listeners. Even Gage and Six contributed to solo opportunities.

Whittington's set list proved to be impressive. The band covered tunes by well-known artists ranging from B.B. King, ZZ Top and The Allman Brothers. Each song was re-done to make it their version. Of course the list of songs was sprinkled with original tunes from Whittington's most recent release, "Six String Svengali," now available for purchase. Saturday night's performance was Whittington's kick-off for his current tour to promote the Texas-recorded compilation.

Matching poetry, music for new sound

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A poet brought his unique sense of writing and reading poetry to Oswego State on Monday as part of the Living Writers Series.

M.L. Liebler, a teacher in the English department at Wayne State University and author of more than a dozen books, visited students at Oswego State and performed poetry from his new book, "Working Words: Punching the Clock and Kicking Out the James," as well as "Wide Awake in Someone Else's Dream."

But his poetry reading is different from what many might expect to hear from a poet. He incorporates various styles of music into his poetry and sings his works. He uses songs from artists like Jimi Hendrix, Ratatat and others as his back-ground music, while he performs one of his poems that match the tone of the song.

He also has his own band, M.L. Liebler and the Magic

Poetry Band, where he creates his own sounds and rhythm to go along with his works. Liebler said there is no one way he decides what songs go with which poem; either he will come up with a poem and tell the band what ideas he has for it or the band will approach him with ideas and he comes up with a combination that he feels will work best together.

"I just put all of my loose ideas in the back of my head together like a poem and then put them out there," Liebler said.

Liebler claims that he came up with the idea to mix music with poetry in college to find another way of catching people's attention. He wanted to write poems with sounds and not words, which makes it so that there is no real meaning behind them, Liebler stated.

"I don't really know what my poems mean," Liebler said. "I leave it up to the reader to decide what they perceive the meaning of my poems to be."

Since he has spent most



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Poet **M.L. Liebler** performs poetry, by implementing music with them, from his book "Wide Awake in Someone Else's Dreams," as well as others.

of his life in Detroit, Mich., Liebler thinks of himself as a working-class person and these topics also appear in his poetry when he talks about hard times in Detroit.

Liebler has also traveled all over the world, from Israel to Germany, performing his poetry for all varieties of people and said that everything he has heard, felt or saw in these places

are events he makes a note of for subject matter as a new poem.

This is demonstrated in "Wide Awake in Someone Else's Dream," where he divided his poems into different sections of where the poem was written or idea came from.

"I'm just living my life, taking everything in for my poetry and filtering it out," Liebler said.

Rajeckas 'Cures Cancer'



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Paul Rajeckas brings his second installment of the "Lithuanian Trilogy," "Love Cures Cancer" play to Oswego State to tell his stories of past experiences and people he knew.

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With the upcoming world premiere of the third part of his "Lithuanian Trilogy" right around the corner, Paul Rajeckas takes the time to come to Oswego State to perform the critically acclaimed second installment of the trilogy "Love Cures Cancer."

Q: What was your inspiration for the "Lithuanian Trilogy?" Was any of it from personal life or experience?

A: I am the son of Lithuanian immigrants who came to America after being displaced from their countries during World War II. Although I was born in the USA my childhood was influenced by two different cultures, an experience familiar to any first-generation immigrant American. The plays are my stories and the stories of those people.

Q: You portray every character on stage. What is it like to perform a one-man show? What are some of its benefits

over performing with a group?

A: Performing a one-person show is like walking a tightrope. There are no safety nets to rescue you if lines are forgotten, mistakes happen on stage or you are not feeling well. On the other hand, doing a one-person play is empowering because the experience you provide for the audience is in your hands.

Q: The trilogy was written by George Chieffet, but do you have any say in what he writes? Is it more of a collaboration effort?

A: "Notes to the Motherland" was co-written with Mr. Chieffet. "Love Cures Cancer" is his script but I contributed many ideas that helped shape the overall story. After awhile you lose count of who did and said what. To quote Shakespeare, "the plays the thing" and we agreed long ago to make telling a great story our ultimate goal.

Q: Of the three installments of your trilogy, which has been your favorite to perform? Why?

A: They all are different in the preparation they require. Each play

has its own challenges for the actor and equally unique satisfactions.

Q: Your Facebook biography says that you are both an artist and an educator. What would you like students to learn from your performances? Is there a common theme or message running through all of them?

A: I went to SUNY Stony Brook as a pre-med student. It was those supposed three credit "filler" courses that changed my life. Now I realize it was the teachers that inspired me. I never forgot that lesson and pass it on every chance I get.

Q: Since the third installment of the trilogy, "My Lithuanian Sweetheart," is completed; what are some of your future projects?

A: I have met some extraordinary actors while directing "Lithuanian Sweetheart." My next project will be to write a story for them. Of course I will include a little part for me as well.

Rajeckas will perform "Love Cures Cancer" on Wednesday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30pm in Tyler Hall's Waterman Theatre.

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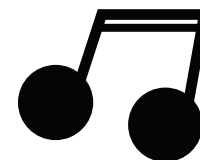
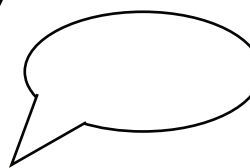
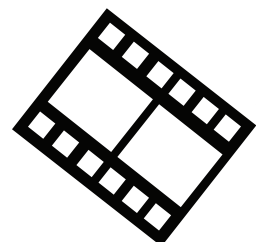
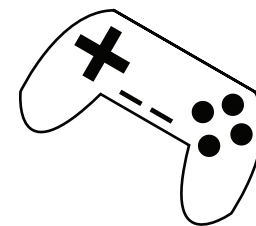
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Global strife in 'Modern Warfare 3'

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Rating: ★★★★★

The "Call of Duty" franchise has come a long way since its inception in 2003. Originally a series of first-person shooters set during World War II, the games were among the best of the former console generation. In 2007, developer Infinity Ward took the series in a new direction with "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare," which solidified the series' popularity, helping to make it one of the most popular franchises in the history of video games. Now, Infinity Ward has released the third iteration of the "Modern Warfare" franchise with "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3." Despite a somewhat underwhelming single player campaign and a few odd changes to the multiplayer gameplay, "Modern Warfare 3" continues to deliver some of the greatest first-person shooter action in recent years.

The single player campaign begins seconds after the end of "Modern Warfare 2." Over the course of the five-to-six-hour campaign, players experience the story through the eyes of multiple characters in a number of locales around the world against the backdrop of World War III. The story is mostly told through

the eyes of Delta Force soldier "Frost" and secretive "Task Force 141" member Yuri. While short, the campaign manages to wrap up the story of the first two games rather well, though at times it feels as if "Modern Warfare 3" tries too hard to impress the player by throwing shallow twist after shallow twist at them. In a way, it seems as if the campaign mode in the "Call of Duty" games has become progressively less important than the multiplayer with each new iteration.

On the multiplayer front, the game continues to shine. The competitive multiplayer continues its use of the Perks system for which the series is well-known, along with the persistent leveling system that has been copied by numerous other games. Many popular game modes, including Team Deathmatch and Free-for-All, return alongside new ones, such as the Kill Confirmed mode, in which, as the name suggests, players must find the dog tags of fallen opponents after killing them in order for the kill to count.

The popular Special Ops mode from "Modern Warfare 2" also returns, with new improvements to its cooperative mission format and the addition of an all-new gametype, Survival. In it, players must use limited resources to survive against increasingly difficult waves of enemies, similar to the Horde mode

"Call of Duty: MW3"



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"Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3" builds on the successful franchise as players fight through various worldwide locations. The popular multiplayer component adds several new modes as well as the cooperative themed Spec Ops mode.

popularized by the "Gears of War" franchise. The additional mode is a nice touch, providing an interesting diversion from the campaign and competitive multiplayer modes.

While the multiplayer is as solid as usual, the game has begun to handle certain aspects of multiplayer in a rather odd way with the addition of "Call of Duty Elite," a new yearly subscription model that provides access to new maps, daily competitions, exclusive livestreams of high-profile

matches, and other benefits. Additionally, the game now allows players to level up more quickly by the use of its new Prestige Token currency, which allows for two hours of "Double XP" per Prestige Coin. Both of these additions seem to cheapen the multiplayer experience slightly, and their presence does not seem to bode well for further "Call of Duty" games on the horizon.

If there is one central complaint to be had with "Modern Warfare

3," it is that its basic premise and gameplay is becoming increasingly more stale than in previous games. It seems that publisher Activision's business strategy of "milk-this-property-on-a-yearly-basis" is growing a bit old, and like many popular game series before it, "Call of Duty" might become a casualty of said strategy. Despite its flaws, however, "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3" is an outstanding first-person shooter that lives up to the quality of its brethren.

Oasis guitarist's first solo album not so 'High Flying'

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Rating: ★★★★★

The constant bickering and fighting between Oasis brothers Noel and Liam Gallagher has become one of the most notorious singer vs. songwriter feuds in modern rock and roll. After propelling to worldwide fame with their 1994's "Definitely Maybe" and its classic 1995 follow-up "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" Oasis seemed to slide into years of mediocrity, break-up rumors and endless feuding between Noel and Liam. In 2009, the band officially called it quits with Noel stating he "could not go on working with Liam a day longer." Liam and other former Oasis members went on to form Beady Eye, and Noel is now releasing his first solo album under

the moniker, "Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds."

"High Flying Birds" feels exactly like a post break-up album, with Noel trying to emulate the slightly more stripped down sound he tried to get Liam to embrace for years. The main problem with that though is Noel is still a sucker for classic stadium rock structure, and never seems fully ready to stray from that style. "AKA...What a Life!" is a respectable stab at an electro-dance track, yet plays it too safe to ever make a lasting impression.

On the other hand, it does seem that Noel is in top form when he does what he knows best. Though it borrows heavily from "Wonderwall," "If I Had a Gun..." is a simple, head-swaying delight. "Stop the Clocks," which would not sound out of place on "Morning Glory," is a pleasant build-up to a grand explosion of psychedelic sounds.

Mostly though, "High Flying Birds" is more of the same. Noel's concise, observational and sometimes-corny lyrics are still in place. The only difference this time around though is Liam is not around to make them sound meaningful. Though Noel has proven with past Oasis gems like "Don't Look Back in Anger" that he can carry a tune, his more passive vocals simply cannot compete with Liam's range.

While there is nothing offensively bad about the collection of songs on "High Flying Birds," most of them leave a feeling of indifference, reminiscent of Oasis' uninspiring back catalog. Despite Noel's clearly ambitious attitude, the ultimate downfall of the album is the unshakable feeling that something is missing. When they were not at each other's throats, the Gallagher brothers proved they were a dynamic team.

"High Flying Birds"



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Noel Gallagher of Oasis has released his first solo album, "High Flying Birds." It is a solid effort but cannot compare to the full Oasis experience.

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Trees ablaze with Harold, Kumar in 3D

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"A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" fulfills all expectations of an outrageous stoner comedy; and more importantly, it does it in 3D. To enjoy this movie, all that is necessary is an open mind and an understanding that this film defies and mocks the very core of moviemaking.

John Cho ("Star Trek") and Kal Penn (TV's "How I Met Your Mother") both pick up their roles of Harold and Kumar in the third film of the series. Directed by movie newcomer Todd Strauss-Schulson (in the past he has only worked in TV productions), "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" fasts forward six years after "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay" and Harold is a successful, married, Wall Street businessman and Kumar is still an irresponsible pothead. Their friendship has drifted apart as Harold has assumed the responsibilities of a married man trying to start a family and Kumar has remained in his comfort zone of smoking a few blunts everyday.

Kumar's world is shaken when he learns that his ex-girlfriend is

pregnant and not knowing how to handle this, he pushes the matter aside when a mysterious package addressed to Harold arrives at his apartment. Taking it to Harold's place brings forth an awkward reunion and disaster breaks loose when Kumar sets Harold's Christmas tree on fire. The same Christmas tree that Harold's intimidating, stereotypical father in law, Mr. Perez (Danny Trejo, "Machete") has been growing for eight years. Of course without it, Christmas is ruined and Harold's wife's exaggerated Latino family will never accept him.

Which leads to the ridiculous journey throughout New York City to find the perfect Christmas tree. Accompanied by Harold's new friend Todd (Thomas Lennon, "Bad Teacher") and Kumar's new buddy Adrian (Amir Blumenfeld, "Pranked"), they encounter an unstable teenager fixed on losing her virginity, a Russian mob, the resurrection of Neil Patrick Harris (TV's "How I Meet Your Mother"), Todd's toddler daughter ends up under the influence of several illegal substances and Santa Claus makes an appearance.

Most of the jokes worked, but some did not. The ones that worked will leave viewers asking "did they



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From left to right: **John Cho**, **Neil Patrick Harris** and **Kal Penn** star in "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas." The film succeeds for the most part however the exaggerated effects and messy plot detract from it somewhat.

really just do that?" At first the drugged up toddler was hilarious but got overplayed quickly. They should have dropped that joke, but they did not and at times it went overboard into a cringe-inducing display of bad taste.

Where "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" really worked

was the 3D itself. Besides the Santa Claus scene, which looked like a cardboard cutout, the 3D was very well done and effective. The effects were exaggerated to the point where they became a mockery to other 3D movies. It is evident that everyone on set had fun making this movie.

While the story was all over the place it managed to produce some early Christmas spirit. The plot was messy and lazy but it felt intentional. "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" is hysterical, it does not pretend to protect anyone's feelings and it does not apologize to the easily offended.

Google's Android 4.0 release will integrate phones, tablets

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Ice Cream Sandwich, Google's soon to be released confectionary-themed mobile operating system, was officially announced on Oct. 18. The cute nickname reveals the underlying principle for Android 4.0, to integrate Google's phone and tablet interfaces. Android 2.3 Gingerbread and Android 3.0 Honeycomb are the latest versions of phone and tablet interfaces, respectively; what Ice Cream Sandwich will do is to merge the two into a scalable interface that will adjust itself depending on which device it is running on.

The updates in Ice Cream Sandwich are primarily usability-based, as the theme changes to a more streamlined design and unnecessary options are pruned to give way for better ones. The theme seems to primarily stem from the dark blue Honeycomb theme while incorporating the gray aspects from

Gingerbread. The Launcher is now customizable, but you can no longer long-press on the Launcher home screen to add widgets, nor is there a menu option. Widgets are now stored as a tab in the Applications menu, both of which have a horizontally scrolling menu. Folder creation on the home screen is now much easier, allowing users to simply drag one application on top of another to create a new folder. These folders can now also be placed on the dock. In Launcher, the Google search bar is now permanent instead of simply existing as a widget.

Ice Cream Sandwich can be used on devices with or without physical buttons as the operating system has created digital ones to replace them – although in older phones the physical buttons will still work. These buttons will rotate along with the screen.

Some Google applications have been redesigned to fit with the new theme. Google+ and Google Reader have only been slightly tweaked, and the Music application has been

leaked early to show some minimal upgrades. The YouTube application and Notification bar have added support for swiping gestures, Google Books has a 3D carousel, and Google Calendar has zoom features. The Camera application now provides quick previews that can export your pictures quickly, and the Gallery has new image modification tools and a shortcut to Gmail sharing. The Browser now has a save for offline feature and a new tab menu that allows easy scrolling between windows.

Two new applications Movie Studio and Google Beam, were announced with Ice Cream Sandwich. The Movie Studio is a video-editing tool. Google Beam works with NFC-capable devices to exchange information with a tap, sounding much like the Bump application for the iPhone and Android phones, although it also works with media such as applications, maps and YouTube videos.

Ice Cream Sandwich will hopefully be a well-integrated system by the time it releases. It



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Android 4.0, codenamed "Ice Cream Sandwich," will bring the sleek user interface of Honeycomb tablets to smart phones. It is scheduled to release later this year.

promises to combine the tablet and phone interfaces in a clean and coherent manner. Some devices planned to receive the upgrade are the Asus Eee Pad Transformer (and its upcoming successor the Transformer

Prime), the HTC Evo 3D, the LG Optimus 2X, from Motorola the Droid RAZR, Bionic and both Xoom tablets, and Samsung's Galaxy Nexus, Nexus S and Galaxy SII Skyrocket. The release is scheduled for later this year.

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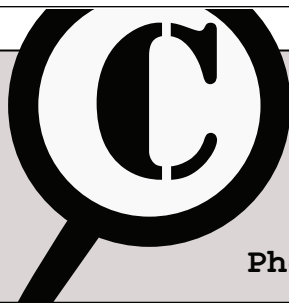
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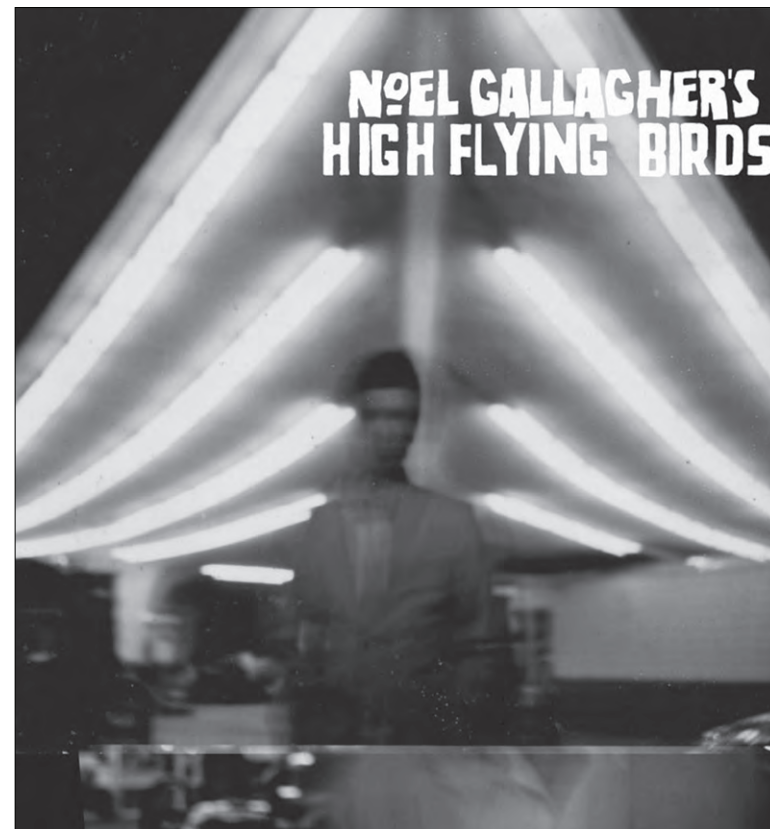


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"High Flying Birds" does not feel the same without Gallagher's brother Liam's vocal range. It will have to suffice though until an inevitable Oasis reunion.

'Birds' leaves feeling of indifference

NOEL, From B4

“Despite Noel's clearly ambitious attitude, the ultimate downfall of the album is the unshakable feeling that something is missing.”

Like countless other solo efforts, Noel's falls short primarily because one person usually does not make a band what it is. While he has mastered the craft of stadium-level

songwriting, "Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds" mostly sounds like Noel trying to prove he can do it without his little brother, while waiting for an inevitable Oasis reunion.

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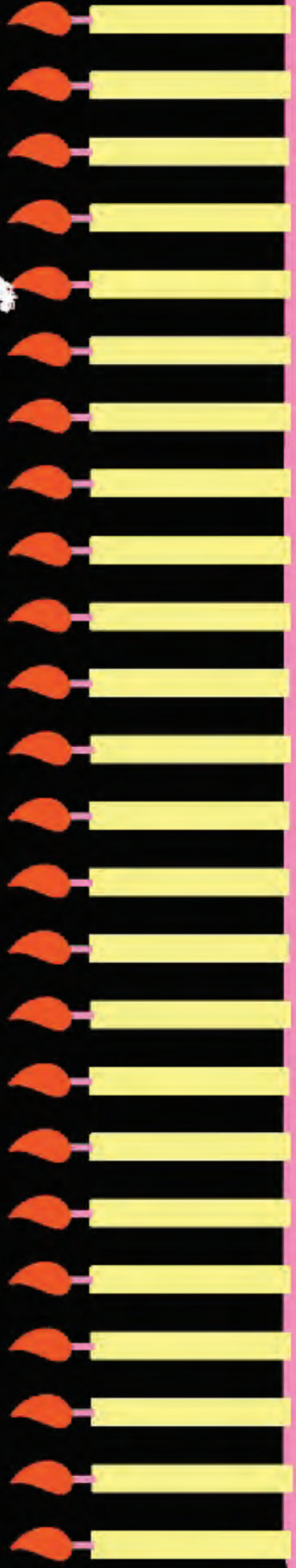
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