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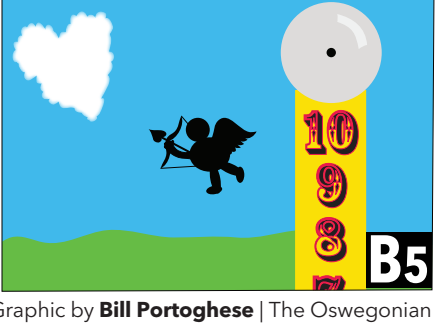


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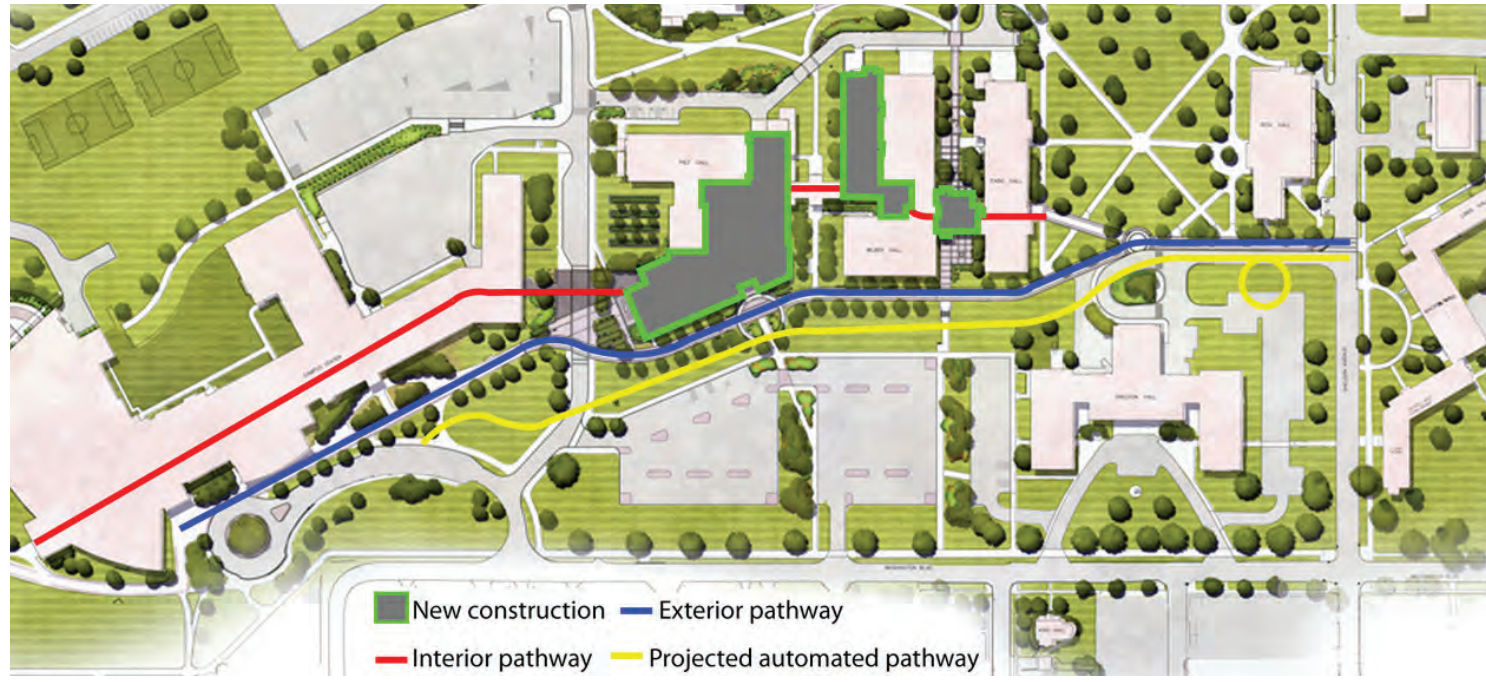
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The new Piez complex will not only provide a home to the sciences, but will increase usability for pedestrians, create an entirely new facade facing Washington Boulevard and kick off construction for the arts.

Right now, what seems to be a massive construction zone among Piez, Wilber and Snygg Halls is actually a number of projects, with over 150 workers from different contractors.

"There are three different large contractors, which is important to remember when we did the Campus Center there were almost seven of them," Associate Vice President for Facilities Tom Simmonds said. "We're pretty proud of how it's interconnected and a lot of different people working on a lot of stuff."

The science center is being constructed much like the Campus Center was. An original structure is revitalized, in this case Piez Hall, which is being done by

Fahs Construction Group. Fahs will also be demolishing Snygg in the fall of 2013, and that site will turn into a parking lot.

Piez is being left exposed to the north while another contractor is building a shell around the south side, providing a more modern look toward Washington Boulevard.

The shell is being constructed by The Pike Company and will include a lecture hall, planetarium and academic commons. One of the major milestones that was hit in December was getting all of the main structure concrete poured, said Allen Bradberry, the project coordinator with the facilities department.

"We haven't had snow removal issues," Bradberry said. "We haven't had the drastically cold weather to contend with, it's allowed workers to get on site and do their job rather than fight with the snow. The slips, trips and falls have been minimal, which is good."

The wide walkway in the shell of the Campus Center will be continued into the science complex, allowing for a cohesive pedestrian route. A plaza will emerge be-

tween the two complexes.

"This plaza is very significant," Simmonds said. "What appears as a road now...really becomes a much bigger pedestrian plaza. It's all raised and has a lot of different elements out there and it will feel very different if you put a vehicle on there."

The plaza will be used to connect the spine of the Campus Center to the science center, which will eventually be connected to Wilber Hall and later to Park Hall.

"We were trying to create this interconnected interior link or passageway that starts in the Campus Center," Simmonds said.

The third constructor is PAC and Associates, which is adding an addition to Wilber Hall, as part of the relocation of the School of Education. The other part of the relocation will be construction on Park Hall, which had been shut down in the fall.

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Updated Village room selection aims at fairness

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The Village, which opened in 2010, has been a major success.

"I think it's a great way for students to get independent living experience while still having the convenience of living on campus," said Rick Kolenda, Director of Residence Life and Housing. Feb. 1 commences the 2012-13 selection process for The Village. This process, however, has been revised due to problems that have come to the attention of the officials of Residence Hall and Housing at Oswego State.

The Residence Life and Housing board has three priorities they need to meet when sorting out who is going to live where. These include making sure people can move back in to their building, the ability to request roommates and having priority based on their academic year.

Last spring, during the 2010-11 to 2011-12 selection everything worked out perfectly. One-hundred and three residents returned to The Village, which filled 226 spaces, and left 66 spaces for everyone else. This is when Associate Director Marie Driscoll realized that the selection process would not always work out this well.

Currently, there are more juniors than seniors living in The Village. According to a survey the board recently took of 144 current residents, 70 have said they plan to return and 74 have said they do not plan to return.

"If 74 residents decide not to return, 262 current residents will. Which would only leave 70 spaces available for non-village residents, making it impossible to allow each resident the option to pull in one non-village resident," Driscoll said.

Discussions about possible solutions started last February and became an even more important topic last semester.

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Two new stop signs to change traffic flow

Oswego drivers will need to exercise additional caution when in the area of the Brittany Hill sub-division. The City of Oswego Traffic Safety Committee has approved the plan to erect two new stop signs.

They will be placed in the following locations:

1. Northwest corner of Talisman Terrace where it meets Arcadia Avenue.
2. Northeast corner of Christopher Circle where it meets Arcadia Avenue.

Oswego police have asked motorists to be alert to new traffic patterns.

Cuomo's new plan changes pension formula

Students looking for teaching, government jobs might see less retirement money

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Oswego State students seeking teaching or state jobs after graduation could become part of the pension plan's Tier VI, which would exclude bonuses from the pension formula.

Lt. Gov. Duffy arrived in City Hall to announce how the mandate relief plan, which includes an additional tier and the state's eventual takeover of all Medicaid growth costs, would impact Oswego on Feb. 3.

The state is estimating that the pension reform will save Oswego County \$410 million over the next 30 years.

"For too long cities like Oswego have been struggling under mounting pension costs, but Gov. Cuomo's Tier VI proposal, which will save Oswego County \$410 million over the next 30 years, will help al-

leviate the burden for decades to come," Oswego Mayor Tom Gillen said.

The proposed tier probably would not create savings for years, until the new hires begin to retire, because the changes would impact how much is paid out for retirement.

There are three components that create the pension formula, which decides how much a retiree will receive. The first is the number of years an employee has in service multiplied by the last three year's average final salary, which is finally multiplied by 2 percent.

Often employees try and increase their pension by taking on additional work during their last three years. In uniformed services, there are a lot of available hours to work overtime. Many times that is given to police officers or firefighters (uniformed services) who will be retiring in the next three years, which will increase their salary totals.

"[In uniformed services there] is always overtime, someone is sick, someone gets hurt," economics professor Larry Spizman said. "You need someone to cover the shifts. They give that overtime to officers getting ready to retire. That overtime, which is time-and-a-half, sometimes double time, goes onto the final average salary over the last three years."

Teachers often will do something similar, Spizman said. Sometimes a teacher will coach several sports or advise clubs to increase their salary during their last few years.

"Is it gaming the system? Sure. Is it illegal? Absolutely not. Is it not right? I don't know if it's not right. You know, it's set up for that. That's what they are trying to eliminate," Spizman said.

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Six SUNY schools were mentioned in Princeton University's annual "Best Value Colleges" list.

The six schools were SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Stony Brook, Oswego State, SUNY Geneseo and SUNY New Paltz. Binghamton was the highest-ranked public SUNY school, placing fourth on the list, for what Princeton called "top-tier academics and palatable sticker price."

The current average SUNY tuition is \$5,270, and is set to increase over the next five years.

-wsj.com

New Paltz

A SUNY New Paltz student was arrested early Tuesday morning for kidnapping and assault charges.

Isaac Doughty, 18, was detained by police on charges of second-degree kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and second-degree assault, all felonies, after he threatened to harm himself with a Japanese katana sword, and took several students in his residence hall hostage. Doughty was asked by the local police to come out of the dorm alone, but he refused, and the police were forced to use a taser gun and pepper spray to subdue him.

Doughty was taken to a local hospital and then sent to Ulster County Jail with bail set at \$25,000. Police believe Doughty was under the influence of an unknown hallucinogen.

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Canton

SUNY Canton reported on Monday that they have broken their own record for applications for the fall semester.

Canton has received approximately 3,600 applications for the fall, breaking its previous record of 2,600, set in 2011. Canton president Joseph Kennedy said about 1,400 of the applicants have been accepted as opposed to 991 at the same time in 2011. He said he hopes this will help the school increase selectivity in students to create stronger academic classes.

-watertowndailytimes.com

Maritime

Hundreds of SUNY Maritime students and more than 150 representatives from the international shipping community attended the school's seventh annual Cutting-Edge Issues in Shipping event at the campus at Throgg's Neck in Bronx, N.Y.

The event, which has been held every Groundhog's Day since 2006, offered a variety of presentations designed to educate the shipping industry and Maritime students about the future of shipping. They covered areas such as shipping law, new technologies and legislative reform.

-maritime-executive.com

Fredonia

"Doors to Success," SUNY Fredonia's large-scale fundraising campaign, announced Tuesday that they have raised over \$16.7 million since launching in 2008.

This figure was \$2 million over the school's original monetary goal, and the funds will be divided up into specified areas of need. This includes \$7.5 million for scholarships, \$2.5 million for educational enrichment programming, \$2.5 million for academic programs, athletics and the school's library, \$1.5 million for cultural experiences and \$1 million for any other priorities that may come up in the future. These donations were allotted according to requests by the respective departments.

POLICE BLOTTER



Timothy S. Donovan Jr., was arrested on Feb. 1 at 10:31 p.m. at the intersection of East Bridge and Third Street for second degree criminal possession of marijuana, criminal possession of a controlled substance and for equipment violation.

Patrick K. Coon was arrested on Feb. 2 at 2:21 a.m. at the intersection of George Washington Blvd and First Street for violent behavior and disorderly conduct/fighting.

David G. Harris was arrested on Feb. 3 at 12:34 a.m. at 26 NW Ninth Street for an equipment violation and driving/operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Stephanie M. Stine was arrested on Feb. 3 at 11:48 p.m. at the intersection of West Bridge and Fourth Street for violation of the open container ordinance.

Liam J. McMahon was arrested on Feb. 3 at 11:50 p.m. at 113 West Third Street for violation of the noise ordinance.

Jeffrey Mathieu was arrested on Feb. 3 at 11:50 p.m. at 113 West Third Street for violation of the noise ordinance.

Alexis T. Carman was arrested on Feb. 4 at 12:07 a.m. at the intersection of West Cayuga and Third Street for violation of the open container ordinance.

Ryan D. Scott was arrested on Feb. 6 at 1:38 a.m. at the intersection of West Bridge and Lathrop Street for driving/operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and driving the wrong direction on a one-way.

Kimberly A. Town was arrested on Jan. 24, at 3:34 p.m. for endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor, and harassment in the second degree. Town was issued an appearance ticket.

Rebecca L. Goodman was arrested on Feb. 2, at 8:34 a.m., for AUO in the third degree. Goodman was issued an appearance ticket.

Roger W. Wallace was arrested on Feb. 1, at 10:28 a.m., for AUO in the second degree. Wallace was issued an appearance ticket

The Agenda

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Fort Ontario prepares 1812 symposium

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State Parks Department employees at Fort Ontario announced a symposium this week to highlight the fort's role in the War of 1812. The conference is just one piece in a move to generate interest in the venerable military site.

“We're fighting two wars at once here at Fort Ontario,” Paul Lear said. Lear, a history buff in olive drab with frame-less glasses and muttonchops, is Fort Ontario's historic site manager.

He was speaking about the anniversaries of both 1812 and the Civil War, of which Fort Ontario also played a part. But he could have also meant that maintaining the fort is an effort fought on two fronts: site restoration and community outreach.

The “Oswego County War of 1812 Symposium” planned for March 31 is part of the outreach push. Lear said he hopes for a two-day program and he already has a roster of notable War of 1812 scholars slated to speak. They'll be discussing topics as varied as sunken ships of Lake Ontario, the role of the Iroquois in the War of 1812 and Regency-era clothing. The symposium will occur at the American Foundry and costs \$15 for students, \$25 for others. Reservation forms are available on the fort's website.

Despite the near closing of the fort two years ago, the imposing stone structure has seen a flurry of activity recently. Thanks to money from Gov. Cuomo's budget last year, Lear has been able to replace boilers and improve leaky basements on site, among other projects like installing a new lock system and



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Old wooden doors are the internal entrance to the fort after a walk through long tunnel.

capping chimneys.

“It was pretty awesome,” Lear said. “One of the most historic, significant sites in U.S. history is being restored and improved.”

During the War of 1812, the main theatres of action were the Great Lakes, Lear said; most US troops were posted in central and western New York. While the British and Americans battled back and forth over

Lakes Erie and Champlain, Lake Ontario and Oswego were considered such essential supply routes that neither side risked losing position. Each militia focused mostly on building its navy on the lake in what became derisively known as “the battle of the carpenters.” However, the British eventually took Oswego and razed Fort Ontario in May 1814.

Students continue to find opportunity

Despite fewer vendors, poor job market fair has high turnout

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The third annual Oswego State “Job-a-Rama” was held at Swetman Gym in the Campus Center on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

“Job-a-Rama” is an event that is coordinated by the Sophomore Year Experience Committee with the collaboration of the Compass.

Various departments on campus send representatives and vendors to the event so students of all academic levels can explore opportunities for job offers, find out information about internships and

studying abroad, open work study positions and volunteer work.

This year, the departments that attended “Job-a-Rama” included Campus Recreation, Department of Campus Life, Division of Extended Learning, Fitness Centers, Graduate Office, Office of Public Affairs, the Orientation Office, Compass Career Services and the Intern program, among others.

“Most years, we have five to six hundred students attend,” event coordinator Gary Morris said. “I sense that hiring is down a little bit. Usually we have about 30 to 40 campus organizations and this year we're hovering in the low 20s.”

More than 500 students attended this year's “Job-a-Rama.”

“I looked at the Campus Recreation and Fitness Centers to try to apply there and get something, hopefully,” sophomore Tommy Seefeld said.

Despite the lower than normal turnout of vendors, students still responded positively to the purpose of the event.

The current economic situation has made the job market challenging and competitive. “Job-a-Rama” is another way to help college students now and later on when they merge into future jobs and careers.



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Students, representatives discuss job, internship placement options in Campus Center's Swetman Gym Wednesday during the Job-a-Rama.

Committee seeks student thoughts on selection process

SELECTION, from cover

“Marie Driscoll and I, along with the Village Council, spent most of last semester discussing options for this coming year's selection process before finally settling on what has been rolled out,” Kolenda said.

The board's first goal was to maintain the current residents ability to return in the 2012-13 semester. There have been countless hours of deliberation, planning and work put into this new selection process. Driscoll wishes the process was not so “complicated” and said that she alone has put in at least “20 hours of just meetings, input, and opinions” about the new process, not to mention the numerous other people who have helped as well.

The Village housing is only available for juniors and seniors who meet the requirements that can be read on the Oswego State website. The new selection process starts when students complete the first step by paying the deposit and accepting the Village terms agreement that goes from Feb. 1-10.

Students must complete the confirm-and-request part of the process. Current

Village residents are to complete this step from Feb. 2-22, and non-Village residents from the 16-22.

The third step includes four main steps: squatters, Village resident lottery, Village majority lottery and general Village lottery. The village squatters start Feb. 14, where a matched group of current residents will occupy a townhouse that one member of the group already has. On Feb. 15, the Village resident lottery, which is for current residents who are not squatting and can be individuals or a matched group takes place and Feb. 28 and 29 are the village majority lottery. This includes matched groups that have half or more than current Village residents. Finally there is the Village general lottery on March 6 and 7. This step is for the remaining Village housing selection participants.

Individual lottery numbers and start times will be distributed to students participating in the housing selection for each lottery. Both the number and time to start will be available after 4p.m. on the Monday after the selection process. For all the lotteries, the class of Dec. 2012 participants will be assigned the best lottery

numbers, and the class of 2013 will be assigned the second-best lottery numbers. People in matched groups will all have different numbers and times. The person in the group with the best lottery number and time should make the housing selection for the group.

The process has already started and there are many ways to get informed about this new process, including emails sent to students, posters, the school website and information sessions. Students placed in The Village for 2012-13 may not be able to return to The Village for 2013-14. A decision and final plans will not be announced until Nov. 1, 2012.

The Village selection process is still a work in progress and requires additional discussion. Driscoll believes this new process “evens the playing field” for everyone and hopes to find a permanent solution soon. She says they hope to form a group combining students from every year and staff to figure out the best answer.

“Who has a better perspective on this kind of problem than the students?” Driscoll said.



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Green grass, green products

Unusually warm weather for winter festival; Businesses showcase sustainable goods

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Polymer clay pens, records melted into bowls and coats made from recycled sweaters make Colleen Brown's Creative Outlet anything but ordinary.

"I like to repurpose things," Brown said, sporting what she refers to as an "up-cycled" green and brown sweater.

Brown's stall at the seventh-annual Warm Up Oswego festival on Feb. 4 was one-of-a-kind, but it was not the only vendor who promoted sustainable living through their products. Environmental sustainability is a key initiative for the city of Oswego.

Oswego Mayor Tom Gillen said he was very pleased to see the local businesses and other vendors promoting sustainability in the Oswego community.

"I'm a big believer in green life and green living," Gillen said. "We are a modern city so we have a mindset to make this a better place."

Denise Caves' stall featured bags and aprons made from parts of blue jeans, sweaters and blazers. Caves said that making products from recycled items is a hobby that she started when her daughter needed to do something with her old clothes.

"I can't just throw it away, I hate throwing it away," Caves said.

said. "In the past couple years it's become such a thing that people look for that we do pay more attention to it so we try to promote it even more."

One of the products Midnight Sun displayed at its Warm Up Oswego booth was fair trade purses.

"There's this company called Blue Sky and they work with villages in Guatemala and India to make the purses," Smith said. "We try to get a lot of stuff like this in our store. For the most part if we can go that route, we do."

While events such as the costume sled race and scavenger hunt received much attention, Mary Vanouse, director of Community Development and one of the festival's organizers, said she was glad to see so many vendors who promoted sustainable living.

"It's certainly nice to have them here," Vanouse said. "A lot of the crafters make their own stuff so it's just wonderful to see the artisans"

Vanouse also said these vendors and businesses corresponded with Oswego's mission to be a sustainable community.

"We are registered with ICLEI, the local governments for sustainability," Vanouse said. "It's an international organization. The council just passed a resolution for that back in January."

The festival is aptly named Warm Up Oswego because of the anticipation of snow and cold temperatures during this

"I'm a big believer in green life and green living, We are a modern city so we have a mindset to make this a better place.

-Oswego Mayor Tom Gillen

Warm Up Oswego provided an opportunity for creative individuals and local businesses to promote their products to over 500 people who attended the festival.

Oswego businesses such as the Mustard Seed and Midnight Sun also featured sustainable products at their booths.

Kelsey Hodge, a Mustard Seed employee of four years says the store has the mission of "keeping our community healthy with local, organic food."

The Mustard Seed sells organic produce, bulk natural foods and environmentally safe cleaning products.

Kristin Smith, who has been working at Midnight Sun for four years, said the store stocks fair trade products as often as possible.

"If we have the option between something that's fair trade and something made in China, we usually try to stick with something that's fair trade," Smith

time of year. This year, however, members of the Oswego community enjoyed a sunny and snow-free day for the winter festival.

"This is wonderful," Gillen said of the warm weather. "I think no snow is helping attendance."

Jackie Sheffield, Oswego YMCA financial development director and one of the festival's organizers, said the lack of snow made the festival more accessible which helped the vendors get more exposure to the local community.

"I've spoken to [the vendors] and they're all happy," Sheffield said.

Although some of the events such as the sled race and snow sculpture contest would have been better with snow, Warm Up Oswego organizers agreed that no snow was not a problem.

"We don't need the snow," Sheffield said. "We've warmed up Oswego officially."



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Top: Colleen Brown, of Creative Outlet, shows her purses that are for sale, which are made out of old records. Middle: Vendor Denise Caves talks to a costumer during Warm Up Oswego. Bottom left: Each record purse and bowl has a different label. Bottom right: Pens are made of polymer and were for sale through Creative Outlet.

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Downtown businesses have much to offer lovers for Valentine's Day

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This year, Americans are expected to buy 58 million pounds of chocolate and close to 200 million roses for Valentine's Day. Americans spend upwards of \$17 billion dollars to woo their special someone. They are left to choose between the convenience of online mega-markets for anything from flowers to toys, and the uniqueness and personality offered by local businesses. The town of Oswego offers an eclectic range of Valentine's goodies ranging from the mouth-watering or wallet-friendly to the awe-inspiring.

For that special person who simply must have a dozen red roses, you should head to one of two unique florists in Oswego. Cali's Carriage House Florist offers a wide array of bouquets for anyone's price range. For 43 years now, Michael Cali has focused on providing the highest quality flowers possible with honest prices.

"We always pride ourselves in the fact that our flowers last," Cali said.

He further explained that focusing on creating package deals might end up sacrificing the quality of his products, so he custom designs all orders and offers an unconditional

100 percent satisfaction guarantee.

The other flower shop in town is Flowers by Maida's and Mr. John's. This cozy shop is located in the back lot of Canal Commons. They are offering a number of specials this Valentine's Day, which range from Cupid's Garden to The Works of Love. Maida's central location also makes it an ideal one-stop-shopping experience if one wants to pick up wine from Andrew's Wine Cellar, jewelry from Midnight Sun or to have a romantic dinner at any of the restaurants in or near Canal Commons.

Of course if your loved one desires chocolate, you can find it at Man in the Moon Candies, also located in Canal Commons. They've created a number of delectable treats that your Valentine will be sure to enjoy this year, including chocolate roses and chocolate high-heeled shoes. They also offer packages of treats that feature chocolate covered strawberries as well as both chocolate and real roses. Amy Lear, the owner of Man in the Moon Candies, recommended that you order your chocolate strawberries in advance to be sure you'll have them in time.

"I like to say we provide an exceptional quality product at a reasonable price," Lear explained.

The packages range from \$10.95 for a

small box, to \$35.95 for a dozen long-stem strawberries with a real rose. She also pointed out "men like candy too," so ladies are encouraged to stop by for some savory confections.

But if you are looking for a more personal experience this Valentine's Day, let a professional help you design a romantic dinner with your sweetheart at Taste the World, also in Canal Commons. Although this establishment is probably best known for their freshly-ground coffee, Anne Backer, the owner of Taste the World, explained the unique concept that she is proposing this Valentine's Day.

"Instead of taking your Valentine out to a very crowded restaurant, where they might end up with poor service and overpriced food, [you] can plan a romantic evening at home," she said. "[You] can come into Taste the World, where I will help you choose food items to put together in a basket, and you can take it home to prepare for your Valentine."

While many may find it easier to order something off the Internet, it can be more special to work with a knowledgeable person to design the perfect gift. Whether you are looking for a traditional bouquet and a box of chocolates or something slightly more unorthodox, the town of Oswego is a gold mine for unique gifts of love.

Utilizing linear design for pedestrian convenience



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Above: An addition to Wilber Hall, which will become the home of the School of Education, is being built on the west side by Piez. Below: Part of the Piez addition can be seen on the left and the Wilber addition on the right. Both are expected to open for the fall semester of 2013.

CONSTRUCTION, from cover

Eventually Wilber and Park will become connected through a common student area, where the sky walkways are currently. The walkways are planned to overlook a meeting area for education students, much like the Chiu Atrium in the Campus Center, although with its own distinctive vibe.

As soon as the science center is complete, the science departments currently located in Snygg will relocate, which will allow Snygg to be taken down in the fall of 2013. All of the site work surrounding the area will be completed by 2014.

The area where Snygg is will soon create space for a new commuter and visitor parking lot which will help highlight both Sheldon Hall and the Campus Center, making campus more inviting.

"It lets us properly front this whole new piece we are doing, with the angle of what's happening with the Campus Center, the science center and the education, it kinda gives us more of a traditional campus planning," Simmonds said.

But making that into a commuter and visitor parking lot will benefit the large exterior pathway, which will run from the Hewitt Quad to Mackin Hall.

"You'll have this clearer pedestrian zone, we're working really hard not to have vehicular traffic cross that pedestrian zone," Simmonds said.

The goal is to keep a lot of the come-and-go cars on the south side of campus, so that way there are less cars interfering with foot traffic.

This includes converting the road behind Sheldon Hall into a solely pedestrian walkway, which will create a straight pathway from the Hewitt Quad to Moreland with minimal vehicle interference.

A path running parallel to the pedestrian walkway has been incorporated into the design to leave room for an alternative mode of transportation for students.

"I don't know exactly what it is yet, but what we're trying to say our cam-



pus is very linear," Simmonds said. "Right now, the option for them is to walk or get on the Centro and go all away around the ring-road...and that's not what people want to do."

Simmonds is looking for something similar to the people-movers that Brazil and Europe has which is sustainable, powered by alternative forms of energy. But the exact form this people-move will take shape in, is not yet known.

The plan is to have the science and education centers begin hosting classes in the fall of 2013, and all the site work surrounding the area to be completed in 2014. So far, everything is on track, espe-

cially with the current light winter we've had so far.

"We haven't had snow removal issues," Bradberry said. "We haven't had the drastically cold weather to contend with, it's allowed workers to get on site and do their job rather than fight with the snow. The slips, trips and falls have been minimal, which is good."

There is a lot of work still ahead, including getting a lot of the site work done and moving all the offices and equipment from Snygg to the new complex.

"We're packing 10 pounds into a five pound bag," Bradberry said.

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Friar to visit Oswego

Pompei returns to hometown for mission

People in need of insight, guidance and perspective need look no further than the Lord, according to a release from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

"During this time of instant gratification and 'what's in it for me,' it's good to some times just step back and reflect on all that's going on in our busy lives, whether it be work, high school, college, or just trying to maintain our sanity," wrote Brenda Zumwalt in an email. "Fr. Pompei will take us down the path of life."

Father Francis Pompei and St. Joseph's Church in Oswego invite all to join them in a parish mission. The mission will begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 26-28 and last roughly one hour and 10 minutes. Plans for the ceremony include prayer, readings, talk and "a concluding ritual of experiencing the Lord."

The church is located at 240 W. First

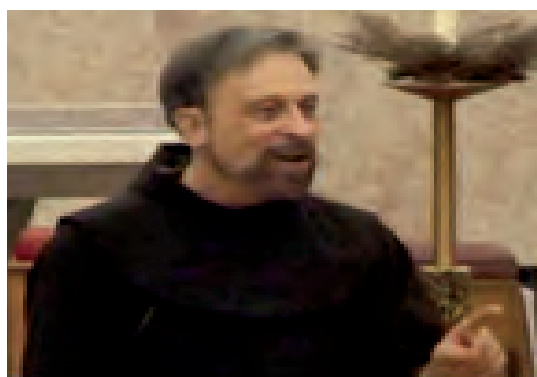


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Friar Francis Pompei will be visiting Oswego Feb. 26

St. in Oswego.

"All are welcome and encouraged to attend the mission," said the release. "To share in a powerful experience of Jesus."

State to take over Medicaid growth, relieve pressure on local government

MANDATE, from cover

The proposed sixth tier would average the last five years, which would probably decrease the average final salary. They will also take into consideration only the base salary, without bonuses, to count toward the pension formula.

"This Tier VI has no mention of firemen or policemen, because they are always excluded," Spizman said about the bonuses and overtime.

Another proposed revision in Tier Six is that the two percent multiplier would be reduced to 1.67 percent, Spizman said.

"I'm going to be very blunt, for those who want to protect its legacy going forward, the taxpayers in the state can't afford to keep these same costs going," Duffy said. "People that apply for jobs if this has passed, have the choice if those benefits don't fit, they can go elsewhere. But they know going in what the system is, and I think that's the most important thing."

Part of the mandate relief will come in the government takeover of Medicaid growth. Local municipalities will continue paying what they currently are, but any additional growth will eventually be entirely covered by New York state.

Currently, the state pays all growth over three percent of Medicaid, a release from the governor's office said. In 2013, the county cap will be reduced to two percent; in 2014 the cap will be reduced to one percent and in 2015 the state will cover 100 percent of Medicaid growth.

The money to pay for the growth will still have to come from somewhere.

"Politically it takes the pressure off the local governments," Spizman said. "But now the state is going to pay those increases, but where is the state going to get the money from? It's going to be us still."

The year five total savings for Oswego County is \$3,925,828 from the state taking over Medicaid growth.

"I would take the savings with a grain of salt," Spizman said. "We don't know what assumptions they made to calculate the savings and were they realistic assumptions about growth rates and things of that nature."

Duffy said that the goal is to release the pressure of state mandates on local governments which tend to drive up local taxes.

"These are the first two steps by taking over Medicaid growth and pension reform that will put us on the path and build success one step at a time," Duffy said.

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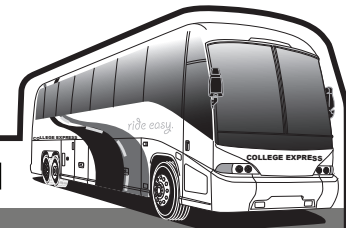
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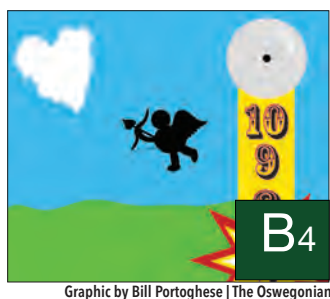
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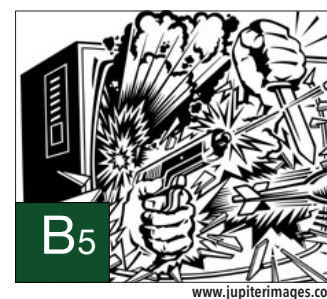
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UPCOMING MATCHES

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Women's Basketball

Friday, Feb. 10



Location: Alumni Field House
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey

Friday, Feb. 10



Location: Campus Center Ice Arena
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey

Friday, Feb. 10



Location: Wonderland of Ice
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Men's Basketball

Friday, Feb. 10



Location: Alumni Field House
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Lakers swept by rival Tigers

RIT holds on for 2-1 win after shutting out Oswego State, 4-0, in game one



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Members of both the Oswego State and RIT women's hockey teams fight after the whistle is blown in the last minute of the Tigers' 2-1 win over the Lakers.

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The Oswego State women's ice hockey team fell twice to top-ranked Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) last weekend in a two-game series that was both emotional and intense.

RIT shut out the Lakers 4-0 in game one, Oswego State's "Pink the Rink" night. Game two, Oswego State's Senior Day, ended 2-1 in favor of the Tigers, but the Lakers fought until the very end, literally.

The most dramatic moment of the two-game series came with less than 15 seconds

"That's not really a part of women's hockey, but there comes a time when you're not gonna back down anymore."

—Diane Dillon, women's ice hockey head coach

left in game two when a brawl broke out. The Lakers found themselves on the power play in the last minute of the game and were putting RIT under pressure. Senior captain Kathryn Sbrocchi put a shot on net which RIT goaltender Ali Binnington saved. After the play, the fight between the two teams ensued, eventually resulting in 11 penalties.

"In a way it shows we are here to play," head coach Diane Dillon said. "That's the first time this team has ever shown this kind of backbone."

The rest of the game was played with the same grit as the final 15 seconds.

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O'Brien wins with career-high score

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Junior diver Joe O'Brien took home top honors in the men's 1-meter diving competition at the Oswego Diving Invitational on Saturday at Laker Pool.

O'Brien recorded a career-high 463.10 points in the event, which surpassed the next highest score by over 20 points.

"I feel like he did fantastic," Oswego State diving coach Kevin Morgan said. "He's really come a long way this season."

Not only was the mark a personal high for O'Brien, it qualified him for consideration for the NCAA Championships.

"With the score, it allows us to send in a videotape to the NCAA selection committee and hopefully the tape is good enough," Morgan said. "He could be selected to be one of the top 22 divers to compete in a national meet."

O'Brien said that he would welcome the opportunity to compete on such a grand stage.

"I would be elated," he said. "In high school, I went to states for two years in a row, my junior and senior years. I would love to repeat that again in my college career."

O'Brien also competed in the 3-meter event, placing second with a score of 436 points, behind senior Chris Austin of The College at Brockport, whom recorded a total of 482.15.

"I felt like I tried my best," O'Brien said. "I didn't perform my best on the 3-meter, but I pulled through on 1-meter, so I was confident and excited about that."

Competing alongside O'Brien in both events was teammate and freshman Justin Berrios. He took third in both the men's 1- and 3-meter events with scores of 393.05 and 425.7, respectively.

"Justin, just being a freshman, he's come a long way in a short time," Morgan said. "He made his major turnaround at our training trip this year. We went out and trained at Ohio State, and he developed a lot of the harder difficulty dives that are going to allow him to compete with a lot of other SUNYAC divers."

See DIVING, page B3

Wrestling drops Senior Day match to No. 5 Cortland

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On Wednesday, the Oswego State wrestling team celebrated Senior Night. During the pregame ceremonies, flowers were given to the senior wrestlers as the wrestling department showed its appreciation for their services to the school. That was the highlight of the night.

The Lakers were over-matched by fifth-ranked SUNY Cortland and dropped a 31-6 decision at Max Ziel Gymnasium. The Lakers showed promise early, as junior and captain Omar Santiago and senior Nick Rodgers won their matches. These, however, proved to be the only wins the Lakers would post.

The Lakers suffered crushing blows when freshman Brad Mayville and senior Cameron Mills dropped their matches in overtime. Mayville, who is having a great freshman year, posting a 16-11 record coming into the night, fell to Cortland substitute Edwin Perry in four periods, 5-3.

"I think I won the match but I was out of shape," Mayville said. "I got to run more, I got to do that one extra after practice."

Mills was leading 2-1 late in his match with Carl Korpi when a questionable penalty cost Mills a point and sent the match to a fourth period.

"I think the [referee] had a temporary moment of blindness," Mills said.

The Red Dragons added insult to injury, scoring 12 points on two pins of freshmen Eric Anderson and Ed Rose.

Rose, for his part, had the misfortune of facing Jared Myhrberg who is ranked second in the country among Division III wrestlers. These pins, combined with the 11-3 thrashing senior Brandon Heffernan received at the hands of Andre Berry, severed to the derail the Lakers' efforts.

Santiago continued to build upon his fantastic season with a 7-3 win against Sean Kempf, raising his record to 20-6.



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Top left: Junior Omar Santiago wrestles against Cortland's Sean Kempf. Top right: Senior Cameron Mills studies his opponent. Bottom: Santiago grapples with Kempf.

Santiago's win tied the score for the Lakers at 3-3 after Kevin Ramkishun came up short in a spirited effort against Paul Fields in the first grapple. Rodgers made the score 10-6 with an inspired 5-3 win against Troy Sterling after Berry's defeat of Heffernan gave Cortland a 10-3 lead.

Despite the negative result, head coach Mike Howard seemed optimistic. "We're getting a little better," he said.

"It looks like we got thrashed, but we were in three of those matches."

The Lakers won't have much time to lick their wounds. They have two meets this weekend against Wesleyan University and Williams College/University of Southern Maine Triangular. Howard claimed to have seen improvement in his team, and stressed that they keep moving forward.

"We did get better in certain areas," he said. "We just need to keep improving and taking baby steps."

"Everybody has to go in the same way we did against Cortland," Santiago said.

This weekend's meets are the last two of the season for the Lakers and they are desperate to finish strong.

"We got to keep going for the 'W,'" Santiago said.

“Our guys appreciate our fans. They love our students. It’s a fun place to play.”

-Ed Gosek, men’s ice hockey head coach

Oswego State ROAD RECAPS

Men’s Ice Hockey

The Lakers earned their seventh straight win with an 8-1 victory over Morrisville State on Saturday. Junior forward Paul Rodriguez tallied an impressive five goals and an assist to lead the Lakers. Senior forward Ian Boots and junior forwards Chris Muise and John Whitelaw also added a goal each. Junior forward Luke Moodie led the team with five assists.

Men’s Basketball

The Lakers had six players in double-digit scoring as Oswego State defeated SUNY Cortland, 84-65, on Saturday. Senior forward Chad Burrige led the game with 18 points and senior guard Sean Michele and junior forward Hayden Ward each added 12. Ward also had a game-high 11 rebounds. As a team, the Lakers went 15-for-15 from the free throw line and shot 51.8 percent.

Women’s Basketball

A valiant comeback effort fell just short as the Lakers fell to SUNY Cortland, 63-60, on Saturday. Oswego State trailed by as much as 17 at one point in the second half, and was able to cut the lead to two with 30 second remaining, but could not complete the comeback. Senior guard/forward Kayla Ryan recorded a game-high 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Track and Field

Senior Da’Quan Coleman broke his own school record in the 60-meter hurdles at the Hamilton Invitational on Saturday. Coleman ran at a time of 8.54 seconds, which also qualified him for the ECAC Championships. Sophomore Katie Bott had a strong showing in the 800-meter run, finishing with a time of two minutes, 27.18 seconds, which qualified her for the SUNYAC Championships.

Athletes of the Week



KAYLA RYAN

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

Ryan, a forward on the women’s basketball team, was the model of consistency in a week where the Lakers went 1-1 in league play. She tallied 22 points and 10 rebounds in a win over Brockport and a loss to Cortland. She moved into third place on the school’s all-time scoring list with 1,318 points.



PAUL RODRIGUES

Men’s Ice Hockey
Junior, Etobicoke, Ont.

Rodrigues, a forward on the men’s ice hockey team, nearly doubled his season goal total Saturday night when he scored five goals in an 8-1 win over Morrisville. He registered a hat trick in the first period and accounted for four straight Lakers goals between all three periods.

Women’s hockey falls in close game on Senior Day



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Sophomore forward **Carly Hendersen** sports her “Pink the Rink” jersey during Friday’s 4-0 loss.

HOCKEY, From B1

RIT scored first less than six minutes into the contest when it was given a 5-on-3 opportunity. Kourtney Kunichika beat Laker goaltender Bridget Smith to give the Tigers the opening goal. Kim Schlattman and Ariane Yokoyama recorded assists.

The Lakers tied the game later in the period. Junior defender Breane Reith took a shot from the blue line which was deflected past Binnington by sophomore forward Melissa Seamont. Reith and freshman defender Emily Marks earned assists on the tying goal.

RIT buried the go-ahead goal in the second period on a play with a lot of traffic around the Lakers’ net. RIT’s Danielle Read took a pass from Kristina Moss and her shot from the point found its way past Smith.

The third period went scoreless, but it was not without action. RIT and Oswego State exchanged scoring opportunities but neither team was able to light the lamp.

Smith finished the game with 28 saves, while RIT’s Binnington recorded 15.

After the game, Oswego State honored its seven seniors, Sbrocchi, assistant captain Jillian Bergeron, leading scorer Mackenzie Lee, forward Kelly Collins, forward Lauren Gilpin, forward Leah McNaughton and goalie Megan Amlinger.

Dillon saw game two as a marked improvement from the first one even though it was a loss.

“I couldn’t have been more pleased with their effort. I thought it was a much better game from us today,” Dillon said. “We came out with a lot more fire, a lot more determination and we played much tougher on the puck.”

In the first game, the Lakers could not put a puck past RIT goaltender Laura Chamberlain and only managed to record 15 shots on goal.

“We created a lot of scoring chances, but I was certainly unhappy with our execution,”

Dillon said. “We looked like we were running a little scared out there today, that I was disappointed in.”

Three of RIT’s four goals were scored on the power play and the other was scored on a breakaway.

Kolbee McCrea scored twice for the Tigers in the first period, netting a power play goal halfway through the frame and beating sophomore goaltender Catherine Cote on a breakaway attempt.

Midway through the second period RIT increased their lead to three when Lindsay Grigg scored with assists from Erin Zach and Morgan Scoyne.

Kunichika scored the final goal for the Tigers in the third with just one minute left in the game.

Despite allowing four goals, Dillon said Cote played a good game.

“Cote, I thought, made some excellent saves,” Dillon said. “They scored three power play goals on us and you can’t give a team of that caliber any opportunities. They will pick you apart as they should”

The climax of the games was the fight that took place at the end of the Senior Day game. Dillon said that she was glad her team showed RIT that it is not a team that can be walked on.

“That’s really not a part of women’s hockey, but there comes a time when you’re not gonna back down anymore,” Dillon said.

The heated rivalry between Oswego State and RIT began last season when the Lakers spoiled RIT’s perfect season by beating the Tigers on their Senior Day.

The Lakers currently stand in fourth place in the ECAC West. With just two conference games left this season, both against second-place Elmira, the Lakers look to stay in position for a home playoff game.

This weekend the Lakers faceoff against Division I Sacred Heart in Fairfield, Conn. and conclude their regular season the following weekend in Elmira.

Record-breaking career nears end

Kayla Ryan enters final games of senior year

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Four years ago, Oswego State women’s basketball head coach Tracy Bruno, recruited a fundamentally sound athlete from Schaghticoke, N.Y. named Kayla Ryan.

“I saw Kayla playing for the first time at a fall shoot-out at RPI in Albany,” Bruno said. “I was impressed right away with her work ethic and athleticism. I reached out to her right away to initiate the recruiting process and we started to develop a relationship. We continued our conversations through the early spring and she finally committed to come to Oswego State and the rest they say is history.”

Ryan has been a staple in the Lakers’ lineup for four years. As a freshman, she led the team in scoring, averaging 14.0 points per game. Her early success landed her as the SUNYAC Rookie of the Year.

She did not stop there. As a sophomore, she led the team in points per game (12.5) and steals (60). As a junior, she led the team in blocks (23) and again led the team in scoring (13.4). Despite her success, she still remains modest.

stats or the record books, but rather from other parts of the game: being a leader, being coachable or simply just being a good friend one’s teammates.

“Her work ethic and her athleticism from a basketball stand point and just simply her character on a daily basis,” Bruno said.

Ryan was named a captain as a junior because coach Bruno saw something in her that that makes up a true leader.

“I try to lead by example and always make sure that my teammates feel comfortable to come to me for anything,” Ryan said.

The women’s basketball team has a 6-7 record in the SUNYAC, which is good for sixth place.

This weekend the team will travel down to SUNY Oneonta on Friday night to take on the league-leading Red Dragons. The Lakers beat Oneonta at Laker Hall earlier this season, 55-49. In that game, Ryan went 5-for-13 from the field with 16 points.

Ryan said that the Lakers’ first win was great and the Red Dragons have a good team, but she is going into this weekend with a lot of confidence.

“We beat Oneonta once when they were undefeated in the conference and



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Senior guard/forward **Kayla Ryan** will play her final game at Max Ziel Gymnasium on Feb. 18.

“My success traces all the way back to when I first started playing basketball,” Ryan said. “My dad was a great athlete in school and was the one who sparked my interest in the sport. I have had phenomenal coaches growing up in CYO, AAU and Varsity and I give them most of the credit for my success as a college basketball player.”

One of the biggest intangibles that coach Bruno has seen in Ryan is her motivation to constantly improve her game.

“She has without question improved the range of her outside shot and has become a legitimate 3-point threat,” Bruno said. “The addition of that shot has made it easier for her to get to the basket.”

Ryan says her biggest improvements are not necessarily the big things, but really focusing on the little aspects that improve her overall game. But the true measure of a great player is not always in the

there is no doubt in my mind that we can do that again,” she said.

Ryan, along with her teammate Jenna Rossi, will play her last home game on Feb. 18 against SUNY Fredonia.

“The thing that I will miss the most is being a part of the team,” she said. “I will miss everything that comes with being on a team, the friends, the moments on and off the court, and all the memories.”

Bruno also said she is going to miss Ryan.

“Kayla being a part of the team goes beyond just offensive and defensive contributions, she said. “I can count on her every single practice and every single game to give everything that she has. I can honestly say that there has not been one game or one practice that I walked away thinking, ‘if only Kayla had given more.’”

Campus Recreation Sports Report

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BASKETBALL:

The hardwood got heated up once again on Monday, as the spring basketball tournament tipped off at Lee Hall. The tournament features 31 teams on the men’s side including the reigning fall champions, Lee Hall Legends.

The tournament’s opening night included a pair of nine-point games as SAE defeated Phi Tau, 49-40, and Swagger took down Shaw’s Shank Redemptions, 55-46. The Swackers bested Swishin n Dishin while Gamma secured a 10-point victory over Apollo’s Raiders.

The Co-Rec division contains eight teams vying for the championship.

BROOMBALL:

The Super Bowl forced broomball off the ice on Sunday, Feb. 5, but the previous week featured four one-goal games, along with two overtime thrillers. Michelle Bateman netted two goals for the Sharks in a 4-0 shutout of Thug Lyfe. Lindsey Forte added two assists.

Aimee Hirsch scored the game-winner for the Blue Ball Broomers in a spirited overtime period against the Funky Bunch, while Alex Chwojdak did the same for the Ninjas against heavily-favored Fire and Ice.

TEXAS HOLD ‘EM:

John Ramirez took first place in the Texas Hold ‘em tournament held Feb. 4 in the Campus Center Food Court. He bested 22 other competitors including Tim Diederich and Aaron Bethmann, who came in second and third respectively.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Valentine’s Open Skate: Feb. 11, 10 p.m.-midnight in the Campus Center Ice Arena. \$1 admission and \$2 skate rental.

Volleyball League: Online registration due Tuesday, Feb. 14. Play begins Feb. 19.

Delicious Nutritious Cooking Class: Free, healthy, nutritional cooking instruction class begins Feb. 23. Registration deadline is Feb. 21. Class to be taught by Sarah Formoza, registered dietician.



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John Ramirez took down 22 other poker players at the Texas Hold ‘em tournament on Feb. 4

Paintball club has positive outlook



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SUNY Oswego Rush takes the field at NEIC event one. (from left) **Shane Fitzmaurice, Kevin Saintey, Dave Renz, Quentin Mariano and Matt Applebee.**

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Ever since the first game of paintball was played back in 1981, the sport has witnessed a steady increase in popularity. Young people especially have taken an interest in the adrenaline rush that is competitive paintball. Oswego State is no exception to this trend. Sophomore Quentin Mariano is the captain of Oswego State's Paintball Club: SUNY Oswego Rush.

"It's a lifestyle. If you don't play, you'll never understand the dedication," Mariano said.

He expects his team to finish in the top five at this year's National College Championships.

His Rush teammate, senior Shane Fitzmaurice, has even higher expectations for the squad.

"Oh we're going all the way this year, ab-

solutely," Fitzmaurice said.

The club is broken up into two segments: tournament and recreational. The team's top players get the honor of competing in North Eastern Intercollegiate Conference (NEIC) tournament play, where they will go head-to-head with schools such as rival Hartford and perennial powerhouse University of Buffalo.

Recreational play is open to all members. The club holds recreational paintball events about one or two times per month, and the tournament team meets for practice at least once per week. Both events are held at Action Sports Park in Syracuse.

Paintball matches are typically played with five players to a team in capture-the-flag format. The first team to score twice wins. Sophomore Kevin Saintey has been playing paintball for the past 10 years.

"It's definitely a team sport," Saintey said. "Having good camaraderie is important. Other teams look at us off the field and think

wow those guys are crazy. But on the field we're all business."

Oswego State's paintball club has made it its goal to help grow the sport ever since the club's creation in 2002. As the sport continues to build at Oswego State, so does the team's success. The SUNY Oswego Rush boast two top three finishes in the last year alone, finishing first at their tournament in Massachusetts and second in the SUNY tournament, falling only to University at Buffalo in the championship round last February.

The Oswego State paintball club is always looking for new members. Those who wish to join can contact Quentin Mariano at oswegopaintball@gmail.com, like the Oswego State paintball club page on Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SUNYOswegoPaintballClub>, or can always go through The Point. Any and all students are welcome, even those with little paintball experience.

Diving team gets ready for SUNYACs

DIVING, From B1

On the women's side, sophomore Kayla Fermoile was the lone competitor for Oswego State. Fermoile placed fourth in the women's 1-meter with a total of 284.1. Audrey Jackson, a junior from Brockport, took the event with a score of 350.55.

"I'm looking for [Fermoile] to do well too," Morgan said. "She's come a long way with limited practice time and limited work this season."

Although Morgan is pleased with the way his divers have performed this season, he believes they still have room for improvement as they gear up for the SUNYAC Championships this week at Erie Community College.

"The thing that I would say we probably need to work on the most is cleaning up some of our entries," he said. "It's just a matter of finishing the dives in the bottom, having good, clean, ripped entries and having that 'wow factor' that's really going to make them stand out against the rest of the competition."

O'Brien agrees with his coach's sentiment. "I have to work on all my entries on the 3-meter," he said. "I just have no confidence in them. I haven't been doing the big dives long enough. Now I have to be confident this weekend."

O'Brien, who took a year off last season to work on his grades, is looking to embrace this role as a leader and help both himself and his teammates' progress.

"It's easy to show the other divers what they're supposed to be doing because it makes me want to work harder for them," he said. "Being a leader, it makes me work harder myself, as well as give more support and be a little more lenient on how I treat the others and how I respect them."

"He's worked very hard this year," Morgan said of O'Brien. "After that year off, there's a new fire in his eyes and a new dedication to the sport."

Morgan is hoping that behind O'Brien's leadership and his team's constant improvement throughout the season, O'Brien, Berrios and Fermoile will contend at the SUNYAC Championships.

"I'm really proud of the work they've done," Morgan said. "Five and a half months sounds like a long season, but at the same time, to see the growth that all three of them have had in such a short period of time, it's really what brings joy to me as a coach."

Lakers, Plattsburgh clinch first-round byes with wins

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The road to the SUNYAC Championship will either go through Oswego State or SUNY Plattsburgh, as both teams clinched a first-round bye with victories over the weekend.

The Lakers currently sit atop the conference standings at 10-0-2, accumulating 22 points. Oswego State clinched the first-round bye after routing Morrisville State College, 8-1, on Saturday night at the Iceplex behind junior forward Paul Rodrigues' five goals.

The first-round bye is just one of many goals that the coaching staff sets at the beginning of the season. Other goals include clinching home ice throughout the conference playoffs and winning the SUNYAC Championship.

"We still have a ways to go, but it's nice to not have to play that game on Wednesday with a short turnaround," head coach Ed Gosek said. "It gives you a little more time to prepare and rest injuries."

Right behind the Lakers in the standings is archrival Plattsburgh, who is just one point out of first place at 10-1-1. The Cardinals also clinched a first-round bye after defeating SUNY Fredonia, 3-2, in overtime on Friday night and Buffalo State, 1-0, on Saturday night.

"The stakes are higher," Gosek said.

"The importance of the games has been wretched up a couple notches. We know we have to come prepared both nights this weekend to make that game against Plattsburgh mean something."

The Lakers return home this weekend after a four-game road trip and will finish the final four games of the regular season at the Campus Center Ice Arena. Oswego State is 8-1-1 at home this season. The Lakers will faceoff against Fredonia and Buffalo State this weekend before hosting Plattsburgh and SUNY Potsdam next weekend. Oswego State has not played in front of the student section since Dec. 10 against Hobart.

"Our guys appreciate our fans," Gosek said. "They love our students. It's a fun place to play."

Plattsburgh finishes the final four games of its regular season on the road, where it has compiled a 4-1-3 record. The Cardinals travel to The College at Brockport and SUNY Geneseo this weekend before heading to Oswego State and SUNY Cortland the following weekend.

If both teams hold serve this weekend, the annual "White Out" game will more than likely decide the SUNYAC regular season champion and the team that gets home ice advantage in the playoffs. Last year, however, both teams with the first-round bye lost in the SUNYAC semifinal. The Lakers fell to Fredonia in overtime and Geneseo lost to Plattsburgh in overtime as well.



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The Oswego State men's ice hockey team prepares to play archrival SUNY Plattsburgh on Feb. 17.

Long journey ends for Delfino

Senior hopes to contribute to Lakers' success

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Seven years ago, Joshua Delfino was an All-State varsity basketball player at Newfield High School and committed to a two-year prep school with the intention of earning a Division I scholarship.

But after nine semesters at four schools, three and a half years on absence from organized basketball, academic probation and playing Division II basketball in Oklahoma, Delfino is using his final semester of collegiate eligibility to come off the bench for a Division 3 program; the nationally ranked Oswego State Lakers.

"I should write a book," Delfino said.

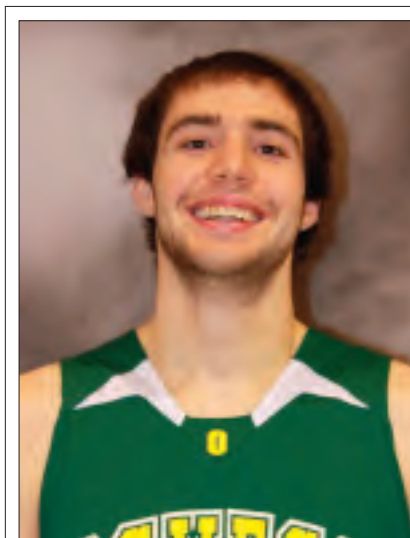
Delfino, 24, has certainly taken a non-traditional path to get to Oswego State, but its the uniqueness of that journey that Delfino believes has helped him figure out who he is today.

"I've learned throughout all my experiences that life is about finding places that are the right fit; where you can find your niche," Delfino said. "For me, right now, I'm very comfortable at Oswego State."

For the members of the Oswego State basketball team, adding someone of Delfino's abilities and character is a special opportunity. "To our team, he brings an adult presence. He is a little older and more experienced than most players in the league," Oswego State head coach Jason Leone said. "It takes a special and unselfish person to accept the role Josh has on our team and perform at a high level."

All-American senior Chad Burrridge echoes Coach Leone's sentiment.

"Josh brings more size to our team and another big post presence," he said. Josh comes in with experience from a Division II school, so he has played in big games and knows what it takes to compete."



"Coach Leone already had a fine rotation, so the fact that he feels comfortable putting me on the court shows I can help this team. I'm here to make the team better."

—Josh Delfino

Delfino said he was happy with the situation.

"This is the bed I've made for myself, but I'm embracing it," Delfino said. "I've been given a great opportunity to play for a successful team, and playing for a winner is exactly how I want to finish this crazy basketball journey. Its been a long road."

His basketball journey started at Newfield High school, only two hours south of Oswego. In 2004 the six-foot, eight-inch forward averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds per game and was the conference player of the year. Delfino helped lead his team within three points of the state championship game.

Instead of enrolling at a Division II or 3 school, Delfino chose North Country Community College (NCCC), hoping that after two years he could transfer to a Division I program.

"I expected to dominate at NCCC, but I didn't work hard on the court or in the classroom," Delfino said. "I was very immature; too immature to be successful."

Delfino's failing grades and attitude forced him to drop out of NCCC. He then enrolled at Tompkins County Community College (TC3) for the fall 2006 semester, where he was not academically eligible to play basketball. The semester would prove to be as unsuccessful as his time at NCCC.

"I cared more about meeting people then getting my grades up during my first semester at TC3," Delfino said. "After that semester, I realized I needed to take some time off."

The NCAA rules state that Division II and 3 student athletes are allotted 10 full-time academic semesters and can use up to eight of those semesters to be active on their respective teams. Traditionally, the extra two semesters given to student athletes are saved for medical redshirts or to

comply with transfer regulations.

Despite not playing basketball in the fall of 2006, Delfino did use one of his ten full-time academic semesters. That odd semester is why Delfino enrolled at Oswego State with one semester of eligibility remaining and not two. He was not allowed to attend classes or practice with the team in the fall 2011 semester.

Delfino would re-enroll at TC3 in the fall of 2008, where he was still academically ineligible to play basketball. With a new found motivation, and a combined 3.7 GPA in successive semesters, Delfino was cleared to play basketball at TC3 for the fall of 2009.

"I was so nervous to finally join the team at TC3," Delfino said. "But we had a great coach and a great group of guys that played well all season."

Delfino led TC3 to the best record in school history and a conference championship. Along with scoring 16 points per game, he set the school records for rebounds and blocks in a single season.

Very quickly, Delfino started receiving offers from Division II and Division III schools all over the country, despite only having three semesters of eligibility left. Delfino chose the Division II program Southeastern Oklahoma University (SOUO), where he said the experience was significant but imperfect.

"I was comfortable with the playing time I received at SOUO because I was getting better as a player, whether or not the stats reflected that," Delfino said. "I knew I was good enough to be at that level."

SOUO would finish the 2010-11 season with a 3-22 record, which led to the firing of their head coach at the seasons end. Delfino played in all of the team's 25 games, but was given just 11 starts and dealt with inconsistent minutes per game.

The toxicity of the SOUO program was too high for Delfino to stay another semester, and he began inquiring about playing his final semester of eligibility back in upstate New York. He contacted the coaches at Buffalo State, SUNY Cortland and Oswego State about playing opportunities for the spring of 2012.

"I remembered being recruited by both (former head coach Adam) Stockwell and coach Leone at their respective schools when I was coming out of high school and TC3," Delfino said. "Oswego State was always on my mind. I really enjoy Oswego's style of play and it is a great fit for me."

Buffalo State and SUNY Cortland are in second and third place respectively, behind Oswego State in the SUNYAC this season. Both schools could use having a weapon like Delfino in their 2012 starting lineup. Instead, Delfino gives coach Leone the deepest frontcourt in the conference.

"Josh is a physical presence on offense and defense. He can score with either hand and he is extremely unselfish," Leone said. "We have a team full of guys who would have more prominent roles in most other programs. Part of what makes our team so special is that the players are willing to give up individual goals in order to be a better team."

Delfino said he was grateful to the coach for the opportunity.

"Coach Leone already had a fine rotation, so the fact that he feels comfortable putting me on the court shows I can help this team," Delfino said. "I'm here to make the team better."

Delfino's season high of 10 points helped edge out a win against a competitive SUNY Geneseo team on Jan. 24. The Lakers are 8-0-2 in conference play with Delfino this season.

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"The Voice of the People"

What's your take on Valentine's Day?



"I think it's a great holiday. It's always special to celebrate love."

-Katie Freeman
senior, childhood education



"It's nice to have to many holidays, and one that celebrates love is a really positive notion."

-Cam Herlan
junior, business



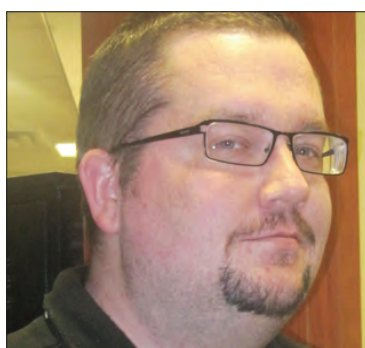
"Valentine's Day is another regular day. You're supposed to show love 365 days a year."

-Margaret Veras
freshman, global studies



"I think it's up or down. Some people love it, some people are unhappy. I have mixed feelings."

-Cameron Bruhns
junior, graphic design



"I've never been a big fan. This is my first Valentine's Day post-divorce, but I never saw the purpose."

-Matthew Harmer
senior, English

STAFF EDITORIAL

PICK TEAM, STICK BY THEM

We all saw it last Sunday: whether you were on Facebook or Twitter, or if you watching the game or not, we all know how the Super Bowl went down. Your friends, the people you follow and news websites updated you on every change in the game. And when the Giants won, what you really saw were a few die-hard Giants fans drowned out by a load of obnoxious fair-weather fans screaming their new team's victory.

Think about it. You most likely barely heard about the Giants until the week before the game and then you were bombarded with them. The Patriots have always been Super Bowl favorites over the Giants, so Patriot chatter wasn't too unusual, but as soon as the Giants started to win your favorite social networks exploded.

To the lifelong fans of the Giants, those people are some of the worst in this world. Sports fans, especially sports fans

who favor teams that happen to lose quite a bit, see fair-weather fans as people who are trying to be popular by jumping on the bandwagon. Nobody likes to lose, but sports fans have to deal with wins and losses; they feel these people don't have that right to only support the winners.

Now, fair-weather fans aren't the only sports fans who aren't always supportive. Fans who only support their teams during playoffs are always better, because at least they stick with one team. People who just don't care about sports might pick a team for the Super Bowl or the World Series, maybe going by where they live or just by who their friends like so they can root for a day and promptly continue to not care.

Is the fair-weather fan such a bad thing? They might buy more tickets, although they don't tend to stick with the team long enough to make that sort of

commitment. They will try to interject themselves into conversations with the die-hard fans who most likely will resent them, and into conversations with people who don't know sports to maybe show off. They do, however, show support and participate in the great social group that is the sports team fan. They enjoy supporting those teams and sometimes stick with them after the initial win, and they give their chosen teams more hype than anything.

To the sports fan, try to be gentle on these fair-weather fans. They're only trying to get along with you, maybe even trying to be like you. Sometimes being a die-hard sports fan is being like a hipster, saying "I liked them before they got big." When a team gains these fair-weather fans, they also gain more respect, support and hopefully more true fans in the making.

IN THE OFFICE

Unusual lack of snow blessing, not curse

Celebrate warm winter instead of complaining about having class



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Strange weather is a common in upstate New York, but what is perhaps even stranger is the way people react to it. This may be earth-shattering news, but this has been a pretty weak winter for Oswego. There's hardly been any snow or rain since the semester started, and while temperatures have been about average, there hasn't been a blindingly cold day yet. Rejoicing in the mildness of this winter, especially the lack of snow, would be universal, right?

For some strange reason, that isn't the case. There are some people I know who are actually disappointed by the lack of snowfall. I really don't understand it. I hate snow with a passion. I don't mind

cold weather, but if there are several feet of snow outside, I get annoyed. People ask me why I go to Oswego State, to which I respond that I didn't have the grades or the ability to afford the out-of-state tuition for a school like Pepperdine (which is right on the beach in Malibu, Calif.). If I had both of those things, I would be out of here faster than you can say "thunder snow."

So I wonder why people get so excited where there is a lot of snow on the ground. Sure, it looks nice when you look out at the campus at night and see everything just covered in powder (my Facebook feed always gets bombarded by these pictures; we get it, there's a lot of snow on your car, the whole world doesn't need to know).

People get excited about the prospect of snow days, but they never happen. The closest we get is when a professor sends us an email at 6 a.m. saying they don't feel like shoveling their driveway so class is cancelled. My high school was also notorious for never having snow days, so much so that there were a couple occasions when my Mom made my brothers and I stay home so we wouldn't have to walk to school. Your

school has a problem if it encourages parents to force their kids to commit truancy.

Snow is just an annoyance to me. It's annoying to walk through, and if ice is involved, that is even worse. Sometimes it even takes the form of hail, so your face will feel like it was scrubbed with sand paper.

So when we are lucky enough to get a mild winter in Oswego like it this year, I am more than satisfied. If you are disappointed that there has been little snow, remember that without snow you don't have to shovel your car or driveway, it is easy to get to class, roads are a lot less hazardous and your house or dorm room isn't under an inch of muddy water when you come back from class.

Maybe people like snow for the nostalgia of childhood, memories of snow angels and snowball fights and such. Since the latter is banned at Oswego State and the former will just cause passers by to stare at you, those options are not as feasible as they used to be. So even if you like excesses of snow for some odd reason, you should still enjoy weak winters when you can. They do not come often in New York state and nobody likes shoveling or falling on ice.

Three reasons I want to give up sports, but never will

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On the days leading up to Valentines Day, when most single girls are wallowing in self-loathing, I shall be brooding on the state of my fandom. Another Super Bowl has come and gone and I find myself disappointed and angry.

Here it should be mentioned that I am a devoted Cowboys fan. Yes, I am from New York. If you must know, I'm a Cowboys fan because my Dad is a Cowboys fan and he's a Cowboys fan because at the time he was growing up they were actually good. As if that weren't bad enough, I'm also ashamed to admit that I'm a Mets fan too. Really it's a miracle I watch sports at all if these are my two favorite teams.

Recently I've struggled with the option of giving sports up entirely. Yeah, our relationship has had some good times, but it's costing me more than it's benefiting me at this point. Sorry sports, it's not me, it's you.

Deep down, sports, you know I still love you but I've compiled a list of why I've been contemplating leaving you for other forms of entertainment like knitting:

1. My teams always seem to lose in spectacular style.

Nothing exemplifies this point better than 2007. The Mets were ahead in the NL East by 7 1/2 games, lost 12 out of their last 17 games, and didn't even make the playoffs. That was painful, seriously painful, but like any good fan I told myself 'there's always next year.'

The Mets then decided that I hadn't suffered enough and in 2008 blew a lead in their division again and missed the playoffs... again. And now they're just awful. The pain isn't even a quick sharp pain like getting your eyebrows waxed. It's like getting your wisdom teeth pulled and then not having painkillers. It's steady and awful, for a long time.

2. I live in the wrong part of the country.

Now as most New Yorkers know, New York sports fans generally group themselves like this: Giants/Yankees fans and Jets/Mets fans. There are more Giants/Yankees fans and they are generally more aggressive in pointing out other teams' inadequacies because their teams do well more so than mine do (Exhibit A: Sunday's Super Bowl). These fans made fun of me relentlessly as a child and still sometimes do. I can't escape them in New

York. They're everywhere, even here in Oswego! Maybe I should just move to Montana and not worry about it.

3. Sports are way too mainstream.

This is not me trying to go all hipster on you, this is a fact. After the Super Bowl I was upset because I knew if I was silly enough to sign onto Facebook I'd be slapped in the face with hundreds of "YAY BIG BLUE!!!" type comments. If I checked the New York Times in the morning, as I often do, I'd see those smug, winners' faces looking back at me. If I turn on the TV I'll be stuck watching those "We're going to Disney World!" ads. Not okay.

What I really need to do is get into a sport that most Americans don't watch. I'm currently thinking curling or rugby but I'm open to suggestions. At least if I root for an awful rugby team most people in the US will have no idea what's going on and will not, therefore, heckle me.

To be honest though, I've already invested too much time and happiness into groups of random male athletes I don't know and I'm not about to find a new set of them. So sports, I sometimes wish I could give you up, but I'll probably just curl up in my Emmitt Smith jersey, cry myself to sleep, and dream about next season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

As a long-time participant in the Oswego community, the Student Association places great emphasis on fostering positive relationships with the City of Oswego and its residents. We represent over eight thousand full-time and part-time students, and it is our mission to help them integrate into the greater Oswego community. During the previous semester, the Student Association was made aware of problems created when students choose to celebrate in the city. We want everyone- student and community member- to know that we disapprove of any

conduct which reflects poorly on the students of SUNY Oswego, and that we are also actively taking steps to discourage such behaviour.

To that end, the Student Association, as a long-time partner with the Campus-City Relations Committee, has put forth a proposal in which we have outlined a plan to help reduce the number of disorderly conduct violations committed by students. This plan includes ongoing cooperation with law enforcement, public awareness campaigns aimed at incoming students, and the development of student activity space on campus. The Student Association has made a long-term commitment to

minimizing the number of incidences, and will continue to develop and adjust our efforts as needed.

It is the Student Association's responsibility to address issues important to the students of SUNY Oswego, and to take action when warranted. We will actively participate in any efforts made toward addressing the quality-of-life issues, and hope to continue to build a positive relationship with the City of Oswego.

Sincerely,
Matthew Harmer

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HOW TO LAND A DATE IN FOUR DAYS



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It's almost the middle of February and we all know what that means: Valentine's Day is screaming at you like a toddler on a plane. Four days away.

Once again, you'll be spending the holiday home alone like some crazy cat lady, sans cats. As each day passes it becomes clear that Catholics built this holiday as some sort of failed Inquisition torture tool that took on a life of its own like a monster in a low-budget Japanese horror film. It's the characteristic guilt and shame that give it away: guilt that you don't have a date. The shame, for Catholics, that's just for good measure.

We all know that being without a date on Valentine's Day is basically the cultural equivalent of admitting you ate a bug and kind of liked it. People are going to look at you funny, then start calling you names behind your back.

But wait. What if you didn't spend

February's most important holiday alone? If only there was someone to teach you the ways of coupledom and set you on a path to V-Day companionship: a guru of game, a swami of seduction, a professor of... cute cats (think about it). Fear not spinsters of Oswego, I am back again to dispense three more sure-fire tips to land you a date for St. Valentine's feast.

1. Aim (aggressively) low

Listen up kids, Charles Dickens wrote a book called "Great Expectations," but I know for a fact that it wasn't about you. You're more likely the kind person who inspired Mick Jagger's "You Can't Always Get What You Want." But remember, if you try sometimes you get what you need, so long as what you need is not meth.

The point is that we don't have time to find you the perfect mate, only one who probably won't light you on fire and try to make a flesh-suit with your charred remains.

Now, I'm pretty gangsta; I listen to loads of Jay-Z. One of the main themes of rap music is trying to describe the perfect woman. It's a project that's been under way since the Renaissance when Sir Walter Raleigh quipped, "Babygirl yo' p***y lookin' so vacant." Or maybe that was Lil' Wayne. I always get those two confused. Mostly what I've learned is that the perfect woman has the best parts of other famous women. Kim Kardashian's behind, Angelina Jolie's lips and Meryl Streep's

arm fat, you get the picture.

Why do I bring this up? You can't expect that kind of perfection anymore. Maybe your date won't look like Megan Fox, but hey, you might not be that good looking either. That's why God created alcohol.

George Brenard Shaw famously said, "Love consists of over-estimating the differences between one woman and another." My method works by devaluing the differences. Question one: Is the date breathing (If not, see question two)? Question Two: Is the date a life-long smoker with a tracheotomy hole who is incapable of breathing but is otherwise sexually functioning? There is no question three.

2. Personal Ads

It used to be that when a man or woman became intolerably lonely they would use a telephone attached to a wall to dial up a newspaper company and list a few qualities they admired in a mate to be printed in the newspaper along with contact information. Then they all jumped in their Model-Ts and headed down to the swap meet to discuss how well Germany was recovering from WWI. Ladies and gents, it was the age of the personal ad, and it was glorious!

For modern examples, see Craigslist. Better yet, have Morgan Freeman narrate Craigslist ads to you. Either way, consider responding to these people who are so generously putting themselves out there.

Maybe you'd like to place an ad yourself? In this case, it's important to throw abbreviations around with abandon. Who cares what they mean as long as they make the ad less expensive and more mysterious? You can rest assured that someone out there will be interested, because that's the magic of the Internet. I'll give you a template; feel free to crib it:

"BBW looking for SWM. Live in OZ. Will travel. DDF. DTF. DDT. Be a BAME. SCUBA."

3. You, only less

As a certified dating coach, I've memorized all 29 dimensions of compatibility. However, no one ever mentions the thirtieth dimension: can she tie a knot in the stem of cherry using just her tongue?

Putting that aside, Ben Franklin was known to say, "If what you do is what you've always done, then what you'll get will be what you've always got." (Or was that Kanye West?) For Franklin, what he always did was invent stuff. And what he always got was fine colonial dime pieces (and a little syphilis). Following Ben's lead, I'm suggesting some drastic modifications to your physical appearance. And fast.

Besides, people generally react positively to any perceived change in appearance, because society tells us that's the polite thing to do when Oprah puts on weight. Maybe your friends and family won't recognize you—that means you can hit on people who've previously rejected

you like pre-sorted mail.

I know what you're thinking: "But Adam, five days are too few for a boob job or pectoral implants." Be not afraid. I have other less surgical interventions.

For ladies: Shapewear, specifically Spanx Booty-Boosting Slim-Cognito Mid-thigh short-shorts; \$62.00 at Spanx.com. If that seems expensive, perhaps I could loan you a portion of the product placement check I just earned by making that suggestion. Money can't buy you love, but it can buy you Bootylicious. And men at the gym aren't staring at you to see how loving you are.

For men: shave off all of your hair. I'm serious. All the common stories associated with head shaving enhance your possibilities for dates. Think about it: Did he do it to raise cancer awareness? That's sweet. I want to ask him out for drinks. Did he shave his head to pursue a life of spirituality and self-denial? That's mysterious; I want to take him back to my sorority. Did he shave his head in preparation for live-saving surgery on a Stage IV metastatic brain tumor that could kill him at any minute? That's sad; I want to have his babies.

Well there you have it boys and girls, three can't-miss strategies for getting a date in the next five days. So in the words of Jesus, "go forth and multiply." (Or was that my fourth-grade math teacher?)



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Learn to trust your fellow man, not television's version



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The day I turned my back on a man with a gun, I had no fear. It was not an act of bravery or valor. This was not a courageous deed. It was normal.

The wind was gusting as I approached the peak of the hill on the stretch of road I was climbing. To my right there was the empty stone bed used as a pull off for those who chose to park momentarily. It was part of state-owned land and was open for anyone. This particular day a Jeep sat there; not unusual for November. As I continued to creep closer, I could make out a dark figure standing next to the vehicle. It was a haggard man that I had never met before.

He stood there as I moved even closer. His face was red and chapped from windburn. Half gray, scruffy whiskers

protruded from his upper lip. His head was covered with an orange hat and he wore a tattered camouflage jacket. In his hands he clutched a 12 gauge shotgun, locked and loaded. We finally met and made eye contact.

"Boy it's chilly out today," he said.

"Yeah, that wind is something," I replied.

I never missed a beat. My feet never quit, and soon my back was turned as I started to make my way around the bend. I could hear him following me; the gravel crunching under his feet. I was quickly in a situation where I was alone with a strange man following me, behind my back, with a loaded shotgun. I held no fear. I never flinched. My shoulders remained slumped and my heart rate relatively slow. In this small rural corner of the world, I knew his intentions and never second guessed them.

This man was a hunter, but he would never hunt a man. How did I know for sure? I didn't. But an unspoken trust surfaced and we knew we were one in the same. I would continue up the road toward the house that I grew up in, and he would cease following me and dip into the woods as he had intended.

This man held a deadly weapon in his hands, neither out of fear nor ferocity. He

made a choice, and that choice could have been to kill. He doesn't make that choice because he is a redneck that gains satisfaction out of taking another life. No, he wouldn't sit in the chilling cold for hours on end, for the random chance he may shoot and kill a peaceful animal. His conscience tells him that there is balance in this world. To step into the wild and momentarily leave the rest behind may be a shred of spirituality for him. He may also seek a source of food for him and his family, untainted by the hands of man. Regardless, he steps forth, reveling in the primal instinct of man.

These few brief seconds alone caused me to think and reflect. There are people and places like this all over the world. In reality, they are the norm. The world is widely perceived by mainstream culture as violent. I suppose we have every reason to think this. Especially when the television, the Internet, newspapers and magazines tell us so on a daily basis.

At any given moment during the day I can turn on the TV and find some sort of police drama. Their stories are littered with sinister undertones that expel a sense of hopelessness about the state our society has slipped into. Violence has become a basic element of our lives and

a staple of entertainment. Don't get me wrong, there is definitely evil that exists each and every day, but evil exists first in the minds of men. I live a pretty harmless life, sifting through crowds of people year after year; unscathed and generally without serious conflict. Most people want to exist without violence or harm. That's why we live in fear.

The police dramas continue to blink through the television set, frame after frame. There's so many of them that I've lost count. This is what we cling to and it's frightening. This is entertainment. The corpses lay there for everyone to see, bloated and grotesque. Yet when Moammar Gadhafi, an evil dictator, was brutally murdered and photographed for the world to see, it became a social taboo only to be seen by a choice crowd. Have we become so desensitized to real violence that it now plays second fiddle to entertainment?

I am a firm believer that you get out of life what you put into it. Karma. Dharma. I'd rather step out the door each day with my hand extended to my fellow man, hoping he may do the same for me. If only we realized that we are in this together, then we could feel safe when we turn our backs.

Santorum: more suited for Google than presidency

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"We have found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, chemical weapons."

These words were spoken by presidential candidate Rick Santorum back in 2006. It has since been extensively shown that he was absolutely wrong.

When asked about Sen. John McCain's stance towards torture, Santorum responded that McCain "doesn't understand how enhanced interrogation works." This is despite the fact that McCain was tortured as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Furthermore, Santorum has stated that he does not believe that the Constitution provides for a "right to privacy," despite the fact that the fourth amendment and numerous judicial cases that have interpreted it have all confirmed that Americans do in fact have a right to privacy.

Yet even though he doesn't believe American citizens have any rights to privacy, he decries global warming as a leftist conspiracy "for more government control of your life." He also supports outlawing adultery, sodomy and anything else that he (the Government) determines to be "antithetical to a healthy, stable traditional family." Never mind that the "traditional" family accounts for less than half of all households today, but I'm not quite comfortable having

the government decide how Americans choose to form their families.

You'd hope that maybe Santorum's foreign policy would make somewhat more sense, but you'd be wrong. Not only did he support both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but he has declared that if he were president he would bomb Iran. Because what our country really needs right now is another war in the Middle East.

Probably what Santorum is most famous for is his "Google problem." Back in 2003, Santorum argued that the sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests was wrong because it was homosexual. Not because it was rape. Now you don't need to be a gay rights activist to know that there's a difference between two adults having consensual relations and an adult priest raping a little boy. Well this little trip-up of his angered some people who decided to work together to make sure that whenever you type "Santorum" into Google, the top result will be an alternate definition for his name (go ahead, Google it).

The GOP has lost a lot of respect in the past couple years, and they'll be having an uphill battle this November trying to defeat an incumbent president in a rising economy. Republicans have spent the past year destroying each other and doing all of Obama's work for him. The GOP's reputation is bad enough as it is, so let's try not to get any Santorum on it.

New generation of Americans hopelessly unaware of dangers

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Is it any wonder that America is in decline? Those of us who remember what America was and what it stood for feel as if we are fighting a losing battle. Why is it that the majority of Americans cannot see the blatant deterioration and the threat of destruction that is apparent on a daily basis?

Could it be denial, ignorance and gross stupidity or are they merely misinformed? Many Americans believe they are news savvy and keep up with current events.

In a 2010 survey taken among adults age 18 years and above, on news consumption venues conducted by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project and Project for Excellence in Journalism, 92 percent of those surveyed obtain their news from multi-platforms.

The study revealed that 75 percent of those who used the Internet as a basis for obtaining news received it via posts on social networking sites or forwarded through emails. It is easy to see how the general public can become misinformed or oblivious to the difference between what can be considered important breaking news and popular opinion.

In looking at the major news sources online and their breaking news headlines, the main news articles in the past week featured the Super Bowl and some mention of the GOP primaries which were, of course, negative.

Major events that were taking place on the world stage as well as in our government with the potential to cause further destruction to our nation barely made the news.

Iran has been busy while our mainstream media was focused on broadcasting pop culture. A gas pipeline in Egypt that serviced Israel and Jordan exploded, Iran launched a satellite into orbit, moved war ships on Saudi's shores, threatened to annihilate Israel (nothing new there), warned other countries that they will be attacked if they allowed a strike on Iran from their land, and Iran is mass producing ballistic missiles.

While the headlines today are filled with Super Bowl highlights, half time hijinx and commercial ad ratings, they continue to divert our attention away from Obama's arrogance to the threats from foreign enemies. He allows his Marxist government cronies to implement measures to spend us into oblivion and relinquish our liberties.

Many Americans who do pay attention to what is being said about our nation's downward spiral into socialism, dismiss it. It is called denial. Americans for whatever reason believe that it can't happen here.

According to an article in the American Thinker, by Steve McCann, American denial may be caused by the overwhelming peace and prosperity this nation has had over the decades, making generations ignorant to the possibilities that the horrors that occur on foreign soil could ever happen here.

McCann states that he and many other Americans who immigrated to the United States from either war ravaged or totalitarian countries, in which freedom was unknown or but a dream, cannot understand how the American people fail to see the dangerous paths we have taken. He believes that it is the result of a lack of education and the appreciation of the United States' success as a sovereign nation is extraordinary.

Americans have taken for granted the freedoms that our forefathers had worked and died for to keep our nation free. It won't be until all our liberties are gone and we are ruled by a totalitarian regime, as we become enslaved by the government, that we will truly appreciate what freedom really is.

Our denial is only compounded by our ignorance. Many believe that future generations and the youth of today will bring America back to its original glory. They couldn't be more wrong. Many of those in college have been brainwashed and are now occupying anything, but what is needed to save our country from the claws of socialism.

The final piece of the master plan to ensure a totalitarian nation is the indoctrination of our youth. Our education system, despite all the money that has been poured into it, is turning children into idiots.

A recent video by a student in a Washington State high school titled, "Lunchroom Scholars" on YouTube shows our hard earned money was put to good use.

The student wanted to answer the question, "How much basic knowledge do American high school students really have?" Apparently, not much. When asked to name the Vice President, a student answered "Bin Laden." Other students thought that our independence was a result of the Civil War. After seeing the answers given for the number of U.S. states, I would have to think she is the Valedictorian, after all her answer was closer than Obama's answer of 58.

America needs to come to its senses before it's too late. Take the song "Greatest Love of All" in which Whitney Houston sang, "I believe the children are our future... Teach them well and let them lead the way." If this is true, America is doomed.



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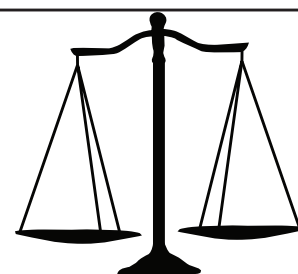
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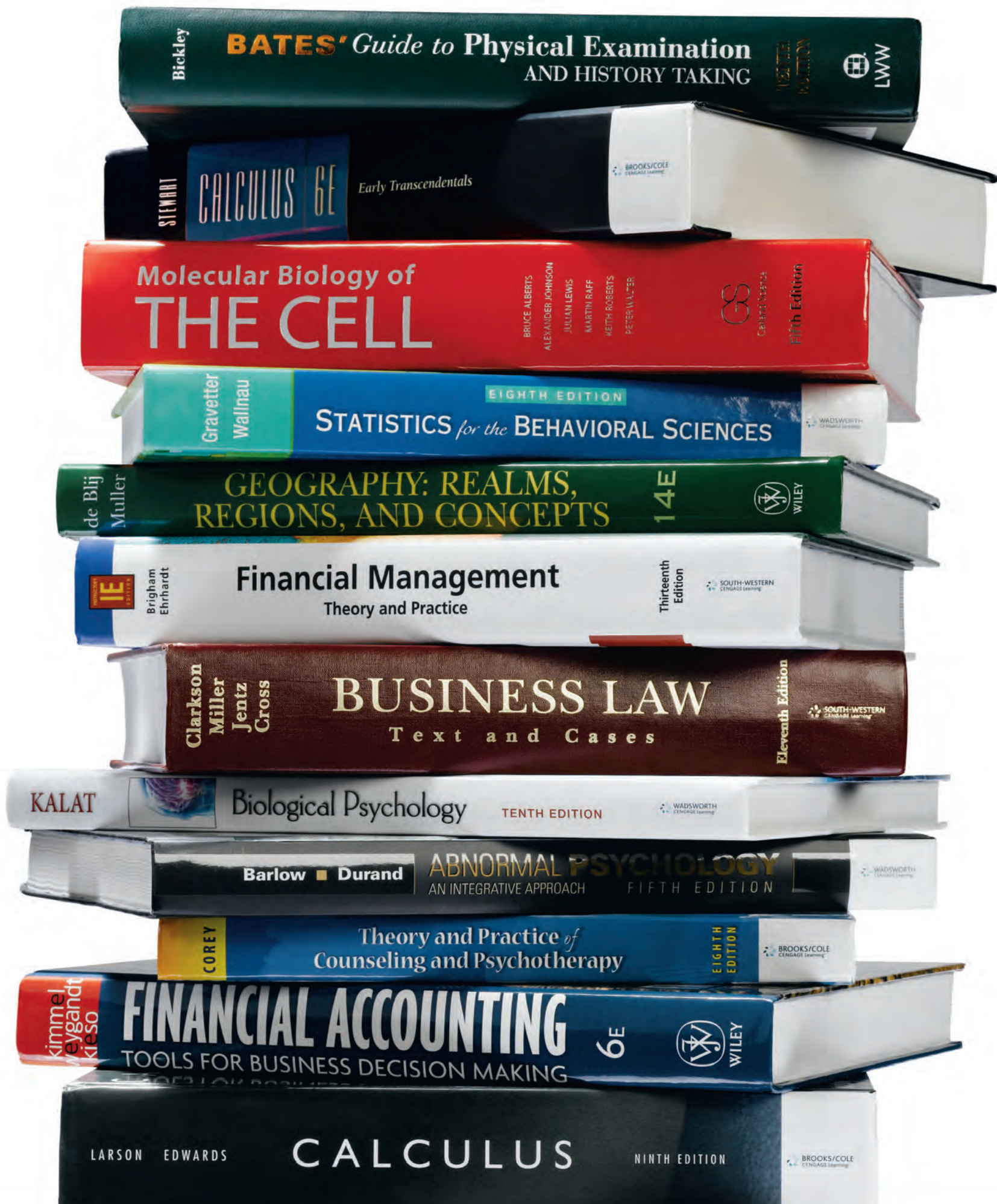
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Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall

Tickets: Oswego State students \$7, seniors/faculty/staff \$10, general public \$12

THE ART OF KISSING

Date: Saturday, Feb. 11

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Hewitt Union

FILM SCREENING: MADE IN PAKISTAN

Date: Monday, Feb. 13

Time: 3-6:20 p.m.

Location: Room 208, Campus Center

FILM TALK: AYESHA KHAN

Date: Monday, Feb. 13

Time: 7:30-8:45

Location: Campus Center Auditorium

VALENTINE'S DAY

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 14

CLASS TALK: FILM PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN W/ AYESHA KHAN

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 14

Time: 2:20-3:20 p.m.

Location: Room 114, Campus Center

ERNST AND YOUNG LECTURE SERIES: WOMEN TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES W/ KHAN

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 14

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Auditorium (132)

FILM: CONCRETE, STEEL AND PAINT

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 14

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Location: Oswego Cinema, 138 West 2nd Street

Tickets: Students \$3.50, seniors \$5, adults \$7

FILM & FOOD: MADE IN PAKISTAN

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Radcliffe takes on new horror challenge

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Rating: ★★★★★

"The Woman in Black" will give you goosebumps. It did not live up to expectations, but it did not disappoint. This is a dark film from the beginning to the end. There aren't any light-hearted funny moments in this film. Every character has witnessed something gruesome in their past, and it all gets brought back up when Arthur goes to do his job. The cinematography is very impressive in portraying just how scary and horrible the events are.

Arthur, (Daniel Radcliffe/"Harry Potter") is stuck in a tough situation. On one hand he has to take care of his son so he continues to go to his job that no one in the town wants so he can keep a roof over his sons' head. While on the other hand, he

is responsible for the safety of the people in town. If the stories and what he has heard are real then he has been putting everyone in danger. He goes to great lengths to try and make things right. He risks his own life several times to save others' lives and to reunite a mother with her child. Very dark, terrifying and haunting images of life, death, love, hate, hope and fear are shown through out the film.

Radcliffe does an amazing job with his part. He proves he can succeed without being Harry Potter. He plays a tortured father who is at the end of his rope, and needs to do something to try and save his family. The children in this movie do a great job as well. They were creepy and made it so you will never want to have children of your own. They created a flawless performance.

The cinematography was astounding. Each shot was carefully placed to set just the right amount of ominous



Provided by anglotopia.net

Angst ridden father, Arthur, strives to save his family and the livelihood of his town in the new movie, "The Woman In Black."

atmosphere. It was overall a dark film, but the light that was used was brilliant and really highlighted the story line. The transitions were so smooth it was hard to tell that one took place. Every shot was a work of art.

Overall this was put together well. It ends with the

darkest happily ever after that someone could come up with. This is a film to see with friends, but probably not at night or in an old house. It will send chills through you as each secret and piece is exposed, found and put into place. It is a creepy, sad, scary and beautiful film.

Playing puns produce knights, captains

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Oswego State hosted its first 24-hour theater festival on Feb. 3 and 4.

The festival started around 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 when the writers drew the titles of the plays out of a hat. Then they spent the night writing the plays. The actors and directors for the plays came in at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 4 to rehearse all day until the plays were shown at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

There were six plays with two directors; Jacob Luria and Robin Rubeo. Each play had a limit of being only 10 to 15 minutes long. The directors had to use a strange prop drawn out of a hat in three different ways and the actors for the plays were also drawn out of a hat.

"Everything was random. Some actors even had to gender-bend," said Robbie Kristel, an Oswego State senior that coordinated and created the event.

"The idea [for the festival] came about last May from a bunch of theater students talking about ways to increase involvement in the theater," Kristel said. "I decided to actually take the project on and began putting it together last semester by myself. Rebecca Anne Mc-

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Carthy helped me out tremendously late last semester and continued to do so until the festival. We are beginning to organize another 24-hour festival for next year."

Of the six plays, there were two comedies that were favorites among the audience and participants: "A (K)Night in Tyler Hall" by Colin McNamara and Dominic Dickerson, and "The Sinking of Captain

Morgan" by Sabrina Young. "A (K)Night in Tyler Hall" was about a boy named Tyler that is auditioning for the role of the knight, Sir John Falstaff, from Shakespeare's Henry IV, in Oswego's Tyler Hall, when he meets the actual Falstaff in the flesh. The title was originally drawn

from the hat as "A Night in Tyler Hall."

"We realized the multitude of puns that could be made with a simple title like that," McNamara said. "That was when we decided that puns and wordplay would be at the heart of this piece. In fact, the subtitle of our play was 'A play of puns, wordplay and some antics.'"

The duo "bent the rules"

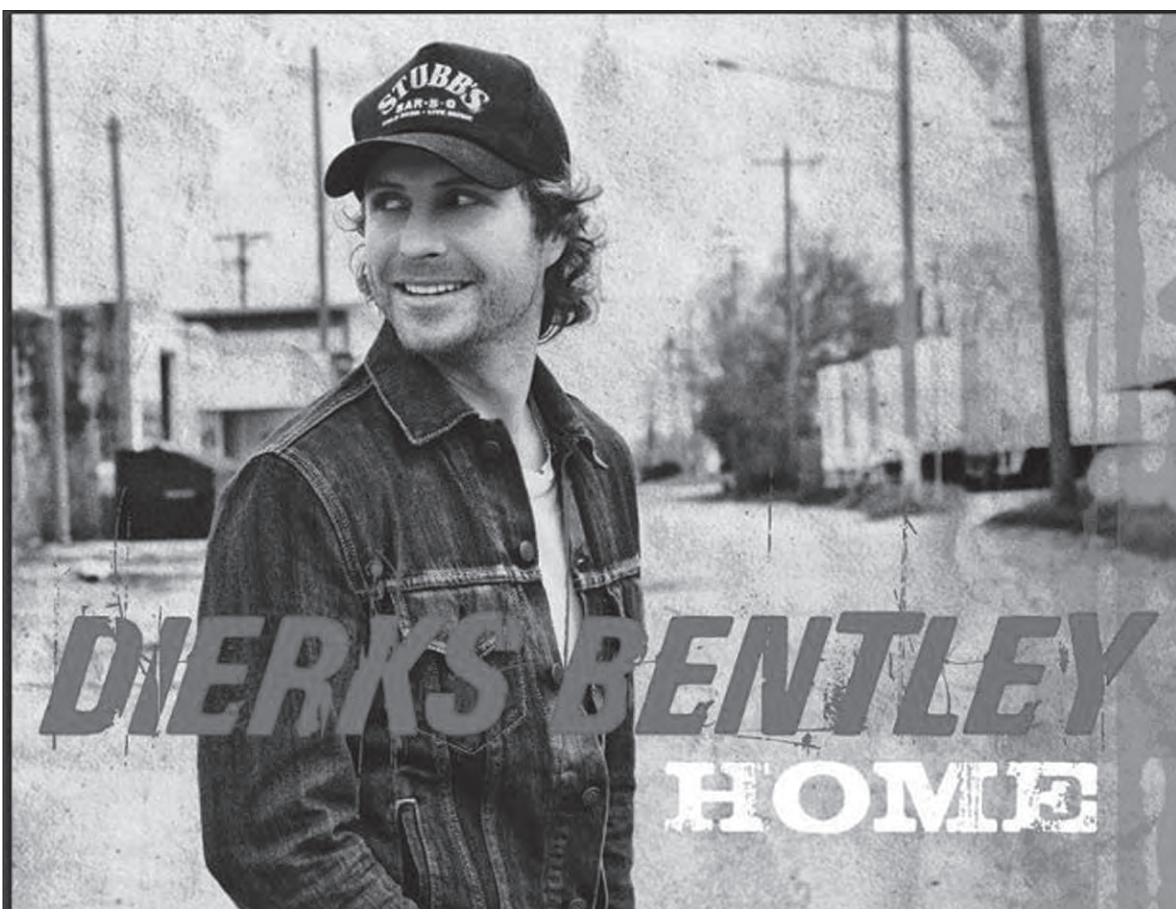
when they added the letter 'K' to their title. But in the end the audience loved the humor and wordplay involved and appreciated their creativity.

"The Sinking of Captain Morgan" was about two friends that go out drinking and one of the friends ends up getting so drunk that he thinks he is Captain Morgan, the captain of a pirate ship, which is sinking because he lost a game of beer pong. His friend, First Mate, isn't nearly as drunk and tries to keep Captain Morgan under control. The play used a lot of pirate terms in inappropriate ways, which was humorous for the audience.

"I feel like it went really well," Young said. The audience seemed to really enjoy it and that's all a writer, a director and the actors can really hope for."

Kristel hopes that the festival helped to get more students involved in the theater program, or at least influence others to support those involved in the art, music and theater departments.

Bentley brings it 'Home'



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Dierks Bentley continues his country success with his latest album 'Home.' Along with mixing a rock and roll element in to his music occasionally, Bentley delivers a 'home is where the heart is' feel with every song.

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Rating: ★★★★★

Dierks Bentley, a winner of various country music awards, is one of the current country artists that is not afraid to push the limits on changing traditional country music sound. He is known to bring a more modern sound with the addition of loud drums and electric guitars to some of his songs. In his latest studio album "Home," Bentley stays true to his own traditions, along with staying country at heart.

"Home" is Bentley's eighth studio album and had already showed promise before the album was released. The first single off the album "Am I the Only One," which hit number one on the Billboard Country Singles chart. "Home" mixes various styles of what is quickly becoming the new country sound. With songs like "Gonna Die Young," Bentley adds rock elements to the tune with fast-paced electric guitars. This same element can be found in "Tip it on Back," but in a more

mellow tone. The rest of the album stays true to the traditional country sound with a slow pace, acoustic or banjo setting.

With any country album there are various stories being told with each song. For this album Bentley stuck true to the title and put together a twelve-track compilation consisting of themes that hit close to home. From losing the girl you loved, to loving the girl you have now, to taking life in and just trying to have a little fun.

"Tip it on Back," "Home" and "Thinking of You" stand out as the most meaningful songs on the album. With "Tip it on Back," Bentley brings forth the idea of taking life in and enjoying the moment. "Home" takes on the theme of loving the home you grew up in, meaning your own personal home as well as the country you grew up in and all the benefits that come with each. "Thinking of You" is one of the many love songs on the album that deals with simply missing the one you love most. What makes each of these songs standout in the album is not the full story that each are about, but the instrumentals that go into each one. They each have a slow pace where all of the instruments complement each other in

a positive way to give each song a powerful sound. With "Thinking of You," the primary instrument heard is an acoustic guitar. It really proves a song to be great when it can stand out amongst the rest while being the simplest instrumental piece.

Staying true to his character, Bentley is keeping up with his tradition of having a couple novelty songs on his albums. For this album those songs would be "Am I the Only One," where all he wants to do is go out and have a little fun, while no one else is up for it and "Diamonds Make Babies," where the title means exactly what the song is about. Once you buy the girl the first diamond, at some point the babies arrive in return.

Bentley has proven to be a rising star ever since he arrived on the country scene in 2001. Country music has gone through changes over the years and he has shown to be a popular voice amongst the current country music world. "Home" proves to show the amount of talent Bentley possesses. Although his direction has not changed much from his first album, he has shown that his formula for country music is working.

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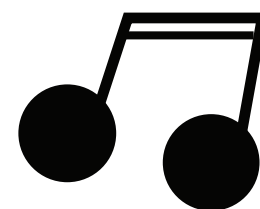
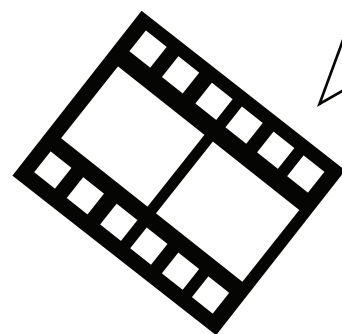
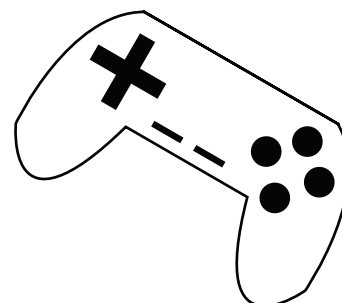
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Independent locals blend bird folk duo

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Oswego State's Hewitt Union Lounge held three musical performers last Friday, Feb. 3, known as the Indie Music Series.

Supported by Oswego State's Artswego Performing Arts Series and WNYO-FM radio station, the indie concert proved to be a success. Alcohol and Drug Program Director Ted Winkworth, known for being the front man for the hardcore punk band Another Breath, pulled together these amazing groups. His efforts were supported by WNYO's general manager Scott Glickman and program director Andrew Nicholson. The three acts included Sam Katz (Syracuse, N.Y.), Larcenist (Boston, Mass.) and Brown Bird (Pawtucket, R.I.).

The concert had its fair share of native encouragement. Katz, brought in an opening crowd eager to sit at floor level and mellow out to the warm tones of her jazzy vocals, backed by her acoustic guitar. Her voice sprang from her vocal chords in essence of well melded, mid to high color. The strumming of her guitar constructed harmonies and melodies, shaping the songs she sang.

Continuing to the contribution of Upstate New York community,

the Boston-based band, Larcenist, took the stage. Four of the five members were born and raised right in the Syracuse and Oswego areas. The band includes Jonathan Tompkins on drums, Brandon Mastrangelo on guitar, Steve Terry on bass guitar, Jonathan Schoeck on piano and Valentin Splett on electric fiddle.

Larcenist blends American folk and rock music with a post-punk undertone. Each member adds their vocal flavor and a touch of soul. They describe their music as a striving to give their listener a sense of hope and incorporate harmony to create elaborate story telling. The group continues to play songs from their 2011 EP, "We Become The Hunted," and their January 2012 single, "Beard Song."

Headlining the show stood the Rhode Island duo, Brown Bird. Currently embarking on a full U.S. tour, the group made an early stop at Oswego State. Their current tour is in support of their October 2011 release, "Salt For Salt." Brown Bird combines the feel of Gypsy and Eastern harmony with the authenticity of American rock and blues. The mixed sound produces a sense of darkened folk, although band member MorganEve Swain refuses to label their music as folk.

Swain discussed in a previous interview, "The music that inspires us runs the gamut from John Zorn's



Photo by Scott Glickman

The Boston-based band, Larcenist, performs in front of a full crowd in Hewitt Union Lounge. Feeling at home, the group consists of four members originally from upstate New York.

Masada String Trio, to Mastodon, to The Lost Jewish Music of Transylvania. We love Roger Miller, The Talking Heads, Black Sabbath, Red Fang, Micah Blue Smaldone, Leonard Cohen and Taraf de Haiduks. All these influences come out in our music in one way or another."

"Salt For Salt" is their first studio record they have released as a duo. This approach tackles the struggle of performing with only two musicians, yet still producing a full concert sound. Swain also explains that this allowed

them to experiment with musical styles they love, such as heavy metal and Eastern European folk.

With this being said, Brown Bird is known for their live performances. They generate a lot of sound for just two people. They do this by playing multiple instruments, which brings excitement to the stage. David Lamb sings and plays guitar or banjo while simultaneously using foot pedals that hit a bass drum, a tambourine or wood block. MorganEve Swain contributes backing vocals while

trading off between multiple instruments such as upright bass, cello and violin.

Swain emphasized that playing with multiple instruments allows them to create different textures and sounds for each song. Although it is a challenge and essential to have a large enough vehicle to haul them all, the crowd largely approved. People closed in on the stage and began dancing and even called the band back for an encore.

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Pakistani production tells ugly truth

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Confinement within the limits of gender-subordinate world never restrained Ayesha Khan from following her dreams of becoming an accomplished film producer, director and actress in Pakistan's independent film industry. Having faced harsh impediments growing up as a female in Pakistan, the American immigrant in her 40s has strived for greatness, and refuses to keep her success under a veil of shame.

Khan was born in Lahore, Pakistan where she fought a constant, ugly battle against gender bias and inequality. Women's educational status in Pakistan is among the lowest in the world, and violence against women is a lingering problem. As a child, Khan remembers Lahore as a very cultural city, filled with wide appreciation for the arts. But when General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq took over as president in 1977, the city of Lahore was stripped of its arts programs and the women stripped of their rights. "They started running ads on TV targeting women with something almost like a nursery rhyme: 'The four walls and the

veil are the best way for women to live,'" Khan said. "Zia-ul-Haq wanted no joy in life. He literally went around dismantling our once vibrant musical industry."

Though most Pakistani people in the 70s were Muslims, religion had always been kept a private matter, Khan said. But Zia-ul-Haq manipulated Islamic law into family law, imposing it on the Pakistani people.

"He reinterpreted the law to the most chauvinistic set of laws as I've seen in any Islamic culture," Khan said. "Which is remarkable when you think of it, given Islam is the most liberal, of all monotheistic religions, toward women."

One of the worst changes Zia-ul-Haq made to the law was the issue of rape, according to Khan. Zia-ul-Haq imposed the Hudood Ordinance unto family law, meaning anything punishable under the Quran—the Islamic religious text—was now also punishable by law. The Hudood Ordinance, for example, made adultery illegal; ergo, if a woman said she was raped, she would be admitting to committing adultery. If she could not produce four male witnesses to the crime, she would be sentenced to jail.

"About 2,000 women were still in jail for being raped 15 to



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Ayesha Khan exposes the history and drive of women from Pakistan through her films. As an aspiring actress, director and producer, her accomplishments speak to many.

20 years later, even after Zia-ul-Haq's reign ended when he died in 1988," Khan said.

According to Khan she never suffered under the Hudood Ordinance, but she was a victim of unethical imprisonment.

"I remember going to rallies for women's rights, along with my mother, family friends and neighbors," Khan said. "The po-

lice would baton all the women and send us to jail."

Khan was able to escape the turbulence of Pakistan when she enrolled in a foreign exchange program which allowed her to complete high school in Canada. She then moved to the United States to attend Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts where she studied theater and religion. Khan soon be-

came involved in the film industry, and in 2004, she began her own film company, Indus Valley Productions.

Khan has since become a huge success in Pakistan's independent film industry, affording her success to a documentary she produced and directed, "Made in Pakistan," a feature film she produced, "Kafsh: Lifting the Veil" and other short films.

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Hollywood takes science fiction in predictable direction

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Rating: ★★★★★

It seems as if Hollywood recycles the same ideas over and over again, and the science fiction genre is one of the worst offenders. There have been countless movies where someone or a group of people discover some strange force, object, etc. and suddenly develop mysterious powers they could only dream of. It's somewhat of a Mad Libs, cookie-cutter style to chosen from predetermined factors and thrown together and hope for the best. Although "Chronicle" takes this route, it is still entertaining for the most part.

Seattle teen Andrew Detmer (Dane DeHaan, TV's "True Blood") stars as a social recluse with a dying mother, an abusive father and constant bullying in school to top it all off. When his cousin Matt Garrett (Alex Russell, "Wasted on the

Young") and their best friend Steve Montgomery (Michael B. Jordan, TV's "Friday Night Lights") get him to attend a rave in the middle of nowhere, things seem to be looking up. When Andrew begins to loosen up, however, his habit of filming every second of his life with a sizeable, expensive camera does more harm than good and gets kicked out. The trio then goes off exploring a mysterious hole in the ground and shortly thereafter the camera goes black.

Fast forward a few weeks and the teens are developing their telekinetic powers as a result of the hole incident. Making things fly and inflicting pain on themselves without noticeable harm quickly escalates to flying high in the sky and crushing cars as if they were nothing. While Matt and Steve only use their newfound powers for fun, Andrew's environment and accelerated ability are a volatile combination that is waiting to go off. He considers himself an "apex predator" and purposely inflicts harm on people and property around him.

The overarching plot here isn't

anything audiences haven't seen before. An over-stressed, socially awkward teen using his powers for revenge is hardly original. DeHaan is okay on his own, however, it's his interactions with Matt and Steve that make it something more than that. As the trio moves on from using their powers for fun to trying to stop Andrew from wrecking havoc, the little quirks between the three really adds to the drama. For the most part the plot is easily understood, but several points remain unexplained at the end of the film, which isn't necessarily a bad thing.

DeHaan is the film's antagonist, but given the destruction he causes, his circumstances make it a bit more understandable. His transformation from a shy teen with some supernatural ability to a menacing force is well acted and believable. Russell doesn't seem the right fit for the "good" cousin though, and it comes off a bit fake. Jordan is a nice middle ground to counterbalance the two. Michael Kelly ("The Adjustment Bureau") is also notable for his role



Provided byscreenrant.com

Mysterious powers and telekinesis finds its way into two unsuspecting boy's lives in latest sci-fi film "Chronicle."

as Andrew's abusive father.

The film's trump card lies in its effects. While things start out simple enough when the boys are developing their powers, flying through Seattle, crushing cars and flinging people around; these soon become second nature.

Overall, "Chronicle" is neither the

must see sci-fi film of 2012, nor the worst. It falls somewhere in the middle. The relatively unknown actors do a good job for their purposes. The effects are solid and the plot is somewhat intriguing if not a mix of what's already been done. Viewers looking for a decent supernatural thriller can't go wrong with "Chronicle."

Puzzles & Games

Fun Fact Trivia

Who did Jimi Hendrix play backup for before becoming a star?

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Answer: Little Richard

Sudoku ★★★★☆☆

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DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

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

Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

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Top web comments

9/14-9/21



Entire "Big changes for women's volleyball" thread

—Various commenters



"This is what makes hip-hop culture the greatest because the real heads appreciate real music."

—Nycgirl4ever (Weezy back as 'Carter')



"Let's try using some active language, instead of making it sound like it was something that just happened to this poor, confused rapist."

—Language Police (Buffalo student arrested in Village rape)

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Standing as an icon for Pakistani women, Khan continues to address social and political issues in her speeches given to students.

Perserverance persists in Khan

Khan, FROM C5

Since Khan left Pakistan 15 years ago, women have more protection since the Hudood Ordinance was replaced with the Women's Protection Bill. Still, women face many injustices in Pakistan, and the violence persists.

Khan recognizes that being in the film industry is not only out of the ordinary, but frowned upon in her community, but says her drive to promote positive change gave her the perseverance to pursue her dreams in the arts.

When Khan speaks of gender bias and inequality, she is not only speaking of the women in Pakistan, but all over the world, she said.

"This isn't a third world Pakistan issue," Khan said. "I think

we have a lot of boundaries to transcend here." Considering presidential candidates' stances on abortion issues and contraception, Kahn said: "In 2012, do we (women) not have the right to our own bodies?"

Khan said the best solution to problems of worldwide gender bias is to address them head on.

"We need to make a lot of noise," Khan said. "We must be engaged and concerned about our rights as citizens all the time...we cannot turn a blind eye."

Sponsored by the Ernst and Young Lecture Series, Khan is scheduled to speak to students at Oswego State in a talk entitled, "Women Transcending Boundaries." The event will be held Feb. 14 at the Campus Center Auditorium, room 132, at 6 p.m.

Photos, FROM C4

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(From Left to Right)

Sam Katz opens the night with her performance.

MorganEve Swain, of Brown Bird sings back-up vocals.

Larcenist performs one of their many singles.



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