

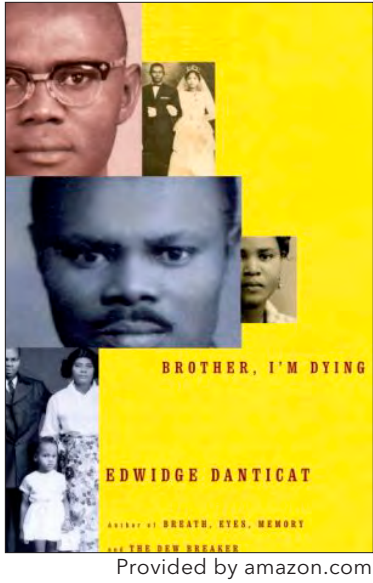
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Future multi-million donation promised Anonymous alumni bequeths gift for academic scholarships

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An anonymous alumnus has told the school that he is bequeathing \$5 million to the Possibility Scholars Program...

It is the largest planned gift in the school's history and will affect the lives of generations of students who otherwise might not

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At the donor's request, his identity will remain anonymous and the money will not be donated until after the donor has passed away.

"This is a transformative gift that will make individual dreams come true and can help boost the economy of our state," said Oswego State President Deborah Stanley...

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New orchestra debuts First student-run orchestra serenades Oswego State campus



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On Friday, April 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Auditorium, students and community members of Oswego will have the opportunity of seeing the first performance of a new musical legacy at Oswego State.

Wojciech Milewski, an undergraduate student and the conductor of the Lab Orchestra explained what motivated him to found the new ensemble.



Top left: Wojciech Milewski conducts the Lab Orchestra in a rehearsal. Top right: Cellist Michael Phillips. Bottom right: Violin section of Lab Orchestra rehearses

See LAB ORCHESTRA, page A7

Over half a million dollars saved after welfare fraud arrests

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Oswego County saw a string of welfare fraud cases in 2011, as a total of 117 cases were investigated, saving county taxpayers over half a million dollars.

Of the 117 cases that were investigated, eight of the offenders were arrested and charged with third-degree welfare fraud, third-degree grand larceny and offering a false instrument for filing, all of which are felonies.

Investigator McCann of the Oswego County Department of Social Services said that "99 percent" of those arrested for welfare fraud are charged with those three felonies.

The eight arrested are Mary J. Stone of Mexico, Trisha M. Nash and Diana E. Sacco of Hannibal, Jessica L. Myers, Edward L. Schroeder, Howard S. Fellows, Margaret A. Fellows and Derrick R. Williams Jr. of Oswego.

McCann said that these types of welfare fraud have a wide range.

"You see abuse of food stamps, cash as-

sistance and medical assistance," he said. "Somebody could be working and not tell us or under report their income as well."

According to a press release, the total money saved by the investigations by the DSS was \$566,916.

"[The money] is not strictly from cases that result in arrests, that's an overall total," McCann said. "We also conduct investigations that result in case closings or case denials."

See FRAUD, page A7

Unemployment, drugs, alcohol perpetuate mental illness

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The bus was vacant, except for the man. His wife stood on the curb, unable to board and go to their couple's counseling session because while he had Medicaid, she did not and the bus refused to transport her.

"The bus is empty except for him," said Jody Fiorini, counseling professor, president and director of Creek-Side Counseling Services.

Transportation to mental health counseling is one of the insurmountable challenges facing areas like Oswego and the North Country, where residents do not have the same access to public transit that urban residents do.

There are local agencies that will bring patients to the counseling center, if their insurance covers it.

"With gas prices and a lot of people in my area, in the North Country, they have serious transportation issues," said Brenda McAuslan, a child protective services investigator and graduate student.

This will often result in many patients having to miss appointments.

"They cancel appointments all the time, but the caseworkers go and get the medication and drop it off at the house," said counseling graduate student Lisa Augustus.

See MENTAL HEALTH, page A7

Harborfest announces headlining act Kenny Loggins

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From July 26 to the 29, the 25th Annual Harborfest will be held in Oswego. Kenny Loggins will headline the event.

Throughout the four-day long event there will be tribute bands to Jimmy Buffet, Billy Joel, Journey and Dave Matthews, as well as a jazz showcase on Sunday, July 29th.

At the conclusion to Thursday's events, fireworks by Grucci will be displayed above Breitbeck Park.

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Cortland

Two SUNY Cortland students will present their final art projects to local exhibitors in the Cortland area.

Lindsay Wilson and Sarah Lampke will hold receptions for their thesis exhibitions as part of their Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees. Wilson will present "Curves of Steel" at the Beard Building Gallery from Thursday to Sunday, April 29, with viewings being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a discussion on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Lampke will present "Before I Wake" at A Pizza & More in Cortland with an open reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and the exhibit will be open on Saturday, April 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

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Plattsburgh

SUNY Plattsburgh held its annual "Take Back the Night" event on Saturday, April 21, to raise awareness on the issue of violence against women.

The event was held at the school's campus, where survivors of rape and abuse shared their stories. The event's annual march across campus was cancelled in lieu of the Plattsburgh Common Council's decision earlier in the month to confine the march to the sidewalks.

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Fredonia

SUNY Fredonia has appointed Kevin Kearns to the position of interim provost and vice president of student affairs, effective July 1.

Since 2007, Kearns has been a professor and associate vice president of graduate studies and research at Fredonia and a member of the school's Department of

Communication Disorders and Sciences. Kearns will succeed Virginia Schaefer Horvath, who will take over as college president in June following the retirement of current president Dennis Hefner.

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New Paltz

The Princeton Review has included SUNY New Paltz in its 2012 Guide to 322 Green Colleges.

The annual list recognizes schools where environmental sustainability is a top priority, implementing green policies in classes and events. New Paltz was included in this list for its academic programs, environmentally friendly buildings and their increased recycling efforts.

The guide is co-produced by the U.S. Green Building Council.

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Oneonta

Filmmaker Dana Kuznetzkoff has been selected to receive SUNY Oneonta's Outstanding Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion Award, in honor of her work as a filmmaker and for advocating tolerance and empowerment.

Kuznetzkoff has done work for the HBO series "The Wire" and the movie "Forrest Gump." She has produced two documents, "Thread" and "Tolerance in Diversity," which strongly focused on the issue of tolerance. She held a screening of "Thread," which was about female entrepreneurs in Afghanistan defying their culture to succeed in business at Oneonta last spring.

Kuznetzkoff will receive the award at a ceremony on June 2, as part of Oneonta's Reunion Weekend.

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POLICE BLOTTER



Matthew M. Bailey, 25, of 99 E. Oneida Street was arrested April 23 at 11:27 p.m. at 169 W. Second Street on one count of driving while under the influence of alcohol and one count of operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .08 of 1%. Bailey was processed by police and given an appearance ticket.

Porfirio Berdiel, 46, of 87 E. Bridge Street was arrested April 24 at 11 a.m. at 119 E. Cayuga Street on one count for second degree criminal trespassing. Berdiel was processed and released on an appearance ticket with a return court date of May 10.

Jose O. Padua, 32, of 200 W. First Street was arrested April 24 at 3:58 p.m. at 47 W. Seneca Street for second degree burglary, seventh degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and fifth degree criminal possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell. Padua was processed and is being held at the Oswego Police Department awaiting arraignment.

Alexandra E. Baierlein, 20, of 7096 State Route 104 was arrested April 22 at 7:58 p.m. at 169 W. Second Street on two counts of petit larceny. Baierlein was issued an appearance ticket.

Jamaal J. Lashley, 27, of 15 Rose Street was arrested April 22 at 12:55 a.m. on the corner of West Sixth Street and West Bridge Street for one count of unlawful possession of marijuana. Lashley was released on an appearance ticket with a return court day of May 10.

Dallas P. Marshall, 22, of 86 Sheldon Ave. was arrested April 22 at 12:20 a.m. for one count of a noise ordinance violation. Marshall was issued an appearance ticket with a court date of May 22.

Robert M. Spara, 26, of 115 N. Sixth Street was arrested April 21 at 7:50 p.m. at 169 W. Second Street for one count of fourth degree grand larceny. Spara was in possession of a stolen wallet that contained two credit cards and one debit card. Spara was processed and is currently being held awaiting arraignment.

Another meth lab uncovered in Scriba

The Oswego City Police Department Anti-Crime team arrested Andrea L. Losurdo after discovering several key components and equipment used in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

Losurdo, 26, of 10 Robins Lane in Scriba, N.Y., was charged with fourth degree conspiracy, a Class E felony, and endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

Losurdo was issued an appearance ticket and released with a court date of May 17 in Scriba Town Court. The police department said that further charges may be pending.

During the investigation, it was deter-

mined that Losurdo had actively used the equipment found at the house to manufacture Methamphetamine during the month of February. The items found at the house were considered hazardous and have been properly cleaned up to make the location safe.

The Oswego City Police Department would like to thank the New York State Police Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Oswego County Sheriffs Department for their assistance in the investigation.

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Finding a quiet place

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With finals week quickly approaching, students are searching for the perfect place to study in a quiet environment. The library is one of the most popular choices for its large space, with plenty of room for students to quietly work. They also have access to the extensive collection that Penfield Library has to offer. What other choices do students have when looking for a nice quiet place to study?

The 24-hour room in the library is a resource that provides computers and work space for students. It usually fills up quickly, especially once the library closes at 11 p.m., and can sometimes not provide the quiet setting that most students seek.

“If it’s too loud and crazy I find a quiet spot in Campus Center,” said Kim Miranda, a biology major. The Campus Center has plenty of open space for students to work on their schoolwork as well as quiet places. The Atrium, where Freshens is located, is one such quiet location within the Campus Center. There are many places for students to sit, as well as tables at which students can work. It is a good location to sit and buckle down to do final semester work.

“I go to the library for at least an hour every night to study,” said Ryan Longo, an accounting major. Longo enjoys utilizing the library as a resource.

“I go to the 3rd floor study rooms. I use my individual study room that I reserved at the beginning of the semester too,” Longo said. Penfield Library offers the opportunity for students to reserve individual rooms. Students receive their own key so that they can come and go as they please.

“I like to go to the library when I can, it’s quiet there,” said Ross Insalaco.

“We have individual and group spaces, quiet spaces, the 3rd floor is quiet, and we keep the reference room quiet for students preparing for finals,” said Barbara Shaffer, the Interim Library



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 Students study for upcoming exams in the 24-hour room, which is located in Penfield Library.

Director at Penfield Library. The individual student rooms are, “carrels, most students get them for the semester, others get them for a day,” Shaffer said. Keys for the carrels are located at the Periodicals Media Desk, located on the second floor straight through the doors at the top of the stairs.

“They don’t all have outlets, so it’d be best if students charged up their laptops before they come to use them,” she added.

The library will also remain open until midnight Sunday through Thursday starting next week. On Saturday they will begin opening earlier on the weekends. For those who enjoy working at Lake Effect Café, extended hours will begin next week and are posted in the building. More information on extended hours can be found at oswego.edu/library. The library will also provide earplugs while supplies last at the reference desk.

It seems that the only problem students have with the library is that it fills up quickly.

“I like to study at my desk in my room,” said Branden Jones, a public justice major.

“I study with my friends that are in my classes,” said Brad Mayville, also a public justice major. He continued to discuss how the lounges in his building, Oneida Hall, were also useful.

Staying in the dorms is great if you are the type of person that can handle the distractions of neighbors and friends who may not be studying. On April 29, the 24-hour quiet hours go into effect and last until the last test is given on campus.

“People need to buckle down to study,” said John Lauro, a resident assistant in Oneida Hall. “Quiet atmosphere, no Xbox sounds spilling into the hall.” Students will be written up if they are blasting music like any other day in the dorms. This provides students in the residence halls with the opportunity to study and get their last bits of work done.

“I go to review sessions, get a proper amount of sleep and eat a good breakfast,” Phil Jenkins said. Studies suggest students sleep at least eight hours a night, and eat several small meals rather than three large ones.

“Click It or Ticket” comes to Oswego

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The University Police will have patrols dedicated to the Buckle Up for Safety program, which started on April 23 and will conclude on May 6.

Oswego State University Police Lt. Kevin Velzy coordinates nationwide “Click or Ticket” campaign on campus to enforce seatbelt safety awareness.

“We want to first educate students on the safeties, before we enforced the policy,” Velzy said. “We’ve had tons of flyers around campus about the initiative.”

The nationwide “Click it or Ticket” campaign generally starts in May. However, UP was allowed to begin educating the student population in April, prior to summer break.

Seatbelt safety has been an issue in the U.S. for quite some time, and was put into law in 1985.

In 2008, UP started participating in a law enforcement contest involving several other university police departments to increase the enforcement of three laws: speeding, driving while intoxicated (DWIs) and occupant restraint (seat belt safety).

“The challenge is a friendly competition highlighting a police departments’ enforcement and educational efforts in the areas of DWI, speeding, and occupant restraint,” Velzy said.

This year University Police at Oswego placed second in the college and university category for New York State for activities during the 2011 calendar year.

At the start of UP’s involvement in the public safety contest, Oswego State accumulated a total of 45 seatbelt violations. In 2011, the number increased to 140 violations.

“Nighttime enforcement is what is fairly new,” Velzy said. “People are 12 percent less likely to buckle up at nighttime.”

Police enforcement for the “Click it or Ticket” campaign is funded through a grant Velzy applied for. The grant funds the overtime pay of patrolling officers at night.

Senior Cinema and Screen Studies major Nathan O’Brien was recently ticketed for neglecting to wear a seat belt while driving on campus. Rushing from the Village complex to Lanigan Hall, O’Brien forgot to buckle up.

Velzy stressed that many drivers may feel as though it is okay to refrain from buckling up when driving short distances, but most traffic collisions occur within three miles of the driver’s home.

Low speed accidents are also underestimated. But according to the Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART), a 200-pound individual driving at approximately 20 mph would have to endure 4,000 pounds of impact if faced with a collision. Velzy said that a 10-pound baby would endure 200 pounds of impact in a car traveling 20 mph.

In New York state, 90 percent of drivers buckle up, slightly higher than the national average of 85 percent. Twenty-one percent of New York highway deaths occurred because of unrestrained occupants.

Velzy said that an additional issue is the incorrect use of the restraint.

“I see that many people wear their shoulder belt behind their back,” Velzy said. “This can lead to even greater injuries in case of an accident.”

When the shoulder strap of a seat belt is placed behind the occupant’s back, their upper body is no longer restrained, which can lead to head and chest injuries. Wearing the waist belt over the stomach can also lead to serious injuries.

Velzy said that vehicle occupants should not rely on an airbag to protect them in place of a seat belt, because being rapidly thrown into an airbag can lead to harmful results, including death.

Although backseat passengers age 16 and above are exempt from wearing seat belts, Velzy said that unrestrained passengers can affect the safety of restrained passengers. In some accidents, unrestrained back seat passengers have induced injuries upon restrained occupants.

Velzy said that seat belt safety is a primary law and that there is zero tolerance for violations. If vehicle occupants are caught in violation of this law, they can be penalized with a minimum fine of \$50, in some cases costing up to \$100.

Museum preserves the story of World War II refugees

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“Sometimes things just stay with you,” Mary Hess, a professor in the history department, said in her office last week. “And I think this has stayed with some of my students.”

Hess was referring to the students in her History of the U.S. since 1865 (HIS 203) class. Her class has been examining the American experience since the Civil War, and they have been paying particular attention to efforts made by the U.S. after World War II to assist European refugees.

In 1944, as the Allies continued to gain ground in Europe and the atrocities committed by the Nazis came to light, President Franklin D. Roosevelt needed to make a crucial decision. Roosevelt decided that the U.S. would accept 1,000 displaced refugees into the country as personal guests. These guests would be staying at Fort Ontario in the city of Oswego.

Refugees came from Italy, Germany, and many other countries throughout Europe and eventually 982 of them would make it to Oswego. They lived in the old Army barracks around the fort from 1944 to 1946. These refugees went to the Oswego schools, including the college. Many would go on to leave the fort, once it ceased to be a refuge for them, and go on to become American citizens.

While these events took place over 60 years ago, the Oswego community and the college have worked hard to preserve the memories of the refugees. The prime example of this is the founding of the Safe Haven Museum in 2002. Located on East 7th Street by the fort, the museum is dedicated to telling and preserving the story of the 982 brave souls who came to escape



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Young refugees play table tennis at the Fort Ontario camp during their stay in World War II.

the horrors of war.

This week, some of Hess’ HIS 203 students will be interviewing people with stories of the refugees. This assignment was designed to examine the tradition of oral history. Other professors from the college have discussed the museum and the refugees in their classes as well. Gwen Kay, associate professor in the history department, speaks of the refugees in her classes.

“I do often mention the story in classes, especially when I teach the 1940s, or social movements, or women’s activism,” Kay said.

The museum is completely run by volunteers, so they are often looking for student help from the college and surrounding area. Kay says that a large number of students have done internships with the museum, especially those studying history or museum studies. Interns are not limited to these majors though. Annie Syso, a senior cinema and screen studies and broadcasting double major spent the past semester interning at the museum.

“I’ve been making DVDs from a reunion they had at the fort this September and I help the other interns out any way I can,” Syso said.

The next event that the interns and volunteers are working on is an art exhibit the museum is hosting on June 10. The exhibit will be featuring Miriam Sommerburg, Eric and Marc Finzi. Sommerburg was one of the refugees that stayed at the fort back in the mid-1940s.

Safe Haven is currently looking for student interns and volunteers for the summer and fall to promote museum events and draw in new visitors.

“The museum brings a piece of Oswego’s past to the town, and to the college, as we house the archives,” Kay said. “There are school trips to the museum, which is good as a museum without visitors is pretty ineffective. More than that, though, the museum serves as a reminder of what the town once did, and how small actions can make profound differences.”

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The donor knows how important such aid can be. A Regents Scholar, he scrubbed kitchen equipment in the dining hall, was a resident assistant and also bartended at a local establishment in order to pay for his college education.

"It all starts with an education. That's the foundation of any life," he said. With his biased bequest, he will provide that foundation for countless students who follow in his footsteps at Oswego.

The alumnus said he wants to give back to Oswego because of the great experience he had at the college, and he wants to help others who might not otherwise be able to afford higher education to have the same great experience. "You have to give back, especially if Oswego's been good to you," he said.



Four Oswego professors have received 2012 Chancellor Awards.

Top Left: **Sarfraz Mian**, a professor in the School of Business, was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Mian completed two national studies for the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, which is active in more than 60 countries, as the principal investigator.

Top Center: **Tracy Lewis**, a foreign language professor, has translated books from Paraguayan and Chilean authors. Coupled with his teaching skills, Lewis, has been named a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Top Right: **John Belt**, a technology design professor for 37 years, has been named a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Belt has developed groundbreaking methods of teaching technology.

Right: **Malachi Reardon** is responsible for three departments, building trades construction, building trades finishes, and the furniture shop. He received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the Classified Service.

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SUNY creates programs to battle hate crime

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The questionable racial-motivated shootings of five African-American men in Tulsa, Okla., over Easter weekend have left a curious question at hand: Is racially motivated violence a problem on Oswego State's campus?

"Nothing like that has actually happened [at Oswego State] where violence has occurred to that degree," Oswego State Police Chief Cynthia Adam said. "It is more frequent that we have cases of bias-related graffiti."

According to Oswego State's University Police 2010 Security and Fire Report, 15 bias-related offenses occurred on Oswego State grounds between 2008 and 2010. Of those offenses were destruction or damage to property, and two were intimidation. At Oswego State, a school of about 7,400 undergraduate students, 1,100 post-graduate students and about 250 academic staff members, the total number of offenses between 2008 and 2010 occurred in less than 1 percent of the entire

academic population.

Adam said it is important to address all types of bias-related crimes constructively.

"We have zero tolerance for hate crimes and violence-related issues," Adam said. "As a campus community, we value diversity. Every student, visitor, faculty and staff member needs to feel accepted and safe on this campus."

Bias-related crimes are dealt with in three different ways at Oswego State: through the criminal justice system, through the local district attorney; redress through the Office of Judicial Affairs and the Dean's office, or through the Title IX investigator on campus. Redress through the office of judicial affairs and the Dean's office is educational in nature. It attempts to have the offender or suspect learn a deeper understanding of his or her actions. Consequences may involve community service, prevention education and even suspension.

Adam said especially in an academic setting, it is important to talk about racism, sexism, homophobia and other biases or preconceived notions people might carry with them.

"People need to get out of their comfort zones and address these issues in a direct way," Adam said. "We need to have proactive, educational conversations so that people can form opinions and understand that we really are all more alike than we are different."

"It is important to note that many hate crimes and bias-related offenses go unreported," Adam said. "Police departments are only made aware of a fraction of offenses that occur, she said, but with education, people are more likely to report hate crimes or bias-related incidents. "People become more aware of their rights and thus can understand when something is wrong or when someone is violating a policy. The more incidents reported, the better chance we have of providing services to victims and identifying issues."

Chief Ann Burns, of SUNY Fredonia University Police Department, collaboratively developed a program, Silent Witness, which hopes to increase reporting of bias-related incidents. SUNY Fredonia University Police Department's 2008-10 Crime Statistics Report showed no hate

crimes or bias-related offenses were reported between 2008 and 2010.

"It's those terrible, hurtful, painful incidences of homophobic and racist comments or actions which are happening on campus that are not being reported," Burns said. "Silent Witness makes it easier and more comfortable for a victim to report these kinds of incidents."

The Silent Witness Program, which was given a top priority by SUNY Fredonia's president, changes the crime reporting form to include incidents that do not rise to the level of a crime but still need to be addressed. Any form turned in is reviewed by University Police, and if it is determined that a crime has not occurred, the Title IX coordinator and Office of Judicial Affairs will investigate the incident and follow up with the victim.

"We thought we really needed to get at the heart of the matter—feelings. The damage someone's words can cause a person is intolerable," Burns said. "Silent Witness allows you to report anything that's meaningful to you."

Since Silent Witness was enacted in

January, one student has used it to address a bias-related incident where a Student Association representative used Facebook to express hurtful, demeaning and degrading feelings toward another on-campus organization. After thorough investigation, University Police determined this was a case of free speech, not a crime. A representative from Judicial Affairs, the Title IX coordinator and SUNY Fredonia's vice president spoke with the offenders to let them know that bias-related behavior will not be tolerated on campus.

Fredonia also participates in other diversity-learning initiatives, including "Dialogues on Diversity," which in 2012 featured Dr. Maura Cullen, a diversity educator. All students received a copy of her book, "35 Dumb Things Well-Intended People Say: Surprising Things We Say that Widen the Diversity Gap," a guide to becoming more effective in communication with others and "diversity-smart."

"Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can scar a lifetime," Cullen said. "Say what you mean, mean what you say and don't say it mean."

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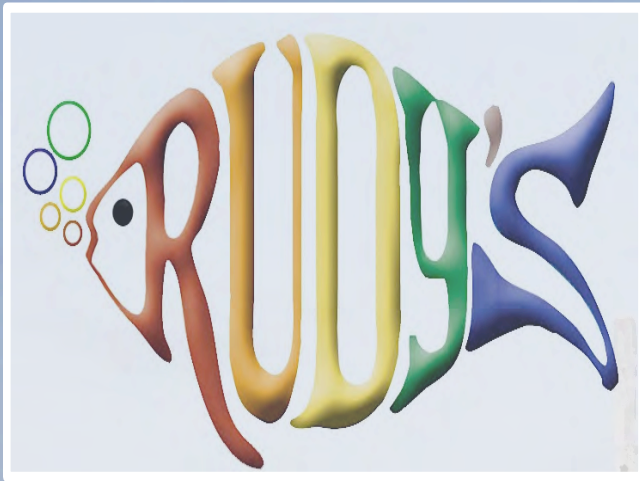
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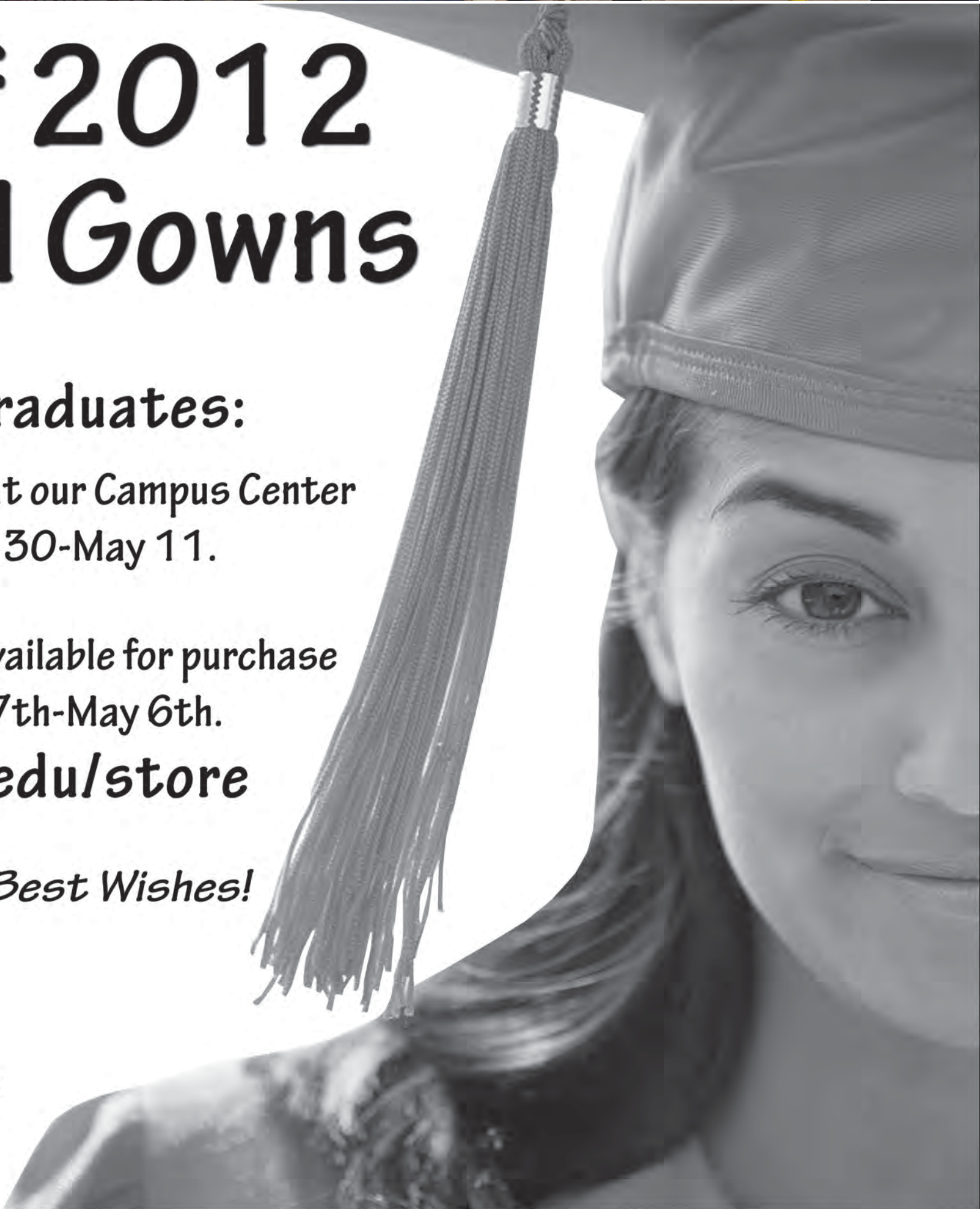
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Lab Orchestra to debut on Friday

LAB ORCHESTRA, from COVER

"The more time you spend on the podium the better."
Milewski decided to try to create his own Lab Orchestra here at Oswego State before going to graduate school. He approached the music department in late November of 2011 with his idea where he found the support he needed. "It was really easy to do; the department was really on board and helpful with it," Milewski said.

There are 23 students in the orchestra, most of whom knew each other before Lab Orchestra. There were not enough students in the music department to warrant auditions, so Milewski personally recruited each member by hand. The ensemble is relatively diverse with only about half of the orchestra consisting of music majors.

The Lab Orchestra has chosen relatively difficult pieces for themselves, both from an instrumental and conducting standpoint. "The 'Magic Flute Overture' is highly debated in conducting circles. 'Beethoven's First Symphony' is huge. Same thing," Milewski said, "I think I just wanted to do some of those for my own benefit to get experience rehearsing these pieces that supposedly really hard for conductors. It's really helped me personally."

The pieces are not any easier for the orchestra though. "Then you have pieces like the Moldau [Smetana] which are a literal nightmare for string players. They actually voted for that piece," Milewski said. Unlike most orchestras, Milewski gave the players the choice of which pieces they would like to play.

Milewski, who began his musical career on the piano and clarinet, was drawn to conducting after being invited to be the assistant music director for the musical "Grease" that the theatre department put on. He conducted all the performances for "Grease" which was well-received by the actors. At the time, Milewski had already been accepted to a graduate school where he planned to study business and international relations. He decided to defer his acceptance, re-applied to Oswego State as a musical theatre major after graduating, and began to study conducting in depth.

He is now planning on attending the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque next year to study conducting at a graduate level.

As for his future, Milewski sees himself attaining an artist diploma after graduate school, and a PhD after that. Afterwards, he would like to conduct a professional orchestra and teach at a college.

"In ten years, my goal is to have an original orchestra somewhere and also be able to teach at a college in the same location," Milewski said. "I still want to keep playing in church, giving lessons, and also keep playing clarinet and piano."

Milewski said that he would hope that this Lab Orchestra would continue in the coming years and become the precursor to a conducting program here at Oswego State.

"It's been a really great experience, and I hope someone else gets to have it," Milewski said.

"It's been really fun to watch the students motivate themselves," Milewski added. "It's really been a learning process for me and for the group."

DSS cracks down on welfare fraud

WELFARE, from COVER

The cases that result in closings or denials end with the beneficiary's welfare cut off.

The DSS has many different ways of investigating fraud, including the use of a fraud hotline and internal auditing.

"Our examiners are well-trained," McCann said. "They make a few background checks to make sure your information is accurate, and they will refer it."

The DSS also works closely with the Oswego County Sheriff's Department in investigating and making arrests related to fraud.

"[The DSS] does most of the leg work on the welfare fraud-related investigation," McCann said. "We do all the background; we gather all of the evidence against someone. We then accuse them of committing a criminal act and turn over the investigation to the sheriff's investigators."

The DSS gives the investigation to the sheriff's office due to the fact that the DSS cannot make arrests, McCann said.

Due to the massive amount of welfare cases over the past year, many changes have been made to prevent fraud from happening in the future, including the reduction of benefits from \$3,000 to \$1,000, McCann said.

"We created some new regulations and changed some of the ways we do our business," McCann said. "There's a new assistant district attorney who is working with us on welfare-related fraud cases to make them happen a little quicker."

McCann said the DSS is now looking to take criminal action against welfare fraud offenders more than in the past.

Mental health patients in Oswego lack transportation

MENTAL HEALTH, from COVER

Many counselors try and give the benefit of the doubt to the patients in these situations, but that is hard at the same time as well because there are often long waitlists.

Among the adult population, one in four adults have a mental illness, according to statistics from the Center for Disease Control. At the Lifestyles Center at Oswego State, Health Promotions Coordinator Shelly Sloan works with many students, many of whom she does not know their medical background.

"There are so many mental illness with such a range from mild to severe, you kinda have to assume that everyone has one," Sloan said.

In Oswego and the North Country, depression, anxiety and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder are common, Fiorini said.

Socio-economic issues like unemployment and domestic violence cause many of these mental illnesses. The depression and anxiety that arise can often perpetuate the problem.

"It's a chicken and egg thing," Fiorini said. "Whenever you have areas of high unemployment, when people don't have jobs, they have a lot of time on their hands. They get on each other's nerves."

Often, people feel depressed because they are not providing or do not have the necessary resources for their family. This is a common issue in Oswego County, which has the second highest unemployment rate in New York state at 12.2 percent in February. The only area with higher unemployment is Bronx County at 14.1 percent.

The tension that arises from not being employed and being unable to support family members has a tendency to create friction in households. Domestic violence rates have been rising steadily.

"It's tough," Sloan said. "Because when someone falls in love with someone else, it's about who they are. But control issues, abuse, it evolves as their relationship evolves."

From 2009 to 2010, there was an increase in domestic violence incidents by about 100 incident in the county, according to a report released by Sen. Chuck Schumer's office. Domestic violence arrests continue to appear on the Oswego County Sheriff's daily police blotter, many of the charged individuals are women.

"I've seen an increase in trend last year, it got to the point that where I had more male victims than female victims," McAuslan said.

"If you have been socialized as a man not to hit a woman, they will hit you and hit you, and they won't hit back," Fiorini said. "I applaud that, but I see that. They're just as victimized."

Victims of domestic violence often struggle with PTSD, which triggers the patient to feel afraid even when there is no present danger, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. There are a lot of survivors of sexual abuse and domestic abuse, Fiorini said.

In the North Country, PTSD is still a major issue, but for different reasons. Near Watertown, Fort Drum has many of its soldiers returning from the Middle East. Many of the soldiers have undergone extensive trauma and have difficulty readapting to civilian life.

"The problem is when the soldiers come home, they have to reintegrate after a year or more away into a family structure that has been set," Fiorini said. "They also have issues from their experiences there so you get a lot of violence, domestic violence, alcohol and drugs."

Fiorini said that Fort Drum has been actively seeking counselors to come talk to a few of their soldiers. But, because of the government support, it is easier for soldiers to get counseling.

"The veterans are getting primary support

like you and me, it's even harder," Fiorini said.

It is also harder because of a shortage of mental health counselors in the region. There were 150 mental health counselor positions in 2008 in Central New York, which includes five counties. By 2008, the New York State Department of Labor estimates that it will grow to 180, an increase of about 20 percent.

"It's a small job title, I mean, 150 to a 180. But it's a growing job title," said Karen Knapik-Scaizo, a labor analyst from the New York State Department of Labor. "It's small in that sense, the Central New York includes five counties."

Knapik-Scaizo said that a 20 percent increase sounds like a lot, but it isn't when you look at how small the title is.

As a result, sometimes patients are only able to see a general practitioner, or the family doctor. The doctor cannot really do anything but prescribe medication and refer the patient to a mental health counselor, if they know of one to refer to.

"It doesn't get to the root of what was making you down in the first place, it doesn't give you a job, it doesn't help your relationship with your significant other," Fiorini said.

The job of the mental health counselor is to get to the root of the problem, to talk about the issues causing the mental health

illness, rather than having a patient feel better merely physically.

Some of these issues have been evolving since the patients were children, however, the lack of mental health counselors available to speak with children is low as well.

"The North Country is tough," McAuslan said. "There's no providers, there is no one there."

Fiorini said that she believes her practice and one other in the area are able to see children.

"I think if we could have intervened with some of my adult clients when they were younger, and really they are working through a lot of a pain when they were children and I feel bad for every child I have to put on a waiting list because we don't know what the impact of that will be later down the road," Fiorini said.

The situation has reached such a critical stage that the government is intervening by providing incentives for graduates to come to the area and counsel. Fiorini recently became part of a Loan Forgiveness Program.

"Because it is such a high needs area, the Federal Government has loan forgiveness," Fiorini said. "So anybody who works for me can have up to \$80,000 paid off of students loan, that's how bad it is, when the government

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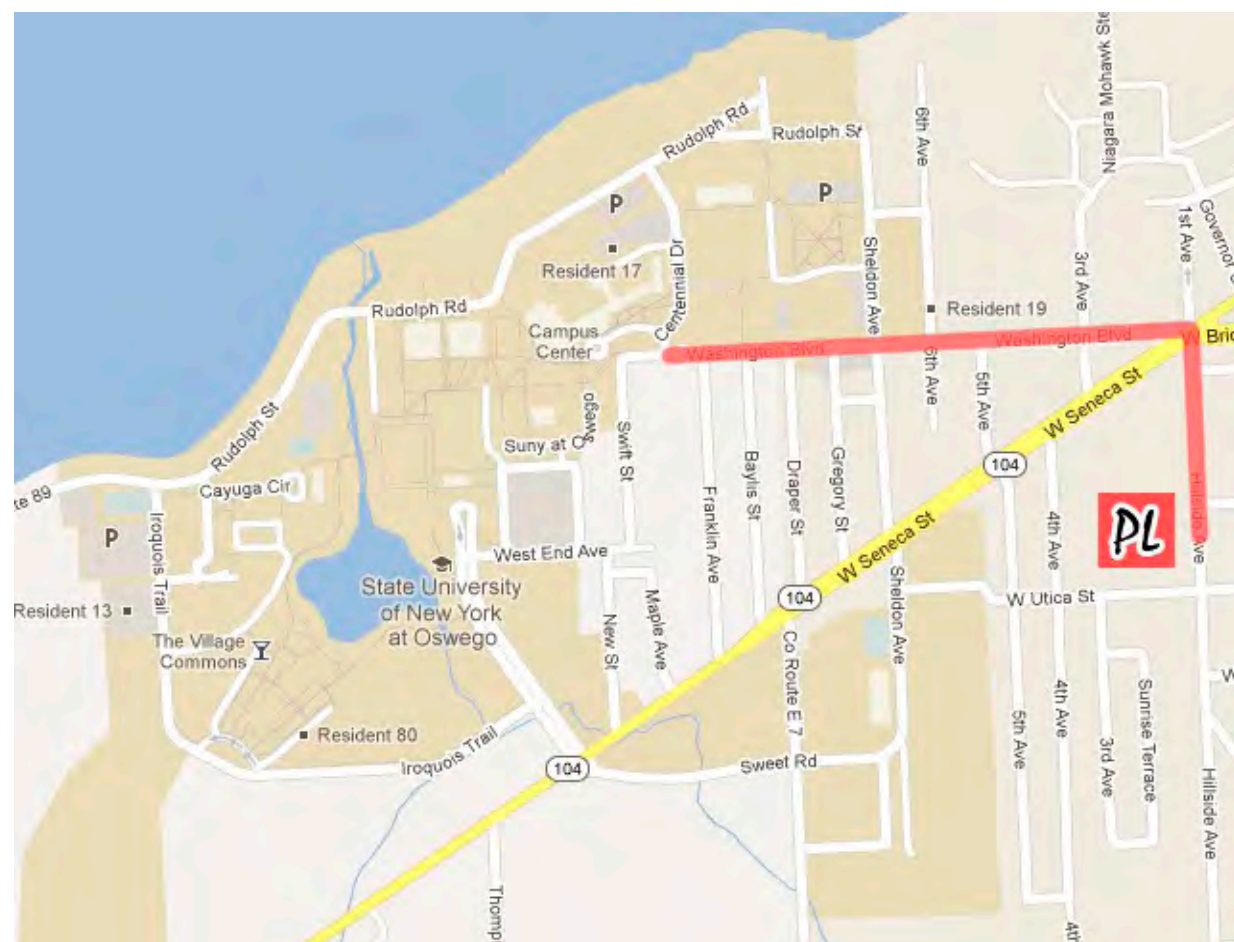


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Softball Sunday, April 22

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Women's Lacrosse Saturday, April 21

9

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UPCOMING MATCHES

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Baseball

Friday, April 27



Location: Ludwig Field
Time: 3 p.m.

Softball (DH)

Friday, April 27



Location: Red Dragon Softball Field
Time: 3 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Saturday, April 28



Location: University Stadium
Time: 12 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Saturday, April 28



Location: Romney Tennis Courts
Time: 1 p.m.

Baseball takes two from Keuka

Lakers sweep doubleheader while preparing for conference doubleheader this weekend

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Winning was on the minds of the members of the Oswego State baseball team on Wednesday, as they swept the Keuka Storm, 5-0 and 9-1, in a home doubleheader.

The sweep gives the Lakers some much needed momentum as they head into the most important weekend of the season: a three-game road series against conference foe SUNY Fredonia.

The Lakers must win all three games against the Blue Devils to remain eligible for the SUNYAC tournament.

The wins against Keuka also keep the Lakers hopes of finishing above .500 and remaining eligible for the ECAC playoffs alive.

"I would never say that a game isn't important because I want to win them all," Oswego State head coach Scott Landers said. "Every game is important. We have to go one game at a time and get on a roll."

Junior pitcher Chris Nyman, on the other hand, has been focused on this weekend's matchup versus Fredonia ever since the Lakers lost their series against Plattsburgh last weekend. "Really (Keuka means) nothing, but the series serves as a tune up for Fredonia this weekend," Nyman said.

A well prepared Lakers team showed that they were more worried about Fredonia than Keuka on Wednesday.



Senior first baseman **Matt Miller** connects for one of two hits against Keuka College in Wednesday's doubleheader. He had four RBI and scored one run. Photo provided by Sports Information

See **BASEBALL** page B3

Lakers drop final game of year to Cortland

Men's lacrosse finishes with winning record for first time in 12 seasons



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Freshman midfielder **Connor Khammar** attempts to protect the ball from a Cortland defender during the Lakers' 10-3 defeat on Wednesday at Laker Field.

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In their final regular season game of the year, the Oswego State Lakers lost to the Cortland Red Dragons by a final score of 10-3. The Lakers end their season on a disappointing skid after starting with an encouraging 7-0 record.

The Lakers gave up the first goal of the game at 8:30 in the first quarter when Doug Meehan found Brian Winterfeldt cutting toward the net. Oswego answered the goal when junior Casey Balzer scored an unassisted goal with 3:08 left in the first period. Cortland scored again less than a minute later when Taylor Mendoza found the back of the net off an assist by Greg Wright.

Oswego State finished off the first period with a manageable deficit of 2-1, but that wouldn't last very long. Greg Wright

scored an unassisted goal about a minute into the second period. The Lakers did not have many opportunities on offense, as they seemed to always be playing defensively, and turned the ball over almost immediately on most of their offensive possessions. Cortland proceeded to score two more unanswered goals to finish off the first half, leading the Lakers by a score of 5-1.

The Lakers offense did not show up for the second half, and Cortland continued its streak of unanswered goals. Matt Rakoczy scored four minutes and 31 seconds into the period. Greg Wright followed up with his second goal of the game less than three minutes later. Joe Slavik finished off the period with a goal that gave Cortland an 8-1 lead.

The Lakers were held scoreless for two straight periods during Cortland's stretch of seven unanswered goals. They had trouble finding open looks and were

constantly beaten by double teams. The team played well on defense, and senior goalie Ian O'Brien made several impressive stops, but they could not contain Cortland during that stretch.

Matt Palmer scored for the Lakers 34 seconds into the fourth period due to a penalty that carried over from the third period leaving Cortland a man down. Cortland's Matt Hoey scored a goal two minutes later to give Cortland a seven goal advantage, and Cody Consul added his second goal of the game to put the score at 10-2.

With the game all but over, Oswego continued to play hard. Blazer scored his second goal of the game with 7:47 left in the fourth. Neither team scored from that point onward, but the Lakers put up a valiant effort during the closing minutes of the game.

Two-time captain to finish in top 10 in goals, assists

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Sitting at 61 points on the season with two games left to play, Oswego State's senior captain is on pace to have one of the five greatest offensive seasons in program history.

Cummings, a two-time captain and one of only seven Lakers to score 140 points or more for their career, could not be more proud of her four years at Oswego State.

"I've never been so close to a team," Cummings said. "It is the type of bond where everyone works together. I do everything with these girls."

Cummings has seen her playing time, role and statistics increase every season while at Oswego State. As a mathematics major, she has a special inside joke with her mother about her time with the Lakers.

"I have been scoring points on a linear slope during my four years," Cummings said. "My parents, friends and teammates have had to get used to my obsession with numbers."

Cummings was a star in high school, scoring 42 goals and finishing with over 60 points in her senior season, earning an All-State honorable mention. Her freshman season at Oswego State, however, was a complete change from what she was used to.

"College lacrosse was a whole new ballgame," Cummings said. "I was a big fish in a small pond during high school, but it was the complete opposite that first season. I didn't have as much playing time and I wasn't used to it."

Despite scoring two goals and one assist in her first career game, Cummings finished with just 13 points in 14 games. The lackluster statistics were a huge eye-opener for her heading into her sophomore season.

"It made me appreciate the game even more," Cummings said. "I realized the playing time and the numbers were something to work for. Once I got an opportunity I was going to take it."

The turning point in Cummings' career came in 2010 against Keuka College.

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Oswego State ROAD RECAPS

Track and Field

Oswego State scored six first-place finishes at the Geneseo Invitational on Saturday. Freshman Marissa Parisseau had a SUNYAC qualifying time of 1:01:53 in the 400-meter dash, good enough for first place, while also finishing second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28:65. A pair of freshmen men, Joshuwa Maiolo and Chris Bridgewater, finished first and second, respectively, in the triple jump, qualifying for the SUNYAC.

Women's Lacrosse

Oswego State dropped a conference match-up against SUNY Oneonta on Saturday to move to 0-6 in conference play this season. Senior captain Erin Cummings scored six goals, her third game this season with six or more goals. Cummings has 61 points on the season and is averaging 5.6 points per game, fifth-best in the SUNYAC.

Men's Tennis

Oswego State lost 0-9 to Onondaga Community College on Friday. Sophomore Max McCune played well as the No. 6 singles player, dropping the first set to Mason Padron, 6-3, before battling to force a 12-10 second-set loss. The pair of Sam Moores and D.J. Esposito-Kelley lost an 8-6 game to open doubles play. Oswego State's second pair, Tim Van Hine Jr. and Brian Tosti, also played well, forcing an 8-5 decision.

Athletes of the Week



SAMMIE SCHROETER
Softball
Sophomore, Schenectady, N.Y.

Schroeter hit a two-out, two-RBI single in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Lakers the lead to start a four-run rally during a 9-6 victory over Potsdam in game one of a doubleheader sweep on Sunday. Schroeter was 12-for-27 at the plate this week with five RBI and five runs scored to help Oswego State post a 3-5 record.



THOR MILLER
Baseball
Junior, Miller Place, N.Y.

Miller hurled his second consecutive complete-game seven-inning shutout on Friday, helping the Lakers earn a 3-0 win over Plattsburgh in the second game of a doubleheader. He struck out two batters, did not issue a walk and gave up just five hits. Miller also retired 14 straight batters starting in the third inning. Oswego State closes out the conference schedule on Friday and Saturday with a three-game set at Fredonia.

Ace leads team

Stevens leads team with 1.58 ERA, 32 strikeouts

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Like many, junior pitcher Jon Stevens' baseball career began with tee-ball at the age of five. 15 years later, he is still playing the game he loves, just at a much higher level.

Stevens is carrying on a family legacy of baseball players that goes back two generations.

"My grandfather was an All-American, my dad played college baseball and my brother played in college too," Stevens said.

The family name is being carried on well at Oswego State. Stevens has built on his experiences from his first two seasons and is putting together an impressive junior year. Stevens has eight starts this year for the Lakers and is 5-2 with a team-leading 1.58 ERA. He has two complete games, 32 strikeouts and only 11 walks in 57 innings of work.

"I've been able to throw three pitches all for strikes in a lot of the games," Stevens said. "I've been keeping the ball low and keeping hitters off-balanced. Command of all three pitches has been key."

Stevens' success has helped head coach Scott Landers have a smooth transition in his first season with the program.

"It's huge to have a guy like Jon," Landers said. "He is our captain, he is a leader on and off the field. When you have captains that perform well, it makes everybody else want to work harder."

Part of Stevens' motivation has been the new coach himself.

"It's been exciting," Stevens said. "Coach Landers wants us to have fun and work hard too. It's been a great change for our players. We are headed in the right direction."

Baseball is not the only sport that Stevens has played throughout his life. He was also a quarterback on the football team, and point guard of the basketball team at Chittenango High School. He decided that baseball was the sport that he wanted to continue on with in college.

"Baseball was my best bet to play in college and it's the game where I have the most fun," Stevens said.

Stevens' teammates are glad that he made

the decision to stick with baseball, and they enjoy playing behind him. Junior catcher Alex Jurczynski has caught every game thus far that Stevens has pitched.

"He is a really great kid," Jurczynski said. "You can't ask for much more than what Jon does."



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Stevens is one of the captains of the Laker squad and is known for his leadership skills. Both his coaches and teammates work off of what he brings to the table.

"He is a leader off the field as well, he is a great kid and a great role model," Landers said.

"He's a good pitcher and very motivating," Jurczynski said. "He can motivate anybody and he stays positive, he is a true captain."

Stevens does not just motivate his teammates, he is motivated by them as well.

"We got a bunch of good guys," Stevens said. "You want to be that guy to help them and I will do everything I can to help the team."

Off the field, Stevens is majoring in business administration. He is looking to graduate on time, and advance on to get his MBA. His plans for the future are still unclear and his focus for now is just enjoying college.

Stevens and the Lakers have a crucial series coming up this weekend at Fredonia. The Lakers are looking for success that could propel them into the SUNYAC playoffs.

Senior pacing for over 70 points

CUMMINGS, From B1

Cummings posted a huge five-point performance, which included the first hat trick of her career. Cummings would average 2.2 points a game the final 10 games of the season and turn herself into one of the team's most vibrant leaders.

"By the end of that season, I really came into my voice," Cummings said. "The Buffalo State game stands out for me. A lot of my teammates remind me that my leadership in that game is why they voted me captain the last two seasons."

She saw her scoring totals double from 13 points to 26 points in her sophomore season. Her 19 goals were sixth highest on the team, and she finished with three hat tricks on the season.

Cummings' junior season is where her and teammate senior Rachael Raffa became one of the elite duos in Oswego State program history. They finished as one of the five leading scoring combinations in program history when both players exceeded 40 points by perfecting the "draw and dump" scoring tactic. The draw and dump is when the offense creates a two-on-one opportunity on a fast break.

"One of our games last season, we heard the other team's defense talking about how Rachael and I are going to look to draw and dump," Cummings said. "I asked Rachael if she knew we did that and we both had no idea."

Cummings watched her offensive total climb to 27 goals and 41 points in 2011, and has been riding those impressive offensive feats into her senior season. With two games left in her career, Cummings is on track to become one of seven players all-time to finish in the top 10 in career points, goals and assists. Numbers like that make a math major like Cummings very proud.

"My attitude has been really great this year as far as knowing I can do it all season long," Cummings said.

With the numbers she has always known she can accomplish, Cummings wants to see the team compete and execute in her final two games in a Lakers uniform.

"I want to see clean, executed games to end the season," Cummings said. "If we can sure up the transition game and connect the offense and defense, we will commit less turnovers. It would mean the world if we could beat Geneseo in my final game. I've never beaten Geneseo or Fredonia my whole career, and this team has come such a long way. Why not us?"

For a player who works out twice a day in the offseason alone, is a film-junkie and among the most devoted athletes Oswego State has to offer, the senior captain will treat these final two games the same way she treated her freshman season and all the games in between; she is going to play to win.



Marie A. Halpin | The Oswegonian

Erin Cummings is fifth in the SUNYAC in points per game as of Thursday, scoring 5.5 points per game.

Offense comes up short in losing effort to Cortland

LACROSSE, From B1

O'Brien finished the day with 16 saves, nine of which came in the first period. Cortland goalie Mike Kaminski had nine saves and allowed three goals in his 52 minutes of action.

The Lakers finish their season on a 1-7 skid after starting the season with an impressive seven game winning streak. Despite the late season troubles, the Lakers finished with an above .500 record for the first time since 2000, when they went 9-7. During the final stretch, the Lakers offense wasn't able to get going, tallying less than 10 goals in seven of their final eight games.

The Lakers honored five seniors before the start of the game: Tom Gropp, Britt Leone, Eric Miccio, Brad Teal and Ian

O'Brien. Next season, the Lakers will be bringing back eight of their nine starters, and five of their six top point scorers.

Freshman Cody Hoose led the team with 49 points, which puts him on pace to become a member of the exclusive 100-point club. If Hoose eclipses the mark next season, he would become one of only three players in program history to score 100 points in just two seasons.

The Lakers had three other players score 25 points or more this season. Sophomore Chris Porten was second on the team in goals and points, finishing with 29 points on the season. Junior Casey Balzer and freshman Connor Khammar ended the season with 27 points and 26 points respectively.



Jessica Bagdovitz | The Oswegonian

Junior Casey Balzer attempts to get around defender C.J. Nye. Balzer scored twice on Wednesday.

Campus Recreation Sports Report

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DODGEBALL:

YEEUP captured the men's championship on Sunday by defeating Mooers CheeWees, 4-3. The prelude to the championship saw a pair of close contests as the eventual champions rallied to win three straight games against Big Sweaty on the heels of Branden Kunzel.

Mooers CheeWees advanced to the finals after also overcoming a 3-1 deficit against The Daryls. Nicole Azero and Ryan Armstrong led Blue Mountain State to an easy championship victory over Poundtown in the co-rec division.

FIELD GOAL KICKING CONTEST:

Aaron Bethmann took home the hot shot contest after hitting several kicks from tricky

angles while Noah Rougeux captured both the strategic three kick contest and the distance challenge by kicking a 35-yard field goal.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sprint Triathlon: Competition is April 28 at 10 a.m.

Golf Tournament: Four person, 18-hole scramble/captain and crew. Online registration deadline is April 27 at 4 p.m. Play begins April 29 at 10 a.m. at Griffin's Greens Golf Course. Participants are responsible for their own greens fees.

Open Recreation at Swetman Gym: Badminton (Friday, 6-8 p.m.), volleyball (Saturday, 12-2 p.m.), soccer (Saturday, 2-4 p.m.).

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Lakers' schedule released

Men's hockey opens up regular season play against conference opponent

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The Oswego State men's ice hockey team's season may have just ended a little over a month ago, but the road to a second national championship has already begun with the unveiling of the 2012-13 schedule.

The Lakers drop the puck on their season with an exhibition game against the Under-18 U.S. National Team on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Campus Center Ice Arena and hope that their season will conclude in the NCAA Frozen Four Championship on Saturday, March 16, at Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Oswego State's schedule is home-heavy during the first half of the season with seven games taking place at the Campus Center Ice Arena during the fall semester (eight counting the exhibition game). The Lakers have just three regular season home games during the spring semester, which will be played back-to-back-to-back over the course of two weekends. Senior Night comes early for the Lakers, as their final home game will take place on Friday, Feb. 1, against Morrisville State College. There are four home games during the winter break.

For the first time since the 2001-02 season, the Lakers will play their regular season opener against a conference opponent. Unlike in previous years where the Lakers and Elmira College would kick off the season with a home-and-home weekend series, Oswego State begins the 2012-13 campaign at home against SUNY Cortland on Friday, Oct. 26. The Lakers welcome Elmira to the Campus Center the following night to conclude the opening weekend. Oswego State won all three meetings against the Soaring Eagles last year.

Oswego State takes to the road for the next three games against The College at Brockport, SUNY Geneseo and Morrisville State College before returning home for the next five games. The Lakers host Buffalo State, a team they are 30-0-4 all-time against, on Friday, Nov. 16, and wrap up the weekend against SUNY Fredonia on Saturday, Nov. 17.

After a week off for Thanksgiving Break, the Lakers continue their homestand with "White Out" weekend. Unlike last year's schedule that had the Lakers playing SUNY Plattsburgh before SUNY Potsdam, this year the Lakers will play Potsdam before Plattsburgh. The annual "White Out" game begins the December slate of games, as the Lakers host the Cardinals on Saturday, Dec. 1, to close



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The Lakers begin their campaign for a national title on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Campus Center Ice Arena.

out the first half of SUNYAC play.

The Lakers close out the first half of the regular season with two non-conference games against Utica College and Hobart College. Oswego State plays host to the Pioneers on Friday, Dec. 7, before traveling to Hobart to play the Statesmen on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The 2012 portion of the schedule comes to a close with the annual Pathfinder Bank Oswego Hockey Classic, but takes place on odd days of the week. The opening round games occur on Sunday, Dec. 30, and the championship/console games will be played on Monday, Dec. 31. This year's tournament guests are Lawrence of the MCHA, Castleton College of the ECAC East and Plymouth State of the MASCAC. Plymouth State, who earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in 2012, is Oswego State's first round game. Lawrence and Castleton will play the first game of the tournament. The Lakers have never played any of the three participants in the tournament in their program's history.

The Lakers will have limited rest following the conclusion of the tournament, as they travel to play Elmira on Friday, Jan. 4, to complete their two-game series. Oswego State plays at Utica the following night. History will be made on Saturday, Jan. 12, when the Lakers play Division III newcomer Nazareth College,

coached by former Oswego State men's ice hockey head coach George Roll.

Oswego State returns to SUNYAC play for a brief moment on Friday, Jan. 18, at Cortland before returning home to close out the non-conference portion of their schedule against Hamilton on Saturday, Jan. 19. The Oswego State students return to school to witness their first home game of the spring semester against Brockport on Friday, Jan. 25, followed by Geneseo on Saturday, Jan. 26. The following Saturday against Morrisville is the team's Senior Night, where they will honor its 14 seniors.

The Lakers close out the regular season with a four-game road trip that begins with games at Buffalo State and Fredonia and concludes with games at Potsdam and Plattsburgh.

The SUNYAC playoffs begin on Wednesday, Feb. 20, with the SUNYAC Play-In games, which are followed by the SUNYAC Semifinals on Saturday, Feb. 23. The SUNYAC Final will be held on Saturday, March 2. The NCAA Tournament begins the following Wednesday with the play-in round. The NCAA Quarterfinal Round will be held on Saturday, March 9. The winners of the quarterfinal games will advance to the NCAA Frozen Four in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Friday, March 15. The season concludes with the NCAA Championship Game on Saturday, March 16.

Offense comes alive in twin bill sweep

BASEBALL, From B1

In the first game of the doubleheader, junior Adam Bishop and freshman Dylan Kohlman combined for a one-hitter which silenced the bats of Keuka.

Oswego State's offense got it going early, scoring in the bottom of the first when senior David Mazzullo hit a triple to deep left center, bringing in sophomore Scott Buniak from first. Senior Matt Miller hit a sac fly to right field to bring in Mazzullo, and provide starting pitcher Adam Bishop with more than enough run support.

Bishop threw four strong innings, striking out eight batters and only allowing one hit. Kohlman took the mound in the fifth inning and locked in the win for the Lakers, throwing three innings, striking out two and allowing no hits. Offensive standouts were Mazzullo, who went 1-for-3 with one RBI, and junior Mike Stark, who went 2-for-3 from the plate.

The Lakers beat the Storm in game one, 5-0. This gave momentum to the Lakers that they would not give away for the rest of the day. Heading into game two, the team knew the chances of a sweep would be possible if they repeated their same performance in game one, something that Nyman reiterated in between games.

"The main struggle for our team usually is a lack of defense," Nyman said. "We kick the ball around way too much. We win when we play to our strengths, which have been the starting pitching and our offense."

Sticking to their guns, it was much of the same performance for game two. Senior Starting Pitcher Brady Farkas gave up one earned run and fanned seven batters in a four inning effort for the Lakers. He moves to 4-4 on the season.

Junior stand out Mike Stark went 2-for-3 with two RBI, moving him to 4-for-6 on the day. Freshman Brian Hamilton went 1-for-2 and started the six-run second inning which put the Lakers in front for the rest of the game.

The sweep of the Keuka Storm gives a lot of momentum to the Lakers for the weekend series at Fredonia.

"When we play Fredonia this weekend, we have to win all three games and hope Brockport takes two out of three from Oneonta in order for us to make it into the SUNYAC tournament," catcher Alex Jurczynski said. "Like I said before, making it to the playoffs means a lot to everyone on the team, including the kids who have been here all four years. I think everyone's going to come out to play this weekend and try our best."

Landers clarifies what this weekend showdown really means. "This weekend is huge for us. We ultimately have to win all three games to have a chance at the SUNYAC playoffs. Fredonia can be tough at home. We have to beat them in every aspect of the game."

The Lakers will face the Fredonia Blue Devils on their home field, Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday for a doubleheader at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.



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Junior pitcher Adam Bishop throws a pitch against Keuka College. He struck out eight in four innings.

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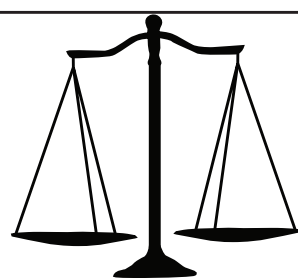
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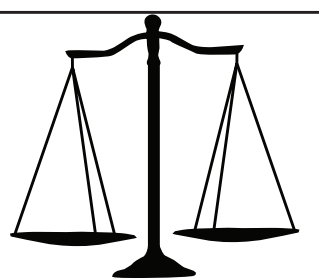
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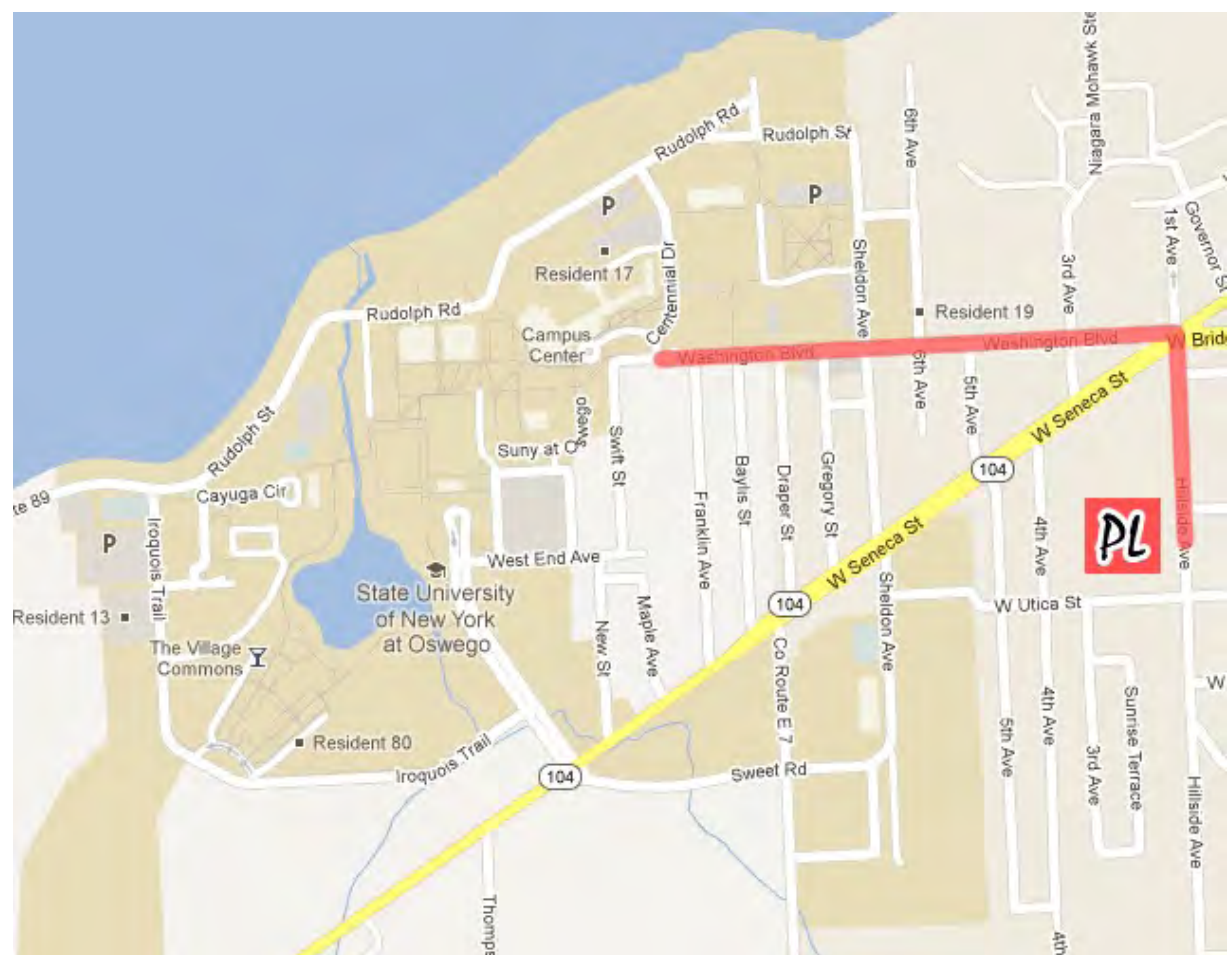
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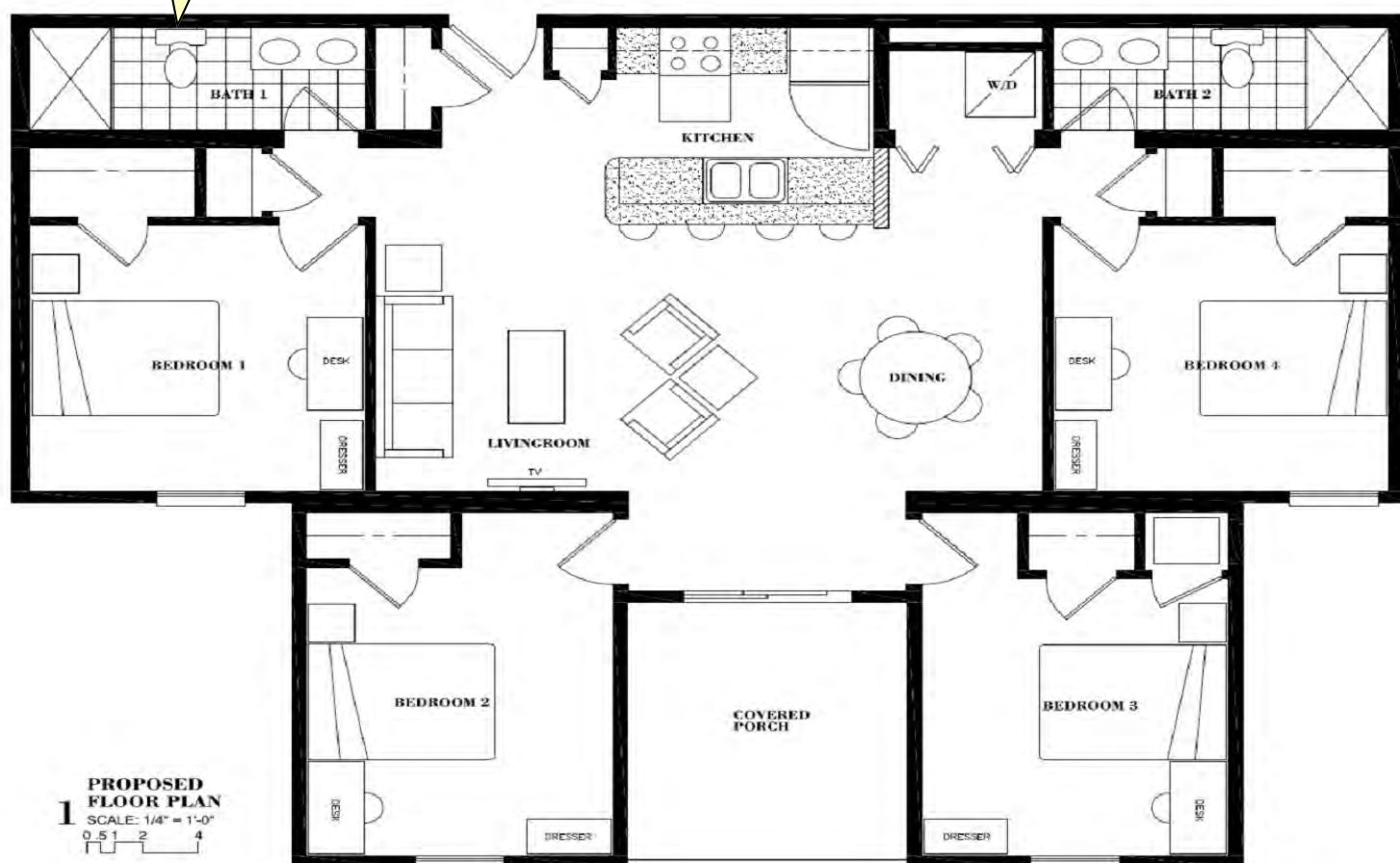
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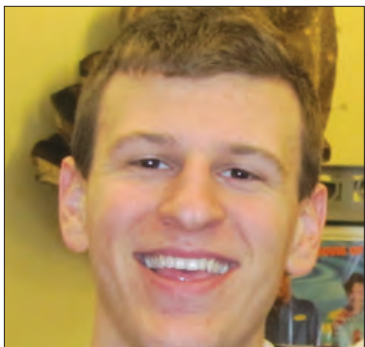
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"Play a little NHL with my boy and staying hydrated."

Ryan Cotroneo
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"Spending time in my room with friends to relax after cramming."

Melissa Ryan
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"I got my work done ahead of time, so I'm just studying for one final now."

Matthew Harmer
senior, english



"Not overstudying and taking lots of breaks."

Siobhan Pealo
junior, psychology



"I started timing myself when I study, I get more work done that way."

Eliza Araujo
international student, english

STAFF EDITORIAL

YOU MUST WORK FOR JOBS

A few days ago some headlines read, "Nasty Shock for Upcoming Graduates," or "New Graduates in for Rude Awakening." Every one of you that is graduating knows exactly what these articles will say without even reading them. All of your professors know it, and so does administration. The rest of Oswego State probably knows it too.

There are no jobs for us. That was such a shock. The economy has only been in a slump for years, pushing through from the Bush administration into Obama's. We've only gone out to protest the state of jobs and education loans around the globe. Obama is desperately trying to woo us as we speak, promising students relief from loans and future employment if we vote for him. Mitt Romney, now the only GOP candidate remaining that is not Ron Paul, has been saying so many things to so many people and none of the words were really directed to the student plight.

Although, to be fair, the role of the college student is not necessarily to agree with the government, especially when we're bankrupting ourselves with loans before we even know how to pay them back. Our professors do their best to prepare us for the real world, but when everything out there has a prerequisite of experience we can't help but feel thrown under the bus.

Overcoming these obstacles requires the experience usually in the form of internships. These internships are often unpaid, leaving students to fret over the costs of living as they strive for independence. This experience, however unrewarding it may seem, is some of the best help you'll ever get. It will be your crash course in the field you'll hopefully spend most of your life in, and employers know that.

Another way that we here at The Oswegonian endorse is the way of involvement. At this paper some people have gained the experience

they need to gain employment, and some have found true callings. Students need to network. Sitting in class, passing your tests, that's only the first part. It's about 50 percent of what you should be doing here. Social interaction, yes, that's important as well; but what you need to be doing is making connections. Make connections with the fellows in your major, with your neighbors, with those groups who are interested in the same things you are. You never know who that alumnus is who will be asking your professors for potential interns, but you should make sure that they think of you first.

We're not saying go out and trample your opposition to the ground. You have to rise above the rest, stand on your own two feet and do every other piece of advice on a motivational poster. You know there are no jobs out there, but there are opportunities. You might just have to make them for yourself.

IN THE OFFICE

Get involved in something, anything



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Here it is, the last week of The Oswegonian. If you read this paper weekly, my name and picture should be somewhat of a new thing. Who is this Carly Karas? Has she actually written anything this year? Where is she in my journalism classes?

The reason I'm not in your classes is because that's just it: I don't take journalism classes. I'm not a journalism major, and the prospect has never even tempted me. This time last year I was barely paying attention to the news, unaware of anything that happened outside of "The Daily Show," just going through my graphic design courses and being a pretty regular student. I'm pretty sure I would have been one of those Vox Pop "I don't know what's going on, sorry," answers.

I've been here, however; you've probably seen me hunched over a computer in the office, it's the one right in the center. One professor of mine described the look as "being trapped in a

fish bowl." When I tell people what I do, they usually look at me like I'm out of my mind, or that I got the wrong job. Don't get me wrong, I probably could have been the Creative Director just as well, but there was just something about Opinion I couldn't pass up.

Last year I was actually working at The Oswegonian, only in the much less prominent position of assistant to the Web Director. I would come in once a week and put all the articles up on the web, lamenting at the typos nobody caught and laughing at some of the more ridiculous ones. When the time for applications went in, I believed I could take the position and do it well. I could be passionate about issues; indeed many of the feminist and humanist Staff Editorials were my doing. To my surprise I got the job, realized I actually knew InDesign enough to do it, and jumped right in to the world of journalism.

When I look back at all the work I've accomplished as a senior, it feels like I've been sitting on my hands for the past three years. I plunged into something completely new and it took me so far, professionally and socially. As much as I might have complained about late nights and missed deadlines I would never have traded this position for anything. I have met some of the best friends I think I will ever have here at the paper. I have been on top of national and international issues and became incredibly frustrated that some students did not know about these topics

that ultimately affected all of us.

At the end of junior year I might have been better than average in my field, but I would have been just another fish in the pond. This year I had the support of a house of crazy, wonderful people, fellow staff members and some amazing professors. They helped me to push myself into all-nighters to finish my work – and apparently I write best at 6 a.m. – and to get out there professionally.

What I have to tell you is what I know all the rest of us here at The Oswegonian will say: get yourself involved in something. Campus organizations are always willing and welcoming and there's guaranteed to be someone that also wants to do what you want to do. There's a very good reason we're all saying it, and it isn't to get you all into the office. It's because up until The Oswegonian quite a few of us might not have been much different than anyone else in our respective majors. We wouldn't have stood out and we wouldn't have tried to stand forward in our professors' and peers' eyes. Don't just blend into the background; it is all too easy to. I coasted through three years' worth of classes and felt tired; this year, I wondered what I used to do with all my free time, and didn't really miss it all too much. Involvement took precedence over being the lazy bum I used to be (although lazy bumminess still definitely occurs) and gave me the best gifts that I think college could ever give me.

Selfishness, making friends key to college experience



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After being in college for four years, you would think you would know it all by now and that there is not much left to learn. That is a lie, but personally, I have had a great college experience. There is no guarantee that your college years are going to be magical and the best years of your life, I have found that there are a few tips I can pass on in order to help you be as happy with your college experience as I was.

First off, be selfish. You want a job? Go get it. Want a killer internship? Do not sit there, demand it. You will get nowhere in life by sitting in the back of the room, taking notes and if you never say anything. When I entered college my freshman year, I had no idea what I was doing, what my major was or where I was going. But I joined a club, and quickly rose through the

ranks. My second semester I was there, rather than letting someone older fill a position in the e-board, I took it for myself. This was my first public relations position I held, and now I almost have a degree in it! After getting involved, I became a communication major and finished out my associates degree before deciding I needed a better, more focused education. Which lead me to Oswego State.

When I came to Oswego, I heard that there was a chance I might not get a hockey ticket every time. I decided that this would not do, so I picked up a camera, lied through my teeth, and became a photographer for The Oswegonian. It has given me more opportunities and knowledge than I ever imagined, landing me my second public relations position. As the first Promotional Manager for The Oswegonian, I got to experiment with social media and promotions, a fabulous opportunity I would not trade for anything, and won a couple awards for my photography. By being selfish and thinking about what is best for me over the past four years, I have gained invaluable experiences, and memories I cherish.

Second and most importantly, find your place in the world. The people you surround yourself with will shape your life. If you surround yourself with people who are hard-working, serious about what they do and truly

care, you will be much better off. Once you find these people, there is a good chance you will find a place you can call your own, a home away from home. Once you find this place, the weight of the world will lift off your shoulders every time you go there, and you will always be welcomed with open arms. I have had my ups and downs in life, had my fair share of mistakes and heartbreaks, but through it all I have always known there is a group behind me, making sure I was okay. I have always been welcome there, and late night talks were a staple. I'm extremely lucky to have found this place at the age of 14. While it is nice if your place is close by, sometimes you need an escape that isn't home. But no matter when or where you find these people, and this home, this will become the family you choose, and no one can survive without family. Whether these people are in a club, sorority, fraternity, your classes, your dorm, your job, it does not matter, because you will have them forever. For these people, I am thankful beyond words.

So with good friends, and the attitude that you can do anything you want, you can go wherever you want in life. It's only four years on average, and you are paying a lot of money for this experience, you might as well enjoy these years and get the most out of.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to the article entitled "Student involvement needs remedy" published in the April 20th edition of The Oswegonian. I am writing to take issue with the undue notion that student involvement on the Oswego campus is somehow lacking, inert or in need of revitalization.

I would like to first point out that of the 7,500 undergraduate students on campus, over two-thirds are actively involved in nearly 170 student organizations. This figure actually represents the second highest student involvement rate in the entire SUNY System. Further, the diversity that exists among these student organizations on campus is simply unmatched across SUNY.

Between volunteer organizations, business organizations, club sports, activist groups, fine

arts organizations, representation groups and a plethora of others, I would challenge you to find another campus that offers a more diverse learning environment than Oswego. The article questions the environment of the school itself, but doesn't opportunity and motivation define the environment? To call attention to the opportunity and motivation but then question the environment is perplexing.

As an active student myself, I can say convincingly that student involvement at Oswego is alive and well. In fact, I have personally assisted in the foundation of two fully functioning organizations just in the past year and was privy to the foundation of a third.

As a serious recommendation, I would implore your staff to consider the publication of a new series in which you highlight one or two

organizations each week and the work that they have accomplished. I think you would be surprised to find the level of involvement and commitment our students devote to on-campus organizations. I hope a series of this nature would change your opinion on the issue.

Seeing you have not, I would like to take a moment to highlight the tremendous work that our students have accomplished and continue to accomplish and to congratulate them on their continued success.

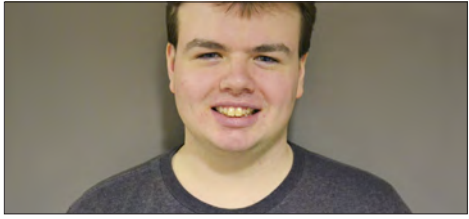
Student involvement on campus needs no "remedy." Your perception of it, however, does.

Sincerely,

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One band that I really developed a strong attachment to over my five years at Oswego State is R.E.M. I had heard of them all through high school, but it wasn't until my freshman year that I became fully entranced by Peter Dinklage's jangling guitar and the beautiful, haunting voice of Michael Stipe.

Last fall, when R.E.M. announced they were breaking up after 30 years. I thought it was serendipitous that the band I listened to through college was ending right before I graduated. All through these last two semesters, I kept thinking about one song and its strong connection to my experience here. That song is called "Find the River." Any R.E.M. fan will tell you that trying to figure out what their songs are about can be a maddening exercise; these are the guys who once sang "I believe in coyotes and time as an abstract." But this song in particular keeps insisting that the "ocean is the river's goal." There's a portion that goes: "I have got to find the river/Bergamot and vetiver/ Run through my head and fall away/ Leave the road and memorize/ This life that pass before my eyes/ nothing is going my way."

It's about finding the path that you think your life needs to take in order to be fulfilled, like river, water pouring into the

ocean. I could be wrong about this. Deciding what to make of any college experience is the same exercise.

The five years I've spent here feel like a lifetime. My life before college feels like decades ago. That's not to say my college experience felt like a sentence; far from it. I've made a lot of friends, had a job I absolutely loved, and now I will graduate with few regrets on how the whole thing went. That kind of positive college experience doesn't just come at you out of the blue; you have to seek it out for yourself (hence the incredibly pretentious connection to the R.E.M. song).

It wasn't always this way. There was a point a few weeks into my junior year when I thought about leaving Oswego. "Nothing is going my way" was an apt description. But I knew there were some good things, such as writing for The Oswegonian, which made me hesitate to make such a radical life choice. I stayed, and got more involved in writing for the paper, which is the best decision I have ever made.

That is the key to making the most of our time here at Oswego State. You have to find something that stimulates our interests, whether it is an activity, club or other people. There are opportunities everywhere that allow us to flourish in our potential. Everyone needs to find their "river," so to speak, that will lead them to a place that will not only make them happy in the short-term, but will also increase confidence in what they want to do in the future. I found it with working with The Oswegonian. Not only did I make a ton of friends, I became more confident in the fact that I wanted to stay in the field of journalism. My sophomore year I was scared to death of covering simple events on-campus, I never in a million years thought I would be able to intern at a local paper like The Palladium-Times.

But again, maximizing the opportunities that we take advantage of is imperative.

It's a weird feeling, finally being done with school. It will be even weirder in August and September when I don't have a school to go back to. I will miss a lot of things, including my friends, some professors and having a forum for my crazy opinions every week. For now, my future will be looking for a job and tackling the mountain of student loans I need to pay back. A lot of people I know are worried about graduation, since our futures are not set in stone. I see graduation as an opportunity. You can't spend your life worrying about the inevitable, you have to take them when they come, and recalibrate yourself with the changes. Graduation should not be considered a sign of a part of our lives ending, it should be considered as the beginning of the next chapter. That's how I felt at my high school graduation, and that has not changed.

So the bottom line is, while you are at Oswego State, for the love of God, do not waste it. There is nothing worse than living with regret over what you did not do with your life; it can consume most people. At the end of "Find the River," Stipe sings: "Strength and courage overrides/The privileged and weary eyes...Pick up here and chase the ride/The river empties to the tide/ All of this is coming your way." R.E.M. is not wrong, everything can come your way if you take control and make it happen. Because finding the river and getting to the "ocean" is not the end, you do not just tread water, waiting for someone to show you where to go with your life; the lesson while you are in college and life after graduation is that you don't just let the tide carry you to where you want to go; you still have to do some actual swimming.

Education without purpose means we might still have learned nothing



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Writing this now, I can feel a dull pain in my lower back. I started a yoga routine this morning, and whatever an asana is, it's hell on my spine. This I will blame on my education at Oswego State, so close to its end. If I see a chiropractor, then you better believe I'm sending the bill straight to President Stanley.

I'm trying to find in this yoga what I have not found in any classroom or professor's office. I'm trying to find a sense of meaning or transcendent purpose, the pearl for which I have already paid a great price (or at least taken out loans to that effect). Mostly what I'm finding is that I'm not as flexible as I was when I was [insert age above fetal here].

There's a question I'm ruminating. It is this: When I graduate, will I be more or less intelligent than when I arrived? Surprisingly, every time I work it through, the answer seems to be, 'less.'

Don't get me wrong, I gained myriad marketable skills in four years. Public speaking, Adobe InDesign, copy editing, an inch-width of calculus and the proper use of the semi-colon—all of it crammed into four years of sleepless nights and the heady trances of a so-called 'education.' Also, the Milgram experiment; if another white lady lectures me about the Milgram experiment, I'll sacrifice a goat to the education gods. I swear, I get it already.

Still, only a fool confuses knowledge with intelligence. Mostly, what I have learned are languages. Not in the traditional sense (ex: Dónde está la biblioteca?). What I mean is that every discipline, every theory has its own vocabulary, its own way of making distinctions.

Evolution, existentialism, or $E=mc^2$ — they're all languages in that they form a set of words that interact to produce descriptions.

Yet, once you can describe anything, one is left standing back asking what it means. Asking where exactly its meaning would come from. That is the abyss. That is the last frontier.

Before college I bandied concepts around with reckless abandon; nouns, verbs and even gerunds, all of them tossed around with a secure idea that they meant what I thought they meant. That they were meaningful.

Now, I have seen how the sausage is

made. And I can't un-skeptically eat that sausage anymore, which is a shame because that sausage of meaning was tasty and delicious, and other words that mean I will gladly have seconds </metaphor>.

What's worse is that education, as it is delivered today, is so career-focused that very often a professor will just provide students (namely me) a new language of criticism and then relegate its contextualization to the end of the syllabus. Name one class where you have gotten to the end of the syllabus. You can't; it's like an attractive person with a goiter. It doesn't happen.

All of this means that I lie awake at night criticizing and deconstructing every thought and notion my poor, beleaguered imagination can conjure. My rational mind yells 'cut the potatoes thinner!' But my imagination has not yet invented the potato chip.

So I ask: Is there a beautiful creation? No, more likely there is just a set of small-probability occurrences that led to the Earth and eventually life. Do I have a self? No, I'm just a bundle of perceptions and past experiences. Is there truth in narrative? Certainly not—all the facts are equally true and causation is almost un-provable, meaning narrative is a flimsy tortilla in a world full of chunky salsa.

At the end of the day, all I have left are my doubts, which are free from errant assumptions. But doubts don't inspire the kind of zest for life that certainty does. At least when I was younger I had the courage, if not always the logic, of my convictions. One can see how the courage of my doubts is a much less sexy prospect.

So I still search in vain for a universal signifier or singular objective truth. Failing that, I search for a truly low-calorie margarita mix (because that first search is tiring). Both efforts are in vain. It is in this way that I feel my education has failed me. No professor ever said, 'and this how I reconcile myself; this is how I sleep soundly at night. This is where I get my peace.' Admittedly, perhaps an integrated sense of purpose and meaning cannot come from another. But then again, I'm not sure anyone ever tried either.

So this is it. Welcome to the examined life—no one said it would be pleasant. Just a funeral procession of, 'Why? Why? Why?'

The saying goes that it is better to be Socrates unsatisfied than a pig satisfied (to this I ask exactly how satisfied a pig could be, having never tasted bacon). Intelligent people say Socrates was the world's wisest man because at least he knew that he knew nothing. But then again, this supposedly wise man willingly gulped back a glass of poisonous hemlock (which I'm sure had very few calories). Part of me wonders if he didn't do it with just a little relish.

Facing graduation, dreams in reach



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In just a few weeks I will say goodbye to my second home for the past four years. The time passed between being an unknowing freshman to a seasoned senior was filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. I've met some amazing people along the way, both students and professors, who've helped shape the person I've become today.

My goal coming into college was never to make friends but instead to focus on getting my diploma as fast as possible and getting into the "real world." Still, I'm glad that I took the time to appreciate the people who shared this fine university with me because these four years wouldn't have been as special without them; my college experience would have been miserable. They transformed me from someone who was shy and secluded to someone who was outgoing and confident. They all have a special place in my heart and I will never forget them.

However, as is the case in college, not everyone I've called a friend at some point or another still holds that label as graduation approaches. I have had friendships fail as I have progressed through college. People change, and sometimes you see their true character during times of adversity. As hard as it can be to throw a former friend to the curb, sometimes it's necessary, especially if they are causing you more harm than good. It will pay off in the future. Some friendships wither away like an

unnurtured plant. That's just life.

After taking some time to reflect on my four years at Oswego State, I consider myself fortunate for all of the experiences. Being part of The Oswegonian was by far the most rewarding. The experience I garnered from my four years of writing taught me skills that no journalism class could ever teach. I never understood why some journalism majors failed to seize the opportunity to write for the campus newspaper; it's free experience and you aren't going to get it anywhere else. The biggest lesson I learned working at The Oswegonian is that everyone starts at the bottom, but through hard work and perseverance, you can work your way to the top. I started as a contributing writer as a freshman and worked my way all the way up to the Managing Editor as a senior, with stops as the Assistant Sports Editor and Sports Editor along the way. Sure, I sacrificed a great deal of my social life to be part of The Oswegonian's editorial board, but the newspaper was where I met the bulk of my friends. I'd rather spend 10 straight hours in The Oswegonian office on a Wednesday night than drinking myself into oblivion at "Yard Night" at The Shed.

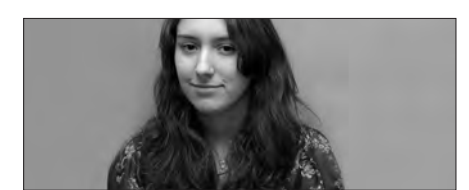
Since about ninth grade I have known that I wanted to be a sports journalist when I grew up and I still have the same aspirations as I get set to graduate. Covering sports for The Oswegonian has showed me just how great college sports are, from the talent of the student-athletes to the personality of the coaching staffs. I feel honored to have interviewed some of the student-athletes and coaches that I have gotten the opportunity to see play over the years, and that is an experience that not too many people at Oswego State can relate to. I've interviewed a current member of the San Antonio Rampage of the American Hockey League, Eric Selleck, who played two years for the Oswego State men's ice hockey team

from 2008-10. I've interviewed women's soccer standouts Michele Bateman and Nikki Liadka. I've interviewed Major League Soccer's Chief Marketing Officer, J. Russell Findlay, who is an Oswego State alumnus. I also had arguably the greatest job for an Oswego State sports journalist during the last three years, as I served as the Oswego State men's ice hockey team's beat writer. It was a joy going to the Campus Center Ice Arena each weekend to cover hockey games, especially with the success of the program, reaching three consecutive Frozen Fours and being the NCAA National Runners-up this past season.

While I don't consider being a journalist difficult, I do consider the feedback one has to endure to be a journalist difficult. I don't think it's too much of a stretch to say that most people hate journalists with a passion because they are viewed as people who exploit people's personal lives (thanks a lot, TMZ). I've gotten used to the idea that when a reader enjoys my article that they will not say anything, but when I write something they don't agree with, they will make it their mission to take personal jabs at me despite knowing nothing about me.

The job of a journalist is to report the news. If you don't like it, too bad. We're not going anywhere. I know full well that my degree in journalism comes with the promise that I will never make another friend that is not a journalist as well. I can deal with that because nobody understands the life of a journalist outside of the profession. I've never really cared what people thought of me. That's the mindset a journalist needs to have. While I know that I will never write for The New York Times or The Wall Street Journal, I do know that I will be writing for some publication. And while I do not expect to change the world through my writing, I do know that the pen is mightier than the sword.

If you want to get somewhere in life, do everything it takes



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This goes out to the kids with the awkward smile, the ones who got picked last in the kickball line up and the ones who sat in the back not to be cool, but not to be seen. This is for all the rural kids, urban kids and suburban kids with big dreams and little hope.

Seize every chance, no matter how small or irrelevant they may seem. Even if the opportunity seems like your dreams' weird third cousin's wife's sister, well, everything needs a support network.

Even though a marketing internship in the city government might seem like an odd choice for a journalist, it reminded me

that the majority of government officials are well meaning. They have their own lives, their own families and their own experiences. Because while one of the key characteristics of journalism I love is that I can cover science fairs and suicides on the same day, journalists interact with hundreds of people each week. We use their words, their thoughts and their facts in my writing each and every day. And sometimes we need the chance to un-jade ourselves.

Experience is always an asset. Join clubs in your major, know the faculty in your department and pick up as many jobs, internships and e-board positions as you can. Then you can pick and choose from your experiences to make sure you are a good fit for any job you might decide to apply for.

I never understood why so few journalism majors worked with the student newspaper. If you don't like how something is being done, come and change it. We are all students here, just doing the best that we can. The more writers and editors we have, the better our paper is. This type of experience is critical for journalism

students looking for an internship. But, I'll get off my soapbox now.

Perhaps this is because I am a journalist, but my next spiel is about curiosity. Try something different. Ask questions and never stop learning. Take a random class in psychology, biology, zoology, or any other 'ology,' 'ory' or 'istry.' Everything in our world is interconnected, especially with the advent of the Internet. And now everything is changing exponentially faster than say, in the 90s.

And the last thing is to travel. Bilbo Baggins, in the "The Fellowship of the Ring," said, "It's dangerous business walking out your door. You step onto the road and if you don't keep your feet, there's no telling where you will be swept off to."

Travel gives you ideas and inspirations. Changes our viewpoint, and adjusts our course. Don't be afraid to change your plans, once, twice or three times.

But, I think one of the most important things travel does is allows us to interact with people of every culture. It allows us to dispel stereotypes and misconceptions.

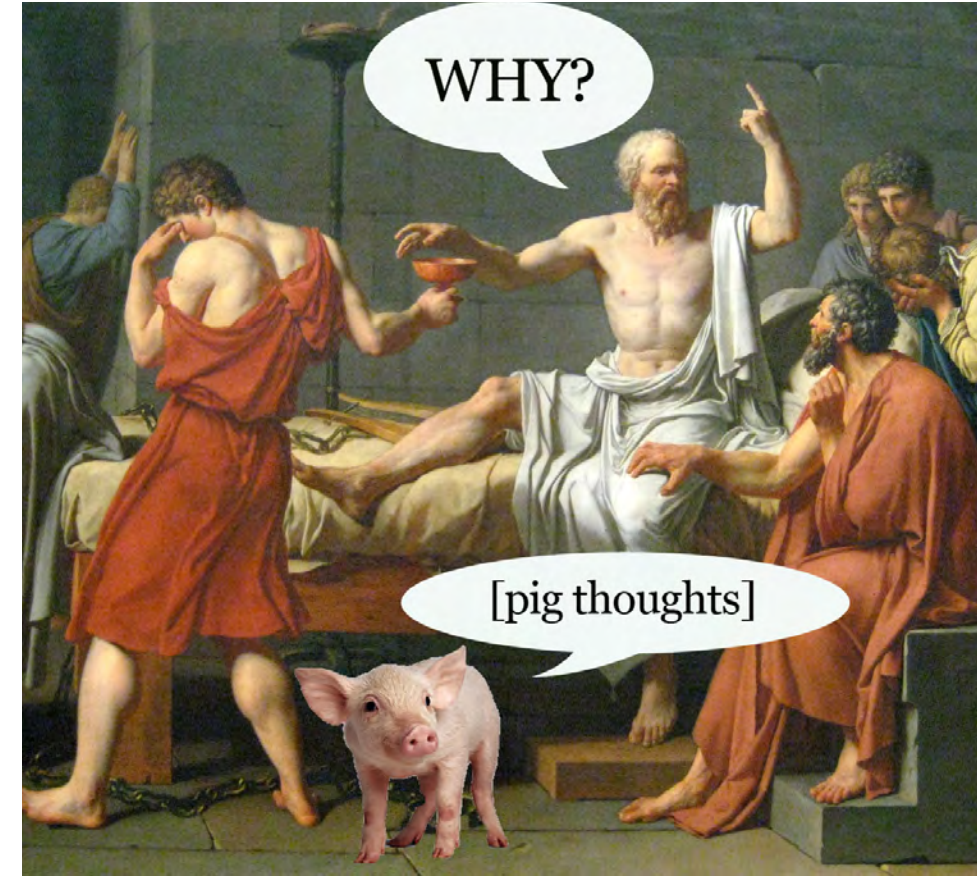
It reduces our ethnocentricity. We cannot judge other cultures for their traditions without fully understanding how they came about, why they are still in tact and why the people still abide by them.

So travel has created my path. I will be moving halfway across the country to Missouri, a region with their own definition of time and an emphasis on different values from my home of upstate New York.

And while I'm there, I will be studying international journalism with concentrations in convergence journalism and data-driven investigations to bring the global community to a local level. So, if you can't travel, maybe I can help you understand your world just a little bit better.

For a small town girl, it's not too bad. As cliché as it may be, no matter where you're from or where you want to go, chase your dreams.

So, this is for all those who hated me and broke me. But more importantly for those who loved me and made me. Thank you for making these three years earning my bachelor's wonderful.



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Friday, April 27 through Thursday, May 5

SPRING CONCERT: CONDUCTOR'S LAB ORCHESTRA

Date: Friday, April 27

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Auditorium

MUSIC HALL CONCERT: AZTEC TWO-STEP

Date: Saturday, April 28

Time: 8-9 p.m.

Location: McCrobie Building, 41 Lake Street

Tickets: \$14 advance, \$16 door

THEATRE: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Date: Saturday, April 28

Time: 8-9 p.m.

Location: Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall

Tickets: Oswego State students \$7,

General Public \$15, Seniors/Faculty/Staff \$12,

Preview \$5

CONCERT: OSWEGO JAZZ PROJECT

Date: Monday, April 30

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

Location: Room 132, Campus Center

CONCERT: SUNY OSWEGO WIND ENSEMBLE

Date: Tuesday, May 1

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

Location: Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall

Suggested Donation: \$5

CONCERT: JAZZ ENSEMBLES

Date: Wednesday, May 2

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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FRENCH MOVIE: "LE JOUR SE LEVE"

Date: Wednesday, May 2

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Location: Room 132, Campus Center

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ART EXHIBITION: "THE BLANK SLATE"

Date: Friday, April 27

Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: 186 W. 1st St

ART GALLERY: SPRING BFA EXHIBIT

Date: Friday, April 27

Location: Tyler Art Gallery

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Date: Friday, April 27

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Location: Tyler Art Gallery

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Train tops US charts with new studio album

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Rating: ★★★★★

Train, better known for their smash hit "Hey Soul Sister," attempts to show they can strike gold again with their new album "California 37." Train's previous album peaked at No.8 on the charts, setting the bar extremely high. Train has hit their mark with their fourth top ten albums and their highest charting album in the United States. This is not a Grammys worthy but a true fan cannot deny this album.

The album brings the theme of nostalgia right to the front of the listeners mind with the first track entitled "This'll Be My Year." The album focuses on feelings of young love with Pat Monahan's lyrics. The album shows the side of Train that has garnered them four top ten albums. "This Will Be My Year" is followed by the lead single



Provided by trainline.com

Known for their radio hit "Hey Soul Sister," Train gains recognition with the release of their fourth top 10 album and highest-charting album in the United States. "California 37" reaches stores in time for summer.

"Drive By," which is one of the strongest tracks on the album, along with being a radio hit worldwide. This is not the only song on the album that is fitting for the radio; such as "Bruises" and "50 Ways to Say Goodbye" if they found their way to the radio would be hits. "50 Ways to Say Goodbye" is a song that you might not expect from Train. The track features a Spanish guitar as well as horns that would

be fit for a mariachi band but coupled with a strong chorus results in a surprise standout of the album.

The second half of the album does not manage to keep up the level of quality that the first half manages to produce, but there are standouts. Train slows down the album with "You Can Finally Meet My Mom" and "Sing Together," two

songs that drive the heart of the album with "Sing Together" being the stronger of the two. "We Were Made For This" is a song that sounds like it has the potential to be a live favorite with a heavy guitar solo and wide array of instruments.

This is an album that any Train fan will enjoy and will definitely entertain new listeners. This is a great album for a summer collection.

Students reproduce Shakespeare comedy

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"Much Ado About Nothing" is a comedy written by William Shakespeare. It looks at two couples: one couple is head-over-heals in love, with a wedding date set. The other couple do not enjoy each other's company at all. The couple in love, Hero and Claudio, try to set up the other couple, Beatrice and Benedict, by lying and tricking them. Eventually the two admit that they do have feelings for the other. This is where everyone should live happily ever after but, of course, nothing, especially love, is ever that simple. A villain, Don John, steps into the mix to break up Hero and Claudio to upset his brother Don Paul. Hero is falsely accused of being unfaithful to her fiancé and is ousted in front of everyone who attended what they thought would be a wedding. Hero

dies as a result of the accusations, succumbing to shock and heartbreak. The truth is discovered, that Hero was framed and was innocent of the accusations. Everyone feels terrible, but maybe it is not too late to make things right. In the end, love is found and unlike many of Shakespeare's plays, this one a happy ending.

The students and faculty who worked on this show did an amazing job bringing it to life. The set is gorgeous, the costumes look like they were taken right out of Shakespeare, lighting and sound were well thought out and the actors did an amazing job. Shakespeare is not easy to comprehend and the actor's performance made it easy to understand. The show was full of laughs and really enjoyable. It was easy to see that a lot of hard work and time went into the entire production. There were some crowd favorites, Dogberry and Verges. Every time they came on stage you knew



Provided by ARTSwego

Oswego State students perform Shakespeare comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," a love-themed adventure.

a funny occurrence was about to take place. Another favorite duo was Benedict and Beatrice. These two were always butting heads and never admitted how they felt about each other. They showed

affection through insults. Overall, this was a very enjoyable show. Even if you are not the biggest fan of Shakespeare, this performance is sure to entertain. Hard work and time really do pay off.

White riffs breakup tunes



Provided by blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com

Jack White releases his first solo album "Blunderbuss," providing emotionally charged tracks with his trademark blues and punk fusion. The album continues to tie in themes of frustration, loneliness and loss.

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Rating: ★★★★★

Over the last 15 years, Jack White has been rock 'n' roll's ultimate Renaissance man, a virtuosic talent who has too many ideas for one band to hold. There is the brutally simplistic garage rock of The White Stripes, the fun blasts of '70s power-pop with The Raconteurs and the murderous, Gothic blues of The Dead Weather. The fact that he constantly creates new identities and outlets for his eclectic musical talents makes White one of the most enigmatic and unpredictable figures in music.

"Blunderbuss," the first official solo album White has released, is an entirely different beast: a breakup album. This is the most emotionally direct music White has ever made, a combination of the confessional strength akin to Bob Dylan's "Blood on the Tracks" with the slow-burning R&B of the late-60's-era Rolling Stones; all filtered through his trademark blend of punk fury and bluesy classicism.

"Blunderbuss" is musically similar to his 2005 White Stripes album "Get Behind Me Satan." It's less in-your-face than some of White's other

work; there is more bar-room piano on this album than scalding guitar work. But every song on "Blunderbuss" is tied to the theme of loss, frustration and loneliness. But like any break-up there is a gamut of emotions to deal with. Through the album's 13 songs, White comes off as furious, betrayed, optimistic and meditative. He has never opened himself up like this before.

The album opens with "Missing Pieces," which is built on a simple piano riff and then builds to a mid-tempo groove, with lyrics describing the brutal aftermath of an encounter with a woman who has done White wrong. Once White's guitar kicks in and meshes with the keyboards, the track's intensity increases.

White's trademark guitar playing style, with its bent notes and copious amounts of distortion and feedback, is not the primary musical vessel of "Blunderbuss," but when his guitar is unleashed, it is intense as ever. "Sixteen Saltines" takes the riff from The Who's "I'm Free," and beats it to a bloody pulp, as White's nasally sneer goes after a woman who cheated on him, and washes his hands of her. "Who's jealous, who's jealous, who's jealous, who's jealous of who?/If I get busy, then I couldn't care less what you do," he sings with plenty of venom. The same goes for "Freedom of 21" with its slow, bouncing riff, which builds

into White mangling the six strings on his guitar.

For this album White played with a group of session musicians from Nashville and female back-up singers, providing a country influence. The laid-back country blues of "Love Interruption" could have been written for soul legend Dusty Springfield, with White crooning about the destructive nature of love. He sings the chorus: "I won't let love disrupt, corrupt or interrupt me" like a mission statement.

The most ambitious song on "Blunderbuss" is "Take Me With You When You Go," with eerie back-up vocals and dance-hall piano until the song morphs into slowed-down funk that does not sound much different than The Red Hot Chili Peppers. This song is a manifestation of the duality that has made White's career so compelling: taking the academic, structured music of the past and combining it with the electrifying sprawl of contemporary rock.

"Blunderbuss" is another unique and exciting record to add to Jack White's repertoire, with its bruised heart opening up more emotional dimensions in White's songwriting. The artists that last are the ones that can scale back their musical powers and let the words do the work in bringing some kind of truth to the forefront. "Blunderbuss" does that and then some.

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Original college band brings nostalgia

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Oswego State's Campus Center Arena hosted a visit from the band O.A.R. [Of A Revolution] Saturday night. O.A.R. performed for Oswego's Spring Concert Series, their first returning appearance since 2007. O.A.R.'s bassist, Benj Gershman, provided a little of his time to answer some questions about the band and their history.

Emily Longeretta: [Did] you guys all meet in high school?

Benj Gershman: The band formed in 1996. We were in high school together, and then we went to college together. We traveled to Ohio State where we met Jerry, our fifth guy.

Longeretta: If you were not performing, what would you be doing?

Gershman: I'd probably be either practicing yoga or taking pictures of something. I'm a photographer also.

Longeretta: What is your favorite part about going on tour? What is the hardest part?

Gershman: Performing! Hardest is being away from home for

so long, you know, being out of touch with life there.

Longeretta: You performed here in 2007. What can people that went to both shows expect? How did your music change?

Gershman: I think our music stayed the same, but we've evolved as people. Our music's always been upbeat, positive, fun, spontaneous, all these things, and it's still like that. It's just, you know, we've changed, and through that, our relationship with each other and how we perform our songs has evolved.

Longeretta: What do you guys like about visiting colleges?

Gershman: Well, we like playing where our audiences are. We know that some of our audiences are at colleges. We go there as much as we try to go other places. We want as many people to hear us that want to hear us.

Longeretta: Who is your favorite band you have collaborated with?

Gershman: Robert Randolph and the Family Band. We did a recording of "Fool in the Rain," a Led Zeppelin song, and that was just awesome fun.

Longeretta: Who is your dream person to collaborate with?

Gershman: At this point, it'd be nice to perform with Eric Clapton. I grew up listening to his guitar playing. It'd be nice to have him be a guest on stage with us. Elvis Costello, maybe Paul Simon. There's my three.

Longeretta: So maybe these are the same. Who are your musical influences?

Gershman: All three of those are on there. Zeppelin, Aerosmith, Red Hot Chili Peppers, a lot of hip-hop, a lot of reggae, a lot of jazz. I listen to everything; I think that there's something to be learned from all types of music that you can apply elsewhere, not just in music, but in life.

Longeretta: What is your favorite song to perform off the new album "King"?

Gershman: I really like performing "Heaven." It's fun!

Longeretta: What is your all time favorite song to perform?

Gershman: "Sunday Bloody Sunday," because it rocks.

Longeretta: What is the biggest



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O.A.R. bassist **Benj Gershman** discusses the excitement of being in a band and playing at Oswego State for the second time.

moment in your life, the moment you look back on and say 'this is where it all changed'?

Gershman: Probably when I was born. Besides that, I would venture to say the first time I started playing music with these guys, the first day, the first basement jam.

Longeretta: For students who are

interested in a career in music, what advice do you have for them?

Gershman: Good luck (laughs). Study hard. It's not an easy industry, and it's changing and becoming more difficult to have a viable career in it, so the more you learn when you're learning, hopefully the more you can apply when you're applying.

Experience laughs, action, thrills during summer movies

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Earth's mightiest heroes will come together for the first time in Marvel's newest movie "The Avengers." Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr., "Sherlock Holmes 2"), Captain America (Chris Evans, "What's Your Number?"), Thor (Chris Hemsworth, "The Cabin in the Woods") and the Hulk (Mark Ruffalo, "Date Night") are brought together when Earth is threatened by Thor's evil brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston, "War Horse"). Joining S.H.I.E.L.D. members Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson, "Captain America"), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson, "We Bought a Zoo") and Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner, "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol") must find a way to mix their personalities and work as a team. "The Avengers" will lead the wave of summer superhero movies, when it hits theatres May 4 and it is sure to set a high standard for the genre.

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Director Ridley Scott ("Gladiator") returns to the realm of science fiction with "Prometheus." The film takes place in the distant future, and it follows the crew of the spaceship "Prometheus," who are ordered to travel to an uncharted planet by a powerful corporation when signs of Aztec and Mesopotamian symbols appear on a star map. The crew consists of archaeologist Elizabeth Shaw (Noomi Rapace, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"), an android named David (Michael Fassbender, "X-Men: First Class"), the ship's captain Janek (Idris Elba, "Thor"), and corporate representative Meredith Vickers (Charlize Theron, "Young Adult"). Things begin to go wrong when they land on the planet and find evidence of an ancient alien race and a threat to destroy all mankind. The film will be released on June 8.

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Pixar returns with a brand-new story, taking its viewers to the Middle Ages in its latest film, "Brave." Set in 10th century Scotland, Merida (Kelly Macdonald, TV's "Boardwalk Empire"), a skillful archer, desperately seeks to prove that she has the ability to lead the kingdom as the next queen. As the daughter of King Fergus (Billy Connolly, "Gulliver's Travels") and Queen Elinor (Emma Thompson, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II"), she is expected to marry one of Scotland's finest bachelor's. But she refuses, which sparks widespread chaos amongst the kingdom. Merida seeks the aide of a witch (Julie Walters, "Gnomeo and Juliet") for help, but ends up being cursed. To undo the effects of the spell, Merida must discover the true meaning of bravery to save herself and the kingdom. "Brave" debuts in theatres on June 22.

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This summer "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane dives head first into the world of movies, directing his first feature-length film, "Ted." The movie features MacFarlane voicing the title character Ted, a teddy bear that comes to life because of a childhood wish. When John (Mark Wahlberg, "Contraband"), the young boy who makes the wish, grows up, Ted remains his best friend, eventually causing tension in John's adult life. Ted does not lead the average life of a teddy bear, living as an irresponsible slacker, which is the source of most of John's problems. When John wants to get more serious in his relationship with girlfriend Lori (Mila Kunis, "Friends With Benefits") Ted's presence begins to cause problems. Viewers can expect jokes similar to those in MacFarlane's TV shows when the film is released July 13.

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The Batman trilogy comes to an end this summer as the Caped Crusader is forced to come to the rescue of Gotham as a new enemy terrorizes the city. With Two-Face dead and the resurfacing of Heath Ledger's iconic Joker unlikely, the movie takes place eight years later as the city faces two new adversaries, Bane and Catwoman. Christopher Nolan ("Inception") returns as director for the much anticipated summer blockbuster. Christian Bale ("The Fighter") returns as Bruce Wayne, along with Gary Oldman ("Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy") as Jim Gordon, Morgan Freeman ("Red") as Lucius Fox and Michael Caine ("The Prestige") as Alfred. Anne Hathaway ("Alice in Wonderland") will be taking the role of Catwoman and Tom Hardy ("Warrior") as Bane. "The Dark Knight Rises" is scheduled to be released July 20.

Consumer previews top summer video games

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With the end of the school year and E3 just around the corner, it's time to take a look ahead at titles to keep an eye out over the next few months. With a slew of new releases coming, some a few days after school ends, there are plenty to look forward to and open your wallet for. In case you do not know what titles to spend your time playing, this list should help narrow it down. ("Grand Theft Auto V" is not on this list due to no set release date for this year at the time that this list is done).

10. "Call of Duty 9" – Another year, another "Call of Duty" game. This is the de facto game for the average college student, due to how much content is packed into the game as a way of compensating for the lack of change in game mechanics. Treyarch, the B studio behind the "Call of Duty" games set outside of the "Modern Warfare" universe, is developing this year's entry. The belief with Treyarch's next entry is that it will be a direct sequel to their 2010 release, "Call of Duty: Black Ops," which put players in the boots of a Cold War era, CIA agent. The other possibility kicked around is a "Call of Duty" set in the future, creating a brand new universe for the studio to explore. One way or another is ready to answer the call for a ninth time when "Call of Duty 9" is released Nov. 13 for all platforms.

9. "Far Cry 3" – The next game list comes all the way from Ubisoft, with the next game in the "Far Cry" series. The next entry sends players to another island, with inhabitants that seem to have lost touch with the rest of the world, and the

player caught in the middle of all them. That is what makes "Far Cry 3" stand out, the characters players meet along the way. Ubisoft has worked on constructing a world where the people inhabiting it are the real center of attention, not just the next mission the player has to do. So take this tropical trip to hell when "Far Cry 3" is released Sept. 4 for Xbox 360, PS3 and PC.

8. "Assassin's Creed III" – Desmond Miles and the Assassins are back for their first, true sequel with "Assassin's Creed III," and sends players from renaissance Europe to colonial America. The newest ancestor in this game is Connor Kenway, a half-English, half-Mohawk living in Valley Forge with his mother's Mohawk tribe, but an outcast from both worlds. The game will have three main areas to explore: Boston, New York City and the Frontier, an area of woods and hills were most exploration is done. The player will also get a chance to interact with historical figures like George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, but must refuse to take sides with either the Red Coats or Patriots. Take a bloody dive into our own history when "Assassin's Creed III" is released Oct. 30 for Xbox 360, PS3, PC and Wii U.

7. "Resident Evil 6" – Capcom is looking to make fans fear the dark again with the anticipated release of "Resident Evil 6." Set 15 years after the Raccoon City incident, players will be able to take control of three characters in their quests to uncover the truth behind the outbreak of a new, even deadlier virus. The characters available will be series veterans Leon Kennedy and Chris Redfield, along with newcomer Jake Muller. While giving players these three perspectives, the game also brings the



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As summer nears, the video game industry prepares to release its major titles. The 2012 top-10 list provides helpful consumer review information for the anticipated games.

franchise into modern times with better controls and mechanics, including the simple addition of moving when shooting. Be ready to survive the outbreak when "Resident Evil 6" is released Oct. 2 for 360, PS3 and PC.

6. "Darksiders II" – The sequel to 2010's surprise hit, "Darksiders," "Darksiders II" puts players back into the role of a Horseman of the Apocalypse, but not War. Instead, players will fill the role of War's brother, Death, who is one his own mission to discover who framed his brother for the events of the first game. Death then travels to a place called the Nether Realms, a place between Heaven and Hell, to call in some favors and discover the truth. "Darksiders II" will continue to refine the "mature 'Zelda'" feel to the game, but Death will play much different than War did in the first. Death fills the role of a finesse character, relying on his agility and speed rather than the brute force approach for War. So witness Death's journey when "Darksiders II" is released in August for 360, PS3 and Wii U.

5. "Max Payne 3" – We start out the top five with the first game available after finals, "Max Payne 3," which marks the first release in this franchise in almost a decade. For "Max Payne 3," Rockstar takes the titular character out of the dark streets of New York City and drops him in the gang-infested streets of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The game is looking to keep noir feel of the originals, with Max narrating his journey through Sao Paulo as a private security provider. While the game keeps some of the staples of the original, like bullet time and painkiller, it brings it to a modern, fast-paced design to keep the players engaged. So experience Max's dark tale when "Max Payne 3" is released May 15 for 360 and PS3.

4. "Ghost Recon: Future Soldier" – The next entry in the Ghost Recon series, Future Soldier drops players in the role of, as the title says, a soldier in the near future. While the game will retain the same squad focused game play in both single and multiplayer, the period of time allows for the use of new weapons and gadgets that

the military may be developing right now. The game will also be sending the Ghosts on a worldwide romp to uncover a terrorist plot. So plan your strike when "Ghost Recon: Future Soldier" is released May 22 for 360, PS3 and PC.

3. "Halo 4" – "Halo 4" drops players back into the armor of Master Chief who, along with Cortana, is awake after months of sleeping on-board half of their old ship, but are now trapped on a brand new planet. This will be the first game in the series not developed by Bungie Studios. Instead, 343 Studios have taken up the mantle of making the next installment in this franchise. This next game is also to be the first in a new trilogy of Halo games coming from 343 Studios, which they have dubbed the "Reclaimer Trilogy." Along with refined controls, popular multiplayer and a fresh visual overhaul, there is plenty to look forward to this fall. Jump back into action with Chief and Cortana when "Halo 4" is released November 6 for Xbox 360.

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Fun Fact Trivia

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Answer: Citizen Kane.

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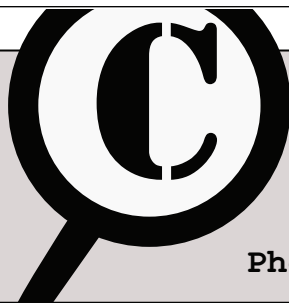
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Top ten list counts down games

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2. "Borderlands 2" – Back when "Borderlands" was released by Gearbox in 2009, no one expected the game to take off as it did. Now, it is time to return to the planet Pandora in "Borderlands 2." Set some time after the events of the first game, players now have a new set of characters to pick from for single player or co-op mayhem. While the looting and leveling up have remained somewhat the same, there will be a greater emphasis on gun manufacturers, with the goal of each maker's guns to feel different from their competitors. That, along with a suite of new abilities with each character gives even more incentive for players to jump back. Start vault hunting when "Borderlands 2" is released Sept. 18 for 360, PS3 and PC.

1. "BioShock Infinite" – This marks the first game for Irrational Studios since their 2007 Game of the Year winner, "BioShock." The next entry under the "BioShock" franchise moves players out from the underwater

city of Rapture in the '60s to the flying city of Columbia in 1912. Players take the role of Booker Dewitt as he explores the city in search of a mysterious and powerful woman named Elizabeth to take her away from Columbia. The game goes back to the guided openness of the first game, with players exploring a level in search of new weapons and tonics to survive not only the warring inhabitants, but the machines and creatures that roam the sky city as well, hunting Booker and Elizabeth as they try to escape. With another potential Game of the Year waiting thanks to this game, it is hard not to be excited about the possibilities. So go to the sky when "BioShock Infinite" is released Oct. 16 for 360, PS3, and PC.

So there you have it, 10 games and 10 reasons to be excited about what the next few months hold for gaming. If people thought 2011 was busy year for games, then clearly they have not seen anything yet. Get your consoles ready for what is looking to be a busy few months.

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