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New national fraternity sparks conversation among Greeks



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Left: A brother from the Pi Kappa Phi national headquarters tables at MacVittie College Union to recruit men for the organization's Geneseo chapter. Pi Kappa Phi is the second national fraternity to recruit on campus within the past two years. Right: The Delta Kappa Tau house is home to brothers of the local fraternity that has existed since 1871.

CHELSEA BUTKOWSKI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As representatives from Geneseo's newest national fraternity chapter Pi Kappa Phi have recently begun their recruitment on campus, discourses have developed amidst national and local Greek orga-

nizations regarding the expansion of Greek life in Geneseo since 2013 and its implications.

Including Pi Kappa Phi, three new national Greek organizations have recruited members to establish Geneseo chapters in the past two years. Chapter representatives from national sorority Alpha Sigma Tau began recruit-

ing on campus in spring 2013 after members of local sorority Phi Eta Psi and the college elected to affiliate with the organization in a process that began in spring 2011. National fraternity Kappa Sigma started as a colony with members at Geneseo who began recruiting in fall 2013 in order to receive a national charter.

With Pi Kappa Phi, Geneseo will recognize a total of 28 fraternities, sororities and co-ed social organizations, including eight national organizations and 20 local organizations. According to the Greek Affairs webpage, as of spring 2014, 1,173 students—roughly 23 percent of the student population—were active in Greek life.

President of local sorority Alpha Kappa Phi senior Val Woody emphasized the uniqueness of Geneseo's predominantly local culture.

"I think that Geneseo is one of the only [State University of New York] schools to have lo-

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Geology department to offer scholarships



ZOE FINN/PHOTO EDITOR

Students in associate professor and chair of geological sciences Benjamin Laabs' geology class are some of the students eligible for a national scholarship offered through the National Science Foundation.

KAITLIN PFUNDSTEIN ASST. COPY EDITOR

The introduction of the Geoscience Scholarship to Improve Recruitment and Retention of Academically Talented Students will allow the Geneseo geology department to attract more students to the major through scholarships from a grant from the National Science Foundation.

"Geology is the smallest [science] department here," associate professor and chair of geological sciences Benjamin Laabs said. "We rarely see students come in, and we really

just have a small number of students who come to Geneseo as freshmen and say 'I'm going to major in geology.'"

The scholarship is designed to provide about 34 students with 114 scholarships yearly, each worth approximately \$4,575. These scholarships will be distributed over a five-year period from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020.

The scholarship will be targeted to prospective Geneseo students specifically in the geoscience majors including geology, geophysics and geochemistry. Students declare the major before they apply and the

scholarship would apply for the recipients remaining three or four years on campus.

Students involved in the scholarship program will also take part in other activities within the major. "We have very active alumni in the geology department," Laabs said. "They're engaged with the department and they want to talk with the students. They'll be able to get career advice; it's the beginning of a mentor program."

In addition, students will go on field trips built into the

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Avon bakery Sweet Arts opens second shop on Main Street



ZOE FINN/PHOTO EDITOR

Manager Billy O'Donnell '14 helps customers at Sweet Arts Bakery's second location on Main Street at the former Genesee Valley Florist storefront. The bakery, which opened on Thursday Feb. 12, has seen a steady flow of customers despite the cold weather. The business opened four days after Crickets Coffee Company opened at the old Muddy Waters storefront. O'Donnell said he is excited about the healthy competition this business offers.

EMMA BIXLER
ASSOC. NEWS EDITOR

Ruth Ann and Bryan Lewis officially opened Sweet Arts Bakery on Thursday Feb. 12 on Main Street, expanding their business from its original location in Avon, New York. The success of the Avon shop motivated the Lewis' to move on the former Genesee Valley Florist location next to Mama Mia's when it freed up last year.

An avid baker, Ruth Ann decided to start the business with her husband a little over three years ago. With support from the community, the couple has been able to share their passion of baking with others across Livingston County.

Expanding into Genesee gives the business an opportunity to bring in foot traffic from the college, as opposed to just depending on loyal customers in Avon.

"Ruth Ann does very well with her specialty cakes and orders, but the college community here provides a constant stream of business," Sweet Arts manager Billy O'Donnell '14 said.

O'Donnell added that things have been great during the first few weeks, and that the community has embraced the bakery and shown support. "Things are going really well, but we hope to expand once the cold [subsides] and we have signage on the front entrance," he said.

The shop currently provides between 15 and 20 item options to its customers which, according to O'Donnell, stick to the store's promotion of baked goods and breads. The bakery also offers a variety of "Nathan's Soups," which hail from a business in Western New York.

"Everything—including the coffee—is local," O'Donnell said. "We either baked it ourselves or we got it locally to support local businesses." These baked goods include but are not limited to pastries, brownies, cookies, cake pops and specialty drinks.

As for the atmosphere, the shop is open and light. Large windows line the front wall and the high ceiling gives the illusion of space. High wooden

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Business school to add specialized minors



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Dean of the School of Business Denise Rotondo announced that the school plans to add three specialized business minors: marketing, finance and management starting in the fall 2015 semester per approval from curriculum committee. These minors will allow business administration, accounting and economics majors to further focus their education.

REBECCA SEMENTEZ STAFF WRITER

School of Business students may soon be able to pair their major with a specialized minor. A recent proposal may allow for business administration, accounting and economics majors to add marketing, finance or management minors starting in the fall 2015 semester.

According to the Dean of the School of Business Denise Rotondo, if approved, the minor choices will allow for business students to specialize their studies.

"This will allow students to go a little deeper in those fields," Rotondo said. "We have a lot of students that, career-wise, go in those directions."

If approved by the curriculum committee, there will be no additional classes added, as most of the classes

that will be required for these minors are already offered by the school of business under a "special topics" category.

"There's nothing that could prevent a student right now from taking these classes, but they wouldn't have that credential," Rotondo said.

Rotondo emphasized that she believes that placing a label on the coursework will help make students more marketable to employers.

"I think it will give [students] more confidence," she said. "The credential is an important way to give students and employers the shorthand understanding of what the student studied."

Rotondo noted that she hopes that these specialized areas of study will help Geneseo students compete with graduates from other colleges that may have studied majors specific to finance, market-

ing or management. She explained that students will no longer have to explain that they have the equivalent of a degree in one of these fields.

"[Most] students don't have the ability to sell that in an interview situation," she said.

Now, students could have a minor to show possible employers what kind of classes they took and what they are specialized in. According to Rotondo, the proposal was made per student and alumni request. Rotondo added that she thinks that students and alumni will react positively to the addition of minors.

"The [students] I've talked to have been very excited about it," she said. "A lot of alum I've talked to have said they had wished [the minors] were available when they were here."

Rotondo explained that although creating a major in these fields would have been great, it would be too complicated of a process to do so. While it may be a possibility for the future, however, it would require State University of New York system approval, which could take years. "If system approval was not a barrier, we would have done that," she said.

Providing additional minors only requires Geneseo approval, which could potentially allow students to pursue the minors next semester. If the proposal goes through, the minors would require between 18-21 credits. There may be enough overlap from a student's major that they could take as few as three additional courses to fulfill one of these minors. A lot of the business school students know what they want to do as far as their careers go.

"We already have a lot of students doing internships in those fields. This will complement the experience," Rotondo said.

Overall, Rotondo emphasized that the main goal is to ensure the best possible future for business school graduates.

"We are always looking for ways to give the students the very best education we can and to prepare them for successful careers after they leave Geneseo," Rotondo said. "This is just one of many steps we will take to make that happen for them." ♦

Chapel Hill deaths catalyze campus action

NICOLE SMITH NEWS EDITOR

Muslim Student Association and Geneseo Social Justice Club held a vigil on Friday Feb. 13 to honor the memory of the three Muslim students who were killed near the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Feb. 10.

According to the Huffington Post, 23-year-old Deah Shaddy Barakat, his 21-year old wife Yusra Mohammad Abu-Salha, and her 19-year-old sister Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha were shot at their apartment by 46-year-old neighbor Craig Stephen Hicks.

MSA president senior Nadia Abdulwahab said that approximately 25 people attended the campus vigil.

"I was really happy because a lot of the people I didn't know," she said. "I was surprised by the faces I saw ... you don't expect people to really come out to things like this if it doesn't really directly affect them. If you're not Muslim, you might not think 'Oh, this means something to me.'"

In addition to the vigil, MSA and GSJC will host "Discussion on Chapel Hill Shootings and Islamophobia" on Friday Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in Bailey Hall room 102. The event is set to feature political science and international relations professor Nayma Qayum and students who will share personal experiences about being Muslim in America. Following these speeches, the floor will be opened for discussion so students can learn from each other and share their opinions.

"I think the talk is important because people are arguing back and forth," MSA member senior Ramsha Ansari said. "Some agree and some don't agree [on

whether this was a hate crime]. In my opinion, this was definitely a hate crime," senior MSA member Ramsha Ansari said. "If it was not a white male who shot three Muslims, but rather a Muslim who shot three white males, the outcome in the media outlets and how much attention this incident would have gotten would—I can guarantee—would be so much more."

Abdulwahab agreed, explaining that the media only began covering the shooting after people on social media reacted to it. Once the larger media groups began covering it, she expressed that they covered the incident in a biased way.

"When you hear a Muslim doing killings and stuff like that, the first thing you hear, 'Oh it's a Muslim, they're a terrorist,'" she said. "But someone else who's not Muslim or a minority will have people assume that they're mentally ill or they haven't had any [criminal] records in the past, so this isn't a big deal."

According to the Huffington Post, Hicks claimed he murdered the three over a disagreement about a parking space, not due to their religious affiliation.

"Don't try and tell me a parking spot is justifying this act at all," Ansari said. "If a Muslim person had killed three white males over a parking spot, you would hear, 'Terrorism, all Muslims are like this.'"

"You don't think people out there would still believe all those things because ... even sometimes I still think, 'Islamophobia, people still can't be having this type of prejudice against Muslims' but it's still there," Abdulwahab said. "This was kind of a wakeup call." ♦

THE MONITOR

Campus Police Log

Feb. 12 - **Grand Larceny, Petit Larceny**, Newton Hall, 12:54 p.m.

Feb. 13 - **Stalking, Aggravated Harrassment**, Integrated Science Center, 1:44 p.m.

Feb. 16 - **Aggravated Harrassment**, Erie Hall, 9:01 p.m.

Village Police Log

Feb. 9 - **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana**, Center Street, Arrest

Feb. 13 - **Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree**, Meadow Drive, Arrest

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Greeks

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Phi Lambda Chi sorority is one of 20 local Greek organizations on campus. Total Greek membership comprised roughly 23 percent of students in spring 2013. The most recent addition to the group comes this semester with the national Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Discourses have arisen among both national and local Greek organizations regarding what the expansion of Greek life would mean for their individual chapters.

cal organizations,” she said. “They’re very rare and if they are there, it’s probably like 10 people. It’s really rare to have huge local sororities anymore.”

Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternal Life and Off-Campus Services Wendi Kinney worked alongside the college interviewing national fraternities for inclusion at Geneseo. Pi Kappa Phi was selected as a fit for the student population, with a strong reputation and as an alternative to the other three national fraternal organizations at Geneseo: Alpha Chi Rho, Sigma Alpha Mu and Kappa Sigma.

According to Kinney, college policy no longer allows for the recognition of new local Greek organizations, allowing only for the addition of new national organizations. She said this is because local organizations require more administrative support than national organizations, which provide resources to their chapters. For local organizations, more of this backing comes from the college.

“Given the size of Geneseo’s Greek community, all new organizations must be national because they provide an additional layer of support, education, accountability and services to supplement what the college already provides,” Kinney said.

Members of local fraternity Delta Kappa Tau, which has existed at Geneseo since 1871, questioned the college’s decision to increase the number of Greek organizations. They cited a decreased pool of potential new members as a particularly pressing concern.

“We do feel that the school is, in a way, trying to edge out the locals because regardless of whether they’re good or bad, the school can control national organizations by putting pressure on their national charter,” Delta Kappa Tau president senior Ryan Anthony said. “Then the

problem is solved for the school in that end because nationals will take care of it themselves.”

“[Local organizations] play a huge role in what Geneseo is and play a huge role in who comes back and who is active as an alumni on this campus,” Delta Kappa Tau new member educator senior Mike Ackerman added. In an editorial published by *The Lamron* on Feb. 5, Inter Fraternity Council President junior Brandon Gimpleman wrote, “Pi Kappa Phi will attract an entire host of new members who were blackballed from existing fraternities this semester.”

Kinney, however, said that a number of men looking for a national fraternity experience go through the rushing process without finding an organization that they feel is a proper fit for them. Instead of leaving them to affiliate with any national organization—which requires a number of processes both at the national and campus levels but is allowed by fraternal policy—Kinney said the Pi Kappa Phi chapter provides an alternative for those students.

Woody noted that while the increasing number of nationals constitutes a change, it may also constitute increasing growth for Greek life as a whole.

“I think that it’s expanding Greek life and just building up everything,” she said. “I don’t think that it’s impacting locals that much. I think it’s definitely switching from a local campus to more of a national campus. The more Greeks there are, the bigger the Greek community is so it’s not necessarily a bad thing at all.”

“Is it good for Greek life? That’s kind of iffy ... because it hurts recruitment for national and local organizations. But is it good for the school? Is it good for the students, kids that want to be interested but haven’t really found their prime organization? Absolu-

tely it’s great,” Sigma Alpha Mu prior junior Casey Larkin said. “It gives those kids an opportunity to build something from the ground up and to define their own organization.”

According to Kinney, the process of starting a chapter for national fraternities is significantly different from the process for national sororities at state institutions. National fraternities can start a chapter on any public campus, but require compliance from the college for official recognition. She added that national fraternities often approach Geneseo to express interest in starting a chapter due to Geneseo’s high academic caliber within the State University of New York system.

Junior David Lim, who rushed Kappa Sigma in its early period as a colony of the national organization, said that national organizations offer opportunities to students that local organizations don’t.

“It’s not with the purpose to marginalize local organizations but purely because of the fact that there are so many benefits to both the student body as well as the administration that it’s hard to say no [to national Greek organizations],” he said.

Senior Leadership Consultant Andrew Bell and Leadership Consultant Josh Kenney of the Pi Kappa Phi national organization said they accrued 11 members who signed and accepted bids in their first week on campus this semester.

“I think it really should be more of a cohesion between national and local groups. I mean, really all the nationals were local at some point,” Bell said. ♦

Sports editor Taylor Frank and copy editor Megan Tomaszewski contributed reporting to this article.

Geology

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major, especially during the first four semesters. “Students will have to maintain a minimum GPA and stay on track within the major to keep the scholarship,” Laabs said.

“The National Science Foundation gives an opportunity to start scholarships. We proposed this model last summer to the program and they liked it well enough to support it for five years, but we ideally hope to renew it after five years,” Laabs said. “In the first three years, we will be able to accept new scholars, while in the last two, these scholars will just finish with the program implications such as field trips and alumni interaction.”

As far as how to apply to become a scholar in this program, Laabs said, “Since the scholarship program just be-

came official, we don’t have the applications in place yet. However, starting over spring break, students will be able to go to the geological sciences website to learn more about applying.”

Laabs emphasized his hope that the introduction of these scholarships will draw students toward the geosciences.

“We want to see more students joining the major in their freshmen or sophomore year, because, for so many students, geology is a ‘discovery major’ and students don’t join until later in their academic career,” he said. “It then becomes difficult for them to complete all the required classes in four semesters. We want to see students pursue this major early in their schooling and stick with it through graduate school and as careers.” ♦

Bakery

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tables and leather armchairs provide seating for costumers.

“It’s very cool,” senior Lauren Hollasch said. “They kept the old brick, which was unique, yet everything is new, clean and comfortable. The workers were so friendly and gave me recommendations on what to get.”

O’Donnell expressed his excitement toward the opening of Crickets Coffee Company as well, saying he views it as healthy competition that caters to the needs of different customers.

“There is more than enough room on Main Street for baked goods and coffee. Everyone needs a good coffee place, and why not have two,” he said. “I’ve heard great things about them and about us. I think we’ll both be just fine in Geneseo.”

O’Donnell emphasized his optimism regarding the future success of Sweet Arts Bakery as a Main Street business.

“We don’t want it to be a ‘college’ place, we want it to be an ‘everyone’ place,” he said. “We want people to be able to come here and connect, whether it is with their homework, themselves or with a friend.” ♦

Correction: In the Feb. 5 issue of *The Lamron*, the article “Seven students to present projects at Clinton Global Initiative University” stated that 69 schools were admitted into the Clinton Global Initiative. The correct number is 61 schools. Additionally, the article implied that the projects were listed in one general category. Instead, the projects had to fall into one of the five following categories: education, environment and climate change, peace and human rights, poverty alleviation and public health. According to seniors Luciano Scala and Scott Chauncey who will attend Clinton Global Initiative University, admitted students will compete for grants provided by the Resolution Project, but *The Lamron* has not been able to confirm that with representatives from the Clinton Global Initiative.

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STAFF EDITORIAL:

Censorship, white privilege the problem with US history ban

As described by New York Magazine, the new proposed Oklahoma legislation to ban Associated Press United States History from public schools sounds just like a “Colbert Report” sketch. Supporters of the ban believe the current curriculum of APUSH teaches too much about what is “bad” about America, such as slavery and World War II internment camps. In other words, conservative politicians in Oklahoma want to censor true historical content in favor of patriotic brainwashing.

It is a violation of freedom to refuse students this information. American history is not an inappropriate or taboo subject; it is important to learn about one’s own country history in relation to itself and the world. To deny this information to students is blatant censorship, and possibly in violation of freedom of speech. An Oklahoma high school junior said to New York Magazine, “The state can’t say what we can and what we can’t learn.”

This legislation is clearly the act of the white majority. It is incredible that these policies are being created; American history is not even taught as truthfully as it should be. Most of the

“bad” things taught about American history involve racism and imperialism, issues that are taught to be occurrences of the past but are still a very real part of American policy and society.

Students learn about how Native Americans lived, but the massacres of tribes along with the institutional inequality on reservations is just summed up in one Trail of Tears lecture. Legislators in Oklahoma who want to censor these issues are erasing America’s problematic past and encouraging a simplified, white-washed history.

To teach America’s historical problems and mistakes is not anti-patriotic. History is about learning the truth, not hiding it to save the feelings of conservative politicians. One can appreciate the opportunities and privileges offered in this country while acknowledging the difficulties through which they were achieved.

As your eighth grade history teacher probably told you, those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it. Oklahoma legislators are repeating past oppressions by refusing students an enriched education. ♦

Lauderdale lacks promotion of free birth control



TRICIA CREMO
COLUMNIST

Most female students of Geneseo can and should be paying zero dollars for their preferred method of birth control.

Just by filling out a few simple forms available at Lauderdale Center for Student Health & Counseling, one can have access to birth control without paying any out-of-pocket expenses. While this is extremely beneficial to the often-broke college student, the fact that Geneseo has let this free coverage go so incredibly unpublicized is a complete disgrace.

Through New York State’s Family Planning Benefit Program, all females between the ages of 10 and 64 who earn less than \$500 per week—which includes most, if not all college students—are eligible to receive free birth control in the form of pills, injections, patches, diaphragms or interuterine devices—IUDs. Those who qualify for this program can also receive emergency contraceptive services like Plan B and transportation to family planning centers such as Planned Parenthood without paying a cent.

Regardless of where you stand on the pro-life/pro-choice debate, free birth control is a godsend for college-aged females. Each semester in a college student’s career means hundreds of dollars spent on textbooks, thousands of dollars spent on housing and tens of thousands of dollars spent on tuition. Clearly, one need not be reminded of how poor the modern college

student is. Free birth control means one less item on an extremely long list of financial worries.

As a student currently financing myself with a minimum-wage job, I will admit that budgeting for birth control isn’t always easy when the cost of birth control is so high.

For those who have insurance, co-pays for oral birth control—the cheapest form of female birth control—range in price from as low as \$5 per month to as high as \$50 per month. That could add up to over \$600 paid in out-of-pocket expenses per year. Other more expensive methods such as IUDs can cost up to several hundreds of dollars each month.

With the cost of birth control being so high and the cost of not having birth control being even higher, this institution should know better than to not clearly publicize the free birth control offered by the Family Benefit Program.

Sure, the availability of free condoms at Lauderdale is something that a majority of students are probably aware of. But putting the emphasis on free condoms rather than on free birth control for females implies that that safe sex is the responsibility of the male. Advertising the Family Benefit Program across campus would rightfully send the message that both women and men need to make sure that the sex they are having is safe sex, and that they have the power to take care of their bodies.

With condoms and oral birth control available for free at Lauderdale, there is no reason for male and female college students not to be educated about sexual health. I urge all women on campus to take charge of their sexual health by visiting Lauderdale to apply for the Family Planning Benefit Program. ♦

TWEETS
of the
WEEK



“Sending my love to all the lonely Starbucks lovers out there this Valentine’s Day....even though that is not the correct lyric.”

- @taylorswift13

“Dear every TV news program, I don’t know why your weather person has to be outside, but I’ll still believe their forecast if you let them in”

- @CarlinIndie88

“An older woman who dates a younger man is a cougar.. An older man who dates a younger woman is a Tyga”

- @DaRealAmbrRose

Carefree attitude will not help Pope address sexual assault



GRANT KUSICK
ASST. OPINION EDITOR

Despite being Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Christ and head of a monolithic and fantastically rich world superpower, Pope Francis I comes off as humble and endearing. He also appeals to modern sensibilities. He addresses climate change and suggests that maybe gay people and atheists won't all roast in eternal hellfire. If he's the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, there may be hope yet for the retrogressive institution.

Unfortunately, things may not change anytime soon. For all Francis' pretenses of liberalism, absolutely nothing has changed under his tenure. His reputation as the lovable pope won't affect church doctrine, but it may stop the hemorrhaging of Catholics in places like the United States. Francis is the infallible public relations man for a Holy See that has an image problem.

In his latest adorable, supposedly progressive anecdote, Francis quipped that Catholics need not breed "like rabbits." The aftermath of such remarks

has become formulaic. In this instance, a whirlwind of excitement spread as many people speculated that the Pope had just endorsed contraception. The Vatican responded by insisting that he had done no such thing, which, to be fair, he hadn't.

Writing for The New York Times, Frank Bruni described this as, "...the leitmotif that runs through many of [the Pope's] most attention-getting remarks and gestures." It is a pragmatic and effective strategy. "He's not refashioning doctrine; he's reassessing the frequency and stridency with which it needs to be flung at people, especially when it contradicts their experience of the world and undercuts their connection to the faith and the church," Bruni said.

At his heart, Francis is a staunch conservative—it would be impossible and insane for him to be otherwise. But he knows that emphasizing homophobia, abortion and contraception drives people away from the church.

As Cardinal Bergoglio, he responded to Argentina's proposed marriage equality law by asserting, "... at stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance ... At stake is the total rejection of God's law engraved in our hearts."

Yet as Pope Francis, he said, "...If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge them?" The

LGBTQ+ magazine The Advocate proceeded to give him their 2013 Person of the Year award.

Francis is a pope for our world; the world where Catholics are free to leave the Church or free to remain Catholics while ignoring its more unsavory medieval doctrines. According to Gallup, Catholic Americans are more likely than the general populace to condone extramarital sex and both groups have roughly the

same opinions on contraception. Francis' welcoming tone appeals to these members and ex-members of the Church.

The shift to a more welcoming tone does nothing for those really suffering under Catholicism. Light rhetoric doesn't help girls in impoverished parts of Latin America who are expected to remain pure virgins until they become wife-servants in their mid-teens, or those who become pregnant thanks to abstinence-

only "sex ed." It doesn't help boys and men worldwide traumatized by sexual assault.

Francis' efforts are a vast improvement over the willful ignorance of Pope John Paul II, but at this point, retrogressive politics are an unfortunate, but unavoidable aspect of the Roman Catholic Church. For all His Holiness' good will, little is likely to change. So it is for his papacy in general. ♦



GABRIEL BOUYS, POOL/AP PHOTO

While Pope Francis appeals to the masses with his accepting attitude towards social issues, internal problems of the Church have yet to be addressed.

On the double bind Muslims experience in American media



NOLAN PARKER
COLUMNIST

Mainstream media outlets that describe an alleged murderer as a lover of dogs are a problem.

Many news outlets will tell viewers that the suspect who allegedly shot and killed three young Muslim-American college students in Chapel Hill, North Carolina was a normal, caring family man. These claims about a supposed murderer ought not to be pub-

licized for fear that they paint the accused in too favorable a light. One must take into account the media's portrayal of the accused when crafting an opinion on this event.

Three young Muslim-Americans were shot and killed inside their apartment on Feb. 10. The suspect, 46-year-old Craig Hicks, turned himself in shortly after. While authorities initially cited an ongoing parking dispute as the reason for the attack, relatives of the victims and social justice advocates around the world believe the act to be a religious hate crime.

The media has failed to properly report on the massacre, exacerbating the problem of excluding straight, white men from the category of "terrorist." Would the media pro-

vide broader coverage of this story if the victims were white and the shooter was Muslim? The fact that the "#ChapelHillShooting" Twitter hashtag was nine times more popular than hashtag "#MUSLIM-LIVESMATTER" suggests some national cognitive dissonance of shame, sympathy, awareness and exposure.

The fact that this attack is senseless and beyond horrible is obvious. This heinous assault in which three individuals were murdered—reportedly via gunshots to the head—could not have been motivated simply by a parking dispute.

Government investigative forces are currently trying to identify if hate was a motivating factor to the shooting. They have discovered a man

who has expressed a shared hatred for all religions, citing himself as an atheist and a supporter of individual freedoms. Does his reported hatred and mistrust for all religions render that hatred neutral?

The media may discard it in a conversation about Islamophobia because it could be interpreted as anti-religiosity. We should acknowledge that because this type of dialogue surrounds this massacre, there must already be a present issue with hate crimes and religious prejudice in our country that needs to be addressed.

Ultimately, this isn't an issue that involves debating gun laws or criminalizing any conservative or liberal views. There are between five and 12 million Muslims living in America and roughly 1.6 bil-

lion Muslims in the world and our country needs to learn how to make peace with those numbers—and more importantly, those people. Only with greater compassion can we do away with these targeted attacks and the need to politicize tragedies when they do occur. ♦

[Editor's note: The Geneseo Social Justice Clubs will be hosting a discussion on the Chapel Hill Shootings and how they relate to the larger context of Islamophobia on Friday Feb. 20 in Bailey 102. The discussion will be followed by a vigil.]

Amherst policy targets, alienates Iranian students



EMILY HOLDGRUEN
OPINION EDITOR

At a public college where science fields are highly rated, sought-after and respected, it is any wonder why other institutions would prevent diligent students from furthering their science education and acquiring higher knowledge. The only answer could be that these institutions are plagued by ignorant, racist and Islamophobic ideals.

The University of Massachusetts, Amherst recently announced a ban on Iranian national students from physics, engineering and other science

graduate programs. The ban—which has now been rescinded with some conditions—originated from the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.

UMass Amherst released a statement explaining the law “requires that the [United States] Department of State deny visas to Iranian students wishing to engage in certain fields of study related to the energy sector, nuclear science, nuclear engineering or a related field at U.S. colleges and universities.” The fear is that the graduate students may violate U.S. sanctions against Iran—that is, use their degrees and knowledge to create nuclear weapons in the country.

After public backlash, UMass Amherst overturned the ban and announced that individualized study plans for Iranian students will be created in order to comply with the federal law without completely excluding them from

programs. Ultimately, Iranian students will be treated differently than the rest of the school’s students. The individualized study plans alienate them and imply that they may become dangerous with further education.

An Iranian-American graduate of UMass Amherst said to NBC News, “We always felt like an integral part of the university community. Now we’re just kind of confused.” Iranian students should not be treated as potential terrorists in an environment that is supposed to encourage, support and educate them.

It is understood that federal laws are put in place to protect our country and prevent future U.S.-Iranian conflicts. These laws make it less likely that potentially dangerous individuals would attend American schools anyway.

But the plan for Iranian students to be treated differently is shrouded in discrimi-

nation. If dangerous individuals avoid the school, the rest of the hardworking Iranian students will still suffer underneath the different conditions. It is unjust for a group of minority students to receive a censored education when their white American classmates do not. There should be equal education opportunities for all students, regardless of their country of origin.

A law that prevents already-suspicious, problematic persons in the country from obtaining engineering knowledge is a more beneficial and organized system than one that affects and alienates innocent college students. While it is not easy to determine who is a dangerous individual and who is not, implementing policy over an entire group of students is prejudiced and excessive.

America’s institutionalized inequality and discrimination against minorities is,

unfortunately, nothing new. Muslims have many reasons to distrust American society, especially with the increased Islamophobia after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the targeting of certain groups of students from certain countries should not become another reason.

The number of engineering students increases every year and science fields have become more important and popular among students. By limiting Iranian students in these fields based on America’s ignorant fears, we may be imposing limits on future scientists who have the potential to accomplish significant, progressive research for society. ♦

Obama displays concern for student healthcare coverage



ZACHARY KAPLAN
COLUMNIST

President Barack Obama definitely cares about college students.

Obama was recently the star of a BuzzFeed video “Things Everybody Does But Doesn’t Talk About, Featuring President Obama.” Like anything else on BuzzFeed, the clip is clickbait. The video’s content is very much in-step with the vast majority of the site’s content, except for a key distinction.

What sets the president’s piece apart from the rest of video is that the clip does not fit the traditional, delightful meaningfulness often featured in articles such as “The Definitive Rankings of Hipster Baby Names” or “33 Essential

Free Fonts You Need to Download.”

Instead, Obama appeared on BuzzFeed to promote signing up for healthcare under the Affordable Care Act. He does so in a roughly 30-second scene where he struggles to pronounce “February” while toying with a selfie stick. Within that half minute, Obama encouraged viewers to sign up for healthcare at healthcare.gov by Sunday Feb. 15.

Obama has received broad criticism since the video aired. The strongest criticism is that he is debasing the esteem of the American presidency.

The recent BuzzFeed appearance, however, is not the first time Obama has faced condemnation for his methods of promoting healthcare enrollment.

Obama has also appeared on comedian Zach Galifianakis’ web series “Between Two Ferns” and “The Colbert Report” in order to publicize healthcare.gov within the last year.

Even a strong supporter of Obama would have diffi-

culty arguing that these media features have not been the least bit obscure, inane or even somewhat unbecoming of a president. The reality is that Obama’s seemingly foolish media campaigns are not for his supporters. The campaigns, rather, are for those who could care less about what the president does; those who would much rather watch Netflix than read Reuters. They are for many of us college-aged students.

BuzzFeed’s cloud of soft-focus content is a media behemoth that has swallowed the majority of young American digital-periodical readers at more than 69 million unique users as of last July.

Obama’s appeal to these 69 million Americans—which college students are a significant part of—is powerful evidence of his legitimate concern for people our age. The president sincerely cares that young adults obtain healthcare coverage.

While healthcare enrollment had a very direct effect on the President’s success in

past elections, this is no longer the case. During this year’s State of the Union Address, Obama said he has “no more campaigns to run.” While there exists the argument that Obama made a fool of himself on BuzzFeed for the sole purpose of bolstering his presidential legacy, this logic doesn’t make much sense. What these strange appeals really signify is the President’s genuine concern for young Americans.

With FOX News and Hillary Clinton counting every second, Obama will leave the White House in slightly more than 22 months. As Obama’s departure approaches, opinion poll questions regarding his presidential image will transform into questions about his personal image. Some questions will most certainly ask citizens if they feel Obama cares about them. As a college student, I will be answering those pollsters affirmatively. ♦

THE WAY WE SEE IT

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

“Vagina Monologues” embraces female sexuality



SYDNEY BERNARD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Christina Fallon, freshman Rachel Gdula and sophomore Victoria Stevens performed in the “The Vagina Monologues,” which ran Thursday Feb. 12 through Saturday Feb. 14 in the Knight Spot. Women’s Action Coalition sponsors the annual production.

JULIA MORRISON

ASST. ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This Valentine’s Day, there was a lot of talk about vaginas.

In a series of monologues ranging from hilarious to heart-breaking, Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” gave students a lot to think about. Directed by senior Christina Mortellaro and assistant-directed by senior Jane Coons, the show ran from Thursday Feb. 12—Saturday Feb. 14 at the Knight Spot and was sponsored by the Women’s Action Coalition.

“The Vagina Monologues” is a series of stories

told through the interviews of women of all ages and backgrounds. Each interview discusses the women’s relationships with their bodies and sexuality. The topics vary from topical subjects such as tampons to heavy themes including sexual assault and abuse. The ultimate goal of each of the monologues is to empower women by chipping away at the taboo surrounding female anatomy.

Each actress performed with passion and confidence. In a play full of sensitive and difficult topics, the portrayals of each woman’s story were

informative and thought-provoking.

What made this incarnation of the show unique were the backgrounds of the actresses themselves. Many of the women had never acted before, but it wasn’t evident in their performances. They were brought together by the power of these stories rather than by the simple desire to act.

First-time actress junior Beth Wrisley performed in a monologue called “My Angry Vagina.” The monologue discussed the uncomfortable things women have dealt with daily, including tampons,

thongs and visits to the gynecologist. Wrisley explained that she saw the show during her sophomore year and was immediately intrigued. “The monologue that really struck me was the monologue I ended up doing ... I [thought], that is the most amazing, empowering thing I’ve ever seen,” Wrisley said.

The most important aspect of this show is the underlying theme of female empowerment. By discussing issues that nearly all women have faced at some point in their lives, it helps to erode the uncertainty and discomfort some

women feel regarding their own personal experiences. “I like that it’s not just one woman’s story,” Wrisley said. “Every [woman who] goes to the show can probably relate to at least one of the stories.”

Each time the show is performed, the selection of monologues is different—although some, including “My Angry Vagina,” are staples. Introduced this year was “My Short Skirt,” performed by senior Trish Fogarty. The monologue discussed the idea that attire is never an excuse for sexual assault. The

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Local favorite earns Battle of the Bands crown



KENNETH SANTOS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bassist junior Tom Kohn and drummer junior Ben Freiman play in local band Soft Cough. The band competed in and won Battle of the Bands in the College Union Ballroom on Thursday Feb. 12.

ARAN FOX

ASST. ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Friendly competition and rock ‘n’ roll filled the College Union Ballroom on Thursday Feb. 12 for Activities Commission’s annual Battle of the Bands, hosted by Valley Entertainment Music & Comedy.

Seven groups from Geneseo and the wider Western New York area competed for the \$500 first prize voted on by the audience at the end of the night. Each group was allotted a roughly 15-minute set to demonstrate their musical prowess.

The Burning Wales opened the night with soft-rock sounds. The all-freshmen group includes Amanda Saladino, Kazmira Pitzrick, Noah Chichester, Steven Sicari and Adam Ontiveros-Oberg. Led by two acoustic guitars, The Burning Wales played through a pleasantly mellow set.

Following The Burning Wales, sophomore singer Ga-

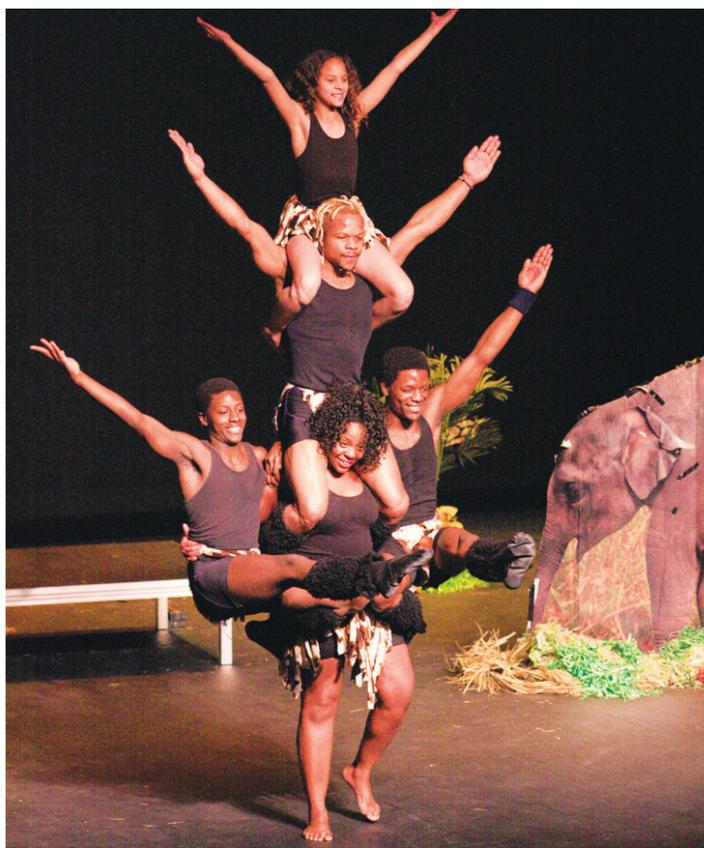
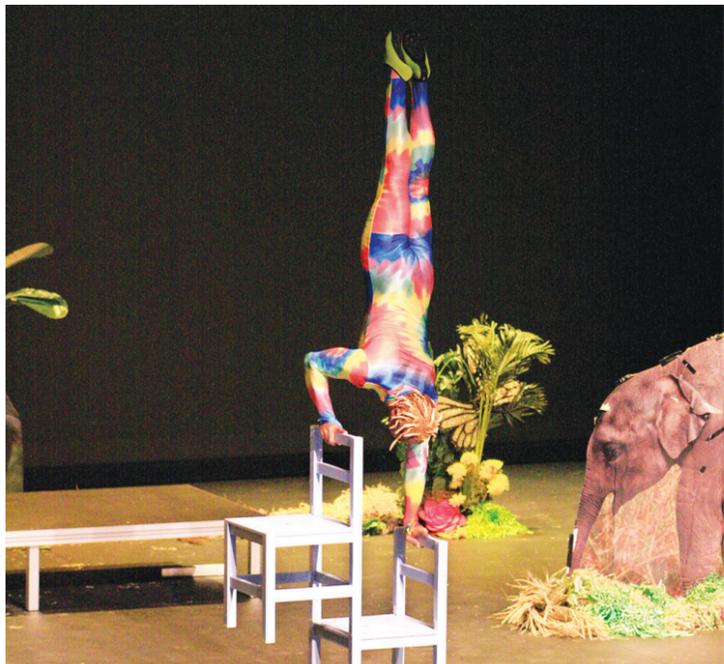
briel Birkby performed pop-rock originals. Originally listed as a solo act, Birkby instead showed up with a drummer and bassist, helping to give his music a fuller sound.

After easygoing sets from The Burning Wales and Birkby, local trio RC3 took the audience by surprise with an explosion of heavy-metal power. Hailing from from Delevan, New York, the band features a drummer-vocalist, power bass and traditional metal-crush guitar. Despite the lead singer’s best efforts to pump up the crowd, the audience remained seated throughout RC3’s set. In a fitting conclusion, RC3 ended its set with a powerful ZZ Top cover. Though the band was very technically sharp, the Geneseo audience never really got behind RC3’s bluesy hard rock.

The first signs of life from the crowd came midway through slackjaw’s set. Audi-

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Acrobats perform authentic circus-style moves



KATI BUCK/ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

The Kenya Safari Acrobats performed in Wadsworth Auditorium on Saturday Feb. 14. The circus acrobatics they performed were African-inspired and reminiscent of Cirque du Soleil.

ANTONIA MARIC

STAFF WRITER

The Kenya Safari Acrobats took the stage on Saturday Feb. 14 in Wadsworth Auditorium. The group acts as an artistic ambassador for Kenya by exploring unique circus-style entertainment.

The show began with an announcement informing the audience members that they were about to embark on a safari in which an American “outsider” would act as a guide. This introduction prepared the audience for a fun and layered outline of several Kenyan circus traditions.

Some of the acts blended humor with simple objects—and with impressive results. One act involved jumping rope. After cracking a few jokes and pretending not to know how to jump rope at all, the performers got down to business. In addition to doing flips, the performers skipped rope while lying down and sitting on one another’s shoulders.

One of the most notable entertainers of the night continuously performed extraordinary handstands. At one point, he stacked a total of five chairs

on top of one another—some upside down, some on an angle—and held a handstand on top of it all. Just as he had put the stack together, he then took it apart one by one. The same performer also did handstands on pedestals, impressively bending his feet over his body to grab a hat and place it on his head.

Some portions of the show were almost painful to watch. One performer lay on a bed of nails while another stood on top of him. While doing the limbo, a performer managed to squeeze underneath the lowest

possible limbo stick. He did so with knives hanging over his head, adding a spirit of anxiety to the stunt.

A few acts were less exciting than the rest. Exhilaration hit a low point when one of the female performers bent several pieces of metal with various parts of her body. This was striking at first, but the act soon grew repetitive and dull.

Although there were a few pitfalls, the night ended on a spirited note. The entire group came together for an energetic finale. Some of the acrobats demonstrated high-flying flips

while others skillfully showed off their human stacking abilities. While one acrobat remained on the ground in a bridge position, the other four members stacked on top of her to make a human pyramid, executing the move without a single slip-up.

This show demonstrated that the Kenya Safari Acrobats are an undoubtedly talented group of performers. Through a series of impressive feats, the group showed off its acrobatic talent as well as its authentic style and humor. ♦

Bands

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KENNETH SANTOS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The 2015 Battle of the Bands competition took place on Thursday Feb. 15 in the College Union Ballroom. A total of seven bands competed to win the title and \$500 prize. Soft Cough won the contest by performing a set largely featuring original songs.

ence members gathered in front of the stage to dance along to the band's fuzzy garage rock. The group is made up of seniors Nathan Kahn and Jacob Kotler on drums and guitar, respectively, with junior Jon Campbell on bass and sophomore Ella Mosco singing lead vocals. After an exciting start to its set, slackjaw energized the audience with a cover Taylor Swift's hit "Blank Space" that had almost everyone in attendance on their feet. In the audience-voted competition, slackjaw seemed to have given

itself the best chance out of any of the first few groups.

Battle of the Bands veterans Red Inc. had the tough task of following slackjaw. Hailing from the University of Rochester, the group brought its best progressive-heavy rock and performed another musically tight set. A highlight of Red Inc.'s set—as well as the competition as a whole—was its funky cover of Stevie Wonder's classic "Superstition."

Soft Cough—who went on to win the competition—drew an even larger crowd

down to the front of the stage than slackjaw. The all-junior band has cemented itself at the center of Geneseo's music scene, playing a set full of originals—songs that are now pleasantly familiar to many. Lead vocal duties shifted depending on the song, with guitarists Nicholas Koithan and Daniel Pugh alternating singing responsibilities. Bassist Tom Kohn and drummer Ben Freiman complete the lineup.

Geneseo band Exile on Court Street closed the night with another strong blues-

rock performance. Sophomores Alex Fantauzzo, Evan Goldstein, Sam Miller, Sean Wraith and Rochester Institute of Technology graduate Mike Paunovksi comprise the group, which boasted a strong musical performance. From spot-on percussion to sharp lead guitar, Exile continues to forge a reputation as one of Geneseo's premier groups on the heels of another outstanding performance.

Despite stiff competition, Soft Cough emerged as the audience's choice for the 2015

Battle of the Bands crown, claiming the \$500 prize. The band was quick to thank the other performers and their friends for coming out to participate in the event. "We're going to pay someone to master our album," Kohn said. After taking home the 2015 Battle crown, Soft Cough looks set to take the next step in releasing a debut album sometime in the near future. ♦

ARTS

OPINION

Kanye West: Jerk or genius?

NIC SORICE
STAFF WRITER

Kanye West may be the most controversial artist in America right now. Between his proclamations of godhood and his interruptions at award shows, it's easy to see why. I believe that West is actually just running the longest and most dedicated performance art experiment of all time—and I don't know why nobody else sees it.

West has been obsessed with the idea of fame and wealth since his debut album *The College Dropout* dropped in 2004. As his status has escalated, so has his obsession. Everything he does is calculated to be an answer to the question, "What would the

biggest rapper in the world do now?"

I don't think anything West does is slapdash or thoughtless. Early controversies like the Taylor Swift fiasco set him on the ground as a fiery jerk. He reaffirmed his giant ego by calling himself a genius, and marrying Kim Kardashian was the jewel in the crown of his pop icon status.

What could establish a musician as an icon more than marrying the empress of empty fame? Back in the day, the biggest rock stars would marry models, but that isn't enough anymore. In order to truly ascend to the realm of the ultra-famous, one has to marry into a powerful family. Reality stars are the new American royalty, and Kardashian is the queen.

West's close-knit friendship with Jay Z and Beyoncé is also well-planned. The other most powerful rapper in the game today and his ultra-powerful wife—who is considered a queen in her own right—are the perfect allies for a man who has decided to be the most iconic in the world.

West has also been hinting at the idea of his carefully-constructed public face more in his live performance. On his Yeezus Tour, West almost never performed without a mask on and he would often do so inside of a glass pyramid, creating a level of detachment from his audience. This may mean that the identity of Yeezy represents yet another mask for West.

I think a lot of this stems from the loss of West's moth-

er, Donda. Every fan knows that West loved his mother very dearly, and her sudden death was absolutely devastating to him. What was more traumatic, however, was the idea that she would be forgotten—and one day, so would he.

So West set to work. He crafted his own superstar personality, calculating every move he would make—from shutting down America's Sweetheart to marrying a plastic queen. The act worked: he's now a universally-recognized icon. A lot of people think West is a jerk, but he might just be a genius after all. ♦

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ALBUM REVIEW:

I Love You, Honeybear

Father John, reincarnated

LUC MAKOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The sophomore album from Father John Misty—also known as Josh Tillman—sets out to answer some questions about FJM and why he chose to leave Fleet Foxes. Titled *I Love You, Honeybear*, the LP was released on Feb. 10. Whether the average Fleet Foxes fan would consider this new album an improvement or not, Tillman's stripped-down authenticity allows him to express what Robin Pecknold would only ever express cryptically.

The very first lines of the album are, "Oh honeybear, honeybear, honeybear, mascara, blood, ash and come on the Rorschach sheets where we make love." This line is an example of molding his folk-influenced authenticity into punk-derivative brutality.

Unlike punk, however, FJM's music retains a polished baroque craft as a reminder of his beginnings. Songs like "Chateaux Lobby #4 (in C for Two Virgins)" and "When You're Smiling and Astride Me" feature numerous stringed instruments, which are commonly attributed to Tillman's own indie-folk niche.

On the ironically titled "The Ideal Husband," Tillman sings of bad habits and poor decisions in a somewhat classic-rock style; the speaker being capable and unafraid of self-reflection. Part of this, however, is revealed as a misdirected desire to change as he asks his girlfriend to put a "baby in the oven."

"True Affection" is reminiscent of Animal Collective, representing new territory for Tillman. It weaves a tapestry of

electronic samples underneath a playful vocal melody.

Through all of this, we know that Tillman isn't losing himself to his new freedom because he still stays true to his musical origins. This isn't a Johnny Rotten-reminiscent caricature gone mad with power, but the actual artist as a person, and that reality gives his harshness a sharpened edge.

Another aspect of Tillman's music that has survived the change is the concept of existential questioning through the act of searching. Every song on *I Love You, Honeybear* tells of an exhausting uncertainty and spiritual dissatisfaction within the minds of the lost and crestfallen.

Understanding the most standout track "Bored in the USA" is essential to understanding what this album accomplishes. Comprised of just piano and vocals, it takes on a confessional air with lyrics describing peoples' bodies as strangers to themselves. This strangeness where there should be familiarity brilliantly parallels the speaker's relationship to his lover, which is reduced to a dream of "a passionate obligation to a roommate."

"Bored in the USA" functions so well here because it conspires with the rest of the album. It is the ironic search for meaning by discarding all that is meaningless, just to have nothing left in the end.

After that degree of bitterness, the relatively dull final track "I Went to the Store One Day" feels like a happy ending. As the speaker casually lists off dreams and memories to his honeybear, it seems that FJM considers it appropriate to accept meaninglessness and a lack of consequence as good thing in and of themselves. ♦

ARTS

OPINION

Is Holmes museum too fandom-friendly?

LEA KARNATH
STAFF WRITER

The Museum of London is currently hosting the exhibit "Sherlock Holmes: The Man Who Never Lived and Will Never Die." Here, the character of Sherlock Holmes is portrayed not simply as a literary figure, but as an icon at the center of a multifaceted fandom—and that's a good thing.

Scottish author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic character of Sherlock Holmes first appeared in print in 1887 and remains an alluring character to this day. The character has been continually reimagined and reinvigorated over the decades, sparking ideas for numerous books, movies and television adaptations, including the hit BBC television series "Sherlock." The character's astounding logical reasoning skills intrigue many fans, as does his arrogant demeanor.

Although some people may argue that the new exhibit fails to adequately honor Sherlock Holmes's literary beginnings, I believe that it is simply in keeping with modern times. It neglects to include the original manuscripts as its central feature, but instead incorporates a multitude of visual components including paintings, postcards, maps, photographs and archival films. I think the Museum of London chose wisely by intertwining various forms of media to give Internet Age museum-goers the opportunity to delve into the mysterious mind of Sherlock Holmes.

The exhibit also showcases rare illustrations by Sidney Paget, the man who created Sherlock Holmes's original look which consists of a cape and deerstalker cap. Paget's illustrations have heavily influenced contemporary interpretations of the detective. Early film, photography, paintings and original Victorian-era artifacts, aim to reconstruct many of the London locations mentioned in the famous series.

The museum's visitors can also see the first lines of a Sherlock Holmes story and watch the evolution of the character through video montages that explore his layered personality as well as his complex critical thinking process. These various components allow Doyle fans and Tumblr bloggers alike to ruminate on the traits that have come to define such a celebrated character.

"Sherlock Holmes: The Man Who Never Lived and Will Never Die" will prove fascinating for fans of Sherlock Holmes movies, books and TV series alike. This moody, mysteriously cloaked character has stood the test of time, and I'm sure he will keep evolving as people continue to be fascinated by his unique personality and extraordinary mind. ♦

Vaginas

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SYDNEY BERNARD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This cast of "The Vagina Monologues" includes many first-time actresses. Women's Action Coalition puts on a different version of the show each year.

story felt extremely relevant in a society that still victim-blames and shames women for wearing what they want.

The stories were, at times, hard to hear—the actresses discussed subjects that can be extremely traumatic and difficult to talk about. This play, however, attempted to remove the stigma from these subjects

and create an open discussion. The atmosphere at the beginning of the show was slightly uncomfortable; the audience seemed on edge. As the play progressed, however, a bond was seemingly formed as audience members shared laughs as well as a few tears.

"The Vagina Monologues" is an important tradition at

Geneseo. The show appeals to a broad audience and allows women to have their stories heard. Regardless of their gender, all students can appreciate the raw emotion and passion each actress brings to the stage. ♦

"Saul" premiere does alright sans Walter White

CLAYTON SMITH / STAFF WRITER

"Breaking Bad" addicts can finally relax. AMC aired the premiere of "Better Call Saul," a spinoff of the 16-time Emmy Award-winning show, on Feb. 8. The new series focuses on criminal lawyer Saul Goodman, first introduced to "Breaking Bad" viewers as the frenzied owner of a strip mall law office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Acting as both a prequel and a sequel of sorts, the pilot covered a large span of time—ranging from before Goodman met the infamous Walter White until well after the events of "Breaking Bad" were over.

The opening scene is set in a mall Cinnabon, with Goodman—portrayed by Bob Odenkirk—working as a balding manager lazily going through the motions of his day. Set to a slow-paced oldie and filmed in black and white, the unusual start of the episode had me wondering if I was even watching the right show.

Luckily, it seems that creator Vince Gilligan has his fingerprints all over this series and won't soon abandon the disorienting camera angles and disjointed editing choices that defined "Breaking Bad." After viewers got a dark glimpse of what the future held for James McGill—Goodman's former name—they were taken right back to the lawyer's pre-"Breaking Bad" days. Most of the episode followed the desperate lawyer as he used deception to win new clients and muddle through life.

Historically, many spinoffs have proven to be half-baked. Without the fascinating antihero that was Walter White to hold it up, this new offering could easily be in danger of failing to stand on its own two legs. Based on this pilot's solid production and Odenkirk's welcome return, however, "Better Call Saul" seems poised to do its parent series justice. ♦

KNIGHTS' LIFE

Keeping up with what students are doing at Geneseo

Invasion of Campus hula-hooper finds Privacy simple joys in life

EMILY RAMIREZ
KNIGHTS' LIFE EDITOR

Math and French double major sophomore Benjamin Spaid is known on campus for performing hula-hoop at various events. Spaid began practicing in eighth grade at his middle school's talent show. He explained that his passion stems from when he decided to borrow hula-hoops to perform.

"I asked if I could borrow them and they said I could borrow as many as I wanted," Spaid said. "I just never returned them." Now an impressive performer, Spaid noted that when he first started, he watched a lot of YouTube videos on hula-hoop tutorials and became self-taught.

Spaid said that while he is at home on breaks in Naples, New York, he practices hula-hoop for at least an hour every day. He said he views hula-hooping as an expressive art form that he practices as a hobby. "It's like meditation in its own way, you can retreat into it," Spaid said. "It helps you express yourself and it's also really good for you."

Although hula-hoop is oftentimes mocked for being a children's activity, Spaid said it's not only for kids. "People think it's just a kid's toy," he said. "Even if

it is, I've never seen someone try it and not have fun with it."

According to Spaid, there are many different forms of hula-hooping, including circus hula-hoop, dance hula-hoop and regular hula-hoop. Spaid explained that he participates most frequently in circus hula-hoop, as he views it as more of a "performance art."

FAVORITES

PIE: Pumpkin
DIVE: Reverses
SINGER: Ke\$ha
AUTHOR: Cornelia Funke
SUBJECT: Math

"I think I'm more of a circus hula-hooper, which is more of a spectacular thing," Spaid said. He added that hula hoop is an art form that "is all about flows and transitions; being the hula-hoop."

In pursuit of a profession that practices hula-hooping, Spaid said how he originally wished to join a circus. "My junior and senior year of high school, I wanted to join a circus and that was the debate for me. Clearly, college won out," he said. "Now, I can do it at talent shows or maybe start a hula-hoop club. I would like to

perform for the rest of my life, but I don't know if it'll ever be a main thing."

Spaid said that he now aspires to becoming an optometrist and is on a pre-med track. "I remember my senior year, my mom would randomly throw an occupation at me," he said. "One day, we were driving home and she was like, 'Ben you should be

an eye doctor,' and as I thought about it, it sounded like something I could do."

In his free time, Spaid enjoys speaking and reading in French and also works as a lifeguard at the Myrtle A. Merritt Athletic Center.

Aside from practicing French and lifeguarding, Spaid is also a diver on the Geneseo swim team. His first encounter with diving was in eighth grade as well. "I've had some pretty bad smacks like belly flops," he said. "You hit the water and as soon as you get out you have bruises and welts."



PHOTO COURTESY OF BENJAMIN SPAID

Sophomore Benjamin Spaid began hula-hooping in middle school and has been practicing ever since. While he chose not to pursue a career in hula-hooping, he hopes to maintain the hobby for the rest of his life.

Spaid will be competing at the SUNYAC meet at Erie Community College in Buffalo from Wed. Feb. 18—Saturday Feb. 21. Spaid noted that his favorite dive is the reverse dive pike, where two major flips are performed.

Hula-hoop plays a large part of Spaid's life; he encouraged people looking for a new hobby to pursue it. "If you're having a bad day, you can just go out and hula-hoop and feel so much better," he said. ♦

Junior Amanda Felli continues Geneseo family legacy



ZOE FINN/PHOTO EDITOR

Junior Amanda Felli, above, is the third generation in her family to attend Geneseo. The legacy began in 1938 with her great-grandmother Eve Saxton, pictured to the right.

MAYA LUCYSHYN
KNIGHTS' LIFE EDITOR

Most students here can attest to the fact that their parents influenced their college decisions, but few have a family legacy like that of junior Amanda Felli. Begin-

ning with her great-grandmother in 1938, Felli is the third generation of women in her family who has attended Geneseo.

"My first thought was Geneseo because my family went here," Felli said. "They really encouraged me to apply." Her



father—the only one in four generations who didn't attend Geneseo—had encouraged her to go to his alma mater of Alfred University. Felli, however, ended up choosing Geneseo due to her desire to pursue a communication major.

"My passion [is] really more with media and writing," Felli said. She has returned to school after receiving an associate's degree in new media from Finger Lakes Community College.

Felli's field of study also sets her apart from her grandmother, grandfather and great-grandmother, who all majored in education. Her great-grandmother Eve Saxton and grandmother Mary Jane Lloyd majored in elementary education, while her

grandfather Gary Lloyd received a masters in education after getting his B.A. in biology from Syracuse University.

Felli explained that she was aware that her descendants had attended college here, but did not receive tangible proof until she was already enrolled. She ended up going to Doty Hall, where a secretary assisted her in finding the 1938 yearbook that depicted her great-grandmother. Felli noted that seeing her great-grandmother's picture moved her to tears.

"My great-grandmother passed away ... when I was 15, so she was really influential to me and inspiring," Felli said. "I feel like she's kind of with me here."

Felli—who commutes all the way from Corning, New York—maintained that she chose to come to Geneseo due to its communication program but acknowledged that her great-grandmother did play a role in her decision.

"We were really, really close," Felli said. "So when I saw the opportunity for Geneseo, I don't know what drew me here, but [I feel like] she drew me here. I wanted to come here basically for her."

Saxton actually wrote for *The Lamron* during her time here, foreshadowing Felli's even-

tual communication major with a concentration in media and journalism. Saxton graduated to become the principal of a New York public school. Likewise, Felli's grandparents both became high school teachers after graduating.

Felli explained that her grandmother even came with her to orientation weekend and reminisced about the campus while she looked around. Felli added that Lloyd had flashbacks seeing older buildings and expressed excitement over the brand new Integrated Science Center building. "She said she remembered the squirrels," Felli said. According to Lloyd, the campus has not changed much since her time here.

Felli noted that her family history affects the way she approaches her academics at Geneseo, as she is profoundly inspired by her grandparents and great-grandmother.

"I was really shocked by my great-grandmother because not many women went to college in 1938," Felli said. "I think it drives me a lot just because knowing my great-grandmother, my grandmother and my grandfather all went here ... I feel like I have to make them proud—it's their alma mater." ♦

Riviera debuts with Valentine's Day Gala



SEAN RUSSELL/ASSOC. PHOTO EDITOR

The Riviera Theater held one of its first public events since being renovated, the Valentine Gala, on Saturday Feb. 14. Hosted by St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, this event boasted food, music and a screening of the movie *An Affair to Remember*. All proceeds were donated to the parish.

SARAH PRAY

ASST. KNIGHTS' LIFE EDITOR

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish hosted a "Valentine Gala" event on Saturday Feb. 14 in order to celebrate the long awaited reopening of the Riviera Theater while raising money to benefit the church. The resulting ticket sales were astounding—selling 170 tickets at \$50 each for a total of \$8,500. Attendees were both members of the parish and the Geneseo community, and all were eager to get back into the recently reborn theater.

"It is Valentine's Day, you are in the Riviera, and no, you

are not dreaming," emcee and Geneseo adjunct instructor of Latin and Faculty Fellows for International Programs Wes Kennison said. "In the minds of the people who have lived here their whole lives, the Riviera is a place of legend."

The evening began with cocktails and dinner stations catered by the Village Tavern. "The food was great," Kennison said. "The catering company did a great job." As everyone ate, stories about the old Riviera seemed to be one of the main topics of conversation.

"My mother-in-law's job when she was 10 years old used

to be to carry the advertisements across the stage at the intermission of the films," Kennison said. Many people in attendance had similar stories connected to the venue's past.

After dinner came remarks from Riviera owner Don Livingston. Based off of a single photograph, Livingston and his team sought to recreate the Riviera with as much historical accuracy as possible. He spoke of how his team was able to refurbish many of the original fixtures, from seats to the movie screen. This effort was reflected in the "old-time" movie theater ambiance of the night—from

the smell of house-made popcorn to the green walls trimmed in gold.

After Livingston spoke, there was a screening of the 1957 film *An Affair to Remember* starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. In an age where we can get any song or movie we want in seconds, we may have found ourselves at a point where we are starving for a connection to our entertainment.

"The community craves live entertainment," Kennison said. "It's always better when the ambiance is the laughter of your friends."

The night then came to a close with dessert, marking the beginning of a new era of entertainment for the Geneseo community.

With the abundance of food options as well as its central location, the theater will hopefully be able to again promote this community atmosphere. Events such as film screenings are just the beginning of what is in store for the Riviera. Efforts from the student population of Geneseo to promote local musical talent have also been expressed.

"The sky is the limit in terms of the imagination of the community," Kennison said. ♦



STUDY ABROAD



Exploring South Africa

REBECCA MILLER

STAFF WRITER

I knew I wanted to take English classes related to my major when the time came for me to study abroad, so the obvious choice for a semester program seemed to lie in England or Ireland. But when I looked over the cost sheets, the price range was definitely too large for my budget. I began to feel discouraged; it had been my plan for a long time to study abroad in college.

Luckily, a conversation with a study abroad advisor changed my mind. She suggested a program I hadn't considered: Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa. At first, like many Geneseo students would be, I was wary because I knew very little about South Africa besides the history of apartheid. I picked the program anyway, however, and I was en route to South Africa by July of 2013.

It was the right choice. For around five months, I lived in an

all-girls dorm called Beit House and took classes on the Rhodes campus. I ate in the dining hall with South Africans from around the country, and we got to know one another over plates of *vetkoeks* and meat pies. Oh, and we drank plenty of *rooibos* tea. The temperature was generally around 70 degrees, and it wasn't uncommon to see students strolling barefoot around the brick-laid pathways of campus.

Life was slower and sunnier than it is here in Geneseo, but my classes were fascinating. Imagine reading William Faulkner in a South African classroom, listening to an Afrikaans professor emotionally reciting a poem from the Boer Wars or watching theater students act in multi-lingual plays about apartheid. I was constantly surrounded by different languages—IsiXhosa clicks, rolled Afrikaans "r" s and English "Cheers!" all in unison in one room.

In my spare time, I explored the small city of Grahamstown. The town was a mixture of people,



PHOTO COURTESY OF REBECCA MILLER

After reconsidering trips to European countries, senior Rebecca Miller chose to attend a program in South Africa. This change of plans resulted in a singularly enriching and educational experience for Miller.

activities, grocery stores, street markets and Indian restaurants all separated by just a few blocks. On the weekends, I would visit the beautiful beaches where you could watch whales jump in the distance, or I would go on cheap drive-yourself safaris with other exchange students. On some of these rides, I saw elephants, zebra, lions, rhinos, hippos and other game animals such as kudu and springboks.

Over spring break, we went on a 10-day drive to visit Cape Town via the famous Garden Route, which traces the southern coast of South Africa. While in Cape Town, we visited Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned and took a gondola up Table Mountain. We drove to the Cape of Good Hope, saw penguins at Boulders Beach, and went on a wine tour in Stellenbosch.

Returning home was bitter-sweet. I still miss the friends I made at Rhodes, and in winter weather I miss studying outside in the sun. What made the transition back easier was becoming a study abroad mentor here at Geneseo. I get to tell my story and encourage other students to find their own journey toward study abroad. ♦

The Frugal Foodie: Souper Duper

LAUREN GRANT

STAFF WRITER

While the cold weather may bring to mind pleasant thoughts of cuddles or fun outdoor activities, it can get old fairly quick. There is nothing particularly fun about being in physical pain when your face freezes with the icy air; neither is the thought of having to wear three or more layers outside in order to survive. So how are you supposed to get the most out of this extremely cold, winter season? Make soup, of course!

Besides being a cheap meal, soup is something that can be made quickly and easily. After a long day of trying your hardest to evade the horrors of winter, you can look forward to a bowl of warm, delicious soup—and possibly an episode or season of your favorite TV series.

Chicken Tortellini Soup for One

Ingredients:

1/4 can (a little less than four ounces) chicken broth
1/4 cup water
1 1/2 ounces skinless chicken breast, cut into small cubes
1/4 cup frozen mixed vegetables of choice
About one ounce cheese tortellini, pre-cooked
1/4 celery stalk, thinly sliced
A dash of pepper, garlic salt and dried oregano
1/8 teaspoon dried basil

Directions:

In a medium saucepan, bring broth and water to boil. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes on reduced-heat setting. Add remaining ingredients and cook for 10-15 minutes longer or until chicken is no longer pink and vegetables are tender. Enjoy!

Tomato Basil Parmesan Soup

Yields: about two servings

Ingredients:

3/4 cup canned diced tomatoes with juice
Two tablespoons finely diced celery
Two tablespoons finely diced carrots
A dash of dried oregano
1/2 cup vegetable broth
One tablespoon flour
Two tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
A pinch of black pepper
1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/8 tablespoon dried basil
One tablespoon butter
1/4 cup whole milk
1/8 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Heat vegetable oil in medium-sized pot and add celery and carrots and sauté for about five minutes. Add basil, oregano, tomatoes and vegetable broth and bring to a boil. Once boiling, reduce to a simmer until carrots are tender, about 10-15 minutes.

In a small sauce-pan, melt butter over low heat and then add flour, stirring constantly for about five minutes. Slowly add this mixture to soup pot.

Let mixture simmer until soup begins to thicken. Add parmesan cheese and whisk until blended. Stir in whole milk, salt and pepper and allow to simmer for 10-15 minutes stir occasionally. Enjoy!

Easy-Peasy Vegetable Soup for One

Ingredients:

One tablespoon olive oil
1/8 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup peeled and chopped carrots
1/2 celery stalk, chopped
1/2 clove garlic, minced
1/2-3/4 can of vegetable broth
1/4 cup canned of diced tomatoes and juice
About 1/2 peeled and diced potato
A dash of dried parsley and thyme
Three tablespoons frozen green beans
1 1/2-2 tablespoons frozen corn
Two tablespoons frozen peas
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a medium soup-pot over medium heat. Add onions, carrots and celery and sauté for about three minutes, then add garlic and sauté for 30 seconds longer. Pour in vegetable broth, tomatoes, potatoes, parsley and thyme. Add salt and pepper to taste and bring soup to a boil. Add green beans. Reduce heat to low, cover pot and let simmer until potatoes are tender, about 20-30 minutes. Add corn and peas and cook about five minutes longer. Enjoy! ♦

CLASS PROFILE

Real World Geneseo works outside classroom



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN NORMAN

The experimental course Real World Geneseo gives students a chance to learn about and discuss issues such as racism and class divisions in an unconventional manner. Instead of working solely in a classroom, the course includes a retreat, various volunteer programs and immersion experiences.

ERICA DALTON

STAFF WRITER

MTV's "Real World," a reality show that most members of the millennial generation are familiar with, depicts the dramatized experiences of young adult strangers thrown together as roommates. This contrived spectacle is entertaining, but not so intellectually rewarding.

Fortunately for any Geneseo students craving a constructive exploration of contemporary society, XLRN 201: Real World Geneseo is offered here. In contrast with MTV's "Real World," this extended learning course instructed by professor and Executive Assistant to the President Becky Glass is a refreshingly honest scrutiny of the ills afflicting our current social system.

This class serves as juxtaposition to the superficial reality television culture flooding our media. Its purpose is to engage students in learning about issues of social injustice so they are empowered to go out into the world—yes, the real world—and implement positive change.

"Real World Geneseo is a multi-dimensional learning experience in which students explore diversity of all kinds and its relationship to power and privilege," Glass said in an email interview.

The class holds seminars featuring speakers such as Director of the Livingston County Office for the Aging Kaaren Smith, who explained the country's problem of ageism on Monday Feb. 16. Ageism, she noted, is a "hidden epidemic" beseeching social reform. She discussed the need for an improved federal system for the elderly in important arenas including medical care, financial security and abuse prevention. Through examining such societal ailments, RWG aims to raise awareness and inspire positive social transformation.

Glass described her class as threefold: a retreat, seminars and projects. She explained that these components provide the optimal experience for students. Held in Rochester over Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend, the retreat involved team-building activities designed to unite the students through trust. This al-

lows for a safe setting where members feel comfortable talking about the provocative topics and sharing their own opinions and experiences.

At the seminar, seniors Taryn Burris and Andre Doeman shared their newfound passion concerning social responsibility. Expressing excitement for the course, they were both adamant about the significance of the retreat. They emphasized that without the retreat, the class setting would not have been as comfortable.

During the semester, students are introduced to specific problems such as ageism, gender roles, various forms of discrimination, economic class division, sexual orientation, religion and blanketing phobias including Islamophobia and homophobia. The course concludes with a service learning project for students to constructively apply their understanding.

"Real World Geneseo has won both regional and national awards for the transformative educational experience that it offers each cohort of students who participate," Glass said. ♦

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G-spot

The down-low on going

ZOE FINN
PHOTO EDITOR

Fellatio, cunnilingus, going down—the National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior has collected data that shows that more than half of women from the ages of 18-39 had given or received oral sex in the 90 days prior to the survey. More than half of men aged 18-39 had also received and given oral sex in the 90 days previous to the survey. So why do we have such a hard time talking to our partners about it if most of us are 'going down'?

A taboo exists where it is unpopular to use protection during oral sex. As it turns out, however, many sexually transmitted infections are passed around orally. About 7.1 percent of males aged 20-24 have caught an STI and 13.4 percent of females aged 20-24 have caught an STI.

Many people think that having oral sex without condoms or den-

tal dams provides the partner with more pleasure, but in my opinion, a one-night stand that you don't know well won't necessarily be pleasurable anyway.

If you decide that going down on your partner is absolutely imperative to do without protection, there are some things you should make sure of first. For instance, be open with your partner and ask them if they have been tested for STIs. If they do not want to answer the question, you have some thinking to do—maybe you don't want to participate in sexual acts with someone who is embarrassed to talk about their past or believe that they are immune to STIs.

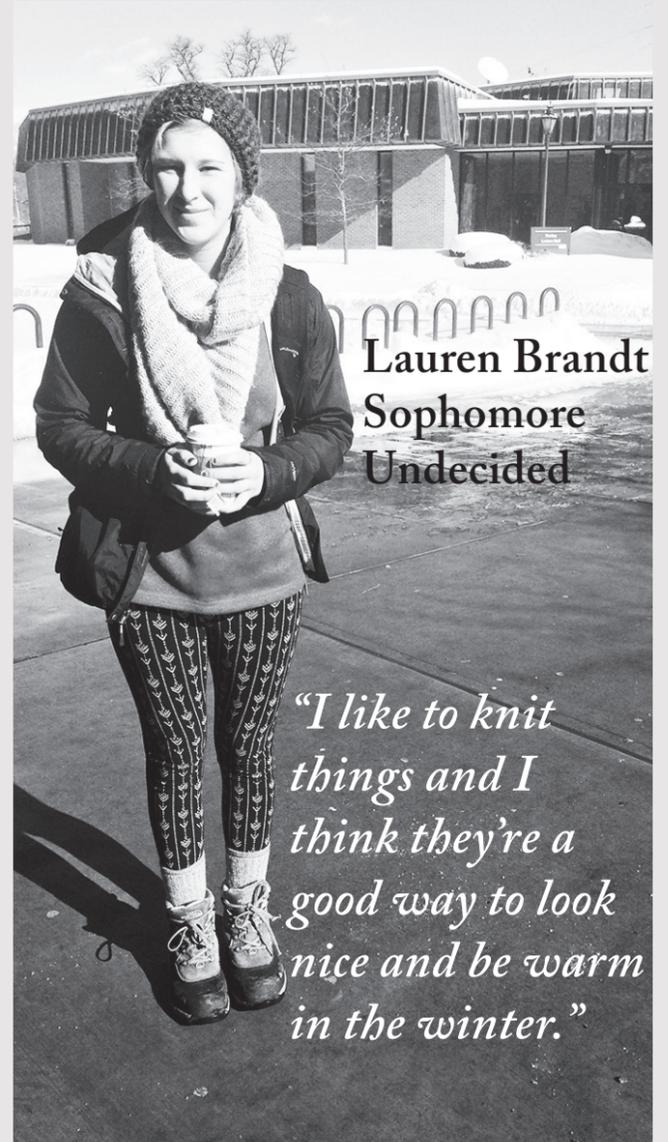
Another thing to think about is that when you are having sex with someone without protection, you are coming in contact with everyone who has had contact with that person's genitals. Oral sex may take you upwards of 20 minutes, but the herpes virus lasts a lifetime. Oral herpes can turn in to genital herpes

from a simple cold sore you get when the seasons change.

We don't think about the what-ifs when we're in the heat of the moment. Some may say it's a turn-off to ask the important questions, but all of us have it on our minds the next morning. This causes anxiety and feelings of doubt, especially when you have not known your sexual partner for more than a few hours.

In our college years, it is so important to take a step back when engaging in fellatio, cunnilingus and going-down. Our hook-up culture leads us to believe that we are impervious to STIs and that it's "not a huge deal" if you go down on someone and never see them again. You cannot, however, misread the data that about 1 in 10 people ages 20-24 have contracted an STI, and that person may not even know it at the time of your hook-up. Be conscious, responsible and respectable to your body. If not, you may become another statistic. ♦

Outfit of the Week



Lauren Brandt
Sophomore
Undecided

"I like to knit things and I think they're a good way to look nice and be warm in the winter."

THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

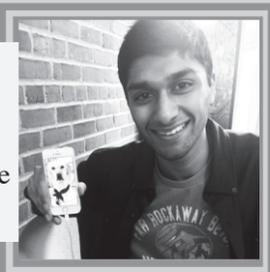
"Why is your dog the best dog?"

Kimmy Smith
Sophomore
Childhood Ed/Special Ed and Spanish
"He's like a living stuffed animal."



Thomas Bertoldini
Freshman
Spanish and Business
"I don't actually like my dogs."

Vythand Alaggappan
Junior
Biology
"She's silly and smart at the same time, she's the cutest."



Seth Klemenich
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Women's basketball extends winning streak



KATI BUCK/ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

Senior guard Biz Reinhardt posts up a SUNY Oneonta defender on the way to a 65-52 win. The Knights have clinched home-court advantage throughout the SUNYAC Tournament.

BILLY BURNS
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Senior night is a big deal in the world of high school and collegiate athletics. It is the accumulation of four year's worth of blood, sweat and tears put into creating a successful

team. The Geneseo women's basketball team honored its five seniors for their careers and contributions to the program on Saturday Feb. 14.

Along with a lengthy list of accomplishments, the seniors were introduced to the crowd, after which they hugged

their teammates and were met by their families at half court. They held up photos from their time at Geneseo and a photo of the team. It was a special moment for all in attendance.

When this group of graduating seniors first walked on campus four years ago, none of them knew each other well. Senior captains forward Shannon McGinnis and guard Biz Reinhardt had actually met at an All-Star game in Rochester, but for the most part, the teammates came in alone. The seniors were all quick to emphasize that their success on the court can be attributed to how close they have become.

"Even though it was senior night and we were getting recognized for all of our accomplishments, it was more about spending that game with my seniors and celebrating all we have done in four years," McGinnis said. "It still has not hit me yet that I only have a few weeks left playing with people who have been a big part of my time at Geneseo."

The Knights defeated SUNY Oneonta 65-52 to notch their 12th straight victory, but it wasn't as decisive of a victory as many of the wins this season. At the half, Geneseo only led 28-26, but was able to

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Track successful at national meet

JAMIE LEVINE
STAFF WRITER

At the Valentine Invitational, the Geneseo men's and women's track and field teams both put up a good showing, with athletes from both teams breaking school records and putting up personal best times on Friday Feb. 13 and Saturday Feb. 14.

With over 3,000 athletes at the meet, the Knights did a great job of standing out against the crowd and making sure that they competed to the best of their abilities at Boston University. With school records from multiple athletes, the Knights made sure that they put themselves in a good position going toward the SUNYACs.

The sprinters who were at the Valentine Invitational had a lot on their plates. With such a large meet, it was going to be tough for them to concentrate on their select event and the lead up to it—3,000 athletes is a lot of athletes. But the Knights were able to keep their heads together and to put up some of the best numbers of their lives, breaking school records and personal bests all weekend.

Senior Kristen Gottstine broke the school record for the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.66 seconds, while the women's 4x400 team also broke the school record. That team consists of senior Keira Wood, junior Kylie Ryan and freshmen runners Lauren Bamford and Madelyn Schwartz. There were also many times that came

very close to beating the school records, times that are good enough for the runners that posted them to be proud of them. Junior Michael Segelin, sophomore Austin Donroe and senior David Layman all posted the second, third, and fourth best times in school history for the 200-meter dash.

With most of the sprinters going to the Valentine Invitational, the rest of the athletes took the opportunity to prove themselves at the Cornell University Sunday Invitational. Sophomore thrower Zerrick Barlow ended up placing fourth in the weight throw.

"[Barlow] is a first-year track and field athlete, so for him to come out and be this good this quickly is great," head coach Chris Popovici said. "For him to come out after never throwing before six weeks ago and now he's beating half the conference, that's an impressive thing to see." Senior thrower Elyssa Slawinski came in sixth place in the shot put, good enough to give her a cushion for the conference meet coming up in two weekends.

Now that the hefty part of the regular season is almost at a close, the Knights can begin to look ahead to the conference meet in two weeks that will decide who wins the conference championships. With such stellar performances this weekend, the Geneseo track and field teams can be confident in their ability to go to SUNYACs and to be better than the rest, and to be able to take home the title. ♦

Kentucky looks to run table after record start

BILLY BURNS
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Kentucky has a long-standing tradition of being one of the most dominant programs in college basketball history. With eight national championships and a ninth on the horizon, the Wildcats could go down this season as one of the greatest teams to hit the hardwood.

Ten players on the roster are the height of 6'6" or over, with two seven-footers to compile one tall team. That team is off to a 26-0 start—the best in school history—and it shows no signs of slowing down. The Wildcats have won their games by an average of over 21 points, which is the best in Division I. Kentucky was the only team that held a National Basketball Association pro day at the beginning of the season, when NBA scouts came to Kentucky's workout facility for two days

and examined all the players on the team—each of whom is currently capable of playing on an NBA team.

The pressing question the college basketball world wants to know, however, is who can beat Kentucky? Will they lose in one of their last five regular season games? Will they lose in the Southeastern Conference Tournament? Maybe even get upset by an underdog in the NCAA Tournament?

For now, however, UK is rolling with no signs of slowing down. What makes the team so special is the ability to put any of its players in the game at any given time to a positive end. Head coach John Calipari is well aware of this, saying, "It wasn't substitutes [that won us the game], it was reinforcements."

Kentucky started the season with a "platoon" system where every five minutes, five

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University of Kentucky head coach John Calipari and freshman guard Tyler Ulis talk on the sidelines during a Kentucky victory. The Wildcats are 26-0, the best start in the history of the program.

How to fix NBA All-Star Weekend



JAE C. HONG/AP PHOTO

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James dunks during the National Basketball Association All-Star Game. The event has become stale in the eyes of many fans.

JAMIE LEVINE
STAFF WRITER

The National Basketball Association All-Star Weekend is an annual event that always seems to captivate even though nothing new ever really happens.

The same players always make the rosters, the events that take place before the actual game never really excite me anymore and the NBA on TNT crew never ceases to amaze me with its ability to talk about absolutely nothing. I love Charles Barkley as much as the next guy, but you can only talk about how great LeBron James is in so many ways.

There needs to be some more change to the formula. Maybe stop trying to have it so organized, get rid of the fan voting, go with the flow—just something. NBA commissioner Adam Silver seems like he is a man who is very open to new ideas, and a few ideas is what All-Star Weekend needs.

One of the big things that gets me every year is that the same stars are always invited. Sometimes, this does make sense. As long as James is in the league, he will most likely be playing at a high enough level to deserve a spot in the All-Star game. But Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant

is a different story—he hasn't even played at all this season. He's been on the bench since mid-January and only played 35 games before shutting down due to injury. His numbers this year were lower than in the past—averaging 22.3 points per game and 5.6 assists. These are still good numbers, but it's not what we've come to expect from one of the greatest to ever play.

Do you want to know the reason that Kobe was a member of the all-star team this year? Two words: fan vote. The fan vote is one of the worst things about the entire weekend. Anybody with a Twitter account was allowed to vote via hashtag this year as opposed to letting people who actually know about basketball decide who plays in the showcase. Because of the fan vote, we continuously get players in the All-Star game that cannot actually play—mainly due to injury.

If the NBA were to eliminate the fan vote, we would get a game that is the best it could possibly be. Right now, it is just a chance for the players to show off and to try to impress one another. If it were truly the best players in the league playing in the game—as voted on by the coaches as opposed to the fans—the quality of the game would increase

exponentially. The coaches watch countless hours of game tape each week. Personally, I trust their opinion on basketball matters more than Joe Smith, the diehard Oklahoma City Thunder fan who is going to vote for forward Kevin Durant 20 times a day.

The All-Star Weekend is supposed to celebrate the play of the athletes who have put up numbers that stand out for the first half of the season. Players like Durant and Bryant both got in because of their play in the past, not due to their play this season. That type of thinking is something that needs to change.

We need to change the focus of All-Star Weekend from the past to the present and future. If we can do that, hopefully the next few All-Star games won't have their ratings beat by a "Saturday Night Live" special. ♦

The second half
of the National
Basketball
Association season
begins on
Thursday Feb. 19.

MAKE-YOUR-OWN NBA ALL-STAR EVENT

ALEXANDRA CIARCIA
ASST. COPY EDITOR

There are a plethora of events on National Basketball Association All-Star Weekend, from simple challenges like the Foot Locker Three-Point Contest to more elaborate events like the Taco Bell Skills Challenge. But what of one of the simpler tests of skill played anywhere with a basketball: one-on-one?

This event would be a mini-tournament with seven games total. With only half of the court to use, players can face off. The first player to get 25 points wins. Shots outside the three-point arc count as three points; anything else is two. To keep things under control, fouls can be called, allowing for foul shots. Though the event won't have a time constraint, there will be a 30-second shot clock to keep the games moving until there is finally a winner. ♦

VICTOR WANG
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

There needs to be an All-Star Ballot consisting only of players that are 6'9" and taller. Fans will select 20 players that meet this criteria. The 20 players will then form into two different teams of 10 each, with five people starting for each team like usual—just with these large men. It would be hilarious to see who decides to play roles that they don't fit in. It would also give a lot of opportunity for athletes to have a little fun. Who doesn't want to see Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard launch a three-pointer? ♦

TAYLOR FRANK
SPORTS EDITOR

All-Star Weekend has definitely lost some of its luster—the days of top-level players like Michael Jordan competing in events like the dunk contest are long gone. The National Football League and the National Hockey League have both added drafts to make their All-Star games more exciting. It's time for the National Basketball Association to do the same—sort of.

The coach for one team will be Jordan. The other team's coach: North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un. This will create a *Space Jam*-esque game and, if we're lucky, give someone like a talk show host the opportunity to assassinate the North Korean leader. Is that a movie yet? ♦

JAMIE LEVINE
STAFF WRITER

The National Basketball Association's All-Star weekend is a three-day event that, in recent years, has grown a bit stale. The higher-ups working for the NBA don't need to look any further than the trusty team of anchors working for TNT to liven up the weekend. Charles Barkley, Shaquille O'Neal, Kenny Smith and Ernie Johnson are some of the best analysts working in the business right now and what better way to get the attention of the audience than to have a two-on-two contest between the four of them? Chuck and Ernie, Shaq and Kenny... I would literally watch any combination of these guys go up and down the court for a first-to-11 game. Who's with me? ♦

Ice Knights carry rivalries through SUNYAC

MATT KELLER
STAFF WRITER

It is clear to all that there is an inherent level of animosity in hockey—wielding sharpened sticks while perched on even sharper blades will do that to any game. There's an endless encyclopedia of tired old jokes about fights, hockey games and the sort of feelings that players harbor for each other.

While those are certainly overplayed, the Ice Knights have found themselves more than a handful of burgeoning rivalries to call their own. Starting with the 3-2 road victory over SUNY Plattsburgh on Jan. 31, the Ice Knights have gone down the list of SUNYAC rivals that have made themselves apparent over the past few seasons.

As the Ice Knights have solidified themselves as one of the better teams in the SUNYAC, other SUNY campuses have taken notice. These tensions make themselves known in subtle ways: Plattsburgh's highly engaged hockey environment had die-hard fans feeling threatened. A berth into the NCAA Tournament is that much less likely, as Geneseo's disruption of the traditional order at the top of the SUNYAC makes wins a little harder to come by.

The aforementioned victory confirmed to those in attendance that Plattsburgh was reeling from the loss of primary junior goaltender Spencer Finney, allowing SUNY Oswego to take the upper hand in the conference.

At SUNY Brockport earlier this season, Geneseo's team banner was tucked all the way in the upper corner of the arena, partially obscured by rafters. When queried, Brockport students not just confirmed this as purposeful, but expressed some sort of desire to take the visiting Ice Knights down a notch—usually in light of the immediate proximity of the two universities. The fire is also probably kept alive by a recent string of dominance by the Ice Knights—six straight victories dating back to Dec. 7, 2012—leaving a sour taste in the mouth of Golden Eagle hockey fans. This streak was kept afloat by a 3-0 victory on the back of a record-breaking performance by senior goaltender Nick Horigan, whose fourth shutout set a single-season record.

Anyone on Geneseo's campus could probably tell you a joke with SUNY Cortland as the punch line. Justified or not, Geneseo's relatively easy 5-3 victory on senior night brought them out in spades. Most notably, a Cortland player's inability to locate



JAKE WADE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore forward Jack Ceglarski takes a faceoff against SUNY Cortland on Friday Feb. 13. The Ice Knights have two more games before the SUNYAC Tournament.

his own penalty box drew much enjoyment from the peanut gallery. Those frequenting the anonymous microblogging service Yik Yak implored the offending player to finish his geography degree—and that was merely one of many jabs. Senior goaltender Bryan Haude closed out the game successfully in only his second extended period of ice time this year, a fitting sendoff for the graduating senior.

It took until the contest against Oswego on Saturday Feb. 14 for stark reality to catch up to the Ice Knights, when SUNY Oswego's top-notch defense, persistent offense, and some penalty trouble stopped Geneseo's winning streak at three. Interestingly enough, Oswego's feelings toward the Ice Knights are decidedly cooler than most, and most emotion came from the crowd in a rollercoaster contest. The 2-1

loss also damaged prospects of the Ice Knights attaining an at-large NCAA Tournament bid, which is crucial considering either Oswego or Plattsburgh will be against them in the smaller SUNYAC bracket.

The finale of the regular season is approaching and features two Western New York road dates—SUNY Fredonia on Friday Feb. 20 and Buffalo State University on Saturday Feb. 21. ♦

Competition obscures spirit of Little League



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP PHOTO

Players from Jackie Robinson West Little League celebrate their national title by holding the World Series trophy. Due to a falsified document, the kids were forced to forfeit their championship.

CHAZ ABAD
STAFF WRITER

Cheating and sports go together much more than they should. Most cases deal with professional teams, but recently we saw a team—made up of athletes that aren't legally allowed to drive a car yet—caught for cheating. Chicago's Jackie Robinson West Little League baseball team was stripped of its national title for violating strict rules about having players from outside district boundaries.

The motive was to get better players and to create an all-star team. The ploy worked as JRW won round after round, be-

coming the first all-black team to win the national title. Even though they lost to the Seoul, South Korea team, JRW beat out the tournament's superstar and the first Little Leaguer to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated—pitcher Mo'ne Davis—in the United States championship.

Little League Baseball has certainly changed over the years from being a league in which children learned the game and played for fun. It continues to be a community-based event where coaches and many officials volunteer, but the perceptions have changed dramatically. No more

can we say they simply play for the love of the game.

Ever since 1953 when the first Little League World Series game was televised by CBS, we began to see the game strained by high-stakes publicity. Broadcasted nationally by ESPN since 2007, the tournament has become more than just a child's friendly game of baseball. Teams from all over the country now compete against each other to qualify for the knockout rounds in Williamsport, Pennsylvania before facing teams from the rest of the world.

This über-competitiveness has pressured coaches and managers to assemble teams like college

or professional teams, recruiting the best players from wherever talent is. To cover up their motives, JRW submitted a falsified district boundary map to the tournament directors, stretching their borders to encompass the players they added to the roster. The result led to JRW's vacated wins and forfeiture of their national title.

This was only the third time in the 68-year tournament history that a team vacated wins as a result of a rules violation. The first occurred in 1992 when a team from the Philippines violated the age and residency rules. The second and most notable case happened in 2001 when Danny Almonte and his team from the Bronx, New York lost all their accomplishments by violating the age rules. Almonte was one of several players to provide a fake birth certificate. He and his teammates were actually 14-year-olds in a league with a cutoff at 12.

While the team is pegged as the one at fault, it is the children who lose out the most. They suffer the heartbreaking penalties and embarrassment after a summer filled of memories and national exposure. They have accomplished so much on the field, seeing new cities and meeting new friends. It is a tournament where the kids can be proud of being an athlete. The selfish and unfortunate actions of adults have spoiled this once great event held once a year.

Parents are blaming racism as the culprit of JRW's downfall, but the real ones to blame are the adults who take winning too seriously. ♦

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outscore the Red Dragons 37-26 in the second half to come away with the win. As senior captains Reinhardt and forward Lea Sobieraski noted, the game was only half of what made that night one to remember.

"Our teammates, coaches and families made it special," Sobieraski said. "They went above and beyond to recognize our hard work over the past four years, and to share it with everyone is something I'll never forget."

"We always look at each game as the most important one of the season, which is why we have been so successful," Reinhardt said. "Even though it was senior night, I took it as just another game we have to win. Having that mindset and the motivation to get the job done made it a truly memorable night."

The Knights were able to clinch home-court advantage for the SUNYAC Tournament with a 72-59 win over SUNY Oswego on Tuesday Feb. 17. Senior captain center Katie Peterson admitted that she wouldn't want this run to be with any other team.

"Winning the conference tournament would be a really great way to go out, especially because we have had the same group of girls for the past two years," Peterson said. "For us seniors, it isn't about the five of us, but rather our team as a whole getting the job done." ♦

Knights look to secure seed in SUNYACs

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JACK WADE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Knights junior forward Nick Fessenden goes to the board en route to a 76-65 victory over SUNY New Paltz. Geneseo is in fourth place in the SUNYAC standings.

VICTOR WANG
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Geneseo men's basketball team enjoyed wins over both SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Oneonta on Friday Feb. 13 and Saturday Feb.

14, respectively. Against New Paltz, the Knights defeated the Hawks 76-65. Senior forward James McKenna scored a career-high 26 points with 10 rebounds in the game, while senior forward Gordon Lyons was limited due to foul trou-

ble. Senior guard Andy Drescher also added to the total, chipping in 20 points including scoring catalytic three-pointers.

The Knights continued to pile on wins as they defeated Oneonta 87-67. Lyons bounced back to score 27 points and added 14 rebounds and nine assists. Lyons, McKenna, Drescher, senior forward Devon Anderson and senior guard Connor Rogers were honored in a pre-game senior day ceremony.

After the five-game win streak, head coach Steve Minton said that the team was "finally overcoming some adversity."

"We had to learn to play without Kevin Crockett and the other part is Gordon [Lyons] getting healthy," Minton said. "We were just learning to play a little better without certain players; we had to get everyone healthy and we shifted the starting line-up a bit."

Minton noted that the starting line-up adjustment was used to shift the team to be a little smaller. "It allows us to get back on defense a little better—a quicker transition," he said.

Minton also said that the win streak was on account of strong play from the supporting cast, not just Lyons.

"The other big thing, along with the play of [Lyons],

that has been the talk of the SUNYAC, is that [Drescher] and [McKenna] have raised their bar," Minton said. "They are playing very well with [Lyons] and it makes it difficult for teams to key in on him."

When looking ahead to future games for the Knights, Minton added that there are no guaranteed wins. Before the Knights' matchup with the SUNY Oswego Lakers on Tuesday Feb. 17, Minton said that if his team lost, "It gets muddy."

And muddy it became as the Knights lost to Oswego 76-64 in Geneseo's final home game. The Knights battled hard, but were unable to keep up with the Lakers' hot hand as they torched the Knights with 10 three-pointers on 43.5 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

Geneseo has two road games before the SUNYAC Tournament begins. The Knights play against SUNY Potsdam on Friday Feb. 20 and then finish the regular season against SUNY Plattsburgh on Saturday Feb. 21.

"We can't look past Potsdam. They only have one league win, but historically we haven't played pretty well up there," Minton said. "We hope to win these next few games."

The SUNYAC Tournament is set to begin on Tuesday Feb. 24. ♦

players sub in replacing the other five players on the court. The scary part about this system is that it leaves Kentucky with a consistent attack—one that teams simply cannot compete against, let alone simulate in practice.

There has been buzz regarding the question of if this team could beat the worst teams in the NBA, or even compete in the NBA. According to his Twitter, however, Calipari doesn't think so.

"I hear [Georgetown College head coach Chris] Briggs got excited after the game last night," Calipari wrote. "Let me be clear: If we played ANY NBA team, we would get buried." This statement came after Kentucky beat small NAIA school Georgetown College 121-52 in an exhibition game. Briggs said that if Kentucky played how they did against them all season, then they would be an NBA playoff team.

Kentucky should enjoy its moment in the spotlight at the top of college hoops. And as fans, we should enjoy the fact that we might never see a team dominate the game as Wildcats have this season. The real question come March is which NCAA Tournament team will take second place? ♦

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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick responded to a disrespectful fan on Twitter by saying "you got 8 followers bruh your own family don't even want to know what you doin! Get better at life!"



The National Football League Scouting Combine has started, giving ESPN another excuse to completely ignore hockey.



ESPN completely ignored hockey on Saturday Feb. 14 when there were 10 National Hockey League games and zero NHL highlights on the 11 p.m. edition of SportsCenter.



The collegiate recruiting website Rivals.com posted its first prospects for the high school class of 2021. Keep your eye on current sixth grader Tyson Thorton.