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Occupy Wall Street reaches NU



A participant in Occupy Wall Street expresses his views. (Photo by Dr. Doug Tewksbury)

by Matt Riley
Senior Writer

On Sept. 17, the Occupy Wall Street protests began and have since grown to thousands of people participating, hundreds living in New York City's Zuccotti Park, and hundreds more being arrested. This growing movement has spurred similar protests in cities across the world.

As such, Dr. Doug Tewksbury, along with Dr. David Reilly, Dr. Alexander Bertland and Dr. Edward Hutton, professors of communication studies, political science, philosophy and finance, respectively, have organized a discussion panel about the movement. The discussion will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in

Bisgrove 350/351.

Tewksbury was recently in New York City and was able to see the protestors first hand.

"I think they're being very responsible in saying that they have voices that want to be heard, but they're not being unreasonable. They understand that it's inconvenient to a lot of people in the city and they're trying to minimize that inconvenience while still having their voices heard," Tewksbury said.

Bertland will have gone to Zuccotti Park to see the protests before the discussion panel, and Hutton was in Denver and was able to see some of the Occupy Denver protests.

A common criticism of the protests is that there is no specific goal, but

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Best weapon against bullying: knowledge

by John Curtin
Staff Writer

Niagara University is one of countless communities bringing attention to the issue of bullying. More than 50 students and faculty attended the university's first informational event on Oct. 19.

Educators and youth workers from school districts throughout Niagara County are joining NU's students Nov. 1 for the "CyberBullying and Bullying Workshop."

"This event is mainly geared towards educators and future educators," said Chelsea Riedl, a graduate assistant in the Institute of Applied Learning. "It'll increase awareness of the issue, as well as give information about the new national legislation."

Recent legislation was passed requiring all grade schools to have a specialist in bullying, beginning in September 2012. On a second front, New York state is pushing legislation to make cyberbullying third-degree stalking.

"The best way to take care of a bully is to bully the bully," said Assistant Dean for External Relations Patricia Wrobel, who is coordinating the event. "If we teach kids how to push back - without being abusive - the bully can go away. Our goal is to best prepare our future educators to go out and handle bullying."

One of the most recent high-profile bullying events involved 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer of Williamsville, N.Y., who committed suicide after being picked on.

Niagara University is aiming to educate its community on what

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happened to Jamey, and explain the consequences of bullying and how widespread it's become.

"You've got cyberbullying and bullying, and then there's group bullying. It's not a generic thing," Wrobel said.

In mid-October, NU's Diversity Advocates hosted a free "Dinner Theater: Let's Talk about Bullying" event, which was designed to help increase knowledge among the university's community. During the event, several students discussed their own personal stories and experiences with bullying of all sorts.

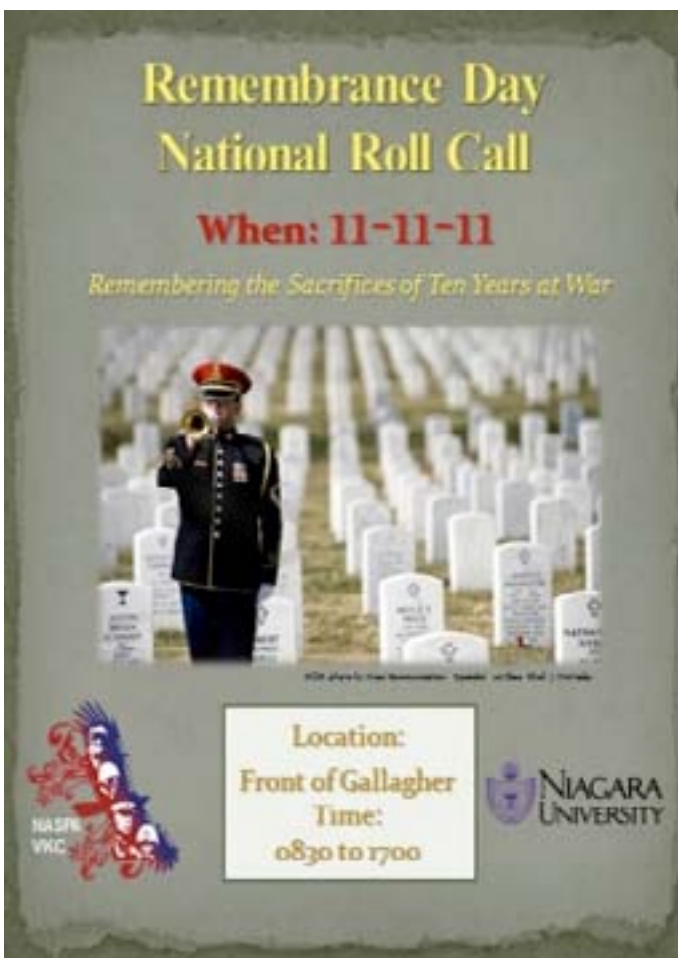
Erika Osberg, a sophomore in psychology, shared recent results of a study she has been conducting on cyberbullying. She said, for example, that out of a population the size of NU's (approximately 3,300), 10 people have recently thought about committing suicide as a result of being bullied.

NU faculty and staff also participated in the event, sharing information about this issue from their respective fields of study.

As for long-term bullying awareness, Wrobel explained that it's being weaved into the NU curriculum in the education department.

Diversity Advocates, meanwhile, is hosting events in support of anti-bullying ideals. For more information on the group and its efforts, visit <http://www.niagara.edu/diversityadvocates>.

NU participating in a nationwide roll call for Veterans Day



by Matt Riley
Senior Writer

More than 6,200 Americans have died fighting in the Middle East since the 9/11 attacks.

In honor of these fallen soldiers, a reading of all of their names will take place this Veterans Day, 11-11-11, around the country and at NU.

"This is nationwide; all 50 states are involved. Over 150 different colleges and universities will be taking part in it" said NU Veterans Services Coordinator Rob Healy.

The names will be read alphabetically over speakers in front of Gally between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with a pause at 1:45 p.m. to "have a speaker, a singing of 'Amazing Grace' and then, at 2 p.m., we're going to have a minute of silence" Healy said.

The minute of silence will be held at the same time across the nation. The time was chosen because it will be 11 a.m. PST, which was the time of the signing of the armistice of World War I.

In addition to the roll call, the Student Veterans Organization will have a visual memorial in the multi-purpose room in Gallagher.

"The names of the veterans who have died are going to be on the walls, we'll have newspaper articles and pictures of the veterans," Healy said.

The Student Veterans Organization is still looking for volunteers to each read 205 names in a 15-minute span.

"If people have friends or family members who have died in these events, they can contact me and find out when their name is being read and I can tell them, pretty much down to the second, when that name is going to be, so they can make arrangements to be present," Healy said.

He added that everyone at NU or in the surrounding communities are welcome to volunteer and, if anyone would like to read a specific name, that also can be arranged.

Healy's office is in Lower Level Gallagher, Room 113 C. His email address is rhealy@niagara.edu.

There are more than 60 students at Niagara that are either veterans or children of veterans and Healy said that, "Some of the names that they are going to be reading were friends or co-workers of our students who were in combat, so it's pretty meaningful to them."

The SVO also will have a table in the front of Gallagher the week of Nov. 7-11 "helping to draw awareness to the student veterans and the issues that student veterans have," Healy said.

On the Saturday after Veteran's Day, Nov. 12, the SVO is working with the Stella B. Foundation on "Pastamania 2011" to raise awareness and funding for cancer research. "Pastamania 2011" is a pasta dinner held from 4 to 7 p.m. at Dave's Last Chance Saloon, 4900 Saunders Settlement Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 12 and under. For tickets, call 716-238-1639 or go to stellabfoundation.org.



Shown are some of the participants in Occupy Wall Street. (Photos by Dr. Doug Tewksbury)

Occupy Wall Street: What now?

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Tewksbury said, "Whether or not any concrete, tangible changes come out of this global movement, if nothing else, it sends a message that there are a lot of people out there that are upset with the way that money and politics works, with the way that wealth inequality works, the way that the middle class is being asked to bear the burden of people with a lot of money and power." Reilly commented on the movement lacking specific goals.

"It makes real progress pretty unlikely, because unless you have leaders step forward in the very near future, it's hard to imagine that they'll get some sort of cohesive message out. ... There has to be someone to step up and say this is what it's about. Which I think is possible," he said.

Reilly also added an idea as to why people are protesting.

"The kind of thing, I imagine these people are really upset about, is that government has no imagination anymore. It's about getting re-elected, it's not about addressing fundamental

problems, and it's not about connecting with the community."

Tewksbury stressed the campus panel is meant to be a conversation to get people talking about the movement.

"This conversation has no formal goal or direction; it's a chance just to talk to several different people from several different perspectives about different ways to think about not only the protests, but the things that have caused the protests. ... We're trying to understand the different ways of looking at this thing."

Bertrand intends to discuss if the free market was designed to handle "people making millions of dollars just trading currencies back and forth" as opposed to making and selling objects, as well as how to set up an ethical business system to control corruption.

Hutton, having worked for several Wall Street firms, will give a bit of the industry perspective on the subject.

"A lot of the people who work in the offices around there (the Zuccotti Park area) have been some of the hardest hit by what's happened with the financial crisis" he said, adding that

many current and former Wall Street professionals have empathy for the movement.

The protest's success in sustaining itself on Wall Street has led to similar peaceful protests in major cities around the world.

"There have been protests in the past that have been large, but for a day or two days or three days. ... There's not been a long, sustained protest against a larger systemic issue. ... It's very exciting, to see that it has spread around the globe," Tewksbury said.

This includes an Occupy Buffalo movement, which now has people camping out in Niagara Square.

"The Occupy Buffalo group has just gotten started; it's much smaller, but their complaints are the same. In a way, one of the nice things about this movement, is because there's no hierarchy and no formal organization, anyone that wants to be a part of it can be a part of it," Tewksbury said.

He cites this unique aspect of the protests as their biggest strength.

"It's a very innovative and flexible model for social justice organizing. ...

It's completely decentralized; there's no leader; there's no hierarchy of command; there's no organization to join or to quit; It's a group of many different people from many different perspectives trying to get their voices heard," Tewksbury said.

The Occupy Wall Street movement started as a one-day protest organized by Adbusters magazine and escalated into a long-term, leader-less movement, which uses "a lot of communications media and a lot of different tactics," especially the internet, Tewksbury said.

The NU panel will include discussion about the causes and effects of Occupy Wall Street, its strengths and weaknesses as a political movement, its sustainability and the problems it faces - especially what will happen as the weather changes.

All of the panelists encourage students to attend.

"No matter where you stand on the issue, there's interesting stuff to be discussed and I hope students come and really think about it" Bertrand said.

iPhone 4S almost too good to be true

Review by Tyler Russell
Staff Writer

It's been a great Friday night, you've had a little too much fun, and now you aren't exactly sure where or how to get home. No worries, there's an app for that.

Your mother's birthday is in two days and you still haven't bought a gift. It's OK, there's an app for that.

The new iPhone 4S introduced, Siri, where your wish is its command.

Apples latest phenomenon has transformed the way humans interact with their phones. The virtual personal assistant talks. It thinks. It listens, remembers and it is here for your convenience.

"The new iPhone can do anything, from GPS to auto texts," says Niagara University student and owner of the iPhone 4S James Hefke. "If I need something done, I know the phone can help in some way."

The 4S has taken the future into the present and placed it in the palm of your hand. What can't Siri do? Well to be frank, not too much.

"People love to play around, with it and ask random questions, and the thing always has an answer," Hefke says.

Whether you want a reminder for hockey practice, need to make a mental note, or just desire an answer to nearly any question, Siri is there for you, and it always knows what you mean.

Though Siri has stolen all the headlines, it is not the only addition to the newest of iPhones. Apple now boasts the most powerful camera ever to be placed on a cell phone, which also can shoot 1080p HD video, the same picture quality we see on HD television programs.

"The camera is unreal, the picture looks just like ESPN Monday Night Football, it is so clear," Hefke says.

"Even faster everything"

Apple's campaign slogan, which refers to the new dual-core A5 chip programming, cannot be denied.

"It's the truth; the speed is ridiculous, especially on Facebook," Hefke says.

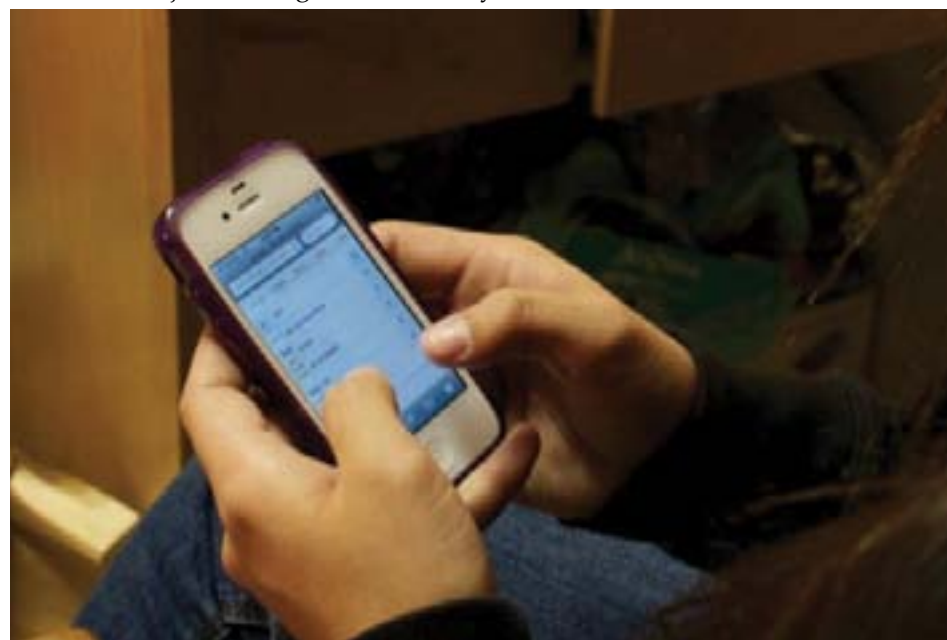
Whether its a faster upload to Facebook, a quicker jump to Twitter, or clearer picture quality on YouTube, the new operating system has social media capabilities and an even higher height than before.

Of course, not everyone is relishing in the new Apple device. For a person left behind from the influx of technology in recent years, and for someone with a phone that is anything but smart, applications such as this one might seem unworldly. As if Internet and voice automation were not enough, Apple's new release has really pushed the technological bar even further.

The company and vision of the recently passed Steve Jobs is not stopping with the 4S, however.

The drive and determination that has led Apple to revolutionize the way people see the world has also yielded a belief to keep pushing forward. It's no wonder that Apple has already begun work on the iPhone 5 (details and applications are yet to be revealed ... and are probably only matched by the wildest of dreams).

"I can't even begin to think about what they are going to throw into the mix next time. There is just nothing left," Hefke says.



(iPhone 4S photo by Nick Solly)

A night in disguise



Pictured from left are Angela Loveland, Ailana Brown, Cydney Johnson and Atasha Ramsaroop. (Photo by Amy Young)

by Amy Young
Layout Editor

NU students stepped into the Halloween festivities on Thursday night, Oct. 27, with a masquerade ball. Formerly an armory, Tonawanda Castle was decorated with cobwebs, tombstones, spiders, and haunted Halloween figures for Niagara's first Halloween masquerade ball.

Girls dressed in an array of dresses and gowns, and the few gentlemen of the evening dressed to impress. All were hidden by elaborate masks, which were required to attend the event.

The masks hiding the faces of the attendees were adorned with elegant large feathers, glitter and sequins. Many were store-bought or homemade and a few masks were painted on faces. The one rule of the night was to not remove your mask.

This one and only rule did not last long before students quickly began to realize the difficulty in maneuvering with tiny eyeholes.

The night commenced with hors d'oeuvres, which consisted of cheese and crackers, fruit, meatballs, bruschetta, spinach artichoke dip, and much more. Alcoholic beverages were available for those of age, and non-alcoholic beverages were free for those under age. After some mingling, buffet stations were available for dinner, while classic dinner music played in the background. Roast beef sandwiches, pasta, potatoes with toppings, salad and vegetables were the dinner options, and a fondue chocolate station with fruits served as dessert. Once dinner concluded, upbeat music was played and masqueraders hit the dance floor.

Senior Nina Williams, programming director for NUSGA, organized the event. Anyone who talked to her prior to the event knew how excited she was and could tell how much she hoped

for a successful turnout. Sitting down with Williams at the ball, she explained how she came up with the idea for a masquerade ball, one of the first at Niagara University.

"Masquerades have always been something I love, and I was lucky enough for the rest of the cabinet to like my idea and not think that I was crazy!"

She was inspired by the idea of a masquerade after seeing the movies "Phantom of the Opera," and "Marie Antoinette." "I fell in love," she said.

Originally, NUSGA was thinking of a Halloween party, but "we wanted to do something more classy," Williams said.

What's classier than a masquerade ball? The Tonawanda Castle was a perfect place for such a historic tradition, but originally Old Fort Niagara was where Williams had hoped to have the event. Unfortunately, the fort would only hold the event outside, which does not work with the weather in October.

"I wanted it somewhere historic, that has an 'eerie'ness and creepiness to it, somewhere where we could go back in time for the night," Williams said.

Originally, 176 students signed up for the ball, which is the capacity of the castle (Campus Activities, in fact, had to create a waiting list for those who wanted to attend). Unfortunately, though, not everyone who signed up attended the event.

"A lot of people backed out last minute," Williams said. "I assume it's because this has never been done before."

Junior Molli Zahm attended the masquerade with her boyfriend and a few friends. Zahm was enjoying herself as she commented on the turnout.

"Nina did a really good job!" Zahm said. She said that it was a great venue and added, "The decorations are perfect."

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NUSGA Flash

by Vince Schiano
NUSGA Communications Director

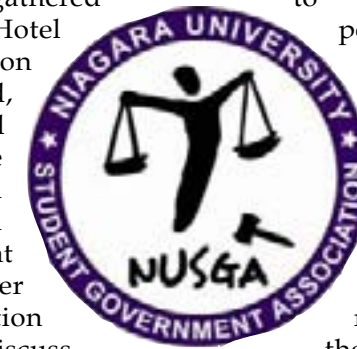
On Oct. 20, student leaders from Niagara University gathered at the Barton Hill Hotel & Spa in Lewiston for a night of food, conversation and networking. The NUSGA-sponsored event was designed to bring student leaders together with administration under one roof to discuss leadership skills, fundraising, and other strategies to assist in group development.

"By bringing everyone together under one roof, we are able to be

exposed to a more diverse idea pool," said Student Body President Christopher Zukas.

Awards were presented throughout the event in order to recognize superior performance in the NU community. One award was given to the men's club hockey team for being the club that raised the most money in a fundraiser. In addition, Delta Chi Epsilon Fraternity received an award for the most community service hours accumulated in the previous school year.

For pictures of the event, visit the NUSGA website at purple.niagara.edu/nusga.



Man's tragedy serves as lesson to students at DUI event

by Vince Schiano
NUSGA Communications Director

Have you ever been at a party and voted that whoever is the least drunk person among your friends was the one to drive home for the night?

Mark Sterner, once a typical college student, was one night voted the most sober in his group of friends—however, Sterner and his buddies didn't make it home safely that night.

"I'm not here to preach to you, I'm just trying to keep everyone here from doing something that they'll regret for the rest of their lives," Sterner recently told more than 100 students gathered in the multi-purpose room in the Gallagher Center. The speaker discussed his encounters with driving under the influence and warned of its dangers.

Three of Sterner's best friends and fraternity brothers were killed in an automobile accident on the last night of their college spring break. The crash occurred after Sterner had been drinking and he chose to drive himself and his friends home. The car veered off the side of the road after losing control and eventually fell into a ditch.

"Had we been wearing seatbelts, we all would have probably made it," Sterner said.

According to Sterner, losing three best friends was awful enough, but

the nightmare was only beginning. After finally becoming conscious after a week out of it, he heard the news of his friends' mishap. Sterner was then read his Miranda Rights and was in the process of being convicted for DUI manslaughter, considered a violent crime punishable for up to 45 years in prison.

For three years, Sterner served in a maximum security prison in Florida, where he worried for his life.

The NU event was sponsored by NUSGA and the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

"I heard that it was going to be a powerful performance, but I didn't realize just how powerful it was going to be," said Jessica Bialkowski, a sophomore at Niagara University. "You could see everyone's eyes in the room were focused on him - no one was distracted."

Rebecca Ellis, a senior at Niagara, had heard Sterner speak before, but returned anyway. "I saw him when I got the opportunity to go to Connecticut with the Panhellenic Council of Niagara University last year and I cried at how moving his story is. Seeing it a second time still brought goose bumps!" she exclaimed.

Students in attendance at Sterner's talk who wish to provide feedback can submit their responses to www.marksterner.com.



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Entertainment

Here at NU

'Damn Yankees' aspires to hit it out of the park

Preview by Kristina Foderaro
Staff Writer

"Damn Yankees," directed by NU's Director of Theater Steven Braddock, opens at the Leary Theatre on Nov. 10. This Tony Award-winning musical, with music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, is a story about how Joe Boyd, a fan of the hopeless Washington Senators, makes a deal with the devil in hopes of bringing his team to victory against those "damn Yankees." Boyd is played by sophomore theatre performance major John Staton Jr.

Sophomore theatre performance and English major Nathan Andrew Miller plays the Senators' manager, VanBuren.

"Van Buren has a tough time motivating his players, whom he knows has the talent to win, but can't seem to get in the right mindset," Miller says.

Freshman theatre performance major Nathaniel W.C. Higgins, who plays Smokey, explains that the members of the Senators are down on their luck until Joe Hardy, played by Mike Van Dyke, joins and invigorates the team.

Sophomore theatre performance major Bobby Hall plays Linville, whose position is replaced when Hardy joins the team. Hall explains that, even though Linville resents his new teammate at first, he realizes that he must learn to support him.

Senior theatre performance major Jamie Nablo says that this show is about discovering you don't realize how precious the things you have are until they're gone. Hall agrees with the grass-is-always-greener theme, saying that this play is about "regretting decisions and realizing that you were happier before you tried to fix it."

Higgins says that audiences will be able to relate to many of the themes in "Damn Yankees." In addition to the grass-is-always-greener theme, the musical also touches base (no pun intended) on overcoming temptation. Hall notes that this play is also about people willing to do anything for their passions. He says this show will inspire students to "relight the fires that go out when you're awake at two



in the morning wondering why you're working on this paper."

Nablo encourages students to see this production by equating it to a sporting event. She says that actors feed off of the audience's energy, similar to how athletes feel the energy of their supportive crowd "Instead of seeing a competition, you're going to be coming to see a story unfold before your eyes, and a beautiful story at that," Nablo says.

Senior theatre performance and English major Emily Aguilar says this show will be captivating for audiences of all walks of life, "especially (to) anyone who enjoys baseball, lively music, and a good laugh."

Nablo says that this is "a genuine American tale, and I really think we're 'hitting it out of the park.'"

"Damn Yankees" is the first play that Braddock will direct as a Purple Eagle. Aguilar appreciates the opportunity to work with him in this production and became more familiar with how he runs things.

Hall says that Braddock is "an amazing director" and is making an impact with his first production here at NU. "Braddock is great at giving the actor opportunities to create his or her own character, and make choices according to that character," Miller says. "I'd say 20 or 25 percent of the show is ad libs that have worked for us in rehearsal."

"Damn Yankees" will show at the Leary Theater in the Elizabeth Anne Clune Center at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10 and 17, and at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19. 2 p.m. matinees will be held on Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20, with a post-show discussion on Nov. 13. All theater productions are free for students with valid student IDs.



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Television

'Who's that girl? It's Jess!'

by Olivia Bitetti
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If you sang that line in your head, it is obvious that you are a fan of FOX's new hit show "New Girl."

If you have no idea what is going on, shame on you.

Zooey Deschanel stars as Jess, a quirky-yet-relatable 20-something girl, in the instantaneously popular comedy series. After a bad break-up, Jess is in desperate need of new roommates. Following a quick Internet search, she finds herself completing the group of three young guys.

Now you are probably thinking "typical." A cute girl moves in with all guys. First, the guys hate her. Then, they live happily-ever-after. The end. Wrong!

Well, somewhat wrong. Jess's unusual and bizarre habits for a pretty young woman like herself make her one of the most interesting characters on television. If she is not burning her hair on the curling iron, then she is probably starting a slow motion chicken dance at a wedding.

Deschanel is single-handedly proving to audiences that female characters in a role such as hers can be funny, down-to-earth and lovable without relying on sex appeal to obtain high ratings.

Jess's uncharacteristic ways of dealing with problems land her in awkwardly entertaining scenarios that are only amplified by her three sidekicks. For example, the guys talk Jess into finally visiting her ex's house to take back all of her belongings, including the main



"New Girl" star Zooey Deschanel. (Flickr photo by Tammy Manet)

reason behind the trip: her flat screen TV.

After driving around the block nearly eight times, she finally parks the car and marches into the house. To support her, Jess's roommates stand on her ex's front lawn, each one wearing one of her hats while they harass him into removing the shirt on his back, which belongs to Jess.

Although the boys are constantly raising eyebrows at the unusual things that Jess says and does, each one of them has his own unique story to add to their little family.

Feeling intrigued? You should take a break from homework tonight and catch up with the effortlessly hilarious roommate - "It's Jess."

After a three-week baseball break, "New Girl" airs its next new episode of the season at 9 p.m. Tuesday on FOX. You can watch the first few episodes online at on www.fox.com/new-girl.

Movie Review

'Paranormal Activity 3'

by Anna Kate Beigel
Staff Writer

"I just wanted it to be over," said NU sophomore Missy Ansell after seeing the terrifying "Paranormal Activity 3." "The suspense was killing me."

If you haven't seen "Paranormal Activity" parts one and two, then let me fill you in. In the first movie, we saw the older sister, Katie, struggle with a demon in her house, which terrorized her and her boyfriend. In the second movie, we saw the younger sister, Christy, her husband, stepdaughter, and their brand-new baby boy as they also become terrorized by a sadistic demon.

"Paranormal Activity 3" is about the two sisters as children and where this all began.

The frightful scare tactic throughout the trilogy is that they are filmed from an amateur's perspective. This means the characters are the ones taping the creepy occurrences.

The movie begins with the two sisters in 2005. Christy is pregnant with her first son - a key part in the trilogy. It then flashes back to them as younger children, where we learn that Christy has an "imaginary friend" named Tobey. Christy is the only one who can see

Tobey, and yet Tobey makes his presence known to everyone else. It would be speculated that Tobey is, indeed, a demon.

Events continue to happen and weird noises go bump in the night. Dennis, a cameraman and Christy and Katie's mother's boyfriend, starts to notice the strange behavior of Christy and the unexplained events. This makes him decide to place cameras around the house.

He films some pretty scary stuff. We see Katie get thrown and tugged across the room. After a rousing game of "Bloody Mary," we see a figure in the mirror and it is not happy. We also see the babysitter get a little surprise herself - all caught on tape.

But the sister's mother, Julie, believes none of it, until she also gets a surprise herself. After Julie's event, the family stays at grandma's house for the night. Not such a hot idea. There, we witness the true problem, a witch cult.

I can't say anymore without giving it away, but let me just leave you with this: Never promise your first-born son to a demon, or a witch cult, and especially not to both.

NU Women's Club Hockey Team starts strong

by Anna Kate Beigel
Staff Writer

The Niagara Eagles, NU's women's club hockey team, is off to a great start this year as the squad is undefeated.

The squad's first win this year was against the University at Buffalo - a heated rival. One of its recent games, against the Niagara County Coyotes, was the team's first shutout of the fall.

The season to come seems rather promising with a good mix of rookies and freshman (a total of 15 players).

Addison Marino, the captain of the team said, "This year we didn't know what to expect with so many new people, but it's turned out well. We've really started to fit together and work like a team."

Marino is backed by the two assistant captains, Emma Hassen and LeAnna Kozlowski, and their coach Jason Elliott.

The team is a non-league club sport, meaning it is not in a league, but can play wherever it wants in the Western New York area. The team's home games are usually on Fridays and Saturdays at

Dwyer Arena.

The club hockey team's season runs from the beginning of the fall semester to about the middle of the spring semester.

The dues for this team are \$250 a semester, "which is cheap for hockey," Marino said. The players have to supply their own equipment, including pads, sticks, etc. They have practices twice a week, also at Dwyer Arena.

The Niagara Eagles fundraiser this year is a "Quidditch Match." If you do not know, "Quidditch" is the sport played in the "Harry Potter" series. The cost to participate is \$5 per person and you must have at least eight players, but no more than 14. There will be an informational meeting for those interested on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in LLGC.

"They are a very competitive (group); have good sportsmanship; and are aggressive - all characteristics of a winning team," says team supporter Johnny Hibbard, a sophomore.

The Niagara Eagles play at home on Friday, Nov. 4, a 9:30 p.m. at Dwyer Arena.

KIERNAN

So far this semester, the Kiernan Center has been one of the busiest locations on campus. If it's working out, playing racquetball, swimming, or watching an intramural game at the Kiernan Center, it has a lot to offer for NU students. If you haven't stopped by this year, make sure you do and bring a friend or two!

FALL SEMESTER BUILDING HOURS

DAYS	TIMES
Monday-Thursday	7 a.m.- 10 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	9 p.m.-9 p.m.

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Reach 50 visits and get a Fitness Rewards 50 visit club tee shirt. The women's club volley ball team is hosting a Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser on Sunday November 13th. This is open to everyone. Cost is \$15 a team, and teams of should have at least 2 girls/guys on each team. Deadline to sign up is Thursday November 10th. Are you stuck with your workout routine? Not seeing the results you're looking for? Come in to the Kiernan Center and check out their personal training services. Jason provides a "Workout of the Day" in the front fitness center along with one-on-one personal training.

Intramurals at NU

The Fall 2011 intramural season is in full swing! Currently, the intramural basketball and dodge ball leagues are in season. Stop by the Kiernan Center and check out your favorite teams as they face off against other NU students.

INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS	Sign Up Opens	Sign Up Deadline	Team Rep. Meeting
Open Indoor Soccer	10/17	11/3 @ 10 p.m.	11/5 @ 2 p.m.
Racquetball Tournament	10/17	Drop-in event	11/4 @ 5 p.m.
Wally Ball	10/24	11/11 @ 9 p.m.	11/15 @ 2 p.m.
Pickle Ball	10/24	11/15 @ 10 p.m.	11/17 @ 6 p.m.
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Intramural Flag Football Crowns a 2-Time Champion!

The intramural flag football season was an exciting one to say the least. In what was one of the most competitive leagues in recent years the Office Linebackers came out on top for the second consecutive year. After losing in the championship game in 2009 the Office Linebackers set out to prove they were one of the best flag football teams Niagara University has ever had. After a convincing 34-0 win in the 2010 championship game, the Office Linebackers were the early favorite to take it all for a second time. The 2011 championship game proved to be a much tougher test than the previous year. They would have to take on the 3rd seed Manweisers. The teams traded points during the first half and entered the final half of the season tied at 14. The second half was very much the same as each team scored a touchdown. The difference maker was the failed extra point attempt by the Manweisers that handed the Office Linebackers a victory. Office Linebackers consists of: Jordan Hernandez, Brian Longfield, Curtis Monaco, Jimmy Morelli, John Buckley, John Powers, Keith Kwasigroch, Kevin Latone, Matt Cook, Matthew Carrozzo, Nikko Velazquez, Pat Fetzer, Sean O'Dell and Talon Fee.

Kiernan Center to host three late night events

The Kiernan Center will be hosting three upcoming events that are part of the Late Night Niagara series. The following are the date, time and description of each event:

- November 4th:** 10pm-1am - Broomball Tournament and Open Skate at Dwyer Arena.
- November 18th:** 10pm-1am - Indoor Paintball in the Kiernan Center front gym
- December 16th:** 10pm-1am - Open Skate in Dwyer Arena

Club Sport Round Up

Women's Club Hockey

The Women's Club ice hockey team is off to a great start this season. Pulling out a nail biter against UB, Rolling over SUNY Brockport 11-3, and a Shut out win over the Niagara County Coyotes, the team is ready to take on the season. The undefeated Eagles next home games will be November 4th at 9:30pm against SUNY Geneseo at Dwyer arena, and November 12th at 8:40pm against St. Lawrence at Dwyer Arena. Please come out and support the team.

Men's Club Hockey

After losing their first two games, the eagles have won six straight to bring their record to 6-2. The most recent win came against Slipper Rock where the eagles won 6-5. The hero would be senior Marc Deguilio who scored on a penalty shot in overtime to seal the victory for Niagara.

Men's Rugby

The Rugby finished the season at 5-1-1. On Saturday, October 23 the team traveled to Ithaca and needed a win for the last remaining playoff spot. NU was victorious with a score of 19 to 14. Tries for Niagara were scored by senior, Christopher Dietz (Starpoin) who scored twice, and freshman, Zach Koenig (Penfield High School). This marks the first time since moving to DII play that NU has made the playoffs.

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Niagara University student published in marketing journal

Candice Lymburner, a 2011 Niagara University graduate currently pursuing an MBA at her alma mater, recently had an article published in the Journal of Marketing Development and Competitiveness. The paper, The Future of the Music Industry, appears in Volume 5 of the peer-reviewed journal, which covers the marketing arena and the interface between marketing and firm competitiveness.

Lymburner, a Niagara Falls native and current Buffalo resident, completed the paper as an undergrad, along with Bohdan Pikas, a professor of marketing in NU's College of Business Administration and chair of its commerce department, and visiting professor, Anastasia Pikas. The article examines how people obtain their music in the digital age and what it means for the future of the industry. It also examines purchasing habits for associated products, including concert tickets and band apparel.

The trio created and conducted surveys and read through numerous articles pertaining to the impact that the Internet has had on the music industry. A great deal of time went

into researching how Napster and, later, iTunes have shifted the way that musicians were procuring revenue. Furthermore, the group looked to identify what the music industry's plans were for continuing to adapt to these changes in order to remain profitable.

The survey portion took approximately two months to conduct while the paper in its entirety, including survey analysis, was completed in about one year.

"I put a lot of time and effort into writing this paper and it was an honor to know that my hard work was going to be recognized," said Lymburner, who is working in M&T Bank's central operations division while pursuing her MBA. "I was very lucky to work with Professor Pikas on this thesis; he gave me valuable advice and direction and spent a lot of time revising the paper for publication. It was a great accomplishment for me, and I couldn't have asked for a better mentor throughout this process."

The paper can be viewed at <http://www.na-businesspress.com/JMDC/PikasWeb.pdf>.

Dr. Roselind Gullo Bogner receives career achievement award

Niagara University is pleased to announce that Dr. Roselind Gullo Bogner, associate professor of school counseling, is receiving the Career Achievement Award from the New York State School Counselor Association. The award is being presented to Dr. Bogner at the Statewide Conference of the New York State School Counselor Association Friday, Oct. 28, in Rochester, N.Y.

The Career Achievement Award recognizes the school counselor or counselor educator whose contributions to his or her students, place of employment, colleagues and community have been substantial and ongoing. In addition, the recipient exhibits a commitment to professional school counseling and has a record of service to the profession.

Dr. Bogner joined the College of Education at Niagara University in 2003 after serving as a school counselor in the Lake Shore Central School District for over 20 years. At Niagara, Dr. Bogner has been directly involved in teaching and supervising clinical practice in the master's degree and advanced certification programs in school counseling. She established a partnership with the National Transforming Schools initiative of the Education Trust that focused on expanding the role of school counselors to enhance the academic performance and achievement of students.

Recently, Dr. Bogner created a career and college preparation model for a summer camp at Niagara University. In doing so, she worked directly in



Dr. Roselind Gullo Bogner won an award from the New York State School Counselor Association.

NU Fulbright scholar



Shannon Hardy, a 2011 Niagara University graduate.

Niagara University recently announced Shannon Hardy, Class of 2011, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Scholarship, making her the first student to receive the honor while enrolled at NU. (Other Niagara graduates have received awards, but did so while pursuing advanced degrees at other institutions.)

"We are extremely proud of Shannon and thankful to the faculty members who assisted her in being selected for this prestigious award," said Dr. Timothy Downs, Niagara University's vice president for academic affairs. "This recognition not only speaks to the quality and uniqueness of Shannon's abilities but also to the continued emphasis that NU places on academic excellence and service learning."

Hardy, who recently earned degrees in international studies and political science from NU, departed for Turkey in early September. She is teaching English and American culture at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, an institution founded in 1992 that currently has more than 22,000 matriculating students. She spends approximately 20 hours per week teaching English, with a focus on speaking and listening skills. An equivalent amount of time is allocated for class preparation and participation in extracurricular activities.

"Most of my students have an elementary level of education, some intermediate, but they are all fabulous students and eager to learn," said Hardy, who will return to the U.S. in June 2012. "After morning classes, several of them will even meet me in my office wanting to join me for lunch so that they can have more practice."

Once afternoon sessions are completed, Hardy typically visits the city center to patronize its many shops and cafes with hopes of improving her grasp of Turkish. She then goes home to cook Turkish delicacies with her co-worker and flatmate, Turkan.

"Before I came to Turkey, I was most excited about learning Turkish culture – the food, the people, the language, the folk music and the way of life," Hardy stated. "Now that I have lived here for a month, Turkish culture still excites me! Every day, I am learning so many new things about their way of life that I can never get enough of. Being completely immersed in another culture also teaches you so much about yourself that you never realized before."

It takes a special person to receive one of the 50 assistantships from the Turkish Fulbright Commission. Aside from its exclusivity, language on the U.S. Department of State-sponsored website reads, "Please note that this program can be quite demanding. Many of the universities are very new (less than five years old) and just setting up their academic departments, administrative procedures and even their physical plant. In many places, ETAs will be the only foreigners in town and may evoke intense curiosity, even suspicion."

Hardy's advisor at NU, Dr. David A. Reilly, never doubted that the commission selected the right candidate in the Gilbertsville native.

"Shannon has always been willing to

embrace the uncommon path," he said. "Whether that means taking theater classes while majoring in international studies, embarking on a study abroad trip to India, or simply taking a non-traditional approach to her coursework, Shannon is willing to take risks. As a result, she has often had opportunities to challenge herself and expand her horizons. In this sense, research in Turkey is not so far afield for her, and I expect that she is ready for the challenge."

Over the last several years, Turkey has become increasingly integrated with the West, undertaking many reforms to strengthen its democracy and becoming involved with organizations such as the Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, OSCE and the G-20 major economies. And while the U.S. Department of State includes a full page in its Fulbright orientation handbook on the difficulties that previous awardees have had adjusting to their new surroundings (in many countries), Dr. Mustafa Gökçek, an NU faculty member who was born in Turkey, believes that Hardy will adapt quickly.

"Overall, I think Shannon will feel almost at home there, especially since she is staying in one of the most European towns of Turkey," Gökçek said. "However, she might not get as much personal space as she is used to in the U.S. As in many other countries overseas, people in Turkey may ask questions about culture, politics or religion without considering them as offensive. Shannon should also make good use of her history education at NU as she will see Turkey's more than 2,000 years of history revealing itself in every corner."

Although this is Hardy's first trip to Turkey, she has spent a considerable amount of time overseas. In 2006, at the age of 16, Hardy received a Rotary Youth Scholarship, which permitted her to visit Hungary. She graduated from high school in three years and decided to return to Hungary while her classmates caught up in their studies. During that period, she traveled throughout Europe, spending "an enormous" amount of time in Serbia. Then, in spring 2010, she spent a semester in Bengaluru, India, as part of NU's study abroad program.

About halfway through her senior year at Niagara, Hardy, who knew she wanted to attend grad school but not right away, began researching scholarships and fellowships. She came across the ETA version of the Fulbright Fellowship and knew immediately that it was a perfect fit.

"I have always loved traveling, learning new languages and cultures, and I had some volunteer teaching experience, so I couldn't think of a better way to spend the year after graduation," she said.

Hardy gives much of the credit in her securing the assistantship to her professors, including doctors Reilly and Gökçek, who wrote "awesome" letters of recommendation on her behalf and offered helpful advice during the application process.

"Every single one of my professors, all in their own way, helped me to obtain this fellowship by teaching me about life, helping me to discover who I am, and encouraging me every step of the way throughout my four years at Niagara."

Family Weekend 2011

'Casino Night'



NU students and their families played games at Family Weekend's "Casino Night" on campus Saturday, Oct. 22. (Photos by Nick Solly)



Recognition for NU chapter of American Chemical Society

For the second straight year and the fourth time in five years, Niagara University's American Chemical Society student chapter has been recognized by The Society Committee on Education. Dr. Mary McCourt, chair of Niagara's biochemistry/chemistry department, received a letter in late September from the society notifying her that the student chapter had been selected for an Honorable Mention Award for activities it conducted during the 2010-11 academic year.

More than 330 reports were submitted to The Society Committee on Education for 2010-11, with only 107 of them receiving honorable mention awards. The list of award-winning chapters will be published in Chemical & Engineering News and in inChemistry, the student member magazine. The award winning chapters will also be honored at the 243rd ACS National Meeting in San Diego on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

The correspondence addressed to McCourt specifically mentioned Dr. Ronny Prierer, a chemistry professor at Niagara and the faculty advisor of the chapter, for "efforts that certainly represent the best in undergraduate science education and mentoring around the country."

The 50-member NU chapter was recognized for both the quantity and quality of the activities that it held on behalf of the American Chemical Society in 2010-11. Chapters were judged on exceptional activities, programs and initiatives described in chapter reports.

Student-officers for the 2010-11 edition of Niagara's ACS student chapter were Paolo Grenga (president), Megan McGahan (vice president), Annie Laurri (secretary), Ryan O'Laughlin (treasurer), Charles Smith (community service advisor), and Haley McClory (financial advisor). All of the officers have since graduated from NU.



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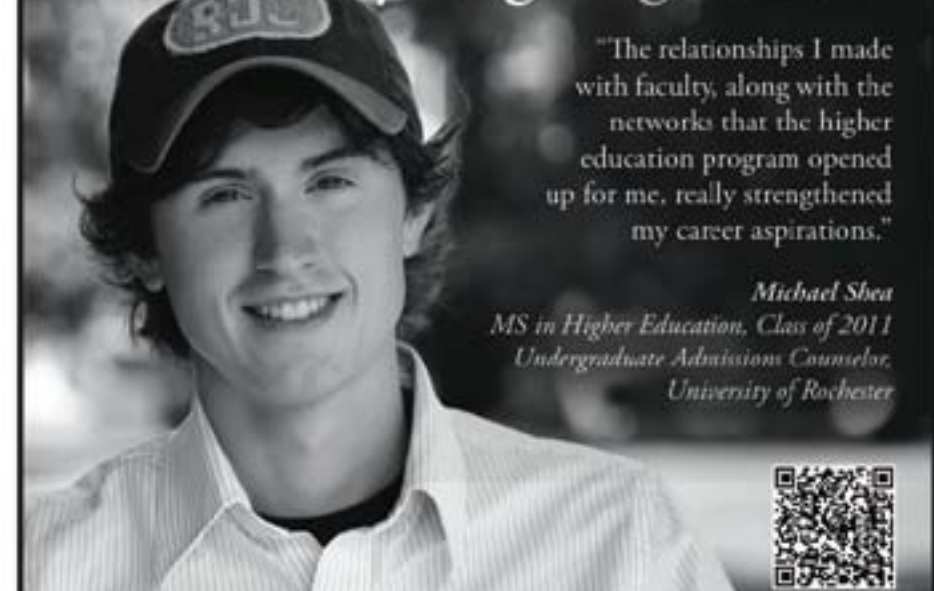
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NU's Open Mic Night: 17 acts, 300 students, and \$1,000 in prize money

Review by Tyler Russell
Staff Writer

Niagara University's 19th annual Open Mic Night was greeted with an raucous audience of students who came for a single purpose: to see their fellow classmates perform. The artists performed in front of more than 300 students, all of whom cheered and offered their support.

Acts ranged from poetry to a-capella to hip-hop, and included everything in between. The event introduced guitarists to piano players, comedians to dancers, and freshmen to seniors. Songs ranged from R&B to classical and jazz to contemporary. All in all, it appears the night was a huge success.

"Students just love to compete and entertain," says Vince Schiano,

a Niagara University student and a member of one of the 17 acts performing at the event. Schiano performed The Temptations classic "My Girl" and chose his friend and fellow student, Jessica Bialkowski, to join him on stage.

"This was my fifth time performing, and it's definitely the largest audience we've ever seen," Schiano said.

The recent open mic event fielded the largest crowd in quite some time for the series.

"With everything on campus, this has to be the most fun and the most organized event," Schiano said. When looking at the crowd's reaction after each performance, it would seem that you could easily agree with Vince's statement.

"I've been to four of these, and that is the most people and loudest I have ever heard it," said Niagara University

student Jim LeAir.

There is little doubt that the audience was rocking. Whether it was a self-written poem, a musical cover of a classic, or an original set of jokes, the audience reacted positively to each and every act. With such a variety in talent and performers, it is hard to imagine anyone not finding an act or artist to spark their interest.

In the end, however, and despite valiant efforts from all of the competitors, only one group could reign supreme.

This semester's Open Mic Night winner consisted of two females, who together formed a formidable hip-hop dance crew. Skyler Cross and Susannah Kushner, both juniors at Niagara University, took home first place and the grand prize of \$500.

Cross and Kushner have been

dancing for more than 10 years, and quite simply, "Just wanted to dance," Cross said. "We like to perform, and when we found out that open mic was available, we decided to put something together."

Open Mic Night was only the first one of the school year, with the other to be held sometime in March. Such a large turnout has to encourage additional acts and an even larger student-driven audience. It's hard to imagine those who have attended the event not coming back for more.

"I will be back, for sure. I've been to almost everyone of these," LeAir said.

The hope is to get anyone and everyone out to compete or cheer on fellow students as they compete in a friendly competition where everyone ultimately ends up a winner.



Mary Boatman, Class of 2012, anchors the newest edition of "The Ridge Report," Niagara University's student-produced newscast. With help from show co-creator Anna Hoffmann, Boatman updates the university community on "Glow Night," NU Theatre's production of "The Women of Lockerbie," the men's club rugby season, a forum and dinner on bullying presented by Diversity Advocates, and a student pumpkin-painting session in the Gallagher Center.

A new episode of "The Ridge Report" airs every Friday on Niagara University's website, www.niagara.edu.

"The Ridge Report," which launched its first episode on Jan. 5, endeavors to cover Niagara University topics and happenings that are of interest to students, including previews and reviews of concerts, theater performances and sporting events, as well as service learning and fundraising opportunities.

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Masquerade Ball (cont.)

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A group of freshman girls - Mary Wesolowski, Brittney Cognata, Sam Duthe and Mackenzie McGinnity - gathered around a table and were also enjoying themselves. They said there was a decent turnout. When asked what they liked the best, they said, "the fondue!" They thought attending the ball was good reason to get dressed up and get "really good, free food."

Williams said she hopes the masquerade ball can become a tradition at NU.

"I wanted to leave a strong legacy" she said.

"I'm not the norm of student government," Williams added, stating that she thinks she adds something a little different to the organization. She hopes to coordinate more events throughout the year like this.

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