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NU gives back with Adopt-A-Family



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By: Alize Rosado

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY N.Y. - As the days get colder, Niagara students' hearts get a little warmer. With the holiday season fast approaching Campus Ministry is doing their annual Adopt-A-Family program which gives Christmas gifts to local families in need.

Niagara University and Campus Ministry work closely with Summit Life, a crisis pregnancy center that families regularly visit. These families can fill out forms which are then given over to campus ministry. Students, faculty, clubs and organizations are then able to "adopt" a family for the holiday season and buy them Christmas gifts.

Gifts can range anywhere from toys for children, to gloves and coats, to pots and pans for parents. All gifts are dropped back off to Campus Ministry and then brought to Summit Life. Groups are asked to wrap the parents' gifts, but leave the children's gifts unwrapped so parents can still share the joy of wrapping their children's Christmas presents.

Many organizations on campus will hold different fundraisers to pay for their adopt a family. The Campus Programming Board sells Make-a-Montes during the basketball game and CAs will have

grilled cheese night in the towers. Each NUSGA delegation, including the cabinet, sells their own personalized item. This year the Freshman class is selling fleece blankets, Sophomores are selling bumper stickers, Seniors are selling NU tumblers and the Cabinet is selling varsity NU sweaters. The Junior delegation will be hosting a pancake night in the towers.

Others groups and organizations involved include Metz, athletic teams, and the Campus Activities Office. This year was especially unique because Campus Ministry originally ran out of families since so many groups wanted to participate.

The Adopt-A-Family program is one of NU's events that truly embodies the Vincentian mission.

"The Adopt-A-Family program at Niagara is one of many ways that the University takes action on its commitment to economic equality and inclusion," said sophomore Noah Hubbel. "As Vincentians, we believe every child deserves a loving Christmas."

As the days get closer to Christmas, consider giving a little extra hope to families in need. Whether it be through Niagara University or efforts on your own spread a little extra love this holiday season.

Campus funds going off campus



By: Ava Mrozik

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Starting in Spring 2019, students will be able to use their Campus Funds on their student I.D. at multiple vendors located near or on Military Rd.

On campus, there are a few food choices that include: Subway, Poblanos, Fusion, The Grove, the Dining Hall, Gally Grille and Tim Hortons. However students may want a change and expand off-campus. Rather than being limited to these few options, students will be able to socialize by using their student I.D. at places such as Mighty Taco, Fuji Grill, Chipotle, Duff's and Anchor Bar.

Jason Jakubowski, Dean 'for' Students, says he wants to be "giving students the opportunity to try something new." Through the latter half of this Fall semester, Jakubowski has been listening to feedback from students and requesting a variety of useful vendors to accept student I.D. cards, treating them as Debit cards.

Students will also be provided transportation from the already existing campus shuttle to Military Rd. Students' preferable choices have been either brought to Jakubowski as feedback or have been examined from social media comments. On Oct. 15, the Niagara Wire asked its Twitter followers where they would prefer to eat off-campus. The common responses were Starbucks, Chipotle and Regal Cinema.

The participating vendors have agreed to a contract from January to May, 2019, and will be accepting Campus Funds on students' I.D. cards. They will continue into the 2019-2020 academic year and so on. The specific vendors who are participating in this plan will be announced closer to the start of the Spring semester for students to officially purchase with their Campus Funds.

The hostess with the... roaches?



The cockroach above was seen in a hallway in Clet hall, very close to the kitchen. The Niagara Wire apologizes for the poor photo quality.

By Max Liebel

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Clet hall is a touchstone for a lot of students on campus. It's home to classrooms for the theatre program, student housing, a dinning hall, and now roaches. A picture surfaced a few weeks ago of a cockroach in the hallway of the lower level of Clet hall. The hallway where the picture was taken in is one where students go for class and leads to the kitchen for the dinning hall.

Jason Holmes, a junior here at Niagara University, sent in the photo of the cockroach and had this to say:

"The roach was so close to the kitchen there is no way the kitchen doesn't have or hasn't had roaches in it this semester," said Holmes. "I'm not the only one who has seen [the cockroaches] and if you're feeding hundreds of kids something like that is dangerous and unacceptable." Holmes was right he wasn't the only student to see the cockroaches in Clet.

Jess Justinger, a junior at NU, also re-

ported seeing roaches near the kitchen of Clet. "The roach was in a doorway across from the kitchen" said Justinger. "It's absolutely disgusting. People take classes there and we eat there its crazy."

Sightings of the cockroaches date back to last year according to Kenya King a junior theatre major.

"I saw it in the hallway leading to my theatre class," said King. This being the same hallway where other students had reported cockroach sightings. "I literally saw it and did a double-take because it was so nasty. It was in a clear plastic cup just left there. Clet has gotten better about being clean, but that is still nasty."

Cockroaches reproduce at a high rate and can carry disease-causing bacteria like salmonella. In a place like the dinning hall this can be very problematic. Food poisoning is often cited in establishments that have cockroaches. It seems like its only a matter of time before Niagara experiences these same types of problems if the cockroaches are not addressed.

An eye-sore turned masterpiece



By: Ava Mrozik

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - A dead tree, located behind Golisano Center, has been beautifully reshaped into a carved sculpture of an eagle. The tree trunk, still rooted to the ground, has become a wooden statue for people on campus to see and admire. Clair Talbot, who has been chainsaw carving for almost 20 years, decided to transform this eye-sore into something memorable and unique to Niagara University.

Talbot began carving after he had witnessed the art created by Jerry Ward at the Erie County Fair. Since then, he has created carved sculptures for his friends, art festivals and many other events. Talbot has made numerous trees into animal sculptures, and each carving project is unique.

"It quickly became my passion and is still driving me to create my sculptures," Talbot said. "My goal is to give it another life."

Talbot created the eagle as a symbol for NU's already existing 'Purple Eagles.'

"The eagle is majestic, noble, and strong," Talbot described these traits as ones we can all benefit from. He hopes all students and faculty enjoy the eagle sculpture here at NU.

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Fight for Life club approved by NUSGA

By: Madison Ruffo

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - On Sunday, November 11 the Fight for Life group proposed their constitution to the Niagara University Student Government Association, and was subsequently denied due to discrepancies in their constitution.

“They do, as any other club would, have the opportunity to bring their constitution back to a vote with changes and again the legislative process will take place,” said Cheyenne Freely, student-body president. This is exactly what the group did. After making the appropriate changes to their constitution, they took another shot and presented the revised document and were approved at the Legislative meeting on Sunday, November 18.

While several members of NUSGA were originally skeptical of approving a club with such a polarizing topic, the Fight for Life club ensured the legislative body that their mission stretches far beyond their pro-life stance.

“After seeing the suggested revisions to their constitution, members felt more comfortable that their mission on campus would be based in education, service and dialogue open to numerous sides of various issues surrounding life,” said Freely.

The Fight for Life club has operated through Campus Ministry for the past three semesters prior to their official club approval through NUSGA. The club aims for a “multi-faceted approach” to pro-life, and intends to focus on serving the Niagara Falls area through community service.

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Frankie's Donuts: an NU staple



Image: tripadvisor.ca

By: Katherine Snyder

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. - If you've ever seen movies about college students, you know that they love and value their hang-out spots. Whether it's a coffee shop, a restaurant or a large gathering place on campus, you always see groups of students in various spots to hang out and do homework. Students at Niagara University typically enjoy to gather and do homework at places on-campus in the Gallagher Center or the Library. Some students also enjoy going off-campus to do their work, such as Starbucks, Orange Cat or Village Bake Shoppe, all of which are only a couple minutes away from campus. However, there is a very special spot that not many newer students may know about.

This spot is the iconic Frankie's Donuts. Located at 717 Portage Rd. in Niagara Falls, they're open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They serve up freshly made donuts every day, a variety of hot drinks and bottled beverages, as well as breakfast food all day. They're not only known for their amazing donuts, but also serve pizza, wings and other tasty finger foods.

Frankie's has been a prime hang out spot for students at NU for years now, and older classes are hoping that the newer classes carry on the tradition of going to Frankie's to talk with friends and enjoy a good donut and some food. Frankie's old-time feel with their 70's diner-style decorations brings on major nostalgia, along with an old Juke Box CD player, and TVs playing shows from the late 80's.

The owner of the shop, Frankie, got his start over three decades ago as a teenager when his older brother hired him as a donut baker at a Mr. Donuts franchise. He eventually learned the ins and outs of the donut business and decided to open his own store, Frankie's Donuts. Frankie is in the store every day, along with his wife Terry, to make great donuts and food, and serve customers all hours of the day.

Frankie's is also fairly cheap, perfect for college students on a budget. Donuts cost about \$2 a piece. Most students love to go late at night to enjoy their donuts and have a fun night with their friends. The shop itself has a very welcoming atmosphere to it, and the employees who work there are some of the friendliest people you will meet. You can usually find many different kinds of people at Frankie's beside college students, including the less fortunate who enjoy their complimentary cup of coffee.

Even though Frankie's is not in a very safe section of Niagara Falls, they're very welcoming and providing a safe atmosphere for all of their customers to have a good bite to eat, share a laugh and overall enjoy their stay at the shop.

If you haven't already, give Frankie's a try. This small business makes amazing donuts and food that is highly incomparable to larger food and donut chains. It is truly a gem of a place to go visit and chat with friends.

NUOP: More than an opportunity

By: Max Liebel

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - I found myself sitting around a group of people in a social setting here on campus my sophomore year talking about where we came from, our old high schools, and the towns we grew up in. I had mentioned that I was a NUOP student and the girl sitting next to me had said “I thought that was for inner city kids.” After that statement we then proceeded to get in a somewhat-heated argument. It was clear to me, at this point, that who knew about the program may not have all the facts. This was not my last discussion on the program and the stigmas that surrounded it to those who knew of the program.

To be clear NUOP students are hardly handed anything. Every NUOP student is required to take a three credit summer course for four weeks before their first semester at Niagara University. This involves waking up at 8 a.m., going to class, followed by a writing class, study sessions, and meetings. I usually get back to the dorms around 8 p.m. five nights a week. We do not get handed anything, it is earned. Myself and other NUOP students will attest to being all the more prepared for college because of it. We learn how to write a proper email, what a real class and course texts look like and what college will require of you all before registering for your first classes here on campus. As well as logging six study hours a week in the Library, or Academic Support offices and maintaining a certain GPA and standing with the University once you are here on campus as a full-time student.

My context and experience doesn’t speak for NUOP students as a whole. Myself, Kenya King and Elizabeth Camara all discussed our experiences with the NUOP program and what it had provided us and prepared us for. We

had all agreed that the two main figures of the program, Jerrell Mason and Kara Oliver, had provided fantastic support systems as well as advisors.

“They don’t sugar coat anything and they don’t play around, they really make sure you’re on the right track” said Camara, who is currently interning with senator Kirsten Gillibrand. “I don’t think my other advisors would have offered me the same kind of opportunities Kara [Oliver] has with things like my internship.” Speaking from experience, Oliver and Mason are the reason i’m still here at NU. They have pushed me and kept me on a path to success, unlike any other figures I’ve had in my academic career. I wouldn’t be here writing this article if it wasn’t for their guidance.

There is a certain racial profiling that surrounds NUOP students. This shows in the discussion I alluded to earlier with coded language like “inner city kids” or that on multiple occasions students and faculty has mistaken me for a work study student when I am in the NUOP office.

“Everyone assumes that if you get into NUOP that means you didn’t get in regularly,” said King. “They assume that you are simply poor, black or didn’t get accepted through regular admissions. which isn’t the case.”

Our expectations are not the same as a regular student’s on campus. Our advisors and the program holds us to a higher standard than that of a “normal” student. We have more to prove than “normal” students, and each semester we meet that standard and rise to the occasion. I would not trade my NUOP experience or the opportunities it’s given me for anything. I can say confidently that NUOP is the reason I had the opportunity to go to college, and that is something no amount of student loans can measure.

If actions reveal values

By: Vince de Paul

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - At a recent basketball game, a Niagara University student was selected at random and given the opportunity to win tuition for a semester if they could sink four consecutive basketball shots. Through this promotion, the University appears to be signaling:

That it places a greater value on athletic prowess than alternatives such as academic merit or community engagement.

That random chance is rewarded instead of hard work and a record of effort and accomplishment.

One could argue that this is just good clean fun, and an exciting promotion that draws in the crowd. It certainly plays to a “Reality TV mindset”—that the angst of a student who recognizes that next semester’s student loans hang in the balance of a shot or four is exciting to watch.

It is worth asking, however, whether some Niagara University students would be offended by this display. Many probably didn’t see it, and as a result were never eligible to win the tuition waiver, because they were on the night shift of their second job that allows them to pay their tuition, or they were working on their senior thesis that they hope will open a door to a career opportunity, or they were involved in a community service project that they manage to squeeze in between their other commitments.

Maybe they shouldn’t be asked, because it could lead them to question why they put in the time and effort and energy that they do to the things that the University is supposed to value.

One could argue that that’s not how life works. It isn’t fair, and deserving people don’t always succeed. But if that is the response, it is worth considering why a student would choose to attend Niagara University. Isn’t the purpose of a Vincentian education to promote enlightenment, hard work, service to those in need, and education that creates a more equitable and just future?

Maybe instead we should think of a different promotion: what if faculty nominated students on the basis of their academics, their perseverance, their demonstration of Vincentian values, and from those nominations five students receive a tuition waiver. What if the halftime show is bringing those students out to center court to celebrate their accomplishments, to give them a tuition waiver to reward their effort? Wouldn’t this be a wonderful way to acknowledge what Niagara University stands for?

Or, based on the University administration’s endorsement of the Free Tuition Shootout promotion, maybe we already have an answer to that last question.

Best places to study during finals week

By: Sarah Rance

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Final exams are quickly approaching, and that means studying - a lot. Productive studying can be largely determined by location. Some people need a silent place to study, while some people need a little background noise. It is important to find a spot that works for you. Read about the ten best places to study for finals below.

10. The Library: No, not that exciting. However, the library has a lot of cool spaces to study in. Hang out on the main floor, basement, or upper floor. The library has a lot to offer, just find a spot that works for you.

9. St. Vincent's Hall: There are a couple of spaces in Vinny that work great for studying. On the first floor, there is a small lounge with vending machines. Also, the fourth floor is very quiet and a few people enjoy sitting up there to do their studying.

8. Bisgrove: Grab some coffee at Tim Hortons and relax without all of the commotion of Gally. The second floor has a great area to do homework. A lot of students find this space very comfortable to study in.

7. The Gallagher Center: Though it can get noisy, there are a lot of spaces that students can use to study in Gally. Plus, it can be a lot more comfortable. Couches, TVs and food are all available.

6. Golisano: A lot of students love studying in Golisano. This quiet building has study rooms that are perfect for finals time. Grab a couple friends and check out a study room in Golisano.

5. An empty classroom: If a classroom is not being used, it can be a great place to study. They are very quiet and you can use the whiteboards. Students are used to being in classrooms so some people may find studying in them helps to retain information better.

4. Lounges: The dorm buildings are equipped with lounges that, when empty, can be a nice change of pace for studying. For people who may not necessarily want to leave the dorm building to study, it is a good idea to try studying in the lounges. It gets you out of your room without making you go outside.

3. The Dining Commons: Sometimes studying can make you feel isolated from the rest of campus. A good way to avoid that is to study in the Dining hall. Not to mention, there is comfort food only a few steps away.

2. Off campus: If you have the means to get off campus, places like Starbucks and Panera are great places to study. Being off campus and around people you don't see all the time can help motivate you to focus.

1. Study rooms in the Library: The Library's study rooms are really nice areas to study. You can get together a group of classmates and study together. They are equipped with whiteboards and computers. Visit the Library's website to reserve a room.

Try out these spots and see which one works best for your study needs. Good luck!

Thought on Amazon's new headquarters

By Hugh Brown

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Amazon has announced that they will be splitting their second headquarters between Long Island City and Crystal City, a neighborhood in Arlington, Virginia. This trillion-dollar company's decision to split their headquarters between New York and the Washington D.C. metro area is to many, a controversial one.

Supporters of this move look at the jobs Amazon is promising to bring into the cities. The company has promised 25,000 new jobs to both Arlington and New York. That many jobs also attracts people to those areas. While some of the jobs filled may be from people already living in the area, this means a rather large influx of people seeking work into these already-booming metro areas. This means that more apartments and neighborhoods get filled, and more money is pumped into the local economy.

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has been especially welcoming to Amazon in New York City. The State of New York is offering Amazon up to \$3 billion in tax cuts and credits over the next 15 years according to the New York Times.

"It is from my point of view that 25,000 jobs is a big transformative move for our economy to take another step in the tech sector," said Cuomo.

Many have been opposed to this move. In the past, several big companies

that moved to metropolitan areas have devastated the area, and for many different reasons. Sometimes the company over-expands and fails, leaving thousands out of jobs. That is what we've seen in "rust belt" cities like Detroit. Large companies can also cause pollution in areas.

Some have accused Amazon of hosting a fake competition to see what kind of tax cuts they would get. The theory is that Amazon knew they wanted to go to the Washington area and New York City, so they proposed a national bidding war to see how much New York and Washington would offer in tax incentives. With \$3 billion coming from New York State, this theory makes sense.

New York City's infrastructure is crumbling. Their subways haven't run on time in months, and there's no sign of improvement in the near future. The cost of living in Queens is already absurd and most people can't afford for it to get worse. The area is also very crowded and does not need a giant company building offices or warehouses right in the middle of it.

Although this is biased, the Buffalo-Rochester bid was near perfect. The area between the two cities is not too developed which would be great for building warehouses and office buildings. The cost of living in both cities is relatively low. Both cities have international airports and are a little more centralized in the country than New York.

Amazon has clearly ripped off the State of New York and will eat up and destroy Queens, and frankly, it's disgusting.

My underwear cannot say “Yes”



By Francesca Gugino

CORK, IRELAND - In Cork, a city in the Republic of Ireland, a 17-year-old rape victim took her life two weeks after her Nov. 5 trial in the city's Central Criminal Court. She was humiliated in the courtroom, as the defense attorney Elizabeth O'Connell entered the teenager's thong as an attempt to exonerate her 27-year-old client from rape charges. O'Connell asked that the jury to reflect on the choice of underwear that the young girl wore, as if to say that her underwear screamed "YES!" to the 27-year-old man who dragged the teen through mud into an alleyway near a nightclub in Cork.

Tom Creed, arguing for the prosecution of the case, relied heavily on two points. The first, that the teen had never had sex before and that there was clear discrepancy in verbal consent. Both the teen and man stated that verbal consent was never given, nor did the 27-year-old ask for the victim's consent. After the assault occurred, the 17-year-old stated "You just raped me" and the

27-year-old man's response to her was "No, we just had sex."

O'Connell left the jury with a closing remark that asked them to take note of the girl's underwear as perhaps as sign that the young girl 'was asking for it' or 'wanted it'.

"Does the evidence out-rule the possibility that she was attracted to the defendant and was open to meeting someone and being with someone?" the lawyer asked, according to The Irish Times. "You have to look at the way she was dressed. She was wearing a thong with a lace front."

Unfortunately this case and many others show the systematic problems of sexual assault and rape trials in Ireland, as well as other parts of Europe where survivors are silenced and rape culture is ingrained in society. In the Republic of Ireland, according to the most recent data available, only 8% of rape trials turn into convictions and in Northern Ireland the convictions rate is as low as 2%. According to RAINN, this percentage is even lower in the United States where only 5 out of 1,000 sexual violence cases will lead to

felony conviction, meaning that 995 perpetrators walk free.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Campus Safety and Security statistics, 6 students reported being raped on campus during 2016, as this is the most recent year available. RAINN statistics show that only about 10%-12% of college students who have experienced sexual assault report to campus safety offices and even less report to the police. The top reasons that are shown are belief it was a personal matter, fear of reprisal and belief that it was not important or that the police could not help.

Attention in the United States and other parts of the world has been brought to the need for more rights for sexual violence victims and survivors through movements such as #METOO, #TIMESUP and now #THISISNOTCONSENT. But how many movements will it take for the government to respond to the needs of many survivors who are forced to endure a society that blames victims and survivors of sexual violence?

Goodbye basic holiday gifts

By: Francesca Gugino

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - The holiday season is a great opportunity to show gratitude and affirmation to loved ones. Typically, American culture calls for consumers to buy the people that they care most about elaborate gifts and utilize the days after Thanksgiving to spend-spend-spend in hopes of showing someone how much that they are valued through an expensive gift. Oftentimes, people get swept up in the holiday season and don't give the right gifts: experience, memories, time or something DIY with extra meaning and thoughtfulness.

When thinking of gifts for family, friends and anyone else on this season's shopping list, write out what each person enjoys most. Ask yourself: what does this person on my list do for fun? Or what is their favorite team, music group, show etc? And try to give them an experience and memory, instead of another sweater. Purchase concert tickets, movies passes, tickets to a sporting event, a membership or a day trip spent together. Think of ways to connect and pass time together or give a loved one something that they can use and always remember doing.

If concert tickets, day trips and memberships to a gym or club are out of the budget. Think Do-It-Yourself (DIY). DIY gifts show a degree of care, commitment and creativity. These are thoughtful, crafty and affordable ways to show someone that they are appreciated without giving a generic gift certificate or clothing that they could just as easily buy themselves. Some popular DIY gifts include: sugar scrubs, candles, lip balm, body butter, cookie mix jars, wood burning art, paintings, breakfast or coffee lovers baskets, homemade popcorns and Wholefully mason jar soup recipes. The list goes on and one, and the steps are simple. Most of these take less than 15 minutes to make and are cost effective.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix in a Jar

Ingredients/What you Need:

3/4 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup granulated sugar

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

1 1/2 cups (9 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 quart size mason jar

Ribbon

Tag with Instructions on how to use the dry mix!

Directions per The Happier Homemaker:

1- Decorate the jar with the name of the person the gift is for, ribbons and an instruction tag that reads the following instructions:

"Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Beat butter, egg and vanilla in a large bowl until blended.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, salt, and sugars. Stir to mix well.

Add dry mixture to wet and mix well.

Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased baking sheet.

Bake for 9-11 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool."

2- Use a small bowl to mix the flour, baking soda and salt together. Pour into the mason jar and use a spoon to neatly pack the dry mixture to the bottom of the jar.

3- Add brown sugar and use the same method to pack down the ingredients neatly (back of the spoon).

4- Add the granulated sugar next, followed by the chocolate chips.

Sugar Scrubs

What you Need:

Glass Jar

Raw Sugar

Essential Oils (safe on skin)

Coconut Oil

Directions per Luxy Hair Blog:

1- Decorate the glass jar with labels, ribbons, etc.

2- Place 1/2 cup Coconut Oil in microwave safe dish, and microwave until completely melted.

3- Transfer melted Coconut Oil to small bowl, and mix in 1 cup of Raw Sugar.

4- Add 10 drops (more depending on desired strength of scent) of Vanilla Essential Oil (or essential oil of choice) and mix again until well combined.

5- Transfer to Glass Jar

Coffee Lovers Basket:

What you Need:

Large Woven Basket

Clear Plastic Gift Wrap

Ribbon

Fair Trade Organic Coffee (i.e. Grounds-forChange)

Coconut Sugar or Oil

Almond or Soy Milk

Coconut Milk Creamer

Chocolate Covered Espresso Beans

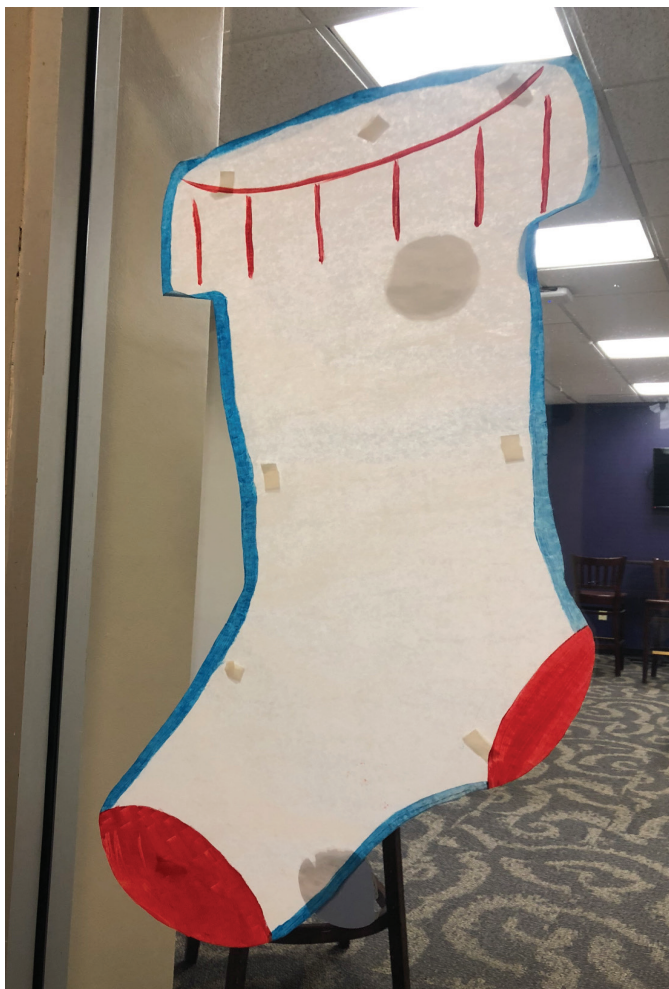
Handmade Mug(s)

Homemade Biscotti

Simply arrange the items nicely in the basket and wrap with the clear gift wrap and ties with a ribbon.

These are easy to facilitate gifts, that won't break the bank and are fun crafts to complete!

The great sock war of Clet Hall



By: Sarah Rance

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Clet Hall has its traditions and yes, its biggest one involves hurling socks. This game, fully equipped with rules, prizes and reserved specifically for Clet Hall residents only, is called Sock Wars.

The objective of the game is quite simple: hit your target with a sock to get them eliminated from the game and be the last one standing. Targets are assigned at random and in round one, you can only hit the person you are assigned. Once you do, they have to give you their target. No one has the same target and no one can have each other. Once enough people have been eliminated, round two begins. In this round, it is a free for all for those who have not yet been eliminated and who have eliminated at least one person in the first round. In other words, no one is safe from anyone. There are three prizes awarded to the last three players standing. As of right now, five of the original 26 players are still in the game. I am one of these five.

One word that describes this game is paranoia. Imagine having to be on the constant lookout for someone trying to hit you with their socks. Need

to use the bathroom? Check the hallways. Want to go to the dining hall for dinner? You better have a friend who is not in the game make sure the coast is clear. There are designated safe places, such as bedrooms and bathrooms, but it's the areas in-between these spaces that you need to be worried about.

So far, my game has consisted of plotting, running to safety and helping my alliance get their targets. I have witnessed a number of people getting eliminated and I have eliminated three players myself. At this point, it is not about the prizes. I want to win because I cannot fathom losing. I am in too deep to be taken down now. This game is meant for fun, which it is, but to my friends and I, it is so much more. We walk around with socks in our pockets everywhere we go. For competitive people like us, this game is a lot more than a friendly competition. It is war.

Alliances are formed, trust is broken and even the friendly CA that lives a few doors down cannot be trusted. If you decide to live in Clet and partake in this game, prepare for ambushes, sneaking around and backstabbers. The game is a lot of fun, but trust me when I say the anxiety is real.

Victoria's Secret, or should we say "Victoria's Truths?"

By: Brittany Rosso

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Following the recording of the 2018 annual Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, interesting comments surfaced sparking instant controversy and disbelief on the internet. A few days after the show, their chief marketing officer, Ed Razek, released a harsh comment in an interview with Vogue Magazine.

The interview was published on Thursday, Nov. 8, with an apology statement that followed on Friday Nov. 9. In the interview, Razek made several statements regarding transgender and plus size models, essentially implying that those who could be categorized under these descriptions were not worthy of participating in the Fashion Show, or in Victoria's Secret at all. His statement has been recorded as follows:

"We attempted to do a television special for plus-sizes [in 2000]. No one had any interest in it, still don't," he claimed. Later adding, "Shouldn't you have transsexuals in the show? No. No, I don't think we should."

Shortly after making these remarks and realizing the far damage he has done, Razek posted an apology stating, "My remark regarding the inclusion of transgender models in the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show came across as insensitive. I apologize. To be clear, we absolutely would cast a transgender model in our show. We've had transgender models come to castings...And like many others, they didn't make it. It was never about gender. I admire and respect their journey to embrace who they really are."

In it's over 20 years of casting for the event, they have yet to cast a transgender or plus size model

for their runway show or ad campaigns. They have made several efforts to diversify their runway models by welcoming women of many backgrounds, however, some groups are clearly still left marginalized.

This comment came to the shock of many Victoria's Secret fans, shoppers, models and even their own employees. After holding a two-year position at the multi million dollar company, Victoria's Secret's CEO Jan Singer has officially resigned, while several others called for a boycott of the company, or responded with criticisms via social media. Regardless of the situation Victoria's Secret is now in, the show will air on Dec. 2 on ABC Network for millions to see.

Who will continue to stand for these wings? I wonder.

Electronic Dance Music, more than just a genre

By: Katherine Snyder

Electronic Dance Music, known as EDM for short, has been around in the music industry for decades now. Ranging from Dubstep to House, it is a huge genre for people to explore. Over the past couple of years, many people who are fans of EDM have been stereotyped for listening to this music. For those unaware of these stereotypes, many people in the community who listen to this genre and go to festivals are labeled as drug addicts, as drugs are a part of the festival and rave culture. People have also been stereotyped as “uncultured” and “idiotic” because they like listening to what people call “computer robot noises.” However, all of this isn’t true when it comes to the rave community, and people don’t care to learn what it’s really about.

The rave and festival community is one of the best things you could be apart of. It isn’t like any other culture or community you’ve seen. It is very easy to make friends and bond over the music together. The people are so kind and welcom-

ing, and you can always find a friend or even a random stranger to talk to and headbang with at a show or festival (headbanging is a very big part of the community as well.) This community exemplifies acceptance- and that’s what makes it so beautiful. A lot of the group is based on the saying “PLUR” which means Peace, Love, Unity, Respect. No matter what you look like, your size, age, etc., you will always be accepted by people in this community.

In addition to making amazing friends, there are so many unique components to the raving scene that make you feel so alive and happy. For one, finding music that helps set you free is so cleansing. It may just be a bunch of computer-generated sounds, but the way artists put them together and execute their music is truly an indescribable. There are many big festival and show traditions that come along with the community, including making “Kandi” bracelets, which are bracelets made of colored pony beads and letter beads that have a saying or word on them. At festivals, strangers will trade their bracelets with each

other in an act of the PLUR movement, which signifies that they’re welcome in the community. It may sound stupid, but receiving these bracelets from other people and having them as such a small, inexpensive memory is truly an experience in itself.

Sadly, I cannot list everything involved in the rave community and culture or this article will go on forever, but if you’re interested in this topic, definitely search more about it. No matter the stereotypes, the rave community is just one of the most amazing things to explore. Going to music festivals, meeting amazingly kind people, making awesome friends, bonding over music together and being free to let go are just some of the highlights. For myself, I am a part of this community heavily, and I have to say this is my calling. Becoming happy with life, no matter what group or culture you’re a part of is one of the best feelings. I hope everyone out there, whether it be this community or something else, finds the thing that makes them feel whole.

Brooklyn 99 (the younger sibling to The Office)

By: Hugh Brown

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - “Brooklyn 99” is a sitcom starring Andy Samberg that airs on NBC. The show is about the 99th precinct in Brooklyn and their wacky misadventures. It was created by Michael Schur, who co-created “The Office” and “Parks and Recreation” and Dan Goor who produced “Parks and Recreation.”

“Brooklyn 99” is very similar in style to both “The Office” and “Parks.” The humor is very much the same, and many actors have appeared on all three shows. While not a mockumentary like “The Office,” the show looks much more like “Parks.” Instead of talking heads to have characters say how they’re feeling, the show uses cutaways as flashbacks to tell many jokes. This is more reminiscent of Fox’s “Family Guy,” which uses the same cutaway gags.

“The Office” started in 2005 as a parody of typical American workplaces. The whole gag was that a paper company in Scranton PA was the most boring location for a documentary to

be filmed. As the show went on and found its footing it became more about a bunch of normal people interacting with their absurd boss. “Parks and Recreation” premiered in 2009 as a spiritual successor to “The Office.” When the show premiered, it was very similar to its predecessor. As the show got more comfortable, instead of being about a group of completely wacky office workers living in a realistic depiction of the world, “Parks” was about a group of wacky people living in a wacky world. “Brooklyn 99” is a mix of the two. The show generally takes the crimes they investigate seriously, but the characters all provide laughs.

The show has a cult following online for being very LGBT aware. One of the main characters is gay and another is bisexual. The majority of the characters are also ethnically diverse. After being canceled by Fox earlier this year, NBC bought the show and renewed it for a sixth season. The sixth season will air early next year. The show is also available to stream on Hulu.

Check out “Brooklyn 99” today.



Image: FOX

Real Country show off to strong start



By: Zack Kephart

Image: USA Network

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Considering “American Idol” had to revive itself to keep going and “The Voice” has yet to launch a serious star, it’s debatable whether we needed yet another singing competition show. “Real Country” however looks to bring a different twist to the format.

For starters, it’s the first one of these shows to focus specifically on country music, with filming taking place in Nashville, Tennessee. Corny name aside, the first episode introduced a field of talent that is definitely looking to shake up the otherwise stale modern country music scene.

The show, judged by Shania Twain, Jake Owen and Travis Tritt, features artists or groups handpicked by the judges to perform in two rounds. During the first round, the three contestants play strictly for the audience who judge them on a five point scale. The contestant who obtains the lowest score is eliminated while the other two move on to the next round. The second round features the same criteria, only this time the judges also have a vote. This week, country duo Big & Rich were brought onto the judging panel as special guests.

While there won’t be any embarrassingly humorous auditions on this show that would make Simon Cowell cringe, “Real Country” should be commended for cutting right to the chase and introducing three worthy contestants from the start.

The Young Fables, picked by Twain, were the most naturally talented of the bunch, with singer Laurel Wright excelling at Emmylou Harris’ “Two Bottles Of Wine” and Deana Carter’s “Strawberry Wine” due to her superb vocal talent.

Sadly, they would be eliminated in the second round, with Tritt’s pick of Copper Chief winning the grand prize of \$10,000 and a chance to perform at The Stagecoach Country Music Festival in 2019. This band excelled on raw energy, something that contributed greatly to their live performances and helped them secure their winning score.

Owen’s pick of Adairs Run wasn’t bad, but two white guys pairing up to perform a party song is something the already testosterone-filled genre doesn’t need. Of the contestants, they were the weakest, bringing in a healthy dose of energy without backing it up with the right talent.

Overall, the first episode of “Real Country” was a success, and despite the judges significantly different styles as artists, that’s what ultimately made their choices all the more exciting to see. “Real Country” airs through U.S.A. Network on Tuesdays at 10 p.m./9 p.m. central.

Podcasts: a hidden treasure

By: Liam Cuddy

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - Podcasts are what seems to be one of the newer, more prominent mediums when it comes to gathering information in these modern times. Whether you are into pop culture, politics, cooking, reviews, meditation and everything in between... there is a podcast for you. For those who aren’t familiar, podcasts are essentially recorded audio files that depict a conversation between two or more people, or an informative lecture or story told from a certain viewpoint.

Podcasts usually come in the form of a “season.” Though there is no limit as to how many can be produced or shared. Here are some interesting options to look out for if you’re interested!

There’s no better way than to start your day with some “Serial.” “Serial” is a podcast that just premiered its third season. It chronicles a journalist as she delves into a murder case that took place almost 20 years ago. As we begin to hear more and more about the circumstances surrounding the murder of a young highschool girl, we begin to doubt whether or not the actual criminal is the one who was sentenced, and if the justice system put an innocent boy behind bars.

For those who love their celebrities, I highly recommend “Armchair Expert with Dax Shepard.” “Armchair Expert” is a show ran by Dax Shepard and his co-host Monica Padman. Every week the duo brings on a new celebrity guest to interview and chat with about how they got their big break, and how fame wasn’t exactly what they thought it would be. It is a show that really reveals the messiness of being human, and manages to be informative, humorous and heartwarming at the same time.

If anyone is looking for more of a deeper, philosophical take on things, look no further!

“Waking Up with Sam Harris” is all you’ll ever need. Sam Harris is an american author, philosopher and neuroscientist who focuses heavily on politics, religious beliefs and meditation to achieve mindfulness. Not to mention, he has one of the most calming, serene voices in the game. Highly recommend for anyone who is trying to experience something new.

Lastly, but certainly not least, “The Moth.” The Moth radio hour is a very unique, very real gift to the podcast community. “The Moth” is made up of everyday people who want to share their stories. These stories range from getting arrested, to finding a long lost sibling, to filing divorce papers in court. But every story comes with a very emotional core that touches everyone in such a way. The Moth reminds us all that we are human, and that we all make very human mistakes, and have very human triumphs.

In closing, podcasts have a little something for everyone, and it’d be a shame to let such a rich, educational experience go untouched. Check it out and see what interests you. There are hundreds of thousands of hours in audio uploaded all over the internet and on select apps such as Audible and the iTunes podcast app.

Oh, and did I mention they are all 100% free?

A horror story you won't want to miss



By: Brittany Rosso

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - On Oct. 12, Netflix viewers got one of the most exciting horror stories of the year. "The Haunting of Hill House," a TV series adaptation from the 1959 novel "The Haunting of Hill House," is far beyond your average ghost story. Since its release, it has taken off with several 5 star reviews, binge viewings and 10/10 ratings- even considered "close to work of a genius" by the master of horror himself, Stephen King. This isn't just a story about an average family who grew up in an average house with a few ghost stories. This is something different.

The main characters, the children of the Crain family, grew up in the enormous Hill House as their parents worked to flip the property. During their rather quick stay, the family members encountered experiences beyond the ordinary, but little did they know, their childhood home, ghost stories and nightmares would soon become a part of the most famous story ever. The series dives into the terror they lived at the house by reliving their childhood, present lives and following their futures.

Soon into the show, it becomes apparent that many of the family members suffer from personal issues including mental health and addiction problems- an aspect of the series that puts a twist on your average scary TV show. Beyond the unordinary story line, plot and visually engaging settings, the film crew of the production uses a unique approach. Several moments capture the real life horror from the characters point-of-view, allowing those who watch to feel as though they are in the show themselves... it's truthfully complicated to catch the same camera angle twice.

The Crain family's Hill House's horror story is filled with tragedy, death and drama. If you want to learn the story of Hill House, meet the "bent-neck lady" and discover the tragedies suffered by those who once inhabited the property, head on over to Netflix and get watching. It's terror will surely keep you on the edge of your seat, and probably make you eager to binge watch like the rest of us. But be careful, the Haunting of Hill House has been known to engulf those who listen back into its horror.

The Dumpster: Issue 4

By: Liam Cuddy

"Who the heck are you?" the disgruntled boy wearing an astronaut helmet asked as he peered through the open door at Robby.

Robby tried to think of how he could explain himself, none of the options seemed plausible in the moment. "I'm Robby... new kid on the block."

"Mhm. I'm Tom, the loser. I'll save you some time, go find a different friend." he said as he shut the door.

"You like time travel?" Robby blurted out as fast as he could.

Tom stopped the door with his foot and looked back at Robby through the corners of his eyes. "Why do you ask?"

Robby cracked a slight smile looking back at his mother. The conversation was short and sweet. There were no tricks, no deception, just enough facts to keep young Tom wrapped up in wonder. Enough facts to encourage him to follow Robby back to the schoolyard where the dumpster sat waiting.

"We shouldn't be here..." Tom said nervously.

"Listen to me." Robby urged as he turned to his father. "I need to leave you, and none of this will make sense but... you're going to grow old. And you're going to look back on your life and think... did you follow your dreams? Or did you try to fit in? You live the life you wanted to live? Or did you just give up. I believe in you, Dad. One day you'll see what's important..."

Robby's mom sat silently within the dumpster, waiting for the cue to press the big blue button.

Tom stuttered, "Wait-- I don't understand!" he said as the dumpster began to flash and flicker.

"You do!" Robby shouted over the noise. "You can't give up, that's when they win!" with those final words, Robby scampered into the dumpster.

Tom wanted to follow him, but a flash of blue light left him alone in the dirt, teeming with wonder...

"Mom... did it work?" he asked quietly as they sat in the dark.

"You were perfect, but we're about to find out." she pushed the hatch open and the two of them fell back into their yard.

After a moment of staring, they had their answer. "Why is our house gone?" he asked as he gazed on at the tin mobile home where their modest house once sat.

"Good question..." she replied, just as confused as he was.

Within the mobile home were stacks upon stacks of papers littered with algorithms of every sort. A television flickered in and out of reception, and Tom Walsh was nowhere to be found.

"Maybe we were wrong?" she sighed, trying to stifle tears.

"I don't think so..." Robby said with a gasp as he examined the papers.

She peered over his shoulder at the note he was so captivated by.

Dear, Robby and Rebecca... trying out model 38, gimme' a wave if you see me. You know where to look...

Without hesitation they ran to window and watched with glee as the rocketship soared on through the sky.

To read the prior installments of "The Dumpster," visit www.niagarawire.com

The Inaugural “Semesters”

Introducing The Semester Awards, or The Semesters for short. These are the Niagara Wire Sports Staff’s biannual awards given out to the best NU players, coaches, and teams of the proceeding semester. Here are The Semesters for the Fall 2018 semester:

Team of the Semester: Hockey

The Purple Eagles have had quite a semester on the ice. The team has held their ground as the top team in the Atlantic for quite some time. They currently have a 7-6-1 record, with a 7-4-1 conference record. The Purple Eagles have been led by their potent offense, as they currently lead the Atlantic in Goals For (46) and Goals per Game (3.29).



Rookie of the Semester: Annie Ibey, Women’s Soccer

Ibey juggled the challenge of getting acclimated with college life and the challenge of being a student athlete with ease. In her first semester, and first season, as a Purple Eagle, Ibey led the Women’s Soccer team in goals (10) and points (23). She finished second in the MAAC in both the aforementioned categories.



Player of the Semester: Marvin Prochet, Men’s Basketball

Prochet is currently averaging a double-double with 20.0 PPG and 11.3 RPG. He leads the Purple Eagles and the MAAC in both of those categories. Through Nov. 24, Prochet was one of two players in the country to have a double-double in every game.



Coach of the Semester: Donna Day, Women’s Volleyball

After starting out 0-9, Day helped pioneer the Purple Eagles to a successful remainder of the season. By the end of the semester, and regular season, the Women’s Volleyball team had racked up nine MAAC wins in total, as well as secured the sixth seed in the MAAC Tournament.



Purple Eagles soaring on the ice



Image: purpleeagles.com

By Nastassja Posso

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - It's a great time to be an NU Men's Hockey fan. It is safe to say that the team has had an incredible season. They have won five out of their last seven games, including a three game winning streak, and being first in the conference with a 7-4-1 conference record. Captain of the hockey team, Nick Farmer, shares some information and gives his input on the team's season.

"I thought our team did a good job in handling the [three game] winning streak and staying humble through it all," he said. "We did not make it a point that we were on a streak and I think that is what all good teams do." Farmer said.

Farmer mentions that the best game the team has had so far this season has to have been the first game against Canisius on the night of Thursday, Nov. 15. At this game the Purple Eagles had a 5-2 win over the Golden Griffins which really got them motivated for the following game. The following Saturday, Nov. 17, the Purple Eagles met with the griffins once again at the Dwyer Arena where they had another win of 9-6. This was also the game that was led by Reed Robinson's first collegiate hat trick.

Clearly, games against Canisius are played with much more motivation and passion than any other, due to the rivalry. Farmer added that the support and high energy from their fans they get on those games against Canisius are like no other and it is partially what gets them going for these games.

"I thought we did a great job handling different situations in the game and our response to when they scored was next level." Farmer said.

With a few more games left in the season, the team prepares to face some conference and non-conference rivals. That being said, Farmer mentions there are still some areas where the team can improve regardless of their great success so far.

"I think we can improve by taking advantage of the situations that we are in," he said. "If we want to be the best team at the end of the year, we have to learn to put teams away and when we earn a lead in a game, we continue that hunger and step on the other team's throat." Farmer said.

The Purple Eagles' next opponent will be the Colgate Raiders. The Purple Eagles host the Raiders for two games on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7., both games start at 7 P.M.

Statistics as of Nov. 28, 2018

Women's Basketball struggles out of the gate

By Alex Bock

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. - The Women's Basketball team started off the season with the hope that despite losing some key players due to graduation, they would see a good deal of success this season. However, reality quickly set in for the Purple Eagles as they have started the season 1-5.

Despite the rough start to the season, the Purple Eagles have shown that they play to the buzzer, no matter the score. With a very young team in place, Head Coach Jada Pierce talked about growing as a team and focusing on the details.

"We will continue to focus on getting better with the little things," Pierce stated. "We are still figuring out our identity as a team and with having a lot of newness, focusing on the basics like our defenses and our new offense, we will see it pay off as the season goes along."

Junior guards Jai Moore and Maggie McIntyre currently lead the team in scoring, averaging 13.3 and 10.5 points per game respectively. McIntyre also leads the team in assists, averaging 2.5 per game, while sophomore forward Emerald Ekpiteta is the team's leading rebounder at 7.7 per game. Pierce talked highly of the aforementioned players, as well as some others.

"Jai Moore, Maggie McIntyre, Adila Gathers, Emerald Ekpiteta and Kharysma Bryant have been pretty consistent so far this season," Pierce mentioned. "I anticipate us getting more contributions from other members of our team like Dagny Davidsdottir and Claire Wanzer as we go along. We also have three or four freshmen that will continue to get significant time which will give them a chance to prove themselves as well."

Though the Purple Eagles have had a rough stretch of losses, Coach Pierce believes that the team has developed a strong chemistry, which can go a long way in helping a young team grow and get better on the court.

"Our chemistry is very good; in fact, this group is probably the closest group that we've had since we've been here," Pierce elaborated. "They are used to playing with each other a lot because we didn't have set teams at practice and we still don't. They played a lot in the off-season with each other which is why we feel really good about mixing up the line-ups."

While the team is faced with a grueling schedule that includes some of the nation's best teams, it's clear why they've got these teams on their schedule, and that is to help prepare them for conference play, as well as the MAAC tournament come March. The Purple Eagles' next home game is Saturday Dec. 5 at 7:00 P.M. when they host Binghamton University.

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The Battle Of The Bridge from the bench

By Dan Richeal

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y - Niagara University was founded in 1856, Canisius College was formed in 1870, separated by a short 22-mile drive there is a natural rivalry that formed. The first record of the two schools facing off in an athletic event wasn't until 1904 when the two schools faced off in basketball. Fast forward to 2018 and the two schools are still competition.

During the 2006-2007 athletic season the two schools decided to add some more fuel to the fire by creating an all-sport competition and they called it the "Battle of the Bridge" referring to the Grand Island Bridge which each school needs to cross to get to the other campus.

The next big matchup between the two schools is happening January 30th at Gallagher Center as the Men's Basketball team's faceoff. When asked about the matchup Niagara Head Coach Chris Casey emphasized the importance of keeping a level head.

"We don't prepare any differently," Casey said. "We place the same importance on each game and prepare for each game the same way. The players know the history and rivalry of the game, I don't remind them of that". This will be huge game for the Purple Eagles to try and make a comeback in the 18-19 competition as Niagara is currently down 9-3.

Women's Volleyball coach Donna Day had a little different take on the rivalry.

"I think the so-called 'rivalry' has taken on a different vibe recently," Day said. "We have a lot of respect for them and what they're building over there, and I know they feel the same about us. So, I don't think it's a rivalry in the traditional sense. Of course, we want to work hard and prepare as best we can leading up to the match but that is no different than any of our other opponents".

There is no doubt that Niagara and Canisius will continue to play each other for years and maybe even centuries to come.

How to have a happy and healthy holiday

By David Wojtkowski

The holiday season tends to throw a wrench into diet plans. With the one-two punch of Thanksgiving and Christmas back to back there is always a plethora of delicious holiday treats to tempt one off their diet. This is a guide to help you partake in the festivities without having it set your fitness goals back too much.

One of the most important things to keep track of is the number of calories you are consuming. The only way to put on weight is by taking in more calories than you burn off, so if you want to make sure you don't rack up the pounds, keep track to how many calories you take in. A good way to do this is by looking at the nutritional facts label for the dishes you'll be enjoying.

You could also look it up online or use apps like MyFitnessPal to find out how many calories are likely in your family member's dish if they didn't happen to bring the nutrition sheets with them. Once you account for how many calories over the amount you burn off you are eating, you know how many more calories you need to burn off. And doing cardio is a great way to shed those calories off. Luckily most cardio equipment in gyms comes equipped with a handy calorie counter so you can make sure you're burning off things like cranberry sauce, holiday pot roasts and Christmas cookies.

But sometimes during the holiday season you can't always make it to a gym. It might be closed or difficult to travel to with all the snow falling from the sky. In this case, there are multiple ways you can have technology assist you in burning off those extra calories. If you find an Apple Watch or Fitbit underneath your Christmas tree this year you can strap in on and it will actually tell you how many calories you are burning throughout the day. And websites like mapmyrun.com are great for finding running routes around you, it'll tell you the distance traveled and even the level of elevation throughout the route. Be sure to bundle up and watch out for ice on your winter runs and you should have no problem burning those extra holiday calories off.

A tribute to Uncle Sal

By: Nina Grenga

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. - As December quickly approaches, fans come to remember the anniversary of, local hometown hero, Sal Maglie's death. Not only was Maglie a Major League Baseball pitcher... he was my uncle. Well, great great uncle. I never met him but I sure wish I had. Despite never having this chance, he still inspired my siblings and I to try baseball/softball. Unfortunately, we were pretty much all terrible so it's safe to say we didn't get that gene.

Judith Testa, author of "Sal Maglie. Baseball's Demon Barber," attests to his aggres-

sive style on the mound. Maglie was known as "Sal the Barber," because of his "close-shave" pitching style. Batting against Maglie was a terrifying experience for almost all of his opponents. Cincinnati Reds player, Danny Litwhiler elaborated on his experience,

"He scares you to death. He's scowling and gnashing his teeth, and if you try to dig in on him, there goes your Adam's apple. He's gonna win if it kills you and him both."

Interestingly enough, Maglie's devotion to baseball was so strong that he denied a basketball scholarship from Niagara University. Clearly he made the right decision, as he hit it big time pitching for MLB teams including the New York Giants, Cleveland Indians, Brooklyn

Dodgers, New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals. His amazing talent and Niagara Falls roots earned him a stadium to be named after him on Hyde Park Boulevard. Sal Maglie Stadium is now home to NU's own Niagara Power.

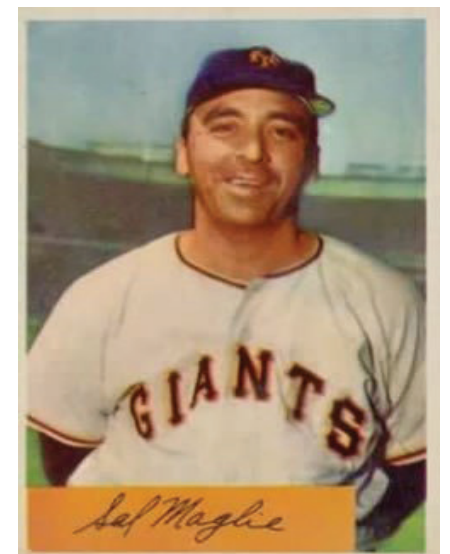


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