The Purple Paper

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An Open Letter:
Dylan Card, GSA President

Hello GSA,

I want to start off by saying how excited I am to be representing you all this year as your Graduate Student Association President. As President I have three main goals I would like to accomplish this year. The first goal is to advocate for the issues that affect graduate students, to accomplish this goal I will need all of your help. Please feel free to reach out to me about any concerns you would like the GSA to advocate for or against. The second goal is to increase the visibility of the GSA. I would like to leave this year with a majority of graduate students taking advantage of the many services the GSA has to offer from the free printing to professional and research grants, and so much more. Lastly the third goal is to break down the social silos that graduate students fall into. I want to provide graduate students with social events to get people from different departments, disciplines and cultures to meet and socialize with one another creating connections across the university.

If you have any concerns I want to hear from you, from cost of attendance to parking, the only way we can make change is to speak up on the issues you care about. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my email GSAPresident@albany.edu or stop by my office hours on Tuesday’s from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

Student Voices:
We asked about your UAlbany experience

My experience as a graduate student has been full of rewarding challenges that have helped me grow as both a student and a person.

-Andrea

My experience is conflicting. I’m excited with the topics and subject in class on one hand, but I’m struggling with my English speaking on the other hand.

-Yufeng

My time at Albany has been enlightening and enriching, both personally and professionally.

-Susie

I enjoy the beautiful campus; it’s so much bigger than my undergraduate one! I am excited to continue my education at SUNY Albany!

-Kasaydia
Advice Column:

Mistakes Made in Graduate School

- Not Attending Conferences
  - Conferences can provide writing inspiration, introduce new research topics, and are the perfect platform for networking
- Concentrating Solely on School
  - Don’t ignore loved ones
  - Socialize with other graduate students
  - Don’t forget about your health
  - Finding balance can help you avoid burnout
- Expect the Money to Take Care of Itself
  - Apply for grants, scholarships, and assistantships continuously
  - Budget for unexpected expenses
- Ignore the Information the University Provides You
  - Familiarize yourself with available resources
  - Attend workshops
  - Know the rules and what is required of you from your department

This content is from 57 Ways to Screw Up in Grad School by: Kevin D. Haggerty & Aaron Doyle

FYI:

SSDP Presents: America's WAR ON DRUGS
A 4 part Documentary Series

HU 129 7:15- 9:30

Episode 1 (October 9): Acid, Spies, and Secret Experiments
Episode 2 (October 16): Cocain, Cartels, and Crack Downs
Episode 3 (October 23): Gangs, Prisons, and Meth Queens
Episode 4 (October30): Heroin, Terrorists, and Kings of Pain
A letter from Priscilla Seaman, Subject Librarian

The UAlbany Libraries have tons of resources which not only support and enhance your graduate career, but are your very foundation for developing deeper disciplinary knowledge and growing your research interests. Following is a snapshot of just some of the Libraries' offerings:

3 Libraries
Dewey (Downtown), the Science and Main University Library (Uptown). Three architecturally unique buildings, with unique collections and services. Visit each to learn how all three can be of use to you.

245 Databases
These proprietary resources available to UAlbany affiliates, are diverse in content and connect you to troves of information in your field, whether you are in music, business, computing or the sciences. Explore these under the databases link to find gems that provide citation analysis (Web of Science), catalogs of other libraries (WorldCat), and streaming video (Kanopy).

16 Subject Librarians
Sometimes referred to as Bibliographers, these librarians have a depth of knowledge in your discipline, and can work with you one-on-one to guide you through your research.

2M Book Volumes
The Book: your ultimate research weapon. One of the best ways to understand the scholarly conversation in your discipline is to browse the library shelves in your subject area. Also, browse the Minerva catalog and library website to discover eBooks. Find your Library of Congress Call Letters, and check out books early and often.

1 Minerva Statue
While in the Science Library, take a break from your studies to commune with Minerva, the goddess of wisdom and strategic warfare. Discuss with her strategies for conquering your studies and gaining wisdom along the way.

17 iLearn Workshops
Specialized workshops on topics such as video editing, maximizing your research impact, and more. Offered through the IMC (Innovate, Make, Create) unit of the libraries.

Bajillions of Materials via ILLiad
UAlbany doesn't have access to a source you need? No worries, request it through interlibrary loan (ILLiad), and the libraries will battle to find it for you, and have it delivered to you in epic time.
Student Resources

• Albany’s web-based course planner to assist with schedule creation for the upcoming semester: albany.edu/registrar

• Preparing Future Faculty Program & Future Faculty Leadership Council are 2 programs designed to help graduate students for a future in higher education: albany.edu/teachingandlearning

• Research resources: library.albany.edu/infolit/students

Campus Events

• iLearn Workshops: free workshops on audio, video, and research strategies (library.albany.edu)

• GSA assembly meetings: October 6 Husted Hall (Downtown) & November 3 SEFCU Hall of Fame Room (Uptown) & December 1 Room 110A (East)

• Advanced registration for winter and spring semesters: October 18 - November 17

RGSO

• RGSO: Recognized Graduate Student Organization

• If you are part of a group that is interested in becoming an RGSO you must:

  • Provide a constitution & a signed document of non-discrimination

  • Complete the Funding Application Coversheet & itemized budget & list of planned events

• To start: albany.edu/gsa/rgsos_start.shtml

Have suggestions for a feature story? Want your voice included?

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