

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SERVICES



Spring 2005

## SPRING DINING NEWS

Comment cards, surveys, focus groups, town hall meetings and student interviews have been instrumental in helping us decide on additional dining enhancements this spring semester. Based on the feedback from students, Chartwells has expanded the retail meal equivalencies, changed the focus of the Terra Ve vegetarian/vegan line, completed the next phase of the convenience store remodel and rewritten the residence dining menus.

### Meal Equivalency Options Expanded:

Campus Center meal equivalency hours now begin at 7:30pm Monday-Thursday night. Saturday Nightfest hours have been extended to 8:30pm.

In addition, three venues have been added for meal equivalencies:

- Caliente now offers a Bagel Express line featuring bagels, cream cheeses, juice and coffee for a breakfast equivalency.
- Sparro offers meal equivalencies Monday through Thursday nights
- On Saturday nights, Uttakes Quick Cuisine offers a Baked Potato Bar with vegan and meat toppings. Side dishes include macaroni and cheese, a garden salad and beverage.



Terra Ve and Sweet Peas Expand Options for Vegetarian and Vegan Students

Our Terra Ve and Sweet Peas locations now offer vegan options daily. Soy cheeses are available for made-to-order toasted cheese sandwiches. At Sweet Peas, students can now

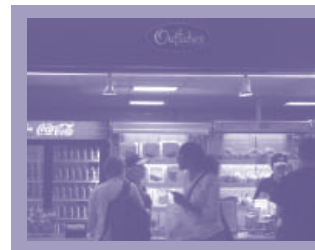
create their own meal by mixing and matching from a selection of proteins, vegetables, grains and sauces.



### Uttakes Store Replaces Cee Cee's

In the Campus Center, Cee Cee's Convenience Store has been converted to Compass Group's

signature Uttakes Store.



The contemporary store offers Ritazza coffee, a Boar's Head deli, signature sandwiches, snack items, and a line of grab-and-go products such as

yogurt or jell parfaits, veggies and dip, and fresh fruit salads. New products such as soy milk and soy ice-cream novelties are now available.

### Spring Menu Enhancements

Back by popular demand - grilled chicken breasts and patties. The spring menu also includes more roasted and chef carved meats. Humus is now a daily salad bar staple. In addition, the destination dining concepts in each quad now offers made-to-order grilled sandwiches and paninis.

### We Like to Hear From You:

Your comments and suggestions help us improve our services. Please complete comment cards located in the dining halls or visit Chartwells web site at [www.mycampusdining.com](http://www.mycampusdining.com) and send us your comments

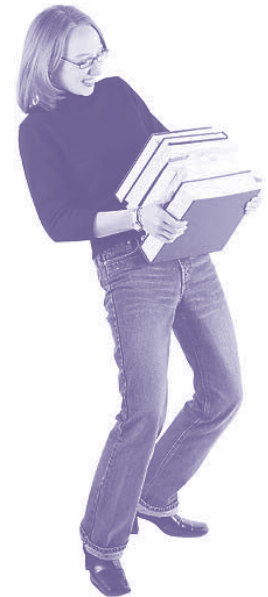
## USED BOOKS SAVE ANOTHER \$140,000

As the students returned to campus for the spring semester, they noticed a couple of changes at the University Bookstore that we are very excited about. Because we had more used books on the shelves during the fall semester, our students saved more than \$198,000. This spring semester students saved another \$140,000.

As book prices continue to rise, we have continued our efforts to help lower the cost of books. The most effective way we have found is to encourage faculty to get book orders in as early as possible so that we can buy books directly back from our students. This not only provides us with more used books for our incoming students, but also puts money back into the pockets of many UAlbany students. When we know what books a professor is using for an upcoming class and it is a title sold this past term, we are able to pay students back 50% of the price they paid.

As most of you know, we really worked hard with professors to get course book requests in for the spring semester. Many of you worked just as hard and for that we would like to thank you and let you know exactly what it meant to our student body. This semester that added up to more than \$275,000 back into the pockets of our students. When faculty give us the book orders early, we can also start looking through wholesale channels sooner and purchase books before other stores (schools) throughout the country. Through your great efforts we not only had over 75% of our book orders in before book buyback started, we also increased the amount of used books on our shelves for the start of Spring semester by 45%. That means our students saved over \$140,000 because we had used books available.

We are looking forward to making those numbers climb even higher every semester!



## FACULTY AND STAFF DISCOUNT PROGRAM



We would like to remind every faculty and staff member that whenever you make purchases at the UAlbany Bookstore, you will always receive a 10% discount on everything except textbooks and electronics. Simply show your UAlbany ID card when you come to the register, and we will be happy to apply your discount. Watch for additional great savings and specials throughout the semester.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

# BANKING NEWS

## Hudson River Bank & Trust is now First Niagara Bank

Hudson River Bank & Trust has merged with First Niagara Bank. First Niagara is committed to maintaining the "community bank" character and serving all of your individual needs. You will find the same range of full services available to you.

Checking accounts  
Savings accounts  
Loans  
Internet Banking  
ATM / Debit Cards



If you have questions please stop in to see Donna McCrea, Branch Manager. You may also find more info by visiting the First Niagara website at <http://www.fnfg.com> or by calling 1-800-421-004.

## AND THE WINNER IS...

Our winners have taken home iPods, stereos, Podium Money, Bookstore Gift Certificates, bicycles, tennis rackets, canvas chairs, UAlbany Sweatshirts and T-shirts, and many other great prizes!

John Schwartz

Nakia Howell

Josh Isola

Art Brown

Jason Reszitaryk

Alexandra Baucage

Kristen Arditi

Erica Adje

Kim Donaghue

Kristine Comejo

Jeremy Smiseth

Nnamdi Uwakwe

Patrice Turner

Look for your chance to win with UAS and our Partners each semester!

*Finding something to eat after the residence dining halls have closed is easy with the help of the SUNYCard Off-Podium Program. Call these participating merchants Thursday through Sunday, 5:00 PM until closing, and have an order "to go" debited from your Podium+ account and delivered right to your residence hall or home.*

### **Participating Partners Are:**

#### **Bello Pranzo Pizza & Pasta**

1178 Western Avenue

Phone: 489-2222

#### **DC's Pizza & Wings**

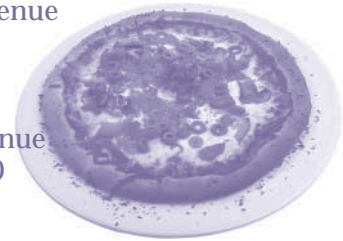
1182 Western Avenue

Phone: 482-1392

#### **Domino's**

1554 Central Avenue

Phone: 452-3030



#### **Domino's**

571 New Scotland Avenue

Phone: 482-8611

#### **Dragon City**

117 Western Avenue

Phone: 489-4503



#### **Mild Wally's**

189 Quail Street

Phone: 433-7436

[www.mildwallys.com](http://www.mildwallys.com)

#### **Wings Over Albany**

1704 Western Ave (Town Center Plaza)

Phone: 869-WING

[www.campusfood.com](http://www.campusfood.com)

#### **Shun's Kitchen**

853 Madison Avenue

Phone: 482-2222

*UAS is pleased to announce that your Podium+ account can now be used to make purchases at the following locations:*

#### **CVS Pharmacy:**

1170 Western Avenue

Crossgates Mall

2040 Western Avenue



#### **CVS Mack Drug Stores:**

1026 Madison Avenue

Hannaford Plaza, 900 Central Avenue

#### **Brooks Drug Store:**

1475 Western Avenue

Podium+ and Off-Podium Vendors



University Auxiliary Services

Regional Food Bank  
20th Annual Holiday  
Hunger Appeal  
2004  
Matching Day Sponsor

UAS was proud to be a "Matching Day Sponsor" in the Regional Food Bank's Annual Holiday Hunger Appeal. Again this year, UAS and partners Chartwells, The University Bookstore, Coca Cola and Canteen Vending contributed a combined \$2300 to this worthy cause.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING UAS BOARD MEMBERS,  
RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
AWARDS FOR LEADERSHIP

Mahaliel Bethea  
Katherine Button  
Nick Chiuchiolo  
Darwin Jones  
Joseph Patalano



CONGRATULATIONS

## UAS PROGRAM FUNDS

Each year UAS provides funds to support events on campus which foster educational growth and community involvement. Our organization has provided funds to events such as the Latino Conference, Don't Walk Alone, and the Martin Luther King Luncheon. It is the goal of UAS to give long-term support to continuing events, and also to assist in establishing new or fledgling events in the University at Albany community. If you would like more information, including the Program Fund application and guidelines, visit the UAS website at: [www.albany.edu/uas](http://www.albany.edu/uas).

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