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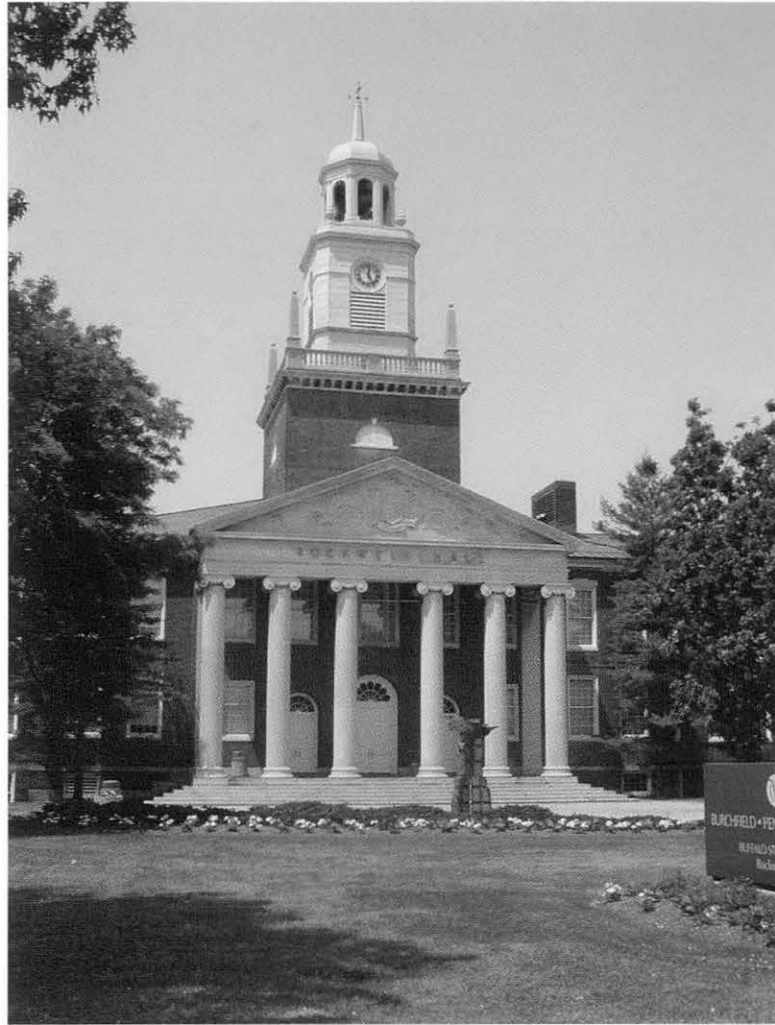
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ELMS 2006 • INTRODUCTION



“Time Capsule”

You are holding a time capsule – one you can keep and open any time you want.

Across the Elmwood Avenue bridge is the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. In front of the building is a small plaque and beneath it is buried a time capsule. The time capsule was put there in 1957 and is scheduled to be opened in 2032. This yearbook is your own personal time capsule that you can keep and open at anytime.

If a time capsule was buried for the Buffalo Normal School in 1871 and was opened, what would you find? Maybe some syllabi, pictures, class notes from the first set of students, and definitely a newspaper. It seems like a newspaper always captures and highlights late breaking news and the events of the times. This time capsule that you now embrace can take you back over your years here and what it was like to be a student at Buffalo State College.

Here we are 135 years later located in urban Buffalo, NY. This area serves as the art district and is in an ideal position to influence and be influenced by its surrounding communities. This institution rests comfortably on the Elmwood strip nestled by the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, the Albright Knox and the Historical Society.

Buffalo State College has grown into the tremendous institution that is now home to dedicated faculty, staff and our rising graduates. Whether our students cross the many state lines or are New York locals, there are many things to do to ensure that everyone has a substantial experience. As you turn the pages of your 2006 *Elms*, I challenge you to reflect on the many captivating experiences you had that made you the person you are today.

– Michelle Curtis, Editor

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DANCING THROUGH
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The Campus and the Students

Buffalo: More Than Snow

Usually when someone hears that we live or go to school in Buffalo, NY they picture the many feet of snow that sometimes comes our way. Whether you were from here or not, we can tell you, that extreme weather is not always the case. Despite everyone's perception of Buffalo, here at Buffalo State College we make sure we have a good time with where we are. As you can see from the picturesque moments to follow in this book, Buffalo State not only has diverse atmosphere and architecture but a diverse student body that will come together for many reasons.

In the fall the Union

and Perry Quads are bustling with students hanging out. In the winter, when it's colder, they are in the Student Union enjoying themselves and the many campus organizations. In the spring, they bring out the Frisbees because the weather decided to give us all a break. Whatever time of year it is, we make sure we embrace each moment. There is always something to do here at Buffalo State, you just have to find it, if not, it might just find you.

Though this is a predominantly commuter school, many of our students choose to live on campus and have the full college experience. For

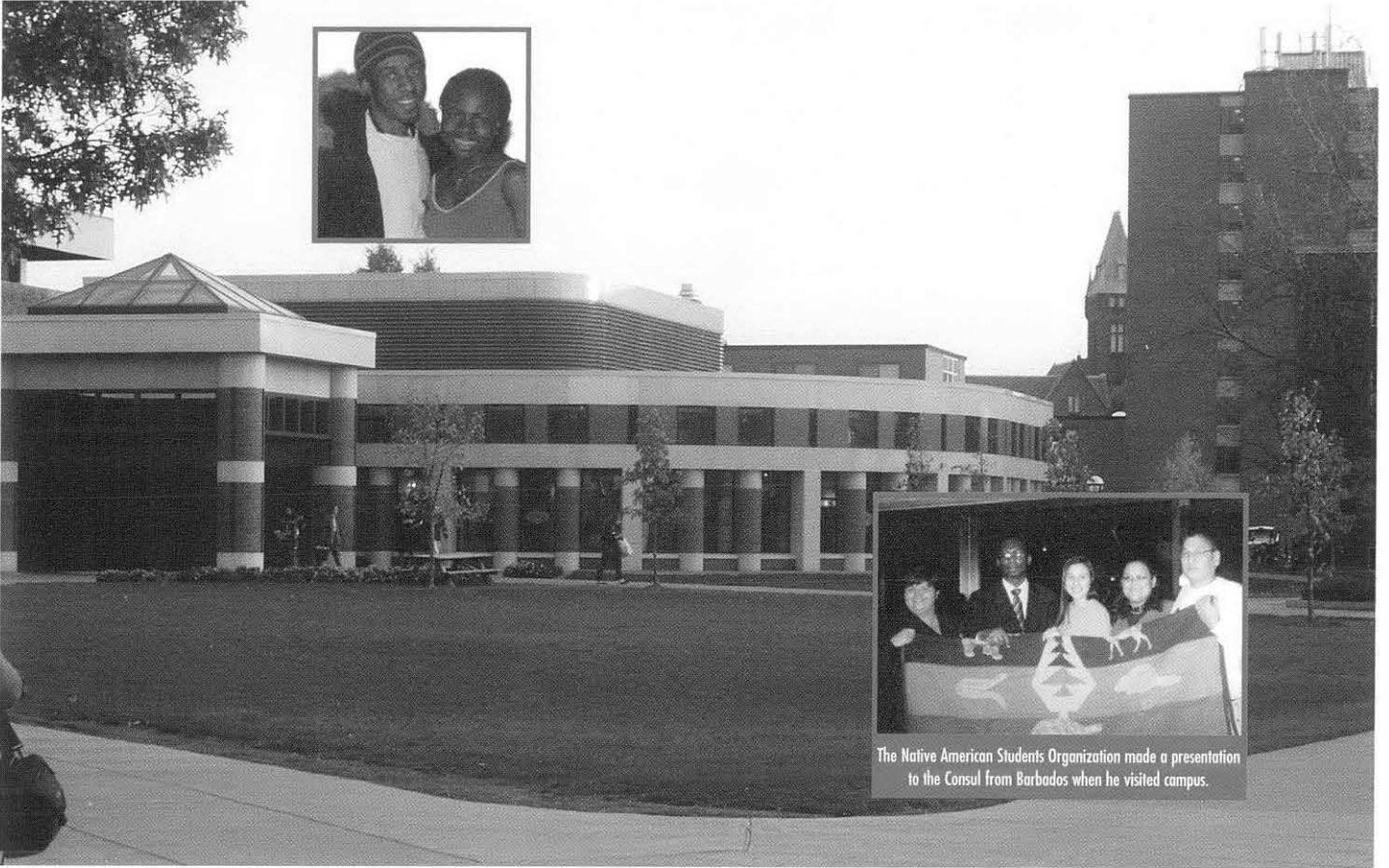
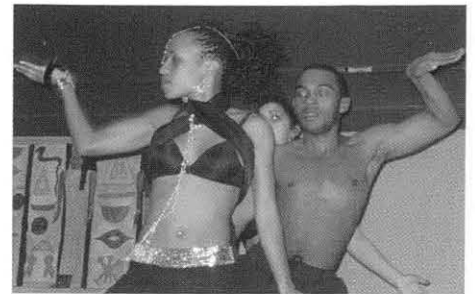
some it is memorable and for others it is a true "learning experience." However, you will see that the creativity of our students still shines through as they decorate their rooms and go through their daily lives as residential students at Buffalo State College. The Residence Life Office brings together a diverse set of students to meet the ever-changing demands of our growing student population. The RAs, FYMs, and AAs are there to assist and guide those in the residence halls and to ensure that their years here will be a valuable experience.

The following pages feature pictures of the Buffalo State campus and the students who lived and attended classes there during the 2005-2006 academic year.

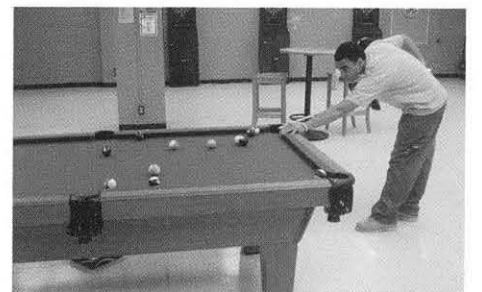
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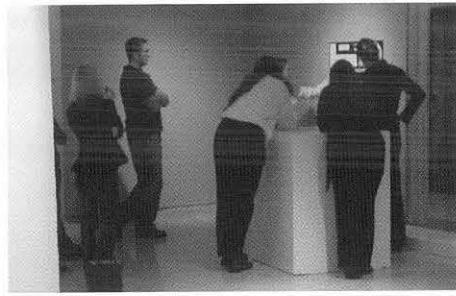
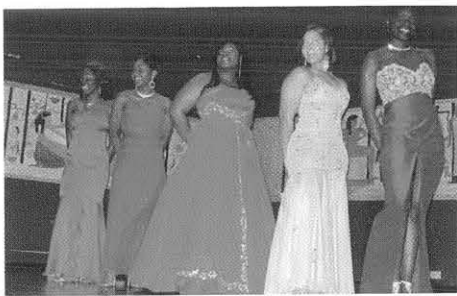
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The Native American Students Organization made a presentation to the Consul from Barbados when he visited campus.



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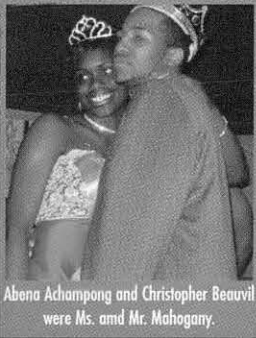
Jose Jimenez (center) and his friends, Miguel, Jonathan, Alexis, and Marvis on a road trip to Syracuse University.



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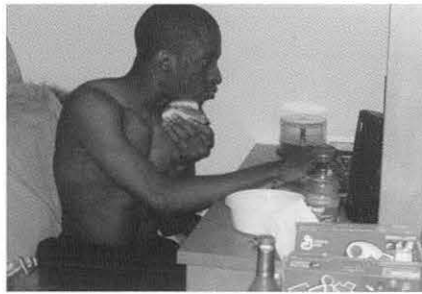
Christopher Schroll, Chris Poehler, Mark Warner, and Teresa Perillo talk over the end of the fall semester.



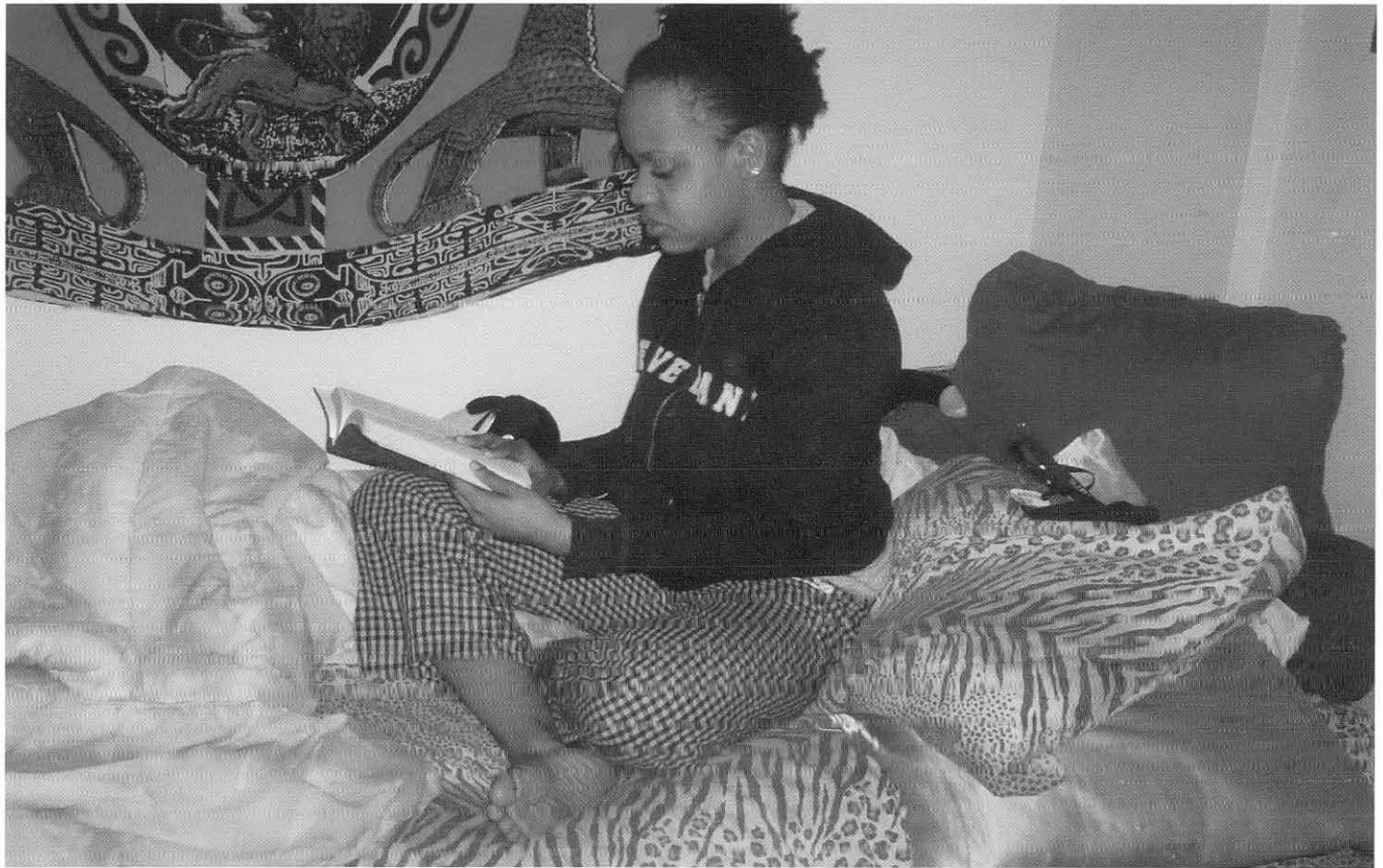
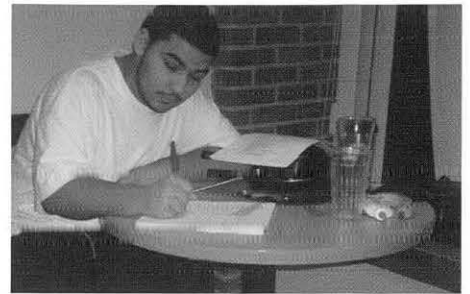
Abena Achampong and Christopher Beauvil were Ms. and Mr. Mahogany.



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Fall 2005/Spring 2006

A Year to Remember

The Record was published once-a-week during the school year. Here are some of the stories that the student newspaper covered.

September 9

The college was mourning the death of College Bookstore textbook manager Dennis Bernas just as the semester began. A traveling peace demonstration that was planned for the campus grounds had to be relocated to Niagara Square downtown. Just over 80 students were living in a local Holiday Inn because campus residences were full. Fajri Ansari was named coach of the Bengals Men's Basketball Team. Kanye West's latest CD got a positive review.

September 15

Several students who are servicemen returning from the Iraq war are interviewed. A campus poetry group is formed. The fight to save New York City's legendary CBGB night club is covered.

September 29

Castling Hall is presenting *The Rocky Horror Show*. Metro Bus encourages use of the student bus pass. Butler Library features an exhibition on censorship.

October 6

Castling Hall is staging *Reckless*. Buff State prepares for Homecoming. Book deferments and the College Bookstore are discussed. Dorm safety, emo music, and a live Esquivel album from 1974 are covered.

October 13

Buff State alum Byron Brown is running for mayor of Buffalo. The International Affairs Office assists students from other countries attending Buff State. A paperback book exchange program has been started in the Butler Library. NYPIRG is encouraging students to register to vote. Sleeping Kings of Iona and Jason Mraz are reviewed.

October 20

Another candidate for mayor of Buffalo, Kevin Helfer, is covered. HIV testing is available at the Weigel Health Center. A Peace Week flag-raising ceremony is held in the Union Quad. The Union Game Room will re-open. The Women's Hockey Team is preparing for their season. Albums by Fiona Apple and Cory Branan are reviewed. Comedian Carlos Mencia appears on campus.

October 27

The Peace Week summit is held in Rockwell Hall. A tuition hike is discussed in the State Legislature. Alternative fuels for automobiles and former Secretary of State Colin Powell are covered. The Bengals Football Team win their homecoming game against the Newport News Apprentice School Builders.

November 3

Two radio reporters speak on their experiences covering the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in Louisiana. Union Bash brings students to the Student Union for an evening of activities. The Buff State Child Care Center, pregnancy options for students, Rosa Parks, and the music downloading controversy are covered.

November 10

Deceased Dean of Students Phil Santa Maria is remembered. Buffalo State prepares for winter. NYPIRG is collecting recyclables for hurricane relief.

November 17

The International and Exchange Office offers students opportunities to study in other countries. The Whitworth-Ferguson Planetarium offers students a look at the universe. Students attend a leadership conference at SUNY New Paltz. Trey Anistasio performs in Buffalo.

December 1

Local web sites are covered as a source of info on what's going on in the city. Military recruiters are discussed. Live music on campus past and present is covered. Basketball season starts. *The Record* publishes results of their Best of Buffalo Poll.

December 8

The possible health hazards of energy drinks are covered. Erno Rossi, the local author of a book on the Crystal Beach amusement park, visits the College Bookstore. The program that provides tutors for students needing extra help is seeing heavy use. The Peace Bridge, airport security, global warming, the year in movies, and New York hip-hop are discussed.

January 26

Roland Wise, a retired Fine Arts professor and painter is remembered. Seasonal Affective Disorder is discussed (in spite of the unusually mild winter we're having). The Burchfield-Penney Art Center is soliciting craft

art entries. Women's basketball player Danika Moseley is honored as Athlete of the Week.

February 2

Pink Martini will be performing at Rockwell Hall. A popular Planetarium program is extended. Literature classes address poverty – both in books and in life. A downtown casino is discussed.

February 9

Bruce Adams, local artist and Buff State grad explores interaction with paintings. Marian Anderson, a performer from the 1930s, is remembered. Voter registration is slow. Men's Basketball Team wins three straight. Men's Hockey Team makes playoffs.

February 16

Local radio station switches to liberal oriented talk format. The Burchfield-Penney announces the construction of a new building at Rockwell and Elmwood. The Rooftop Poetry club takes on a new project connecting poetry and maps.

February 23

State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt announces a \$250,000 grant for renovations to the Campbell Student Union – to be followed by another \$3 million to be spent by the college over the next several years. The Ice Fountain in the Union Quad is in need of repair. A multi-story hotel may be built at Elmwood and Forest. Black films are discussed.

March 2

Luis Antonetti, a student fatally wounded in Oswego, is remembered. President Howard gives a State of the College Address. The SABRE system of managing student records does not get high grades. The Caribash show will be back on campus this spring.

The following pages feature some of the events and activities of the 2005-2006 School Year.

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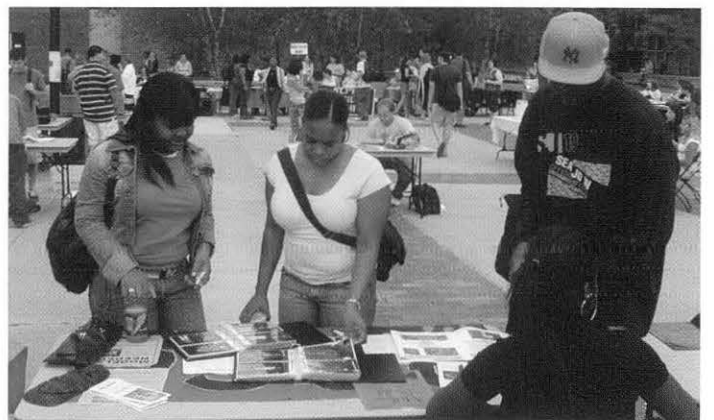
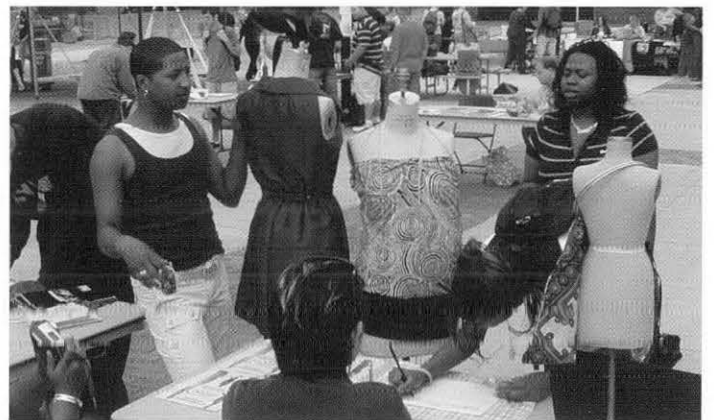


Organization Fair

Student Organizations show the campus who they are and just what they do.

What better way to start the new year than with our student organizations? On September 29, 2005 all the student organizations got together for our annual organizational fair. The temperature was right as our dedicated students displayed their diverse groups. We saw fashion, culture, student government, academic and social clubs. You name it, we had it at this year's organizational fair. Buffalo State's array of organizations targeted the needs of its growing student population, offering great leadership development opportunities as well as building knowledge of who we are as a people to go forth and positively impact each other.





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Peace Week Flag-Raising

The 4th Annual Peace Week at Buffalo State started off on October 17 with the traditional flag-raising in the Union Quad. Peace Week organizer Dr. Jean Gounard introduced several speakers, among them Michael Bastine (*upper right photo*), a Native American Elder. Other speakers included Dr. Donald Rochon (*middle photo*), USG President Matthew Levin-Stankevich, and Christopher Driver, a grade-school student at the Buckham Campus School, who read a poem he had written for the occasion.

Following the speakers, the flags of the United States, the United Nations, and Buffalo State were raised by a group that included students, University Police, visitors from American and Canadian Fire Departments, emergency workers, and the Salvation Army. An honor guard from the Niagara Frontier American Legion Post 1041 was also present.

Peace Week concluded a week later with a day-long conference featuring speakers, presentations, and discussions.

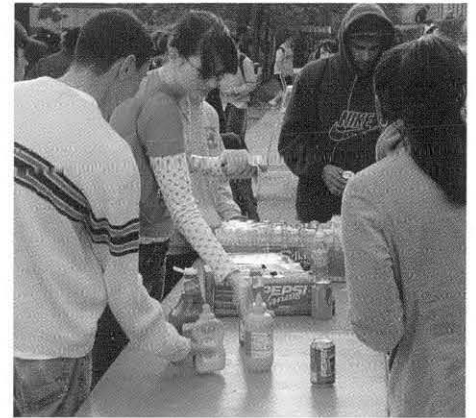


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Live Music in the Quad: Simapaluza



Each semester the Students In Music sponsor an event they call the Simapaluza. They combine live bands – often bands that include Buff State students in the lineup – with a free lunch. SIM members cooked hot dogs for students who showed up for this fall’s Simapaluza held in mid-October, while several bands entertained from the steps of the Student Union. From These Eyes is the band shown in these pictures; Take It to the Morgue also performed.



HOME COMING 2005

**Feel the
BENGAL FIRE**
HOMECOMING/PARENTS WEEKEND 2005

It was definitely that time of year again and we all felt the Bengal Fire. Buffalo State held its annual Homecoming Week festivities. We had comedian Carlos Mencia perform in the Sports Arena, shows, a hypnotist, lip sync contest, parade, and the ever famous King and Queen Pageant. This year's winners were Bonnie Simmons and Ibrahim Traore.

The *Elms* Yearbook hosted a "Say Cheese" event during the Rally to capture a campus portrait showing the diversity of Buffalo State.



The Homecoming tradition at colleges and high schools has usually revolved around a football game, with the festivities geared to cheering on the home team (who have been playing on the road previously) to a big win. Appropriately, the Bengal Football Team won their Saturday afternoon game.



**Homecoming
Competition Winners**

Shopping Cart Competition

- Best Residence Hall: Porter/
North Wing
- Best Academic Student Organization: Fashion
Students Organization
- Best Student Organization: Student Life
- Best Use of Theme: Women's Basketball
- Best Sport's Team: Lacrosse
- Best Overall: Chemistry/Forensics
- Best Department/Service: Weigel Health Center

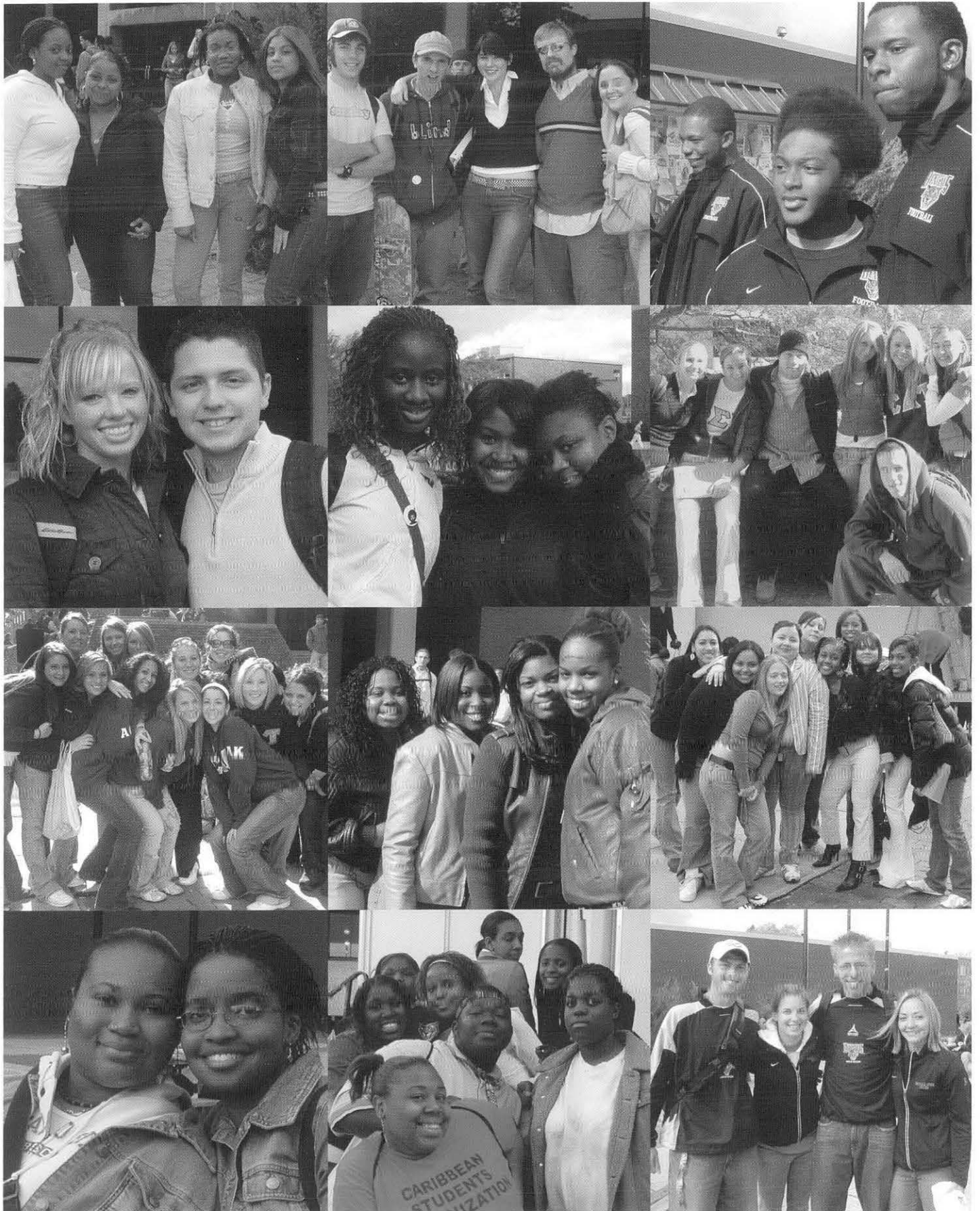


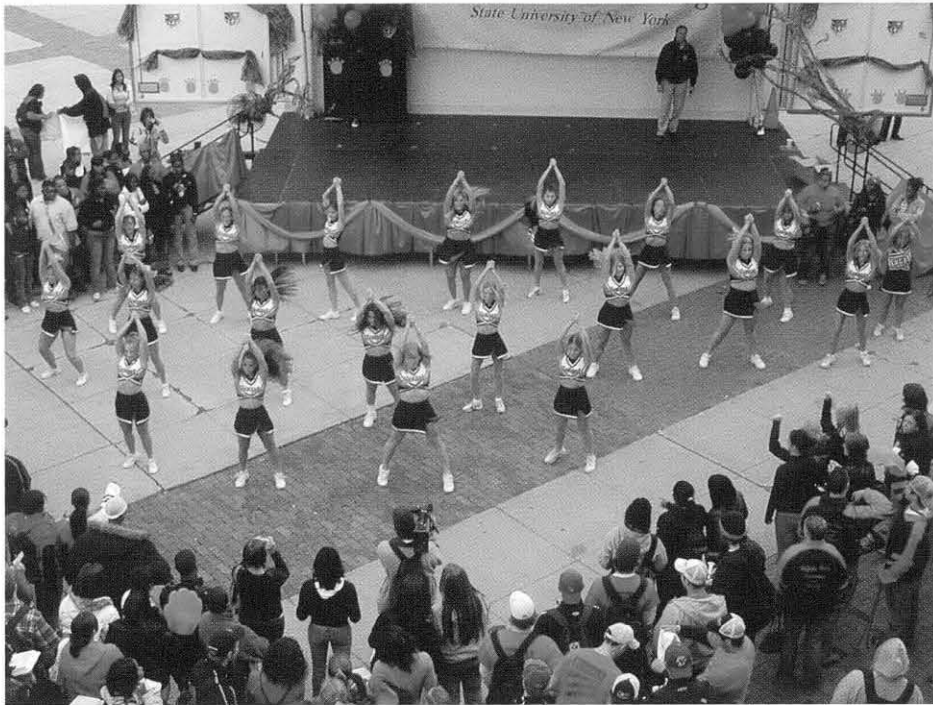
Banner Competition

- Best Student Organization: Adelante
Estudiante Latinos
- Best Use of Theme: Caribbean
Students Organization
- Best Greek Organization: Alpha
Sigma Tau
- Best Overall: Pan African
Students Organization



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The Pep Rally

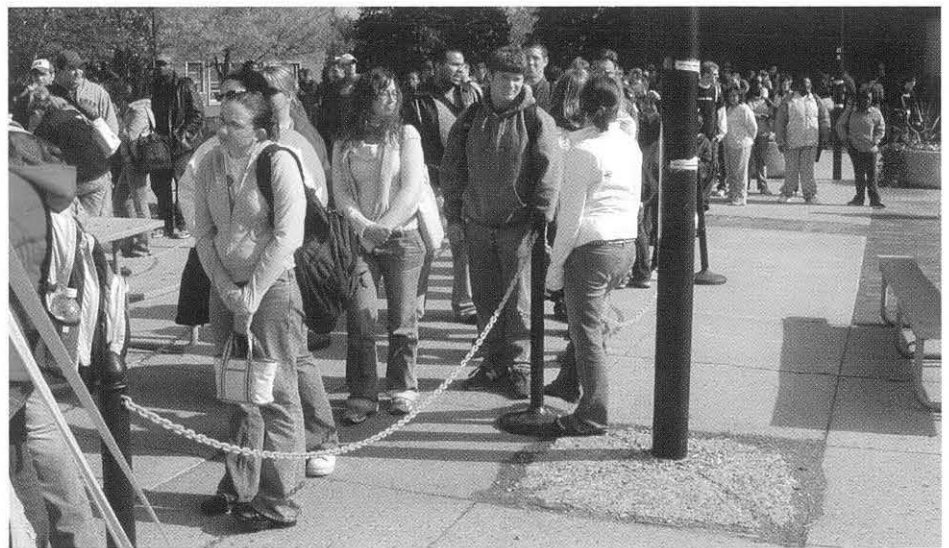
THE HOMECOMING PEP RALLY boasted members of Buff State's athletic teams, college administrators (above: Stan Kenyon, Albert Howard, Gail Mahoney, Jerry Boyes, and president Muriel Howard), and the finals of a Lip-Sync contest. The "Thriller"s from Adelante Estudiantes Latinos (middle left) beat out the ladies of Student Life (bottom right) for the prize. And naturally the cheerleading squad was on hand.



HOMECOMING 2005

The USG Chicken Barbecue

A FREE BARBECUED CHICKEN lunch provided by the United Students Government was served as part of the Homecoming Rally. Students stood in line for the traditional chicken, bread, and salad meal which they enjoyed during the festivities. Members of the student government executive board and senate acted as servers.

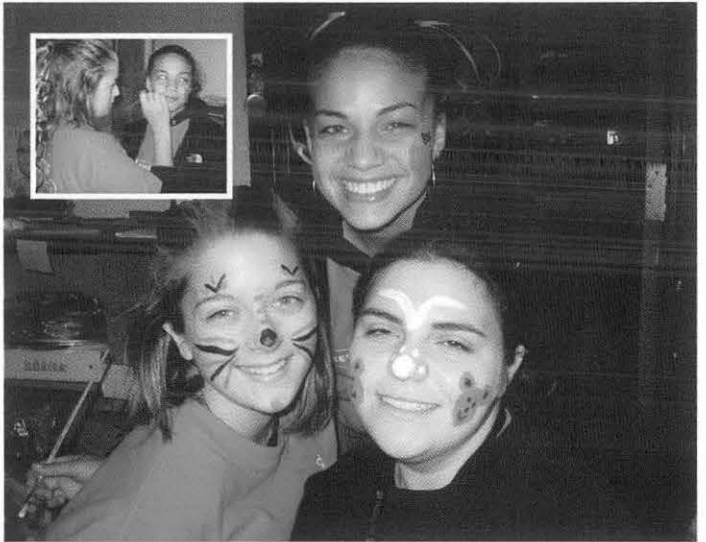




ORGANIZATION BANNERS have become one of the most important and expressive features of Homecoming at Buff State. In the picture below the groups are seen parading their banners to the stage during the pep rally. Some of them are featured in the other photos on this page (clockwise from top left): Adelante Estudiantes Latinos, Alpha Sigma Tau, Pan African Students Organization, Fashion Students Association, and The Caribbean Students Organization.



Parade & Football



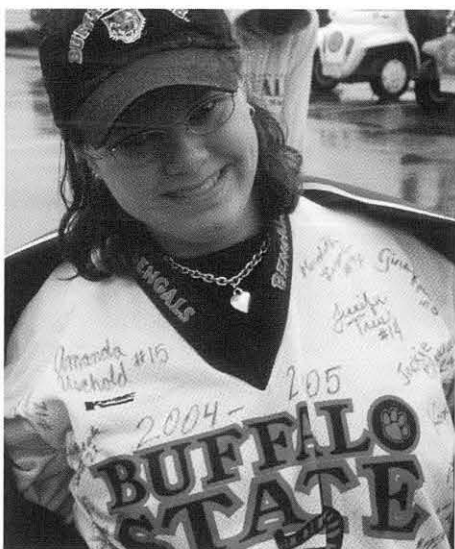
ON SATURDAY MORNING students put on their "war paint" and brought their decorated shopping cart floats to the Homecoming Parade. Perry Hall, the Forensic Chemistry Club, and the Fashion Students were among the parade participants. Naturally, the Bengal mascot was on hand for the festivities.



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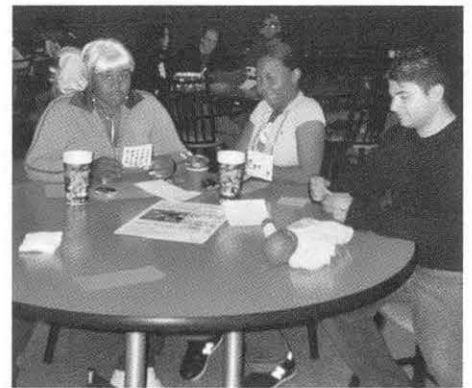
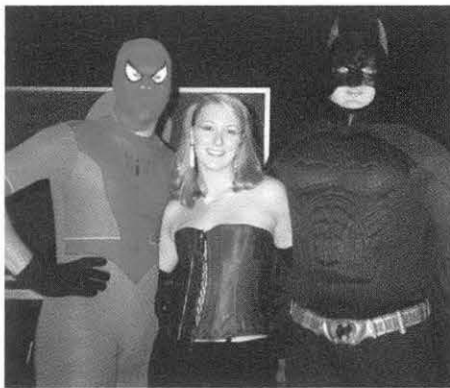
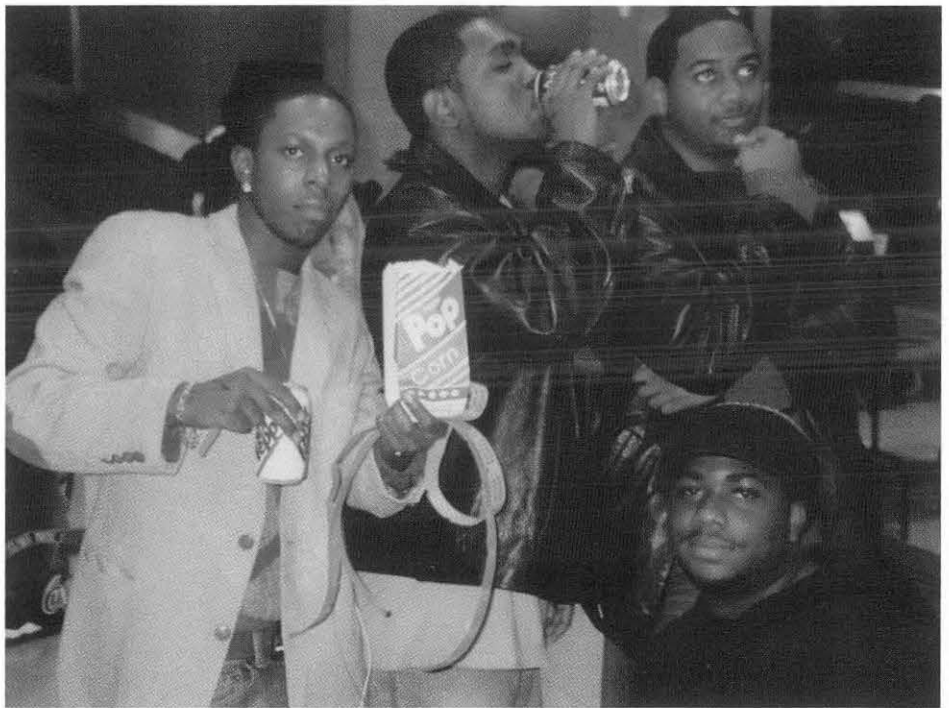
UMBRELLAS AND RAIN GEAR were the order of the day – it rained on the parade, the tailgate parties, and the football game. But the drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of the fans or slow down the Bengal football team. They beat the Newport News Apprentice School Builders 27-0.



FALL 2005

Union Bash

The semi-annual Union Bash party in late October filled the student union with a full evening of activities. The event was sponsored by Student Life and Residence Life, and the different features were sponsored and run by various student organizations. USG's Bingo games and the Pride Alliance drag show are seen in these pictures. There was also live music, casino games, karaoke, and a treasure hunt, plus Halloween-themed activities like pumpkin carving, a mummy wrap, slime making, and face painting.



Hurricane Katrina Fundraiser



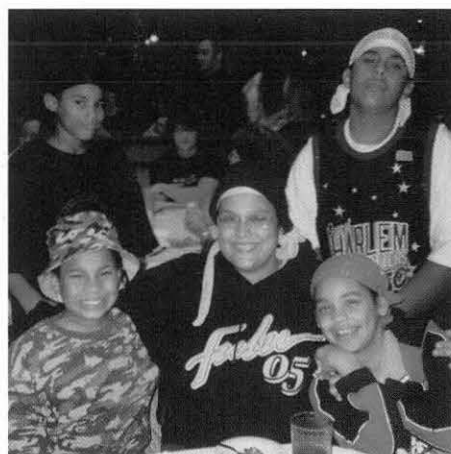
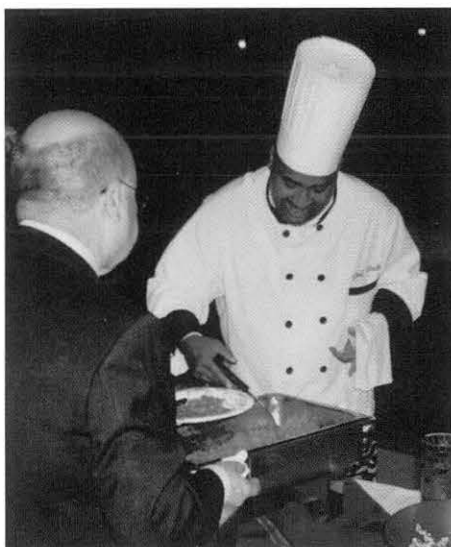
*Campus responds to
Natural Disaster in
Louisiana and Mississippi
in Many Ways*

On Monday, August 29, 2005 the country was devastated by the effects of one of the nation's most horrific natural disasters.

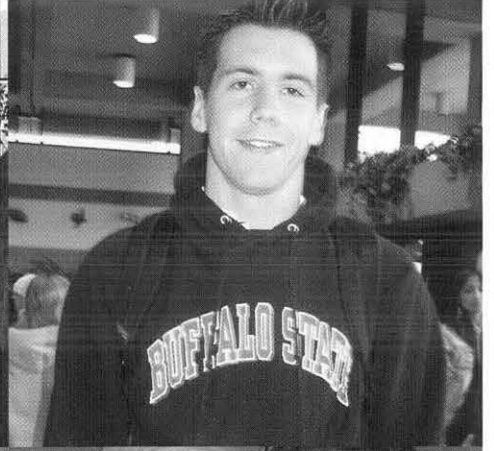
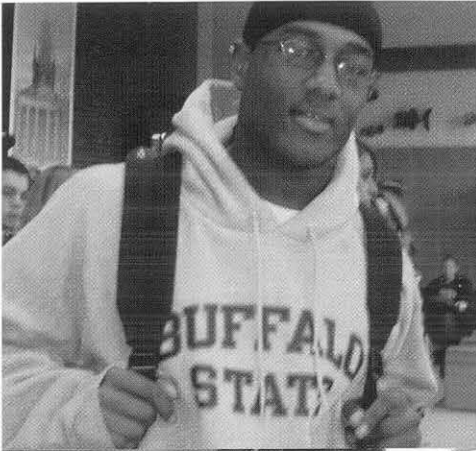
Hurricane Katrina not only tore apart New Orleans and the Mississippi coast, but many Gulf Coast residents were displaced to other states. Cities and towns all over the country opened their arms to help those whose lives were turned upside down by the hurricane.

Buffalo State and the community joined together to raise money for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts.

The campus community did an exemplary job in collaborating with other organizations to make this a success. Many people from the community donated their time and goods to the event.



FALL 2005





Show Your Colors

Students Show School Spirit by Wearing Buffalo State Gear

Whether it's a sweatshirt that simply says "Buffalo State," or a whole outfit with matching top and bottoms, students frequently show up on campus in "official" Buffalo State clothing. Some students get their outfits by joining athletic teams or the cheerleading squad. Most everyone else purchases clothes at the college store where over 200 items are available with some sort of Buffalo State imprint.

Some even get an early start. Jessica Levesque is still only a middle school student, but during the winter break she was seen shopping in the bookstore with her mom, Aimee. Aimee Levesque is a student at Buff State and her daughter plans to go to Buff State, but Jessica is already wearing clothes with the college name. Of course if they're a typical mother and daughter, it likely started out with Jessica borrowing mom's sweatshirt.



Jessica and Aimee Levesque shop in the college store.

FALL 2006

Casting Hall Stage Productions

The cast of *The Rocky Horror Show*



Buff State's student theater group, Casting Hall Productions, got some national attention this year when their production of Tom Fontana's *The Day Jack London Got Pinched* was the subject of a public broadcasting documentary. The play was re-staged and in September, and Fontana, a Buff State alum, was on hand for the occasion to visit with students.

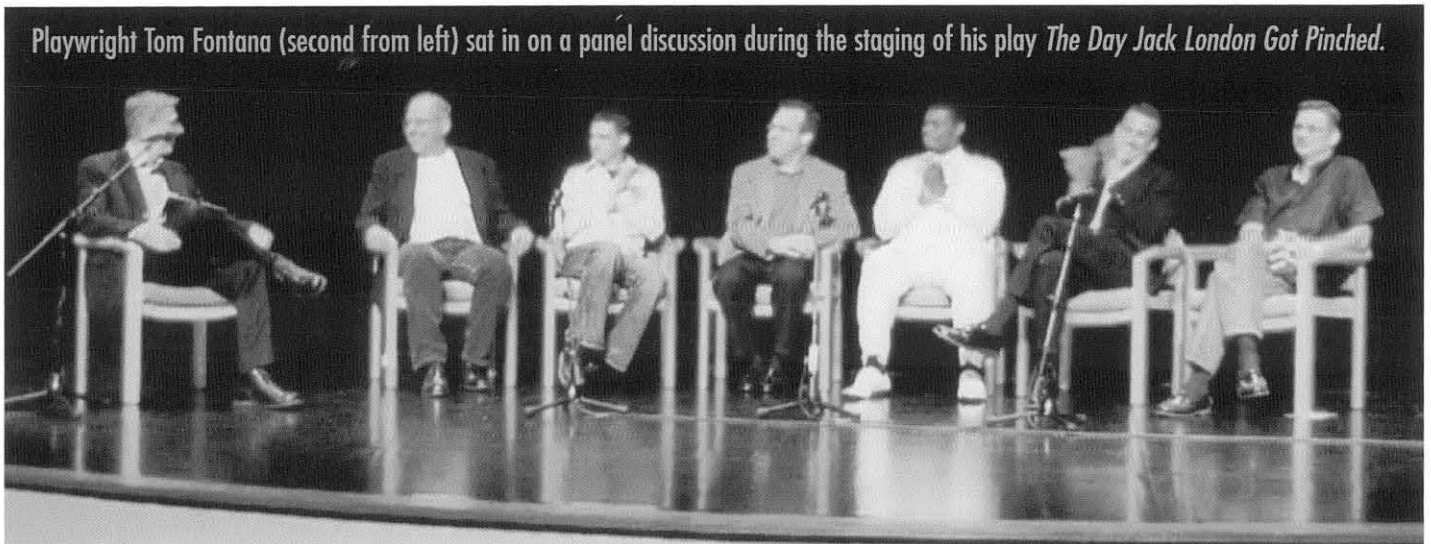
Casting Hall continued their season with Craig Lucas's *Reckless*, staged in the Flexible Theater in

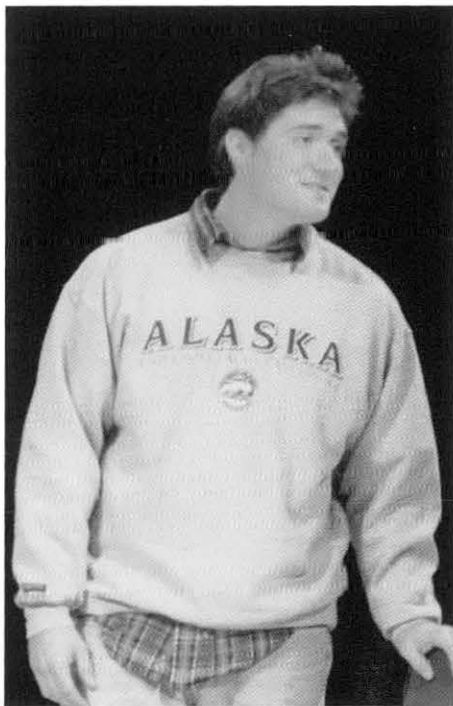
October and directed by Susan Forbes.

The big production of the fall semester was *The Rocky Horror Show*, a colorful rock musical. Staged in the Warren Enters Theatre in Upton Hall, Richard O'Brien's play was directed by Drew Kahn.

The season continued in the spring with a production of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, a costume drama by Christopher Hampton. The play was directed by Donn Youngstrom in the Warren Enters Theatre in early March.

Playwright Tom Fontana (second from left) sat in on a panel discussion during the staging of his play *The Day Jack London Got Pinched*.





Pictures from the October production of Craig Lucas's *Reckless*.

FALL 2005

Student Art Sale a Success



Campus Customers Snap Up Works and Wares of Student Artists

For the ninth year the Arts and Humanities Department sponsored a sale of student art in the Upton Hall gallery. Paintings, sculptures, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, woodworks, prints, photographs and more were available for two days in December. The work was primarily the creations of Fine Art and Art Education students. The sale was a huge success with sales reported at over \$10,000 – funds which the department notice said “brightened many a visual arts student’s holiday season!”





FALL 2005



USG Corporate Meeting

Who could resist free pizza?

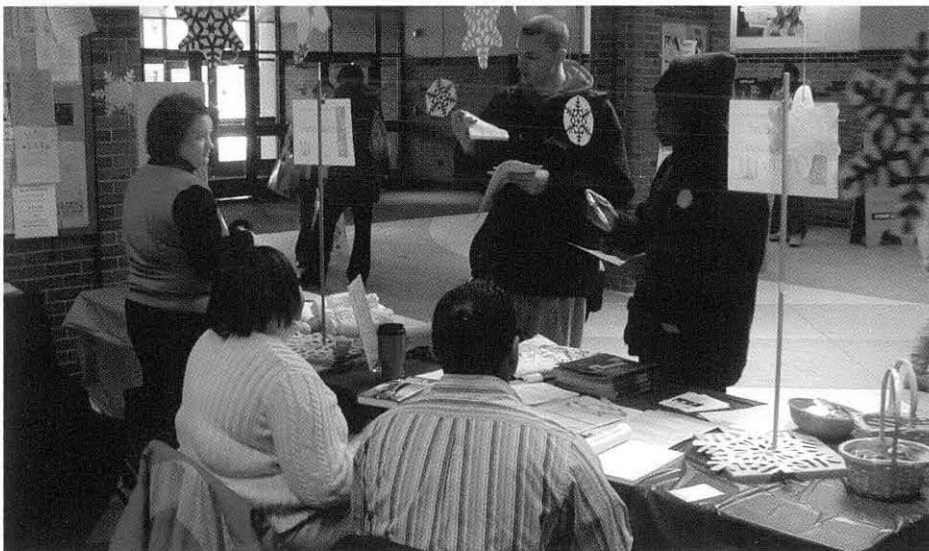
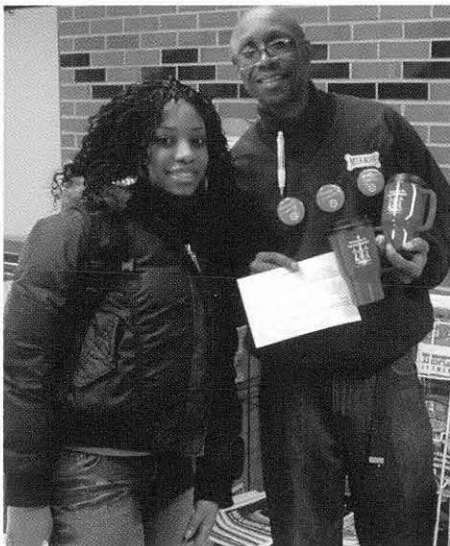
Because it is an independent corporation the United Students Government is required to hold a shareholders' meeting once a year. To entice as many students as possible to attend the event – and learn a little about what they are funding with their student activity fee – pizza was provided after the meeting. This year's meeting was in early December with the USG officers addressing those in attendance (above) in the Bulger Communication Center. The refreshments were available in the lobby (left).



SPRING 2006

Leadership Fair

During the first week of the spring semester there may not have been much snow outside, but for one day the Student Life Office filled the Union lower lobby with paper snowflakes to accompany their “Warm-Up to Leadership” Fair. The event was part of the constant effort to get students involved and engaged in campus activities – particularly in leadership roles. Many opportunities were presented by various campus offices and organizations.





State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt addresses a small crowd in the Union.

Union Renovations Announced

Winter sunlight streamed through the skylight of the Campbell Student Union lower lobby on the morning of February 22 when State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt announced a state grant for renovations to the Union.

"I will be providing, through New York resources, a grant of \$250,000 to jump-start the process of beginning phase two of the upgrades to the student center here at Buffalo State," Hoyt said.

President Muriel Howard also made an announcement regarding the project.

"The campus is going to leverage another \$3.7 million to help support the \$250,000 to help us implement phase two of our Student Union rehabilitation plan," Howard said.

According to Howard, the funds were to be primarily used to renovate campus dining services.

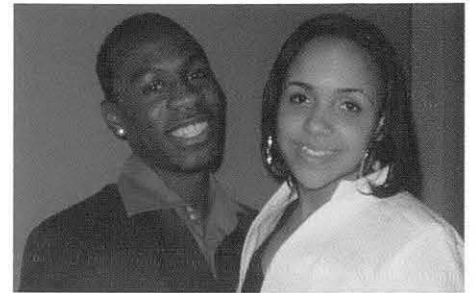
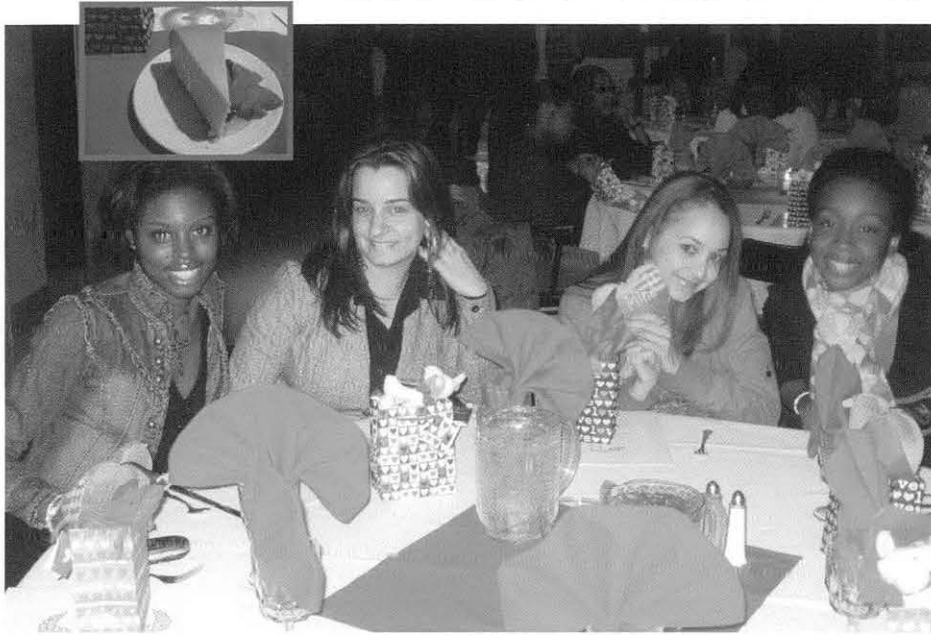
Hoyt stated that the Student Union initiative is "only one item in a long list of other projects going forward" at Buffalo State.

United Students Government President Matthew Levin-Stankevich, and Vice President for Student Affairs Hal Payne (seen at right with Howard and Hoyt) also spoke. The initial grant was largely the result of the USG President's lobbying efforts.



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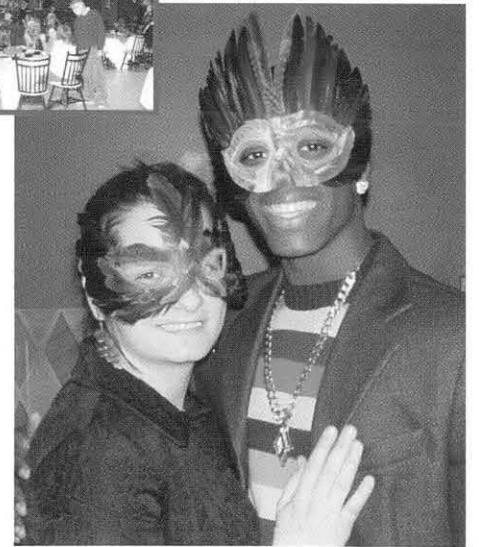
Valentines and Mardi Gras



February saw a host of social events on campus. Among them were the Ebony Hearts Dance on February 11 and the Ladies Appreciation Dinner on February 14 (top pictures).

Two weeks later, on the 26th, the fall semester's Hurricane Katrina fundraiser was followed up with a Mardi Gras Party (bottom pictures) that featured the traditional green-gold-purple color scheme and live music by LeeRon Zydeco.

These events were all held in the Student Union Social Hall.





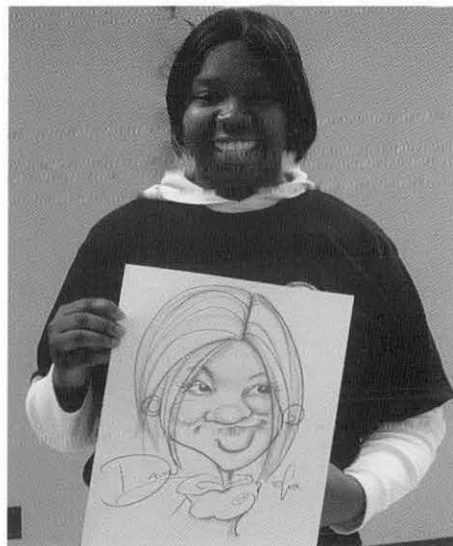
Game Room Re-Opens

Activity Area in the Union Sees New Life

The USG Game Room in the Student Union had a grand re-opening on March 2 during Bengal Pause. The event featured a caricature artist (at left), free food, free t-shirts, and live music by Sue and Joe Rozler (also seen at left). Game Room organizers hoped to make the live music a regular feature and had booked vari-

ous acts for much of the rest of the spring semester.

The Game Room had fallen dormant for awhile because an agreement with a vendor had fallen through. But with new pool tables, foosball games, and other features, as well as the live music series, the Game Room should be active for years to come.



The Elms Yearbook

Student Organizations

Diversity at Its Best

By **Andeni Cunningham**

Bengal News Service

Buffalo State College offers a variety of on-campus student organizations. There are over 50 organizations, and there is one for just about any student looking to get involved.

Being a part of an organization enhances the college experience by allowing students to meet and work with other students who share similar interests outside of the classroom.

"Since I joined RHA, I think I have come out of my shell and developed more as a person," said Lajeanna Reddick, a member of Residence Hall Association.

By joining an organization, Buffalo State believes students can:

- develop leadership/team building skills
- enhance social skills, meet new friends
- become socially, economically and politically aware
- become involved in the community

Faculty advisers and the United Students Government

oversee the organizations. Leadership and teambuilding workshops are held, and presidents of each organization meet frequently to give reports. This is to ensure that organizations receive adequate support and operate smoothly.

If students' interests lie with issues concerning politics, entertainment, community service; or they are looking to network with other people who may be on the same career path, there are organizations that can cater to those interests. They include Students for Peace, Residence Hall Association and the Student Union Board, to name just a few.

Some organizations focus on cultural issues. They strive to bring cultural acceptance, awareness and diversity by having programs that educate the campus community. Dinners, lectures, dances, fashion and talent shows are some of the ways in which the organizations reach the campus. These organizations include:

- African-American Students Organization
- Caribbean Students Organization

- Adelante Estudiantes Latinos
- Black Active Minds
- International Students Organization
- Pan-African Students Organization

Students can often connect with these groups by taking a quick stroll through the Campbell Student Union during Bengal Pause. Many organizations regularly have tables there with information on their programs and members on hand to answer questions.

The Fall of 2005 saw the emergence of several new organizations, including the Students Involved in the Art of Metalsmithing, who adopted the acronym SIAM. "The college encourages and supports the formation of new organizations. It definitely adds something extra to our campus," said USG Associate Vice President for Student Life Ashley Clarke.

The following pages feature some of the Student Organizations active at Buff State during the 2005-2006 year.

United Students Government

Executive Board: Matthew Levin-Stankevich (President), Dawn Norman (Vice President), Khari Myers (Treasurer), Meghan Blake (AVP for Academics), Melanie LaFontaine (AVP for Community Relations), Kevin Buckley (AVP for Sports & Recreation), Ashley Clarke (AVP for Student Life), Ben Palka (Vice-Treasurer), Shannon Crowley (Rules Chair), Aaron Groover (Senator Pro Tem).

Senators: Kathryn Ammirato, Leah Bernal, Allison Brady, Cristeen Dapaah, Michael Dlugosz, Amanda Feggins, Laura Gerwitz, Stephanie Lesniak, Yakima Melton, Richard Nathaniel, Lauren Pastwik, Leslie Perreault, Laura Robinson, Katherine Schindler, Sean Giacchino, Christopher Soudier, Lakeya Tucker, Andrew Turton, Tim Walters.

Students at large: Melissa Agard, Orinthia Baker, Michelle Curtis, Korin Kirk, Donique Mears, Yen Nguyen, Aaron Smith, Emmanuel Watson. **Secretary:** George Liaros.



National Society of Minorities in Hospitality

Builds unity among the membership, works to educate students on the concerns of Minorities/Diversity in the modern work force with speakers, seminars, and workshops encouraging principles of dedication, self-determination and responsibility.

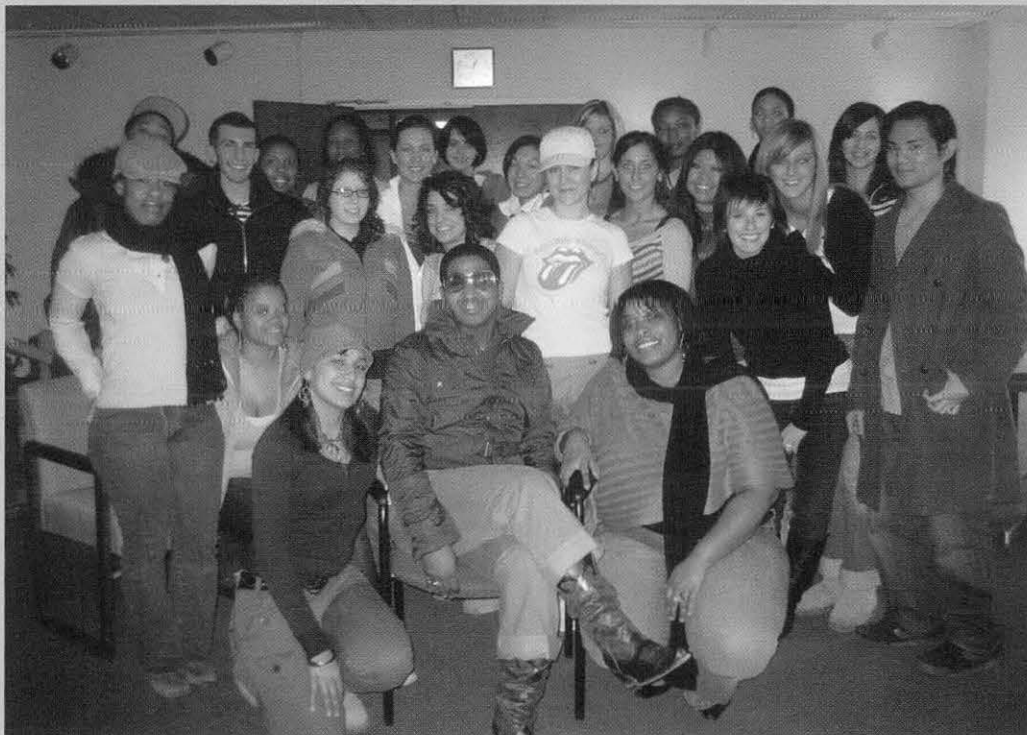


Casting Hall Productions



Steve Seeley, Nick Dostal, Mara Westerling, Kate Germain, Nick, Janelle Manns, Dechen Garza, Chris Gannon, Bennett Ferguson, Liz Penapent, Jeanette Steiner, Abby Holland, Devan Baumstein, Chrissy Golab, Mark Hauck, Sue White, Eva Everette, Emily Vredenburg, Ian Cap

Fashion Students Association



The Fashion Students Association provides leadership opportunities and career information to students in the field of Textile Technology, including Apparel Design and Fashion Merchandising. The Fashion Students sponsor an annual fashion show each spring to give students ideas on what to wear to future job interviews and workplaces.

International Students Organization

Nandani
 Goolsarran, Mary
 Simson, Aneliaya
 Dobrev, Jude
 Jayatelleke, Wanda
 Salas, Elenor
 Blackburn (mother
 of International
 Students), Dr. Jean
 Gounard, Shao
 Chao Chen,
 Michelle Roberts,
 Sabrina
 Giannendree



Students for Peace

Front Row:
 Mary C. Rapst
Second Row:
 Tiffany Clevenger,
 David Mondello,
 Alex Monterville,
 Ashley Waldorf,
 Sean Mikula,
 Vanessa Ron,
 Rachel Coffield,
 Jessica Anderson,
 Robin Carman.
Third Row:
 Travis Kozlela,
 Andrew Luly,
 Eve Everette,
 Luke Riedy,
 Shea Bode,
 Mike Dagonese.
Fourth Row:
 Katie Mals,
 Roshen Carman,
 Marcin,
 Joshua Coppings.



Adelante Estudiantes Latinos



Iyabo Akinfemi, Joseph Ramos, Jose Medina, Linoj Parakkattu, Ilich Santos, Jennifer T. Valette, Tamika Adams, Josue Rosano, Cara Re Malone, Marvis Wynn, Felipe Perez, Nora Reyes, Drayton Collins, Cynthia Puelló, Alexa Torres, Zarina Jimenez, Mayra A. Zapata, Case, Triana Mena, Stephanie Chelo, Raisa Mendoza, Jessica Matos, Robert German, Jonathan Rosas, Yan Carlos Brito, Luis Martínez, Lisseth Alcivar, Kristin Calderon, Caroline, Anastasia M. Stark, Noemi Cordova, Jessica Washington, Adam R. Gaddie, Luis Peralta, Yolima Diaz, Tikia Mojah

Pan African Students Organization



Albert Abebreseh, Magdalene Jean-Baptiste, Charles Mays, Sandra Abebreseh, Betty Ofori, Tiffany Garcia, Linda Anyachebelu, Andre Henry, Christina Bailey, Adama Coulibaly, Janelle Anhwere, Potria Kubi, Welma Russell, Shedricka Joshua, Professor Musa Hakeem, Stella Amoako, Barbara Oppong, Empress Mojah, Nija Marshall, Jessica Bryant, Patrick Mnabulife, Mavis Yeboah, Iyabo Akinfemi, Clifford Owusu, Nichole Williams, Christine Dapaah

Recreation Innovators Organization

Sharene Davidson,
Shantia, Amy Chan, Sade, Gabrielle Mosher, Martelisha Rufus, Tamara Carter, Erica Beaty, Steven Dacus, Ilopo Worthington.



S.P.I.R.I.T. Gospel Choir

S.P.I.R.I.T (Students Praising In Rhythm & In Truth) organizes singers and materials and produces gospel concerts on and off campus. Performances are often staged in conjunction with off campus choral groups.



Caribbean Students Organization



Though special events such as Caribbean Week and the annual "Caribash" as well as speakers, films, and public forums, the CSO bands the Caribbean students of Buffalo State together to share their unique culture with the campus community.

The Record Newspaper



Standing:
 Rob Metzler (managing editor), Nicole Wallace (editor in chief), Brittany Bukoski (news), Scott Mammoser, Ken Drabek (entertainment), Nicole Majewski, Paul Brunskole (sports), Chris Duff (opinions).

Seated:
 Chris Stampone, Jimmy Lawton, Gerrell Johnson (business).

Commuter Council

Matt, Miko
Modern, Robert
Marshall,
Christian, Star
Holmes, Tiffany
Clevanger,
Rachel
Rothman,
Natali, Paul
Waslewski



WBNY 91.3fm Radio

Bill Eager, Rick
Vallone, Chris
Gullo, Kevin
Slattery, Mike
Nogle, Dave
Wolford, Dominic
Mauro, Jenny
Beck, Mike Jafari,
James Samuelson,
Andrea Papaj,
Chelsea King,
Anthony
Swinnich, Ellen
Sklaroff



Best Buddies



Fourth Row: Dana Abel, Christian Klein, Dan Sicliana, Samantha Wells, Courtney Saenz, Nichole Donohuem, Liz Masse, Kerriane Gaffney Sheam, Susanna Adams, Vennessa Thompson, Marc Strusa, Lean Pratt.

Third Row: Pauls Westfall, Matt Cohen, Jaime Jueckstock, Danielle Voltz, Mike Mattliano, Courtney Underwood, Jaime Warren, Luanne Fashana, Maile Buyer.

Second Row: Titian Gallighar, Alexa Torres, Keller Volgesang, Michelle Sammerstein, Joy Valley, Colleen Haire, Jessica Ruben.

First Row: Caroline Edwards, Gabrielle Mosher

Black Active Minds



Front Row: Calvin Brown, Janelle Clark, Mrs. Gail Wells (advisor), Latara Robinson, Cara Malone, Jessica Lewis, LaShelle Maxwell, David Bryant.

Second Row: Whitney Little, Sharene Davidson, Natanya Yarborough, Sherece Wildman, Jasslyn Hamilton, Jazzman Thanine, Drayton Collins.

Third Row: Natasha Lee, Chrissy Calixte, Knicke Dushallater, Steven Bales, Hope Worthington, Leamon Hall, Kevin Parker, LeeVaughn Spates, Terayne Thomas, Kobe, Veronica Asibey, Bobby Gates, Leah Greene, Yakima Melton, Delois, Albert Abreesh.

Native American Students Organization

Front: Lafayette Williams (treasurer), Maria Maybee (president).
Standing: Phillip Briatco, Chris Pennudo, Bob, Dr. Lori Quigley (advisor), Adriane John (advisor), Ericca Sumler (vice president), Lorretta Smoke (secretary).



Booster Club

Bobby Gates,
 Jessica Matos,
 Jason Belvin,
 Sade Walker,
 Jasslyn Hamilton,
 Alexa Torres,
 Nichole T. Williams.



Student Union Board



Frederick McCallister,
Phonemaly
Xagnamonogkhon,
Shanzia Menikee, Alexa
Torres, Zack Beveridge,
Norman Godfrey, Chaz
Smith, Demar Vassell,
Justin Wright, Chris
Gallo, Victor Simon,
Mercedes Roper, Mayra
Zapata

Art History Club



Taha, Rena,
Heather,
Christine, Andrew,
Mary, Fenn, Joe,
Anthony, Jesse,
Kaitlyn, Christine.

Phi Kappa Tau

Travis Walters, Jeffrey Shohadi, Bradley Hiroh, Kevin Mcphate, Keith Keal, Aaron Fluchi, Anthony Esplisto, Anthony Sorentino, Dan Zimdahl, A.J. Avallon, Vincent Nichtern, Leonard Young, Michael Price, Lahn Nguyen, Jason Hernandez, Julian Amoah, Jonathan Durning



Alpha Kappa Alpha

Third Row: Sherita Ward, Kumba Sankuh, Valene Josephs-Byrd, Iola Oyobodo, Chavonne Hughes, Joccica Bryant, Adrienne Curry, Claudia McDonald, Stephanie Samuel
Second Row: Clarissa Lewis, Lakeia Godley
First Row: Shania Martinez, Chevelle Wiggins, Andrea Hampton, Me'Shell Drigo, Sheila Hicks



Phi Iota Alpha



Lenny Arias,
Christian Meza,
Rafael Payno,
Alexis Reyes,
Marvis Wynn,
Jesus Santos,
Abraham Tejada,
Juan Santata.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon



Neida Rodriguez,
Sarah Holder,
Adeluz Garcia,
Geraldine Lee,
Daliza Sprouse.

Alpha Phi Alpha

Azeez Saka, Kwesi Samuels,
Inima Ibocko, Raffaello Brown,
Kingsley Ohikuare,
Craig Harrison, Wilfred
Tarquharoon IV



Lambda Upsilon Lambda

Luis Peralta, Luis
Ramirez, Jason
Cancel, Joseph
Ramos, Gregory
Perez, Jeffrey
Martinez, Alex
Cespedes, Eguady
Gomez, Ramon Pena,
Christopher
Mendoza.



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The Year in Sports

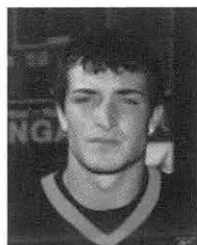
By Jeff Ventura

Sports Information Director

The women's soccer team highlighted the fall docket, clinching its first winning season in 20 years with an 11-0 season-ending victory over Alfred University. Senior Gina Monaco led the Bengals, who finished 8-7-2, finishing her career as the school's all-time leading scorer, scoring more than twice as many goals and points as any other player in school history.

The men's soccer squad also had a fine season, finishing 7-7-4. The Bengals were led by First Team All-SUNYAC selection Prisco Houndanon, who finished the year with seven goals and 21 points. The season marked the first time the Bengals have finished .500 or better in back-to-back years since 1983 and 1984.

On the gridiron, Buffalo State again faced one of the most difficult schedules in the nation, as six of the team's nine opponents were selected for post-season competition. Highlighting the Bengals' 3-6 final record was a



Mike Mikolaichik

27-20 victory at in-state rival Cortland in Week 3. Senior quarterback Mike Mikolaichik was a standout on the field with 2,122 passing yards and 14 touchdowns, and for his work in the classroom he was honored with the Western New York Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award.

Senior Aleksandra Halter was a

leader of the Bengals' cross country programs, finishing as the team's top scorer in four of nine races, including capturing the championship at the Hobart/William Smith Invitational. Fellow senior Jen Breier captained the volleyball team and led by example on and of the court. The art education major was named Second Team All-SUNYAC and earned the SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award for combining athletic and academic excellence.

Rookie Head Coach Nick Carriere earned SUNYAC Coach of the year honors after leading the men's hockey team to a six-win improvement over the previous season at 11-14-1, and guided the Bengals to their second-ever playoff appearance. Sean Burke, Sean Sheehan and Sean O'Connell were all First Team All-SUNYAC.

The women's hockey team saw a three-win improvement this season, finishing 7-14-2 overall, including its first ever victory over RIT. Mary Cohen led the Bengals in scoring and became the school's all-time leading scorer among defensemen.

Fajri Ansari took the reins of the men's basketball team, pacing the Bengals to a 13-13 overall record and yet another berth in the SUNYAC playoffs. Gregg Jones ranked among the leading scorers in the conference and was named Second Team All-Conference. Dion Mozelle earned Honorable Mention honors.

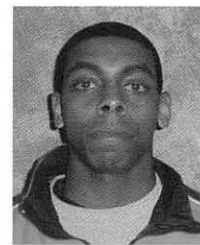
Women's basketball made its 23rd consecutive SUNYAC Playoff appearance, despite finishing 9-17 overall. Darnika Moseley ranked



Kelly Stoklosa

among the league leaders in scoring and rebounding, and was named honorable mention All-SUNYAC.

Rookie Kelly Stoklosa highlighted the swimming and diving season, winning SUNYAC Championships in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events, breaking a pair of 15-year-old school records in the process. The men's team placed seventh of nine teams at SUNYACs and the women were sixth of nine.



Richard Harris

After capturing All-America honors during the 2005 indoor track and field season, Richard Harris won a national championship in the 110-meter hurdles at the 2005 NCAA Division III

outdoor meet.

Women's lacrosse jumped out to its best start in school history with seven-consecutive victories in 2005. The Bengals finished 7-6, led by rookie Erin Silky's 30 points.

Softball earned its 12th 20-win season with a 29-11 mark in 2005 and qualified for the SUNYAC post-season. Nadine Sirianni and Laurie Hutten each earned All-SUNYAC honors.

The following pages feature the official photos of the 2005-2006 Bengal Teams.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL



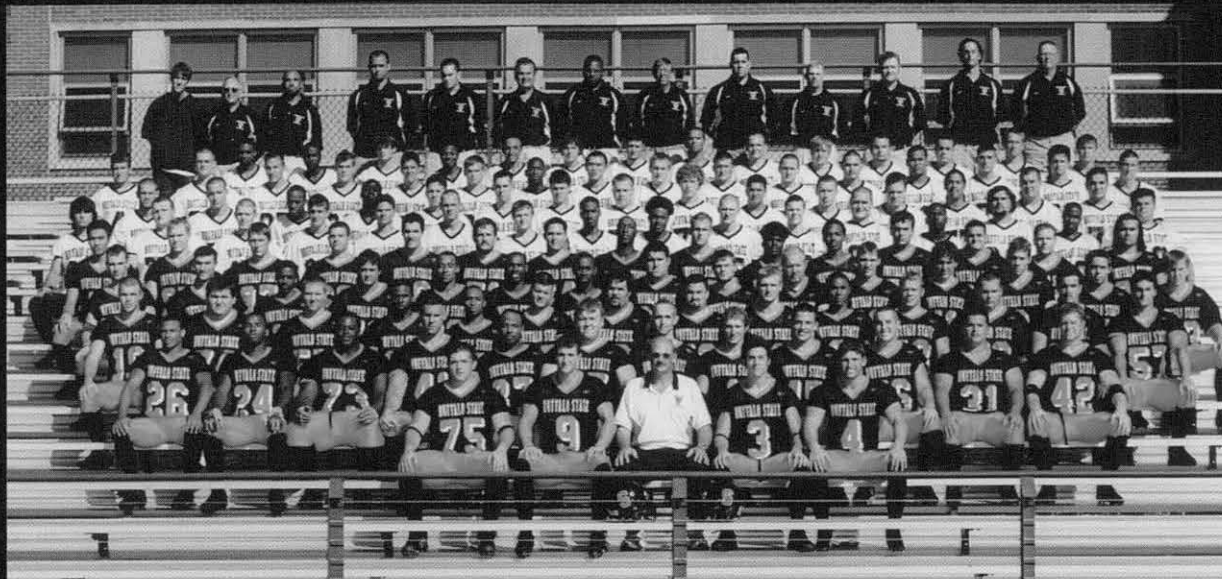
First Row: Shannon Szymanski, Heidi Rammacher, Nadine Sirianni, Emily Goldyn. *Second Row:* Rachel Perucki, Ashley Gibaud, Nicole Sabuda, Lauren Wright, Jordan Banach, Lindsay Escher, Alyssa Brosius, Gia Siracuse. *Third Row:* Head Coach Sandy Hollander, Assistant Coach Aaron Vanderlip, Melissa Balsavage, Lindsey Matheis, Laurie Hutten, Brooke Matheis, Lauren Mruk, Kristen Scheffold, Assistant Coach, Jim Ramos, Assistant Coach Greg Willats.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE



First Row: Katie Rivers, Janine Forman. *Second Row:* Tara Ammerman, Caitlin Schreffler, Stacey Wood, Ashley Parker, Rachael Galus, Shantel Ackley, Laura Jason, Jenn LoPresti. *Third Row:* Head Coach Meg Stevens, Leah Bernal, Morgan Perry, Katie Lyons, Chelsey Frail, Beth Royer, Erin Silky, Meagan Powers, Annie Tallchief, Leah Colucci, Assistant Coach Ashleigh Eaton, Assistant Coach Lynn Zlotkowski.

MEN'S
FOOTBALL



1 Jeff Shostak, 2 Dan McEntire, 3 Michael Haynes, 4 Justin Draper, 5 Peter Nguyen, 6 Jonathan Allen, 10 Pete Drossos, 11 Darryl Davis, 12 Dan Aquilio, 13 Jack Mrozinski, 14 Steve Heim, 15 Narcuis Celestin, 16 Dennis Mitchell, 17 Greg Meyer, 18 Chris Miller, 19 Scott Forster, 20 Will Patmon, 21 Brendan Thompson, 22 Carl Jean-Louis, 23 Bill Ruddick, 24 Cory Mabry, 25 Kevin Vincent, 26 James Perkins, 27 Clifford Washington, 28 Rob Wallace, 29 Dan Schlotterbeck, 30 Jeff Case, 31 Daniel Perez, 32 Jason Veit, 33 Jonathan Perea, 34 Franklyn Wright, 36 Stephen Ellis, 37 Dante Rivera, 38 Eric Buchanan, 39 Hamilton Jean-Baptiste, 40 Ron Madelon, 41 David Barabas, 42 Bill Kirsch, 43 Mike Doroshenko, 45 Hank Pirowski, 46 Matt Pacana, 48 Matt Holbok, 49 Steve Caezza, 50 Tom LaPann, 51 Ron Webber, 52 Carson Calabria, 53 Mike Dolson, 55 Brian Paonessa, 56 Justin Stevens, 57 Justin Bagnoli, 58 Alex Warejko, 59 Andrew Weick, 60 Chris Faltisco, 61 Bill Travis, 62 Russ Nixon, 63 John Edwards, 64 Matt Deudne, 65 Matt Tarasek, 66 Will Johnson, 67 Cam Kiebzak, 68 Andrew Krug, 69 Joseph Migliano, 70 Justin Huebbers, 71 Robert Vaccarelli, 72 Jamison Stone, 73 Jacob Lees, 74 Ken Crofton, 75 Deryck Wrazen, 76 Joey Assaf, 77 Cody Pokigo, 78 Adam Mielcarek, 79 Matt Martins, 80 Tom Cocker, 81 Nick Wendt, 82 Joe Russell, 83 Steve Olewnick, 84 JT Andreassi, 85 Jeremy Kaier, 86 Jayme Howard, 87 John Noonan, 88 Steve Weigold, 89 Jonathan Robinson, 90 Eric Beyler, 92 Luke Ingram, 93 Levi Williams, 94 Jared Poole, 95 Justin Bodnar, 96 Kevin Dill, 97 Nick Todd, 98 Val Fernandez, 99 Puka Ho Ching.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S
SWIMMING & DIVING



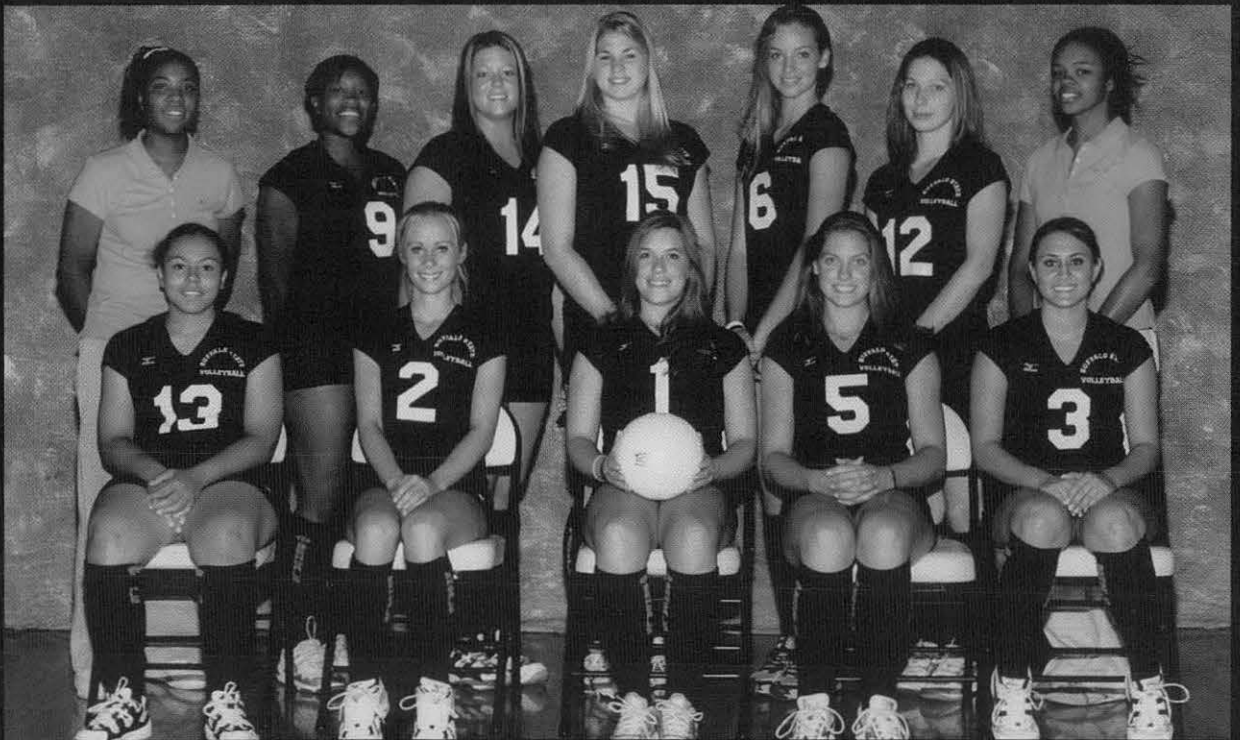
First Row: Megan Mallaber, Sara Weinert, Mike Giancarlo, Cy Creamer, Ryan Marr, Derek Stoklosa, Eric Hastings. *Second Row:* Kevin Buisman, Jolene Terwilliger, Nicole Rutkowski, Susan Stiner, Megan Farrell, Sarah Garasz, Miranda Bardol, Amanda Dory. *Third Row:* Tom Homestead, Rich Gaczewski, Max Foster, Matt Clark, Will Clochessy, Vince Wasnechak, Dave Papke, Dan Bracey, Mike Luther. *Fourth Row:* Head Coach Mike Switalski, Kelly DelDuca, Mindy Wood, Kelly Stoklosa, Amber Sherman, Liz Keesler, Megan Stull, Laura Pino, Jacki Maslanka, Lisa Heide, Paikwin Leung, Nicole Restrepo, Assistant Coach Marie Ryer, Diving Coach Bret Stodolka.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

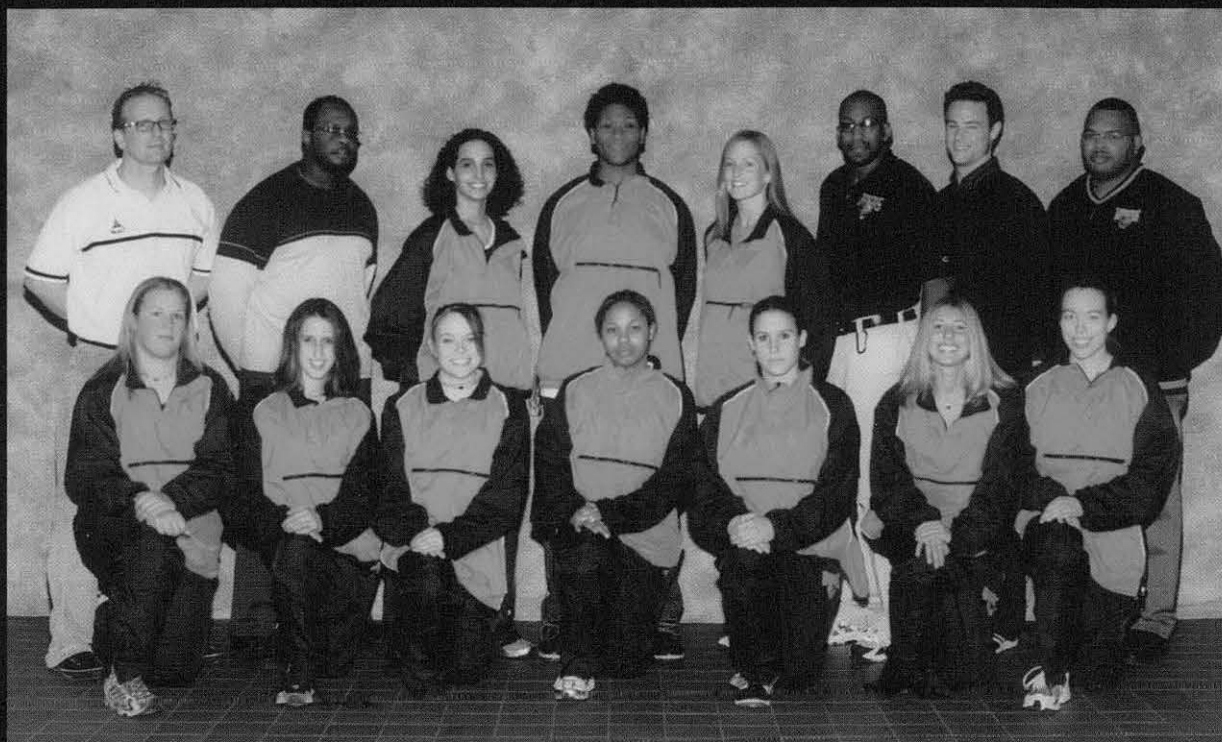


First Row: Amy Padowski, Katie Doane, Margaret Hughes, Krystyna Markut, Jenny Vacanti, Deirdre Blanke. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Tom Proctor, Jeff Sipos, Chris Slayton, Fred Carstens, Dan Hargrave, Josh Demars, Dave Kelting, Head Coach Jim Ramos.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



First Row: Alysia Cottom, Nicole Gurski, Sam Damstetter, Jen Breier, Santana Crawford. *Second Row:* Head Coach Adrienne Turley, Tiffany Aaron, Kelli Dempsey, Keri Bumgardner, Caitlin Brothers, Jessica Servidone, Assistant Coach Kristin McCullough



WOMEN'S
TRACK & FIELD



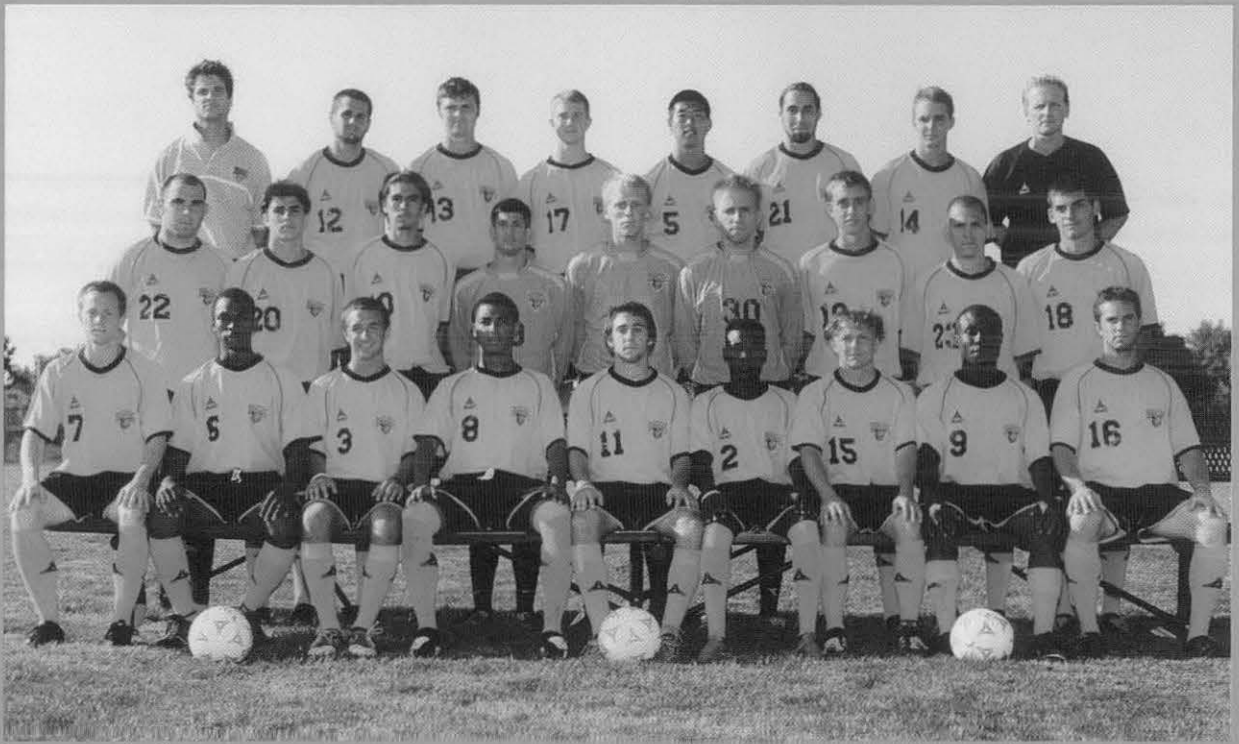
First Row: Sarah Gedraitis, Dana Migliorino, Krystyna Markut, LaShante Thomas, Jamie Abbott, Darlene Adamusik, Deirdre Blanke. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Rudy Pompert, Assistant Coach Rashidi Greene, Jenelle Orosz, Lauren Reese, Jackie Kirsch, Assistant Coach Izeal Bullock, Assistant Coach Greg Lott, Head Coach Eugene Lewis.



MEN'S
TRACK & FIELD

First Row: Cory Mabry, Hojo Muhammed, Joe Wooley, Alexander Marcus, Adam Campbell. *Second Row:* Wilmer Peralta, John Tammaro, Chinedu Uche, Jeremy Barnwell, Tim Giagios, Alton West. *Third Row:* Assistant Coach Rudy Pompert, Assistant Coach Rashidi Greene, Ken Ciolek, Justin Muise, Todd Wassinger, Dan Hargrave, Richard Harris, Assistant Coach Izeal Bullock, Assistant Coach Greg Lott, Head Coach Eugene Lewis.

MEN'S SOCCER

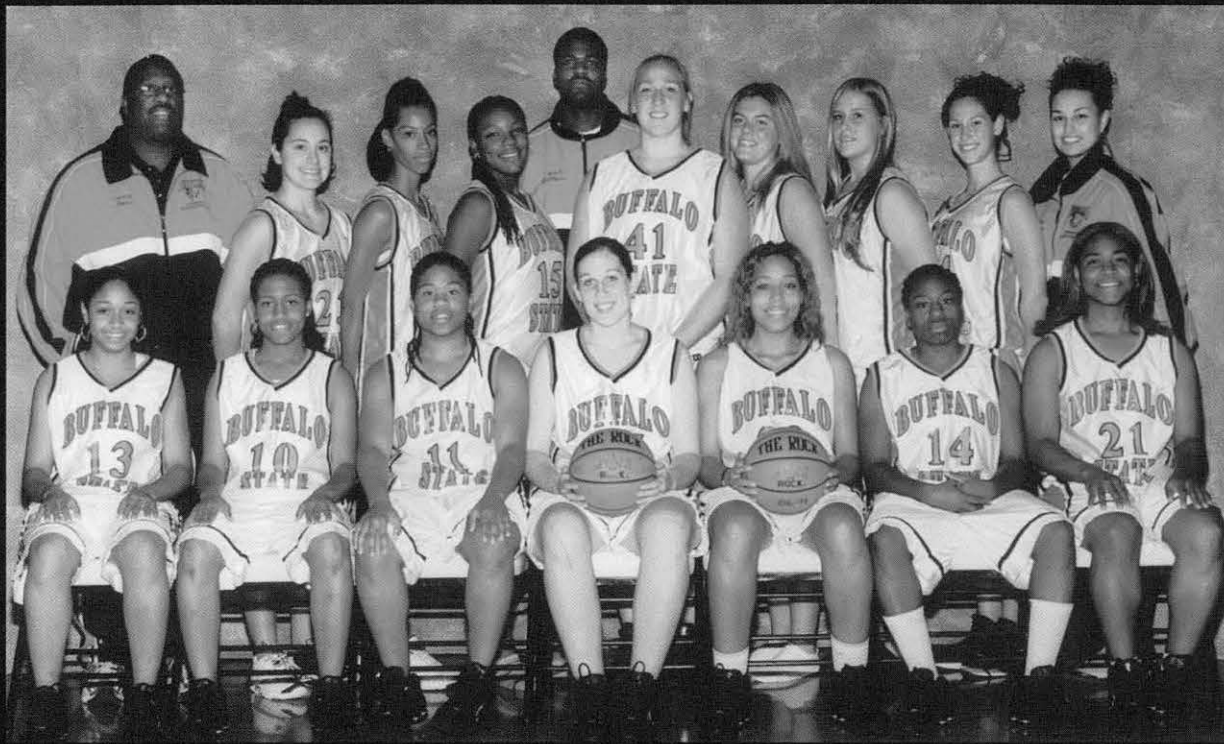


First Row: Casey Cushing, Amadu Barrie, Nick Mozg, Rich Namulala, Ben Miller, Prisco Houndanon, John Knobloch, Dominic Senyah, Rich Gordon. *Second Row:* Stephen Alexander, Steve Orfanos, Christian Elizondo, Dan Corti, Shawn McDonell, Dave Grant, Gary Luniewski, Matt Westerholt, Josh Mitchell. *Third Row:* Assistant Coach Kevin Brenner, Brian Benson, Matt Ketchum, Taylor Diuguid, Doug DeCook, Clint Holcomb, Derek O'Brien, Head Coach Rudy Pompert.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



First Row: Head Coach Nicholas DeMarsh, Kelsey Moran, Kristy Tartaglia, Gina Monaco, Katie Melsert, Emily McKinnon, Katherine Johnson, Julia Spak, Assistant Coach Mike Idland. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Ken Voght, Becky Sommer, Emily Galiulo, Katie Lyons, Laurie Hutten, Keriann Claussen, Liz Jacobsen, Sam Taylor, Assistant Coach Carrie Richards. *Third Row:* Mary Doody, Emily Regan, Melisa Petre, Maddy Morosey, Eva Pelligrino-Young, Sarah Burgess, Maria Phalen.



First Row: Gina Apa, Toya Parks, LaToya Dyes, Jacey Brooks, Darnika Moseley, Cat Ejimadu, Tawan Slaughter. *Second Row:* Head Coach Jerome Moss, Emily Steele, Tammie Lentz, Shareese Hamer, Assistant Coach Khaleel Gathers, Amanda Benoit, Ashley Dlugosz, Libby Fladd, Lindsay Smith, Assistant Coach Andrea Agnello.

WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL



First Row: Anthony Irwin, Charles Hepburn, James Tyndal, Carlton Guiden, Jay Wingate, Von Williams, Luis Pagan. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Andrew McLaren, Assistant Coach Malik Campbell, Jobany Tirado, Joe Langley, Dante Griggs, James Williams, Dion Mozelle, Caleb Buczek, Lester McNair, Assistant Coach Kevin Glover, Head Coach Fajri Ansari.

WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL

MEN'S HOCKEY



First Row: Sean Sheehan, Mike DeMarco, Sean Burke, Greg Prybylski, Sean Castagna, Sean O'Connell, Mike Mariano, Aaron Allor. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Jason Greenway, Joel White, Cody Cole, Brian Dunn, Nate Yuronich, Richard Curtis, Jason Hill, Mike Ansell, David Roy, Paul Gagnon. *Third Row:* Trainer Sean Roberts, Brian Janke, Brian Nicklas, Ryan Conroy, Sean Carmack, Sean O'Donoghue, Mike Zalewski, Jon Pietrangelo, Jeff Mok, Head Coach Nick Carriere.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY



First Row: Shannon Anesetti, Abby Greenbaum, Nicole Muszynski, Meredith Larsen, Mary Cohen, Mallory Nutting, Rachel Bennett. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Jim Sorrentino, Sarah Kelly, Nicki Calvillo, Leah Eyerman, Jessica Thieme, Jamie Overbeck, Nicole Bennett, Samantha Simpson. *Third Row:* Head Coach Bob Filighera, Courtney Wagner, Kelsey Truran, Melissa Jeckovich, Jen Trees, Amanda Uschold, Jackie Blanchard, Desi Berger, Linda Mleczko, Assistant Coach Sal Tornabene.

The Elms Yearbook

Class of 2006

A Moment in Time

By Michelle R. Curtis
Yearbook Editor

For many years we have taken school pictures, showing our growth from elementary to high school days. Now that we are in the pinnacle of our educational career, we capture the moment with our college portraits. I'm sure that as you have looked at your physical changes, you can't help but remember all that you went through to get where you are.

From MAT103 to your last major class needed to graduate, you made it, and for that you ought to be applauded. We have had some crazy times during

the 2005-2006 academic year but as you can all vouch for, it was worth it.

The next few pages of the *Elms* are dedicated to the graduating class of 2006. Though representing only a small number of the graduates, these are the students who were able to truly commemorate their college experience with a timely portrait.

As you turn these pages you will see some professional, traditional, and candid portraits expressing the creativity and diversity of our graduates. No one will ever know why some of the graduates captured themselves as they did, (i.e. wearing wigs) but that is

how they chose to be remembered. I am sure that as they look through this book some time from now they will ask themselves the same question.

Whether you hold this book one day after commencement or 40 years from that day, it is our hope that you will remember your many captivating experiences from the first day you stepped onto the Buffalo State College campus to that much awaited day when you received your degree.

You may ask: where will we go from here? The answer is: it's up to you to continue to capture your many moments in time to come.

The following pages feature Buffalo State students who chose to have their pictures taken by the yearbook portrait photographer or submitted pictures of their own. It represents only a small percentage of the students anticipating graduation in 2006.

Class of 2006

Congratulations...



Philip J. Briatico
Corfu
Music Education



Jacey Brooks
Machias
Health and Wellness

*"I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."
- William Ernest Henley, submitted by Raffaello Brown*



Raffaello Brown
Queens
Economics and Finance



Jessica Bryant
Yonkers
Psychology



Valene Josephs-Byrd
New York City
Communication

Class of 2006



Elena Chan
New York City
English

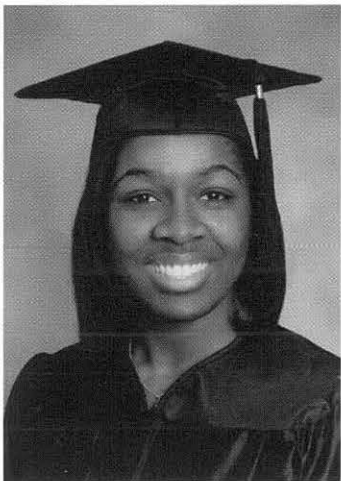


Ashley Clarke
Syracuse
Fashion and Textile
Technology



Ruqayyah Rivera Colins
Rochester
Health and Wellness

*"I thank God for this experience. I challenge each graduate to take advantage of the opportunities ahead. Don't just make history; I dare you to change it."
- Michelle R. Curtis*



Michelle R. Curtis
Brooklyn
Sociology



Sherae P. Foster
Brooklyn
Social Work



Shamika Gaskin
Brooklyn
Sociology

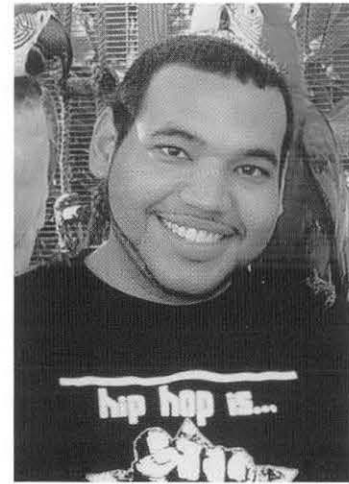
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TaNesha Gee
Staten Island
Broadcasting

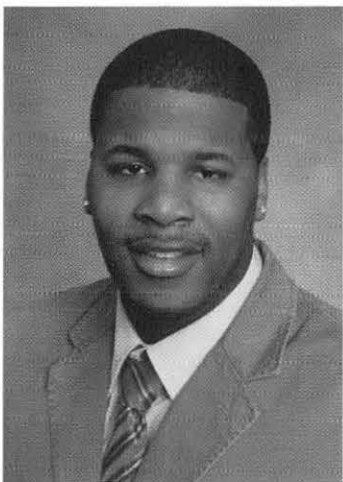


Katherine V. Germain
Tonawanda
Theater



Robert German
Bronx
Broadcasting

*"Yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."
- Submitted by Ashley Clarke*



Aaron Groover
Syracuse
Economics and Finance



Shanique Harding
Rochester
Sociology



Samuel A. Herbert
Harlem/Buffalo
Individualized Studies

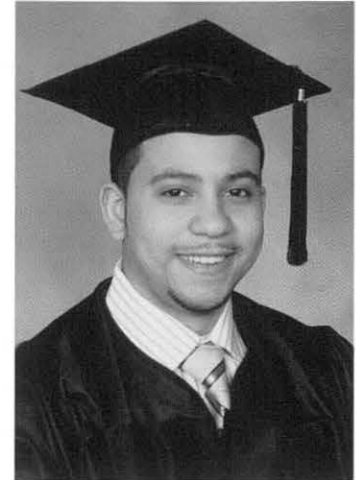
Class of 2006



Heidi Honrado
Buffalo
MA Human Service
Administration



Natasha Hyman
Rochester
Criminal Justice



Jose G. Jimenez
Bronx
Economics

*"I attended other colleges and universities, but none of them have what Buffalo State has to offer - the faculty, the atmosphere, the learning environment, all make me sad to leave."
- Ruquayyah Rivera Colins*



Ricardo Jimenez
Brooklyn
Psychology



Shedricka Joshua
Bronx
Speech-Language
Pathology



Donna Marie Coronado-Keen
Halifax, PA
Urban and Early Childhood
Advocacy

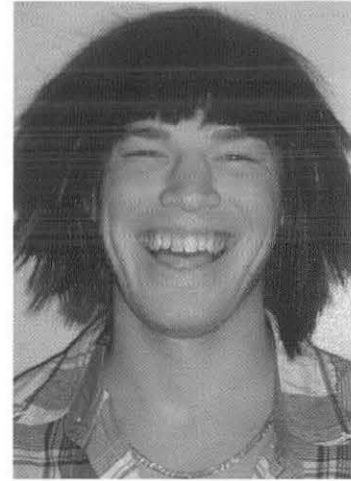
Class of 2006



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North Tonawanda
Fashion and Textile
Technology



Melanie LaFontaine
Little Falls
Chemistry



Brian Landry
Syracuse
Criminal Justice

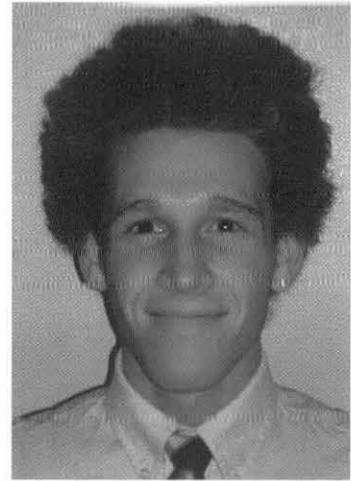
*"Some believe in destiny, some believe in fate,
I believe that happiness is something we create."
- Melanie LaFontaine*



Laura Lott
Buffalo
Business Administration



Shannon Lupo
Trumansburg
Health and Wellness



Jadon Lynn
Canandaigua
Business Administration

Class of 2006



Nija D. Marshall
Brooklyn
Psychology

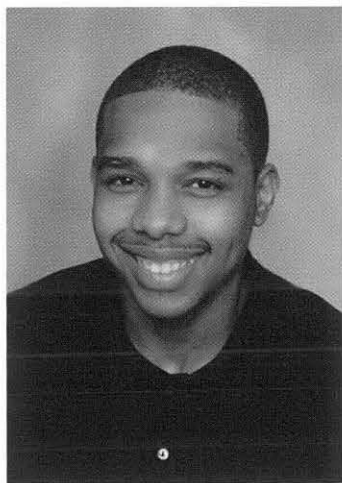


Lashell Maxwell
Queens
Public Communication



LaSheena McClendon
Buffalo
Fashion and Textile
Technology

"My four years at this institution have been such a memorable experience. I am so thankful for all the faculty, staff, and all of the friends that helped me along the way. The hard work was worth it. Class of 2006!" - Yakima Melton



Lester McNair
Harlem
Health and Wellness



Joanne McNeil
Buffalo
Sociology



Yakima Melton
Rochester
Criminal Justice

Class of 2006



Jocelyn Mitchell
Bronx
Social Work



Dawn C. Norman
Rochester
Economics and
Communication



Cassandra Ortiz
Washington Heights
Anthropology

*"Buffalo State was a very interesting place. Great teachers,
great atmosphere, great people. I will miss going here."
- Courtney Rabideau*



Kimberly Plancher
Staten Island
Sociology

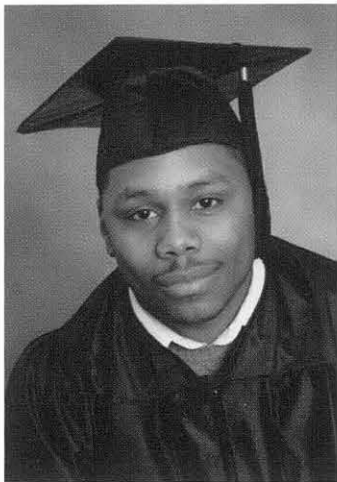


Chicara Pryor
Buffalo
Sociology



Courtney Rabideau
Tonawanda
History

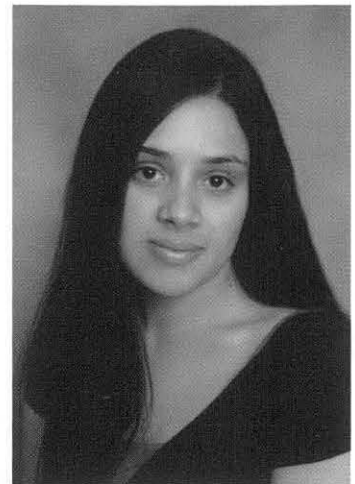
Class of 2006



Alexis Reyes
Bronx
Communication



Caroline Reyes
New York City
Sociology



Nora Reyes
New York City
Criminal Justice

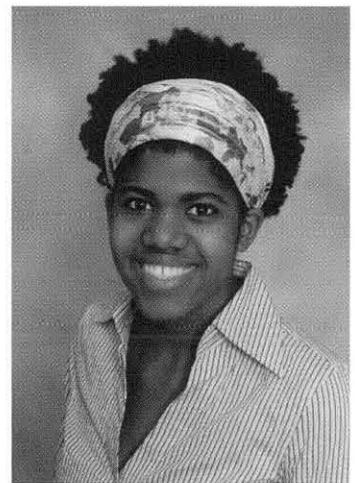
"Oh, how it feels to have completed four years. A special thank you to all of the people who supported me, especially my beautiful sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha."
- Lakeia S. Godley



Neida Rodriguez
Bronx
Communication



Nguyen Van Ruth
Buffalo
Health and Wellness



Wanda Salas
New York
Communication

Class of 2006



Aditi Sindhi
New Delhi, India
MA Human Resource
Development



David Adam Small
Boca Raton, FL
Business Administration



Daliza Sprouse
New York City
Business Administration

"Throughout my time spent in college, I am grateful for all the memories I will take with me. Thanks to all my friends and hermanas who have supported me and have shown me love through the years." -Daliza Sprouse



Shaniece Sutton
Rochester
Communicaton



Janié Sweat
Buffalo
Individualized Studies



Alicia Tannis
Brooklyn
Psychology

Class of 2006



Jacob Tawiah
Bronx
Health and Wellness



Jocelyn Tejeda
Bronx
MS Student Personnel
Administration



Alexa Torres
Brooklyn
Theater

My years at Buffalo State have allowed me to develop into the woman I am today. Along the way, I have made some life-long friends and many unforgettable memories.
- Nichole Williams



Sheritta Ward
Buffalo
Broadcasting



Chevelle Wiggins
Buffalo
Business Administration



Nichole T. Williams
Brooklyn
Broadcasting

Class of 2006



Terayne Wilson-Thomas
Brooklyn
Psychology



Marvis Wynn
Brooklyn
Broadcasting



Mayra A. Zapata
New York City
Communication and
Broadcasting

*"All I am and all I hope to be - I owe it to you, Mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral and intellectual education I received from you... thank you.
- Raddelys Ventura Soto*



Lakeia S. Godley
Syracuse
Hospitality Administration



Raddelys Ventura Soto
Dominican Republic
Hospitality Administration

Our Experience

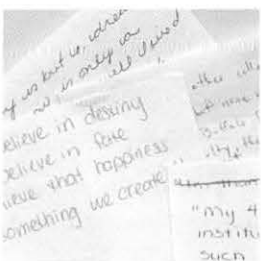


"The small community and artistic surrounding at Buffalo state allowed me to grow."
- Mark Hfauck

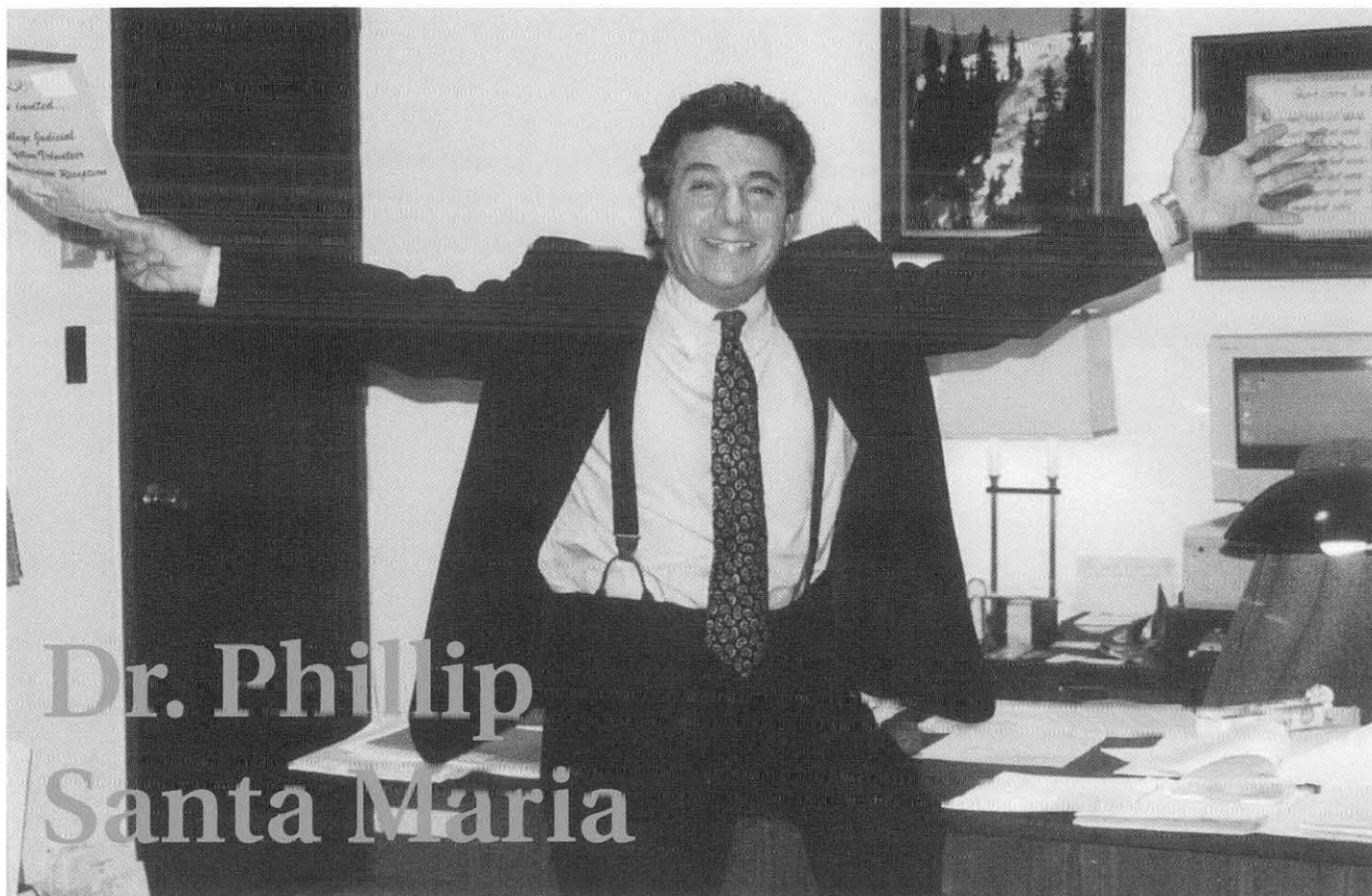
"Worry about yourself because no one knows what you want more than you."
- Matt Lefever

"College is a learning experience not only educationally, but culturally as well. Students should make the most of their college experience by getting involved in the various organizations on campus."
- Sarrett Johnson

"Enjoy life. Take it easy. If you can't make fun of yourself, how can you be truly happy?"
- Wanda Salas



DEDICATION • IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Phillip Santa Maria passed away in the early summer of 2005 after a 15 month battle with cancer. The students of Buffalo State proudly dedicate this edition of the *Elms* yearbook in his memory. Dr. Santa Maria served for many years as a vice president for student affairs and dean of students. As dean of students he helped many undergrads through tough stretches of their college life at Buffalo State. A memorial program was held in the Rockwell Auditorium in November that included spoken remembrances and musical interludes. The following includes excerpts from the printed program distributed at the event.

Dr. Phillip Santa Maria was a husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend; he was an educator, a Russian historian, a board member, a talented musician, and a devoted community servant.

Although Phil wore many hats, he was ultimately a dedicated educator. He loved to see people succeed and he worked tirelessly to give those he touched the means to do so. He was highly cognizant of the fact that each was an individual and should not be poured into a standard mold. Phil was always willing to take the time to search out venues to help each succeed on his or her own terms.

His own success at these endeavors played out in the lives of students he

assisted and worked with. One of those students later wrote him a letter stating:

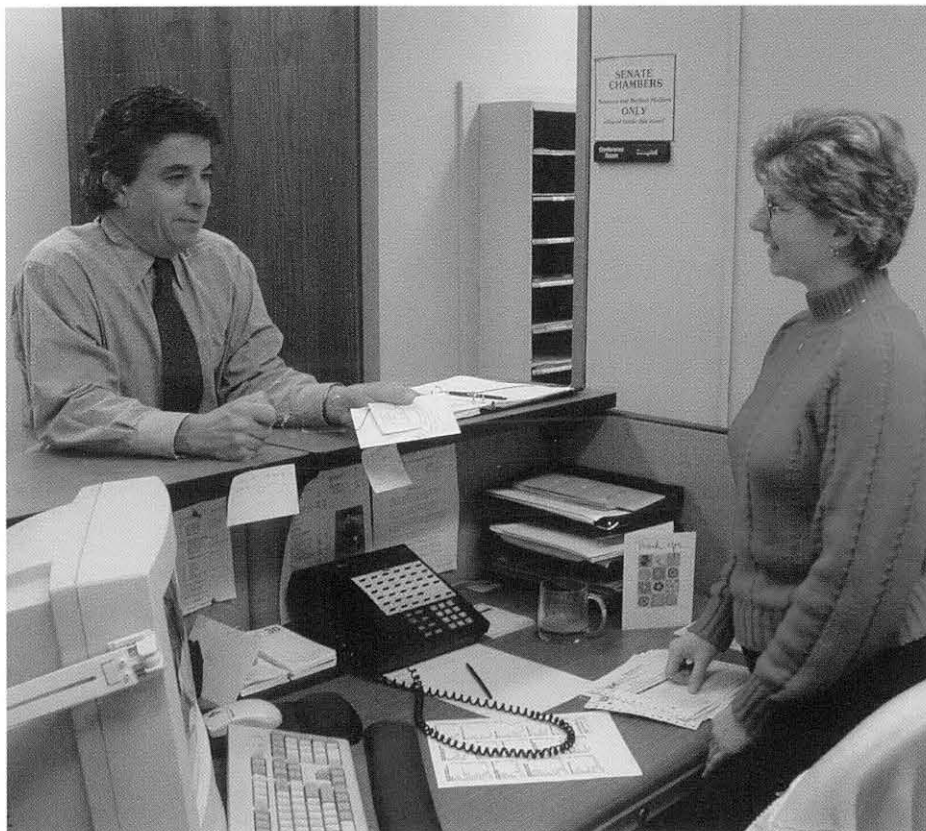
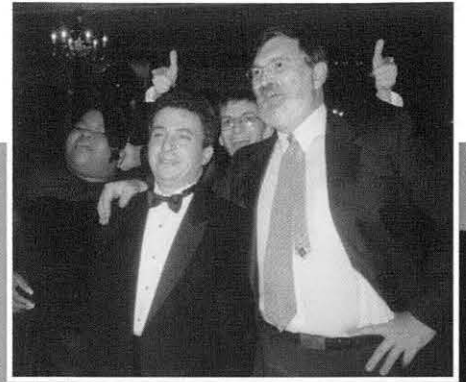
"They say that if you make a difference in the life of one person then your mission here on earth has been a success. I know you have made a difference in many lives but I wanted you to know about the difference you made in mine... That period of my life was one of great growth but also of great crisis. I look back with gratitude for you and your kindness and loyalty and concern for me during that period."

Many people at Buffalo State were unaware of the scope of Phil's talents, accomplishments, and dedication to others beyond his official duties. He started playing guitar at age eight.

Friends and classmates were impressed to see him on national TV when he appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour during his high school years. He also played quarterback on the Riverside High School football team. While attending St. Francis College in Loretto, PA, his musical talents drew the attention of John Deutschendorf (later known as John Denver) who invited him to join his band on the road. Phil declined, opting to stay in college.

Phil brought people together from different worlds. During the Cold War he led four separate educational study tours to Russia and other Soviet republics and arranged for the Soviet ambassador to the United States to come speak in Buffalo. Phil had good friends from around the world – from Nigeria, Belarus, India, China, Austria, Italy, France, and Columbia – to name a few.

Phil's family always knew what a great man he was, but not until his illness did it become apparent to them how many, many others knew this too. When his brain tumor was first



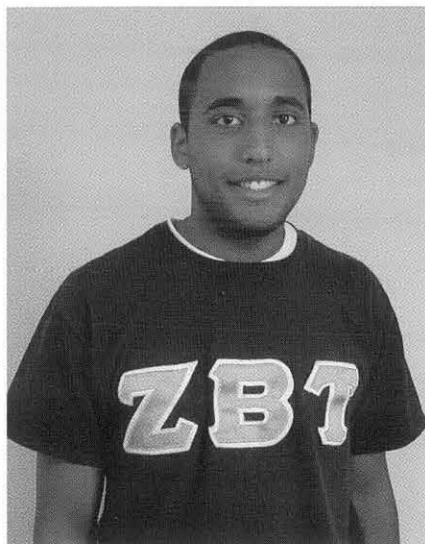
PHIL SANTA MARIA added his own touch to campus social events by performing with his band (above). In the inset photo above Phil shares a jocular moment with Don Blundell of the Student Life Office and members of the United Students Government. At left, Phil visits with secretary Cindy Sciolino during a visit to the student government offices.

detected he received numerous get-well cards. His wife and children hung them on his bedroom door and when that filled up they hung them around the door frame. In the months that followed enough cards arrived – many from people unfamiliar to the family – that they filled the doors and walls in the hall and stairway.

Phil visited the Buffalo State campus one last time when he participated in the Commencement Ceremonies in May 2005. Despite obvious visible signs of his illness, his presence was a welcome sight for his many friends.

His absence will be felt at Buffalo State for years to come.

IN MEMORIAM



Luis Antonetti was a 22 year old sophomore biology major at Buffalo State who did not live to see his graduation day.

A member of the popular Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, Antonetti was visiting fraternity brothers in Oswego, NY during the Presidents Day weekend break in February 2006. He got into an altercation with a man armed with a knife. Two of his friends survived, but unfortunately Luis did not.

Antonetti was well-liked by both his ZBT fraternity brothers and his many friends on campus.

Luis Antonetti

Dennis Bernas

Dennis Bernas was a man who dedicated 33 years of his professional life to seeing that the textbooks students needed were available to them at the campus bookstore.

Working first for the Faculty Student Association Bookstore and then the Barnes & Noble that replaced it, Bernas took orders from faculty and then contacted publishers and distributors to get those books in time for classes. It was often a stressful job but his coworkers at the store always found him a cheerful presence and responsible colleague who frequently skipped lunch to meet tight deadlines. Students who needed help finding books always found him knowledgeable and ready to help – in spite of those tight deadlines.

Bernas died of a heart attack on August 25, 2005 at the age of 52. He left behind a wife and daughter, and an empty space in the bookstore staff and the campus community.



The 2006 Elms Staff

Top to bottom: Nichole, Michelle, Alexa.



Creating this yearbook has been one interesting journey. I would have never imagined being editor of a college yearbook but I've embraced this challenge. Having a staff of 10 decrease to a staff of three, has taught me the art of multitasking and staying focused to the end, even when told otherwise. It is my hope that as you leaf through this book, you remember not only your many moments on campus but you remember the person that you are today. Nikki and Alexa, I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for just being there



and doing more than what was required. Dave, you are so gifted and you remained calm during this whole process and I thank you for your creativity and persistency for us to meet our deadlines. To all of the contributors, from USG to the random people we photographed, I truly thank you.

Throughout the years we have grown and evolved into young independent women with much potential for the future. It has been a crazy roller coaster ride filled with unforgettable, unexplainable, and unbelievable memories. These are times that only pictures can capture and explain our college days at Buffalo State. Along the way we've met many unique individuals who now and forever will be a part of our lives. Who knows what the next major story in this thing called life will be? Here's to the good times, the bad times, and the times to come. Thank You ALL. Peace out Buff State.

- Nichole Williams & Alexa Torres

On this page, we did something a little different; you will see the transition of the 2006 *Elms* yearbook staff from our freshman year to now. We are a true testament that if you stick and stay you will get what you desire.

- Michelle R. Curtis



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EXTRA

In the Spring of 2006 a couple of thousand Buffalo State students ended their “college careers.” They left the campus and scattered to their respective hometowns and moved on to their professional careers. This yearbook was assembled by some of those students to help all of them keep the memories of Buffalo State alive for the rest of their lives.

