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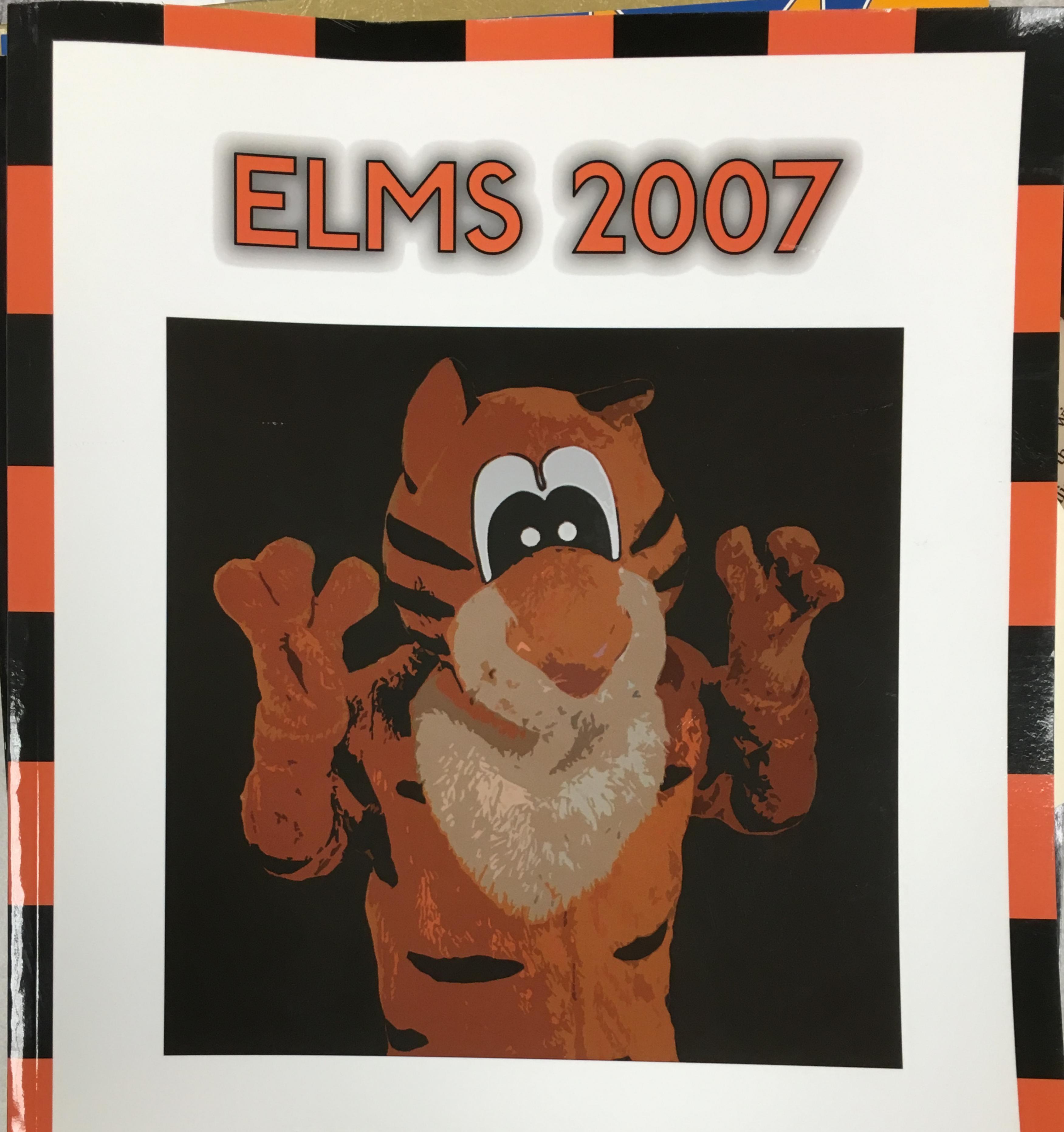
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# BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE "ORANGE & BLACK"

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#### A Letter from the President of Buffalo State **A Book of Memories**



**President Muriel Howard** 

Dear Graduate:

You hold in your hands a book of memories. Recorded here are the events and interests of a specific place and time, Buffalo State College during the 2006-07 academic year. Buffalo State is a community of dedicated individuals that has sought and will continue to seek a positive transformation in the lives of our students through higher education.

As a member of the class of 2007, it is a pleasure to wish you well in embarking on a future filled with promise and reward. Although you may not realize it yet, your Elms Yearbook will be a keepsake of treasured recollections for many years to come.

I am sure that you have noted the rapid passage of time. You probably can recall your very first day as a student on campus. It may seem like yesterday, but you have grown a great deal as an individual through your experiences at Buffalo State.

Corita Kent once said, "Life is a succession of moments; to live each one is to succeed." Your lifelong journey of moments - made richer by your Buffalo State education - has just begun. Enjoy this journey, and take pride in your accomplishments of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D. President

#### A Message from the Student Government **Activities, Service and Representation**

omecoming, Union Bash, concerts, shows, speakers, plays, dances, game nights, discussions, barbecue and other free food events, volunteer opportunities, and activities promoting awareness on different health and social issues - these are all things that the United Students Government has sponsored or cosponsored over the past school year. Add the student newspaper, the Dental Clinic, the Union Game Room, the Fitness Center, Press Services, and the 612-acre Whispering Pines Camp (in Franklinville, NY), and you'll see that USG is tightly woven into the fabric of Buffalo State College.

USG is a group of students. We are here to represent the student body as a whole. We look out for and protect their interests and benefits. USG and its organizations provide fun, interesting, informative, and educational programs and activities for the students of Buffalo State as well as organizing and leadership experience for students who plan and run the activities and who work with the college administration in charting the course of the institution.

USG has 64 recognized clubs and organizations, 57 of them currently provided with annual budgets distributed from mandatory student activity fee funds. The clubs and organizations each serve different interests. Many clubs correspond with different academic majors. There are also many clubs and organizations that pertain to different social and cultural interests. The variety of clubs and organizations makes it easier for students to get involved with a group that focuses on their personal interests.

The United Students Government also addresses different issues that affect the students of Buffalo State. This school year we have been working on changing and improving the food service on campus. In the months following the publication of this yearbook, renovations will begin on the Student Union food service facilities. Also, the fourth floor offices and the Fireside Lounge on the third floor of the Union will undergo renovations this summer. Along with the renovations and food service changes this year, USG implemented a Readership Program, providing copies of USA Today and the New York Times newspapers free for students to pick up in the Union or the library. We also offered a library printing cost initiative, which lowered the library printing costs from \$.08 to \$.02 a page.

USG is proud to have been a part of student life at Buffalo State College for more than 35 years, and we look forward to the changes ahead.

#### **Kathryn Ammirato**

Administrative Vice President for Community Relations United Students Government



USG AVP Kathryn Ammirato and Rules Chair Matthew McKay working bingo at the December 2006 Union Bash - just one of the many events sponsored or supported by the student government.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

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#### The Colors of Tradition and Identity

To some people, the colors orange and black can seem a bit bold, but that's not the feeling held by students at Buffalo State College. Students relate these colors to qualities of focus and determination. Staying focused while at college can be challenging. However, with determination, you can make it.

If you stroll around campus, you will find that many students show their school spirit by wearing those two striking colors. Some Buffalo State students show their support by wearing sweaters with the colors or using their own fashion ideas to create an orange and black outfit. Students purchase items that have those colors – everything from sweatshirts to refrigerator magnets – from the college bookstore. Not too long ago, a store in the Walden Galleria Mall stocked an orange and black leather jacket with a bengal tiger displayed on the back: the item was quickly scooped up by Buffalo State students.

After graduation, you may be anywhere in the world, at any age, and remember Buffalo State when the colors orange and black are present. Here's something else you'll remember: a familiar chant. "When I say 'Orange' you say 'Black'...Orange! Black! Orange, Black! When I say 'Buffalo' you say 'State'...Buffalo! State! Buffalo! State! Buffalo State! Let's hear it for the Bengals!"

So... what do the colors orange and black mean to you?

– Janice Andrews, Editor

"Me and My Crew"









# B.C.O.C (Big Cat On Campus)

its face except at sports events but one afternoon in February the Cat With No Name took a stroll across the snowy hand to catch the action.

Above the Bengal hangs out on the steps of Rockwell Hall. Counter-clockwise from left: a visit to the Union Ticket Office; schmoozing in the

The Bengal Tiger mascot seldom shows Underground Cafe; checking out at the bookstore (where does he carry his wallet?); getting help and then using a computer in the library; buying pizza in the campus. An Elms photographer was on Cookery; and lounging in the Union lobby (middle picture).

> The opposite page shows our friend posing by the "Cocka-Doodle-Do" sculpture and greeting some of the students he met during his walk.

















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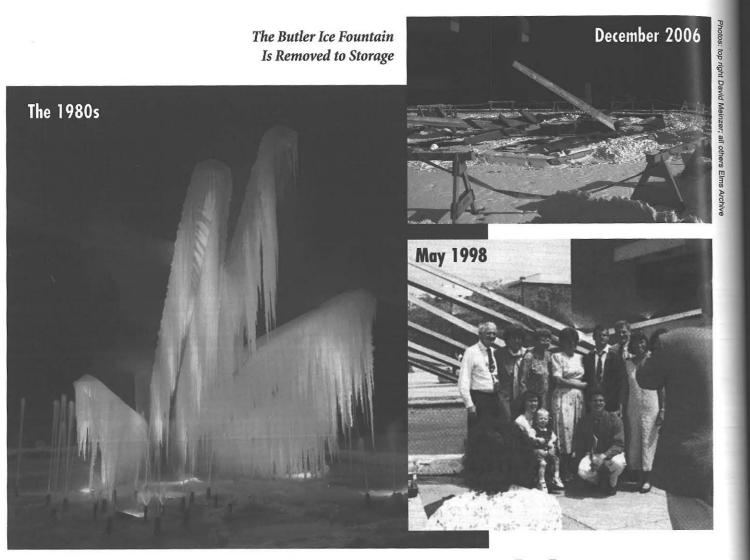
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#### SAY CHEESE





#### **Campus Fixture Dismantled**

In early December workers showed up in the Union Quad to disassemble the Butler Ice Fountain – a sculpture that stood in front of the E. H. Butler Library for over 20 years. The work will be kept in storage while the Quad undergoes a redesign and reconstruction scheduled to take several years.

The sculpture, created by Norwegian artist Carl Nesjar, was designed to be a warm-weather water fountain and an ever-changing ice sculpture in cold weather. It was a gift to the the college from the Butler Foundation and Kate Butler Wickham, a former chair of the College Council. The library is named after Ms. Wickham's grandfather, Edward H. Butler, the publishing mogul who founded the *Buffalo News*.

Virtually every edition of the *Elms* Yearbook from 1984 on has featured pictures of students passing the fountain between classes or lounging near it. On occasions the

reflecting pool surrounding the fountain was even used for some illicit wading and even canoeing. The sculpture has also been a favorite photo



backdrop for graduating students and their families while attending the annual post-Commencement reception in the Quad.



# CAMPUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The 2006-2007 year was a time filled with activities and events, big and small, some planned and executed to perfection and others – like the "October Surprise" snowstorm – impossible to predict let alone plan. The next few pages show a sampling of what happened at Buffalo State.



# **Homecoming 2006**

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One of the most favorable events to most students is Homecoming. Who could say no to the free lunch and free shirts given out by USG? The pep rally was held in the Union and the students had a blast. The above picture shows a small portion of the hundreds of student that filled the Union the Thursday before Homecoming. The basketball team smiles for the camera with head coach Fajri Ansari as they enjoy their free barbecued chicken. The Union was so crowded that some students sat on the floor, the stairs, or stood in corners to enjoy the free lunch. The pep rally marked the start of Homecoming Weekend.









#### FALL 2006

Orientation director Eileen Merberg and Kristen Catalano (below) show school spirit with their enthusiastic smiles in the middle of the pep rally. The funniest scene of the pep rally was when they started throwing out the t-shirts. It can get crazy with all the students reaching to grab a shirt, so this part is left until the very end. This is truly one of the campus events that that gets students together.









#### **Rally Competition**

American Students Organization won first place with "You're the One That I Want" from the hit movie Grease. The shows the audience their talent and colguys from the basketball team showed lege staff enjoys getting the picture the talent of entertainment with one of taken by a yearbook photographer.

Another exciting section of the pep rally is the "lip sync contest." The African pictures here the men's basketball team and a few of the ladies from the basketball team smile for the camera, AEL















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#### Homecoming King & Queen Pageant

The King and Queen pageant this year was very interesting. The contestant finalists were Joan Bova, Jeremy Rose, and Bruce Wallace for King and for Queen we had Kristan Lettiere, Katie Lyons, Kristine Anderson, and Bonnie Simmons. Most of the talent demonstrations included a dance piece - all from different cultures. It went from Irish to Spanish. One student said her favorite part of the competition was when the contestants had to create a chant for the game. Some of the chants were funny and a few of them got the audience's participation. All the contestants were great but the judges decided that Bruce Wallace and Kristine Anderson would be our Homecoming King and Queen for 2006.

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the mind of a contestant? Well the Queen was honored to inform you. "For as long as I shall live, I will never forget that day. My palms were sweaty and I glanced down the line and saw all the contestants around me with fierce confidence. Something told me to run but I decided to stay. When the curtains opened, I felt love. I heard my name being echoed in the crowd. I saw my Porter residents, my friends and my sorority sisters. The fear I had left because it was time for me to make "them" proud. When I heard my name as the Homecoming Queen of 2006-2007 my heart skipped and sang for joy. All of my insecurities that I held for years were gone ... I had become victorious" – Kristine Anderson.







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The day of Homecoming, the brunch that is always held at the president's house for parents and students was held in the Student Union due to rain. Our annual parade was also cancelled because of the rain. However, rain or shine, the game had to take place. The King and Queen were both able to get their picture taken with Dr. Howard, president of the college. The dining service staff whipped up pancakes and eggs for each person that came over. Meanwhile, student ambassador Christina Bailey stole a picture with fellow classmate, the Homecoming Queen. In the Homecoming football game, The Bengals brought home a win against Western Connecticut State, 24-21. Go Bengals!





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There are many events that take place on campus that give students the chance to enhance the quality of student life. One of those events is coordinated by the African American Students Organization (AASO). Fashion Design senior and also campus and community chair Latasha Lucas coordinated the event titled "Black Velvet Airways" with the help of the executive board and her committee members. Former 106th & Park host "Free" hosted the Show. Going with the theme, each scene took the crowd to a different country. Most of the outfits were designed by students from the Fashion Design department. Whether you've been modeling for years or you just started, AASO gave you a chance to shine. Each person in these photos represents the unity within Buff State and it will continue for years to come.





















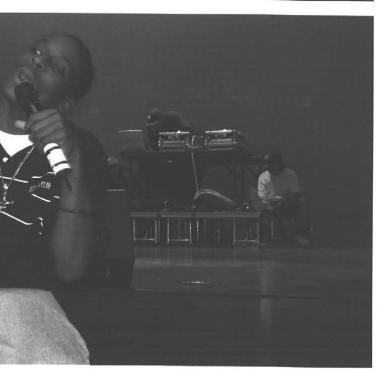






Apollo Night is another event organized by AASO and it is designed to show who has talent at Buff State. Above, basketball player Pee Wee tells the ladies that he's just "laid back." The executive board sits in the front row listening to the second act as vice treasurer Asia Kinsey turns and give the camera a wink. The ladies of the group "Seduction" gave us a little of R&B singer Ciara's "Promise" dance routine. Daunte Pickney shows





#### A Night at the Apollo

off his talent by serenading a member of the crowd. Step aside Trey Songz, senior Brandon Avery won the ladies when he gave us the hit song "I don't wanna leave." Q. Starks and friends wait anxiously for their turn to take the stage and show Buff State what they are made of. Tashara White sings "Eyes on the Sparrow." There were many performances and Step Expression won first place with Brandon the runner-up.





Danielle Gadson and Shavonne Dixon founded Step Expression in 2002. Their debut performance took place at a fall culture show organized by CSO. Since then, they have performed during Bengal Pause, at on- and off-campus events, and the Homecoming King and Queen Pageant. At the end of the 2004 -2005 academic year, Step Expression had proven to the campus and surrounding colleges and universities that they were the official step team of Buffalo State. During that year they won their first step competition. Step Expression continued to win competitions and that inspired them to have a step competition of their own which started in spring of 2005. The fall step competition of 2006 was a success and was said to be one of the most memorable events of the fall semester. At the fall competition, judges anxiously waited for the competition to start. It started with the executive board performing then it moved to the ladies. The ladies did a fabulous job and it was time for the guys. They started with something simple. One female member joined the guys and did a small piece. The guys in return, did the same piece followed by the entire team joining in. Hands and feet all make a bet. You had to have been there to get the fun experience. To close it off, the guys were blindfolded and the final piece drove the crowd wild. If you were ever at an event and there was a call for Step Expression, you would hear them say "one foot, one sound."













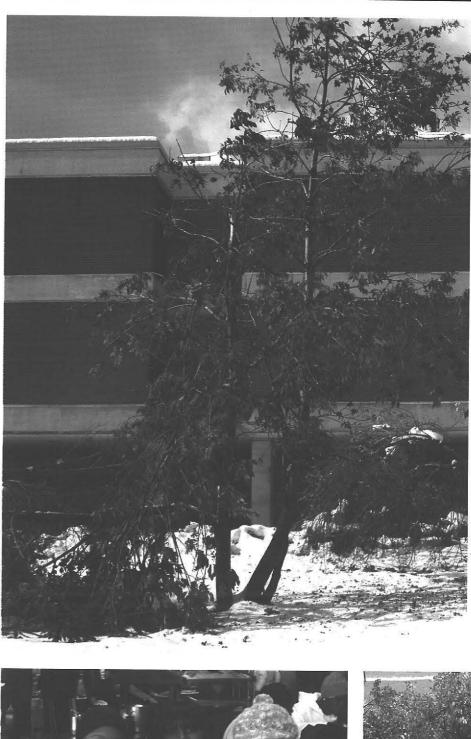














Before the trees could shed their leaves Winter showed up early with heavy snow

#### By Rachelle Rosier

very winter, like clockwork snow comes to Buffalo. While it is common for us to have snow, we still get excited about it every time as if it were the first time. This year the snow came early. It was a cold and sunny Thursday afternoon in October and around noon everything changed. It came down hard for a minute and then stopped; a little weird but still not surprising for Buffalo. About an hour later, it began to fall again and this time it was sticking to the ground like it was here to stay.

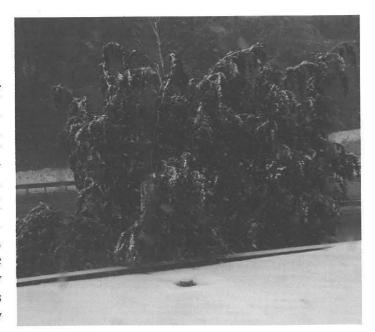
The snow was not only coming down hard but it was coming down with rain, which made it heavier than normal and had people raising eyebrows across Buffalo and the surrounding area. Buffalo State classes and campus activities continued to go on as usual. This sudden change in weather was in no way a threat to us, or so we thought. As night began to fall, the unusual slush was still coming down. Our Direct TV connection was going bad and later completely went out. Soon after, our internet connection followed. With no outside coverage of what was going on, we remained oblivious to what was actually happening. Word spread quickly through campus as trees and power lines went down. And for the first time ever in my Buffalo State history the campus was ordered to shut down. Travel bans in and out the Buffalo areas were in effect. Students were stuck on campus and others were trapped off. On Friday, in another first for my time here at Buff State, classes were cancelled. More than 350,000 homes and businesses had no electricity or heat. Walking through campus was more shocking as we examined how the snow had pulled down tree limbs and even ripped some trees up by their roots. The college was short staffed for shoveling so students started to help the maintenance staff with the snow. I actually shoveled for two hours and got paid \$16 for doing so.

Buffalo's snowiest October day on record claimed three lives, two in traffic accidents and one person killed by a falling tree limb while shoveling snow. And though the storm lasted a day it caused months worth of damage and years for some. Days later and after nearly two feet of snow buried Western New



York, travel bans were lifted, the airport was opened and stores reopened.

The storm happened on the 12th and classes resumed the 16th but this was only for Buff State students. The day continued as if it were just another snow day. Trees that gave the campus character were now destroyed. The storm of 2006 has change Buffalo State for years to come. Now each student that was present can say they were a part of history.



The heavy October snow pulled branches off trees and in some cases uprooted whole trees. During the long weekend students were able to take advantage of the self-contained atmosphere on campus for life almostas-usual. Within days the snow had all melted and cleanup was underway under sunny skies.







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#### FALL 2006 The Fight Against AIDS





**December 1** is a day set aside annually to promote HIV and AIDS awareness. During the week leading up to the 2006 World AIDS Day the United Students Government, Pride Alliance, and the Chemistry/Forensics Club held events in the Student Union Lobby. USG marked World AIDS Day by giving out information on HIV and AIDS and in a program called "These Hands Make a Difference" having participants paint their handprints on the window of the Student Union to acknowledge the significance of this day.





# The Caribbean Students' Culture Show





Whether or not your nationality is somewhere in the Caribbean, the annual fall culture show organized by the Caribbean Students Organization is the place to be. The theme was "Up to de Time: the Invasion of Culture." There were many different exciting scenes, but the one shown here is the scene titled "Soca/Mas." Each person is wearing a costume that you would most likely see at a Caribbean carnival and waving a flag from a Caribbean country.

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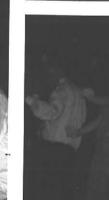


















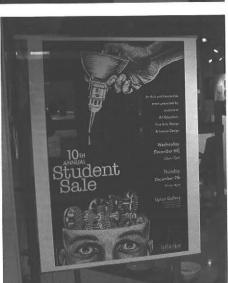
#### **Annual Student Art Sale**

winding down, the Design, Fine Arts, Art Education, and Interior Design art and crafts in the Upton Gallery. The event, now in its tenth year, has been upper level woodworking class. more successful each time.

Students are able to offer for sale paintings, sculptures, furniture, textiles, jewelry, ceramics and pottery, photographs, prints, and other work much

Every December, as the fall semester is of it produced as part of their class work for the past year. Prices range from a few dollars for a small clay plate from an departments sponsor a sale of student introductory potting class to hundreds of dollars for a chair made during an

Many Buffalo State folks - students and staff - have come to look forward to the sale to do a bit of holiday shopping. After all, what could be a better gift than a piece of unique hand-made art?











# Ebony Hearts Dance

In honor of Black History month, the presidents of B.A.M., P.A.S.O., C.S.O. and R.H.A. all came together and decided to formulate a dance for Valentine's Day in 2006. The tradition carried over to the following February by a different group of people. To get the party going DJ Mr. A.K.A through on the electric slide and everyone got on the dance floor. The Deltas and the Alphas stopped by and did their stroll for the crowd. The night was filled with laughter and fun. It was a night to remember.

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## **Love Amongst Future Economists**









#### U Down with E.O.P.?

What does E.O.P. mean to you? I know what it means to me

- It means a chance, an opportunity to make something of myself, to be somebody in the world not just another statistic
- It gives me a shot at establishing a career and making room for myself in Corporate America
- We're not in this program because we're poor
- We're here because E.O.P. believes in us
- They have faith in us
- They feel we are the future leaders of this country and it's up to us to justify their belief
- Making it to college is one thing, but making it through college will be the ultimate Victory
- It's up to us to show E.O.P. that they're not wasting their money

No longer do I have to sit and wonder what I'm going to do after high school, I'm Already doing it...thanks to E.O.P.

We have to show them that we are the real deal, and we are serious about our

- Futures. I know where I come from many of my peers don't make it through high school
- But not only did I make it, I've surpassed that level and I'm now in the next phase of my education
- It's been a struggle to get where I'm at, but I've made it
- And with the help of E.O.P. I can continue to make it
- So I ask you this, where would u be without E.O.P.? U wouldn't be here at Buff State I know that much

And I wanna ask u one last question, U down with E.O.P.? I think I am U down with E.O.P.?

I think...no, no, no I KNOW I'm down with E.O.P.!

*Carmelo Osorio* (EOP Student class '07, summer program '03)





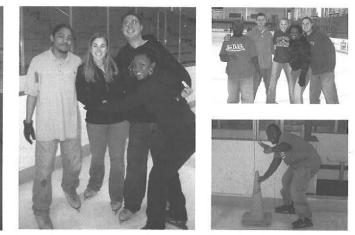




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#### Money In A Bag

The Dead Economists Club trip to the Federal Reserve Branch of Buffalo was one of the many activities during the fall semester of 2006. The excursion to the Federal Reserve Branch of Buffalo was a very good experience for all of the Econ Club members. They received shredded money in a bag, material which is used to create new bills. The Dead Economists Club is a diverse group, consisting not only of seniors and underclassmen but also students from different countries. Their socializing includes bowling and ice-skating, but more importantly they invite top executives from different companies to lecture and give advice.



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#### FALL 2006 Ice Cream and Cotton Candy





It pays to pay attention when passing through the Campbell Student Union! On any given day there may be one of any number of free activities to take advantage of. A couple of examples: the Ice Cream Social paired with free cotton candy (this page) and the Relaxation Day activities (opposite page). Student Union Board sponsored the free ice cream in late September with USG adding the cotton candy for those with a super sweet tooth.







The student government sponsors a "Relaxation Day" on the study day at the end of each semester with various activities designed to help students relieve the stress of preparing for finals. In December the features of the event included a large inflatable Twister Game (top picture), a raffle (bottom left) and a sumo wrestling outfits (bottom right). Music, food, and various giveaways were also available to students who passed through the Union lobby that afternoon.



# **Relaxation Day**

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### Candy Snowman Contest

During the first two weeks of the spring semester, Student Life hosted a slew of events termed Winter Welcome. With or without snow, teams were formed to build a snowman using marshmallows, toothpicks, straws and whatever they could muster up. The 1st annual Snowman Building contest winner was the Asian Students Organization with a traditional Asian inspired Snowman.

 Top picture –
 The Judges: Charlie Young, Michelle Curtis, Kathy Mills, and Sister Charlene Fontana.

 Middle left – Asian Students Organization:

 Kaixin Raio, Eileen Chen, and Cindy Yau.

 Middle right –

 USG: Racine Stewart, Kristine Anderson, Kathryn Ammirato.

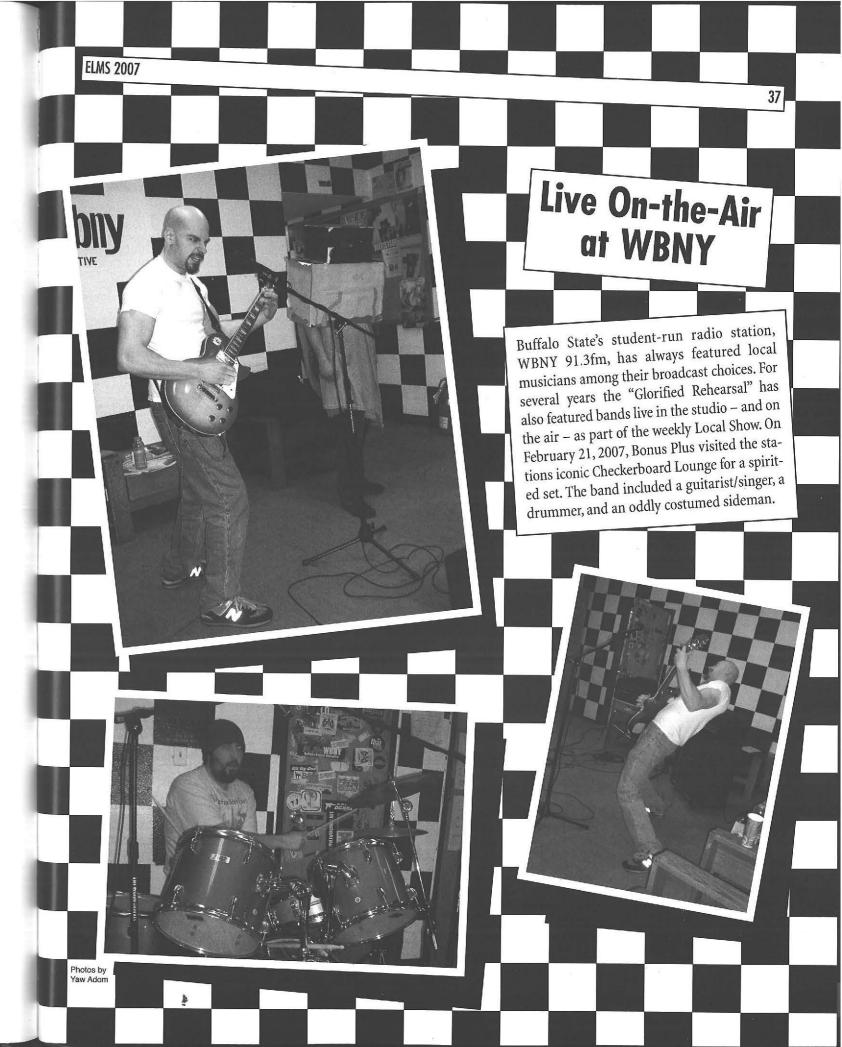
 Bottom picture – The Awesome: (not in order) Adam Kreutinger, Maria Droz, Becky Juszczyk, Cassie Ruszaj, Sally Feskens.



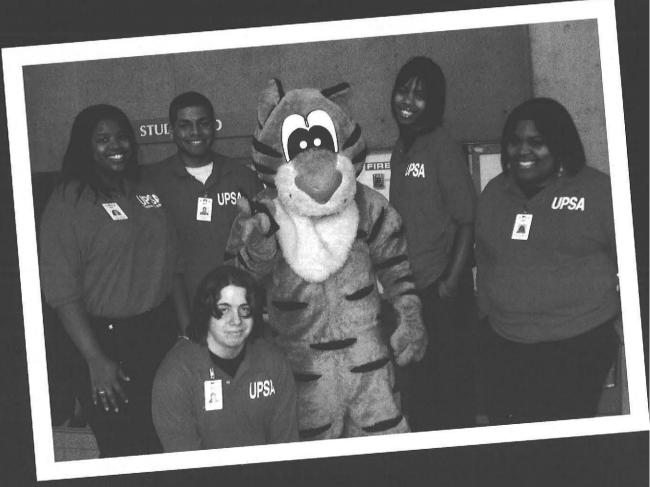




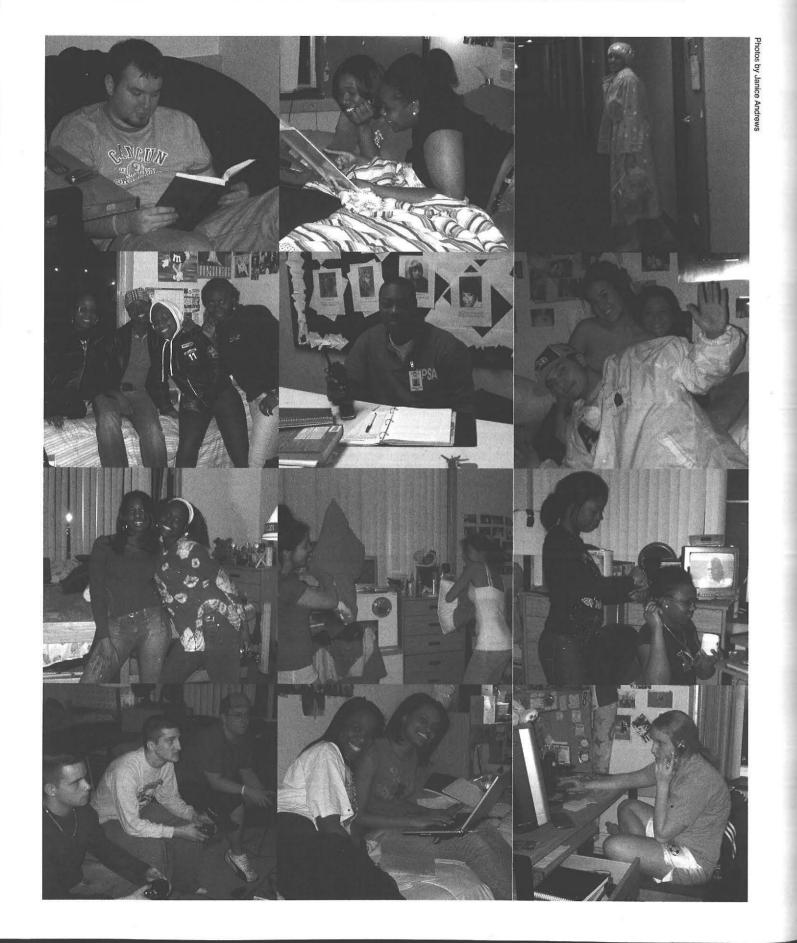


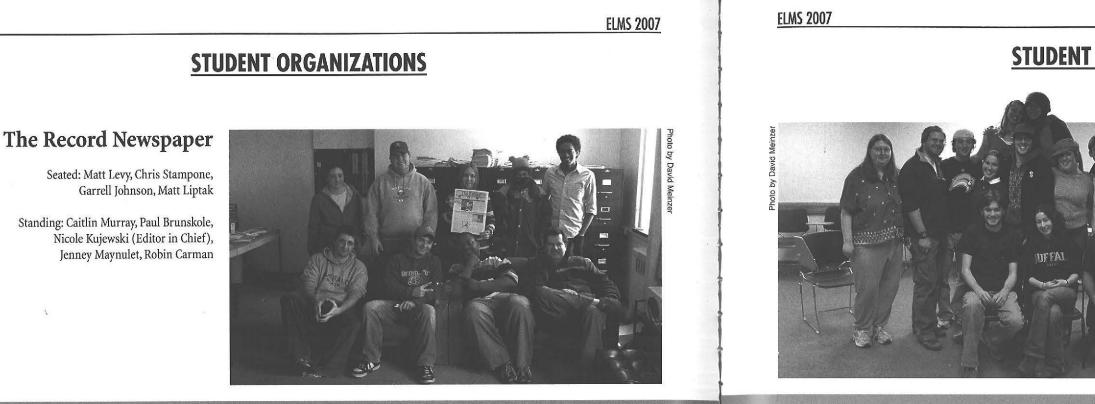


# ORGANÍZATÍONS, GROUPS AND DEPARTMENTS



#### **"I LIVE HERE!" – A QUICK LOOK AROUND THE RESIDENCE HALLS**





#### Adelante Estudiantes Latinos

Anastasia Stark, Jessica Roches, Jessica Washington, Luis Peralto, Jeremy Rose, Amanda Hernandez, Triana Mena, Felipe Perez, Jessica Matos, Shaeina Bailey, Sophia Cruz, Taisha Santiago, Kristine Anderson, Raffaello Brown, Evelyn Pancho

# note by Janice Andrews



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#### **Criminal Justice Club**

Seated: Tom Santacapita, Jason A. Marshall, Gregory Imbrosu.

> Standing: Latrice Johnson, Cynthia Jocelyn, Nicole Welsh

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#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**



#### **Casting Hall Productions**

Front: Nick Casey, Jenny Kennedy, Julian Perez.

Middle: Jennifer Toy, Ian Cap, Sean O'Connell, Mare Westerling, Dan Morris, Bethany Sparacio, James Steiner

Top: Chrissy Golab, Liz Penepent



#### United Students Government

Seated front: Michael St. Rose, Treasurer; Matthew Levin-Stankevich, President; Allie Brady, Vice President Other executives: Christopher Janik, Kathryn Ammirato, Cristeen Dapaah, Donique Mears, Matthew McKay Senators: Kristine Anderson, Trudy Antwi, Tanisa Bancroft, Lesley Boateng, Takeyla Dingle, Keisha Dobney, Frank Greco, Kafilat Hassan, Jamie Jueckstock, James Manzione, Jasmine Otero, Filipe Perez, Leslie Perreault, Katie Rivers, Tawanda Strachan, Racine Stewart, Melissa Stoll, Jamison Stone, Vince Wasneechak Students at Large: David Blatt, Peter Hirsch, Rina Nowel, Kerrianne Shea, Kelley Thompson, Tashara White



#### Pan African Students Organization

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#### **BSC-TV**

Seated: Hodari Vassell, Jamie Flor, Justin Swain

Standing: Jordan Imiola, Dave Wolford, Kristen Torcello



#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

## National Society of Minorities in Hospitality

Front: Cindy Hilard, Julissa Taveras, Vennessa Thompson

Back: Christina Cosme, Dylan Collopy, Andrea Coller, Harmela Sahu, Sandra Guzman

#### **WBNY Radio**

Front: Ben Kugel

Standing: Jen Snyder, Greg Goodson, Andrea Papaj, Kevin Slattery, Eric Curley, Dave Vogan, Chris Gullo, Ryan Dorr, Evan Angelo

#### **Asian Students** Organization

Front: Kevin Pihee

Standing: Yujing Su, Cindy Yau, Eileen Chen, Kaixin Rao, Sylvia Ma, Lilly Chen

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#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES**

#### Students Praising in Rhythm and in Truth

Front: Courtney Love Miller,

Second row: Lamar Timmons-Long, Rashana Bay, Sherece Wildman, Noni White, Antoinette Brown, Jasmine Otero, Rasheeda Phillips

Back Row: Afua Moore, Alana Blake, Erica Murphy, Josh Hutchen, Mel'isha Joseph, Bonnie Mann, Jessica Lewis, Jamarr Gearlds, William Phillips, Greg Webster, Sanfred Opuni





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Lakisha Fulmore, Patience Roberts, Linda Anyachebelu, Lauren Brown, Moni Sobamowu





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Standing: Gregory Perez, Harrington Gomez, Luis Peralta, Egaudy Gomez







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#### Alpha Phi Alpha

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#### Lambda Theta Alpha

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Back Row: Vivian Snell

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Robert Barone, Lawrence W. Scott, John Favata, Neal Mazur, Stephen Gareau, William Lin, (not pictured) John Thompson

#### **Chemistry Department**

Seated: Tina Wynne, Linda Hausknecht

Standing: Paul Seidler, Dr. Zeki Y. Al-Saigh, Kenneth Jonmaire, Dr. William Durfee, Dr. M. Scott Goodman (chair), Dr. Surjit Singh, Dr. Alexander Nazarenko, Dr. Geoffrey Sametz, Dr. Jamie Kim

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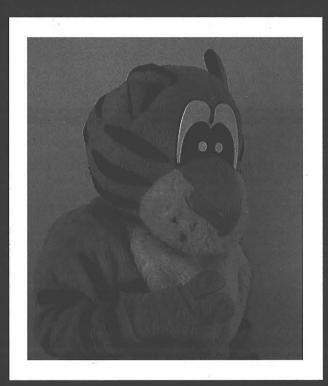
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# PGRTRAITS



Bengal Tiger Major: School Spirit Hometown: Buffalo

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**Janice Andrews Economics & Finance** Jamaica, West Indies



Joshua Asamoah Mechanical Engineering New York City

"Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our

darkness, that frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, handsome, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us. It is not just in some; it is in everyone. And, as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

~ Marianne Williamson, co-leader of the United States Department of Peace movement (quote often wrongly attributed to Nelson Mandela). (Submitted by Kristine Anderson)

These pages feature the pictures of students who voluntarily had their pictures taken by the yearbook staff or submitted pictures of

their own because they wanted to be in the Elms Yearbook. They include students who planned to graduate in 2007 and some two-

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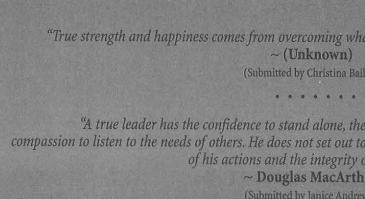
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**Malcolm Hicks** Psychology Buffalo



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Amir Ahmed Hubabi **Business Administration** Buffalo



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"True strength and happiness comes from overcoming what you thought was the worst thing in your life..." ~ (Unknown) (Submitted by Christina Bailey)

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." ~ Douglas MacArthur (Submitted by Janice Andrews)





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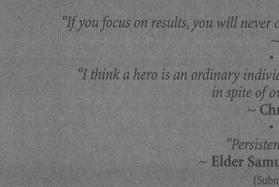


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Jamie Pope Sociology Buffalo

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Nyandusi Nyachae **Business Administration** Nairobi, Kenya



**Theofam Peto** International Business Fier, Albania

"If you focus on results, you will never change. If you focus on change, you will get results." ~ Jack Dixon . . . . . . . "I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." ~ Christopher Reeve ...... "Persistence breaks resistance" ~ Elder Samuel from the Church of Pentecost



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Tia Louise Walker Dance & English Delhi



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Latoya McRae Business Administration New York City





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Tashara White Humanities Quincy, FL

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# SPORTS

Student-athletes poured their blood, sweat and tears into another season of Buffalo Stat Athletics that saw several team and individua successes as well as an all-out assault on the school record books.

The women's soccer team highlighted the fall slate of activities, posting its highest win total since 1985 at 10-7-2 and making its first SUNYAC playoff appearance in 22 years. Three Bengals captured All-SUNYAC honors, led by senior Emily Galiulo and Tiffany Ebne who garnered First Team honors.

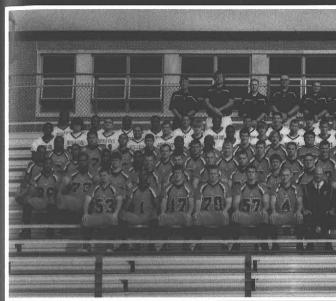
Men's hockey carried the torch for the winter sports, streaking to a school record 12 win season. The Bengals earned the right to host the first-ever conference playoff game, a 2-1 loss to eventual champion Fredonia in a double-overtime thriller. The winter season also saw the men's basketball captured the 1,000th victory since the program was elevat ed to varsity status in 1926, with a 72-69 win over Cortland on February 9.

The indoor track and field teams also excelled in 2007, breaking seven school records and sent five athletes to the NCAA Division III Championships.

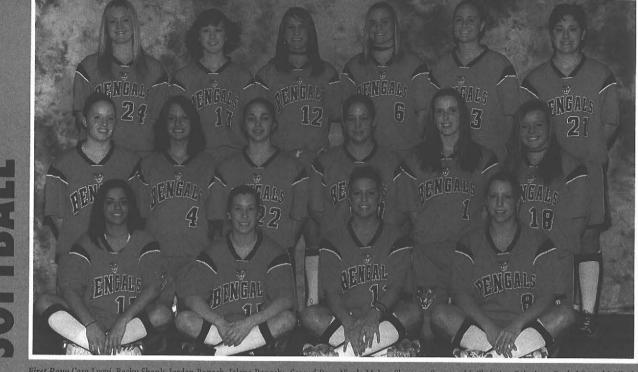
The spring has turned into Buffalo State's most dominant season with the softball and lacrosse teams establishing themselves as legitimate threats to claim SUNYAC titles, and the outdoor track and field teams boasting several national-caliber athletes.

Whether competing as individuals or teams, the athletes of Buffalo State wore the Orange and Black proudly.

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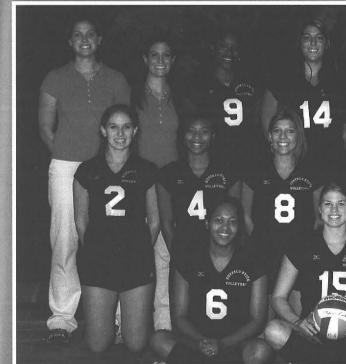
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First Row: Shantel Ackley, Kristen Reilly, Stacey Wood, Leah Bernal, Kristen Lindner, Laura Jason, Leslie Perreault; Second Row: Asst. Coach Maya Lambiase, Asst. Coach Ashleigh Eaton, Tara Ammerman, Ashley Parker, Beth Royer, Erin Silky, Katie Rivers, Katie Lyons, Jenn LoPresti, Chelsey Frail, Meagan Powers, Asst. Coach



First Row: Tamika Neal, Keri Bumgardner, Courtney Saenz; Second Row: Lauren Palisano, Tiffany Jackson, Paige Kaiser, Alysia Cottom, Maria Schaffstall, Laura Lobaugh; Third Row: Asst. Coach Jen Breier, Asst. Coach Micole Daluisio, Tiffany Aaron, Jenn McGowan, Katelyn Grew, Ariel Gore, Head Coach Adrienne Turley

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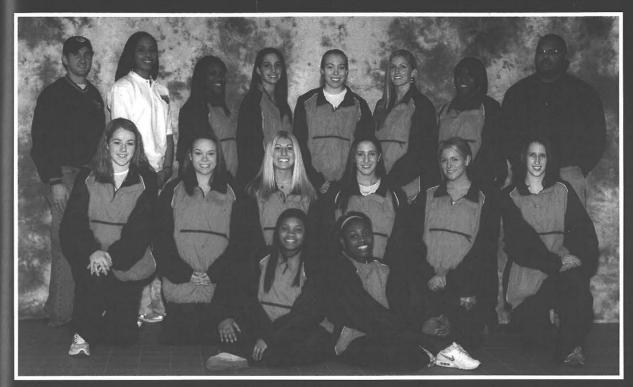
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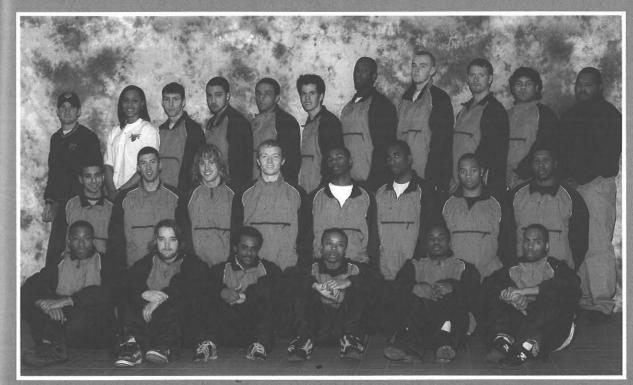


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*First Row:* Marcus Scott, Tom Homestead, Cordale Coles, Joe Wooley, Marion Bryant, Brad Young; *Second Row*: Ernest Guardarramas, Paul Mesi, Eric Bream, John Tammaro, Greg Cherry, James Howze, Jason Veit, Huewayne Watson; *Third Row:* Asst. Coach Tom Proctor, Asst. Coach Faith Thompson, Josh Demars, Casey Villacrusis, Joe Russell, Dan Hargrave, Nas Celestin, Justin Muise, Todd Wassinger, Puka Hoching, Head Coach Eugene Lewis

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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVIN



First Row: Bryant Stewart, Lance Thornton, Will Clochessy; Second Row: Asst Coach Marie Ryer, Asst. Dave Papke, Matt Clark, Scott Banks, Nate Mirizio, Vince Wasneechak, Mike Luther, Cory Skiba; Third Row: Head Coach Mike Switalski, Kevin Buisman, Mike Rinde, Victor Tejada, Derek Stoklosa, Eric Hastings, Mike Phelan, Sean Henderson, Tim Harroun

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



First Row: Amber Sherman, Katrina Pier, Erin Corl, Karli Bender, Caitlin Morsch, Miranda Warner, Sarah Garasz; Second Row: Asst. Coach Marie Ryer, Head Coach Mike Switalski, Asst. Coach Dave Papke, Jolene Terwilliger, Laura Pino, Miranda Bardol, Mindy Wood, Susan Stiner, Megan Farrell, Megan Stull, Amanda Dory



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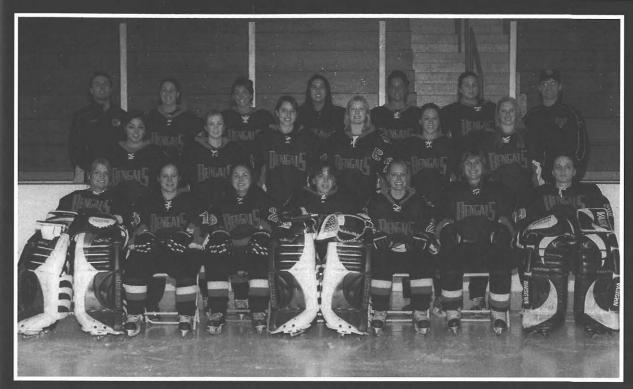
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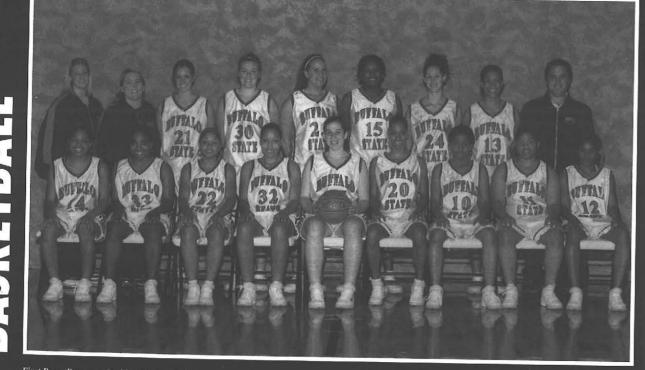
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#### **IN MEMORIAM**



**Kimberly Lewis** was an 18 year old freshman majoring in Elementary Education who didn't live to see the end of her first semester in college. Lewis left her room to enjoy her long-awaited 18th birthday but became ill when she returned. Friends remember seeing her before she went to bed and was told by Lewis that she was ok and that she was going to bed. In the morning, her roommate found her to be unresponsive and notified University Police. The Saturday following her death, friends gathered in her dorm to console each other and meet with family members. Kimberly resided on campus for less than ninety days, but her absence has left a large void in the hearts of her friends and loved ones.

A note to Kim from a beloved friend: I will never forget you. You were like a sister to me and I miss you so much. You made such an impact on me that I will make sure you are never forgotten. I love you Kim. ~Brittnee



Hurculine Guthrie, the assistant to the director of the Student Support Service Program entered eternal rest in late February after a lengthy illness. Guthrie relocated to Buffalo, NY after her retirement from the New York Telephone Company to be closer to her family. She graduated from Buffalo State with a Bachelor's of Science and Masters degree in Student Personnel Administration. After graduating, she was employed by Buffalo State. Her family members as well as the Buffalo State community will miss her presence.

#### The 2007 Elms Staff



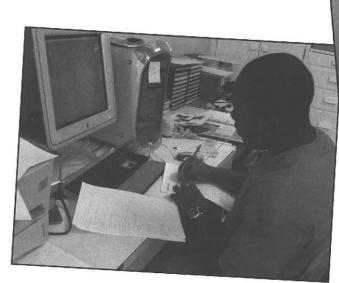
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Janice Andrews, Editor in Chief

First and foremost, we would like to thank the Almighty God for His grace and mercies. Without Him, this book would have never been published.

Working on the 2007 Elms Yearbook has been a major challenge. For the past few years, the staff started with about ten people but ended with about two or three, this was the case this year as well. I've learned from working on this project that having a lot of people helps but to make the book a success you need focus and determination from everyone involved. I almost gave up on the book once, but Dave gave me hope. Thanks Dave! Dave is a wonderful and talented person. Did you know that? He gave a lot of his time to this yearbook and I really could not have done this without him. Dave, I would like to share this book with you. As they say in the business world "this is our baby." You've encouraged me to continue with this book no matter what others told me. You have a calm spirit and I think that has grown on me a little. Even when things got stressful, you were still calm. I thank you for all of your hard work and your patience with me. I would also like to thank your wife Cathy for her contributions and suggestions. To my readers, thank you for supporting the yearbook. It was a battle getting this book published but I know that with your help this book will continue to be published for generations to come. To everyone who contributed to this book and my well being, thank you! Kristine, we kept our promise to work on the yearbook senior year. Yaw, your hard work was a blessing to me. I can't name everyone who contributed but I thank you all. This is a true blessing and I would like to end by saving that every person that is in this book is now a part of Buff State's history. Something to think about, in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

- Janice Andrews



#### Yaw Adom, Managing Editor

Working on the Elms Yearbook as managing editor has been a great experience. It has given me the opportunity to interact with others. My favorite part was when I got the opportunity to wear the mascot for an hour and a half - "Bengal got a pimp walk" (lol). I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped put this book together. Thanks David for being the advisor, mentor and guidance for this production. Janice, I really appreciate you giving me the opportunity to work on the Elms, without you this book would have been cut, all the credit should go to you for your hard work. Thank you to the contributors, without your help we wouldn't have anything to send to the printer.

- Yaw "Westside" Adom



Special thanks to Sports Information Director Jeff Ventura for helping with the yearbook sports section year after year.

Janice and Yaw go bowling

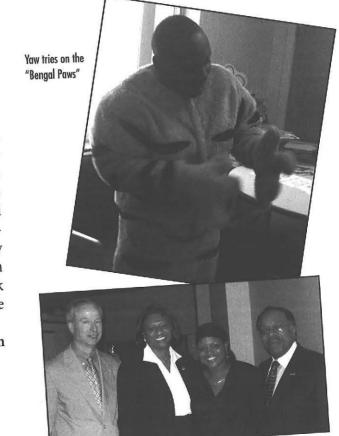
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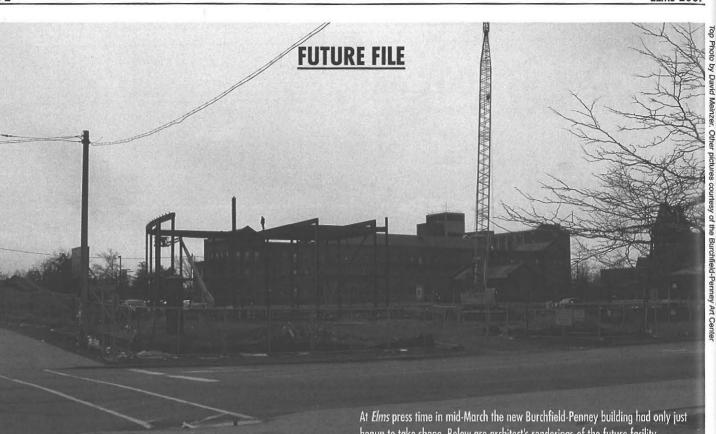
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# The Beginning of a Building Boom

#### The new Burchfield-Penney Art Center is the first of several new campus facilities

Through much of the fall 2006 semester students were treated to the sound of pile drivers slamming away at bedrock at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Rockwell Road. The pounding marked not only the beginning of construction of the new stand-alone facility for the Burchfield-Penney Art Center but the start of campus construction that is likely to stretch over most of the next decade. The Center, which has been located in Rockwell Hall for most of its history, is slated to move into the new building sometime in 2008. The building will double the museum's exhibition areas and provide six times the space currently available for other public programs.

Additionally, graduates who visit their alma mater in years to come will be able to walk through a newly landscaped Union Quad, eat in new Union dining facilities, visit an updated Science Building and a brand new Technology Building, and attend the Homecoming Game in a new stadium!

begun to take shape. Below are architect's renderings of the future facility.

