Mascot Madness
It’s hard not to catch Mascot Madness in March on this Stone Ridge campus. Thanks to your votes, Senator Sam has made it to the Final 8! Our mascot beat SUNY Oneonta’s Red the Dragon, SUNY Canton’s Roody and SUNY Purchase’s Perseus the Panther in the first two rounds.

It’s not too late to vote until 4 p.m. on March 27. To make it to semi-finals, we need your support to beat Brockport’s Ellsworth Eagle. Be sure to vote every eight hours on your computer and all devices at: http://blog.suny.edu/mascot-madness-2014/

Did you know, Sam loves showing his spirit opening home games and may take some gymnastics classes to learn flips. He also likes visiting the Walkway Over the Hudson and his favorite Broadway play is the musical 1776. For more, check out Senator Sam’s mascot profile at http://blog.suny.edu/wp-content/mascotmadness2014/MM14-Ulster.html.

Artist-in-Residency Programs: Not to be Missed
Wrapping up his Larry Berk artist-in-residency program, Don Byron and his New Gospel Quintet will perform a free concert on April 12, at 7 p.m., in the College Lounge. The Quintet is a passionate, spiritually-charged tribute to gospel legends Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey and Sister Rosetta Tharpe. During his spring residency, Byron conducted a series of Master Classes and worked closely with music students. “His diverse background is very appealing to expose our music students to,” said Chris Earley, chair of the music department.

Also completing his residency, director, choreographer and educator Joe Langworth presents a Broadway Musical Theater Showcase with SUNY Ulster students on March 27, at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater, which is free and open to students. “I have been blown away by the natural talent of SUNY Ulster students,” said Langworth, who worked with students at three Master Classes to prepare them for future auditions. “The students’ excitement and desire to learn more about musical theater made it thrilling for me to share a few of the things I’ve learned throughout my career.”

STUDENT QUESTION: What do you think of Senator Sam and Mascot Madness? Did you vote?

Meghan Rapp, 23
Saugerties
Mascot Madness is a great way to show school spirit! I vote every chance I get! Go Senator Sam!

Luke Benicase, 19
Kingston
I think it’s interesting and yes, I have voted. It’s a nice way for all the SUNY schools to have friendly interaction.

Crystal Ferguson, 22
Port Ewen
It’s a great way to bring the college communities together. Yes, I’ve voted many times.

Chris Kroener, 39
Ellenville
The importance of the vote is great for community and morale. While I have not voted, I can see the merit.

Connor Rickering
It sounds cool, but I have not voted.

Pamela Jones, 24
New Paltz
It’s everywhere! I voted online.
Upcoming: Theater Production
The Theater Department presents John Steinbeck’s *Grapes of Wrath* by Frank Galati with seven live performances at Quimby Theater. Performances are: April 17 - 19, 8 p.m.; April 24 – 26, 8 p.m.; and April 27, 3 p.m. Students have been sharing quotes, notes, actor and director blogs, and learning more about the Dust Bowl on a special Facebook page for the play. Tickets are available at the door. Free for SUNY Ulster students. Suggested donation is $10. For box office information, call (845) 688-1959.

Alumni Art
SUNY Ulster alums, young and old, gathered in the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery to celebrate the college’s rich legacy in the arts at a reception on March 7 to open the Spring 2014 Alumni/ae Art Exhibition. Art work created by some 65 artists who attended or graduated from SUNY Ulster over the past decades is on display through April 11. The exhibit was part of the college’s 50th anniversary special events.

Celtic Celebration
Students, faculty and staff celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a Celtic Celebration on March 14 with cookies, cupcakes and traditional Irish soda bread. The event also included Irish music and raffles for shamrock plants. The party was sponsored by the SGO & Student Event Planning Council.

Dare to Dodge
SUNY Ulster students dodged for fun and a good cause at the Dare to Dodge Tournament on March 24, in the Senate Gym, organized by the SUNY Ulster Business Club. A portion of the proceeds raised from the individual and team sign ups will be donated to Lights for Learning.

Volunteer Expo
Learn more about getting involved in community service at the “Excel with ECCEL Volunteer Expo” on March 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Student Life Dining Center. The event will present volunteer opportunities students can get involved with in and around Ulster County. The Eleanor Roosevelt Community College Emerging Leaders (ECCEL) program is a two-year leadership development program open to SUNY Ulster students. The Expo is co-sponsored by ECCEL, SGO and Community Relations. For more information, contact Deb Waller-Frederick, wallerfd@sunyulster.edu.

Black History Month Celebration
Wednesday, April 2, 2014
1:00 p.m.
College Lounge
The Rev. Childs of Point of Praise Church will be speaking. Open to all Students.

This event is sponsored by the SGO & Student Event Planning Council. For more information, stop by our office in CLI 204, or email Student Government at SGO@sunyulster.edu.