Q: What made you decide to work for Career Services?
A: Majoring in psychology, I knew I wanted to do something in counseling and with Career Services it gives me the opportunity to help students build their brand.

Q: What services do you provide?
A: At Career Services we cover all segments from cover letter writing, resumes, mock interviews, and employee outreach. Every year we host the Business Etiquette Luncheon during the fall and the Career and Graduate School Fair during the spring.

Q: How can students find out more information about jobs and internships?
A: Career Services has a database called College Central Network where we post and alert students about jobs and internships.

Q: What is one piece of advice you would like to share with the students of SUNY Poly?
A: To start their career process early to practice healthy career management to find out what career path is right for you. I also encourage students to utilize their time to network.

Sim Covington is available to speak during class lectures and the resident halls to conduct workshops by making an appointment by contacting Career Services.
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Are the long nights and frigid days of winter getting to you? Fear not, spring will arrive soon! And along with spring comes one of the greatest events for shaking off the winter blues and also learning more about your fellow students and their geeky interests. It's Geek Week! A good time to try out new things, and who knows, maybe you’ll find new things to get geeky about yourself.

Geek Week is a week long series of events that will begin just after spring break, from March 16th through March 22nd. The events will be campus wide, with lots of tournaments, unique events, and daily raffles. The week will conclude with SUNY Tech Gamers’ (STG) Fragfest over the weekend.

“Geek Week is a week long celebration of everything geeky,” said Event Coordinator Peter Shipman. “There’s so much on this campus that everybody gets geeky about, and I’m included... So I’m hoping, with all of you guys here we can have a solid number of events, and we can also sway other people to get going on some of their events too... I want everybody to have an event that week.”

Many events have been proposed for Geek Week, including human chess, Dungeons and Dragons, coding and programming challenges, a “Best of Anime” day, movie nights, and other geeky board games. Duel Academy will be hosting a week long card tournament. Other clubs and groups will be hosting their own events, including the Magic Club, Nursing Club, Asian Club, AHAB, and Wildcat Media.

“There’s going to be some live action role-playing too,” Shipman said. “People dress up as warriors, wizards, rogues, and they go out into a field and fight; throw bean bags at each other, foam swords, that whole thing... some of the wizards use bean-bags to symbolize spells, so if you want to throw a fireball at somebody you get a red beanbag and you just chuck it at ’em...”

Matt Biscardi commented, “I’ve done it before. It’s a ton of fun.”

Underlying all the events of Geek Week will be one massive competition. The school will be divided up into two teams, and team members will compete for points during individual events. Human chess, the card tournament, and the programming challenge will all be prime opportunities to win large amounts of points for your team. Over the course of the week the points will add up, and the team with the most points by the end of the week will be awarded “some big trophy” to put on display, showing that “this team won. They won geek week for the year, and they have bragging rights until the next Geek Week.” (Shipman) Then the process starts all over again. Some suggested names for the two teams include Knights vs. Dragons, Pirates vs. Ninjas, Humans vs. Zombies, and Unicorns vs. Narwhals. The goal is to have two team names that are equally popular; SUNY IT vs. SUNY Poly was rejected.

“We just want everybody to be together... and just enjoy one universal thing. And Geek Week is hopefully going to be that,” said CAB President Shelby Sebro. “It gives people who aren’t as geeky a glimpse into our geeky culture, and people who are, they can just celebrate and show their geeky pride all over the place.”

At the Geek Week committee meeting, Shipman expressed a need to find people willing to help out with the event. “Again, this is all kind of tentative, but that’s what this meeting is about. We’re trying to get organized, see who’s willing to do a little bit of extra work. I’ve been brainstorming a lot of this stuff, but I have no time... I’m really looking for people to step up and help me out with this, to make it a really crazy good event.”

Shipman estimated a need for about five people to help with organizational tasks for Geek Week, such as creating logos and designs for banners, designing T-shirts for the two teams, and general promotion and publicity. Peter can be contacted for more information at shipmap@sunyit.edu.

Yet, even though Geek Week is a large event, only five volunteers are needed because “each individual event is going to be run by its own club... the goal is just to have as many events going on during this one week relating to geeky culture as possible. It’s a celebration of being geeky, which is what this school’s all about.”

As spring break gets closer, keep an eye out for posters with updates about Geek Week. It’ll be a great time to have fun, compete and win prizes, and see what the rest of the school is up to.
There will be plenty more fun events on campus after Geek Week that are worth looking into as well. Music Fest begins on the 23rd of March, and will feature a number of talented musicians. Guitarist Gary Johnson will perform, who is so adept at creating sounds with his voice and instruments that CAB vice president Paul Ragusa calls him “the human iPod.” Also performing will be the two man group Dakaboom, whose talents include a cappella music, keyboard playing, and comedy skits.

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New York is not the most cheerful place. Most of New York feels like an overworked, overtaxed, and undermanned movie set. It’s creating a fake spectacle, but at least it will look pretty to those not involved. If any of this resonates with you, then there may be the perfect numbing agent. Every week, the school puts on a wonderful comedy, which will leave your sides in orbit. Its absurdity, characters, and unrealistic dialogue are perfectly set to have you roll on the floor in breathless laughter.

For those of you who wish to have a more thought-provoking and deep production, you are not left out of the loop. Touching upon important aspects of student life, government impotence, and human limitations, you will be stunned by the far reaching lessons underneath the comedic exterior. For those wishing for something to get their heart pumping, this might just fit the bill.

Like comedy, you only need to look at the absurdity and unrealistic dialogue to get yourself going. The title of our production is “Student Association,” and is shown to the public every Thursday at 12:30. The show attempts to portray a young group of students who have been thrust into positions of power, and how they try to reconcile these newfound responsibilities. Viewers get a good look at how pressure drives these very human actors to rash decisions, force hands they do not have, and keep a general grasp on the situation. Of course, some characters are more sculpted and valuable than others, with some being little more than silent set pieces. All characters participate, yet we get little about these cardboard voters and their reasons for even being part of the play. One could postulate that these characters are not good for much more than to fill the set.

However, rumor says that they are essential for the play to perform. We simply hope that they would participate more, even if for the sake of padding. If you wish to behold this perfectly parodic production, then a crash course is in order. Believe it or not, there are some heroes to our story. Of note is Jacob Muller, who is the chair of Policy Committee. This character helps manage the production value of the show, and ensures that proper procedure is followed when acting for the public. His character is a hard hitter who does not shirk from asking the tough questions, regardless of which side he supports.

Enmanuel seeks to balance the show’s lack of conflict by supplying the proper villain. By touching upon the more avoided subjects, he tends to show a complex character that cares more for truth than a boring show.

With this small cast of winners, the show scrapes by as the comedy was meant to be. If you are still unconvinced, here are some reviews from (anonymous) viewers:

“I couldn’t believe it! They actually did that!”
“I didn’t think I would see that happen here.”
“It’s f@#king ridiculous.”

Critics are raving about the show, and its constant ability to stun viewers. All are recommended to go. Who knows? You might just die laughing.
8.5/10 (Recommended, Need to see at least once)
+ Some good characters, who really pull the show together.
+ Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, and always has something shocking.
- Lots of worthless side characters that need fleshing out. Could do with better ones.
- Tendency to become overly ridiculous (could be a positive if that’s your style).
So by now you've probably heard some negative things about the brand new, PlayStation 4 exclusive, The Order 1886. I'm usually the first person to say, wait until after a game releases so you can see the review pre-purchase but I have to admit that this is one case where I am very glad I did not do that. Huge sites like Polygon rated the game at 5.5 or simply declared the game a do not buy like Kotaku, but having purchased and played the game on launch day not only do I have to disagree with them, but I almost feel like we played two totally different games. I'll make no statements declaring it a perfect game as it's certainly not but I feel that The Order 1886 is still a pretty damn good game.

To begin with The Order 1886 is a third person shooter set in an alternate history London in the rather obvious year of 1886. It should be noted that the game has only a story mode and does not have multiplayer. While it would have been nice to have had a sort of four vs one Members of the Order vs a Lycan online option it didn't really feel needed. If you're a die hard multiplayer gamer however then I can say The Order is not a game for you. The story mode only has three difficulties, easy, normal and hard and beyond that doesn't have too much replayability unless you enjoy finding all of the in game collectable items. Having completed the game once on normal I can say I enjoyed it enough where I'm anxious to go back and play on hard mode while hunting out everything that I missed.

While the story is great the game's best feature is its visuals. Never have I seen a console game look so beautiful. To say the graphics are spectacular is very much an understatement. Not only are the graphics incredible though, the London they've created feels truly real. The environments look as if they have been lived in and like life continues to take its toll on them. Everything from the environments to the characters to the creatures you fight are utterly flawless in design and it truly helped to suck me in further to the story. Furthermore the way the story is told in the game is done something I've never truly seen before merging cutscenes and gameplay so well that it was almost impossible to differentiate between the two. There were honestly times where I had assumed I was still in a cutscene only to realize I was now in control. It may sound a bit crazy but it was actually kind of amazing.

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Another complaint I've heard was that the characters were boring. Again I've got to disagree here. I felt Sir Galahad was an amazing character and was one who through the course of the game is forced into changing his views on everything. The thing is it felt real. As each event happens you are able to see the toll it takes on him forcing the change in perception. It felt real and actually quite moving. Tesla was another character who gave me a shock when his actions showed a whole new side of his person. While the other characters don't experience quite the same kinds of changes none would fit the description of boring, so much as a few might fit stereotypical.

Since the game only has a story mode it has got to be good. While it seems many other reviewers will disagree I found the story to be rather spectacular. Without giving too much away the story centers around King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table. That's right in the Order 1886, the Knights of the Round Table continued evolving over time into the Order, a group dedicated to eliminating the evil that lurks in the world. Mainly the werewolves known as Lycans. Additionally there are rebel groups rebelling against the London government, the United India Company, the police and the Order. I won't go further into explanation of the story as I feel it is something best found out for yourself. The game did end off on a somewhat strange note, almost hinting at a sequel or further expansions to the game but I also didn't mind that too much. In fact at the end of the game I was eager and excited for more to come from the Order, which is something I very rarely feel at the completion of games.

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Overall I thought the Order 1886 wasn't perfect but was still pretty great. The game created an absolutely incredible world with some fantastic lore surrounding it. Though the gameplay was by no means perfect it managed to fit well alongside the game's characters, graphics, story and setting in a way that was extraordinarily engaging. I actually can't believe I'm saying this but the Order 1886 is a game that I truly want to see more content from in the future and I'm real excited at the possibility of a sequel. If you enjoy story based games and not just your run of the mill multiplayer shooter The Order 1886 is a game definitely worth checking out, and you should certainly actually give it a try before you judge it.

The Order 1886 gets an 8/10

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I don't know if you have heard or have been informed by your peers or by your professors, but we will no longer be using Angel. Angel was bought out by Blackboard so Angel will not be supported anymore. Some of you might be thinking if this change is a good thing or a bad thing? Well let me tell you this, Angel has been around for quite some time so the software is old and some of the developers just didn't like adding new software to it. Blackboard on the other hand is newer and most SUNY schools are either using it or switching to it. This means that developers will want to improve the site, add new things to make it easier to use or add more functions to it, things Angel couldn't do.

The site is almost like Angel, in terms of layout, log in, and some of the tabs, but the site is actually much neater and handles much better. I got a look at the site and I will say the site did look much cleaner. I don't want to say it was much easier to use, since I was familiar with Angel, but the site definitely won't be too difficult to use for people who use Angel frequently or who are familiar to Angel. If you get lost in Angel, well I don't know what to tell you, the site isn't harder to use but there may be some things you will need to learn to use. The site however has more potential than Angel. One of the things that I thought was neat about the site was the possibility of video chatting. Videos can easily be put on the site but there was a feature that allowed video chat with students and faculty; except, that I know of, SUNY Poly will not be using it since it will require more data. The site also has a free separate app for phones and tablets; and yes, you can do that with Angel but the difference is that instead having to go through a browser, you just use an app. The app is better than trying to use Angel for your phone because, I personally had some problems using Angel through my phone.

Blackboard will be in use starting summer by the students taking summer classes. The faculty is being trained on how to use the site while this semester continues so they be familiar with it and teach their students on how to use it. There will be info about the new change so students don't get a surprise when they come in for fall semester. As far as Angel goes, it will be disconnected by the end of October. For all the students or faculty that are worried about the change, I think you have nothing to worry about. Maybe the first week or two will be difficult but after that it'll feel like you've been using the site for years.

Do you know that SUNY Poly has a phone app, SUNYIT Tool, for androids that helps with some of your needs to help survive going to school here? There is one problem to the app however, it is only available for android phones. The app does what it needs but only for people with android, which a lot of people own but there are those people who have an IPhone that are missing out. The app gives you access to Angel, canceled classes, laundry view, banner, campus news, and the event calendar. The app does do what it needs to but there could be some more things added to it. Yes most students won't need anything more than canceled classes or laundry view, but there are times where kids will need more. Angel would be helpful but the app doesn't support tablets, or maybe when someone will quickly want to know about how to contact a faculty member or find out about a club on the spot. The only way to do that is to go through the school website, and I personally still get annoyed that I have to search through the website since some of the stuff isn't always presented perfectly. But this article isn't only going to be about me complaining about the SUNYIT Tool app; there is a new app for apple products that will probably suffice most of your needs on this campus.

Joe Pasqualetti, a senior CS major, has developed a new app that is, in my opinion, better than the SUNYIT Tool. The app is called SUNY Poly Pocket and it is made for all apple products. The new apple app is available for all apple products that have an app store, even iPads. The app is very neat app, you will never be lost trying to find what you need to find. The app works like the old one, as in it will take you to your desired locations, but it also has information written inside the app itself. For example if you need to look for a contact or to find information on a club, you find the tab of the desired subject and it will display the information you need. The app also has other tabs that are definitely helpful for students that the old app didn't have, such as a rate my professor tab. The rate my professor tab will do pretty much as you suggested; it will take you to the website and find the professor you are looking for.

Now the app is hosted by Joe so he handles all the updates. An update for the app should probably take an hour and it is updated regularly. Also if anyone wants to see something on the app that would be helpful Joe mostly will add it if students ask. The app was sent to be approved not too long ago, depending on how it does, the app could come out soon. As for those of you with android phones that just got wowed by this app, there unfortunately isn't any android version as of now. Joe did say he was trying to get something on the app that would be helpful Joe mostly will add it if students ask. The app should possible take an hour and it is updated regularly. Also if anyone wants to see something on the app that would be helpful Joe mostly will add it if students ask. The app was sent to be approved not too long ago, depending on how it does, the app could come out soon. As for those of you with android phones that just got wowed by this app, there unfortunately isn't any android version as of now. Joe did say he was trying to get some help with that, since he isn't too familiar with the android coding, and will try to get an android version out. If you have an apple product, I suggest getting it because I played around with the app and let me tell you, it is a great app. However, I unfortunately am one of those people who doesn't have an apple product so all I can do is sit and wait, and maybe stare jealously as the apple users whip out information much faster than I can.
I'm not sure if you have heard but there has been a big debate during the SA meetings. The debate won't really affect most students except those in an organization, SA, or planning to join either one. So if a student is in one of those categories they currently need a 2.0 GPA to partake. But recently there has been a bill that was brought up to change that for next semester; the GPA requirement will be a 2.5.

So for the past 2-3 weeks SA has been debating on the change that the bill brings. Originally the bill stated that the GPA requirement would be a 2.75 but the final GPA requirement was chosen to be a 2.5, after a long and big debate, if you haven’t heard. The debate had a few sides, one was to raise it to a 2.75, one was to raise it to a 2.5, another to keep it as it is, and one was to raise it gradually, each semester it would go up .25. The 2.75 side believed that GPA should be raised since companies look at GPA anyway and that school is important first. The side that wanted it to be a 2.5 believe that it is the best medium to stop the debate, satisfying both sides. Another reason was that 2.5 is what the RA’s and the athletes need to maintain their position and also most schools have that requirement. The students that asked to keep it at 2.0 mentioned that they don’t really have the time to raise their GPA because of the work they put into their position or a job they have outside of school. One more big reason was that it’s hard to find replacements for their positions and one person even mentioned “C get degrees”. The side that mentioned a gradual increase believed it would give the students time to raise their GPA or get accustomed to it.

The bill got table a couple times (moved to next week to vote on) since the debate took more than half an hour because of all the commotion. There was quite a lot of commotion and some shots were fired but after it all the senate finally voted on a 2.5 GPA requirement. This bill isn’t done yet though; if you aren’t a fan of it you can vote it down next semester. The bill was only voted on to change the constitution, which is decided by the students. Next semester when you vote for senators you also vote for a change in the constitution, the yes or no most people don’t read. So please read the change or let everyone know after reading this that there is a big change. If you approve of the change vote yes, and if not vote no. Now this doesn’t mean tell people to vote no or yes, tell them to vote on their own opinion. Yes a lot of people weren’t happy with this bill but that doesn’t mean you can go around making everyone’s decision for them. So remember, if you are reading this, tell everyone you know about the change and let them know there is a chance to vote on it next semester.
Hello Sports fans!!! A lot has happened since our last edition of our school magazine. The women's basketball team has been on a roll, the men's basketball team has had some big wins to improve their winning percentage and the men's volleyball team has been crushing. As the NEAC tournament is approaching for the basketball teams we will see if the girls can continue their dominance of the conference, and if the men can sneak their way into the show.

The girls basketball team is imposing their will on the rest of the conference and making it look easy. They won 6 straight games as of February 20th. Not only do they have an impressive win streak piling up, they clinched first place in the NEAC conference with a win over our rival school, Keuka. The Wildcats won the hard fought conference matchup by only 4 points. It was a defensive showcase as both teams were held to under 30% shooting. This win meant that the Lady Wildcats will host the NEAC tournament for the second time in school history. A lot of the Lady Wildcats deserve to win some awards when the regular season ends. But more importantly, have a great chance to win the NEAC tournament. Soon we will see.

The men's basketball team has lost a few close games but overall have lost more than they have won. However, their conference record shows a different story. The Wildcats are 9 and 7 in conference play but are fighting hard to get a spot in the NEAC tournament. The Wildcats lost a close game that would have greatly helped their playoff hopes. The Wildcats made a great push late in the second half and even took the lead with less than 1:30 left in the game. But the Wolfpack scored soon after and a turnover pretty much ended the game for the Wildcats. But the Wildcats can at least hang their hats on the excellent play of their senior point guard Maverick Hodge who scored 18 points, had 7 rebounds, and 7 assists. The star point guard did everything he could to try to give his team the win but they still came up short. We will see if the Wildcats can bounce back and win the last game of their regular season.

The men's volleyball team has looked good midway into the season. They have a record of 9 wins and 6 losses. They have played a handful of conference games but have a record of 24 in those games. This means it's going to be a tough if the Wildcats want to be repeat NEAC champs. However, it seems that the Wildcats are up to the task though. A.J. Davis has been doing a good job leading the Wildcats in kills per set. He averages about a quarter of the team's kills per set. The Wildcats have until mid April to improve their conference record but overall are still doing great. With so much time left in the season, look for the Wildcats to make a push to move up in the NEAC standings.

As the basketball seasons move into their final stages we will see how the Wildcats will fare in the tournament. The men's volleyball season is in full swing and the Wildcats are in good shape. Now we will see how the SUNY POLY Wildcat lacrosse teams, baseball team, and softball team will do as their seasons are starting soon. This is going to be an interesting spring for SUNY POLY athletics.

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