

# The UB MBA Exchange

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## USA Country Forum

GORDON TAN

The highly anticipated first country forum of the semester was held last Wednesday at Alfiero 205. With plenty of pizza and chicken wings (yummy!) going around, many of the international and local students came to hear about the USA birthplace of MTV, pop culture and fast food. Raleigh kicked the presentation with a very interesting read about rattlesnakes being cooked for dinner, but pizza or lose my appetite. He spoke about Wyoming, which really looks like something out of a sci movie! The vast expanses of land seem to stretch forever. No wonder Starship Troopers was filmed there (I bet the producers saved a lot of the budget). After reconstructing the set from scratch, the fact that it was named the Intergalactic Spaceport was another interesting nugget of information when I think of Wyoming in addition to the beautiful and magnificent Yellowstone National Park.

Next, a few of the other prominent places in the US were introduced, like Las Vegas, Los Angeles and New York City, giving us many travel ideas for the winter break. Of course, our be-

loved Buffalo was also mentioned together with neighboring places like Syracuse and Buffalo started out as a big city at the end of the Canal, or that President James McKinley was shot at the Pan-American Exposition here in 1901. It was sad to hear that the local population has been on the decline since the waterways have become less interesting. Someday. By the way, come no one mentioned Wyoming. He Z U ` c ` ] g ` h B Y [ \ V c f g z I ` g where to go for skiing and snowboarding!

The next country forum was friendly and helpful Buffalo fans around to help them? No presentation of Buffalo would be complete without mentioning the Buffalo Bills. After hearing so much about them from my teammates, I finally realized how important the Bills were when we watched YouTube videos of an overzealous fan declaring his support for the Bills in an aggressive way that bordered on mania, as well as fans celebrating outside the stadium in a huge party. With such strong support despite a streak of bad luck plaguing it, the Bills will make it to the Superbowl Finals this year and clinch the title! Without a

the i V h z ` = D a ` [ i ` fellow American friends ne- glected to tell us about the Mova Y ` g c ` k Y ` X c l Much about freezing to death under the sub-zero temperatures, especially for those who come from tropical climates! Yes, that includes the guy from the perennial island state of Singapore. Watch me turn into a human popsicle in November! Maybe we should have a hosting session in the next country forum on how to survive the extremely cold winter where to go for skiing and snowboarding!

The next country forum will be moving out of the USA and sinking its roots in other continents. Watch out for presentations by international students as they share little known secrets about their vari b h f ] Y g ` h \ U h ` U sarily covered by the Lonely Planet guidebooks. For all of f ` 5 a Y f ] W U b ` Z f ] a good platform to learn more about the cultures of your foreign peers, so conversations can revolve around something other than the upcoming Statistics case project! Watch your inbox for information on the next scheduled session!

- 2' Wednesday 10/1 5:00 Conversation with the Dean for 2nd years
- 2' Saturday 10/4 Wine
- 2' Wednesday 10/8 4:00 Executive Speaker Series
- 2' Wednesday 10/15 4:00 Country Forum
- 2' Tuesday 10/21 Comm Service Fair
- 2' Monday 10/27 UNY Blood Drive
- 2' Friday 10/31 Halloween Party
- 2' Wednesday 11/5 4:00 Executive Speaker Series
- 2' Monday 11/10 11:00 Conversation with the Dean for 1st years

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# The Raleigh Story: Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot!

The man behind the story.



RALEIGH LOVE scale of measurement called the acid and prevent the Scoville Scale. damage.

with a little shop talk. I forgot, Ranging from zero to 16 million, the Scoville scale makes use of combined chemicals to give it that special cin something has. A bell pepper, for example, has derivatives use a similar Scoville rating of zero. A method to combine compounds into a substance called Allyl isothiocyanate. Another Lachrymator, this chemical gives the bite to Buffalo wings are generally mustards, horseradish, and derived from Cayenne or Japanese wasabi. For those, however, the chemicals in Tabasco peppers, both ranging from 30,000 to 50,000 are located within the seeds of the plant. When the habanero lining are broken by chewing or grinding, the seeds release an enzyme and a glucose that depending on the specific type form the hot stuff.

However, the prize goes to the hot foods family, the humble peppercorn. While not getting the infamy of the habanero or others hot foods, it holds its own as a staple of world cuisine. Another native of the Indian subcontinent, the confused with mace (fruit of the black pepper plant gas), which is a lachrymator comes in an array of colors and pungencies, depending on the ripeness. Its spice is derived from a chemical called piperine that, in addition to its flavor, has long been used for its medicinal properties in affecting the metabolism of other substances.

That, when broken by teeth or a knife, mix all in with well, all this talk about food is making me hungry. Until next time imagination well fed.

which allows the air to carry it to your eyes. When it mixes with the natural moisture there, it reacts to form sulfuric acid. This is what causes you to tear up, as your eyes try to

There are a number of reasons that cause food to be particularly pungent. The buffalo wing, for example, generally relies on a hot sauce derived from a mix of vinegar and chili powder. While the vinegar can numb your mouth in sufficient quantities, it has a fairly benign effect of 2.4 or thereabouts. The chili powder is the interesting stuff, though. The chili pepper and its family of derivatives are not measured in terms of pH. They have a chemical compound within them called capsaicin (KAP-SAY-uhsin) that has its own

# MBA Soccer Game

JON MAHONEY

Thanks to everyone that showed up for the soccer game between 1st and 2nd year MBAs on Friday, September 18. The weather was great and the game was a success! Unfortunately, a number of 1st year MBAs were forced to borrow a few 2nd year MBAs for the game. Even still, in front of dozens of eager spectators, MBAs defeated a team com-

prised of a combination of 1st and 2nd year MBAs, and one alumnus, by a score of 3-0. The 2nd year MBAs were virtually impenetrable, and would have left the game without had the first year MBAs not had to borrow recently alumnus, Dave Welby, who came out to play for fun. However, after the game MBAs managed to tie the score 3 in the second half. The second years were able to finish and win the game with a goal off the head of Dave Anthony (or Anthony David as he is sometimes referred to as). MBA diva, and self proclaimed best soccer player in Western New York, Mike Brako Bismarck missed his



third breakaway opportunity, but was able to shoot the ball off the crossbar directly to the head of Anthony David who was able to put a fourth controlled shot on goal, winning the game. Adam Osteryoung, GMA Secretary, did a great job organizing the event as MBAs take a lead on the 1st year MBAs in the coming months. Earlier this month, the 1st years defeated the 2nd years in MBA Softball. Keep your eyes open for announcements regarding future sporting competitions!

### Final Score

1st Years 3, 2nd Years 4

Bismarck missed his third breakaway

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## BILLS UPDATE

Buffalo Bills, still undefeated (4-0) over the Rams (0-4) past Sunday. Buffalo 31, Rams 14. This is the first time the Bills have gone 4 and 0 since 1992. The 1992 season ended in the Superbowl! Can they keep it up and bring back some lost Buffalo inspiration?



<http://www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu/football/>

### BULLS CORNER

Saturday (9/27)

Bulls (2, -1 MAC): 25

Central Michigan: 27

### Ask Dave

Dave Anthony. The man with all the answers.



DAVE ANTHONY

*I prefer the chocolate covered donuts at Timmy Ho's while one of my classmates prefers the sour cream glazed donuts. Who is making the better decision?*

I must say that both are excellent choices. Tim Horton's has a decent selection of donuts that will please any palate. Unfortunately, the sour cream ones take the cake on this issue because no matter how stale they become, the inner donutty-goodness

will always stay moist. I keep a box next to my bed for late night snacking and have noticed that after a mere day of being exposed to the elements, the chocolate ones turn into concrete.

I would recommend getting the sour cream ones as a final decision but get in line early because the line that snakes through Alfiero can get longer than a Bills Super Bowl losing streak.

Please send questions to [MBAXCHANGE@gmail.com](mailto:MBAXCHANGE@gmail.com) or Evan is going to have to make up questions for me. I will answer literally any question you ask and they can be anonymous if you would like.

Go Bills...Yes, even I, Dave Anthony, am getting on the Buffalo Bills band wagon. 4-0 baby!

### Games: Logic

On what date did I visit my teacher?

I visited my math teacher last February. My teacher told me there were 3 groups of students and he also told me each group had different numbers of students. He said it was a coincidence that the product of the

I looked at the calendar and found out that there might be 4 possible answers. So I asked my teacher a question. He gave him the correct answer. Do you know on what date I visited my teacher? How many people came in each group? question I asked my teacher?

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The University at Buffalo MBA students participated in the Out of the Darkness Community Walk, led by Walk Chairperson and fellow MBA Student, Erica Schmidt. The walk was held on September 14th at the Delaware Park Rose Garden in Buffalo, NY. With more than over 200 people in attendance, the event raised over \$22,000 to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The money raised will be used for suicide prevention research, with one study being conducted at the University at Buffalo. Additional proceeds also will be used for education, survivor, and awareness programs — both to prevent suicide and to assist those affected by suicide in Western New York.



For more information regarding the Out of the Darkness Walk or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention please visit:

[www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)

