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## AU Prepares for Moskowitz-Tefft "Link"



Moskowitz-Tefft Link Concept, Exterior Daytime View

Caleb Scott, Editor-in Chief

The infrastructure surrounding Moskowitz and Tefft residence halls is being improved in preparation for the construction of a "link" in the gap between the two buildings set to happen in the summer of 2019.

"Aesthetically, it doesn't look nice with the dumpsters between the buildings," said VP of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter. "We are trying to build community and this 'link' can certainly do that."

In preparation for this "link," renovations of the two north end residence halls have been in progress for the last two

years. Reimer Hall, now named Moskowitz, was the first to see changes when it received an approximately \$2.25 million renovation last year and was renamed after the primary donor of the project, Ann Moskowitz. Marlin Miller donated \$2 million toward the renovations in Tefft Hall back in the spring. The Tefft renovation project is set to be completed to the same degree as Moskowitz during the summer of 2019.

"There will be all new flooring, new walls, new cable, electric, new lighting, LED lights, new ceiling, new doors, new hardware, all new furniture and that is

happening to every single room," said Director of Physical Plant Jamie Babcock.

Babcock explained that part of the incentive to do these renovations prior to constructing the "link" is that both Moskowitz and Tefft are potentially threatened by an excess of water flowing down from pine hill. Due to the high blue clay content of the soil, rainwater can only penetrate a few feet into the topsoil. The result is over saturation, which leads to the water resurfacing and potentially causing damage to the hillsides and the buildings. Babcock reports that water has been leaking into both buildings but no structural damage has occurred so far.

According to Babcock, phase two of renovations started this fall after being delayed from its intended start back in the summer. It will involve improving water drainage and paving the roads surrounding the buildings in preparation for the much more dramatic third phase of the project.

The structure intended for construction in the summer aims to take the next step in the ongoing improvement of the

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## Colleges Potentially Affected by Trump's Gender Memo

Matthew Hill, Guest Writer

AU's transgender and nonbinary students say they are worried that their identities could be taken from them.

The New York Times broke a story on Oct 21 about the Trump administration's aim to regulate transgender and nonbinary, identifying as neither strictly male or female, Americans out of existence. The article, based on a leaked memo, stated that Trump's Department of Health and Human Services wants to define gender as "sex at birth." It will also no longer allow citizens to change their gender. This could have major consequences for transgender students at AU, as well as the approximately 1.4 million Americans recognized

by the federal government as transgender.

Beth Johnson, AU professor of psychology and advisor of Spectrum, the LGBT club on campus, says that there is a chance AU students could be shielded from some of the effects. Because AU is a private university, many regulations that apply at state schools like Alfred State do not apply here. However, AU does receive federal funding from Title IX compliance, and this proposed policy change could jeopardize that. If this policy goes into effect, the university could be forced to choose between federal funding and protecting its transgender students.

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## Alfred University Navajo Water Project

### Project

Melina Sanchez, Guest Writer

Professor Michele Hluchy and her First Year Experience (FYE) Water Planet class are fundraising money to build a well to provide access to clean running water to the Navajo community in New Mexico.

"People are trying to survive, they don't do anything else," she said.

Many individuals in the Navajo community do not attend school or live a regular life because their main priority is to survive, she added.

Professor Robyn Goodman invited Hluchy to come to her

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Asians in America club table, commented that the event saw a good turnout. Clubs were able to work together and gain good exposure as well as offer something unique to contribute to the event overall.

"It was a little bit slow at first, but got better as the night went on," said Chanse. "I think it was good for the club and for people to know about us. The bubble tea was popular. It's good to hold and attend events on campus."

Art student and Resident Assistant, Simone Ferguson thought that Halloween Fest was a success as the event allowed students to partake in Halloween activities without leaving campus.

"I think that there was a good turnout. The community involvement is great. Seeing all of the clubs come together is encouraging," said Ferguson.

Ferguson particularly enjoyed visiting the fortune teller inside of the Night of Horror, in which even fortune predicted death that night through some sort of ghost, and the Painting Club's game, in which players enjoyed throwing darts at balloons full of paint.

## AU Hold First Ever Halloween Festival

Katie Alley, Staff Writer

The Center for Student Involvement held the first ever Halloween Fest in front of Susan Howell Hall on Friday, October 26th, between 6-9 PM.

"The Halloween Fest is a collaboration event bringing 23 clubs and organizations together to promote working with other clubs," said AU student, Dillon Smith.

University clubs manned

tables, giving out treats, such as candy apples and popcorn, or where they hosted carnival games or raffles. The free festival included other fall-related activities, like horse-drawn carriage rides and even a pumpkin patch where students could pick out a pumpkin, carve it and then smash it. The area was decorated with cobwebs, hay bales, and pumpkins. Additionally, the

WALF Radio DJs provided music for attendees to enjoy and dance to as they showed off their costumes. Inside Alumni Hall, a "Night of Horror" event was held. Anyone who entered was greeted by a group of scary costumed characters who invited everyone to play Halloween games.

Sophomore English major, Chanse McAllister served pumpkin spice bubble tea at the

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## Alfred State Vigil for Synagogue Shooting

Allison Shulman, Staff Writer

Alfred State hosted a gathering on October 30th in honor of the victims of the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for people to share their thoughts and feelings about what happened.

Daniel Katz, the Dean of the School of Art and Design at Alfred State arranged the event. People, no matter their beliefs, came together to support the Jewish community. Katz provided a safe space and platform for attendees, Jews and non-Jews alike, to speak their feelings. Several interfaith clergy members from Alfred State, Alfred University, and the surrounding area attended the vigil.

"We extend our sympathies and want the Jewish community to feel our love and concern at this time," said Reverend Laurie DeMott, the interfaith advisor at Alfred University.

The eleven victims of the shooting were killed by an

Anti-Semitic gunman in their place of worship. At the time, they were welcoming a new life into their community with a baby naming ceremony, when Robert Bowers, 46, entered the synagogue and opened fire.

One woman, who stood up to share her views, said, "It is difficult to stand up against hate, cruelty, stereotyping, and injustice, but together, the good of humankind can still win the day by supporting and having faith in ourselves and each other."

She went on to say that although preventing such a thing from happening may seem impossible, a combination of small acts of kindness, caring and love can balance one person's act of evil. One small act of good feels like a very small thing against something so big, but they really do have a lot of power. This is how we keep our hope alive.

An AU senior said, "As Jews, it is our duty to be the hope in the world. We're going to

be here again, whether you're Jewish or Christian, or whoever you are, but this has happened before, and we will always be at risk if we don't do something about it."

Katz said, "Today, you are a community, and this is what makes us resilient. I can feel the spirit and love of this community, and that's got to be more powerful than any feeling I'm feeling at this moment, more than rage or anger or vengeance, or even sadness."

"I look forward to a future where this kind of thing doesn't happen," said AU President of Hillel, Kyle Silberstein.

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Financial aid could be affected by this as well, Johnson says. AU could not do much to prevent these problems, since it is handled through social security, not by just the university. Services like BannerWeb would also be affected. The university is able to change students' names for things like email services, but BannerWeb only uses students' legal names.

Many wonder why the Trump administration is so focused on defining gender this way. Johnson was at a loss for reasoning. "It seems like the entire thing is just to hurt people," she says.

Bob Stein, AU professor of political science, offers a different perspective. He says that many of President Donald Trump's strongest supporters would appreciate this move. The timing of this leak is crucial, coming only two weeks before midterm elections. Aside from his repeated assaults on the transgender community, Stein says this also falls in line with Trump's larger agenda of taking away what some consider to be "special advantages" from certain groups. In reality, Stein said, Trump is targeting programs that provide equality to disadvantaged groups.

Stein further states that Trump frequently uses social issues to energize his base. Stein calls Trump's strategy a "divide and get out the vote" tactic. Of course, social issues tend to be more divisive than economic ones. To make up for the moderate support he loses, he energizes Republicans to go vote.

Stein also believes that

Trump could be attempting another strategy at the same time. He believes that there are some right leaning voters that do not agree with Trump's economic policy. To court these voters, he takes strong social stands. Trump hopes that their support of his social policy will outweigh their opposition of his economic policy.

Mallory Szymanski, AU professor of history specializing in gender and sexuality, says that Trump's proposal has historic roots. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, doctors began to discuss gender in medical terms. Some actions were described as normal and healthy, while others, such as dressing and performing the role of a different gender, were described as abnormal or unhealthy. Transgender people have always existed, she says, however, in the past, people were much less focused on it. Like all minorities gaining rights, transgender people are in a constant cycle of making progress and facing backlash. She believes we are currently in another backlash after a period of progress for the transgender community.

Some AU transgender and nonbinary students are upset about this. Carter Adams, a nonbinary AU student, is disappointed that the government is defining gender using sex. Adams says that this goes against everything that transgender people have worked toward and they feel that this policy would put them into a role that they have worked hard to get out of.

"It would force me into a box I don't feel comfortable in," Adams says.

Kyle Lang, a transgender AU student, was just as upset. He is worried about the social implications for the transgender and nonbinary community. He feels that finding a job would be harder if his gender identity does not exist legally. However, he also feels energized by this announcement.

"I feel motivated to do something about it," Lang said.

AU has not ignored transgender and nonbinary students. For example, Adams mentioned the gender neutral bathrooms in Moskowitz and Powell Campus Center. Mikela Ryan, a feminine nonbinary AU student, says that the ability for students to change the name on their school emails and student ID cards means a lot as well. She talked about a friend of hers who was very excited that the name on their student ID matched the name they went by.

It is important for cisgender people, those that have genders aligning with their sex at birth, to care about this too. For Adams, this is partially a feminist issue. They say that gender equality and transgender issues go hand in hand. Transgender people are a minority in the country. Adams says that cisgender people give the movement strength through numbers.

Szymanski echoed this sentiment. "Movements are stronger when more people are a part of them."

The support of the cisgender majority is very important, Ryan says. While there are 1.4 million people recognized legally as transgender, that is still less than 1 percent of the population in the U.S. Still, she says, they deserve the support of

the people around them.

"It is important that marginalized students know they're not alone," Ryan says.

Though students are worried, the future is still up in the air. Stein says that similar future policies depend on the political consequences of this one. If this rallies voters on the right, we may see more of these policies in the future. However, if this energizes the LGBT community and allies to vote against the Republican party, these policies may slow down. The most important thing you can do this week is vote.

Szymanski focuses on this as a rally call for the LGBT community. Transgender people, and especially transgender people of color, have always been the most marginalized of any part of the LGBT community. This has made them an easy target for the administration. If a wider community sees this and rallies in defense of transgender people, she says, this could be a real turning point.

AU students and faculty agree that education is extremely important. Johnson believes that policies and beliefs like this come from ignorance. The idea that gender is binary and tied to sex goes against both medical and social science, she says. Adams believes that if people become educated, that will help them to understand the movement better, and will humanize transgender people. This will make people more empathetic towards transgender and nonbinary people. According to Lang, empathy is key to acceptance of transgender and nonbinary people.

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residence area.

Phase three, set to start in the summer of 2019 will be an approximately \$1.8 million project to construct a building designed to join Moskowitz and Tefft and serve as a common space for both. The dominantly glass structure will be fully furnished with full access to all-new amenities such as Wi-Fi and cable. A main floor area will be overlooked by a balcony level that gives access to the rear parking areas via a second story door. Both buildings will

be accessible from the main floor of the conjoining building through the side doors that currently act as exterior doors.

The intention is to make this structure a high efficiency space, keeping up with AU's intentions to be as energy efficient and eco-friendly as possible.

"What we are looking at is high efficiency glass thermal panes," says Babcock.

Many people are getting excited about an exterior fire place that is visible in the concept images. While it is not a guaranteed, it has gotten

enough positive feedback to be considered, pending approval from any fire safety and regulations surrounding the idea.

"I can't confirm it right now," said Woughter. "I can confirm that everyone wants it."

The idea for the link itself was first proposed around 10 years ago, according to Woughter, however it was dismissed and not revisited again until President Mark Zupan was hired back in 2016. Creating a structure between the buildings to improve the appearance and

function of the space was given further support when an RA in one of the buildings suggested the same idea, unaware that it had already been proposed. This coincidence is what really got the project moving, according to Woughter.

"The biggest struggle was, we didn't want to do the paving during the school year, but they were paving I-86 this summer and all the local black top plants were feeding that project so it was impossible to get paving material and the cost to truck it in was too high."

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## Club Spotlight: Saxon Racing

Mikaela Bautista, Staff Writer

Imagine building your own vehicle from scratch, toiling countless hours and exhausting physical effort until you finally step away, and relish in the feeling of accomplishment bursting in your chest. Then imagine finding out that your school used your project vehicle for an advertisement. This is the exact satisfaction felt by the Saxon Racing club, when they saw their senior project vehicle drive by in a school advertisement.

The Saxon Racing Club is a student-run club within the Inamori School of Engineering and has been active since 1989. Each year, the club sends a portion of their club to participate in the nationwide Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Baja competition with an off-road vehicle designed and fabricated completely by students. The vehicles are judged on their measure of integrity, acceleration, endurance, and much more. Groups attending SAE Baja will also present their vehicle and be scored on their sales pitch. During their time at the competition, students will gain experience in designing and building vehicles in the professional engineering world. In the 2017 Baja event in California, the AU team placed 25th overall out of 85 competitors. In the spring of 2018, the Baja



Photo Credit: Mikaela Bautista

car placed 4th in sales and 16th in maneuverability at Baja Maryland and 44th in endurance and 56th overall at Baja Kansas. The team is now counting down to SAE Baja Rochester in June, 2019.

This year's Baja car is currently being worked on by junior and senior club members. The members attribute much of their previous success to member Austin Gibson, who "almost exclusively built [the previous] frame" for the Baja car. Several members agreed that Gibson's role led to a very strong car and stated that there was a design flaw, not a manufacturing flaw. The members also agreed that their success was somewhat depended on the funds available to them, an issue they have struggled with in past years. They greatly appreciate their sponsors and are hoping to be granted more money for parts and competition expenses in the future.

Although it is mostly upperclassmen that attend SAE Baja, underclassmen are still welcome to participate in Saxon Racing. The club designates a second vehicle, known as the Cali car, for people who are new and want to try their hand at car building, without the pressure of building the perfect car. Baja frames can only be used for two years, per SAE rules, so this year's Cali car is a Baja veteran.

Club member Noah Briggs described the car as a way for underclassmen to make "less mistakes when they get to the junior/senior level... [because] the design process, the building process, will be second nature because they've already done it once, they'll know what works, what doesn't work, and what they need to do for competition."

SAE Baja is a great opportunity for students interested in car mechanics and other related careers to get

their foot in the door. Naturally, the team always puts forth their best work and strives for perfection. Some students will leave the competition with job, internship or co-op offers.

There is a role for every individual in Saxon Racing. Art students design the shirts that represent the club, business students are responsible for marketing the cars, and engineering students design and manufacture the cars, but there is no requirement for membership. The club welcomes anyone with an interest.

Club members Geno Iozzino and Matt Hinz said that "all [their] friends are in this club and [they] have a fun time" and even described the club as "a real hoot." More information on the club can be found on their webpage, <http://www.saxonracing.org/>, or by attending their weekly meetings, Thursdays at 9 p.m. in Seidlin Hall, room 114.

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newswriting class and share her great work on helping the Navajo community access clean water. Hluchy has been working with the Navajo water project for a few years. Hluchy spoke to the class about how the Navajo could be aided and how she is trying to accomplish her goals.

Hluchy is working closely with a charity project involving water to help facilitate better access to clean water without native women walking miles to the nearest well.

The FYE Water Planet class is currently trying to fundraise money to donate to the Navajo Water Project before the conclusion of Fall semester.

Hluchy and her students are determined to make their mark

by collecting 2,500 pairs of new or used shoes in exchange for \$1,000. The shoes will be going to countries with high needs, such as Haiti and Honduras. Currently, there are collection boxes all across the Alfred University campus and on Main Street for anyone who is willing to donate a pair of shoes.

"40% of individuals in Navajo, New Mexico, don't have running water and electricity," said Hluchy. The \$1,000 will be donated to provide clean running water to at least two or three Navajo families. Sometime in the future, Hluchy hopes to support countless other families.

Two years ago, Hluchy managed to fundraise a total of

\$15,000 to install a well in the Pignon region of Haiti.

Six students and three faculty members had the opportunity to fly down to Pignon, Haiti during Spring Break and help with the installment of the well. The well helped a rural community in Haiti obtain clean water without the need to walk one to two miles to retrieve water, something that many take for granted. Throughout the process of this project, the group were given the opportunity to learn about the importance of clean water on a regular basis.

Many individuals are on board with the various fundraising options for the AU Navajo water project. Alfred

University's President Mark Zupan and Bob Rankl, head football coach, are hoping to take the challenge of jumping into the Foster Lake on Sunday, Nov. 18, for the Semi-Polar Plunge event coordinated by the Green Alfred Club. In addition, many students are fundraising with bake sales, through selling merchandise at the Farmer's Market and spreading the word. If you're interested in helping, please contact Hluchy at [hhluchy@alfred.edu](mailto:hhluchy@alfred.edu) or Green Alfred at [greenalfred@alfred.edu](mailto:greenalfred@alfred.edu).

# Is President Donald Trump A fascist?

Matthew Hill, Guest Writer

This question has been on the lips of many, long before his election in 2016. Because fascism is difficult to define, it is also difficult to define Trump as a fascist. As an AU political science student, I have studied fascism and populism in many classes, and this question comes up every time. The answer so far has always been “no,” but the attempted pipe bombings of several public democrats made me rethink this.

Fascism has many different factors that define it. Among the most important of these are having a charismatic leader, a call to return to former glory, xenophobic nationalism, few specific views, an anti-democratic stance and an organized paramilitary. The list is lengthy but necessary to describe fascism because it is so multi-faceted and unique.

Most of these traits overlap with right-wing populism, a political ideology that places emotion over fact and plays into xenophobic nationalist sentiment. Right-wing populism has become very widespread in the last several years. France’s Marine Le Pen, Hungary’s Viktor Orbán and Britain’s UK Independence Party are all right-wing populist parties or people.

Just because Trump is a right-wing populist does not mean he is a fascist. So where is the difference? I draw the line between these at violence.

The right wing parties in these other countries have not yet attacked minority or opposition groups as far as I know. While Trump has not directly caused the violence in the U.S. himself, he has certainly influenced it.

Hate crimes in the U.S. spiked after Trump’s election, according to The Conversation, an independent media outlet. The increase was greatest against Latinos at 176%. Hate crimes against all groups in the two weeks after the election nearly doubled.

Trump has even called for violence against his opponents, such as Hillary Clinton. At a campaign rally on Aug. 9 2016, he made a thinly veiled threat against her.

“If [Clinton] gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do, folks. Although the Second Amendment people — maybe there is, I don’t know,” Trump told voters.

There has been violence carried out by Trump’s supporters against his opposition. On Oct 12, a fight broke out between the Proud Boys, a far-right group that promotes violence, and Antifa, a far-left anti-fascist protest

group, in New York City. The two groups provoked each other by hurling insults, and while Antifa initially instigated the fight, it ended with a much larger group of Proud Boys violently attacking the Antifa protesters. Some observers said that the Proud Boys would likely have killed the protesters had police not arrived. A similar event took place the next day in Portland, Oregon. Trump commented on neither.

In addition, several pipe bombs were mailed to public figures throughout the week of Oct. 22. The so-called “MAGABomber” mailed bombs to the Obamas, the Clintons, philanthropist and democrat donor George Soros, Obama’s CIA director John Brennan at CNN, Rep. Maxine Waters, Sen. Cory Booker, Actor Robert De Niro and former Vice President Joe Biden. They all have two major things in common: they are all outspoken Democrats and critics of Trump, and are people Trump has publicly and repeatedly criticized. The MAGABomber was found to be an avid supporter of Trump motivated by his rhetoric.

Trump’s response was to blame the media for the attempted bombings, and this sets the tone for the future. He said that the media’s portrayal

of him and his supporters was at fault, not his own rhetoric at a rally in Wisconsin on Oct 24 after most of these bombs were received. He is completely unwilling to change the way he speaks about his opponents. Just because Trump did not orchestrate this himself does not mean he is blameless. This is still a big step towards fascism.

President Trump may not truly be a fascist, but he inches closer every chance he gets. Aside from the increasing violence, he has many other fascist traits: his repeated attacks on the media and intelligence agencies, his affinity for authoritarian dictators such as Xi Jinping of China and Vladimir Putin of Russia, his condemnation of those different from him. These reveal a lot about Trump’s ideal America – a country for wealthy white people with a masculine leader whose followers obey him unquestioningly.

Fascism is violent, bigoted, destructive and the antithesis of every value the U.S. claims to hold. We must do everything in our power to prevent this going any further. You can get educated, take to the streets, write to your local paper, or take countless other actions. But this week, the most important thing you can do is vote. This election will likely determine the future of our country for several years to come.

## Changes Needed in Kruson

Rosemond Guerrier, Guest Writer

As a female living in Kruson Hall, I feel uncomfortable and unsafe traveling from our bedrooms to the bathroom. The women’s floors needs to be switched with the men’s floors--- the sooner, the better.

After a long day of activities -- such as daily classes, late work shifts and long hours studying at the library, all I ever want to do is relax and take a nice, hot shower. However, I feel that I literally have to start timing exactly when it’s best to shower or face the alternatives. I chose to live on the bottom floor of Kruson Hall during my past semester at Alfred because

I thought it would be pleasant and peaceful. After all, it is on the same floor as the laundry room, the kitchen and the lounge, and I can easily take my trash out to the dumpster rather than carrying it all the way down the stairs.

However, I’ve been very disappointed with my living conditions for the past couple of months. Whenever I want to go to the bathroom, I always have to walk past a group of men sitting in the lounge watching a football game. Sometimes I just wait for an hour or two to shower in hopes that they will leave. But sadly, they often don’t

It is extremely awkward and uncomfortable to have several guys stare at you as you walk back and forth to the shower in your towel or robe.

As if such experiences aren’t bad enough, the worst instance was when I woke up one weekend and rushed to the shower in my towel, in a hurry for an event later that day. To my surprise, when I got out of the bathroom, I ran into a crowd of people in the basement for an open house visit. I have never felt so embarrassed. I had fathers, mothers, grandparents and high school students staring at me. One mother even said, “Oh, that’s embarrassing. I’m so sorry!” Now, I spend most of my time staying at my friend’s apartment off campus so I won’t

have to deal with such living conditions.

Alfred University should truly consider switch the girls and guys floors in Kruson Hall if they want to further facilitate the idea of an accepting, safe campus. Instead of having the girls live on the second and basement floors, they should be moved to the first and third floors, similar to the arrangement in Barresi (first floor men, second floor women, third, men). Men are often the ones that spend most of their time in the basement lounge watching TV anyways, so the change should be beneficial to all who are involved.

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## AU Host 2018 Empire 8 Cross Country Championship

Jaron Cheatham, Staff Writer

AU hosted and lost the 2018 Empire 8 Cross Country Championships, at the Jericho Hill Course, on October 27th.

The scenic mountain top of Jericho Hill is a versatile training location for multiple sports at AU. It is the main location for the men's and women's cross-country teams. The football team occasionally practices on the grass, and men's and women's rugby also uses the fields. In the winter, cross-country skiers use trails on the mountain.

Utica College swept first place and won the women's and men's team titles on the day. In the women's race, the Pioneers posted a team score of 58; Utica also won the men's race with a score of 43 points. AU had a score of 210, with a total time of 3:02:31, and an average time of 36:30.

William Sortore, Alfred University's head coach for men's and women's cross country for more than a decade, pushed his teams to the best of their abilities on that dark and muddy afternoon. Sortore told Fiat Lux News, he and his team were "hoping to win" but that winning was not the fundamental goal. AU has yet to achieve first place in the cross country championships, so winning would be a



Photo Credit: Peter Mangels

significant victory for them. Sortore's teams have been training and working hard since August 20th, leading up to the championships by racing long distances, building their endurance, and strengthening themselves.

The competitive women's cross country team placed ninth and consisted of Morgan Brothers, Samantha Diaz, Kiki Doyle, Ashley Fancher, Kala Farley, Sally Johnston, and Megan Sadowitz. Doyle was the top runner of the race and the first Saxon to cross the finish line with a

time of 29:58.80 for 48th place. Fancher was moments away from Doyle with a time of 31:39.74 for 66th place. Brothers, Sadowitz and Johnston finished in 72nd, 73rd and 74th place with times of 32:30.11, 33:04.55 and 33:38.95, respectively. Diaz took 77th with a time of 35:01.77 and Farley came in 78th with a time of 35:29.60.

The men's team placed seventh and consisted of Rashid Abuelmaali, Brian Anderson, Grant Baldwin, Anthony Brandl, Kyle Jenkins, Sean Raymond, Jordan Schools,

Irving Sesmas, Adam Shearer, and Gavin Wilbert. Schools was AU's top finisher and finished with a time of 32:37.67. Wilbert followed closely with a time of 34:57.24, placing 52nd.

Wilbert described the race as, "a literal mud bath!"

AU hosted an Empire 8 Banquet at Ade Hall in conclusion of the competition. All student-athletes and their families were warmly welcomed and invited to attend.

## Miscues Prove Costly to Saxons in Loss to SJFC



From gosaxons.com

ALFRED, NY – The Alfred University football team (5-4, Empire 8 4-3) dropped their Empire 8 finale to the St. John Fisher Cardinals 28-14 in Yunevich Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Sophomore Nas Smith (Auburn, NY/Auburn) and junior Aaron Griffin (Queens, NY/Holy Cross) paired up for 145 yards rushing on the day.

The Saxons opened the game strong, forcing a turnover on SJFC's first drive. Junior Nick Milgate (Hilton, NY/Hilton) capped

off the defensive series hopping onto a fumble by the Cardinal's quarterback, Alejandro Utset. AU set up shop on the SJFC 17-yard line before Smith rushed the ball into the end zone on the first play from scrimmage, putting the Saxons up, 7-0 only four minutes into the game. SJFC tied the game up with 3:44 left in the first quarter, taking advantage of a shanked punt.

The Cardinal's dominated the second quarter, scoring 14 unanswered points. Their first touchdown was a pick-six by Demarre Nelson, who returned the ball 25 yards for the score. The second was a 16-yard pass from Utset to Pat Galer following another interception for SJFC. The Cardinal's maintained the 21-7 lead into halftime.

The Saxons looked to bounce back in the third quarter when sophomore Raeqwon Greer (Buffalo, NY/Canisius) wrangled

in his fifth interception of the 2018 season on SJFC's opening drive of the half. The Saxons marched 27 yards before Griffin topped the drive off with a six-yard rushing touchdown – his second of the season. The Cardinal's answered back nearly three minutes later, capitalizing on another botched punt, setting them up on AU's 15-yard line. Cam Cleveland scored on the first play from scrimmage, increasing Fisher's lead, 28-14.

Two drives later, AU began to move into SJFC territory before they were halted by the Cardinal's defense that eventually sacked junior quarterback Ben Burk (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern). SJFC milked the clock down the stretch, shutting AU out for the remainder of the game.

Smith led the Saxons with 79 yards rushing and a touchdown while Griffin ran for 66 yards and a touchdown. Burk threw for 77

yards on 4-of-23 (17.4%) passing and four interceptions. First year Steven Moretti-Ransom (Ontario, NY/Wayne) had two receptions, including one for 42 yards.

Senior Cole Reed (Gratz, PA/Upper Dauphin Area) had 14 total tackles including 2.5 tackles for a loss. He remains atop the Empire 8 Conference standings with 109 tackles in 2018, setting a career-high. Milgate and junior Leo Pamphile (Spring Valley, NY/Spring Valley) had seven tackles each. Sophomore Raymond Johnson (Binghamton, NY/Binghamton) had 1.5 tackles for a loss.

The Saxons will close the 2018 regular season with a trip to Rochester, NY to take on the YellowJackets of the University of Rochester. Kickoff is at 12PM in Fauver Stadium.

## #4 Volleyball Pushed Out of Empire 8 Playoffs by #1 Stevens

From gosaxons.com

HOBOKEN, NJ – The #4 seeded Alfred University women's volleyball team was eliminated from the Empire 8 Conference Playoffs by #1 seeded Stevens Institute of Technology on Saturday afternoon, 3-0.

The Saxons finished the season with an overall record of 7-21 and were 5-3 in Empire 8 action. On Saturday, they were defeated in a three-set sweep despite having a close, 20-25 first set. The second and third sets were 13-25 and 15-25, respectively.

"First and foremost, I want to congratulate Stevens on a great performance. I believe we defended them the way we wanted but they proved to be too tough to score on and played at a Championship level today," Head Coach Dakota Pruss said. "I also want to acknowledge Amber [Smith] for her performance against the Ducks. She played at a top level that helped keep us in the match. Overall, I am disappointed with the result

but not with the way we competed. This season has been a special one and I am thankful to have coached all of these athletes, including our lone senior, Ibbly Estep. We wish her the best of luck in her next adventure and the impact she has made on our program will stay with us for as long as I get to coach this program."

After being down, 6-1 in the first set, Alfred University pushed back to take the lead, 11-10 with a 10-4 run highlighted by kills from Karina Morling (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo-Greenwood) and Amber Smith (Penfield, NY/Webster Schroeder) and aces from Elisabeth Estep (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads) and Amanda Burns (Pine Bush, NY/Pine Bush).

Smith led the Saxons with a double-double in kills and digs. She posted 12 kills on 35 attacks with only four errors for a hitting percentage of .229 while also leading the team in digs with 13. She added a block assist for a team-high, 12.5 points. Estep followed in digs with 10 while Morling was



second on the team in points and kills with 6.0 points all from kills.

Burns posted a team-best 17 set assists while Sarah Raeman (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua) led the Saxons at the net with two block assists and one block solo. Both Burns and Mikala McCartney (Buffalo, NY/St. Mary's) led the Saxons with two service aces each out of the six on the day.

"I'm incredibly proud of being a part of this team and having watched it grow in the past four years," Estep said with Saturday's match being her last of her career at Alfred

University. "I knew, while I was being recruited, that I was going to be a part of something big. It has been so fulfilling to be involved with this program and this great group of people. The coolest thing this season, with having made the playoffs last year, was it was expected to make playoffs this year and I'm so excited to have been a part of creating this legacy."

Saturday's match rounded out the second season in a row that the Saxons have been led at the helm by Coach Dak and the second season in a row that they've made November to play.

## Saxons Fall Short in E8 Semi's with 1-0 loss to Nazareth

From gosaxons.com

HOBOKEN, NJ – The Alfred University men's soccer team traveled to Hoboken, New Jersey for the Empire 8 Championships hosted by top-seeded Stevens Institute of Technology. The second seeded Saxons (6-13, 5-2 Empire 8) faced off against third seeded Nazareth College in the semifinal round. A defensive based game ended with the Golden Flyers taking the 1-0 victory and moving to the finals on Sunday afternoon.

The opening minutes were quiet from both sides until the 19th minute when Jake Adams fed Francesco Viavattene for a goal to give Nazareth the 1-0 advantage. The Saxons would have some opportunities in the middle minutes of the first half with corner kick chances but were unable to put shots on goal.

The second half began with Nazareth having corner kick opportunities but Joe Gonzalez (Marion, NY/Marion) stood strong in goal for Alfred, keeping the deficit to just one.

Both teams traded shots on goal in the remainder of the half but could not convert any past the goalkeepers. In the end, the early goal would be enough for Nazareth to advance to the finals.

Gonzalez was strong once again in the net for AU with four saves and just one goal allowed in 90 minutes. Seamus Doyle (Sea Cliff, NY/North Shore) led the Saxons with two shots on goal while Charles Hawkins (Goshen, NY/Goshen) and Bobby Saucier (Rocky Hill, CT/Rocky Hill) each had one.

"Tough loss in the E8 playoffs for the men's soccer team. I am very proud of the lads to extend our season and unfortunately today was not as we had wished for," Head Coach Tracy Blake said. "A fantastic strike by Naz was the only difference in the two teams. Joe Gonzalez again was excellent in goal. For all of the senior class, it has been my distinct pleasure in being your coach. You should all be proud of your connection to the team. Go Saxons!"

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