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Goodman Says Goodbye

Talulla Torthe, Managing Editor

After 25 years of teaching an abundance of courses at Alfred University—from journalism classes to Women's and Gender Studies—Robyn Goodman is retiring in Dec. 2019.

Goodman, Professor of Communication Studies at AU, has inspired hundreds of students to pursue journalism and submit articles to the Fiat Lux student newspaper. Goodman has played a crucial role in student media, acting as the backbone of the student newspaper—and official advisor for 10 years—and it is with utmost sorrow that the Fiat Lux News team says goodbye to Goodman.

Chagmion Antoine, who graduated from AU in '04 and remains one of the most famous alumni of the school, might not be the journalist she is today, had it not been for Goodman. The summer before her junior year at AU, Antoine realized that the BFA



Dr. Robyn Goodman (Left), Talulla Torthe (Right)

she had been pursuing in the School of Art and Design might not be the right path for her. Like many others, Antoine had an epiphany that she wanted to make a difference—she wanted to tell others' stories and change

the world.

With only one year of school left, Antoine was conflicted—how could she become a journalist in such little time? So, she got in contact with Goodman, who took

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Openhym Renovation Set For May

Yassa Tounkara, Guest Writer

Openhym is going to be the next residence hall to undergo reconstruction in May 2020. AU hopes this will have a positive effect on student life and will make them more comfortable in a good living environment.

Openhym was built in 1969. It is the largest co-educational facility on campus with 78 double rooms and can hold up to 152 students. Openhym has had reconstruction done in the past, but they were minor changes such as replacing the broken tiles in the bathrooms; this time Openhym will have major changes.

In the process of coming up with ideas for the reconstruction of Openhym, Residence Life didn't want to leave students out on this big decision. Vicky Gebel, director of Residence Life says, "The university started working with the consulting firm Credo to help develop a master plan for the residence hall."

Throughout the semester, Residence Life conducted Credo sessions for students to attend and give their opinions on how Openhym should look.

"The decision was made this summer to explore what a potentially renovated Openhym would look like so we hired Credo to do the schematic design. They came to campus in early September, October

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Who Wants to Go on an Art Walk?

Chris Berry, Guest Writer

Creativity was pushing boundaries at the Alfred Art Walk in Harder Hall and Main Street, on Nov. 21. Starting at 5PM and running till 8PM every third Thursday of the month, the Art Walk is an opportunity for students to show off what they've been working on this semester.

"It showcases the creative community and alternative venues and the concept that art comes in many forms," said Assistant Dean of Art and Design Dan Napolitano.

This idea was being embraced wholly by the students involved. There was a silent auction for student artwork, a Critical Cinema event about 16 millimeter film, and even a pop up experimental gallery by the student formed group Dog Park. Many more events were occurring around Alfred, all one had to do was walk around and you would find something interesting. In true artist fashion, the event didn't have a set order of places to go to or what you should do next, it seemed to be more about being as organic as possible.

The silent auction had artwork from all different schools of art, with ceramic cups, blown glass drinking glasses and portraits of animals drinking wine just to name a few. Many of the objects had bids placed on them and it appeared to be very successful with a good turnout, including the

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H2O Soup Bowl

Photo Credit: Jodi Shephard



Jodi Shephard, Copy Editor

On the 14th of November, the H2O Soup Bowl took place to raise money to build a fresh water well in Buenos Aires, Puerto Rico. With a community of about 280 people, Buenos Aires' water supply was damaged and remains so due to Hurricane Maria in September of 2017. With the help of non-profit RCAP Solutions, a company since 1969, they are helping communities in need of clean water. Their goal is to raise a total of \$10,000 for the cause; the soup bowl raised a total of \$672.

"My FYE class, called The Water Planet is spearheading the fund raising, but various groups are helping by putting on or organizing events," said Dr. Michele Hluchy.

Other groups that are actively helping to raise the money include Professor Cote's Writing I class, Professor Kautzman's Latin American Culture and Literature I class, and Dr. Sluyter-Beltran's, Dr. Porter's, and Dr. Cate's FYE classes. The Caribbean Students Association, Poder Latino, and Union University Church are clubs that are also involved with the fundraiser. The Alfred Clay Collective asked for volunteers earlier in the

week and people of all experiences were hard at work creating the bowls for this event. These bowls were the basis of this fundraising event.

"Alfred Clay Collective donated the bowls. They threw, fired, glazed, and delivered the bowls," said Kautzman.

Needless to say, many groups and individuals are working hard to earn the goal for this fundraiser. Specific students involved in this event include Carter Adams, Carlota Biggs-Rubio, Lissette Portes, Andrew Carrillo Macias, Danasia Robinson, Joselyann Vazquez, Peter Iyayi, and Jermaine Haynes. The bowls were being sold for \$10 each and you could have as much soup as you wanted or you could have bought a \$5 disposable bowl and still gotten some soup. Faculty that donated food to this event include Amy Button, Sarah Cote, John D'Angelo, Cheryl Emmons, Nancy Furlong, Michele Hluchy, Kerry Kautzman, Elizabeth Matson, Susan Morehouse, Nicole Munkwitz, and Mallory Szymanski.

"The Water Planet class has raised money for water—related charities for the past couple of years; \$15,000 to install a well in Haiti and \$11,000 to install running water in homes on the Navajo Reservation [in Arizona]," said Hluchy.

This year, they plan to continue their efforts through several more events, on the 18th of November, they held a bread baking class and another class held a Polar Plunge at Foster Lake on the 24th. They also have been having bakes sales weekly since September 5th. They are currently planning to continue to raise money into the spring semester and are looking for additional groups to sponsor events as well.

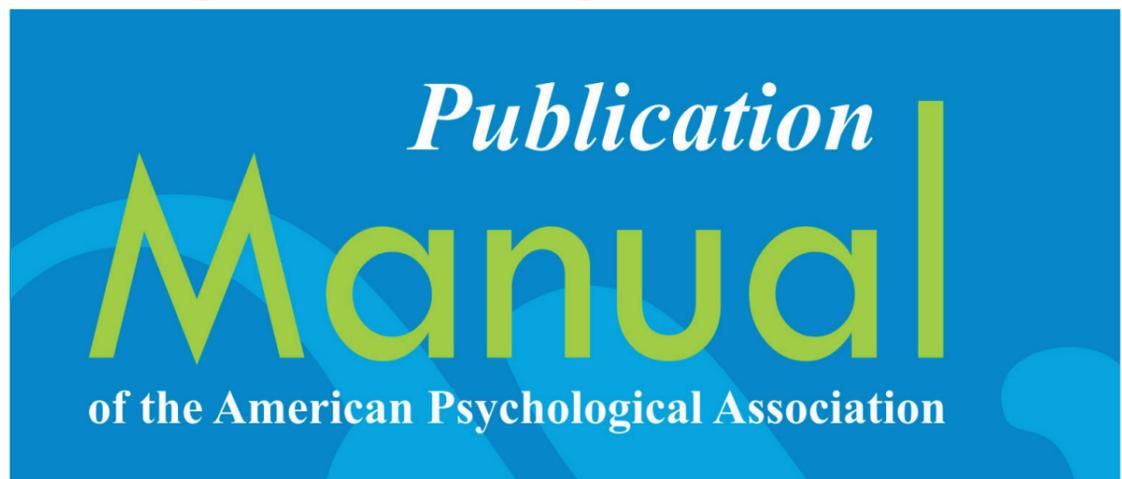
APA Endorses Singular They/Them

Dale Mott Slater, Guest Writer

Being able to use singular they/them pronouns in writing without consequence is a "big deal," says AU student Mia Modafferi. The 7th edition Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association was released last month and contains a chapter dedicated to "Bias-Free Language Guidelines."

Since the beginning of the 21st century, an increased effort has been enacted worldwide to find gender-neutral terms to refer to an individual that doesn't identify with a traditional male or female gender, or to refer to an individual without needing to mention their gender altogether. Alternatives to singular they, as outlined by University of Wisconsin's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus (LGBTQ+) Resource Center, include e/ey, per, ve, xe, and ze/zie. The endorsement of they/them singular pronouns is introduced on the American Psychology Association's official blog for citation and writing, APA Style, by Content Development Manager Chelsea Lee, who wrote "it is officially good practice in scholarly writing to use the singular "they."

The APA publication manual's chapter on bias-free language contains 10 sections that include information on how to be sensitive to the identities of others, not only in gender identity but in age, disability, socioeconomic status, and more. This comes on the heels of Merriam-Webster's Dictionary's addition of singular they/them to their dictionary in September. Both organizations are widely



accepted sources, and APA's publication manual has widespread use through all kinds of writing. In fact, it is one of the main three methods of citation that Alfred University educators request, according to the AU Writing Center. The other two are MLA which does not endorse the use of singular they/them, and CMS which suggests using singular they/them only in informal writing. Backing up their bias free language on APA Style, Lee explains that if a person tells you they prefer they/them pronouns "yes, you have to use it. Respectful and inclusive language is important. And it's part of APA Style."

All this is good news for Mia, who has been using singular they/them pronouns for about a year.

"I didn't like the way it sounded when people used she/her pronouns because it felt demeaning and condescending," said Mia. "My identity helps me feel more comfortable."

Mia went on to talk about how the APA encouragement of they/them pronouns use is "really awesome," explaining that limitation of bias in writing based on terminology will be a relief and that hopefully, it might even open the doors for more writings about non-traditionally gendered individuals.

"It's going to be helpful because more people are using non-binary pronouns, and it's going to be easier to write about them," she said.

With activists and everyday individuals working to break the traditional gender binary, it's easy to assume that APA's Bias-Free Language Guidelines will not be the last to accept, endorse, and encourage the use of they/them pronouns in writing and in life.

"So what, we're making something different." Mia says "As a whole, as a society, I think it's going to be helpful."

No Way Out: Airport Shuttle Discontinued?

Larissa Hageman, Staff Writer

The beginning of fall in Alfred is generally a happy time among students; leaves change color, football season starts, pumpkin spice lattes become available at Starbucks and many students eagerly reserve their space for the shuttle to the airport to go home for Thanksgiving... only to find out that it's been discontinued?

The shuttle service going to the airport has been an essential means of transportation for students flying home for years. Earlier this month, when a rumor started that the shuttle service was no longer running, confusion and desperation struck among students and parents to find another way of transportation to the airport to make their flights in time for the upcoming holiday break.

Aurelia Liles, a freshman from McDonough Georgia first tried to reserve her space on the shuttle to the airport 3 weeks prior to Thanksgiving break but was told she couldn't.

"The shuttles are supposed to automatically be available to transport students to both the Buffalo Airport and the Rochester Airport," said Liles. "However, when my mom called to reserve a seat to the Buffalo Airport, they told her it was no longer operating because of low demand, but this was about 3 weeks before the break even started, so it was confusing as to why they didn't wait to see potential interest."

In the midst of confusion among students and parents, the student activities board released a statement claiming that the

shuttle service was still running and never had been discontinued. So where did this all start?

John Lewis, director of student activities at AU attributes this widespread miscommunication to a post on the AU parent facebook page.

"There was misinformation within a parent facebook group," said Lewis. "Someone in the group had said that they heard from travel services that the shuttles were discontinued and right away, I would say there were maybe 35 comments of people worried about that and wondering what to do and what the next step would be."

This single post led to countless phone calls and emails to the student activities board inquiring about the validity of what they had heard and asking about other ways to get to the airport.

"As soon as we heard about that, we got right in the facebook group and let everyone in that conversation know it wasn't true," said Lewis. "There were parents I spoke with on the phone and let them know it was incorrect and there's a website to verify that."

Keshell Scipio, a sophomore, takes the Alfred Coach bus back to her home in New York City over long breaks but dreads making the trip.

"The bus to New York City is long, a 6-7 hour ride and there are only a few stops," said Scipio. "Overall, the whole process is very annoying and extremely costly."

Scipio wishes there was another way to get to New York City besides taking the bus,

frustrated by the unnecessary time spent traveling and cramped conditions.

"Many students like myself find going back home to be such a hassle because of the time spent in the bus upon departure," said Scipio. "The bus comes to 34th St. and getting on is really confusing, packed and with no order. Finding the bus entrance is like looking for a needle in a haystack."

While finding transportation to go home is daunting enough, many students struggle to find efficient transportation to go to Hornell, encompassing the nearest grocery store and Walmart.

Liles needs to allocate large amounts of time into her busy student schedule to go to Hornell, as she has no choice but to follow the rigid and non-accommodating bus schedule.

"The overall transportation in Alfred is very frustrating to me because it's nearly impossible for me to even go to the grocery store or to Walmart if I don't have 4 hours to spend there," said Liles. "I can only go on weekends and the bus will pick students up around 12:30 and comes back at 5:00, which is a lot of time wasted in my opinion."

If you're taking the shuttle to the Airport to go home this Thanksgiving, remember to be thankful as it could've been cancelled. You would be paying \$130 for an uber which would probably be even more expensive due to high demand- that's IF you were lucky enough to get a driver willing to come all the way to Alfred to pick you up. But let's not dwell on worst case scenarios, nothing is ever that bad, right?

Studying Abroad

Zachary Gibaud, Guest Writer

Studying abroad is a program given by Alfred University in which students are given the opportunity to attend a foreign university. It is a chance for the student to get a different educational perspective, it also presents career opportunities and personal development. Although Alfred offers this amazing opportunity, it is not talked about nearly enough.

Experiencing a new style of teaching will give you a whole new perspective on the subject you are learning that would never be given back home. When you can learn about another perspective of whatever it is you are studying, it will enhance your knowledge and enable you to fully grasp the concepts. When students get caught up with a system from one school, they tend to focus more on just passing the class instead of gaining essential information on the topic itself--studying abroad will change that. While studying abroad, you will also gain new language skills and an appreciation for other cultures and traditions.

Studying abroad will make a student stand out in the workforce. It is a great thing to be able to put on a resume. Because you studied abroad, it proves you are good at adapting to change and are hungry to try new things. Not only will it give you better job opportunities back home, but making connections abroad can give you global opportunities. Expanding your perspective on the workforce and how things work will make it clear in what you want in a job as well. Maybe even

encouraging you to create a better life in a foreign country if it feels like home.

Studying abroad is a once in a lifetime experience. It is a chance to travel the world with no obligations besides studying and developing yourself. It will give you a chance to experience a brand-new country with astonishing new viewpoints, backgrounds and hobbies. When you study abroad, you are forced to be independent and learn how to get by in a place you are not familiar with. On the way, you will be gaining personal growth traits such as discovering yourself. Being by yourself in a foreign country brings out a person's independent nature that would not be reached from staying in the same place for a lifetime.

Alfred University offers a wide selection of study abroad programs, unfortunately they don't encourage their students to go as much as they should. In order to get students to think about studying abroad, Alfred University needs to promote it and get students interested. Currently it is on the University's website, there are flyers around campus, and it is brought up occasionally, in certain classes. However, not enough information is broadcasted about this amazing experience and it is unfortunate because so many students overlook the program.

As young adults in college, being exposed to diversity and navigating in different cultures can bring success in the long run. Alfred University needs to prioritize studying abroad acknowledging the major positive impact it has on individuals.

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Assistant Dean.

The real showstopper was the pop up installation by Dog Park. A group of students who clearly don't want to let things go to waste, their second installation, entitled "Crumbshot", is an example of creativity piggybacking off of discarded junk left behind by other students.

"Crumbshot is a systematized sweeping-up of the burnt crumbs rattling around some of Harder Hall's studios," Dog Park advertised in their pamphlet.

Everyday objects were used all throughout the installation in order to give all of the pieces a life of their own. One painting had fish hooks all over it and thrown out scraps of ceramic molds were turned into art with meaning.

"I mean, what else are they going to do?," the pamphlet continues. "Rattle around in the bottom of a bin giving off a burnt smell until someone dumps them out?"

"Crumbshot" was the culmination of unique ideas that finally paid off during the Art Walk for all to see. The Dog Park artists all seemed to be very pleased with how the event turned out for them.

The artists involved in Dog Park with works displayed are Sam Horowitz, Erin Rae Skelton, Nathaniel Atkinson, Nathaniel Hill, Nick Wroblewski, Mia Modafferi, C. Grace Fosset, Esme Saccuccimorano, Colin Scriptor, Taussen Brewer, and Shawn Murrey.

Sasquatch Might be Creepin'



Talulla Torthe, Managing Editor

The closest thing we could find to sasquatch in Alfred - Photo Credit: Aurelia Liles

If Sasquatch are real, they may be roaming in the nearby woods, according to alleged sightings in neighboring areas.

In North American folklore, Sasquatch are said to be hairy, upright-walking ape-like animals that stand at around 7-feet tall. Although the existence of Sasquatch, also known as Bigfoot, has yet to be scientifically proven, there have been hundreds of alleged sightings all around North America, including in the areas surrounding Alfred. Allegany State Park, less than 100 miles from Alfred, is allegedly a hotspot for spotting the ape-like creatures. Wellsville has also accumulated a few Sasquatch sightings over the years.

Andrew Eklund, a Chemistry professor at AU, who is currently teaching an Honors seminar on monsters and folklore, described Sasquatch as a cryptid.

Eklund said, "Bigfoot constitutes as a cryptid, an animal whose existence has yet to be proven scientifically."

Disappointingly, Eklund added that he does not believe in Sasquatch, an admittedly reasonable stance. However, describing the mythical creature as a cryptid leaves room for the existence of Sasquatch to be proven.

Alfred Chief of Police, Paul Griffith smiled when asked if there have been any recent alleged Sasquatch sightings in Alfred. Griffith acted as the hero to this investigation however, when he told this journalist that there have been sightings all over the neighboring counties.

Griffith, with a suppressed chuckle, said, "There have been reports of Bigfoot sightings in the area—not in Alfred—but in Wellsville. Could it be that it's someone screwing around in a costume or a misidentified bear? Definitely."

Despite everyone's skepticism, the hunt to find evidence of Sasquatch in the area continued, and things looked up when a student came forward. Brandan Siwa, a

student at Alfred State College, claims that he encountered evidence of Sasquatch in Arcade, NY.

The alleged encounter happened in October 2016, in the midst of the hunting season. Siwa came across what appeared to be human-like but not human-sized footsteps, imprinted in the mud. Arcade, NY, is situated just an hour outside of Alfred, so had Siwa actually witnessed real Sasquatch footprints, there is nothing stopping that Sasquatch from coming over to Alfred to get a whiff of college-life.

Aurelia Liles, a first-year student in the School of Art and Design, described why, despite never seeing Sasquatch, she believes in them.

Liles said, "I believe in Bigfoot because the world is so huge with so many unexplored places and a million different species of all shapes and sizes. I don't see any reason as to why they could not exist."

She added that, "I definitely believe that Bigfoot could live in this area because there are many heavily wooded areas and the temperature goes to the negatives. Plus, it's [Alfred] is an extremely small town with little to no street lights or many highways. They [Sasquatch] would not be disturbed here." So, folks, next time you go for a smoke in the woods, watch your backs. Sasquatch might be creepin'. But not to worry, your chance of spotting Sasquatch is as slim as finding a good parking spot on AU's campus.

AU's Blue Light System

Karah Landries, Guest Writer

Did you know there are 18 blue light system phones throughout campus? If not, don't worry, you aren't the only one.

According to Alfred University's website, these systems are placed throughout campus to ensure the safety of students and faculty. The blue light system is a series of emergency alarm stations strategically located throughout the campus that provide assistance to anyone in distress. A blue light is positioned above each alarm station. An officer or an emergency team will be dispatched to respond to the situation if it is activated.

With the time change, it gets dark out early and that is when it is most scary to walk alone.

This story was originally going to be about the problem that AU doesn't implement a blue light system on campus, until looking into it we found out that AU does in fact have one, but not many people know about it.

AU student Maddie Devine was completely unaware of the system and is curious about where these lights are.

"I had no idea that AU had these on campus, I wish they were in more popular areas around campus," said Devine. It isn't just students that are worried about walking at night. Career Development Center faculty member Faith Piatt was completely unaware of the system on campus until I told her about it. She wants all students and staff to feel safe walking to their car or to class at night. "Along with students,

faculty and staff feel uneasy walking alone on campus in the dark," said Piatt.

Campus Safety Interim Chief Jessica Middaugh states that there are only 10 working blue light systems on campus that are never really used. They are placed at McClane, Ford Street, Motor Pool, Joel's House and McMan. "Some are currently down because they are being updated and they are probably not going to put any more in," said Middaugh.

She also said they have a new system they are changing to, an app called Rave Guardian. They have not updated the website yet because they are in the process of switching to the app and it is not set in place yet. The new system will allow students to keep moving to safety rather than standing in one place.

The blue light system will not be in place in the near future, rather AU has upgraded to help students feel that we have a safe campus.

End of the Semester Reminders

Taylor Banks, Copy Editor

The end of the semester is upon us, but that does not mean it is time to give up or start slacking. Now is the time to push harder than ever.

Take these last few weeks seriously even if you are not doing great in a class. If you have questions make sure you ask for help, that is what your professor is here for. Maybe you can't turn a C- into an A, but that does not mean you should throw in the towel. There is room for improvement and even if the grade won't change drastically, you can still finish strong knowing you did your best.

For many people, the cold weather and snow can make it seem impossible to get up

in the morning. It makes you tired, you do not want to leave your warm blankets, your bed is just too comfy and college seems like too much to handle. Pick yourself up, take a shower and face the day. Force yourself to go through the motions; stay motivated. The semester is not over yet, you still have work to do, grades to uphold and more material to learn; stay focused.

Take a break if you need to, but don't go off the rails. The bar can wait, your friends will understand and you don't have to binge that new TV show on Netflix. Remember why you're here in the first place and use that as your motivation.

Even though you have exams, projects, homework and other things to worry about,

make sure you take care of yourself. Your health matters, physically and mentally. Don't drink too much caffeine or force yourself to finish 20 different things or deprive yourself of sleep. You're not helping yourself by doing this; you're gassing yourself out before exams have even started.

If you want to succeed, you need to listen to your body and mind. Make sure you eat, get plenty of sleep, and take care of your body; a little facial maybe, who doesn't like smooth skin after a stress breakout? Go to the mind spa at the wellness center or attend a Jam session where you get love from an adorable corgi on the second floor in Powell. Whatever you need to keep yourself sane and ease some tension. You've got this.

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on the role of Antoine's mentor, and guided Antoine in the journalistic direction.

Antoine is just one of many who was significantly touched by Goodman's contributions. Goodman is one professor who goes the extra mile to help those who ask for it. In fact, once you grab one opportunity that Goodman hands you, more will start pouring in. Not only is Goodman an excellent professor, who travels with the sunshine on her shoulder, she hands her students all the tools they would ever need to succeed, so long as they ask.

In Alfred, where the snow brings along a morose mood, Goodman's smile and positive energy is enough to motivate you to go to her classes. Not only that but her tongue-in-cheek humor and, quite honestly, helplessness with technology acts as an insurance policy for at least one chuckle in every one of her classes. The most striking thing about Goodman might just be that her smile is never wiped off her face—she is permanently grinning which makes her classes a mile more enjoyable. Caleb Scott, a Senior student in the School of Art and Design who has taken many of Goodman's classes and who Goodman mentors said, "My first class with Robyn [Goodman], was freshman year. She walked in with the widest smile I had seen on a professor. Every day, no matter what was going on, she always started class with a smile and her famous line 'how are you all doing, are you all alive?'"

Her sincerity, genuineness and kindness have

marked her office walls, and her catch-phrase "quick and dirty" have indented students' minds. Goodman brings her Californian attitude to Western New York and, without that, who knows how Seidlin Hall will stay warm? Rumor has it that, back in the day, Goodman would bring in cupcakes in an attempt to boost student participation. When students would answer a question correctly, she would throw them a cupcake. Who wouldn't want that kind of professor?

While Goodman has a wide array of research, publications, awards, honors and other accomplishments, the most impressive one is the difference that she makes in students' lives. Her zest motivates students to go out of their way to write great articles and to try to make a difference in the Alfred community. Had it not been for Goodman's dedication to helping Fiat Lux News, who knows if the student newspaper would still be alive and kicking today?

Goodman's mark on the school will not only be left on students, but faculty too. Goodman's retirement will be felt all over the campus, but the Communication Studies faculty will be at the heart of this loss. Nick Schlegel, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at AU, had some thoughts about Goodman's retirement.

Schlegel said, "Without a doubt, the biggest motivating factor for me to join the Alfred community was knowing that I would be working shoulder-to-shoulder with my Communication Studies colleagues, Dr. Pamela Schultz and Dr. Robyn Goodman. In my professional career, I have never known a more dedicated, giving, impassioned and

enthusiastic professor than Robyn Goodman. The aftershock of the news of her retirement is still registering for all of us. Words cannot express how much we will miss Dr. Goodman. I wish you 'fair winds and following seas' big sis."

Schlegel was not the only one who spoke of Goodman as a sister. Pamela Schultz, Professor of Communication Studies at AU, worked alongside Goodman for nearly 24 years. It is obvious that Goodman's retirement will be felt by Schultz very deeply.

Schultz said, "After all the time we've spent together, we're not just colleagues, confidants and friends—we're sisters. She has more energy and enthusiasm for teaching and mentoring students than anyone I've ever met. I will miss her dearly."

Goodman will also miss Alfred and the students that make AU what it is. It is no secret that a professor who puts as much effort into teaching and helping students as Goodman does, is passionate about helping the students they work with.

When asked what her favorite part of experiencing AU has been, Goodman said, "The students. Working with the students, getting to know them, experiencing them, being inspired by them and opening myself up to all the lessons they could teach me." It is with a heavy heart that the Fiat Lux News team says goodbye to Goodman. Dr. Goodman, we will miss you terribly. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for everything you have done in order to help us succeed and reach our full potential. We wish you luck in your future endeavors and urge you to visit us.

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and November, and met with students, faculty, staff and developed the designs that we will be moving forward with," said Gebel.

The Credo sessions had a positive outcome. "We have had over 15 sessions for students since we started working with them this past spring. We have had as few as 3 and as many as 30 students show up to each Credo session," said Gebel.

Gavin Wilkes, a junior who once lived in Openhym and attended the Credo session said, "The dividers in the rooms are not only taking up space, but they also are not providing privacy since both of the work desks are permanently on the smaller side of the room."

To be able to move forward with the reconstruction process, funding is an essential part.

Mark Zupan said, "To date, Marlin Miller '54 '89 HD '19 HD has committed \$2.5 million to the combined projects while Greg Connors '92 and his Family Foundation have committed \$1.5 million. We are in the process of raising further philanthropic commitments with the intent of doing as little borrowing as possible."

Alfred University's campus life is on the verge of being improved.

Zupan has been finding ways to increase Alfred University's admission rate and decided that the way to make more students want to come to Alfred is by renovation residence halls and improving the living spaces for the student which will improve students' experiences.

"Patience is key. I'm in the process of making changes," said Mark Zupan.

Is Journalism Still Important

Chris Berry, Guest Writer

Journalism, the Fourth Estate, is under fire. All across the country and on college campuses, more and more people are believing in the term "fake news." That said, some students are still remaining informed on the matter.

"I think that journalism is crucial in even the ordinary person's daily life," said news writing student Talulla Torthe. "Journalism is how people get their information, whether they know it or not and I think that's important because without journalism, the public is uninformed and ignorant."

Journalists around the country are somewhat anxious about what is to come in their future due to the current administration in office. In some circles, journalism has become a scoffed at career and conspiracies abound when it comes to the general media. But, much of what is said is rhetoric from the current president, Donald Trump.

He has gone on record saying things like journalists "are among the most dishonest human beings on earth."

This type of rhetoric can be impactful on young students. Many students don't watch the news or even bother reading the news because of the stigma this administration has falsely spread about journalism. Many aspiring journalists are more than likely upset about what has been said about their career path. However, Pulitzer Prize finalist and contributing writer at the New York Times magazine, Suzy Hansen, has some encouraging words and advice for aspiring

journalists.

"You have to be relentless," Hansen said. "You deserve to do this job. Always run your own race. Don't take criticism or praise too seriously."

Hansen had a lot to say about journalism and her experiences in her career. Last week she gave a speech to Alfred University students about writing and living in Turkey as an American looking back at her home country with an outside perspective. If there was any testament to whether or not people believe that journalism is important, the crowd turnout was it. Nevins Theater, where she gave her speech, was packed; there were only a few empty seats. Hansen also had a more relaxed gathering of students and professors the next day where she answered questions and talked a bit more about what it means to be a journalist.

Hansen stressed that journalism isn't just important because it informs people, it's also important because it's factual. She mentioned how journalists now have to face some technological difficulties with all of the news and disinformation being spread on the Internet. It is much harder to have your voice heard these days, she said. She left one quote to end things with that sums up the thoughts of many students in journalism.

"There's no one else out there," Hansen said. "There's no one else who's telling the truth."

Christmas Decorations in Nov: Do We Stand?

Talulla Torthe, Managing Editor

The thing that was the most striking to me when I first came to the U.S. from South Africa was the grotesque abundance of holiday decorations at every holiday, and how early everyone starts decorating.

After one year of living in the U.S., I have noticed that there is barely one time of the year when Americans are not celebrating a holiday. When the snow starts melting, people start praising spring like the Easter-bunny is AU's mascot. In the summer, it is the 4th of July. September brings along a wave of fall-themed products—from pumpkin-spiced everything to disgustingly premature Halloween decorations (don't get me wrong, I love Halloween, and I have had a fake ghoulish in my dorm room since August). Then, the most absurd of all, Christmas decorations start rolling around Nov. 1st.

Growing up in a family that never really celebrated Christmas, the holiday has always

felt a bit unfamiliar to me. Even more so coming from a place where Christmas is celebrated in bikinis, around the hottest day of the year—a stark contrast to the obscene amount of snow that garnishes the evergreens in this region. When I first saw a Christmas stocking hanging on the door of one of the neighboring rooms in my dorm in early November, I quite honestly thought it was a joke.

I have come to learn that Americans take Christmas very seriously—they want their peppermint hot chocolates, their “Home Alone” marathons and their Christmas stockings. When I start seeing Christmas decorations go up on Nov. 1st, however, it leads me to wonder—how early is too early to start decorating?

Initially, my thoughts were that everything Christmas should not be rocked-out until after Thanksgiving, at the very least, and that Mariah Carey's “Merry Christmas” should be kept a sacred December only album. After

consideration and some integration into American culture, my thoughts on the topic have shifted.

Decorating too early is part of American culture—Americans like to do everything they do to the max, no holding back. Quite honestly, I have come to find this custom endearing. I like that the Jet adorns their terrace with Halloween decorations as soon as the word “spooky” is uttered in a 25-mile radius. I like that Hornell is adorned in Christmas lights and decorations before we even break-up for Thanksgiving break.

With all the tragedy and impending doom that surrounds the world in this day-and-age, decorations are the least of our worries. Festive spirits are needed now more than ever. Mariah Carey's “All I Want For Christmas Is You” is as iconic and catchy in August as it is in December. And if Christmas is only one day a year, why not extended the celebrations as much as we possibly can?

Bedrooms in Pine Hill Need Expansion

Maddie Devine, Guest Writer

The Pine Hill Suite bedrooms are so small that it is difficult for students to have their own personal space.

I live in a double room in Shults Suites without a roommate, and there is just enough room for me alone. According to the AU website, the dimensions of a double room in the Pine Hill Suites are 12 feet by 10 feet. This is small compared to other rooms in residence halls such as Kruson, Cannon and Barresi. Last semester I lived with a roommate in Kruson Hall and it was comfortable and spacious for the both of us. According to the AU website, the double rooms in Kruson Hall are 12 feet by 14 feet. To be fair to the students, shouldn't all the double rooms on campus be the same size?

Aside from the bedrooms the suites are very spacious. Every suite offers a personal bathroom, kitchen and living room, but the size of the bedrooms can be a deal breaker. AU sophomore Madilyn Cordova also lives in the suites and currently does not have a roommate.

“If I were to be assigned a roommate, I would move back into a corridor style room,” said Cordova.

Students are supposed to feel comfortable and enjoy being in their rooms at school without feeling claustrophobic. Students spend more than half of the year at school, so our living situation is important. Yassa Tounkara, a senior at AU, lived in Crawford Suites her sophomore year. Tounkara lived with her friend but there was simply not enough space.

“We wanted to live together but it was too small and we had no privacy,” said Tounkara. If this issue does not get resolved in the near future more students will be applying to live off campus. AU sophomore Karah Landries has already moved off campus because of the tiny living space in the dorms.

“I like how I now have my own space and a larger room,” said Landries.

An email was sent out on Nov. 5 by Residence Life asking for students to help go over the renovations they are doing to Crawford Suites and Openhym Hall.

“The more feedback we have, the better the process,” said a source from Residence Life. Multiple students have agreed that the bedrooms in the Pine Hill Suites are too small. Now is the perfect opportunity to speak up before the renovations begin.

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The Challenge of Being a Professional Artist

Nanxi Jin, Guest Writer

What happens after we graduate from art school? We all become famous and make money from creating and making. Very fulfilling? Well, that would be nice. However, becoming a professional artist consists of a lot of challenges.

Students like myself always ask themselves, "What am I going to do after graduation?" Most of the stress of college students before graduation is about choice. Some students doubt themselves even after they have made their decision about attending art school. Asking themselves: "Am I wrong? What if I can't keep going? What if I find myself wasting my time in the end?" These questions often hover with disapproval and discouragement. It's a struggle to deal with the uncertainty in one's future once you walk across that stage to receive your diploma. Especially for art students, who spend a criminal amount of money to attend art school. Usually with a lack of sleep, these students transform into vampires at night and zombies during the days with over \$35 draft fees. For many fine art students, graduation is unemployment, which is a dilemma that many people have to face.

Becoming a professional artist is a road full of uncertainty. It is possible that you will not be able to sell your work for a lifetime. If you still insist on creating and making, you may need a parent's spouse's relatives and friends to support you for a long time, or even a

lifetime.

"I'm currently working towards applying to residency programs to continue perfecting my craft," Brendon Shappa, a senior in ceramic, said. "I plan on traveling to China, and Mexico for workshops and indulge in the culture. Eventually leading to me opening my studio where I may produce work for sale and teach the community members interested in pottery."

"Becoming a studio artist, you will need connection, resources, and a supportive community," Assistant Dean in the School of Art and Design, Dan Napolitano said. After graduating from school, the artist needs to build its social network and using your previous resource to create a new art community. "You have a resource here. When you leave, and that community does not surround you. All your resources start to continue to reduce," Napolitano said.

Some people choose to go to graduate school after they graduate from college since graduate school not only helps more advanced learning in a specialized discipline, but you can broaden your social network. Once you obtain a master's degree, there are more chances to get the sponsorship of an art fund or a job in an academic institution after graduation. Nowadays, many good artists are both scholars and professional researchers.

To be an artist, you not only need a high-level skill and creative talent but also need a lot of related skills such as interpersonal communication, self-promotion and

marketing. "You need to keep marketing yourself," a sophomore art student, Nova Niu, said. Digital marketing is becoming more critical in our daily life, as is the art world. Social media has become a prevalent tool for attracting new fans and staying in touch with old fans. Setting up a corporate page on a website like Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr and Pinterest is a great way to generate and maintain an interest in your work as your work evolves. For emerging artists, art competition is one of the most effective ways to gain exposure in the art world. Your work will gain valuable recognition. Even if you don't win, participating in the competition can also promote your work to the public.

I think the most important thing to become a professional artist is courage. This courage allows the artist to endure the learning process throughout life so that the artist has to bear the hardship of life and the incomprehension of others.



Christmas Movie Recommendations

Talulla Torthe, Managing Editor

Peppermint candy-canes and snow are in the air. Cozy season is here and it is time to start prepping for Christmas. What better way to prepare for Santa Claus's arrival than to have a Christmas movie marathon? Here is a compiled list of Christmas-themed movies—some classic, others more unconventional—to help you kickstart the holiday season.



The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

This stop-motion animated musical Halloween-Christmas film is captivating, and a Christmas must-watch. The songs are iconic and entrancing. This movie will take you on a trip, from Halloween to Christmas, tangled with a love-story and a tragic spin.

Die Hard (1988)

While this film is mainly described as an action thriller, Die Hard is sprinkled with aspects that make a Christmas movie. This action movie is set on Christmas Eve, which sets the tone for any Christmas movie, with an additional thrilling aspect that many Christmas movies lack.



Home Alone (1990)

This movie may very well be indented in the mind of every millennial out there. Home Alone is a laugh, and one of the most nostalgic films for kids who grew up in the '90s. Watching Home Alone is essential if you want to reminisce about the Christmases you spent as a child.



Scrooge (1970)

This musical adaptation of Dickens's A Christmas Carol is the movie to watch cozied up in bed, with a hot chocolate in hand. If you are one of those people who aren't too happy when people start rocking out their Christmas decorations on Nov. 1st, this film may just switch your perspective on Christmas.



Lethal Weapon (1987)

Lethal Weapon, much like Die Hard, is an LA-based Christmas cop movie that has persisted on most adult-oriented Christmas movie lists. Based around the time of the Christmas season, this film takes dark turns that you will not find in your average Christmas movie.

TO THE MAN THAT RAPED ME

By Cheyenne Nebel

Why is it you get to move on with your life Live so carefree Like you dont give a shit about any of it What happened What YOU did Where it left me You are a piece. of. shit.

I saw a picture of you the other day and lost my breath It felt like I'd been hit by a truck Couldn't breathe Couldn't think The same thing happened when I came across a video and heard your voice for the first time since that day

It gives me whiplash sometimes thinking about you I hate you and never want to see you again But at the same time I miss you I miss the old you The you before you did this

I miss my best friend I miss the good times we had I miss the memories we made I miss how close we were I miss knowing I always had you to depend on I miss my best friend

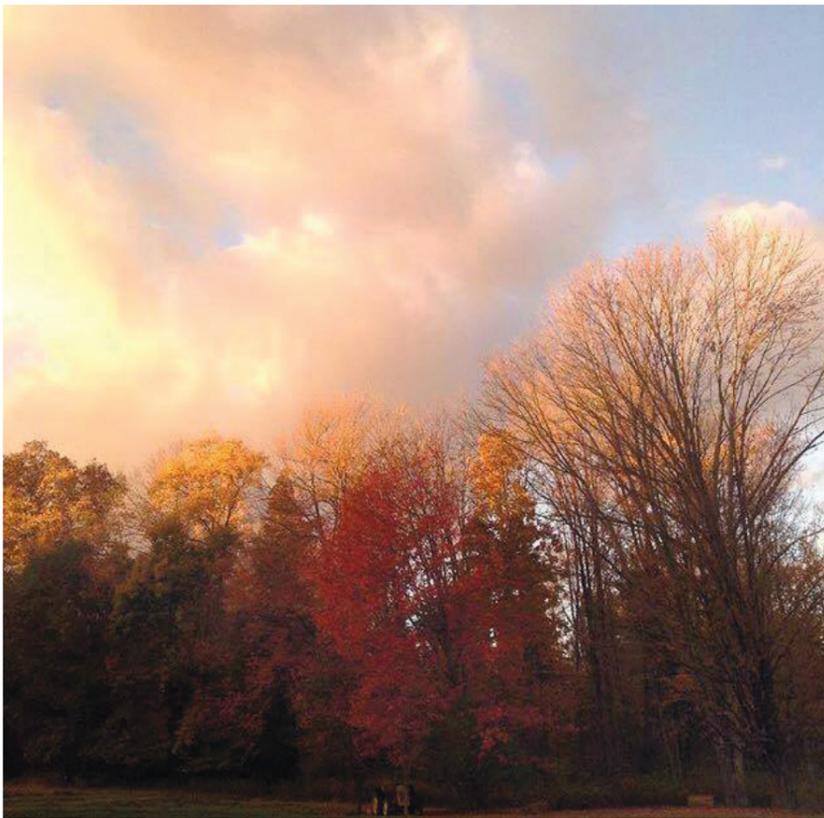
I hope to find that again Someday with someone else eventually But I'm also terrified Terrified of that possibility ever happening You make me terrified to ever let anyone that close ever again

I would never wish harm to anyone

But God! Why are you fine while I struggle just to make it through the days Sometimes I think and question whether it was all in my head

Whether it was truly as traumatic as I thought it was And it is these moments- Moments like this that make me feel secure in my fears and trauma That it is not all in my head That it did happen as I remember it That you really are nothing more but a piece of shit

"pop" - By Cheyenne Nebel



As I See It

By Anastasia (Mulan) Campbell

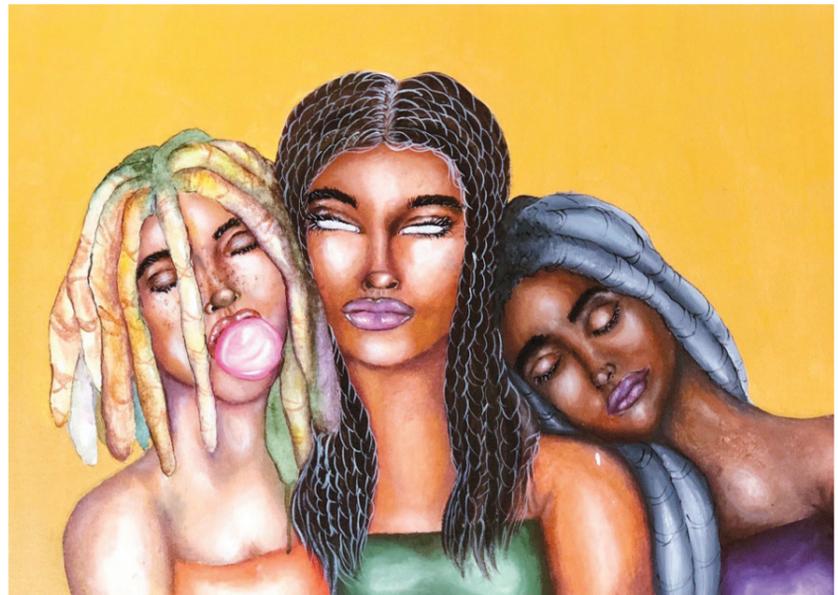
Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance
Grief comes in many different forms
In my life, loss is an expected norm

As a result, I try to connect with the least amount of people that I can
I love hard and that is never a part of the plan

Like maybe if I disconnected my heart I could protect it
But I was not created to be anti-social

I am actually a girl whose heart is full and hopeful
My empathy cuts deep
I feel the pain that I see

A loss hurts in whatever way that I endure it
No matter how hard I try I cannot seem to ignore it
Acceptance, Depression, Bargaining, Anger, Denial
The cycle of grief will continue for as long as you allow



art by Kanini Mwaura



My Worst Enemy

By Anastasia (Mulan) Campbell

She is cruel, constantly telling me that I am not enough
I fight against her but she is quite tough

You cannot do this you will not do that is what she tells me
Allowing her words to pierce my ears that doubt never fails me
She almost never believes in me

I wonder how I can make her see what everyone else sees in me?
She makes me want to hide away for days where no one can reach me
I am her, she is me, my own worst enemy



"My Mark" - By Tanyesha Darkins

Of Heartbreak and Saxon Pride



Krystina Gauer, Guest Writer

Photo Credit: Carl Brown

The Alfred University Saxons football team suffered a heartbreaking loss in the last game against rival St. John Fisher on Nov. 16. But they will return and be ready to win next season, according to AU senior quarterback Ben Burk.

"We're obviously disappointed in the way [the season] ended and it's not how we wanted to send the seniors out," he said. "But we have a lot of talented guys coming back next year who can turn things around."

The AU Saxons played a well-fought game, taking the lead multiple times, but ultimately lost 31-28 against the Cardinals.

This game was about so much more than just winning. For many Saxons on the field that day, this would be the final game of their careers as Saxons. This senior class would also be the last of players who were part of the AU Saxons Empire 8 Championship winning team, in 2016 (the last year the Saxons earned this title).

This team has together experienced the great achievements in their conference and have earned many division and national titles for themselves individually. In many ways, they have portrayed the excellence that all athletes at AU strive for as Saxon warriors.

Many students, families and faculty filled the stands at the game, with familiar faces including AU's President Zupan. The crowd cheered on the team as if it were a home game. They experienced the excitement of the event, and together left the game as devastated as the players were in the loss.

"We are all proud of this team, they have worked hard," said a student who was in attendance. "This was a tough loss, but I am glad to have been here to cheer them on because that is what Saxons do, we support each other."

As the Saxons football team prepares for the upcoming season, players are already working toward achieving the Champions title once again. But they won't forget what the Class of 2020 seniors taught them through their years here at AU.

"I want to be a leader like them, they were able to lead by example to show younger guys what the coaches are looking for in their athletes," said junior running back Kevin Bragaglia.

"They also showed us how to stick it out through tough times when things aren't going your way."

Saxons Fall Short at Oswego State

Women's Basketball, November 23
From gosaxons.com

OSWEGO – The Alfred University women's basketball team was back on the court on Saturday afternoon at Oswego State for an out of conference matchup with the Lakers. The Saxons (1-4) hung tight with a talented Oswego State team but fell short in a 68-54 loss.

The Lakers jumped out to an 11-3 lead with some strong play inside early on and finished the first quarter leading the Saxons 15-10.

Early three pointers from Gillian Flint (Caledonia, NY / Caledonia-Mumford) and Lyndsey McCoy (Middleburgh, NY / Middleburgh Central) put the AU offense in gear during the second quarter and helped the Saxons outscore the Lakers during that period and go into the halftime break trailing by just four points.

Oswego State began to pull away in the third quarter, as they went up by as many as 15 points before Ana Ion (Bucharest, Romania, / Episcopal of Jacksonville) hit a late three to make it an 11 point game after three quarters.

The Saxons were able to hold the Laker offense to just 10 points in the final quarter but it was not enough to get back into the contest as Oswego State improved to 3-2 on the season with the win over Alfred.

Ion led all Saxon scorers with 16 points. McCoy finished with 15 points and was a perfect 3-3 from beyond the arc. Flint was a factor on both ends of the court with 10 points, seven rebounds and three steals on the day.



Photo Credit: Peter Mangels

"Successful people have something inside of them that drives them," Head Coach Mike Moskowitz said. "It's a combination of their toughness, mindset and heart. I know we have the ability to be a good basketball team – but before we can worry about that, we need to find that 'something' inside of us"

The Saxons will play their first home game of the season on Tuesday when they host Keuka College at 7PM in Terry S. Galanis Family Arena.

A Place of Inclusion and Diversity

Krystina Gauer, Guest Writer

College student-athletes who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community are now getting significant support from Alfred University, as well as many universities in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), according to a recent campaign which was held during the NCAA's Inclusion Week.

"We have an obligation to provide equal opportunity for our student-athletes and staff," says Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) President Mikala McCartney. "All those involved in athletics shall be aware of these obligations and treat them as core values. Discrimination toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning people (actual or perceived) is not tolerated in the ATR or athletics department," she wrote in AU's Athletic Training Room rules.

Athletics can be a reflection of the greatness of America, when playing a sport, one should be solely critiqued on level of ability to play a sport, not sexual identity or orientation, according to the Center for American Progress. However, for athletes who identify as LGBTQ+, the struggle of being themselves is real. Once an athlete comes out, they are sometimes instantly judged on their identity, not their skill, according to the NCAA. At times such treatment has become so extreme that these athletes have been put at risk both mentally and emotionally.

The NCAA has been proactive on this

subject and, over recent years, has greatly encouraged, and even demanded respect and acceptance of all student-athletes who have the ability to play, according to the Sports Science Institute. A part of this enforcement has been rules and regulations for all universities who participate in the NCAA. Discrimination of any kind isn't tolerated.

In January of 2015, Rebecca Windover, a former Alfred University women's soccer player wrote an article for SB Nation, Outsports about her struggle of being a part of the LGBTQ+ community and a student-athlete.

"I can recall too many athletic situations where I was encouraged to play sports, but 'not like a lesbian.'" she said. "My desire to play sports made me prone to this title that somehow reflected my athletic ability. I was afraid to be an outcast. I chose to blend in the best that I could... I was sick of staying quiet and feeling it was unacceptable to speak up. It took me a majority of my junior year at Alfred University to move forward... I became passionate about breaking down gender norms and fighting for equality."

Just this past month Alfred University's SAAC participated in NCAA's Inclusion Week, a week long celebration of diversity and inclusion. Teams including the AU women's soccer and women's volleyball teams spoke before their home games about AU's equality and acceptance for all. Several teams and student-athletes also took over

the Alfred University Athletics social media account to promote the campaign. SAAC also made it a point to recreate a video titled "You Can Play," which featured student-athletes from numerous teams such as football, women's lacrosse, volleyball and tennis, all showing their support of the LGBTQ+ community.

However, many students still say there is still more work to be done, one such male student-athlete (who prefers to be unnamed) said, "Even though all athletes are welcomed to play, homophobic slurs and non-inclusive words against the LGBTQ+ community are often heard both on the field and in locker rooms, especially among male sports teams."

That being said, it seems most student-athletes are looking to make a difference and create a community that is welcoming to all, according to many students at AU. With significant efforts being made, such as the AU diversity and inclusion policy, which states a commitment to "creating and sustaining a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all university community members, including students, faculty, staff and alumni."

The implementation of this policy, as well as continued advocacy for a safe and judgment free campus at AU, seems to continue to make progress in putting an end to the division, says a female student-athlete. Athletics should be the place where we can set our differences aside and compete on a level that has everything to do with our physical ability and efforts and nothing to do with personal identity, she says.

Saxons Erase First Half Deficit to Pick Up Win Over SUNY-Delhi

Men's Basketball, November 22
From gosaxons.com

ALFRED – The Alfred University men's basketball team used a huge second half to overcome a 14-point deficit to defeat SUNY-Delhi on Friday evening. Led by Brewster Marshall (Horseheads, NY / Horseheads), the Saxons (3-2, 0-0 Empire 8) outscored the Broncos 42-26 in the second half to come away with the 71-62 victory.

The Broncos (3-2) came out firing on all cylinders as Carlos Ithier hit three straight triples to open the game and help SUNY-Delhi out to a 13-2 lead.

The Saxons trailed by double digits for a large portion of the first half before cutting it to a seven point game at the halftime break.

The tables turned for AU in the second half as Marshall began to get in close to the bucket and managed to reel off 10 straight points in just over three minutes to bring the Saxons within five.

A runner in the paint followed by a long ball from Cole Eells (Ithaca, NY / Ithaca) tied the game at 47 with 11:22 left to play.

After Delhi momentarily regained the lead, Sam Dagon (Hornell, NY / Hornell) hit a jumper in the paint to give AU a 51-49.

From that point, Marshall and Dagon continued to make plays and the Saxons never looked back and came away with their third win on the young season.

"I thought that it was a tale of two halves," Head Coach Russell Phillips said. "We came out a little flat. Ithier hit a bunch of threes



Photo Credit: Peter Mangels

right away that got them off to a big start. I thought we dug in after that and defended them really well. Through the second half we did a much better job with the toughness plays, 50-50 balls, and lots of offensive rebounds. We took good shots and got good possessions to close it at the end."

Marshall had a monstrous second half as he scored all 17 of his points in the later period. He also finished with five rebounds and two blocks. Dagon also came away with 17 points on the night and had two assists.

Eells finished with 11 points, a team high eight rebounds and three steals. Elliot Bowen (Salamanca, NY / Ellicottville) also scored 11 while Mike Schmidt (Olean, NY / Olean) rounded out the double-figure scorers for AU with 10 points and led the team with six assists.

Alfred will be back at home on Tuesday as they host Rochester Institute of Technology at 5PM.

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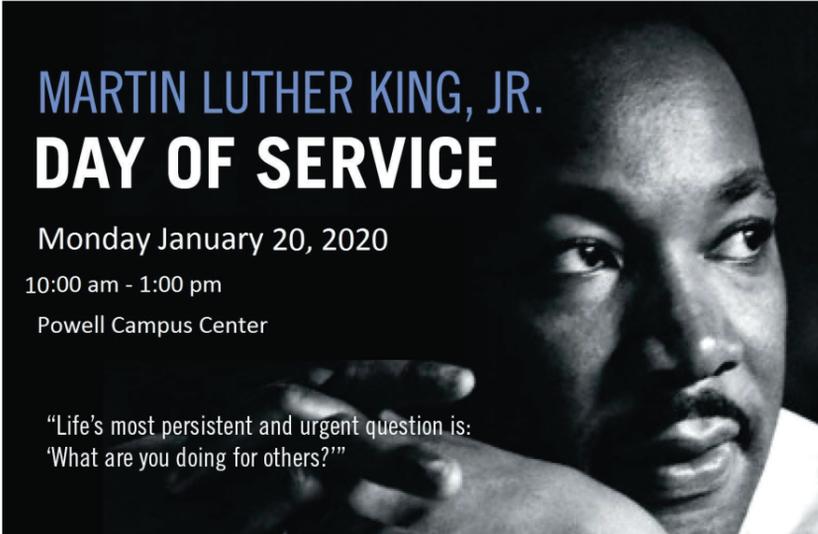
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