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Delta Sigma Phi house faces hazing allegations

BY PATRICK L. BOYLE
 STAFF WRITER

Delta Sigma Phi, an AU fraternity, has been charged with violating the university's anti-hazing policy. It is the first organization to be so charged since the football team incident in the fall of 1998.

The case was presented to the University's Hearing Board for Hazing Violations on March 22. As of press time the board had not made a determination as to whether or not Delta was in violation of any policies, nor had it imposed any sanctions on the fraternity.

"The University has made us aware of the allegations," said John Hockman, the executive director of Delta Sigma Phi nationally. "At this point we are conducting an investigation into those allegations and we are working in partnership with the university to determine all the facts and respond accordingly."

The allegations were made by Jane Gilliland, an employee in the University

Business & Finance office, whose stepson Brandon Gilliland had been pledging the fraternity this semester.

According to Jane, Brandon has withdrawn from the University and is staying with relatives out of state. He has no plans to return to AU. Gilliland said that her stepson left the University both because he was upset about the nature of Delta's pledge process and because he was afraid that he would be socially persecuted for depledging.

"He did not at all like what was happening and his feeling was that if he actually depledged [and stayed at the University] that basically his life in Alfred would be a living hell," she said.

Neither Jane Gilliland nor University officials would reveal the specific nature of the alleged hazing before the hearing board makes a ruling on the matter.

Jane Gilliland said that Brandon "was asked to do some physical activities that had unrealistic expectations and caused

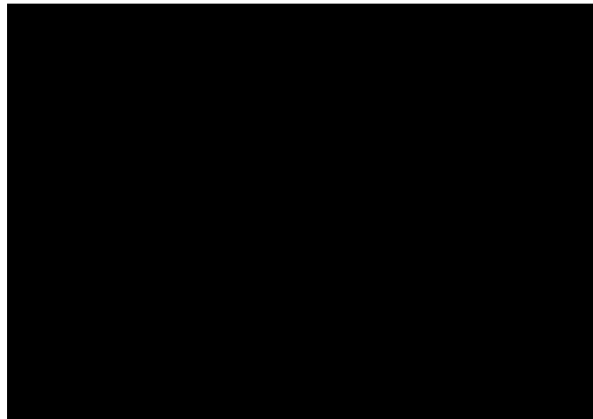


PHOTO BY PAULA WHITTAKER

SEE DELTA, PAGE 3 Delta Sigma Phi, long a part of the AU community, faces allegations of hazing.

AU reacts to Pope's words

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
 A & E EDITOR

Pope John Paul II recently apologized for crimes committed by members of the church against various groups, including Jews, women, indigenous people, immigrants and the poor, inspiring a barrage of controversy, strong reactions and questions.

The Jewish community is one of the groups particularly impacted by the apology. Coupled with the pope's arrival in the Holy Land, the apology brings the issue of Jewish/Catholic relations to the forefront.

The apology did not specifically mention the church's role in the Holocaust, according to Gary Ostrower, professor of history at AU, and a member of the Jewish community. However, the pope acknowledged crimes committed against the group, asking for pardon for the participation of members of the church in such crimes. "The Pope distinguished between the church and members of the church," Ostrower stated. "It wasn't a formal apology of the church as an instrument of God."

Ostrower said, "in my perspective, it's the half-filled glass. It's an important apology; to ignore it is to ignore the historical significance of this Pope ... but for individuals looking back as early as the Crusades and as late as the Holocaust, the apology is not satisfactory. That's the dilemma here."

Larry Greil, professor of sociology and health policy, acting chair of the social sciences, and advisor of Hillel, agreed. Greil quoted Jewish scholar Ran Porat of the Hebrew University in Israel.

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New Senate e-board excited

BY JAY WEISBERGER
 MANAGING EDITOR

Members of the newly elected Student Senate executive board are trying to bring their energy to the Senate floor every week; however, each member agrees that challenges lie ahead.

President Seth Mulligan, a sophomore, is no newcomer to the board. He was Treasurer for last year's executive board. He is joined by Vice President Rachael Downey, a sophomore political science major.

"Working with this exec board will be high energy," Mulligan said. "We have a lot of younger executives, which should lead to fresh ideas."

"I'm definitely excited," he said.

Helping out Mulligan and Downey will be four other executive board members, most of whom are relatively new to AU.

Environmental science major Jaime Pena, the only second

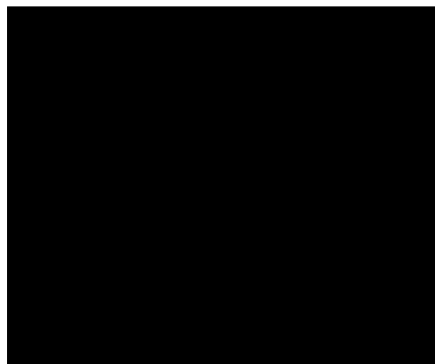


PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER

The new Student Senate executive board starts off the meeting last Wednesday.

year student on the executive board aside from Downey and Mulligan, will take the duties of treasurer. Sophomore French major Liz Reina, who transferred to AU before the '99-'00

school year, takes the secretarial reins.

The board is rounded out by freshmen Colin Kennard, who is the new Publicity Chair, and

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ITS frees web access

BY JUDY TSANG
 COPY MANAGER

In the course of increasing availability and accessibility to technology, Alfred University has developed some new problems.

An example of such occurred before spring break when students experienced slow Internet access. Also, in late January, AU was attacked three times from a source outside of the network. These attacks blocked up trafficking avenues onto the Internet.

"Students complained about how slow the Internet was," Assistant Director of Information Technology Services Adrian Morling said. "My job is to determine the network status."

It was not easy to determine the cause of the Internet's delay, but through e-mails, newswires and comparisons to other university campuses, Morling became aware of the program "Napster."

There were other programs being heavily used but because of its popularity, Napster was shut down so that AU could reclaim bandwidth, Morling said.

"[It's] not like we picked on Napster," he added.

Morling described bandwidth as a highway allowing for a certain amount of traffic to pass through. Taking down Napster is equivalent to freeing up a lane or two in highway traffic, Morling said.

Choosing to shut down Napster was not a hasty decision, Morling emphasized. He researched the program for two weeks and discovered that Napster took up about 35 percent of the University's bandwidth. ITS debated for another week before deciding to take it down.

"We are just responding to a problem [of slow Internet access] brought to our attention by

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ResLife gets ready for annual sign-up blitz Students advised to leave their housing options open

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
 STAFF WRITER

Residence Life is working hard to finish work on placing students in common interest housing so they can be ready for general housing sign-up.

Bonnie Dungan, the assistant director of Residence Life, said that students applying for common interest housing this year are the largest group yet.

"We ask [the students] to give a brief summary of their house's interests, policies, and goals. The objectives must meet the University's perspective," she said.

Dungan is looking forward to

the required program each group of students will present with a resident assistant pertaining to their theme.

Athlete housing is located in Phillips and Tredennick Halls, in the Upper Pine Hill suites.

Regular housing placement will take place in the Bartlett lobby for both the Ford Street Apartments and Pine Hill Suites on the evening of April 10. April 11 is the night to sign up for the Brick, Bartlett, Kruson and anything not selected the day before.

Students can sign up for other people as long as they present the identification card and signed room contract of that per-

son to Residence Life.

Director of Residence Life Tomas Gonzalez indicated there is always a small waiting list because the demand for housing exceeds the space available.

"It's sometimes a nerve-wracking experience for students [to be on the waiting list], but we ask that they have patience and we'll get housing for them as quickly as possible," Gonzalez promised.

Both Dungan and Gonzalez indicated that everyone who wants to live on-campus would eventually be accommodated because there are always students transferring, leaving the

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Activities too closely scheduled

Last weekend Alfred University rivaled a small metropolitan area in activity.

We had two lectures on Thursday night, a reading, a lecture and a dance on Friday, a writing conference associated with those lectures all weekend, a lacrosse tournament, an accepted student open house and even laser tag at McLane.

Students certainly had much to keep them busy. We're glad that so many activities were offered. It helps to dispel the myth that there is nothing to do in Alfred. Sometimes, it appears, there is too much to do.

And that is exactly the problem: we wanted to go to or help out with all these activities. We really did. But how could we? We were just too exhausted!

On a campus with 2,000 students, so many activities can be very overwhelming. Students want to go or are expected to go to many of them.

We suggest that all departments and organizations at AU take a look at when they schedule their activities. If they talk to the other departments and organizations, some of the chaos and frustration can be avoided. If the events of the weekend had been spread over the week, students would probably have been able to attend more.

We are glad to see all these diverse activities at AU. We would just like the ability to see more of them. □

More money needed for student orgs.

Next week, the Senate Finance Committee will convene with the treasurers of every student organization requesting a budget.

Their job is to allocate money to each group, taking into mind the budget requests of each organization.

This year, with the addition of some new groups, this process could be the toughest it has ever been.

We can only hope that good sense prevails at the hearings. This money is what keeps most organizations viable.

Some students believe that the problem is that some organizations are asking for too much money. However, some groups — including the *Fiat Lux* — need a lot of money.

Generally, groups tend to ask for an appropriate amount of money for what they need to do.

The real problem is that there seems to be a shortage of money to go around.

If more groups continue to be added, we are looking at a situation in the not-so-distant future in which an organization will not receive enough funding to function properly.

The money that Senate has to allocate is simply not going to be enough a few years down the line. We hope. Depending on how the hearings go this year, we may have already spread ourselves too thin.

The University needs to find ways to funnel more money to the Senate before we find students threatening their organizations' livelihood by thinning down their budgets to dangerous levels. □

The Fiat Lux is now accepting applications for all executive board positions for the upcoming school year. Applications are available at the Fiat office in Powell.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Legislation will allow diversity

Dear Editor:

In his recent letter to the editor, Sebastian White pointed out that the lack of diversity at the University is a catalyst to bigotry. As he stated, there are many types of diversity. Ethnic and racial diversity, religious diversity, political affiliations, shared philosophical ideals, selected vocations and professions, those who love sports, the arts, and those that are loners make up some of the types of groups that would render a society diverse.

Legal and illegal anti-social behaviors, including binge drinking, recreational drug use, theft, acts of violence, driving while under the influence, prostitution, as well as acts of bigotry, whether it is anti-Semitism or homophobia are also a part of a society, diverse or not. Uneducated, ignorant, mean-spirited people live amongst us; fortunately, they constitute a small minority of our communities.

White tolerance may be fostered by diversity, there is no guarantee that acceptance, respect, or even a celebration of that diversity will evolve without a shared vision that the whole can be greater than the sum of the parts. There is no guarantee that a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, politically, economically and socially diverse society will accept or even tolerate gays, les-

bian and transgendered neighbors as valued members of their community.

There were not more than eight black students enrolled at Alfred in the fall of 1972. During my last visit to Alfred it was obvious that the enrollment of black and minority students at the University had increased dramatically. Admissions recruiting policies helped make the makeup of the University closer to the demographics of New York. Affirmative Action laws and equal opportunity programs were the catalyst.

Although women made up 50 percent of our enrollment, women's sports were all but non-existent in '72, but by the end of that decade had grown to include soccer, tennis, basketball, swimming, equestrian, track and field, cross country and volleyball. Now softball, skiing, and lacrosse have been added. A federal law, Title IX, was the catalyst.

It is clear that combination of federal and state laws that eliminate institutionalized discrimination against lesbians, gays and transgendered people are also required. These laws may be authored by Sebastian White or another member of the homosexual community. Another scenario is that a heterosexual classmate (who witnessed and identified as unacceptable the injustice Mr. White has experienced) will author these laws. The constant internal and external review and

debate by those proficient in the art of critical thinking will foster these changes. Universities like Alfred are educating these future leaders.

Alfred had an active gay-rights movement in the early 1970s. By the 1980s, straight members of the community joined in their political quest in an attempt to provide support for the civil rights aspect of the movement. Today, a gay student feels comfortable enough to identify himself and challenge his community to rectify the existing bigotry.

Diversity is one step towards increased understanding, but it is no guarantee for acceptance. I remind Mr. Sebastian White that homophobic black ministers like Reggie White still exist, and homophobic presidential candidates and journalist's like Patrick Buchanan (a white Irish-Catholic) get lots of media attention. There is already a lot of diversity among the homophobic in America. Diversity is not the answer, education and understanding is.

The University is making progress with respect to enhanced understanding and respect for the differences between and amongst peoples. It should be, it is after all a place of learning. Some people just take a little longer than others to learn.

Jeffrey M. Gonzalez
Class of '76

COLUMN

Court decisions to affect campus life

BY JAY WEISBERGER
MANAGING EDITOR



All right! Props to the government. (At tax time nonetheless.)

What I'm referring to is the Supreme Court's decision last week (Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin v. Southworth). The decision is something we all should be writing a "thank you" to the judicial branch about.

What the decision does is guarantee that student activity fees from students are used to help fund all campus organizations. The students who started the case objected to the use of their fee money being put towards funding groups they disagreed with.

I think we can all see the problem with being able to decide which get funding: it promotes ignorance.

College is supposed to be a time to learn, not just about topics in your major, but about the views of others.

By supporting the universal use of student fees, the Supreme Court has ensured that groups don't have their views quelled because students don't feel the need to fund them with their fees.

This will especially benefit groups that tend to be the target of far-right reactionaries. Groups that support diversity of ethnicity, religion and sexuality have often been the victims of harassment, if not flat-out

hate, on many of the nation's campuses.

Now, at the very least, we can rest assured that these groups will continue to get money from all students, not just the students who feel that equality and diversity might actually benefit the country.

Diversity of culture is tremendously important on campuses across the nation. Different people allow learning more readily than any textbook and we should all be happy the Supreme Court feels the same way.

Now, the next challenge lies in lower courts, where the Kincaid v. Gibson case is going to be heard again in Kentucky.

The case will determine the censorship power of university administrations for the entire country.

If the last decision in the case is upheld, university funded events would be subject to the approval of the administration that funds the event, or group putting on the event.

Yes, this means that schools could pull the newspaper off the shelves if they didn't like what was printed. This means a yearbook could be prohibited from being distributed for the color of the yearbook cover.

Don't think this is possible? The color of the yearbook cover at Kentucky State University was one of the main reasons the Kincaid case went to court in the first place.

But, it goes well beyond col-

lege media. Being that universities control campus buildings, it would be possible for an administration to control what events occur there, be they student theater productions or art shows.

Essentially, every form of student expression could be affected if the decision goes in favor of the Kentucky State administration.

We at AU are fortunate that our administration has always supported free expression, letting the speaker take the fall for any missteps. We are fortunate that President-elect Charles M. Edmondson has openly said he supports free expression on campus.

That doesn't mean we should sit back and let whatever happens happen. Make sure the administrators you deal with support whatever forms of expression you participate in.

Fight the notion that other schools seem to have that college students aren't able to make mature decisions.

Finally, let's all hope that the court down in Kentucky can show the sense the Supreme Court has. □

Editor's note: Not only liberal organizations are affected by the Board of Regents decision. Conservative groups on campus also deserve protection by the Court. The Fiat Lux believes that all student voices deserve to be heard.

STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

Changes come to Senate

BY MIKE PELLICCIOTTI
STAFF WRITER

The new Student Senate Executive Board began its administration March 15 with a clarification of Robert's Rules of Order. They also rearranged seating.

President Seth Mulligan reviewed his take on Robert's Rules and explained the way motions work and how senators and representatives would be recognized.

He also explained that the new administration would be roping off seating in the back of Nevins Theatre. They will not be using microphones to speak as the last executive board did.

Wednesday's hour and a half meeting addressed a number of issues from both students and faculty.

The Renovations Committee announced that the University

would be repairing roofs in Alumni Hall, carpeting Openhym and the Brick and improving lighting and roofs in the Pine Hill Suites.

Mulligan said that requests for credit card use on campus are being looked into. He said that he met with Dawn Fagnan, assistant controller for Business and Finance. Mulligan said that Fagnan is trying pilot programs to determine the usefulness of credit cards on campus.

Mulligan also announced that Chris Stawiarz would serve as the Senate Village Liaison.

Senate voted for a new member of the Finance Committee. Two issues came up in questioning the candidates. One candidate for the position, Steve Tedone, said that the amount an academic organization receives from its academic department should determine Senate funding.

The other candidate, Michael

Topp, was asked if his new position as WALF treasurer would be a conflict. Topp said it would not. He said, "I'm the first to admit that WALF asks for way too much money." George Harris, Senator for WALF, argued that Topp had yet to see WALF's budget for this semester.

Tedone was elected to the position.

Mulligan presented to the Senate the idea of having a Senator represent each college in the University. Senate voted for the Executive Board to look into the constitutional amendment.

Gail Walker, professor of psychology, spoke to the Senate regarding student voting in the Excellence in Teaching Faculty Award. She requested that Senate consider using the Alfies voting as an opportunity to select the Faculty Award recipients. Mulligan said he would look into the matter. □

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some temporary physical injuries." She said the activities also caused Brandon emotional distress. Both Jane Gilliland and Assistant Dean of Students Daryl Conte, who presented the charges to the board, said that drugs and alcohol were not involved.

Jane Gilliland said that her stepson was not physically hit or struck. According to her, the charges focused on a pattern of activity in the pledge process and not on one specific incident.

Gilliland reported the activity to Conte early in the week of Feb. 27. The University ordered the fraternity's pledge process suspended, pending the results of the hearing. Details of the hearing are unavailable until the board delivers its ruling.

According to Sue Smith, associate dean of students and University judicial coordinator, no individual students are facing University judicial charges at this time.

No complaints have been made to the Alfred Police Department regarding the matter.

AU's hazing policy defines hazing, in part, as "any activity expected of someone affiliating with or joining a group that humiliates, degrades abuses, or endangers, regardless of the person's willingness to participate."

According to Conte, if Delta is found to have violated that policy, the fraternity could be subjected to a variety of sanctions. The penalties could include mandatory education classes regarding hazing. The fraternity might also be subject to probation or have its charter suspended by the

University.

The University could impose its most severe sanction and permanently revoke Delta's charter, denying the organization all University recognition.

The fraternity, located at 71 North Main St., might be able to exist independently, "but without university guidance it would be very difficult for Delta Sigma Phi [or any other Greek organization] to continue to operate," said Mike Carey, president of Delta's alumni corporation board. The board holds the deed on the fraternity's house. According to Carey, both the alumni and the members hope that something positive comes out of the incident.

"It is unfortunate that something like this had to happen for change to start coming to the Alfred University Greek system," he said. Carey also said that Delta has never had a policy of harassing students who have dropped out of its pledge process.

The president of Delta Sigma Phi's AU chapter could be reached by press time.

"This is the first hazing case in front of the University judicial system since the football incident," in the fall of 1998 said Dean of Students Jerry Brody.

Brody said that the University had a no hazing policy for many years but that in the wake of the football incident the University made it absolutely clear that it will not permit hazing.

"The president has stated [publicly] that there be zero tolerance of hazing on this campus," he said.

Brody said that he hopes that hazing charges will not become more frequent because he hopes that there is not a lot of hazing going on. However "if we learn of hazing and we believe we have a

case we will pursue [that case,]" he said.

The incident is also the first hazing case to be pursued under the University's new hazing policy, which was adopted last July, according to Smith.

The new hazing policy provides for cases to be heard by a special three-member review board, the Hearing Board for Hazing Violations. The board is selected from the cabinet of the President of the University, not including the president, to whom final appeals of University judicial matters are submitted.

The board was set up in response to the recommendations of the presidential commission on hazing that was established after the football incident, according to Norm Pollard, Director of the Counseling and Student Development center.

Pollard said that it is good that no students serve on the board because it may be hard for students to be objective in hazing matters and because it helps reinforce how seriously the University takes hazing complaints.

Smith agreed with Pollard's sentiments and said that she hopes that the new policy and its enforcement will help deter hazing.

Pollard described the psychological effects of hazing as being the "ingredients for post-traumatic stress disorder."

"I don't think that everyone who goes through the process will say that it is bad, but I think it is incumbent upon the University to take a strong stand against anything that has the potential of being ... harmful to students," said Pollard. □

send to the campus community. "It's important to get people thinking about housing for next year," Gonzalez explained.

He also added that a mountain bike would be presented to the next winner of the trivia contest.

Currently, Dungan and Gonzalez are talking with the Residence Hall Council and the Student Senate to try to implement a change in housing procedures for the future.

Both Gonzalez and Dungan



WORLDNOTES

LOCAL

Two *Fiat Lux* writers have received honors for their work. Jasmine Lellock took third place from the New York Press Association in the feature writing category. Lellock's award-winning story dealt with Groundhog Day in Punksutawny, Pa.

Stephanie Webster was honored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Her column, "Ad was unfit and offensive," attacking a controversial ad took second place in the nation in the column writing/on-campus issues category.

- Café Za opened on the corner of Church and Main Streets. The new restaurant offers a variety of foods and gourmet coffee.
- Temperatures went up as AU students dressed down last week. Friday's high passed 60 degrees.

- National names such as novelist Tim O'Brien and screenwriter Syd Field made their way to Alfred for the "Writing for Your Life" writing conference.

- According to the regional office of the New York State Department of Transportation in Hornell, the section of Main Street between Pine and Saxon Drives is among the roads in New York State with the highest accident frequency.

Unsafe speed, following too closely and failure to yield right-of-way were the main causes of accidents, according to NYS DOT.

- Erick J. Laine, president and chairman of the board of Alcas Corporation in Olean, is the newest member of the Alfred University Board of Trustees.

Laine was elected in the winter board meeting in New York City.

- Robyn Goodman, assistant professor of communication studies, will be in the 2000 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Goodman, who has taught at AU since 1995, will also be included in the 2001 edition of *International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women*.

- Eleven AU students have been named to the 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The students were selected by a University committee.

The students are Jessica Adams, Sheila Callahan, Tera Hamilton, Emilie Hardman, Alison Huftalen, Naomi Manon, Christa Nyman, Michael Pellicciotti, Shane Walton and Jay Weisberger.

NATIONAL

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that college student activity fees are to be distributed to all campus groups, even if a student disagrees over the views of a group.

- A judge has ordered that Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez be sent back to Cuba. Gonzalez remained in the United States as of press time as groups renewed their efforts to keep the boy here.

- After taking stocks took a dive and experts predicted that the U.S. economy had fully shifted to new-economy stocks, the Dow Jones Industrial Average shot up over a few days, including a record smashing 500-plus jump in one day.

The Dow, which many had said was losing out to the tech stock-filled Nasdaq Stock Exchange, found itself back above the 11,000 mark at the end of last week.

Nasdaq continued to climb, as well. All of this came despite the Federal Reserve raising interest rates 1/4 percent.

INTERNATIONAL

Taiwan elected a pro-independence president and China has threatened war should Taiwan make any concerted effort to fully separate from the People's Republic of China.

China has tried to influence the politics of Taiwan before, once engaging in live fire naval training off the coast of Taiwan as a way to threaten the island.

For now, China has backed down, saying they will wait and see what transpires in Taiwan. The United States signed an agreement a few years ago that states they would support Taiwan in the event of such a conflict.

- In a landmark event, Pope John Paul II visited Israel. The trip served as a pilgrimage and as a means for the Pope to ask forgiveness for the actions of members of the Catholic Church against other groups in the past.

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University, or studying abroad. Gonzalez also suggested that students might want to come in with two to three different options because their first choice may not always be available.

Students are encouraged to keep answering the residence life trivia questions in the e-mails both Gonzalez and Dungan

Fiat Lux:
We get them while
they're still young and
fresh.

AU has big presence at women's conference

Women and punk Rie's performance evokes reactions topic of paper

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
A & E EDITOR

VALDOSTA, Ga. — While many students spent their spring break getting suntans in exotic places, junior English and communications studies major Emilie Hardman presented a paper in Georgia at the Fifth Annual (Re) Presenting Woman Valdosta Conference.

Hardman worked on the paper, a "content analysis of Punk albums by bands with female members," for a year with Karen Porter, professor of sociology. She will continue the project due to funding from an ARGUS grant.

"I'm going to be able to analyze more albums to see if there are any differences in bands with different mixes of gender," Hardman explained.

As a women's studies minor, Hardman's background in English and communications influenced this sociological project.

"If you read the work that has been done on subcultures, particularly those of resistance, you will find nothing written about women or girls participating in any way besides [as] girlfriends," Hardman explained.

Her theory is that "women have been excluded from subcultures of resistance primarily because they so often are connected to music."

Hardman discussed the issue of authenticity "because you have to be well-versed and an avid consumer or participant in music to be an authentic member of a subculture."

The point of her research is about women's lesser access to music when it comes to going to shows, being in bands, and even buying music "because their

money is more controlled."

"I'm talking about swing, hip-hop, even beat culture, among many others." She said, "[women's] clothing is often more restricted than men's by the family."

"I think that as gender roles have changed, women have had more access to subcultural participation," Hardman said.

"The issue of politics is really interesting, too, because subcultures of resistance are often connected to political concerns, so women have been excluded there, too," Hardman said. "I see punk as a movement that opened doors for women."

"My idea with records is that punk is located in the music and the politics, both of which are communicated through records," Hardman explained. "Nobody has studied that before."

On the conference itself, Hardman said, "it's really an amazing experience, even if you don't go to present a paper; although that is mind-blowing too because you are suddenly in contact with all these people who honestly love their research and are honestly interested in your research."

Hardman explained that people from all over the world attended the conference, and did not just present papers.

"We had art and performance and discussions and roundtables and readings and people just talking about their struggles and triumphs with feminism," she said.

Hardman summed up the conference with, "it just showed me how academic/political questions can reach into every facet of life and make life and academia that much richer." □

BY EMILIE HARDMAN
STAFF WRITER

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Rie Hachiyonagi, assistant professor of studio art in the Human Studies department of Alfred University, had been introduced and welcomed.

The crowd at the Fifth Annual (Re) Presenting Woman Conference waited to see Hachiyonagi's performance art piece, "Business Woman." The clapping had died down, but Hachiyonagi was not to be seen. The audience rustled with confusion and chatter. And that's when they heard it.

From beneath a rounded oval of black plastic firmly duct-taped to the institutional carpet on the stage that the audience had questioned but not fully considered, there was the sound of movement. It was faint at first, just a rustling.

Then, sound exploded through the air: frantic squeaks of sweaty hands against the tightly pulled plastic. The outline of balled fists, rounded knees, feet and fingers collided with the covering, pushing out.

A small opening finally gave way and hands, arms, knees and legs flew into view. Punctured and stretched to its limit, the plastic gave way and Hachiyonagi appeared, gasping for air.

Though by no means recovered, Hachiyonagi rose and staggered to a briefcase on the side of the stage. The clasps snapped back firmly as she opened it. From the briefcase she extracted a dark business suit and began to dress herself.

The wide, padded shoulders suggested that it was a man's business suit jacket. She stood, straightened her suit and then bent to purposefully grasp the briefcase's handle.

Hachiyonagi then began the corporate march, dutiful, straightforward, arms swinging, not even a glance to the side. She could be any number of businesswomen striding to the office at the beginning of a workday.

Then, the inevitable happened:

Hachiyonagi's brisk steps brought her to the half circle wall surrounding the stage. Not slowing and not flinching, she slammed into the wall and fell.

This continued, but each time she fell, the effort it took to rise again was amplified. Her knees gave way and she stumbled, trying to maintain composure as she walked forward, but again and again she was met head-on with the wall's solid barricade. The point was that she could be any number of businesswomen.

"The apparent success of some women in the business world gives the impression that the contemporary society is liberated, though the struggles behind the scenes and the sacrifices women make to achieve success are often overlooked or ignored," said Hachiyonagi about her performance.

"We, as women, face so many invisible walls, it's hard to even imagine it. We fall and pretend it doesn't hurt," she continued.

The idea of meeting over and over with the wall, falling and rising again, tiring of the struggle does seem to resonate with the experiences of many women in professional careers. As Hachiyonagi noted, not only must women work harder than men in order to prove they are as capable, they are also faced with pressure to be perfect wives and mothers.

So what is to come of this struggle? This is the question Hachiyonagi's piece asked, but did not fully answer. The ambiguous ending allows, even demands, personal interpretation and a good deal of reflection, which was Hachiyonagi's intent.

"I am always very interested in people's responses, because I can't view my piece as I could a painting. The way the piece is done is not even something I can anticipate like a play. I am not acting. I am living that moment," she said. The multiple ways that the performance can be viewed also interests Hachiyonagi, and she wouldn't want a piece that limited a viewer's reaction.

In the piece, after one particularly hard fall, while the stage was still vibrating with the force of her body's contact, Hachiyonagi again opened the suitcase and pulled out gleaming scissors.

While the audience sucked in fearful breaths, Hachiyonagi contemplated the scissors and then began to tear, rip, and peel off the business suit. The tension in the auditorium was high.

"I was angry," she said. "I wanted to rip that form I was forced into apart, any way I could. I had struggled to get to that stage [as a businesswoman] and originally when I put on the suit, I was proud; not everyone can get there."

But, the piece suggested, perhaps accepting the wholly male tradition is limiting and even damaging to women in business, and other careers, who try to fit into that archetypal model.

Once stripped of the suit and again in her black tank top and shorts, Hachiyonagi turned her attention to the black plastic that had previously covered her in a cocoon-like way. Though her slicing of the plastic was desperate, it was directed and purposeful; soon she had cut the proper pieces to fashion a wedding gown and veil, which she wrapped around herself, clothing herself in the material she had come from.

The steely, glinting scissors as her bouquet and a black train following her, Hachiyonagi slowly stepped with the even glide of a wedding march out of the auditorium.

"When I was walking down the aisle, something moved me almost to tears. It could've been the exhaustion. It could've been the thoughts I had about all women's struggles," said Hachiyonagi.

Because conferences usually feature scholars reading paper after paper, Hachiyonagi's contribution was particularly welcome, if unexpected.

"I would like to see conferences open up to the arts. It could be performance art, poetry, music, dance, anything," said Hachiyonagi. □

Speaker: look again at Voodoo

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Brown, who spoke at the Sibley Lecture on Feb. 28 in Howell Hall, said that conspiracies are stronger than Voodoo charms.

In August 1997, 32-year-old Haitian immigrant, Abner Louima, was beaten and sexually assaulted when a toilet plunger was shoved up his rectum and then into his mouth by three New York City police officers.

"Haiti in the eyes of white America is synonymous with black magic," Brown said.

She explained that Voodoo is mis-recognized as evil and is associated with bad science.

Brown also explained that Wanga, the transformation of everyday objects into symbols of empowerment to help combat oppression, is the real basis for Haiti's Voodoo religion.

Haitian immigrants in NYC used Wanga to combat police brutality in a peaceful march by attaching plungers to their heads and crotches to express their disgust non-verbally.

Unarmed Haitian immigrant, Amadou Diallo, who was shot 19 times by four NYC police officers,

is another tragic example of police brutality and racism, Brown indicated.

She said she deeply regrets the outcome of the trial between the Diallo family and the New York Police Department.

"The acquittal of all four officers makes me sick at heart," she said.

She believes the police won partly because the media focused their attention on Diallo's character rather than on the shootings that occurred. She said that, to her, television media seems more interested in ratings than anything else.

She also said she finds that the secrecy of the NYPD as a whole lead to their victory.

Many white Americans and Europeans condemn the Voodoo religion for its secrecy. However, Brown explained that their secrecy serves a different purpose from that of the NYC police officers.

"Haitians use secrecy as an everyday survival strategy to protect themselves against persecution," she explained.

Brown said more needs to be done, though.

"Toilet Plungers [Wanga] could not stand up to police brutality," Brown said. □



PHOTO BY CARMEN ANDREWS
Kristin Feuss, Sophia Del Gigante, Marie Germano, Jessica Sessler and April Felipe chose to watch their favorite shows outside last week. The group set up outside of the Brick and Kruson.

...Senate

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business administration/finance major Jalal Clemens, who will sit as Finance Chair.

The group has some big plans for the next year, and each notes there will be challenges along the way.

For Vice President Rachael Downey, just being elected was a challenge.

"It's just a relief to have [the election] over," she said, referring to her close race with fellow sophomore Chris Stavriar.

Downey won the run-off election by a startling two votes.

Of course, now that she's in, things aren't getting easier.

"All of the things Seth and I campaigned for ... we're trying to follow through on all of those issues," Downey said, emphasizing this was going to happen "this semester."

Indeed, Mulligan has already brought some of his big issues to the floor, including the pursuit of senate representation for academic colleges at AU.

"[Some campaign issues] have to be discussed and resolved now so that they can put in place at the start of next year," Mulligan explained.

This is making his life a little hectic, however.

"The stress [in pushing these issues] is all related to fitting everything into the six meetings left for this school year," he explained.

While Mulligan wields the most power over what the direction Senate takes, Clemens has the

huge job in front of him of helping allocate money to student organizations next weekend.

Clemens will preside over the annual, sometimes messy, budget hearings.

"Jalal and the entire Finance Committee is going to have their hands full," Mulligan said of the budget hearings slated for April 8. Mulligan, however, has confidence in his Finance Chair.

"Jalal's experience and role so far show that [the hearings] aren't something he can't handle," Mulligan said.

Clemens feels confident as well. "I find [the budget hearings] to be a challenge," he said. However, he added that he's going to try to make things go well.

"I am looking forward to having a great time in the process," he said. "I hope we will have a fun and productive hearing."

Clemens pledged he would try to be as fair and impartial as he can be at the hearings.

"I want everyone to know I will not tolerate disrespect for others in the hearings," he said.

Pena said he was impressed with the job Clemens has already done towards making the hearings run smoothly.

Once that money is handed out, it becomes Pena's job to keep track of it and Reina's job to ensure groups that got funds are still making it to Senate.

"I want people to know the importance of attending Senate," she said. She noted that, aside from the possibilities of losing funding because of bad attendance, Senate is still one of the best ways to keep up with what is

happening on the AU campus. Reina is especially upbeat about the relatively young executive board.

"We're very focused," she said, "and the energy level is great."

Reina did note that it would be necessary to clarify what duties belong to which executive board members.

"The duties of each officer have not been defined well," she said. "We're figuring out who does what."

Regardless, Downey knows she is to oversee Senate committees. These will soon get her attention.

"There are going to be changes in the committee structure," she said. She noted those plans would be revealed in the next few weeks.

Pena is looking to effect some changes in the participation aspects of Senate, emphasizing he wanted to work to make sure senators keep their organizations up to date with Senate proceedings.

Downey said she is excited about the upcoming year, a sentiment the other members, like Pena, echo.

"The current exec board is a group of students who are all very outspoken and have a desire to make positive and effective changes to the AU community and student body," Pena said. □

...ITS

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reclaiming our bandwidth," Morling said. "We're here to support the student population, not dictate [to] them," he added.

Napster was taken away only to free up "breathing room," not to infringe upon the First Amendment right of free speech, as many believed it to be, Morling clarified. Many students sent e-mails to Morling indicating that shutting down Napster was an expression of censorship.

"This is a sensitive subject," Morling noted, "but it was and always will have to deal with bandwidth."

A student suggesting adding another T1 line to expand the accessibility for students to connect onto the Internet. Morling said that AU does not have the funds to do such. AU is already paying a considerable amount for the two T1 lines the campus is using. Besides, there would still be gridlock and it would only be a temporary fix, requiring more management, Morling explained.

Students, however, were upset that Napster was not accessible to them.

Before spring break, Morling contacted a software company. The company suggested software

to allow prioritizing and monitoring the network traffic. This would prevent excessive blocking of the bandwidth, yet still allow Napster to operate.

This "Dynamic Prioritization Configuration" would decide which programs take precedence over other programs. During the day, educational-based programs and Internet mail will take precedence while at night and on weekends, entertainment programs, such as Napster and games, can take up bandwidth [see sidebar].

After several failed attempts, ITS was able to set up this "Dynamic Prioritization" on March 19. However, Napster was not available. Morling wanted to be sure that the new prioritizing program was stable before restoring Napster. After several days without any conflicts, Napster was made accessible on March 24 once again.

As a means of informing students of the status of the network, Morling has posted a new website. Regular updates can be found at <http://www.alfred.edu/its/netstatus.html>.

"Our ultimate cause is to better service," he said. This was a win-win situation, where he can monitor Internet traffic in and out of the campus network and yield way for better use for students. □

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Greil receives many honors

BY JASON PILARZ
FEATURES EDITOR

A biography in *Who's Who in America*. An article in the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. A promotion within the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

It's been a busy winter for Larry Greil, professor of sociology and health policy at AU, who still had time to teach his classes and sit down for an interview in which he discussed his interests, past accomplishments, present motivations, and future desires.

Recently, Greil learned that he has been named Executive Officer of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Such a position, he noted, involves "running the logistic end" of the society, including planning conferences and ensuring the day-to-day operations of the society go smoothly. He believes that his four-year stint as treasurer of the organization led to his appointment as executive officer.

At first glance, Greil's professional interests of infertility, gender roles, and the sociology of religion seem disjointed and random, but they soon fall into place after a connection is explained.

His overall interest is to discover "how people deal intellectually with problems," and how they seek to answer the question of "why me?" when tragedy befalls them. His interest in infertility came out of his own experiences as part of an infertile couple and the extensive personal research he did on the subject. It was his further research into infertility that ignited his interest in gender roles.

"I was always interested in

religion," he stated, and he pursued that track originally, majoring in religion at Syracuse. He soon discovered that theological studies did not satisfy him, and found his calling in the realm of sociology.

His interest in religion was still there, Greil said, but the "sociological way [of studying religion] had answers that the theological didn't."

Studying religion from a sociological standpoint is natural, as society and its religion often go hand in hand.

In early history, he said, religions promoted the social order, acting as "legitimizers of kings" but also holding the power to delegitimize them.

When asked about the link between gender roles and religion, Greil stated that the great religions have the "power to transform gender roles."

Greil, who is Jewish, recalled recently a student asking him for his thoughts on the Pope's apology to the Jews. His response was that such an apology is not important, but that the Pope "hasn't done all he could to make women equal in the Church."

Greil's sociological analysis of religion goes far beyond conventional religions. He believes that the definition of the term "religion" is one negotiated in the media, and that while people may argue whether something is a religion, cult or therapy, all have similar characteristics.

His key interest is the "process by which people maintain belief systems," systems that can range from organized religion to a personal belief to Alcoholics Anonymous. The importance lies not in what each is defined by

society as, but how and why people believe in them and how they help people through problems.

When looking toward the future, Greil noted that he does not look far ahead, only focusing on "what I want to get done tomorrow." However, he is in the stages of planning a book on the "religious lives of non-religious Jews" in order to explore the concept of religion as "whatever people do when they say they are practicing religion" as well as the differences and similarities in those who attend synagogue weekly and those who do not.

While discussing his desire to someday write a book on adoption, Greil suggested to his daughter, Maddie, also present by virtue of a day off from school, that she too could write her own book on adoption and asked her whether being adopted was any different from not being adopted. Her response: "not really."

When asked why he chose to live and work in Alfred, Greil noted that while the fact that it was one of the places that offered him a job was definitely a factor, he did "want a place that valued teaching" as opposed to research. He said he also enjoys the rural environment.

As for an ultimate goal of his, Greil noted that he would like to visit "every country in the world," adding with a chuckle that his wife merely wants to see every civilized country.

Greil has taught at AU since 1977, with duties that have included Director of the Honors Program, Acting Chair of the Division of Social Sciences, and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a position he still holds. □

Many options for students at CDC fair

BY JASON PILARZ
FEATURES EDITOR

Alfred University students interested in finding a job had to look no further than the McLane Center last Thursday as the Career Development Center sponsored the 2000 Career Fair.

William Gucwa, a section head of the state Department of Taxation and Finance, provided information on openings as a fiscal systems auditor. As senior human resource representative, Christin Coddington spoke about job opportunities at Alstom Transportation in Hornell.

Gucwa and Coddington were just some of the more than 75 companies who sent representatives or arranged for resume collection at the event, designed to provide a contact point between interested students and prospective employers.

Employers represented ranged from national firms, such as Enterprise Rent-A-Car, to Alfred University itself.

Stephanie Spackman, coordinator of experiential education at the CDC, said that the fair was "much larger than in past years" and that she was also impressed at the number of students attending.

The fair offered something for everyone, including internship opportunities and general information about the companies.

Many companies provided information on summer internships as well as permanent jobs, including Northwestern Mutual Life, which touted its internship program that ranks in the top ten percent nationally. □

Steve Hayes, a representative for FleetBoston Financial, accepted resumes and applications for summer positions as bank tellers. Gucwa, from the Department of Taxation and Finance, was not sure of his department's internship program, as funds for such a program depended on the New York State budget and varied from year to year.

Thomas Penna, an examiner with the National Credit Union Administration, also was not sure of internship opportunities for freshmen, but suggested that a call to the Albany headquarters would yield the answer.

It was clear from the varied crowd at the event that students had different motivations for attending the fair. Some arrived in business suits while others were more casual, looking at the company's displays to get ideas for the future.

Kathy Woughter, director of the Career Development Center, noted that a great deal of planning goes into organizing the annual fair.

She went on to explain that over 2,500 invites went out for the fair.

Employers that were especially targeted included those who "use campus recruiting as primary recruiting sources," Woughter said. These were mostly in the fields of business and engineering. The human services sector was also heavily represented, with law enforcement, summer camp and teaching jobs abundant.

The result was the "most employers that we've ever had," Woughter said. □

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Students present "Roundtable" flick

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
STAFF WRITER

Did you ever think you would live to see the day a full-length world premiere movie played at Alfred?

The Barely Censored Legend of the Roundtable — or — *Things to 'Do' on the Roundtable* attracted a crowd to Nevins Theatre on last Wednesday.

Written, directed, produced and performed by students, the film came about as a result of a final project in an Honors seminar, "King Arthur Goes to Hollywood," taught by Fiona Tolhurst, assistant professor of English. The film combines several medieval tales involving heroes such as King Arthur, Sir Gawain, Merlin, Sir Galahad, Sir Lancelot, Lady

Guinevere and Sir Owein. It also expands the legends with the creation of new characters and situations.

Starring in "The Barely Censored Legend of the Roundtable" were Jennifer Shuler (director), Michael Topp, Sunil Prasad (assistant directors), David Bowman, Sarah Glynn, Erica Hesselbach, Jamie Kern, Nicolas Rock and Gretchen Scherzler (billed as "assistant assistant directors"). The film's editing, which included sound and visual effects, was done by Prasad. According to Shuler, "each student put in around 150 to 200 hours [of work] over the course of the project," resulting in the feature-length production.

"We took over the underwear

room in Li'l Alf and wrote at a roundtable... the script took about three days," said Shuler.

Topp added that "There was a lot of improv. around that as we filmed."

This marked a first endeavor into filmmaking for most of the students involved in the production.

"We meant to do a twenty minute film," said Shuler, "and it just kind of grew."

Clips from the film, which is still somewhat of a work-in-progress, were shown to the cast's Honors seminar at the end of last semester, but this was the first full run of the film.

Guest stars added humor to the film, with everyone from random passers-by to King Alfred (the statue) himself playing a part. Topp said that the cast "appreciated the kindness of Alfred students during the film's production, as well as Dr. Tolhurst, Kathy Woughter, and AUTV" for offering everything from inspiration to use of the Steinheim as a battle site.

The film also took some humorous modern liberties with the tales; for instance, King Arthur and his knights fighting on a football field to the sounds of the "Mortal Kombat" theme, and a red Ford Mustang as Arthur's "noble steed." But even through the take-offs and interweaving of tales, the characters and stories were basically preserved throughout the production. □

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 "Not apologizing in the name of the church as a whole is thought to be an elegant evasive tactic to keep the church holy, free from error and sin, avoiding its responsibility for past mistakes and wrongdoings," Porat had said.

Another issue in the apology is that the pope did not specifically state the atrocities committed by the church against these groups, according to Alfred alumnus Joel Salesky, a Jewish student who currently lives in Israel.

"The apology sets a tone for future change within the Catholic institution and community," Salesky began. "I am, however, wary of what the future will bring since, although the apology implied (although did not specifically state) atrocities perpetrated by Catholicism, the reasoning for the Church's undertaking of such enterprises was not given an apology."

Many people are skeptical about the practical outcomes of the apology.

Naomi Manon, a senior, commented, "as someone who feels very connected to Judaism and to Israel, I don't really feel that the apology has made a big impact on me. It might make some people feel better, but it doesn't really say anything. I don't think there will be any practical effects. It's a very political thing, and it's nice, but it doesn't do a whole lot."

Manon spent a year studying in Israel.

Another Alfred alumnus, Josh Hertz, agreed.

"I appreciate the apology as it shows a change in attitude of the Catholic clergy," he stated. "Is it too little too late? Of course, it can't erase the acts committed during the Inquisition and the Holy Wars and (as evidence is coming forth) the Holocaust and all of the other sins committed in the name of the church against Jews and gentiles alike."

Hertz will visit the Holy Land for Passover.

Ostrower said of the apology's practical effects, "it's not likely to end criticism on church policy."

On the other hand, Ostrower suggested that the apology "may further reduce the gulf between the church on one hand and other groups, not only Jewish, who felt that history warrants an apology."

Most people agree that, although there may not be immediate practical effects, the apology is a move in the right direction.

Hertz commented, "I truly appreciate the sentiments expressed, and I hope this can end the thousands of years of injustice the church has carried forth. I think the pope has done much to carry forth a more twenty-first century message with other expressions such as this one, and I think he has come a long way toward mending the past transgressions."

"The apology is remarkable in that the church has seen its way to come to an apology. It's really exemplary," remarked Stuart Campbell, professor of history at AU.

Ostrower added, "rarely do religious or political leaders apologize. When Clinton apologized for actions taken in Uganda or treatment of Japanese Americans during World War Two, it was unusual. But certain things have to be said."

Greil again quoted Porat in sup-

porting the apology, saying, "there is great symbolical significance to the Pope's request of forgiveness. It is a confident building step, and famous Papal statements do carry their weight in history for many centuries, either for the better or for the worse. I think we should applaud the Pope's courage and keep encouraging him to go the right way towards reconciliation."

Bob Donius, campus minister at St. Jude's and St. Brendan's, added to this sentiment with the idea that the apology and the pilgrimage to the Holy Land are connected.

"The apology sets up the pilgrimage of peace to the Holy Land. We, as a Catholic community, see the call for peace comes from the humility in seeing we aren't perfect," Donius said.

Salesky discussed the pope's pilgrimage and its connection to the apology.

"The pope's recognition of the State of Israel and recognition of Catholic wrongs has generated positive responses, although this is overshadowed by a less-than-could-be apology and the Vatican's overtures concerning politics in the region."

Donius explained the role of the apology and pilgrimage: "The Pope is in a unique position of influence in this point in history; he befriends countries by traveling as an ambassador of peace, not a political entity. That's not to say the church doesn't have its politics, but the goal of the church is not as a political player but as a messenger of peace."

Donius explained what he feels peace means: "Forgiveness doesn't mean I try to forget what happened. It means I don't remember with bitterness. I remember with grief, with regret, with pain, but I've chosen to let go of it. [One] should never say the Holocaust never happened ... it's not a denial, but a full acknowledgement saying that healing is necessary."

In a local move for peace, Donius spoke about the local interfaith council, where members of different faiths discuss religious issues monthly. He predicted that "the apology is likely to be a topic" at the next monthly meeting.

Despite the widely diverse responses to the apology, most sources agree that it is a first step, but there is a lot more to be done.

Salesky said, "it is hoped that the Pope's words will be followed by a shift in the Catholic Church's doctrine and a subsequent filtering to Catholic communities."

Hertz suggested further measures.

"I think to really make a difference he must apologize at the Israeli Holocaust Memorial, a site he is scheduled to visit during his trip to Israel, specifically regarding the church's actions during World War II, and that will be a huge mending of ties."

Ostrower said he feels the Pope has at least started a dialogue.

"The Pope focuses on some important issues, but the fact that [the apology] doesn't settle the issues entirely is understandable. He is willing at least to open the issues to discussion," Ostrower expressed.

Donius summed up his feelings on the apology with, "the longest journey begins with one step; [the apology] is not everything. Any human bigotry needs to be eradicated." □

REVIEW

Easy-going grooves on CD

BY JAY WEISBERGER
 MANAGING EDITOR

In a month that has seen Billy Corgan pontificate on the new Smashing Pumpkins album and Oasis put out their best album since most AU students were in high school, it's easy to miss smaller releases.

Supreme Beings of Leisure's self-titled debut, for instance. This easy-to-listen-to album provides danceable grooves throughout.

Imagine Portishead taking a trip to a sun-soaked beach town and you might start to get an idea of how the disc feels.

The group, consisting of Geri Soriano-Lightwood on vocals, Ramin Sakurai on keyboards, Kiran Shahani on bass and Rick Torres on guitar and sitar, packs a good feeling into all 44-plus minutes of the disc.

Each song brings a new feel to the album. "Never the Same," opens the disc with an easygoing sway to accompany the singing of Soriano-Lightwood.

The track is followed up by the fuzz-guitar tinged, "Goldigger." The song would

be just as good on the boardwalk as it would on a dance floor.

The song that will get the most people moving is "Strangelove Addiction," which if you listen to the right radio stations, you may have heard.

After fooling you with a sitar intro, the song booms out with a fuzz-guitar storm. The beat hits and you're moving; Soriano-Lightwood's vocals start and you're hooked.

Soriano-Lightwood wrote the lyrics to the songs, providing a bit of a glimpse into her life.

"I was too busy playin' princess while you were off there somewhere else/I was too worried about someone else and her name could almost rhyme with mine," she sings with a bluesy twang on "Truth From Fiction."

But, man, she can be cryptic, too!

"Just like Golden Lotus I get lost," she sings on "Sublime," an Eastern-tinged, bouncy track. Maybe I'm just not up on my lotus-eating skills.

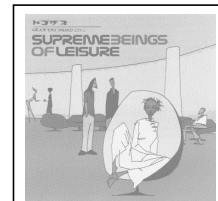
It's still a great song. In fact, none of the tracks are really a bore.

The CD is perfect for when you want to get your body moving to something new, or just have something in the background while you read that next psychology chapter.

This album could be the best release of the year so far that hasn't received the attention of the big boys like the Pumpkins or the Gallagher brothers.

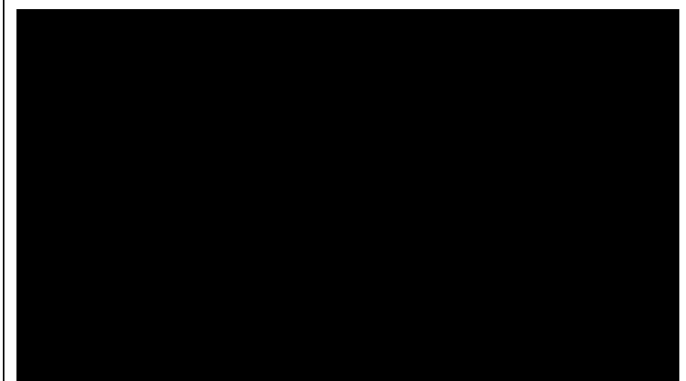
Soriano-Lightwood's singing is mesmerizing, and the vibe is excellent.

The band has already received a fair amount of ink out West. It should be interesting to see what SBL does in the future. □



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Medicine and fitness central at Health Fair '00

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Crandall Health Center sponsored a health fair, which showed people ways to improve their overall health, in the Knight Club on March 22.

Students, faculty and staff members, as well as outside participants, set up many different tables. Some topics included information on responsible drinking; the advantages of regular exercise; how to manage asthma, depression, or stress; the benefits of using plants for medicinal purposes; and ways to prevent bacterial resistance to antibiotics.

Matthias Reisen, who owns the Herb Farm and Education Center in Avoca with his wife, Andrea Reisen, presented an array of medicinal herbs and plant-based facial creams, which can be home-made.

"The plants here are attention-getters. People are not aware that there is plant sugar 200 times sweeter than regular refined sugar and great for people with diabetes," Reisen said.

He also indicated that a plant called St. John's Wort can be used as an anti-depressant and also helps repair damaged nerve tissue.

Jackie Brown, a freshman, represented the Biology Club at a table.

The main goal of the Biology Club's table was to educate people on how to combat antibiotic resistance, Brown said.

Antibiotic resistance occurs

when certain types of harmful bacteria survive even with the specified antibiotic treatment. To help prevent this, Brown indicated that a person should always finish taking his or her antibiotic and avoid using antibacterial soap because it allows resistant bacteria to multiply, eventually making the soap ineffective.

Rosetta Brown-Greaney, the nurse practitioner in charge of the health fair, said that the main goal of the event is to present health in a fun way to help people become aware of their overall well being. It is fun and educational at the same time, she indicated.

M*A*S*H was this year's health fair theme because the majority of the committee members are fans of the show. Many people wore army clothing or printed shirts.

Greaney started the health fair last year, and due to its success, even more tables were set up this year.

She said she was pleased that the only challenge was finding enough space to accommodate everybody.

It also pleased her that any member of the community can become involved in an event like this.

"[The health fair] improves the image of the Crandall Health Center. It allows us to present ourselves outside the clinical role," Greaney said.

She said she hopes that even more people will participate next year. □

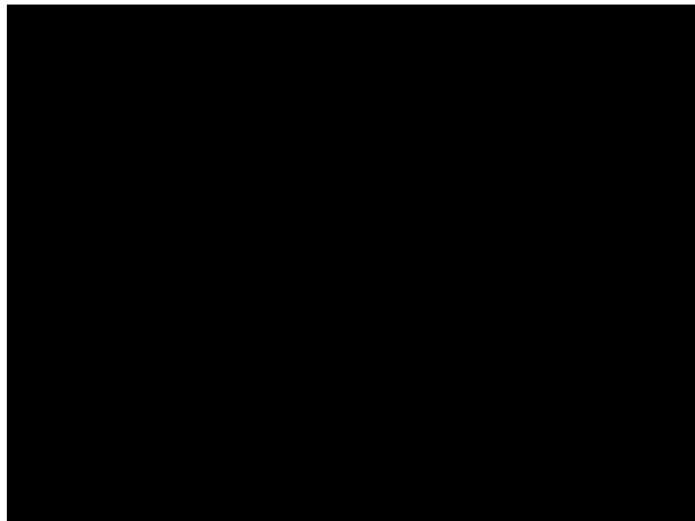


PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER
Davie Clay, a senior, checks out the different offerings at the Crandall Health Center's annual health fair. Tables had information about many different health topics.

O'Brien presents works to AU

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
A & E EDITOR

"One of the reasons I became a writer was because I don't know a damn thing," began Tim O'Brien in the annual O'Hara lecture. On Thursday, March 24, O'Brien, an award winning American author, offered insights into his writing to an overflowing Holmes Auditorium.

"Fiction is not about what you know, but what you don't know," O'Brien explained. He then told a story about his dream to be a writer.

A very bad baseball player when he was young, O'Brien read a book about a little boy who won the Little League World Series.

O'Brien wrote his first novel immediately after reading this book. Its title was *Timmy, the Little Leaguer*, a title that was "a complete rip-off" of the book that O'Brien read.

O'Brien said that his novel *Going After Cacciato* follows the theme of *Timmy, the Little Leaguer*. The novelist explained with, "I never walked away from Vietnam, like Timmy

won the World Series."

O'Brien credited the power of imagination, saying that fiction presents "a world as it could be, a world as it should be."

O'Brien's next story was about an airplane that he and his childhood friend Herbie built out of wood.

Upon asking his father for an engine, his dad said, "One engine coming up. No sweat." All summer, they waited for the engine. Finally, his father brought home a turtle named Toby and said, "That's the best I can do."

Herbie was a "disturbed kid," according to O'Brien, and he invented a game in which they were to nail Herbie's little sister, Lorna Sue, to the cross-shaped airplane. "It started out as a game ... but suddenly I knew Herbie was going to do it," O'Brien said. When O'Brien's mother came out of the house, terrified, and asked what was going on, Lorna Sue replied, "It's Sunday school, and I get to be Jesus."

When he explained to his father that it was just a game, his father told him that the hammer was real, that it was

not a game. The son replied, "Yeah, but was Toby a real engine?"

This event intrigued O'Brien, and introduced an important question about language.

"Words mean something different for me than for you," he suggested.

After revealing these stories about his inception as a writer, O'Brien shifted to talking about the war.

"I don't consider myself as a writer of Vietnam," he stated. "I write about the human heart."

He then read from his novel *The Things They Carried*.

The character in the novel kills a man in Vietnam. The character reacts to this killing, stating, "It was not a matter of live or die ... The young man would have simply passed me by ... And it will always be that way."

On one of the functions of fiction, O'Brien remarked, "Stories are for joining the past to the future ... for eternity, when memory is erased, when there's nothing remembered but the story." □

Medievalist tells of hard times, prayer in past

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
A & E EDITOR

When famine struck, people in the 14th century turned to prayers and supplications to keep the animals on which they relied for food and labor safe.

Dr. William Chester Jordan, a medieval historian, presented the annual Russell Lecture in Nevins Theatre, March 23.

A Princeton professor for more than 20 years, Jordan received his Ph.D. from Princeton and his A.B. in Russian Studies, mathematics, and history from Ripon College in Wisconsin.

The title of his speech was "God and the Animals: Medieval Europe in the Early Fourteenth Century."

Jordan introduced his talk by setting up the historical context of the Great Famine in the early fourteenth century.

"Crop production was about one-third of the normal crop yield ... having serious consequences for human health," Jordan explained.

Jordan then referred to a supplication prayer that he had copied onto a handout for the audience. A ceremony to save dying sheep, the prayer described in great detail the specific methods of the ceremony.

Incorporating various languages and biblical texts, the prayer included a charm which describes a shepherdess inhabit-

ing an idyllic isle. According to Jordan, these isles were a safe haven, a reward for "perfect innocence." They represented both paradise and sheep cotes, where sheep were kept.

Jordan showed a slide representing Jesus as the "Good Shepherd," which offered visual representations of these little sheep isles. He then described the various connotations of these isles in a religious context.

In a separate interview, Jordan explained that his goal was to "reconstruct how people dealt in a spiritual way with this crisis."

He said that this research is "an outgrowth of my recent book on famine. It's an insight on how rural people deal with threats to their livelihood."

The lecture is part of a "work in progress," according to Jordan. "I want to continue working on other supplication prayers dealing with animals, as well as more work on iconography." He said he hopes eventually to compile the research into a long article.

Jordan knows many languages, including Sanskrit, Old Norse, Hebrew, and Russian.

"I have a little competition with one of my contemporaries [to learn new languages]," Jordan said. He explained that he learns languages that are both useful to his research, as well as ones of personal interest. □

Harvard professor to speak at honors induction

AU NEWS BUREAU

Dr. David Gordon Mitten, adjunct professor at the Harvard Divinity School, will be the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony of the Alfred University chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.

The ceremony will be held Friday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Saxon Inn dining room.

Mitten has been adjunct professor of the Harvard Divinity School since 1984.

He has also been James Loeb Professor of Classical Art and Archaeology, Department of Classics, Harvard University, since 1969.

In 1993, he received the Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Excellence in Teaching from Harvard.

Mitten earned a Ph.D. in classical archaeology from Harvard

in 1962, a master's degree in classical archaeology from Harvard in 1958 and a bachelor's degree in Latin from Oberlin College in 1957.

To be eligible for induction to Delta Mu Delta, students must be in the top 20 percent of their class, have a grade-point average of 3.3 or better and have completed at least 64 credits in the College of Business. □

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Big weekend for University

Prospective students, the Girl Scouts and several lacrosse teams converged on the Alfred University campus last weekend.

Accepted students from all over the country arrived for the University's accepted student open house.

The open house offered prospectives a chance to meet the heads of many organizations, fill out housing forms and ask current students questions

about student life.

Many organizations from all parts of the campus community took part in the activity fair offered in the campus center.

At the McLane Center, AU student athletes combined with the local Girl Scouts for a program.

Merrill Field saw the annual Terrence O'Connor lacrosse tournament, featuring the Saxon men in action. The Saxons were able to defeat

Clarkson Saturday. At press time, the tournament victor was not yet determined.

Many activities were planned for the entire weekend as well.

Laser tag was the main event at McLane Light Nite.

The "Writing for Your Life" conference took place, bringing in such famous names as screenwriter Syd Field and novelist Tim O'Brien.

SAB sponsored also a comedian on Saturday night. □

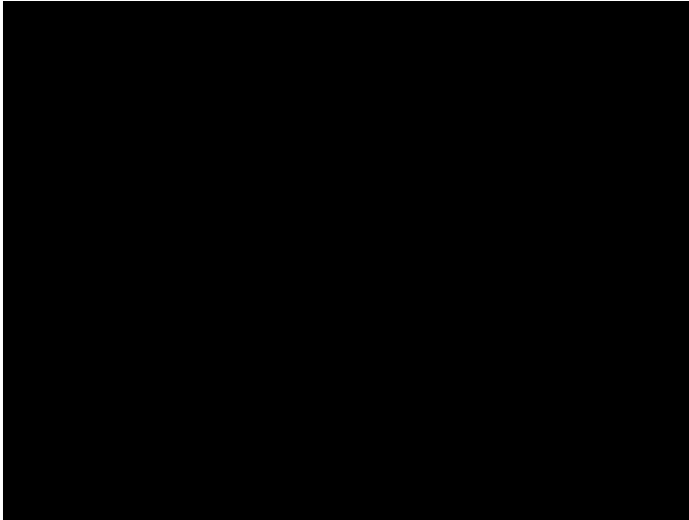


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Prospective students chat with Andy Petrus and Laura Hilfiker of the Kanakadea Yearbook at Saturday's activity fair in the Powell campus center.

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16.5 points per game. She was also fifth in free throw shooting (73.5 percent) and third in steals (2.75 per game).

Ratchuk led Alfred (4-20 overall, 1-13 Empire Eight) in scoring, free-throw percentage, and three-pointers. She was second on the squad in assists.

Other Saxon athletes finished well in the conference statistics. Lisa Valitutto finished sixth in rebounds (8.6 per game) and Lee Ann Kushner finished sixth in steals (2.25 per game).

Men's track

Brad Bowden finished 14th in the long jump (19' 3.25") at the ECAC Championships. Scott Scheibner finished 16th in the 1,000 meter dash (2:37.85) at the event as well.

Women's track

Jen Ares finished second (1:17.51) at the ECAC Championships at Wheaton College in the 500-meter dash to break her own school record. Anne Gutmann also broke a school record at the championships with her 10th place finish (10:53.83) in the 3,000 meter-run.

Men's lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team has an optimistic outlook after starting 2-1.

The Saxons started their season over the mid-semester break by traveling to Colorado. The first game was a 7-5 victory over

Colorado College. Jamie Pierce led the Saxons with two goals and an assist. Bryan Bacon also added two goals. Josh Dunn stopped 22 shots between the pipes.

AU then traveled to 26th ranked Whittier College and was unable to steal a win while on the road. The Poets won 6-5 on a late fourth quarter goal.

R. J. Dawson and Mike McGuire each had a goal and an assist, and Pierce added two assists. Dunn started the game and allowed three goals in the first 13 minutes. He was then replaced by P.J. Campbell, who played the final 47 minutes, stopping 16 shots and allowing three goals.

In their first home game, the Saxons defeated conference rival Utica 18-10 at friendly Merrill Field.

Dawson scored just 28 seconds into regulation, but the Pioneers scored mid-way through the first period to tie up the game. The Saxons then rallied and scored seven unanswered goals to take an 8-1 lead Utica could never make up.

Dawson scored five goals and two assists to lead AU, while Pierce added three goals and an assist of his own. Rob Strickland and George Eason each added two goals and assists.

The Saxons hosted the Terrence O'Connor Tournament at Merrill Field this past weekend.

Women's lacrosse

The women's Lax team also split their two games in Colorado over

break, defeating Regis University but losing to Colorado College.

The Saxons started out their season on a big high, defeating Regis University 12-1.

Lauren D'Aurio broke a school record for career goals in the game, netting three goals. She also added an assist. Sheilah Higgins led the Saxons with three goals and two assists. Suzanne Haarmann also scored three goals. Mary Beth Bruder made three saves for the victory.

The Saxons were unable to follow up their win, losing to Colorado College 5-1. AU's only goal was scored by Lindsay deCispiques.

In their first game home from the Colorado trip, the Saxons lost to University of Rochester 18-12.

Higgins scored six goals to lead the Saxons, and D'Aurio had six points, scoring four goals and two assists. With the six-point performance, D'Aurio became the AU all-time leader in goals (133), assists (40) and points (170).

Bruder made 13 saves in the loss.

Softball

The women's softball team posted a 5-5 record at the Orlando Rebel Spring Games over the mid-semester break.

The Saxons started out the week defeating Anderson 4-1. Alicia DeAndrea was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, with a double and driving in two runs. Pitcher Jenny Rae Skinner allowed just six hits in seven innings for the win.

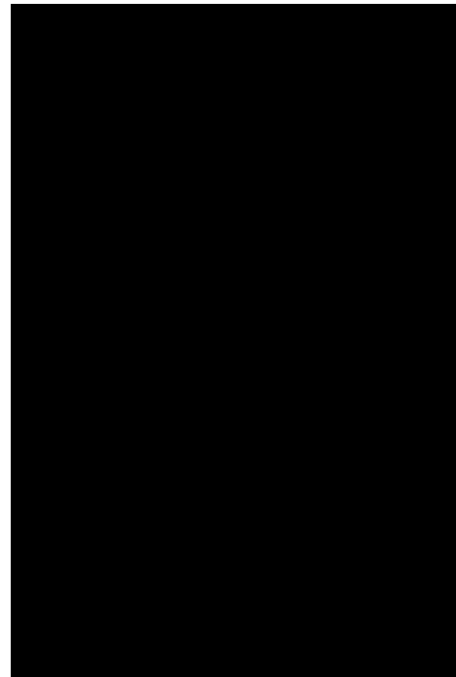


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Members of the local group of Girl Scouts participate in a program in the McLane Center with AU student athletes.

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level is just as good as any team that I have ever played on." He said he wants to be able to "keep the 'kids' inline, and to be a teacher to all of the younger members of the team."

While the two teams were picking their captains, it was obvious what Enke was talking about when he mentioned the "healthy, happy, fun student athlete."

The track team also has a very impressive collective GPA, which shows that they are the strong student athletes. □

Then the Saxons went on to lose four games in a row to Bluffton 11-2, Marietta 3-2, Maryville 8-4 and Muhlenberg 9-1.

The Saxons then snapped the four-game losing streak defeated Hiram 9-1. Then, the Saxons

shutout St. Norbert 4-0 and Wilmington 11-3.

With five wins already this season, the Saxons look to beat their team record of seven wins in a season set in 1997 and 1999.

—compiled by Andy Berman

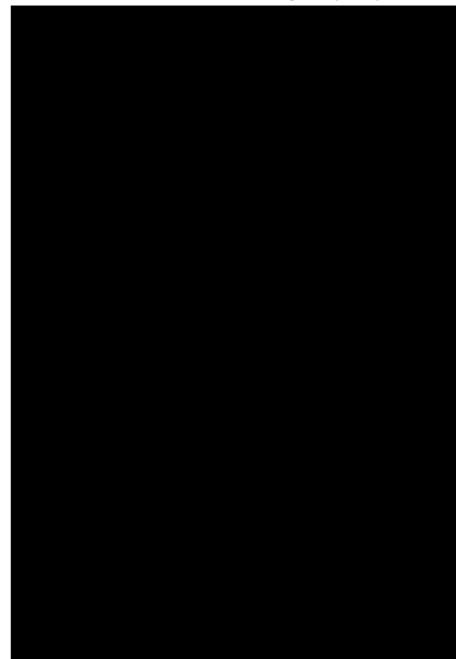


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Jamie Pierce celebrates scoring vs. Clarkson Saturday. AU won 11-8.



Women look to up intensity

BY JAY WEISBERGER
MANAGING EDITOR

AU's women's lacrosse team was shaken up when Denna Stachelek left the team and assistant Tina Murphy suddenly found herself in charge of the squad.

Not that she wasn't used to such a situation.

"It happened before when I was an assistant at LeMoyné," Murphy said, explaining how she had to take over at LeMoyné for two seasons when two different head coaches left from 1996-98.

In fact, taking over the team, Murphy said, isn't nearly as big a challenge as balancing the time she gives the team and her studies in AU's doctoral level school psychology program.

"It's definitely too much for one person," Murphy said. Because of the abrupt change in coaching, Murphy is working with no assistants.

However, none of this had Murphy feeling anything but optimistic as she led the Saxons (1-3, 0-1 Empire Eight) into weekend play at Geneseo.

"We have the talent we need to get wins," Murphy said. She added that the team is working on getting more focused.

"You're going to play how you practice," Murphy explained, "so we've picked up the intensity of practice."

Senior midfielder Sarah Scavone said she felt good about the practices leading up to the Geneseo game.

"We just have some changes we need to make," Scavone said.

Murphy emphasized one of those changes will have to be playing a full 60-minute game.

"We've only been playing 30 minutes," Murphy said. "When you're up against a good team and only play for half the game you're going to have a tough time."

Murphy said the team is working on getting the offense to work together.

The AU offense took a blow when senior Lindsay Calkins, AU's all-time leading scorer, left the team for personal reasons.

Murphy cited AU's second game of the season, in which the Saxons lost to nationally ranked Colorado College 5-1, as an example of why the offense needs to pick up.

In the match, the Saxon defense played well, while the offense only managed to get two shots on net in the first half.

"We have to get the offense to put the ball on net," Murphy said. "That's how you score."

Murphy noted the offensive punch can come from the one-two punch of senior attacker Lauren D'Aurio, the team's other co-captain, and sopho-

more Sheilah Higgins. D'Aurio is currently second on AU's all-time scoring list, while Higgins has been a big contributor on the field already.

"Lauren had a tough couple of games," Murphy said, "but she's getting back to normal."

"She's an even bigger threat now," Murphy said.

Scavone also praised D'Aurio.

"Lauren has really stepped up on and off the field," she said. "She really makes things happen."

Murphy was quick to note the efforts of sophomore defender Nicole Petrillo.

"[Petrillo] has improved so much from last year," Murphy said, noting her quickness and tenacity on the field.

Murphy said she had set a goal of making states this year. With losses to the University of Rochester and Ithaca, this has turned into a more daunting task.

Murphy, though, feels that the team can show how much it has improved as the season goes on and perhaps still qualify.

"We play Hartwick at the end of the season," Murphy said, adding that playing well against a good team like that could help AU's cause.

"We [also] need to crush other teams," Murphy said.

Scavone sees things turning for the team.

"We're historically a second



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Sophomore attacker Sheilah Higgins avoids an opposing defender in action last season. Higgins has already been a big contributor this year.

half team," she said of the team's trend of playing better during the second half of the season, also noting that the team needs to start playing up to that level now.

Still, she is optimistic about the rest of the season.

"Things are falling together," Scavone said. "We know what we need to do." □

Easy-going track teams run hard

BY CHARLIE CASPARIUS
WEB MANAGER

In more and more sports, coaches, parents and fans are getting aggressive. Even in youth sports, emphasis is placed on winning. The AU track team has fought through adversity and still maintains discipline and integrity as representatives of the AU student body.

Coach Evan Enke explicitly said that he wanted to stay in the background and let the athletes, the students, take the spotlight. Enke is a 1995 alumnus of AU, and this is his first year coaching track. Enke played football for Alfred University and was also a member of the track team. Now he teaches several computer classes and is a coach of a youth wrestling for ages five to eight.

Enke's past involvement shows the character that he brings to the track and to his students. A mellow coach, Enke places emphasis on allowing the students to realize their potential. Enke pushes his students hard; keep in mind, track is a physically demanding sport, illustrated by the moans of the team when Enke announced their Monday aerobic pool practice.

Enke mentioned that one of the teams' strengths was their ability to fight through adversi-

ty. Some teams "tuck their tail," Enke said, but "AU doesn't; they are a strong group of people." The thing he wants to work on the most is to build strong relays, and to find male throwers for the field events.

Enke mentioned that he learns more from his team members every day. Some of those team members include Chris Sabato, who is ranked third in New York State in the pole vault, as well as the three newly elected captains, seniors Jen Ares, Nancy Callen and Kurt Edmiston.

According to Ares, her main objective as captain is to "keep the new girls on the team, maintain the family, and make the freshman girls feel welcome."

Callen agreed but said she also wants to "keep the girls interested in order to keep the track program going."

Both women believe that when the administration was going to remove track from the AU program to save money, the ensuing efforts by the track team brought the women together.

Edmiston said the incident with the track team decreased numbers because the track program was unable to recruit, which lowered numbers and lost a lot of prospectives. Edmiston also said, "the men's team doesn't need a captain; the talent

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SAXON SPORTS ROUNDUP

Much ado as season shifts to spring

Men's swimming

Despite only sending four team members to the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in Atlanta, Ga., the men's swimming team finished a respectable 17th out of 48 teams.

Todd Striker set two new school records and earned two All-America Honors at the championships. Striker finished third in the country in the 200 backstroke (1:50.82). In the preliminary round, Striker broke the previous school record with his 1:50.36 performance.

Earlier at the meet, Striker finished 6th in the 100 backstroke (51.27) to break his own school record.

Brian Striker also had a successful meet, winning two All-America Honors. Brian finished fifth in the 200 freestyle (1:42.16) and was 0.12 seconds from breaking his own school record. Brian finished sixth in the 100 freestyle (40.32) at the meet as well.

The Saxons also competed in three relay events. Both Strikers, Pat Kerwin and Carl Schwarting finished 10th in the freestyle relay (1:25.53) where they earned All-America Honorable Mention Honors. The quartet also earned Honorable Mention Honors in the 800 freestyle relay, finishing 14th overall (7:08.64).

Men's skiing

The AU men's alpine ski team finished a disappointing 17th out of 19 teams at the United States Collegiate Snowsport Association National Championships at Loon Mountain, N.H., March 8-11.

In the giant slalom, the team finished 16th overall. Tylan Calcagni was the top AU skier, finishing 46th (1:45.76). Connor Walsh (1:48.74) and Cody Washburn (1:48.78) finished 64th and 65th in the event.

AU fared no better in the slalom, finishing 18th place. Connor Kell was the top finisher for the team, placing 41st with a time of 1:30.89.

Women's skiing

The AU women's team fared better than the men's squad, finishing 13th out of 19 also at Loon Mountain.

The Saxons started out the competition finishing 13th in the giant slalom. Charity Lord was the top Saxon, finishing 36th (1:50.00). Becky Van Overbake also finished in the top-50 with her 45th (1:52.58) place finish.

In the slalom event, Van Overbake finished 55th (1:55.77) to lead the Saxons to a 14th place finish.

Men's basketball

Two of the Saxon players were named to the first-ever Empire Eight all-conference teams.

E.J. Docteur was named to the first team, while center Kareem McKinnon was named to the second team.

Docteur finished second in both scoring (20 ppg) and rebounds (7.9 per game) in the Empire Eight conference. Docteur scored in double digits in all of the Saxons 24 games, and had seven double-doubles (points-rebounds).

McKinnon led the Empire Eight in field goal percentage (62.9), and was tied with Docteur for second in rebounds (7.9 per game). McKinnon broke school records for blocks in a game (10) and season (79). He finished the season with 131 career blocks, tied with Mike Wing for the all-time Saxon mark.

Point guard Willie Smith led the conference in assists (6.4 per game) and steals (3 per game) and finished third in free-throw shooting (84.1 percent).

Neil Burley was named rookie of the week by the Empire Eight for the last week of play.

Burley had a career-high 21 points, including 5-for-7 behind the three-point line in the season finale against Keuka on Feb. 23.

Women's basketball

Amy Ratchuk has been named second-team Empire Eight all-conference team.

Ratchuk was the leading scorer in the conference, averaging

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