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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

Meissner, Morling look at network

BY JAY WEISBERGER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Administrators at Information Technology Services want to get the network back up to speed, and they want your help.

Speaking candidly in the ITS offices last week, Assistant Vice President for Information Services Lana Meissner and Assistant Director of ITS Adrian Morling tried to explain what's wrong with the on-campus network and what can be done to ease network congestion.

"The demand for available bandwidth exceeds our capacity," Meissner said.

Simply put, Meissner said, too much information is being sent through too little space. This has left many students, faculty and staff members wondering where the "high speed" in "high speed Internet connection" went.

Morling explained that while the on campus network moves very fast (AU's website loads perfectly quickly), the speed of AU's connection to the Internet is considerably slower. When members of the campus community begin to download more than web pages, things begin to back up.

"It's like a fire hose going through a drinking straw," Meissner said.

The problem is compounded by the number of people in other parts of the world that are taking information off of AU computers through file sharing programs.

"We are giving away a good portion to people not associated with Alfred through a variety of file sharing programs," Meissner said. "These aren't your friends."

Indeed, ITS can prove it. Morling showed statistics from last week that tallied the use of AU's bandwidth. Well more than a majority of the bandwidth is being taken up by file uploads through programs like Napster and Scour Exchange.

Morling would not cite any program as the particular culprit, but both of those programs rank high, he said.

So why not ban Napster and its clones?

"We haven't done that because there isn't just one program and there are ways of getting around it," Meissner said.

Meissner also noted that RIT, which has much more bandwidth than AU at its disposal, shut down Napster and Scour and found that it barely

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BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
NEWS EDITOR

The Alfred Village Police arrested Paul Carlo-Clauss on Monday, Sept. 11 at Alfred State College on charges that he possessed 218 pills of ecstasy.

According to John Simons, the Village Police Chief, Shawn McQuarrie was arrested after allegedly selling ecstasy to an undercover officer, which in turn led to the arrest of Carlo-Clauss whose minimum jail sentence, if convicted, could be anywhere from three years to life in jail.

Jennifer George, the Coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program at AU responded by creating a slide-show presentation on ecstasy for the residents of Open Gym Hall. This was also at the request of Resident Assistant Sheila Callahan.

"I want to know why people use it [ecstasy]," said George.

To accomplish this, George sent out a list of 16 e-mail questions asking various ecstasy users information such as how the drug affects them, the cost of the drug and the different names for ecstasy.

George indicated that ecstasy, which is also known as Pink Music Note or Thumbs Up depending upon the color of the pill and the picture on it, enhances a person's senses by releasing large amounts of serotonin in the brain, causing the user to be happy and excited.

During the summer, one of Callahan's friends died from ecstasy.

"It's the hip new drug and it's becoming prevalent on campus," Callahan said.

Her goal in starting the ecstasy program is to make herself and her residents more aware of the dangerous effects of this drug.

George indicated that this drug could cause memory loss and death due to dehydration.

"Always learn as much as you can about the drug and know what the effects are. Don't

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Outcomes Report good for graduates, AU

BY JASON PILARZ
FEATURES EDITOR

Ninety-seven percent of the Alfred University class of 1999 was either employed or in graduate school six months after graduation, according to a report recently released by the Career Development Center. Officials say this bodes well for the University and for graduating seniors.

"It says a lot about the quality of Alfred students," said Kathy Woughter, director of the Career Development Center.

According to the report, 73 percent of survey respondents reported being employed, 24 percent were in graduate school, and 3 percent were seeking employment. Two respondents (less than 1 percent) were not seeking employment due to travel, family or other reasons.

The CDC releases a report of this type annually, reflecting a recently graduated class.

Out of total of 574 students receiving degrees in the class of 1999, 424 responded to the surveys — a rate of 74 percent.

Woughter noted that this response rate for similar surveys is higher than from other private schools.

Beyond the numbers of those who found jobs are the average starting salaries for graduates.

"The salary part is important," said Woughter, as it helps "provide a ballpark figure" as to what graduates can expect to earn.

Average salaries were

reported by major. One drawback is that graduates are often

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AU grad Dave Silbergeld discusses life after the University —
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reluctant to disclose salary information so that amounts often reflect only a small portion of those in the program. All salary amounts reported here are those that reflect a high reporting rate for the major.

Those in the fine arts (BA) program reported an average salary of \$30,035, 20 percent higher than the national average [see chart, page 5]. The average salary for accounting graduates was \$37,567, 6.7 percent above the average. Art and design (BFA) and education (MSE) also reported above average salaries.

Conversely, communication studies graduates reported an

average salary of \$22,936, which was 18 percent lower than the national average. Mechanical engineering and psychology also reported salaries below the national average.

National averages for starting salaries were obtained from the September 1999 *Salary Survey*, released by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

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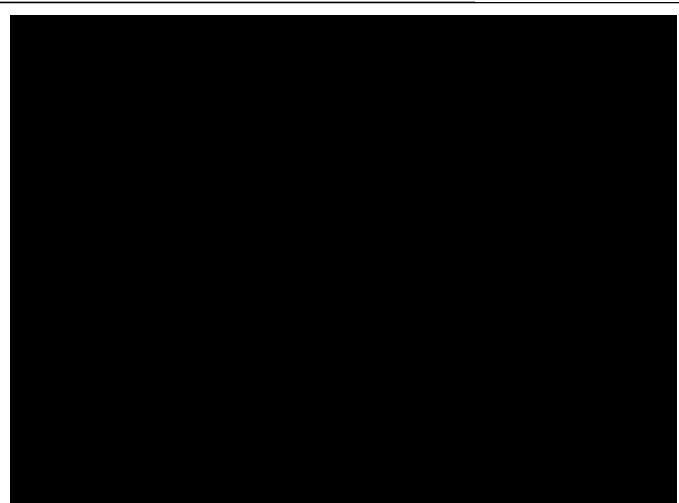


PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER
Scott Scheibner and Aminah Breli are sworn in at the first Student Senate meeting of the semester. Read about the induction and Senate business on page 4.

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Fiat Lux

Public needs to work with media

As a media outlet, we understand that our coverage is always under the critical eye of the public. We also know that occasionally we make a mistake in our coverage.

No matter what the issue is, however, we are always open to discuss it. We love getting letters to the Editor, though we can rarely publish them all.

We don't like it, though, when for whatever reason, someone forgets that this paper is run by students. That's right — we're still learning.

While we tend to hold the work in this paper to high standards (and by the way, we have won awards for such), there will be times that a writer makes an error in judgement or accuracy.

Certainly, this must be frustrating for someone who has an interest in an article and doesn't feel that a "full" story has been presented.

When this happens, it is nice to have people realize that the best thing they can do is get in touch with us and try to help us set things straight. We have the ability to do that.

Unfortunately, there are some in the campus community that, instead, hold grudges against this paper. Some people are still mad at us for things that happened before most staffers here were out of high school.

How is this constructive to learning? How does this help solve the problem of the public looking down on print and TV media that has developed in this country?

We aim to be as fair and accurate as possible. We want every side of the story to be shown. To help this along, we need to be able to get to the people we need to interview. Those who shut their doors toward us, while certainly trying to prove a point to us, are only ensuring their views never make it to print.

The media is at its best when the public participates along with it. □

Davis Gym may be AU's perfect venue

Wait! Before we cut on Davis Gym one more time, let's think about it.

Yes, there is probably a large contingency of students that would love to see Davis Gym leveled and turned into an ice rink/hockey arena. However, Saturday night's Mindless Self Indulgence concert showed the campus something.

Whether you liked the show or not, Davis Gym might be the best concert venue on the campus.

Sure, the Knight Club is more intimate, and the McLane Center brings in the money, but Davis has something both of them lack.

Simply put, Davis Gym could very easily be a club-type venue in the same manner of Philadelphia's Theatre of the Living Arts.

It's a small, loud venue. There is no polish whatsoever. There are no seats.

For a smaller act, this place could be perfect. It just has that rock club feel that fans and bands tend to enjoy.

And, hey, let's not fool anyone, here. It's a building that the wear and tear associated with hosting shows isn't really going to affect that much, is it?

The Knight Club can't get scratched up. Who will notice in Davis?

The next big musical event is right around the corner: Da Bomb Tour. This event, which will feature hip-hop guru DJ Shortee and DJ Faust is supposed to be held outdoors.

Let's hope that in the event of inclement weather, or if it's just plain too cold, SAB and the Office of Student Activities will not overlook the building on campus that is overlooked the most — Davis Gym. □



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COLUMN

Program ignored positives

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER
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Most of us in the Alfred community have discussed, analyzed and rehashed the difficult concept of hazing until the mere mention of the "h-word" now makes eyes roll. Last year, when A&E networks approached some of us in the community — including me, as president of my sorority — and asked us to appear on a segment of *Investigative Reports* devoted to the problem of hazing, I was concerned.

Would Alfred, and Alfred's Greek and sports communities, be represented fairly? Would things I said be taken out of context and used to portray us in a negative light?

Last Monday, when the program aired, I waited nervously to see the results. I was surprised to see that Alfred was a large focus of the program. Several AU students and faculty members had the opportunity to express their views.

Overall, I think *Investigative Reports* was fair to the University, especially the administration. It did discuss the programs the University has implemented to stop hazing. However, I think the program ignored the positive aspects of fraternity and sorority life and the changes fra-

ternities and sororities have made to protect their members from hazing.

In the part of my interview that viewers saw, I spoke about the dangers of hazing and the difficulties students face in overcoming hazing. The things I said were true. But taken out of the context of the rest of my interview, to me they seemed more negative and pessimistic than I had intended them. In the part of my interview that viewers did not see, I spoke about the wide variety of activities in which Greeks participate. *Investigative Reports* flat out ignored the positive aspects of being Greek.

Most of us pledged to find friendship and camaraderie — something that should not be taken for granted. We have fun together, and my sorority sisters form a support system that I know I can turn to.

Investigative Reports showed drunken students partying at bars. It did not show women watching movies and sharing stories on Sunday afternoons. It did not show fraternity men barbecuing dinner on the first warm day in the spring.

We also pledged to gain leadership skills. Serving as an executive board member of a Greek house gives a student a valuable chance to learn how to lead.

Community service is essential to most Greek houses. On the

Alfred campus alone, we do thousands of hours of community service each semester.

Pledge programs have changed. We are all searching for ways to convey our fundamental beliefs to our pledges and new members without endangering them or us. I have talked to older alumnae of my sorority who did experience "hazing," though it wasn't called that then. The pledge program they went through and the pledge program I went through are vastly different. Yet both the alumnae and I believe in the same fundamental values and share a bond of sisterhood.

This is evidence of the enormous change the Greek system has undergone. And it is still changing.

Investigative Reports addressed none of this. The program seemed more interested in frightening its viewers and making broad generalizations about Greek life than suggesting solutions and accurately portraying both the positives of being Greek and the changes Greek organizations are implementing.

I would have liked to see a program that focused on positive change, not merely negative accounts of horrific events.

—Webster was the Editor of the Fiat Lux for the 1999-2000 school year.

COLUMN

NBC works to ruin Olympics

BY BENJAMIN LEE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Olympic Games are more than sporting events. They are the pinnacle of human achievement, and one of the few times that nations set aside their differences to compete as brothers and sisters. Here, even North Korea can share the same flag as South Korea in the opening ceremonies.

So why, if these games embody all that humans strive toward, is nobody watching them in America?

A DJ on a Rochester morning radio show asked this question to some listeners. The most frequent answer is that people have no interest in sports, but as he argued these games are so significant and important that they transcend just sport. We all should be interested.

I agree that America should be more concerned with what happens in Sydney, but I also understand the overwhelming viewer apathy.

I attribute this indifference to NBC's coverage of the games. The first flaw in NBC's broadcasting effort is the schedule. If you look in a newspaper's TV schedule, NBC has listings like, "Olympics 7 p.m. — 1 a.m." There are no explanations of what is going to be shown. It is pretty much random draw. Turn on and be pleasantly surprised by the events that you find!

Flaw number two: the delayed broadcast does diminish the impact of the games. It is not nearly as exciting to watch the games after you've seen the results in the

paper or on *Sportscaster*. The Olympics only happen every four years. It would seem logical that NBC would interrupt their regularly scheduled programming to deliver live coverage.

Here, in the beautiful hills of Alfred we receive the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's feed on channel 40.

NBC has live coverage, and it makes watching the Olympics much more interesting. Live coverage allows a viewer not only the benefit of seeing the events, but they also get the added bonus of experiencing them as well. I would definitely tune into the CBC more often, but as an American I would like to see more of the Americans. This coverage is something that the CBC, for obvious reasons, does not offer.

Then, and perhaps most frustrating of all, NBC brings us into wonderful land of melodrama! It is bad enough the portions of Sydney that we get to see were over a day ago, but now we have to suffer through a barrage of soap operas about the athletes. These five- to 10-minute clips with fuzzy light, intense glares of athletes and a heart-warming soundtrack are absolutely unnecessary. I do agree that in certain cases they are important to the event.

For instance, in Atlanta Gail Devers deserved a spot when she overcame Grave's Disease to win two gold medals in Atlanta. Athletes that overcome handicaps (like the hearing impaired swimmer Terence Parkin), who are extremely young (like gold medalist Megan Quann) or who have done something so unusual and

superb should have these segments.

The segments are now used ad nauseum to hype up the events even further. It makes the coverage seem tacky.

Now, don't get me wrong. I envy every athlete that sets foot into any Olympic arena, and I would give almost anything to be that person. However, I think that those melodramatic segments actually detract from the true drama that the games inherently possess. There is more drama, upset, elation, heartache and triumph in the games than any movie or dramatic production I have ever seen.

Let the games alone tell the tale. Let the athlete's accomplishments bring us the raw power and emotion. The games and its participants are spectacular without fancy lighting and a bellowing soundtrack.

And Bob Costas! But I digress, that is a whole other tirade and column unto itself.

The Olympics are being stifled by commercialization. The tactics that are supposed to draw us in seem to be driving us away.

Every four years, countries and athletes bring magic to the world. They push their bodies and minds to the absolute limits of human capability. Countries convene in a peaceful and productive gathering of friendship. Let's not forget the reasons that we should be watching the Olympics.

Despite the inadequate and discouraging coverage that NBC provides us, remember the whole world is watching and so should we. □

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lack of minority involvement questioned**Dear Editor:**

Last Friday I was discussing upcoming events with the ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, Native American) coordinator. During this conversation, it came to my attention that there is a lack of minority student involvement on campus.

As President of Poder Latino, and an active member of both Umoja, and the ALANA team, I feel that upperclassmen should push aside the pride that often hinders them from reaching out to incoming freshmen. I suggest that the leaders of student organizations on campus set up either a formal or informal big brother system within their clubs.

In previous years, Umoja had experienced a lack of membership and interest. This year, the organization is experiencing a growing level of participation. Underclassmen should take this opportunity to take up leadership roles within the organization. The ALANA team has no official president. It is run by several committees, giving leadership opportunities to many students, regardless of their class year, to make a difference within the club.

Regardless of how committed the upperclassmen are to helping the freshmen become involved, the ultimate duty still lies with the incoming students to participate.

Omar Perez
Class of 2002

Feminism comes in many varieties**Dear Editor:**

In the Sept. 13 issue there was a column in the *Fiat Lux* titled "Get Over the Fear of Feminism." I agree that most women if not all of them do have to struggle for equality and respect. I also agree that many women don't want to be labeled

as a feminist.

What makes a woman a feminist? Is it bra burning and announcing that all men are pigs or is it the belief that women are more than just good for giving birth and being a dutiful housewife? I think that most every woman is a feminist, some just happen to be more vocal about it.

So when it is said that most women don't want to be labeled a feminist the truth is they already are, they just happen to be less outspoken about it. You could say I am a feminist and, if you know me, you would know that I am not the type to go around burning my bra. However, I still believe in women's rights. I find it really sad that the stereotype for a feminist is that of an in your face, militant type. Feminism is so much more than that and is something a woman should be privileged to be labeled.

Christine Casey
Class of 2004

Box lunches disappointing**Dear Editor:**

Alfred University dining services has failed, once again, to live up to my expectations.

The acclaimed new food that the dining hall offers does not seem to make it into the boxed lunch my teammates and I receive three nights a week.

The equestrian team practices Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from about 5:30 p.m. to almost 9 p.m. Since we miss almost all of the dinner hours on those days, many of us pick up boxed lunches from Ade to take with us to practice.

The lunches are far less than satisfactory, and I certainly never see any of Brueggers, Taco Bell or Sara Lee in my little lunch. We can't even get soup, or some hot food, considering we are out in the cold for the full four hours, all year long.

The "lunch," which is actually our dinner, consists of two sandwiches, usually turkey or ham on bread (if you request it, you can get peanut butter and jelly instead). A tiny bit of juice, usual-

ly fruit punch, a bag of chips and maybe a Rice Krispee treat.

Sometimes, when someone in Ade remembers, we might get an apple in the box as well.

Not exactly an \$8 lunch, considering the astronomical amounts we pay for a meal plan.

I'd love to enjoy the new food in the dining halls. However, I am at practice three nights a week, and instead I enjoy my \$8 soapy ham sandwich with barbecue chips and a frozen fruit juice. It's too bad that the dining hall won't break to accommodate the students that work so hard and pay so much for its wonderful services.

Jennifer Brown
Class of 2002

Fire safety should be a top priority**Dear Editor:**

At the end of my sophomore year, I made the decision to move off campus. On May 11, when Andrew Bartholomew was severely burned in a fire at his apartment, I began to question my decision. Would I be safe living in an old house in Alfred? I am aware that the village fire codes have been reexamined, but is that enough?

In the Sept. 13 edition of the *Fiat Lux*, former AU President Edward G. Coll Jr. stated that he had lost track of how many meetings he had sat through in nearly 19 years which focused on making the Village of Alfred a safer place to live.

He said, "nothing meaningful has been done."

Asking landlords to provide functional smoke detectors to their tenants, one amendment made to the village codes, seems rather fundamental.

As said in the *Fiat Lux*, a full-time code enforcement officer was needed to ensure that the amendments were being upheld. Isn't the safety of the residents in the Village a top priority? A full time enforcement officer is needed.

Kim Gray
Class of 2002

**WORLDNOTES****LOCAL**

Alfred University campus experienced an increase in parental units this past weekend as the fall Parent's Weekend rolled in.

Students took their family around to events such as the Division of Performing Arts Faculty Concert, comedian Buzz Sutherland and the Cultural Café featuring Indian cuisine.

- The annual Terra Cotta Day this year was this past Saturday to celebrate Alfred's terra cotta heritage. This day featured a picnic, games, music and an arts and crafts fair.

Adding to the list of Terra Cotta activities was the second annual "Town v. Gowen Slo-Pitch Softball Skirmish" on Tucker Field. The Town team, led by Brent Reynolds, tried to defend its crown against the Gowen team, captained by Tomas Gonzalez, director of Residence Life.

- Julie M. Teprovich of Depew, N.Y. has been appointed assistant trainer/instructor in athletic training at AU in the College of Engineering and Professional Studies.

Teprovich comes to AU from the University of Virginia, where she obtained her master's degree in athletic training this year.

NATIONAL

A prosperous New York City block is about to install a new noisy anti-crime system complete with keychain alarms, strobe lights and a loudspeaker that warns "Call the police!"

This alarm system will allow residents to be able to activate a key-chain panic button with a press of the thumb if they are attacked. A loudspeaker will then go off repeating, "Intruder on the block! Call the police!" At the same time, a police siren will go off along with a series of strobe lights flashing.

This will instruct neighbors to observe the physicality of the attacker and call 911.

INTERNATIONAL

Through an unanimous rule by three senior judges in England, the operation to separate six-month old conjoined twin girls was announced last Friday, despite resulting in the death of one of the twins.

The fate of the twins, known only as Jodie and Mary, has been heavily debated in Britain due to its live-or-die ethical issue.

The operation will allow Mary to die so that Jodie, the stronger of the two, will have a chance to live. Doctors said both girls would be dead within months without the operation.

- In order to improve relations with long-time military threat North Korea, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori put aside their nations' differences last Saturday.

"Improved relations between Japan and North Korea will serve our [South Korea's] national interests and will have a great impact on regional security and the development of South-North relations," Kim said.

Kim felt that Japan was crucial to improving relations with North Korea. O

Late Night enters second year of activities at McLane

BY JENNIFER KRISTIANSEN
STAFF WRITER

Students who want something to do on Friday and Saturday nights do not have to look any further than the McLane Center.

Though some students still choose to head out to parties, those in attendance at a recent session seemed to enjoy it.

Late Night at McLane, now in its second year, gives students a chance to hang out with their friends in a relaxed, alcohol-free environment. Among the activities offered are half-court basketball, ping-pong, board games and movies.

According to Little Sicily's employee Jay McCarthy, 10-15 pizzas are delivered on Friday and Saturday nights; it received positive reviews from students.

"The pizza was good. It provided me with fuel after playing basketball and Ping-Pong" said freshman James Coll.

Senior Tyler Case added, "I like pizza and the soda is free — what could be better?"

The pool was also planned to be open for those students who wanted to play water games. However, according to freshman Sarah Levitt, this wasn't the case.

"I was really looking forward to swimming, but [my friends and I] were told the pool was closed because there wasn't a lifeguard," she said.

Levitt and her friends settled for playing a game of Risk and eating pizza. Among the Risk players was freshman Ryan Thatcher, who noticed the lack of attendees on Saturday night.

"It's a good idea, but it's not very crowded ... probably because people are elsewhere partying," said Thatcher.

Admission, the pizza, the soda and the activities are all free. The event is held every Friday and Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. O

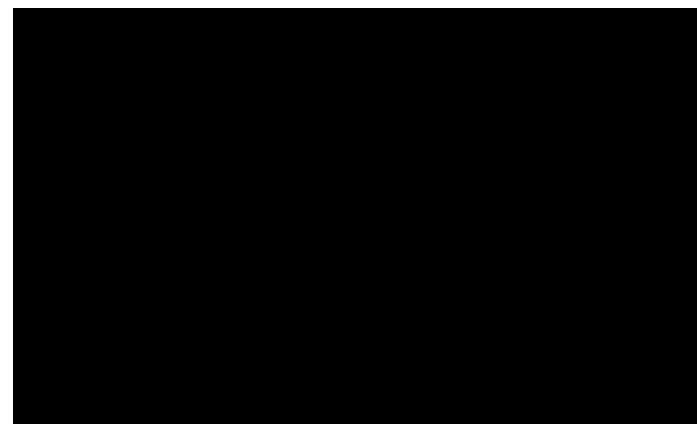


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Two students duel it out in a tense game of Ping-Pong during a Late Night at McLane session. The event also brings in specialty entertainment like laser tag during the year.

STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

Senate dives right into issues

BY JAY WEISBERGER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The lights were turned low, oaths were taken and people were told of the organization's history.

No, it wasn't a secret society bringing in new recruits. It was the installation of new senators at the first official Student Senate meeting of the year.

The brief induction ceremony featured members of the Senate executive board discussing the role of senators.

Secretary Liz Reina provided a historical background of the body, drawing heavily from the work of past President Michael Pellicciotti, who last year researched the history of Student Senate.

President Seth Mulligan welcomed all to the 25th year of the "modern" Senate and after a brief recess, it was down to business.

And, many were refreshed to see that Senate is wasting no time in getting the ball rolling.

Mulligan reported on several issues that had been presented to him during the informal Senate

meetings of previous weeks.

The highlight was a report that the wiring in the Brick is slated to be revamped.

However, Mulligan said that Director of Physical Plant Bill Dillon said that the project will not get under way until the conclusion of the spring 2001 semester.

The building, which was last wired over 30 years ago, is not suited to support the electrical needs of today's college student, Mulligan said.

Mulligan said that estimates were being made into the price of the project. He added that the wiring in the Brick poses no increased risk of fire.

Also a hot topic was the status of AU's computer network. Mulligan announced that Information Technology Services higher-ups Lana Meissner and Adrian Morling would be at Senate at 8 p.m. tonight in Nevins Theatre. Both will discuss their roles in relation to network administration and are expected to field questions.

Some bookkeeping business was taken care of as well. Treasurer Jaime Pena presented new account numbers for Senate organizations and the executive board received approval for its budget for the year.

Already, Senate has some issues to tackle in the upcoming weeks.

A rules committee must be formed to look clear up some confusion involving the attendance policy of Senate. Currently, the Senate constitution contradicts the Senate bylaws in relation to whether or not attendance is viewed over the course of a semester or a full academic year.

One senator was curious why "on-campus" houses like the ENS house and the Honors house do not have access to the University's voice mail system.

Some problems with campus vending machines were reported and one senator asked about the status of the faculty award Senate was considering at the end of last semester. ☐

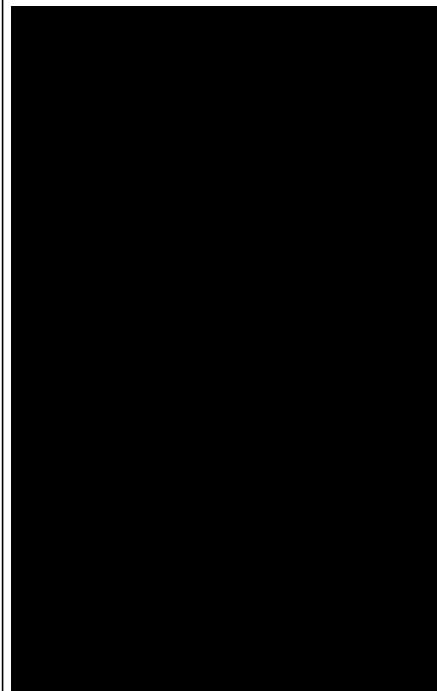


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Members of the victorious Poder Latino team celebrate defending their Lip Sync championship for the third semester in a row.

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...Outcomes

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Woughter noted that, in general, "AU students are doing really well," and that the "job market is a good one" in the present.

She also disclosed the methodology behind the graduate surveys. Six months after graduation, surveys were mailed to all graduates asking for their current employment or graduate school status, their salary, employer and/or graduate school. The survey was then published about one year after the surveys were sent out.

The outcomes portend "good things for the people who are going to graduate" this year, stated Woughter, saying that due to the strong job market this year's graduates can expect more of the same.

Additional points in the outcomes report include the number of students entering graduate school. Only 5 percent of College of Business graduates continued their education, compared with 39 percent in the College of Engineering and Professional Studies, and 29 percent in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Of the 97 percent of graduates who reported either employment or enrollment in graduate school, the College of Business and the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Sciences reported full placement, while graduates of the School of Art and Design showed that 8 percent were seeking employment.

In addition to the encouraging figures of the outcomes report, Alfred University's stature was further bolstered by the annual rankings of *U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges*.

Alfred moved up two spots in the rankings to 11th place for regional universities in the North. The rankings are based on a variety of factors, including academic reputation, retention rates, faculty resources and alumni giving rates. *U.S. News and World Report* defines a "regional university" as one that offers both undergraduate and master's degree programs, but few terminal degrees. □

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respond to peer pressure," advised George.

Simons further advised that "abstinence is always the best policy" especially because users often don't realize what they are ingesting when buying from a dealer.

Simons indicated that although there was a drug bust at Alfred University a couple years ago, there doesn't seem to be a prevalent problem now. He encouraged students, however, to let an officer know, either formally or confidentially, if there is a drug problem.

George will give her next slide show presentation at 8 p.m. Oct. 3 in Bartlett Hall and is willing to give this presentation to any hall that requests it. □

Fiat Lux:
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Silbergleit speaks of PR experience

BY JASON PILARZ
FEATURES EDITOR

Following four years in tiny Alfred, N.Y., fast-paced New York City is the new home of David Silbergleit, a recent graduate of Alfred University.

"The company is about the size of AU," Silbergleit said of his new employer, referring to the difference between Alfred and New York City as a "culture shock."

Following the recent release of the placement report for the class of 1999, Silbergleit, who graduated in May 2000, provided an example of the many AU graduates who have found success in recent years.

After graduating from Alfred with a degree in communication studies and a minor in psychology, Silbergleit was hired by Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, whose offices are located in Times Square, the heart midtown Manhattan.

Silbergleit's relationship with Edelman began with a summer internship at the company. He noted that the internship was very competitive at times, drawing applicants from universities such as Syracuse and some Ivy League schools.

"I felt a little inferior at times," commented Silbergleit, referring to the educational background of his fellow interns, but was later hired by the company for a permanent job.

Going to a university without a high level of national recognition, Silbergleit worked to improve the quality of his overall experience in Alfred to enhance his qualifications in the job market.

Among his extracurricular activities at Alfred, Silbergleit was president of the Student Activities Board. As the leader of SAB, he helped to bring music and comedy groups from around the country to perform at AU. He noted that this experience helped

to prepare him for his work in public relations.

Referring to his extracurricular activities in general, Silbergleit explained that "I learned a lot with those organizations."

Aside from SAB, he also was a disc jockey at WALF, the campus radio station, and a brother at Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

He further noted that companies often look for extracurricular activities when recruiting. All graduates coming out of college have a degree, he explained, and the work outside of class is what sets an applicant apart.

Furthermore, Silbergleit stated that extracurricular activities demonstrate an ability to work with people, a skill many companies look for.

When asked about the work he does, Silbergleit noted that he is an assistant account executive for sports and sponsorship marketing. He said the work consists of acting as a liaison between companies

and the media. He spoke of a current project working with IBM to promote their sponsorship of the Olympic Games, and stated that he works a great deal with various media outlets, such as the *New York Times* and *USA Today*.

Although only on the job for a few months, Silbergleit already has observations and anecdotes about the public relations profession. He described his office environment as "clichey" and felt left out of the loop at first as the new employee. However, he also recounted having the opportunity to sit in the United States Tennis Association suite at the recent U.S. Open tennis tournament.

All in all, Silbergleit commented that he enjoys his new job, although his aspiration is to some day be the chief executive of Viacom. Right now though, he said he is satisfied with the "challenge of public relations." □

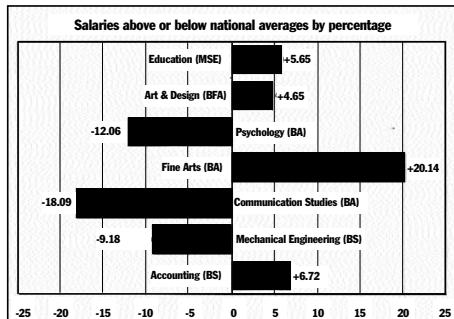
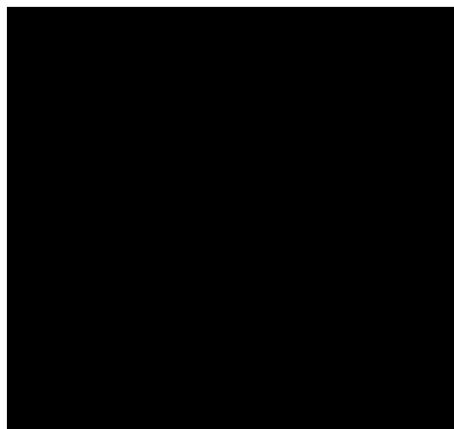


CHART BY JASON PILARZ AND JUDY TSANG
The chart at left shows the breakdown of AU graduate salaries compared to the national averages. Salary information is broken down by major.

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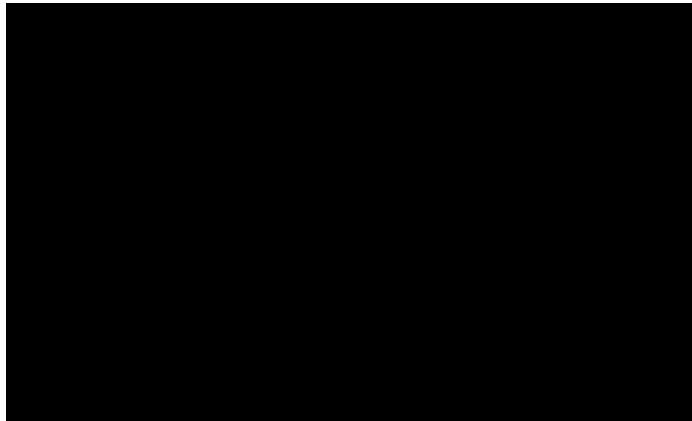
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Students, community help out with blood drive

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Alpha Phi Omega and the Biology Club co-sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive to help those in need of blood donations on Sept. 12 in the Knight Club.



The Knight Club was all done up for blood donations two weeks ago.

PHOTO BY CHUCK BRITT

"I worked in the operating room, it's amazing how much they [the patients undergoing surgical procedures] need it [blood]," said Dawn Iannucci, the president of APO and treasurer of the Biology Club, who indicated that one such

patient needed blood donations from six people to survive.

Todd Romanofsky, a Red Cross Donor Specialist who helped out in AU's blood drive, indicated that he worked as a technician in the emergency room which created

high amounts of stress, resulting in a decision to find work with the Red Cross.

"The people walking through the door are generally in a good mood. It's a better atmosphere," he said.

Jackie Brown, the vice president of both APO and the Biology Club indicated that there was a higher amount of donors this blood drive than ever before.

Brad Bowden, advisor for the Biology Club, indicated that out of 140 people who walked in the door, 115 of the pints will be of use.

"Students as a whole are good, but there are more who could donate," he indicated.

Because the quota for the November blood drive was increased by 15 pints, Bowden indicated that enlisting more donors would be critical.

Brown, who led the efforts to enlist donors for this past blood drive, indicated that the best way for students to understand whether or not they're eligible to donate is to ask a student representative at the sign-up table.

Brown pointed out that some donors may not realize that non-

insulin dependent diabetic people and people with anemia who have a high enough iron count, as indicated by testing a drop of blood from their finger or ear, are eligible to donate.

Iannucci advised that people should donate even if they are afraid of needles.

"That's great," said Bowden in response to people who fear needles. Their fear would imply that the donors would not be injecting harmful drugs into their blood stream through needles.

Bowden would like to see more students, especially those in the pre-medical program, help out with the blood drive.

"This may not appear as a significant act, but helping out with a blood drive is helping one of the most important aspects of primary health care," he said.

Romanofsky realized the importance of giving blood after a past motorcycle accident.

"You might need a pint yourself one day," he said.

Brown advised that people drink lots of fluids before donating to help reduce the risk of feeling faint. □

...Network

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alleviated its network burden.

"ITS doesn't want to be the technology police," Meissner said.

She said that was one reason that Morling and herself would be at Student Senate tonight to discuss the problem. Meissner said she wants student input into ways to help.

One fix that is being looked into is purchasing two more T1 lines. However, that might not turn the trick so readily.

"Speculation," Morling said, "is that we'd still have congestion."

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Both he and Meissner feel that any new bandwidth would immediately be filled.

Prioritization of bandwidth is another option, but it has its drawbacks as well.

Morling explained that even by giving certain programs a higher priority on the network, congestion would still be a major problem during whatever hours the prioritization was off.

Morling discussed another plan, as well.

"We can configure the Internet to where you can browse and pull in whatever [you want], but we can make it a one way street," he said.

Sounds like the plan, however, Morling warns it's not that simple.

"It's an all or nothing approach," he said. "It would most likely break some things."

"The web would be fine, FTP downloads would work a little differently and some messaging programs would still work," he said.

"It would help security," Morling added.

Meissner emphasized that any type of Napster shut down would have little to do with copyright issues and a lot to do with conserving bandwidth.

Meissner is optimistic that something can be worked out to help get things rolling more smoothly.

"We're going to form a committee with students, faculty and the administration's technology workgroup," she said.

She said the group would meet regularly to help set priorities. The group's recommendations would be under constant review to allow for changes.

Meissner noted that this is a problem many other campuses face.

"We are by no means unique," she said. □

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Alpha Lambda Delta

Congratulations to
the new members of Alfred University's chapter of
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the national honor society for freshmen.

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Network switches like this one are carrying more information than ever. This is causing quite a slow down in network response time.



Ithaca gallery puts a little Pepper into its show

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
A & E EDITOR

Assistant Professor of Art Jennifer Pepper's sculptural work is being featured this month at the State of the Art Gallery in Ithaca.

The show is organized by the Constance Saltonstall Foundation. Pepper received a grant for her sculptural work from the Foundation last year.

Pepper's three works on exhibition are "Burning Rubber," "With An Ear to the Ground" and "Echo Lake Virus."

About the creation of these pieces, Pepper said, "my working process in sculpture requires the use of found objects which I often cast in hydrostone, plaster, polyester resins, rubber, cement and wax. While some of the works are created through casting methods, other projects make use of the object directly ... These found objects are considered for their functional history."

"Echo Lake Virus" is constructed out of 70 altered baseball bats, metal hooks, Velcro and fiber attachments "presented in a fallen pile, similar to

felled trees surrounding a pool of water," according to Pepper.

"The work makes reference to a 'boy toy' as fallen trophy. The baseball bat serves as the corporeal site where time has affected a course." Like a virus affecting the body, the growth changes the original course of the object.

Another work on display, "With An Ear to the Ground," explores the body's sensory perceptions, specifically those of sound.

"The work presents a visualization of sound; an invisible source made physical, which notes the body as conduit for experience to occur through a mapped, circuitous system," Pepper said.

This piece incorporates "large mass, head-like rock volumes" with a "field of undulating fabric" to present the fluidity of sound as it interacts with the body's auditory sensors. Pepper also used small green ears hovering above the heads "to further make visual the concept of the earth uttering sound in a repetitive hum."

As a result of the group show, Pepper's "Echo Lake Virus"

was photographed for the *Ithaca Journal's* Sept. 7 issue. Book Press' featured artist in the forthcoming October issue. She will also be *The Ithaca*

Book Press' featured artist in the forthcoming October issue. Pepper's show at the State of

the Art Gallery will be open through Oct. 1. □

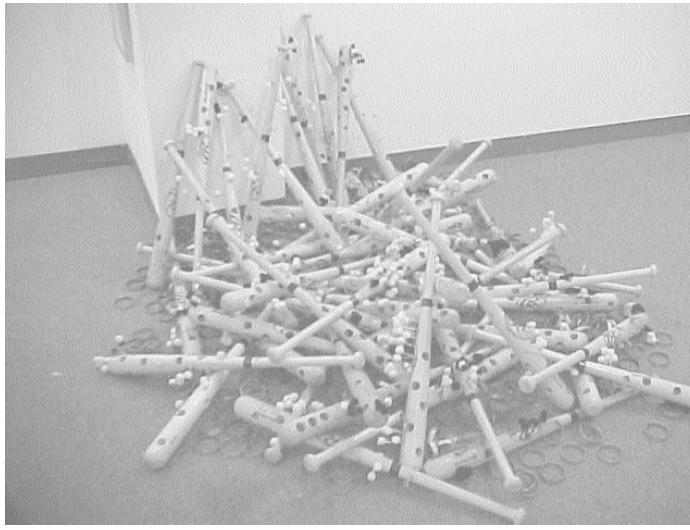


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Jennifer Pepper's "Echo Lake Virus" is currently on display in Ithaca with three other pieces of her work.

Jews look at VP pick

BY JAY WEISBERGER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Before two months can pass, we will know who the 43rd President of the United States will be. However, some say we'll know more than that.

Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman, an outspoken man who has won his faith — Orthodox Judaism — on his sleeve has become quite the story.

The fact that Al Gore chose a Jew as his running mate will almost certainly be one of the larger political stories of the year. Some feel it will bring some of the nations issues dealing with religion to the forefront.

In Alfred, some members of the Jewish community have watched the whole thing very closely. While most are happy about the selection, some have apprehensions.

"I think it reflects [on the country] favorably in a sense," said Larry Greil, professor of sociology and health policy and advisor to AUs chapter of Hillel.

"It has gotten to the point where choosing a Jew is not a liability," he said. "It doesn't mean prejudice is gone."

Assistant Professor of German Sandra Singer was also pleased with the nomination.

"My initial reaction was one of great joy. It cheered me that a fellow Jew was asked to accept that kind of responsibility," she said.

Greil also highlighted the political advantages of Gore's selection of Lieberman.

"It gets [Gore] over the Clinton clone issue," he said. "Lieberman takes a high moral ground."

Greil added that Lieberman, as an orthodox Jew, is not the best representative of all Jews in America. There has been speculation that Lieberman will become the prototype for a Jew in the minds of some Americans.

Greil does have some concerns, however:

"He's [Lieberman] got me really annoyed," Greil said. "He's got to stop bringing God into the public sphere. It's not good for America and it's not good for Jews."

Greil said he is concerned with any politician that brings God into the government. He said it could start something that most don't want.

"It shouldn't be a Jew opening the door for the far right wing," he said.

Singer said she is not concerned.

"People are afraid of Christian fundamentalists holding high offices in the state or federal government," she said. "People do want a separation of Church and State."

"I am not afraid that Lieberman will undermine the separation of Church and State in this country," she said.

Students, too, seem to have thought long about Lieberman's appearance on the ticket.

"I think it's good that Al Gore didn't overlook him because he's Jewish," said David Fogelman, a junior and a member of Hillel at Alfred. "When he was first chosen, I didn't like all the attention being that Al Gore chose a Jew. I'd rather look at issues."

Fogelman added that issues are the major consideration of the campaign.

"I disagree with him on some issues," he said. "I don't see him as a Jew as much as a conservative democrat."

Fogelman, too, said he has some concerns about God being brought into the public domain.

"I always like to see people keep their religious views out of the government," he said.

"[Lieberman] is not someone who governs to have people subscribe to views, however," he added.

"In the end," Greil said, "[Lieberman] will be judged by how good a candidate he is." □

REVIEW

Mystery Band a fun coffeehouse

BY KHRISTINA BEAULAC
STAFF WRITER

"Tonight we have one mission and one mission only, which is to entertain you to the best of our abilities," announced the lead singer of one of SAB's recent coffeehouse performers.

The Dan Emery Mystery Band played a nearly two-hour set on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Knight Club. The comical group consists of Dan Emery on vocals, guitar and unique songwriting, Brian Tully on bass and Chuck "The Apostle of Rock 'n' Roll" Rudolph on drums.

You can't help but laugh with songs like "Other People's Tongues," "Her Favorite Bra" and "The Girl In The Laundromat," which are humorous tributes to everyday life. These songs and others can be found on their first CD titled *Love and Advertisement*.

Natural Selection, the band's second CD, features other songs like "T-Rex" and "Salt Mine." The Mystery Band is based out of New York City and has played at venues such as the C-Note and The Cutting Room.

"Our music is strongly influenced by a feeling of communication," said Emery. The members of the group are diverse in their musical tastes. Tully claimed his influences to be groups like Rush and Black Sabbath while Rudolph feels inspired by Guns 'N' Roses and Bruce Springsteen. Emery's influences are Hank Williams and just about anything from the 1920s."

Halfway through the concert, Emery broke a guitar string.

Everyone was heartbroken until he announced that he could change a tune in less than a minute and 30 seconds.

The audience watched carefully as he hunched over his guitar,

working swiftly against the clock. He changed and tuned the new string in one minute, 11 seconds.

The excitement could only escalate from there. Pieces of paper were handed out to the audience members to "write down their problems." Two WALK DJs, Andy and Noah, were brought on stage to read the problems of Alfred University students while the band played.

In an interesting turn of events, Emery offered Andy a free CD to strip down to his underwear.

Andy's sneakers, socks, jeans and shirt came off while the band played snips of music and the audience laughed, clapped and cheered him on. Andy got his free CD and the Knight Club continued with fun, friends and great music for the rest of the evening. □

Fosdick-Nelson Gallery Schedule

The gallery, located in the lobby of Harder Hall, is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday 7-9 p.m., and Saturday & Sunday 1-3 p.m. Closed on University holidays. Admission is free.

Until September 30 — Precedence: Emmet Gowin and his Students, with opening reception at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 6.

October 4-28 — Animal Stories: Patricia Bellan-

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February 21 - March 23 — Faculty Exhibition: Anne Currier, Carlos Szembek, Kevin Wixted, opening at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21.

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The next issue of the *Fiat Lux* will hit a dining hall near you on October 11.

REVIEW

MSI brings its show, antics to AU's Davis Gym

BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

It's not often that a crowd forms outside Davis Gym on a Friday evening, but there were about 35 anxious concert attendees waiting to see Mindless Self Indulgence last Friday at around 9:30 p.m.

By the looks of the spectators sporting fishnet shirts and "goth gear," it was a hint that this show was not going to be like the usual Coffeehouse-type act. The concert was certainly different, and it was not all due to the new Davis concert venue. The gym hosted about 140 students that night and at least 150 more would have fit in.

Opening for Mindless Self Indulgence was The O. To grab the attention of the chattering crowd, piercing record scratches sounded over the intensely loud sound system set up. Two members of The O elusively emerged from the crowd on the floor and ran onto the stage set up at the north end of Davis Gym.

The O's first song was not successful in capturing the spirit of the audience with its dreary and solemn sounds. They were more successful with their second song in the set, repeatedly chanting "we all want you" in a far more upbeat tempo. Most of the songs in the set were rather harsh yet powerful.

In between songs, the lead singer, sporting bright pink hair asked if anyone had Valium. He then proceeded to throw various colors of M&Ms out into the audience.

After their set, The O took a breather outside Davis Gym chatting with some of the students. When asked about influences, the guitarist responded that it came from anywhere "from Zero to the Beatles, to hip-hop to electronica."

Before the concert had even begun, Mindless Self Indulgence's floor manager had warned that MSI was "not real-

ly Machiavellian, they just make fun of everything. They're really good guys."

With such a warning, it was hard to set any expectations. MSI consists of four members: Little Jimmy Urine on vocals, Vanessa Y.T. playing bass while wearing an "I [heart] Whores" T-shirt, pounding on the drums is Kitty, and Steve Righ? on the guitar. Yes, he spells it with a question mark.

MSI featured music of the "industrial-jungle-punk" scene along with original, but barely audible lyrics. They opened with "Tornado" off their *Bring the Pain* album, which was, as with all their songs, performed in hyperdrive. Another song that seemed to be a staple to MSI's set was "Bitches" consisting of the similar angst and harshness of some of Limp Bizkit's songs. With the overly dramatic expressions and fun bass beats of Vanessa, "Planet of Apes" echoed some of Green Day's earlier works.

Perhaps one of the preferred songs of the evening was "Faggot" off MSI's newest album, *Frankenstein Girls Will Seem Strangely Sexy*, despite the negative connotation of the title. The song showed a blend of hard rocking club remix beats, encouraging people to dance even more.

Dancing was certainly a big part of the evening. The moshing and shoving expected was not really prevalent, but it was definitely hard not to move to the thumping bass beats. Several people moved along with light glow sticks, a la rave.

With the inaudible lyrics of MSI's music and the excessively loud thumps, it was easy to drown out the music and just pay attention to the performing arts MSI presents. At one point, Little Jimmy Urine changes, on stage, into a fuzzy Firby top.

The jumping and rampaging on stage by the musicians with their instruments was enough of

a workout for training athletes.

MSI's staple is to push over the edge and be in your face. After reading one of the signs put up giving AU the right to remove persons causing harm to others, Little Jimmy Urine repeated, "I have the right to remove anyone." He then proceeded to jump off stage, grab a random person, pulled him across the gym and shoved him out the side door. This caused a bit of nervousness among the crowd.

Another "performance" was after the last song, "Pussy All Night." Little Jimmy Urine pulled down his pants, no big deal right? Well, he then continued to pull down his boxer-briefs, show off his buttocks to the crowd and then shoves piece of banana his buttocks. But to get the full effect, and view, he jumped off stage and ran the perimeter of gym for all to see.

The ending of the show was hard to determine with Little Jimmy Urine jumping back onto stage and continuing to "perform" by lip syncing and pretending to play a guitar to recorded music. The crowd was reluctant to leave.

MSI didn't really have a large following or crowd last Friday night. But those present were definitely enjoying themselves. All others may just not be as progressive or angst-ridden as MSI's following. □

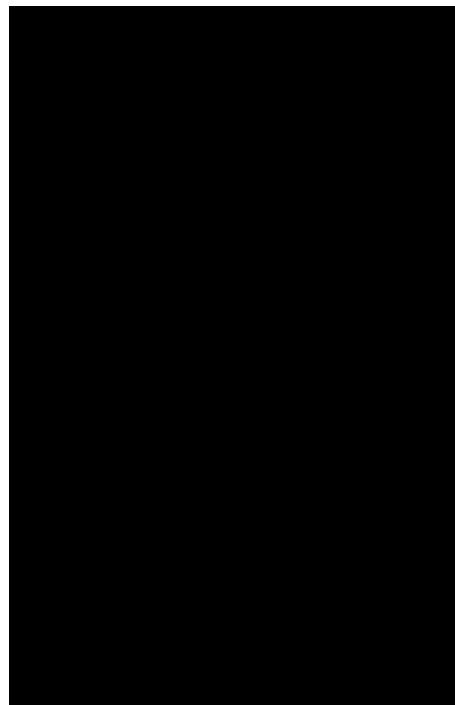


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Vanessa Y.T. of Mindless Self Indulgence stalks the stage with her bass last Friday night at Davis Gym.

DJ show up next for AU music scene

Semester CD.

Earlier in the year, Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano said that there were plans to ensure that breakdancing could take place.

The event, which may be held outdoors, will feature two well known hip-hop DJs.

DJ Faust and DJ Shortee will be the featured performers at the event.

Both had featured tracks on the fall 2000 *Sounds of the*

Other upcoming events:

On November 3, the band FAT will hit the AU campus for the second time. The last time they played was in front of 1,800 people at McLane, opening for Third Eye Blind and Smash Mouth.

A week later, the Getaway People, who opened for Dave Matthews Band in Hartford this year, will bring their act to the AU stage.

Study shows evidence that good health is linked to sex

BY COREY HANN
DAILY ORANGE
SYRACUSE U.

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE — New research suggests that sex may actually keep your heart healthy, increase your immunity to disease and might even make you physically stronger. Does your partner need any more convincing?

Scientists at the University of Tubingen's Institute of Medical Psychology and Behavioral Neurobiology in Germany recently studied 51 men between the ages of 20 and 47. Of that group, the men who had sex 16 or more times per month had stronger hearts and lower average blood pressure than guys of the same fitness level and age group who had sex eight times or fewer per month.

Their theory: By giving guys a way to manage day-to-day difficulties and reducing stress, it also helped them stay in better shape by providing them with one more source of aerobic activity — name-

ly sex.

Commenting on the study, Patti Britton, a sexologist based in Los Angeles, said she believes that sex can be a fruitful way of burning calories and is often overlooked as a form of exercise.

"Sex can be a vigorous and strenuous exercise," Britton said. "It engages the neurological pathways and blood flow, which depend totally on the cardiovascular system."

Sexual intercourse, including foreplay, can burn up to 180 calories an hour, according to the American Heart Association. That's more than playing a game of touch football and more than twice the energy used during moderate weight training.

"I read somewhere that you burn a ton of calories. It certainly could be classified as exercise," said Joanne Montalbano, a senior biology major at Syracuse University. "Though I think some guys burn more calories by just staring at women's breasts alone."

The only problem with these

results is that most people don't engage in sex long enough to reap the cardiovascular rewards, said William Fitzgerald, a sex therapist based in Santa Clara, Calif., and founder of www.sexdoc.com.

"The average foreplay is only four minutes, while the average time from intromission to ejaculation is 90 seconds," he said. "That [isn't] enough time to get your heart and lungs at optimum for more than 30 seconds."

Fitzgerald did note, however, that regardless of how long sexual activity lasts, it can inspire production of testosterone, a major contributor to lean muscle gain, and can also improve people's lives immeasurably.

"I don't know where I would be without sex," said Todd Mytkowicz, a senior computer science major. "I definitely feel that it's made improvements in many parts of my life."

STUDY IT

New Scientist Magazine published a study indicating that sex can

boost a specific immune enhancing chemical called Immunoglobulin A.

The study also said people who have one or two sexual encounters a week had a 30 percent rise in their ability to fend off foreign invaders, such as sexually transmitted diseases.

Dr. Arthur Hurwitz, an immunologist at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, said that though he wasn't part of the study, he believes that many of its key parts show encouraging evidence.

"Because sex for most people takes place at mucosal surfaces such as the vagina, anus, mouth and penis, it would not be surprising that there is more IgA," he said. "This is the type of antibody

made for mucosal surfaces and is in tears and saliva and is the first line of defense for the immune system."

Hurwitz remarked, however, that this study has flaws, and that measuring IgA to evaluate immune response may not be ideal.

"IgA is only one of many different antibodies in the body that can contribute to combating pathogens — more testing would be necessary."

Fitzgerald also noted that the amount of sex you have could lengthen your life, which is good news for people in relationships.

"Bonded couples are sexual much more often than singles, on average, and at any age," Fitzgerald said. □

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Gore, Bush look at tuition

BY RYAN McCARTHY
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(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — For the first time in recent memory, the predominant focus of a presidential campaign is not a failing economy. Attention has shifted, in this time of unprecedented growth, away from money and toward less tangible measures of progress. Presently, the most debated issue of the 2000 presidential campaign concerns the quality and cost of education in America.

Higher education is an issue of particular importance this election year, largely because of the high cost of tuition at many of the nation's colleges and universities. According to the Department of Education's 1999 Digest of Educational Statistics, the average annual cost of attending college was \$7,093 at public colleges and \$19,420 at private colleges.

After adjustment for inflation, prices at private colleges have increased 28 percent since 1989. The average cost of attending the nation's most prestigious universities is almost \$35,000 per academic year. Most schools offer financial aid programs, which award money based on merit and need, but many programs fall short of providing enough aid for poorer students to attend college.

Both presidential candidates have said they want to make higher education more accessible to all Americans.

"This issue of support [of higher education] has been accepted as part of the national agenda such that a candidate doesn't feel comfortable taking a position against it," said Lynne Brown, NYU's associate vice president of government and community relations.

But declarations of support, while widely celebrated, cannot be expressed merely as ideological abstractions, which rarely suffice in the national debate. Both Al Gore and George W. Bush know this and have submitted specific proposals to make education more affordable. But those plans differ greatly in how they

propose to achieve that goal.

The nation's projected 10-year budget surplus of \$3-\$4 trillion places a huge amount of money up for grabs. The two major candidates' plans would allocate these funds differently. The vice president touts his record in President Clinton's administration, during which he helped create HOPE Scholarships, grants that make the first two years of college more affordable. Gore intends to continue that program, as well as the Direct Student Loan Program, which makes loans easier to access. He would also sustain initiatives to provide support to community colleges.

But the vice president sees further need and has proposed the College Opportunity Tax Cut, which gives parents a choice between a tax deduction and a 28 percent tax credit for up to \$10,000 in tuition. This translates to a tax break of up to \$2,800 for parents with children in college. Gore has also proposed the creation of a National Tuition Savings Plan to allow education savings to be exempt from taxation. That same program will also improve state-based college savings and pre-paid tuition plans. If all goes according to Gore's plan, these measures would assist the families who are most in need of help. But the vice president's plan is not without its critics.

"The math doesn't add up in order to provide low-income families the funding they need. If you are middle or lower income, tax deductions are not going to be enough to send your kids to school," Bush campaign spokesman Ken Lisaius said.

The Bush campaign says that because those benefits apply only to families earning enough to pay federal income tax, the poorest families would be excluded.

Bush believes his record as governor of Texas showcases his dedication to higher education. He cites the Toward Excellence Access (TEASA) program, which the state legislature passed in 1999 and which provides college scholarships to high school graduates who complete a rigorous high school curriculum. If elected,

Bush would create a similar federally funded program that would establish merit scholarship programs in every state.

Bush also supports enhancing the existing Pell Grant program by providing advanced math and science students with an extra \$1,000 in scholarship money, with special consideration given to low-income students.

Additionally, the maximum grant would be raised to \$5,100 from \$3,300. According to the Bush campaign, this additional money would encourage 800,000 more students to attend college annually.

Gore's campaign has a significantly different plan.

"The (proposed) \$1.6 trillion tax cut clouds out investment in higher education. Governor Bush hasn't accounted for how he will pay for his proposals. He hasn't detailed how he balances the numbers," said Gore-Lieberman campaign spokesman Dagoberto Vega.

The Gore campaign claims Bush's broad tax cuts would preclude any large increases in Pell Grants for low-income families. According to Vega, Gore's expenditures are accounted for in a budget, and will target the poorest students, especially minorities, with a special College Completion Challenge Grant to help them progress to graduation.

Gore's campaign contends that the vice president's plan is more feasible and fiscally responsible than Bush's.

"It's going to be about the credibility of our agenda ... the believability factor is important," Vega said.

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The debate over how to spend will continue, and resolution can come only when the victorious candidate puts his plan into action. Few issues in the nation's policy landscape are free from political wrangling, but according to Brown, partisan struggles over education spending reform are far less important than the recognition by both candidates that the need for change exists.

"The question is really just how the premise has been accepted by both parties," Brown said. O

Stem cell research brings controversy

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
NEWS EDITOR

the fetus for research because it will likely be destroyed otherwise.

Another advantage that Green sees in pursuing stem cell research is that there is no possibility that a person's body will reject the new cells or tissue because the resulting growth is the exact replica of what is actually produced in the body.

Green finds the aspect of Stem Cell research that is used to replicate tendons, bones and cartilage especially important, because his nephew, who acquired osteoporosis from smoking, fell after slipping on a puddle of water causing permanent bone fractures.

Green defined an immoral researcher as one who kills a person or encourages the killing of a person in the name of research. A researcher who uses wrongful practices to try and obtain a good end result is also defined by Green as immoral.

Green believes that as long as a researcher follows these guidelines, stem cell research can give everyone an active and productive life.

"We can all drop dead at 85 while playing tennis," Green said. O

AU grads honored

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pieces in the exhibition were selected for purchase awards.

The exhibition will remain open through Nov. 26.

Sammarco, who is working for the School of Art and Design, earned his BFA from the Emily Carr Institute of Design in Vancouver, B.C. and his MFA from Alfred's number one nationally ranked program.

York, also a graduate of the Emily Carr Institute in Vancouver and of Alfred's MFA program is now working for the school of Art and design as an art student recruiter. O

Judge tells students about problems with hazing at Syracuse

BY TERESA TELESCO
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SYRACUSE U.

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE — Greek hazing begins with "stupid, simple nonsense," and soon grows to violence, said former Judge Mitch Crane on Tuesday to more than 100 Syracuse University fraternity and sorority members.

That is one of the reasons Greek membership has been declining since the 1970s, said Crane, a former Pennsylvania judge who now travels across the country lecturing students. Instead of promoting lifelong friendships and values, fraternities and sororities are seen as places of drinking and possible violence, he said.

Crane, invited to Syracuse University by its Delta Delta Delta sorority chapter, cited examples of violent hazing on other campuses: A chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma burned pledges with cigarettes. A Greek

alumna had a miscarriage when disgruntled pledges broke into her home and beat her. A Delta Kappa Epsilon brother committed suicide after being hazed.

"What does hazing have to do with love and friendship?" asked Crane, who visited SU last semester to discuss legalities in the Greek system.

Brothers and sisters that haze are not leaders of the chapters, he said. Greek community members that encourage hazing as a way of building pledge class unity are often more enchanted with the consequent power trip, he said.

"The people that are hazed the most either drop out or become the best hazers," added Crane, an active brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In the Schine Student Center Underground, Crane also addressed the views of non-Greeks. They get their impressions of fraternities and sororities from newspapers, television

and movies, he said. For example, in the movie "Animal House", drinking and partying are glorified as fraternal activities, Crane added.

"In the movies, you drink yourself into a drunken stupor and wake up the next morning in a puddle," Crane said. "But sometimes you die."

Crane outlined several ways

fraternities and sororities can change both hazing-related practices and the public's opinion of Greeks. The first thing to do is to remove the troublemakers and hazers from the chapter, he said. It is important to set the example and to show pledges commitment does not end at initiation, he added.

Tri Delt Raean Dinardi said Crane's speech was relevant to all brothers and sisters at SU.

"It appealed to all of us because he used examples that we can all relate to," Dinardi said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon brother

Joshua Visco said his fraternity already embraces Crane's anti-hazing message.

"Our frat has a program to eliminate hazing," said Visco, Sig

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junior captain.

The team is looking to place together a four game season, consisting of two home games and two away games.

The opponents have yet to be decided, but the team has contracts for the up and coming season.

"The season should start after mid-semester break with two home games," said Gray.

They are beginning to gather equipment that they need to be a complete team. The beginning of the season is dependent on the arrival of a pair of goals early this October.

Along with the incoming

Ep vice president of development. "It is a substitute to pledging that promotes equality and friendship among pledges and active members." O

goals, the women's lacrosse team has donated their old uniforms. Several of the players own goalie equipment and they have fundraisers planned for the future.

"This month we are going to sell T-shirts to raise money," said Gray.

Being a club sport, practices are not mandatory, but the team members make every effort to practice and improve.

"Everyone is really excited to play. The other night when it rained ten people showed up for practice," said Johnston.

The club was formed last year, but this year is the first that games have been considered.

—Jay Weisberger contributed to this report.

Men's soccer

Next home game

1:30 p.m. Oct. 7 vs. Lycoming



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Women's soccer

Next home game

6 p.m. Oct. 5 vs. Lycoming

Team is hungry to get back to the postseason

BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

Winning four matches to win the AU Invitational Volleyball Tournament at the McLane Center two Saturdays ago was a definite highlight, women's volleyball team captain Andrea Williamson gleamed.

This victory was especially nice for the team. The squad had taken second place in the tournament every year in the past, Williamson, a senior, said.

Williamson was also named women's volleyball Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 11-17 by the Empire Eight athletic conference.

But Williamson made sure she didn't let the win get to her head too much.

"The level of the team's [aptitude] depends on what day you talk to us on," Williamson said. "Our goal is to start getting more consistent."

Better consistency in their play is key to increase their win total, she pointed out.

Regardless, the entire team plays a role in the squad's success.

"We all contribute in our little ways, depending on the game," Williamson said.

However, defensively, Nicole

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Wodka was one to look out for, Williamson indicated.

"She's our spark plug ... she flies her way around the court," Williamson pointed out.

The tournament featured a couple of stars as well.

Senior Kelly Johnston, along with Williamson, was named to the All-Tournament Team with 30 kills and 15 blocks. One of the team's captain Beth Merrill had 26 kills and 54 digs, and the other team captain junior Stephanie Sprague had seven aces and 76 assists.

With only two new freshmen joining the team this season, this year's team proves to be an older one. Youth is apparently no obstacle to the freshmen though.

"They are very, very good ... they mesh well with the team," Wodka said.

Williamson echoed Wodka's sentiments: "They're getting along well. Sara [Beatty, a freshman] is giving a substantial contribution."

Coming back to campus 10 days early for preseason, the squad made a trip over to Stony Brook and hiked the area.

"[Hiking] was fun. It was nice to spend time together with the team other than [playing] volley-

ball," Wodka recalled.

The entire team is working hard, with a strong start at the beginning of the year, Williamson indicated.

"With new drills and more cardiovascular [activities], we're increasing endurance, which is especially important when playing long tournaments," she said.

"Coach [Gene Doorley, head volleyball coach] did well with putting a variety of exercises in practices. Now it's more about fine tuning individuals," she said.

"With the talent and ability we have [we're going to be] just as strong if not stronger than before. We have a good chance at going to states again this year," Wodka said.

Williamson apparently was looking even further.

"Our ultimate goal is to go to NCAAs again. Last year was the first time we went," she said of the competition that invites 48 schools throughout the United States. "It was tremendous honor," she emphasized, "and we want it again."

"It's going to be a really good season and we're off to a good start," Wodka predicted.

Along with at least 20 wins, "I want to see another banner that says we have been to the NCAAs this year," Williamson said. □



PHOTO BY JARED BRANFMAN

AU's Andrea Williamson, right, takes to the air in a match against Nazareth last week.

The American Football Coaches Association Division III Coaches' Poll as of Sept. 19, 2000 (last weekend's games are not included). See www.aftca.com for the new poll out this week.

Rank & School (1st votes)	Rec.	Pts.	Prev.
1. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) (32)	2-0	1,132	1
2. Mount Union (Ohio) (13)	2-0	1,111	2
3. Rowan (N.J.) (1)	2-0	1,052	3
4. Trinity (Tex.)	3-0	1,005	4
5. Hardin-Simmons (Tex.)	2-0	923	5
6. Central (Iowa)	3-0	877	6
7. Wittenberg (Ohio)	3-0	843	7
8. St. John's (Minn.)	2-0	824	8
9. Augustana (Ill.)	2-0	721	10
10. Wartburg (Iowa)	3-0	704	9
11. Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)	2-0	692	
12. Western Connecticut St.	3-0	625	
13. John Carroll (Ohio)	2-0	552	16
14. Wis.-Stout	2-0	521	17
15. Millikin (Ill.)	2-0	441	20
16. Ithaca (N.Y.)	2-0	394	24
17. Ohio Northern	1-1	310	21
18. Western Maryland	2-1	234	23
19. Buffalo St. (N.Y.)	2-1	166	NR
20. Brockport St. (N.Y.)	3-0	156	NR
21. Thomas More (Ky.)	3-0	138	NR
22. Lycoming (Pa.)	1-1	134	11
23. Emory & Henry (Va.)	2-0	110	
24. Bethany (W.Va.)	3-0	88	NR
Widener (Pa.)	2-0	82	NR

Dropped Out (last week's ranking): Albion (Mich.) (14), Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio) (15), Willamette (Ore.) (18), Carnegie-Mellon (Pa.) (19), Hanover (Ind.) (22), Bridgewater (Va.) (25).

Others Receiving Votes: Illinois Wesleyan, 74; Willamette (Ore.), 70; Rhodes (Tenn.), 66; St. Norbert (Wis.), 61; Linfield (Ore.), 60; Coe (Iowa), 59; Bethel (Minn.), 59; Union (N.Y.), 58; Montclair St. (N.J.), 57; Ursinus (Pa.), 52; Albion (Mich.), 48; Mary Hardin-Baylor (Tex.), 36; Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio), 34; Springfield (Mass.), 33; Methodist (N.C.), 32; Susquehanna (Pa.), 31; Muhlenberg (Pa.), 29; Wooster (Ohio), 26; Catholic (D.C.), 25; Wis.-River Falls, 21; Norwich (Vt.), 21; Wis.-Whitewater, 20; Carnegie-Mellon (Pa.), 19; Cortland St. (N.Y.), 17; Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.), 13; Hanover (Ind.), 10; Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.), 9; Wilmington (Ohio), 9; Allegheny (Pa.), 7; Bridgewater (Va.), 7; Capital (Ohio), 7; Moravian (Pa.), 7; Carthage (Wis.), 6; Concordia (Wis.), 6; Ripon (Wis.), 6; Defiance (Ohio), 4; Wheaton (Ill.), 3; Wesley (Del.), 3; Mississippi College, 2; Howard Payne (Tex.), 1; Westminster (Pa.), 1; Tufts (Mass.), 1; Nichols (Mass.), 1.

BY BENJAMIN LEE

SPORTS EDITOR

The AU Field Hockey Club is continuing on their quest to become a varsity sport at Alfred University.

Together with the help of Athletic Director Jim Moretti and the Dean of Student Affairs Jerry Brody, the club sport is trying to make strides in that direction.

"Our ultimate goal is to go varsity, and Jim Moretti and

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Jerry Brody have been a big help," said Kim Gray, a junior captain.

Moretti said that the team is still a club team, but that his office has been willing to help accommodate the squad's needs in terms of practice facilities.

While he would not commit to any time frame for making the squad into a varsity squad, he did not rule out the possibility.

A group of 15 to 18 women

make up the core of the team. Most of them have experience in the sport and some do not, but after several semesters of practice, the team is showing improvement.

They are using drill books from member's previous coaches as well as developing their own workouts.

"The skill level of the team is surprisingly high. Right now, we are working on conditioning and stick work," said Samantha Johnston, the team's other

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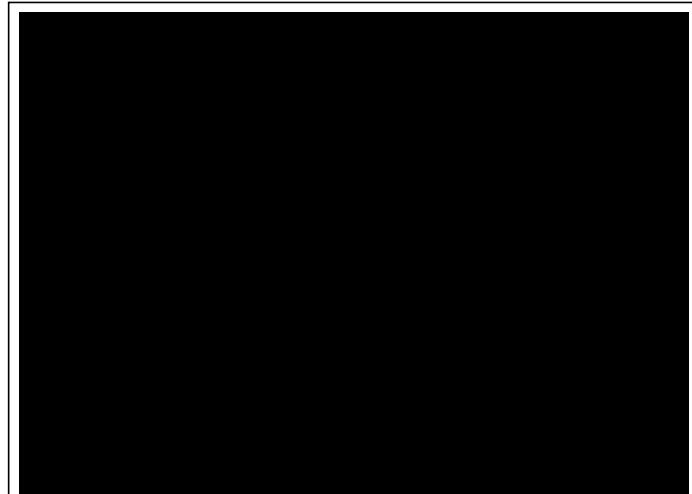


PHOTO BY CHUCK BRIT

Saxon running back George Eason finds a hole to tear through during Saturday's game against Carnegie Mellon. The Saxons dropped the matchup 26-21 to move to 2-2 on the season.