



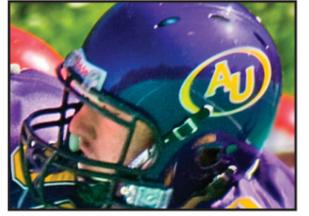
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## Fire destroys Main Street corner, unites community



PHOTO BY DAVID LEMMO

By Thomas Fleming  
Editor in Chief

Hours after losing everything, the seven AU students who were permanently displaced by an Oct. 29 fire that also destroyed three business locations had food, clothing and a place to live.

"The University is providing on-campus housing at no charge for the rest of the semester to all students who

were permanently or temporarily displaced by the fire," Vice President of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter said in an Oct. 30 campus-wide e-mail announcement. "AVI Fresh, the University's dining services contractor, has provided free meals for those students."

The fire occurred at about 6:00 a.m. at the building

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(Top left) An Alfred firefighter surveys the smoldering wreckage. (Bottom left) Firefighters evacuate students from the Main Street apartments around 6:30 a.m. (Bottom right) Bystanders watch from behind caution tape as more than a dozen firetrucks fight the blaze.



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## EDITORIAL

## Alfred: A true community...

As the entire campus knows by now, on Thursday, Oct. 29, an early morning fire ravaged through two Alfred businesses and permanently displaced seven AU students, leaving them with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

It was reassuring to see the University act so quickly on behalf of the displaced students. Within an hour of publishing our first story on thefiatlux.com, alumni were asking where they could donate items. After the campus-wide announcement came out saying that donations were being accepted, students left in the middle of class to give up their possessions and help out the individuals who lost everything.

Faculty and community members donated clothing and money, and they purchased essential items at local stores to give to the students.

Almost immediately following the event, a Friday night benefit potluck was planned. At this weekend's Rocky Horror Picture Show, Spectrum gave out prop bags with a \$2 donation, all of which went to the fire relief fund. InterVarsity collected donations at its early Sunday service. Student Senate also purchased \$500 in gift cards to give to the victims.

The launch party for senior Michael Stevenson's new Oxygen-3 T-shirt line on Monday, Nov. 2, will include the Art Union, Green Alfred, the Saxon Bike Hub and RePo. At least 20 percent of the profits from the sale of T-shirts will now be donated to the fire relief fund. In addition, students are designing a special T-shirt in remembrance of this event, and 100 percent of the profits of that T-shirt will be donated to this effort.

A portion of the ticket sales of Saturday's football game vs. the University of Rochester will be donated, as well as the money raised by the Athletic Training Club's 50/50 raffle.

Examples like these portray the compassion and kindness that makes Alfred such a close-knit community and special place to live. Even in times of community hardship, we pull through and help each other out.

We are all here to support the victims of that fire. We should not just support the students, but the business owners, landlords and employees who lost more than their possessions Thursday morning.

We hope that as we aid in the rebuilding process for students, we also help the community, which, prior to the fire, was already struggling to keep businesses on Main Street.

This is also a friendly reminder that it is time to check smoke detectors with the changing of Daylight Savings Time. Seeing as the time change has just occurred, make it a point to check your detectors.

This community is capable of pulling together and doing great things, and in the aftermath of such an event as this fire, we should make sure nobody is left out of the rebuilding process.

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## OPINION

## Letter to the Editor:

## A letter to the AU administration from a student

10-25-09

Dear Administrator and/or Reader:

At night, intoxicated students have been ripping down posters, nametags, and flyers from the walls of Tefft Hall.

As a member of the Alfred University community, I feel that it is my duty, as it is one's duty to maintain rapport with one's local government officials, to speak up when injustice is being committed on campus.

I must bring notice to the utter lunacy of the recent disciplinary consequences implemented upon the Tefft house – consequences that not only degrade the many for the actions of a select few, but also treat the overall good of the majority as insignificant and juvenile.

I am not writing the required apology letter, as I am not in the first grade.

A written apology from the entire Tefft hall will solve nothing. It is meaningless. There is no penance or remorse involved. Those responsible should suffer the appropriate consequences.

At my behest, and the behest of the students that University administration still consider to be capable of post-elementary school thought, I ask that you look into a REALISTIC resolution to the problem. Security cameras in the hallways would be an amending, preventative, and logical amenity for any university dorm.

With total sincerity,

Mrs. Silence Dogood

## Letter to the Editor:

## RE: 10/19 article on South Hall

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed the article on South Hall; however, I believe it needs one correction. Right at the end of the article is the statement "Plans to turn South Hall into a residence hall were postponed in the Fall of 2005 due to objections from Alfred residents." This is not, to my knowledge, a true statement. I am a member of the Village Planning Board and, when informed of this plan, the Board was enthusiastic in their support. Obviously I cannot speak for the Village as a whole, but the Board did not hear of any objections from the Village public.

It is worth noting that members of the Village successfully thwarted two South Hall demolition plans from the University. The first in the 1990s (mentioned in the article) and again 2-3 years ago. After the residence hall plan fell through (for fiscal reasons as I understand) there was a proposal to demolish South Hall. This was shelved after Village members expressed concerns.

Thank you,

Justin Grigg  
Planning Board member  
Village of Alfred

## Corrections...

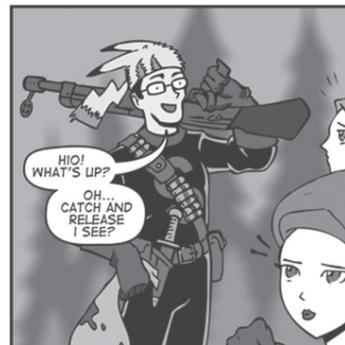
In the story "Fourteen pedals, one new tour" in the Oct. 19 issue of the *Fiat Lux*, we reported that the bike cost \$87,000. The bike's actual cost was the discounted amount of \$8,700.

Corrections such as this can be reported to the *Fiat Lux* at [fiatlux@alfred.edu](mailto:fiatlux@alfred.edu).

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## WTF? LOL :-)) jk...The breakdown of communication in college

Ian Cramer

Opinions Editor

We attend college to learn about our respective fields, advance our education and become professionals for the real world. But one aspect of our professional development is lacking: the maturation of our communication skills. With so many tools to communicate with one another, one would think that these skills would naturally become refined. But just the opposite is the case.

When the University was founded in 1836, what did they have to communicate with? Telephones weren't invented for another 40 years. And computers? I don't think so. All communication back then was carried out through letters and face-to-face meetings. Would it be safe to say

that their communication skills were better back then? I would argue yes.

Today, we can still utilize letters and one-on-one conversations, but the most prolific communication tools of today, especially on college campuses, are cell phones and e-mail. Let's examine what this shift in communication has done to our ability to communicate with one another.

For one thing, our ability to communicate verbally with one another has been reduced to a slang mixture of "ums," "likes" and awkward silences. The ability to communicate verbally is a basic necessity to function in the real world, but apparently it's not totally necessary to make it through college. This is your wake up call. Start to phase out these unnecessary filler words from

your vocabulary. It will make you sound more professional and you will get your point across more effectively.

The ability to write is something that we learn at a very early age, but the ability to write effectively and be understood is something that takes time and effort on our part. Many people seem to view writing as something only essential for novelists, journalists and English majors, but writing is something that we all need. If your resume, cover letter or personal statement is not written well, it will negatively affect your chances of getting a job or getting into graduate schools, among other things.

E-mail is a powerful tool that enables individuals to communicate instantly, whether it be halfway around the world or halfway

across campus. For the amount that we use e-mail and its importance, we don't write e-mails very well. All too often, I find myself squinting at e-mails from my peers and even faculty members laced with poor punctuation, dreadful misspellings, unreadable content and incomplete sentences that just don't make sense. E-mails should be treated like any other important form of communication. They should be professional, grammatically sound and understandable.

The last communication tool that we over-utilize is cell phones and, more specifically, texting. I'm not one to be a hypocrite. I'm a texter. I think it's a very convenient way to communicate casually with one another. Texting is such a phenomenon that a special language has emerged just to

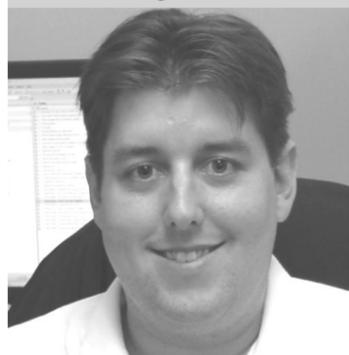
make the texter's life easier. But the problem with texting is that we are carrying this language over into our everyday lives. E-mails and professional communications are becoming infected with this texting language, and it doesn't look good.

Please keep in mind that all college students don't fit into this demographic, but many do. As for the reasons why this communication collapse is occurring? One could speculate until the cows come home. In closing, keep e-mails professional, no matter what the audience. Don't text your professors, and start writing more. The Writing Center on the bottom floor of Seidlin helps student writers of all levels, and the Fiat is always looking for writers... Ttyl

## The Alfred Computer Guy: Five tips to keep a clean computer

Mike Stone

Contributing Writer



Working for the ITS department, I handle my fair share of computers infected with viruses, spyware, adware and other forms of malware. Such attacks have become so commonplace that they are simply an accepted reality for Windows users.

Some say that the reason for such attacks is that Windows is inherently less secure than its alternative counterparts. Others argue that it's because Windows machines make up a vastly larger percentage of the computer world out there, which makes

Microsoft and their products much bigger targets. Whatever the reasoning might be, if you follow a few simple, common-sense rules, there is no reason that malware should ever infect your computer to the point of rendering it unusable.

1. Preserve your data. I don't mean just the regular backups of your user data (documents, pictures and the like), but also keeping your CDs and DVDs safe and sound. The discs that came with your computer can be immensely invaluable. For each software purchase you make, hang on to the CDs, the license code and even the retail box if you can. Everything that is on your computer should be available and at hand so that if you do need to wipe the slate clean and start over, you can be back up and running in just a few hours.

2. Run your updates. This goes for both your operating system and your antivirus pro-

gram. Many of the viruses and malware out there have already been addressed and dealt with, but you won't receive the benefit of those patches unless you download and install your Windows and antivirus updates.

3. Know your software. I really can't stress this one enough. This has become an overwhelming problem recently, and it is by far the biggest cause of infections I've seen this year. If you are running Sophos Antivirus and a pop-up claiming that "SuperWonderfulWindows Antivirus has detected your computer is infected! Click here to clean!" then you should have the sense to just close the browser window and run your own antivirus manually for good measure. Pop-ups like this are more often than not an attempt to trick a user into downloading and installing the very infections they are attempting to protect themselves from.

4. Understand your software. Become intimately knowledgeable with the functionality and features of your security software. What's the difference between Spybot Cleaning and Spybot Immunization? What is TeaTimer and what does it do? What will happen if the firewall in my Norton Antivirus suite competes with the Windows firewall? It's easy to gloss over these types of questions and just keep things running in the background, ignored for the sake of convenience and apathy. Just remember that convenience and apathy become liabilities in situations where you need to recover your computer from an infection that could have been avoided.

5. Practice safe online habits. Peer to peer software such as BearShare, Limewire and the like can be dangerous and tricky, even in experienced hands. Torrents from unknown or shady sources equally so. Violating copyrights and licenses through

sketchy downloads, "No CD" cracks and "keygens" is like playing Russian Roulette. Use your head, and if you want a song, video, or software application that badly, then do the right thing and just pay for it.

There you go. five tried and true, common sense tips that I guarantee will help keep your computer clean and running smoothly. Though I wouldn't recommend it to most users, the fact is that I can (and often do) get by with running no antivirus program whatsoever just by following these guidelines.

Do you have any questions you would like to ask? Send me an e-mail at: stone@alfred.edu with the subject "Alfred Computer Guy". Mac, PC, Linux, OS/2 Warp, NeXT... hit me with your best shot!

## 350: 11 days later

Jericho Shackelford

Staff Writer

As the sun set on Alfred's warmer days, a certain date was claimed not for fall, but for rejuvenation. Oct. 24, 2009 was the realization of the first environmental awareness initiative of its kind. This orchestra of green vibrations across the globe was not conducted by political minds, lawyers or puppeteers serving industrial interests. The event was not a bargain—rather it was a poignant realization. This is where we are and this is where we need to be.

So where are we? Currently the 350 organization states that Earth is maintaining 387 parts of carbon dioxide per million parts of atmosphere (387ppm). The ratio shows how much carbon is

present against all the other gases that compose Earth's atmosphere. Admittedly, 387 out of a million seems inconsequential. However, learning that prior to 200 years ago, approximately the time of industrialization, Earth was merrily sustaining 275ppm of carbon dioxide may alter one's perception. Furthermore, the seemingly inconsequential shift of a few degrees caused by rising carbon levels can mean the melting of icecaps and glaciers, erratic storms, drought, flooding and trouble for agriculture around the globe.

In order to assess the threat to Earth, scientists came together to find a cure for an increasing global ailment. They concluded that 350ppm is where carbon levels need to be in order to begin a process of reparation. They

dubbed themselves "350," and urged the world to join their cause. On Oct. 24, over 2,000 events were held in an astounding 182 nations. On the Alfred University campus, however, the 350 event was met with an unfortunately resolute lethargy. Posters were hung, stickers worn, and the Fiat Lux bore a page's worth of advertisement shouting "350" at its prospective readers. Yet very little came of this effort. Did the Alfred University campus simply miss the memo?

Certainly no individual, group or organization can be blamed for this lack of environmental empathy. Surely those with information and sufficient motivation did all that they could. The prevalent fact of Alfred's Oct. 24 is that we chose an embarrass-

ingly untimely moment in which to prove ourselves collectively undereducated not only on the facts, but on the green efforts that have been made by students and faculty across campus.

Truth be told, the Alfred campus is not disconnected or unmotivated. Individuals throughout the Alfred valley have achieved truly inspiring things in an effort to construct a new infrastructure that is more sustainable. Alfred University's community is involved in very nearly everything from green transportation to composting. Students have engineered papermaking machines using recycled paper and designed clothing using organic cloth. Dining halls have begun using locally grown produce and offices have dedicated themselves to using less paper.

Obviously the problem does not lie in invigorating some abandoned sense of consciousness or responsibility.

What may have caused the apparent apathy regarding 350 is a lack of effective infrastructure. Students are not necessarily apathetic; however, they may be disconnected. Concerned people, please recommit to socialize, to organize, to believe in the power of the populous. Become inspired, become invigorated, write letters, sing a green song or ride a bike across the lawn. Whatever you do, please realize that awareness and activation cannot have been let to end October 24. If they did, then the date stands to serve as no more than a means antithetical to the intended end.

## FEATURES

## What the Sinhala is going on in Sri Lanka?

Kristin Rubisch

Managing Editor



Sri Lanka is a small island nation off the southern coast of India, and is also home to one of the longest running civil wars in Asia.

Like many conflicts covered in this column, colonization had a heavy hand in exacerbating an otherwise small (but still existent) divide. Britain controlled the island, previously known as Ceylon, as early as 1796 for its strategic location and its diverse

agricultural wealth.

As was seen in colonies such as Rwanda, Britain used a strategy of supporting the ethnic minority (in this case, mostly Hindu Tamils) in order to control the ethnic majority (Buddhist Sinhalese). Tamils were often given administrative positions under British oversight, while Sinhalese had far fewer rights and political power.

In 1948, following increased pressure from the indigenous population, Sri Lanka received its independence.

Unfortunately for the minority Tamils, Sri Lanka's new government was based on popular vote; the Sinhalese easily swept the elections, and immediately began molding Sri Lanka in their vision.

In 1956, the Official Language Act declared Sinhala the official language of Sri Lanka, forcing many Tamils to resign from public posts because they did not meet this language requirement. There were also attempts to make Bud-

dhism the official religion, and affirmative action in favor of Sinhalese was used to reverse the favor Tamils had received from the British colonials.

This sudden lack of control was enough for the Tamils to crave a separate state of their own. In 1983, unrest between the ethnic groups came to a head.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE, or Tamil Tigers for short) formed a militant campaign against the government, starting an insurgency that is only now drawing to a close.

The LTTE has been labeled a terrorist organization by the U.S. and EU, predominantly for its use of suicide bombings, child soldiers and kidnappings. Despite regular Indian involvement, the only ceasefire that lasted a substantial amount of time was brokered by Norway. This ceasefire lasted from 2002 to 2005 and was thought to have lasted because of the devastating tsunami

in 2004.

The agreement, however, collapsed after the assassination of the Sri Lankan foreign minister, Lakshman Kadirgamar. This has led to ruthless attempts from the government to uproot and destroy the LTTE, which has also raised alarm bells to human rights groups across the globe. They also gained the assistance of a splinter group of the LTTE who did not desire complete severance from the government; this group helped infiltrate the Tiger's leadership, culminating in the assassination of leader Velupillai Prabhakaran in 2009.

The LTTE, who has now officially admitted defeat, has lost most of its supporters.

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa is making efforts to return internally displaced persons (IDP's) to their homes, and has taken all surrendering LTTE soldiers to rehabilitation centers.

With over 90,000 casualties

throughout the civil war (with an estimated half being civilians), it is difficult to picture a proper reconciliation. Furthermore, wounds from colonial favoritism are still present for the Sinhalese, just as the attempts at recent marginalization are present for Tamils.

The only hope for a stable future is that the international community will monitor the actions of the government for any unfair treatment of Tamils, and that, most important of all, forgiveness and cooperation can be obtained between both sides.

The purpose of this column is to inform people about global events. While one article is not enough to fully explain a conflict, it is enough to provide the reader with the basics. It is my hope that when you are finished reading, you can readily answer the question, "What the (blank) is going on in (blank?)"



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## What's true about Swine Flu?

By Jericho Shackelford  
Staff Writer

Amidst such conflicting rumors and information about H1N1 (or Swine Flu), it can be hard to sift the fact from the fiction, which makes it difficult for people to know what to do this flu season. Hopefully this article will provide some clarity.

As many know, H1N1 (or Swine Flu) originated in Mexico. Unbeknownst to the Mexican Government, the strain of flu was bred in pigs that had contracted two other strains of flu: human and avian. The pigs then acted as a Petri dish in which these strains of flu evolved into a single flu strain. This is why, while the H1N1 flu manifested

first in pigs, it is not entirely accurate to call it Swine Flu.

H1N1 is spread in the same way as the more common seasonal flu, which means that in the North, H1N1 will spread most effectively between the months of November and March. The terms "first wave" and "second wave" are hemispherical references. In the Southern hemisphere, the most infectious months are May through September, making this the first wave. As the North spins toward winter and therefore toward cooler, drier weather, the Flu migrates North, resulting in the second wave.

H1N1 is spread from human to human, and it is treated the same way as seasonal flu. One

should not fear eating properly cooked pork products. However, one should be careful not to sneeze onto someone else's properly cooked pork products. Not only would that be unfortunate, it would be severely disgusting.

On campus, rumors regarding this flu season have spread infectiously. Faculty, staff and students should be relieved to find that most of these rumors are untrue. The single factual rumor is that the Alfred University Health Center does not test for the H1N1 flu. So if students go to the Health Center believing they have H1N1, staff will be attentive and careful as always, but no blood will be taken to distinguish H1N1 patients

from those who have the usual cough, runny nose and a fever. According to Health and Wellness Director Pam Schu, testing everyone with these symptoms would be excessively expensive.

Initially the policy of not testing students for H1N1 may seem negligent. However, the only colleges across the nation that are testing specifically for H1N1 are those that are conducting research on its development and treatment.

It is strongly suggested that any students experiencing influenza-like illness, or I.L.I., go to the Health Center. Students who have fallen ill have not been hospitalized, and will not be unless their condition becomes severe. This is a means of decreasing

opportunity for the contagious flu virus. While students are not being mandated out of the classroom due to illness, they are advised to either stay home or in their on-campus residence until 24 hours after their condition has subsided.

The Alfred University Health Center office will be glad to accommodate any questions or concerns students have. Information can be found online at [my.alfred.com](http://my.alfred.com) by searching "health services." Also, Health Services offers a toll-free 24-hour telephone number for those who may need assistance after hours. The number is 877-924-7758.

## Phi Beta Kappa to sponsor "Wit and Wisdom Award"

By Leah Houk  
A&E Editor

This year, instead of sponsoring the annual Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) speaker as it has done for the previous four years, the Alfred University chapter of PBK has decided to hold a student contest for the "Wit and Wisdom Award."

President of the Alfred University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Sandra Singer explained the switch in plans.

"The economic crisis of the past year has limited the programming resources available to the central Phi Beta Kappa office," Singer said. "In the past, the office has been able to subsidize a visiting lecturer series that includes Phi Beta Kappa scholars from a variety of disciplines. This year, the office had to limit the number of requests for speakers it could support. Our request for a speaker was not supported."

The AU chapter of PBK decided on an alternative that would still foster the goals of PBK on campus. Singer said that the contest is "a student competition to promote intellectual rigor and excellence in public speaking."

The guidelines for the contest were developed by a committee of PBK members, and the panel of judges will be made of PBK members and a Communication Studies professor.

The contest is open to all full-time undergraduates from each college in the University. One winner will be selected from submissions in two categories: creative writing and scholarly essays.

Students are encouraged to submit their work to one or both categories.

Scholarly essay: this category is limited to scholarly or academic essays that would appeal to a general audience of adults. Entries will be judged on the quality and significance of the scholarship and/or research and excellence in writing, as well as the student's skill in oral presentation.

Creative writing: this category includes all genres of fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction, and playwriting. Entries will be judged on originality and excellence in writing, as well as the student's skill in oral presentation. The entries can be on any topic, but should be suitable for a wide adult audience.

Submissions can be sent electronically to [gray@alfred.edu](mailto:gray@alfred.edu), and print copies may be sent by campus mail to:

Assistant Professor Juliana Gray, Chair  
Wit and Wisdom Selection Committee  
English Division - Seidlin Hall

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 6, 2009 at 5 p.m. Finalists will be notified by Nov. 20, and will present their work to the panel of judges. The winner will be notified by Dec. 4, 2009.

The winner will present his or her lecture at a Bergren Forum on March 4, 2010, and will be honored with a dinner on campus. The winner will receive an honorarium of \$250, which will be awarded on the occasion of the public lecture.

"We would like to encourage undergraduates from the entire university to submit entries," Singer said.

## Professor to explore sensory connections at next Bergren Forum

Chase Angier, assistant professor of dance/dance program director at Alfred University, will present "The Moving Image" on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 at the Bergren Forum at 12:10 p.m. in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theatre. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Angier describes her talk as exploring the sensory connection among image, body, and choreography.

She has been directing the dance program at Alfred University since 2002.

Angier teaches modern and jazz dance, dance history, improvisation/composition, site-specific art and dance, movement to actors, repertory, and directs the

AU Dance Theater Company and the Marlin and Ginger Miller Dance Residency Program. Her creative research investigates the mixture of movement with other art forms through her collaboration with dynamic creative artists in visual art, music, and theater.

Angier received a master of fine arts degree in choreography from The Ohio State University and a bachelor of arts degree in dance from UCLA.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

# Popular band 'Everclear' to perform at McLane Center Nov. 20



PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAN NAPOLITANO

The Alfred University Student Activities Board has announced a November concert featuring the nationally known band "Everclear." The group will perform on Friday, Nov. 20 at AU's McLane Center beginning at 9 p.m. Doors will open at 8.

The band is best known for hits such as "Santa Monica," "Father of Mine," and "Wonderful," all from the 2009 album, "In a Different Light."

The concert is open to the public. Tickets are available for \$15 a person at Giovanni's Pizza in Hornell; The Mu-

sic Alley, Wellsville; the AU Bookstore, Powell Campus Center; and online at [stubhub.com](http://stubhub.com) (search "everclear"). Alfred University and Alfred State students can purchase discounted tickets at the Alfred University's Powell Campus Center and Alfred State College's Orvis Center.

Everclear captured the hearts of Gen-Xers and rock fans everywhere 15 years ago, and hit number one on Billboard's Hot Mainstream Rock Tracks chart with original versions of "Santa Monica" and their Top 30 Capitol Records album "Sparkle and Fade."

The next phase of Everclear begins as lead singer/songwriter Art Alexakis gears up for a unique, new, organic look, by remaking some of his older classics mixed with some "newer" talent.

For more information about the band Everclear visit their official Web site at <http://www.everclearonline.com/> Also, more information about the concert is available through Dan Napolitano, director of student activities, at [napolitano@alfred.edu](mailto:napolitano@alfred.edu), or 607.871.2175.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY HARRY AND THE POTTERS

## WIZARDS ROCK

By Kari Aldrich  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Harry and the Potters will perform a spell-binding concert at Alfred University.

The concert is part of a Harry Potter-themed weekend, which will also include a Quidditch Tournament and three showings of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," the latest film in the series.

Harry and the Potters call their music "Wizard Rock," which is in essence punk rock based on the adventures of the popular character. The band is comprised of two brothers who started the project in 2002 and have since played almost 500

shows across the United States and a few foreign countries. They have performed in a wide variety of venues, from rock clubs to bookstores to bowling alleys, and claim that they try to make each show a unique experience. With titles like, "Save Ginny Weasley," "This Book is So Awesome," and "Voldemort Can't Stop the Rock!" the band presents a fun and unusual style that is particularly appealing to people who grew up reading the series of novels.

Harry and the Potters will play Nov. 7 at 9 p.m. in the Knight Club. More information, musical samples, and videos are all available at <http://harryandthepotters.com>

# Passionately Pink 2009



PHOTO BY DAVID HENSEL

(From left) Juniors Peter Nyitrai, Kayla Olszewski and Kevin Kostyk, first-year Timothy Mordaunt and junior Sonrisa Crespín sit at a table at the Pink Ball on Oct. 29. The art auction that took place raised over \$300 toward the Susan G. Komen Fund.

By Jericho Shackelford  
Staff Writer

From Friday, Oct. 30 to Saturday, Oct. 31, Alfred sported pink in support of breast cancer research.

Setup for the first annual Pink Ball began at about 10 a.m. Oct. 29. Considering the preparation dedicated to the event, it is no surprise that the Pink Ball went off without any hitches.

Juniors Jessica Marble and Kevin Kostyk began the ball with a short introduction to the event and the Cause: Passionately Pink for the Cure. Somewhere between entrees and dessert, the co-chairs of Passionately Pink

for the Cure rose to the podium a second time to introduce what would be a succession of speeches made by the Ball's guests of honor.

AU President Charley Edmondson was the first to step up to the podium.

The speakers that succeeded President Edmondson each spoke about their first-hand experiences with breast cancer, which effects one in every eight women. Nadine Farrell, Judy Kawalski and Patty Gelman all spoke of their trials in overcoming breast cancer.

Following the guest speakers' concluding remarks, music

played as a backdrop to conversation, and artwork became the subject of much attention. The silent auction of various pieces donated by students continued until about 8:30 p.m., when the winners of each piece were announced. The auction generated over \$300, all to be given to the Susan G. Komen Fund.

The "Keep Second Base Safe" T-shirt was the staple of this weekend's events. On Oct. 30, despite the rain and wind, Alfred community members arrived at Merrill Field sporting purple, gold and pink. Supporters were there to watch the Saxons play the University of Rochester's

Yellow Jackets. However, their outstanding presence in pink attested to the fact that their commitment was twofold.

Fans were adorned in pink pins, stickers, t-shirts and sweatshirts. While there is not yet an official tally on how much money has been raised from the sale of this apparel, the flocks of pink-clad persons is a positive testament to the earning power of pink.

"Kevin, myself and the committee would just like to say thank you to everyone who wore pink, gathered, attended the events and donated to the Susan G. Komen fund," Marble said.

"This event helps prove again how awesome the Alfred community is. No matter how different we all are, we always find a way to come together and do something good for those who need help."

Jessica's statement reflects the gracious hospitality that is so emphasized within the Pink committee. Passionately Pink For the Cure is very much a culmination of many of Alfred University's virtues. So long as those attributes are not left out of Sax-on creed, it is hard to imagine a year without second base protection vibrantly printed across the chests of AU students.

## Good Sense Gourmet dinner to be held Nov. 10

By Holly Seidewand  
Contributing Writer

This year the Good Sense Gourmet dinner, sponsored by the Women's Leadership Center, will be held on Nov. 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Knight Club. This annual dinner is held to promote healthy eating styles.

The dinner is semi-formal, and a three course meal will be served. All of the food provided is healthier variations of common recipes. New healthy recipes will also shared with the guests. Pam Schu, the Health and Wellness Educator here at AU, has arranged guest speakers to join the dinner to share their experiences and ideas.

The dinner is held to promote healthier eating here on campus. It is hard to create healthy meals on a budget, and the Wellness Center and the Women's Leadership centers goal is to educate the students with inexpensive meal, dessert and snack ideas. Guests are also encouraged to share their own recipes.

Students should make reservations by

Nov. 4 and the cost is only a meal swipe! Space is limited and you don't want to miss out on a great opportunity to get new ideas on how to stay healthy at Alfred University. RSVP by e-mailing WLC@alfred.edu, or by calling 607-871-2971 and providing your student ID number.

## Chamber Singers, Chorus, Jazz Band to perform annual Festifall concert

On Friday, Nov. 6, Alfred University will conduct its annual Festifall concert featuring performances by the AU Chamber Singers, the University Chorus, and the Jazz band.

This pops/jazz concert begins

at 8 p.m. in Holmes Theatre in Harder Hall, on campus. All are welcome to attend this free event.

The Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Luanne Crosby, professor of voice and chorus, will start off the event with songs by

Billy Joel, the Manhattan Transfer, and a song about making a great "chili con carne."

The University Chorus, also under the direction of Crosby, will sing "Celebration," "Come Rain or Come Shine," and will finish off

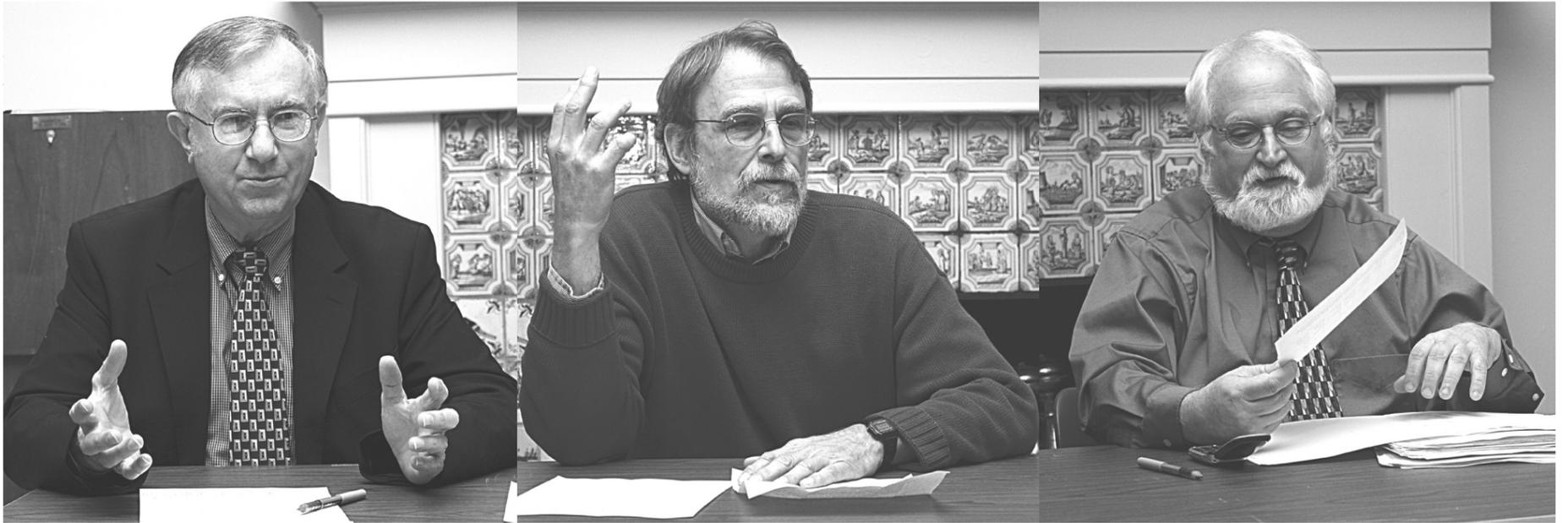
with a Latin piece popularized by Brazil 66. University Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter will be the piano accompanist.

To close out the concert, the Alfred University Jazz Band, under the direction of Dr. Christopher

Foster, will perform a variety of bebop, Latin, swing, ballads, and funk pieces. A few selections include Dizzy Gillespie's "Groovin' High," Charlie Parker's "Now's the Time," and Bill Chase's "Get it On."

## NEWS

## Health care reform debated at Oct. 20 forum



PHOTOS BY DAVID LEMMO

(From left) Professor of political science Robert Heineman, Dr. William Coch, M.D. and professor of sociology Arthur Greil debated health care reform Oct. 20 in a crowded Susan Howell Hall.

By Eric Hudack  
Staff Writer

The Political Science Club held a Health Care Reform Forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 for a full-house crowd in Susan Howell Hall.

The panel consisted of professor of sociology Arthur Greil, professor of political science Robert Heineman and Dr. William Coch, M.D. The goal of the forum, according to assistant professor of political science and Political Science Club adviser Bob Stein, was to provide the community with "an opportunity to ask questions and get information" on what's going on with our nation's health care reform.

Greil started off the forum with the admission that health care "is not (his) major area of expertise,"

and went on to provide a history of where health insurance came from and how it evolved to the point where it is today, from its World War II labor shortage roots all the way up to the development of experience ratings and Medicaid and Medicare. He went on to provide a global perspective for health care.

Coch provided a physician's perspective on what is wrong with the nation's health care system and gave a few suggestions as to what Congress needs to do in order to fix them.

"If you want to find a more unhappy group of people," Coch began, "it would be (primary care physicians)."

Coch is heavily in favor of a single payer system, or at least a single system, "so you don't have

to bill people in different ways."

"We don't know what good health care is," Coch said when discussing the disarray the current system is in. He argued that until we get this "800-pound gorilla off our back," not only will the system remain in chaos, but primary care physicians will all but disappear. The 800-pound gorilla Coch is referencing comes in many forms: malpractice, a generation of diabetics, lack of communication and inappropriate allocation of money and resources.

"We have to come to terms with the fact that we are all going to die," Coch began. "A lot of Medicare dollars are spent on people that are going to die."

It may keep people employed, but creates inefficiencies.

In his presentation, Heineman

stressed the importance of health care reform and the problems he has seen thus far in the debate process.

Heineman believes everyone should be entitled to health care.

"People don't get sick on purpose," he said. As for those concerned about cost, Heineman said jokingly, "Of course it's going to be expensive; this stuff isn't cheap!"

Heineman placed a lot of blame on President Obama for the stall of the health care debate.

"He's turning it over to Congress, which basically means he's turned it over to the interest groups," Heineman said.

Heineman has not been impressed with Congress during this debate and fears that "we'll end up with a plan much worse than we already have," he said.

Students and community members alike were very active throughout the forum, asking a total of 12 questions at the end (and probably would have asked more had Stein not ended the forum when he did).

The audience was made up of students such as Wolfgang Corcoran-Mathe, who had been die-hard followers of the health care debate, and some just hoping to learn a little more of what was going on in the world outside of Alfred.

"I wish there would have been more on the actual bill in Congress, but I understand the issues a lot better now," junior Nick Clark said.

## Alfred University joins CREE LED University program

Cree, Inc. (Nasdaq: CREE), announces that Alfred University has joined the Cree LED University@ program, an international community of universities working to accelerate the adoption of energy-efficient LED lighting across their campuses.

As part of its ongoing green initiatives, Alfred University has installed LED lighting throughout its newest residence hall, "Ann's House." Officially opened for the Fall 2009 semester, the school's first environmentally-friendly dormitory features more than 175 Cree LED lights

and 18 LEDDynamics EverLED TR, fluorescent tube replacements throughout the 15,000 square-foot hall.

"Ann's House was constructed as part of Alfred University's commitment to becoming a greener, more sustainable campus," explained Alfred University's President, Dr. Charles M. Edmondson.

Designed to set a new standard in green construction for the Alfred University campus, Ann's House was designed to be certified at the Silver level or above by the U.S. Green Build-

ing Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

In addition to the energy-efficient LED and fluorescent fixtures that light the 48 student bedrooms, hallways, lounges and stair towers, Ann's House also features LED televisions, high efficiency boilers and instant hot water heaters, natural stone and cement composite siding and low VOC (volatile organic compound) materials used for flooring, paints and building materials. The building is equipped

with solar panels to provide approximately 8 percent of the electrical demand during daylight hours.

"As an alumnus of Alfred University, it's incredibly gratifying to see the steps my alma mater is taking to become a more sustainable, eco-friendly campus," said John Edmond, Cree co-founder and director of advanced optoelectronics.

Alfred University joins LED University participants North Carolina State University; Marquette University; University of California, Santa Barbara; Uni-

versity of Arkansas; Madison Area Technical College; Joliet Junior College; Notre Dame; University of California, Davis; University of Miami; University of Alaska at Anchorage and Tianjin Polytechnic University in China in evaluating, promoting, and deploying LED lighting as they work toward increasing energy savings, protecting the environment, reducing maintenance costs, and providing better light quality for improved visibility and safety.

## Second Inamori professor appointed

Dr. Mark R. Towler, a researcher in biomedical materials, is the newest Inamori Professor in the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University.

"We are delighted to have a researcher and educator of Dr. Towler's caliber join our faculty," said Dr. Doreen Edwards, dean of the Inamori School of Engineering. "Dr. Towler brings to us an extensive and varied background; in addition to being a teacher and researcher, he is an entrepreneur who has spun off two start-up companies from his research."

"This is a big opportunity for me," says Towler of his appointment as an Inamori Professor. Alfred University created the endowed professorships, which are earmarked for leading materials science researchers, when the Kyocera Corporation gave the

University a \$10 million gift to endow the School of Engineering. The school, and the four professorships that will be supported by the endowment, are named in honor of Kazuo Inamori, founder of Kyocera.

"Our pledge to the Kyocera Corporation and Dr. Inamori was that we would use the income from the endowment their gift created to hire top researchers in materials science, particularly in the areas of nanotechnology and biomedical materials," said Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, president of Alfred University.

The first Inamori Professorship is held by Dr. Scott Mixture, professor of materials science and an alumnus of Alfred University.

"Alfred has a very good reputation in glass and ceramics," said Towler, but the real attraction was

the opportunity to help build its program in biomedical materials engineering science (BMES). AU offers bachelor's and master's degrees in biomedical materials, and a Ph.D. in materials science with a focus on biomedical materials.

"I was looking for a change, and (Alfred) fit me perfectly," he said.

Towler's work focuses on developing glass and ceramic materials for medical applications.

One area involves development of materials specifically to repair spinal fractures. While there are several new surgical procedures to repair vertebrae, Towler says there is a "gap in the market. There is no material designed specifically for that purpose" to encourage the vertebrae to, in effect, heal themselves through new bone growth.

In a related area, since many

compression fractures of the spine are related to osteoporosis (a loss of calcium in the bone that leads to weakening), Towler is working on a screening protocol that would lead to earlier diagnosis and treatment based on the application of a Raman laser beam which measures the presence of certain proteins in fingernails and uses them as an indication of the health of related proteins in bone. At present, the most accurate diagnostic tool is a bone density scan which uses x-rays.

Towler and his post-doctoral researchers are also investigating the use of drug eluting cements and fillers for bone repair, and developing coatings to discourage the growth of antibiotic-resistant "superbugs" in hospital settings.

Towler is eager to form partnerships with both medical schools

and industries in the United States, something he was able to do in Ireland.

He earned a B.Sc. degree in polymer science from the University of Manchester (UK) Institute of Science and Technology; a master's degree in materials engineering from the Department of Materials at the University of Liverpool (UK), and a Ph.D. in biomedical materials from Queen Mary College, University of London.

Prior to coming to Alfred, Towler was senior lecturer and head of the clinical materials unit at the Materials and Surface Sciences Institute, University of Limerick, Ireland. He had previously been a research scholar and lecturer at the Institute, and also spent two years as a research scientist at Advanced Healthcare Ltd, Kent, UK.

**HUMOR**



**About the astrologer:**

Chester Lugash (born Chystraslav Lighsh) is a well-known astrologer whose career has spanned decades. Beginning in Communist-controlled Romania during the 1970s, Chester published a series of horoscopes under the heading "Comrade Stalin's Advice from Beyond the Grave." These short bits of advice, based on the Soviet-style metric calendar, were immensely popular with readers in Romania and Moldova. After the fall of the Berlin Wall (which he accurately predicted in the March 1989 column: "Na radnty po russkie: uu mena stoola guvna" or "When all else fails, take a sledgehammer or heavy equipment to your problems") his columns were circulated beyond the Warsaw Pact countries and he achieved great notoriety in Lichtenstein, San Marco and the Vatican City (Pope John Paul II is said to have excommunicated him for his April 1998 column advising Taurus to "1: Find short pier. 2: Begin walking. 3: Don't stop for anything.")

With his publication in the Fiat Lux, Chester hopes to expand his readership beyond postage-stamp countries and, possibly, escape his home town of Skatikogorsk for the warm weather and economic plenty which, he believes, are synonymous with Alfred.

**Aries:** TS Elliot said: "April is the cruelest month." you will find this to be true when your new calendar contains a page insulting you, your parentage and that thing on top of your head you call a hairdo.

**Taurus:** While it's true that Darwin doesn't actually give out awards, you won't really be in a position to complain, will you?

**Gemini:** This week will you will be both a social butterfly, popular at parties and, simultaneously, suffering from severe delusions in a darkened basement.

**Cancer:** You will be surprised this week by what a little good ole' American know-how and 15 marmots can do to someone's meticulously cultivated self image.

**Leo:** Your plans to test your thesis that "the hokey-pokey is what it's all about" will run into significant conceptual and ethical roadblocks this week.

**Virgo:** It seems hard to believe, but everyone is, in fact, out to get you this week, but don't worry; the stars assure you that the tinfoil hat will indeed prevent the NBA from reading your thoughts.

**Libra:** When the counselor calls your life a 'work of art' this week, he is secretly thinking of something by HR Geiger or Hieronymus Bosch.

**Scorpio:** As you consider your next big re-enactment this week, you should probably put "the Jonestown massacre" in the 'maybe' pile.

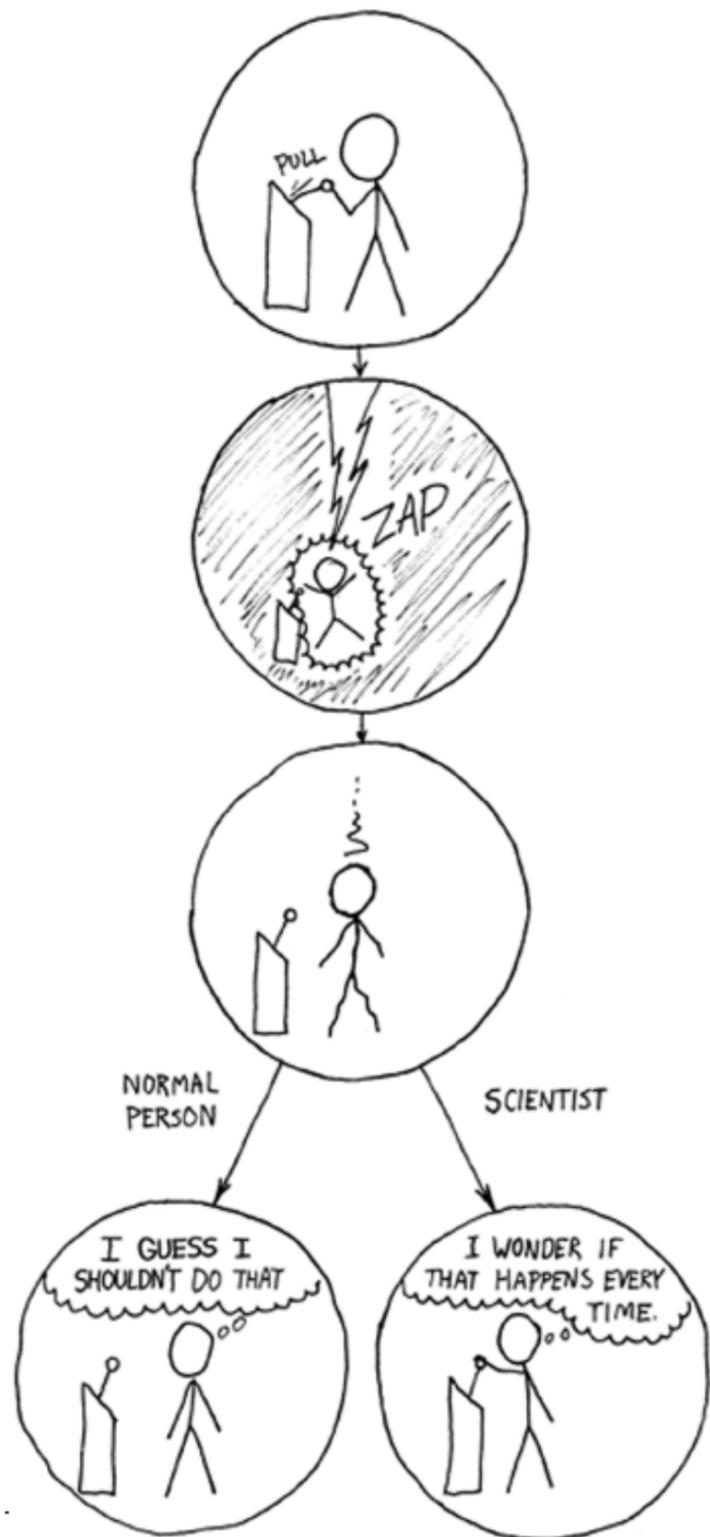
**Sagittarius:** If life is like a box of chocolates, this week will be something with coconut, marshmallow and greater than 13% chance of having rat droppings in it.

**Capricorn:** Most people reach a point in their lives where they sadly shake their heads and say, "It's never been this bad before." After this week, you will no longer have that option.

**Aquarius:** Although the highly trained demolition squad will politely apologize for the tragic mix-up, Sweetest Day will never really be the same for you afterward.

**Pisces:** To many people, the weekend is a time for relaxing from the stresses of the week; you will soon discover that for the unemployed, it's not much different from the rest of the week.

**Today's Birthday:** People unconditionally like you and wish to help you wherever you go. Oh, yeah, and your mother thinks that you are a REAL catch and those mean boys are just jealous...



**Alfred is Dedicated**

A hand-picked dedication left to support and comfort future generations.



This dedication is fastened to a boulder under the large pine tree across from Harder Hall, on the green between Perlman Hall and the McMahon Building.

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**A WEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE.**

Written and drawn by Randall Munroe  
You can find more xkcd at [www.xkcd.com](http://www.xkcd.com)

WARNING: THIS COMIC OCCASIONALLY CONTAINS STRONG LANGUAGE (WHICH MAY BE UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN), UNUSUAL HUMOR (WHICH MAY BE UNSUITABLE FOR ADULTS), AND ADVANCED MATHEMATICS (WHICH MAY BE UNSUITABLE FOR LIBERAL-ARTS MAJORS).

Artist's Note: How could you choose avoiding a little pain over understanding a magic lightning machine?

## JUMPS

### Fire... continued from front page

housing West Side Wine & Spirits, Alfred Sports Center, the former Alfred Ski Shop location and several apartments. The alarm sounded at 6:40 a.m.

According to Woughter's announcement, seven students were permanently displaced, while nine other AU students who were living above the Collegiate, Kampus Kave and Hair Care are temporarily displaced until fire and smoke damage is repaired.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, and will not be known until an investigation is complete, but rumors about the fire's cause have varied from an outdoor grill to faulty business equipment.

Main Street was closed off all day between West University Street and Church Street while firefighters from Alfred, Belfast, Almond, North Hornell, Alfred Station, Wellsville, Dansville, Andover and other surrounding areas worked into the afternoon to stop the fire and completely tear down the building.

Although the street was blocked, some students were able to retrieve their belongings from some of the evacuated buildings if escorted by a firefighter, according to landlord Stan Visniewski, who also owns Alex's bar and the Panda Chinese restaurant spaces on Main Street.

Further affecting students was a daylong water outage.

"Because of the ongoing firefighting efforts, we are experiencing low water pressure on campus," another campus-wide announcement sent at 11:11 a.m. Oct. 29 stated. "We are being asked to conserve water if possible during this time. Main Street will remain closed until the fire department gives the all-clear."

Donations and benefit efforts were already in the works before the flames were even extinguished.

Students donated clothing and other needed items to the Kenyon-Allen Room in Powell Campus Center. Student Senate donated \$500 in gift cards. Almost every event over the Halloween weekend, including the football game, Spectrum's Rocky Horror Picture Show event and a Friday night potluck, raised money to help the fire victims.

Students who lost everything in the fire were very apprecia-

tive of the Alfred community's efforts.

"I just wanted to say that although this is a tragic situation for all of us students, it has been eye opening to how wonderful Alfred truly is," senior psychology and sociology major Emily Tobin said in an e-mail statement. "I can honestly say I would not be in the shape I am today if it weren't for this community. Everything that people have done for us in the past couple of days has been heartwarming and truly appreciated."

"We want to thank everyone in Alfred and at the University," an e-mail statement from senior pre-med major Libby Meier and senior accounting major Hannah Meier said. "An hour after we had lost everything we already had a place to stay, food and a table full of essentials at our new apartment. We had countless people offer us a place to stay, bags of clothes and tons of toiletries. Nowhere else would this kind of help have been possible or so freely given. We are truly blessed to be a part of the Alfred community. Thank you!"

The burned Second Empire-style building, which was built between 1869 and 1880, is owned by Martin Curran and was managed with family aid. Kathy Snyder, one of the family members who helped manage the building, said at the time of the fire that she didn't know what would happen to the property.

"We just don't know yet," Snyder said.

Visniewski said he planned to open his bar that night if firefighters permitted him.

"If they let us be open, we'll be open," Visniewski said.

Alex's was the only business open on the Main Street block that night.

Student Senate President Amos Mainville said Student Senate was proud to see Alfred students give back.

"Student Senate just wants to thank all those that were able to donate their time and effort to helping those affected by the fires, and is really proud to see the students of Alfred give back to those in need," Mainville said.

Alumni and other concerned persons wishing to make donations may contact Student Affairs at [studentaffairs@alfred.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@alfred.edu).

*University Archivist Laurie McFadden helped with some of the research involved in this story.*

### Alfred's business district underwent a few changes during the 130 years the Curran-owned building stood.

(Top photo) The business section as it appeared in the mid-1880s. This photo is the oldest photo of the business section the Fiat Lux was able to acquire. The building that burned Thursday morning can be seen on the far left.

(Second from the top) This photo, taken in 1898, shows a portion of Alfred's business district. The storefronts where the Alfred Sports Center and Alfred Ski Shop were can be seen on the left. The building to the right would be replaced by the current building housing the Collegiate and Kampus Kave. The structural integrity of this building is being investigated.

(Second from bottom) Alfred's Main Street as it appeared in August 2009.

(Bottom) All that remains after the fire. Saxon Drive can be seen through the smoke.



PHOTO BY DAVID LEMMO

## SPORTS

## The AU men's and women's swim teams are back in gear

By Justin McCombs  
Sports Editor

The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams began their 2009-10 seasons on Saturday, Oct. 24 against Empire 8 rival Nazareth. The men's team won, 134-78 but the women's team came up short, 129-91.

Freshman Nate Chapman (Hornell, NY/Hornell) came up big with two wins in the 800-meter and 400-meter freestyle races. Senior Andrew Brisson (Greenwich, CT/Greenwich) also won two events (100-meter and 200-meter freestyle), along with Kameron Chambliss (Alfred Station, NY/Alfred-Almond),

who won the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

The men won both relays, as the 200-meter was wrapped up by junior Matt Lobban (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Mendon), sophomore Warren Dolben (Rye, NH/Berwick Academy), junior Zach Mix (Mt. Morris, NY /Mt. Morris), junior Dan Steere (Hornell, NY/Alfred-Almond) and Brisson.

Junior Sarah Blair (Auburn, NY/Auburn) led the women's team with a wins in the 100-meter and 50-meter freestyle. Sophomore Donna Hoops (Geneseo, NY/Geneseo) also earned a win for the women in the 100-meter backstroke.

## AU women's basketball preview

By Justin McCombs  
Sports Editor

Last season, the Alfred University women's basketball team had a huge turnaround season. They improved from a 2-21 record in '08 to a 12-13 record in '09. This net improvement of 9 games was ranked 4th in the nation out of D3 schools. AU boasts a very solid returning class as they only lost one senior, Melanie Jackson, a 2009 graduate. Among the returning players are senior forwards Libby and Hannah Meier (Rochester, NY/Greece Odyssey). Last year, Hannah started in 16 games and played in 25 averaging 4.0 points and 4.0 rebounds while holding down the lead for blocked shots with 26. Libby also saw action in 25 games and started in 13 averaging 3.3 points and 3.6 rebounds for the Saxons. he two

sisters will be serving as captains for the Lady Saxons.

Along with the Meiers, Lisa Button (Troupsburg, NY/Jasper-Troupsburg), a senior shooting guard will also serve as a captain. Button averaged 4.5 points and 2.1 rebounds per game dishing out 33 assists in the meantime.

The fourth captain spot will be held by junior point guard Lyndsay Murphy (Almond, NY/Hornell). Murphy started in all 25 games last season for the Lady Saxons. Murphy was named to the First Team Empire 8 all-star list as she led the team in scoring (14.1 points per game) and assists (4.2) and also grabbed 4.5 rebounds per game.

AU will begin its 2009-10 season at home against Penn-State DuBois on Nov. 15, at 1 p.m.

## AU places three on Empire 8 women's tennis all-conference teams

Three members of the Alfred University women's tennis team have been named Empire 8 Conference all-stars, the conference announced this week.

Sophomore Griffin Currie (Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep) and senior Holly Seidewand (Webster, NY/Webster Thomas) were named to the Second Team for singles, while junior Autumn McLain (Oneida, NY/Oneida) was given honorable mention, also for singles.

Currie, the Empire 8 Rookie of the Year and a Second Team conference all-star as a freshman in 2008, posted a 7-8 singles record this season (3-5 in Empire 8 play. Seidewand went 14-2 in fourth singles (6-2 Empire 8) and re-

peated as a Second Team selection. McLain, who also earned honorable mention in 2008, was 9-6 in third singles this year (3-5 Empire 8).

Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on teams sponsored by the conference, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Honorees, chosen by their coaches, exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in keeping with the conference's mission of "competing with honor and integrity." McLain is Alfred's honoree from the women's tennis team.

Alfred finished the 2009 season with an 8-7 record (2-6 Empire 8).

## Fall classic: Yankees and Phillies

Griffin Taylor

Staff Writer

What would you do if you had 453 million dollars to toy around with this past winter? While we were all attempting to get some cash back for our clunkers, the Yankees went out and grossly overpaid for the two best starting pitchers on the market: CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett, as well as the best switch-hitting first baseman on the planet, Mark Teixeira. This gave opposing teams' fan bases 453 million more reasons to detest the franchise so affectionately known as "The Evil Empire." The Yankees knew heading into this season that this time around, it really was World Series or bust.

And yet here this Yankee team stands, three wins away from a twenty-seventh World Championship, while every other American League team is playing eighteen holes at a five star resort. Somewhere along the way, this year's Yankee squad has developed a distinct character that has been absent since the team last appeared in the World Series, back in 2001. Maybe it's the

25 comeback wins this season, or maybe it is the renaissance performances offered by senior citizens Andy Pettite, Derek Jeter, and Mariano Rivera, all-time pinstripe greats who are once again partying like it's 1999.

Slugger Alex Rodriguez, who in previous postseasons has gone into full witness protection mode, is suddenly hitting home runs with such regularity that he may not see another pitch to hit the rest of the World Series. It would not raise too many eyebrows if Kate Hudson were offered a contract by the Yankees at the end of the season, as she has helped A-Rod get his mojo back.

It is not easy to come into a media market like New York as the highest paid pitcher in baseball, as there is a bulls eye on your back every time you take the mound, but CC Sabathia has earned every dollar of his contract this season, displaying a mental toughness that embodies a team previously labeled as "soft."

On the other side of the bill is the Philadelphia Phillies, back to defend their World Series

crown, and seemingly confused as to why they are considered the underdog in this matchup. The Phillies disposed of the Los Angeles Dodgers relatively easily in the National League Championship Series, and are certainly not intimidated by the modern day Goliath that this Yankees team resembles. The Phillies themselves have two mammoth sluggers on the right side of the infield in first baseman Ryan Howard and second baseman Chase Utley, and boast a mental toughness and businesslike swagger that personifies the city of brotherly love for which they play. Jimmy Rollins recently advertised the confidence his bunch has going into the series, stating that the Phillies would take the series in five games, possibly six if they were feeling generous. As if the Yankees need any more motivation, this quote will certainly be posted up on a bulletin board by manager Joe Girardi. Any way you slice it, this is series is sure to be a dogfight from start to finish.

My Prediction: Yankees in 7

## AU cross country teams compete at Saratoga, Empire 8 championships

SARATOGA, NY – The Alfred University men's and women's cross country teams competed Saturday at Saratoga in a meet hosted by RPI. The meet also served as the Empire 8 Conference championships.

The Alfred women finished third of six Empire 8 teams competing in the meet and were seventh overall of 13 teams competing. The AU men were sixth of seven conference teams competing and placed 12th of 13 teams overall.

Sophomore Elisabeth Phillips-Jones (Watertown, MA/Wa-

tertown) earned Second Team all-Empire 8 Conference honors by placing 12th among runners from Empire 8 schools. She finished 24th overall, completing the five-kilometer course in 19:21.46. Other top runners for the AU women were senior Rachel Gaylord (Elmira, NY/Horseheads), 47th overall and 23rd Empire 8 (20:15.18); junior Melissa Haahr (Tioga, NY/Owego), 48th overall and 24th Empire 8 (2:21.46); and junior Kate LePore (Port Jefferson Station, NY/Comsewogue), 49th overall and 25th Empire 8 (20:25.90).

Senior Corey Smith (Albion, NY/Albion) was the AU men's top runner, completing the 8-K course in 28:23.10 to finish 42nd overall and 21st among Empire 8 runners. Sophomore Ken Noll (Valatie, NY/Ichabod Crane) was 50th overall and 26th Empire 8 (28:47.06) and senior Jim Thierman (Allegany, NY/Allegany-Limestone) was 52nd overall and 28th Empire 8 (28:50.21).

The AU men's and women's teams are in action next on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the NCAA Atlantic Regional meet at Letchworth State Park.

## Lady Saxons fall to Hartwick, 1-0

The Alfred University women's soccer team lost to visiting Hartwick, 1-0, Saturday night in an Empire 8 Conference contest.

Emily Thorndike scored the

game-winning goal for Hartwick 6:22 into the game.

Hartwick outshot Alfred 17-3. Sophomore goalie Shanna Ewoltdt (Tuscon, AZ/Wauban-

sie) made seven saves in goal for Alfred (5-9-3, 0-8 E8). Alyssa Rondo had one save in goal for Hartwick (5-10-0, 4-4-0 E8).

## Men's soccer defeated by St. John Fisher, 4-1

PITTSFORD, NY —The Alfred University men's soccer team was defeated by host St. John Fisher, 5-1, in an Empire 8 Conference contest Saturday night.

Freshman forward Frankie Mannino (Elmira, NY/Elmira Free Academy) netted a goal for the Saxons on an assist from freshman midfielder Sam Miller (Kinsman, OH/Badger) 6:15 into

the game. Luke Lennox made one assist and scored one goal for St. John Fisher. David Garabedian, Mike Redmond and Bryan Canty each also scored a goal to help earn Fisher the win.

St. John Fisher outshot Alfred 25-6. Sophomore goalie Elliot Thorpe (Highlands Ranch, CO/Thunder Ridge) and senior goalie Pat Grimmer (Bath, NY/

Haverling) split time in goal for the Saxons. Thorpe made six saves in goal. Adam Durst and Robert Weigand split time in goal for Fisher (8-6-1, 3-3-0 E8). Durst made two saves during the game.

Alfred (5-10-1, 0-6-1 E8) is in action next on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Empire 8 Championships.

## SPORTS

## Kilcarr leads the Saxons to victory over Empire 8 football rival St. John Fisher

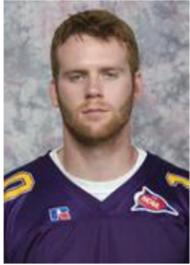
By Justin McCombs  
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Sophomore place-kicker Eric Rockwood (Allegheny, NY/Allegheny-Limestone) came up huge with a game-winning 31-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in regulation, boosting the Saxons over the host St. John Fisher for a huge Empire 8 victory.

The win boosts the Saxons to 6-0, keeping them atop of the Empire 8 and furthers their chances towards a bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament. The tournament placing would be the first in school history.

Special teams was a huge contributor to the Saxon win. With 5:21 left in the fourth, and the game even at 21, Saxon sophomore cornerback Roland O'Brien (Hoosick Falls, NY/Hoosick Falls) stripped the Fisher punt returner on the 2-yard line and brought the ball into the endzone for the score which put the Saxons up 28-21.

Fisher would take the following kickoff to midfield, setting up a 50-yard, 8-play drive for a touchdown, tying the game at 28. The touchdown was scored with 2:13 left by Fisher's Paul Deckard, who



Kilcarr

brought in 4 scoring touchdowns that day.

Alfred would take the ensuing kickoff up to their own 39-yard line. The game-winning drive would follow, led by sophomore quarterback TJ Kilcarr (Naunet, NY/Clarkstown South). Kilcarr played in place of the injured Tom Secky (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove). Kilcarr stepped up to the plate, completing 3 passes for 19 yards and also running for 17 to set up Rockwood's last second field goal. Fisher failed to complete a pass on a Hail Mary attempt as the clock ran out.

Kilcarr finished the game by completing 7 of 18 passes for 104 yards and a 36 yard touchdown pass to junior wideout Ryan Thon (Victor, NY/Victor) just before halftime. Before coming out, Secky was on his way to a successful game throwing for 10 of 12 for 99 yards and also gave the Saxons a 14-7 lead with a 5-yard touchdown run halfway through the second quarter.

Alfred once again scored on its opening drive for the sixth time this season. The Saxons drove 71 yards on 12 plays before senior running back Vinson Hendrix (Rochester, NY East) barreled his way in on a 2-yard plunge into the endzone.

Hendrix finished with 79 yards on 22 carries and a score. Chris Lopez (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford), a freshman running back, saw action during the 4th rushing for 20

yards.

Senior wideout Milton Harding (Binghamton, NY/Johnson City) led the Saxons in receiving with six catches for 54 yards. Senior wideout Jared Manzer (Johnson City, NY/Johnson City) and Thon each caught five passes.

The Saxon defense was extremely poised on the day as they stopped the Fisher offense on three different goaline stands. Sophomore linebacker Wes Smith (Turbotville, PA/Muncy) led the defense with 11 tackles (10 solo). Chad Pieri (LeRoy, NY/Caledonia-Mumford) had seven stops, followed by Nick Clarke (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo-Greenwood), who also had six, including two for a loss and a sack. Senior linebacker Marc Mangovski (Kirkville, NY/East Syracuse-Minoa) had five tackles and a pick.

Captain Marc Mangovski said that "we've never been able to get over the hump at the end of the season, we've never been able to get through all of the big games to keep us in first place. Now that we are in first place, we have the momentum and control to carry us through these huge games at the end of the season and into the playoffs." That statement pretty much summed it up. The Saxons are here to play, but they aren't looking past any opponent and they're taking the season one game at a time.

## AU hammers Rochester Oct. 31 to remain unbeaten

Big plays on defense and special teams helped the Alfred University football team remain unbeaten with a 51-14 victory over visiting Rochester Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field.

With a win in either of its final two games -- against Empire 8 foes Ithaca next Saturday and Utica Nov. 14 -- Alfred would clinch a share of the Empire 8 title and earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament. Wins in both games would give Alfred the title outright and the team's first undefeated regular season since the 1981 squad went 10-0 en route to the Saxons' only NCAA appearance.

The game pitted two of the top rushers in Division III in Hendrix (fifth in the country coming in with 147.5 yards per game) and Rochester tailback Clarence Onyiriuka (seventh in the nation, 133.4 per game). Hendrix finished with 129 yards on just 15 carries, marking the sixth time in seven games he's rushed for more than 100 yards. Onyiriuka was held to 92 yards on 30 carries, snapping a string of six games he'd rushed for 100 or more yards.

Alfred won despite fumbling three times and turning the ball over on downs after a failed fake punt deep in their own territory. While only one AU miscue resulted in a Rochester score, the AU defense forced four Yellowjacket turnovers, which led to two AU touchdowns.

The Saxon defense was strong,

holding the Yellowjackets to 176 yards offense, including only 60 yards passing (seven through the first three quarters). Clark finished with a game-high nine tackles (one for loss, a half-sack) and had an interception. Pieri had eight tackles (1.5 for loss) and sophomore safety Alec Currier (Peru, NY/Peru) had seven. Senior linebacker Marc Mangovski (Kirkville, NY/East Syracuse-Minoa) had five tackles and an interception.

Linebackers Trenton Tully (fumble recovery) and Ed Dauphin (forced fumble) led Rochester's defense with nine tackles each. Strong safety Andrew Kryszak had six tackles, including a sack.

Alfred rushed for 243 yards in the contest, with freshmen tailbacks Chris Lopez (Rochester, NY/Pittsford Sutherland) and Rich Rossi (Oneida, NY/Oneida) running for 61 and 53 yards, respectively, in relief of Hendrix. Junior wideout Ryan Thon (Victor, NY/Victor) had three catches for 50 yards and junior tight end D.J. Loughlin-Pope (Corning, NY/Corning East) caught two passes for 30 yards.

Wide receiver Adam Barrett caught three passes for 30 yards for Rochester. Subick threw for seven yards and two interceptions before being replaced by Keegan, who completed seven of 17 attempts for 53 yards and two INTs.

Kickoff for the Alfred game at Ithaca is 1 p.m. Rochester travels to St. Lawrence next Saturday for a 1 p.m. Liberty League matchup.

## ny STATE JETS F IND

Bills surprise, Jets' bye week and Giants face rivals

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Two weeks ago I wrote that, at 1-4, the Bills had a chance to claw their way back into the AFC East race if they could string together a couple of wins against divisional foes.

To tell the truth, I was more concerned with doing my part to take an entire fan base off of suicide watch than printing my actual opinions on the future of this team, as there did not appear to be one.

Yet here this team stands, down 13-3 at halftime on the road two weeks ago at New York, without a starting quarterback and seemingly staring at the handwriting on the wall, when out walked Harvard grad Ryan Fitzpatrick and Mark Sanchez. Fitzpatrick somehow kept his team in the game,

and Sanchez, who must have gone colorblind between the first and second halves as he suddenly believed that the guys wearing blue and red jerseys were more worthy of having balls thrown their way than his receivers wearing green and white.

The Bills prevailed over the Jets in overtime 16-13, and then last week went into Carolina and pretended that they weren't missing five starters on defense, grinding out a 20-9 victory as they suffocated the Panthers offense and tortured quarterback Jake Delhomme, who, like Mark Sanchez, is more than happy to throw the ball to the other team.

The Bills now stand at 3-4, trailing the Jets by one game and division leader New England by two in the standings. The Bills appear to have new life, and Ivy League grad Fitzpatrick has earned an

A at managing the game these past two weeks, ensuring that he does not turn the ball over as he gives his team a chance to win the game.

This week the upstart Texans come into town, and while I hate to rain on Buffalo's parade, it will be difficult for the Bills offense to muster up the firepower necessary to win this game, as the Texans can put up points in a hurry, led by the Pro Bowl tandem of quarterback Matt Schaub and wide receiver Andre Johnson. Buffalo will have to find a way to throw the ball downfield if they want to pull this one out, since the two-headed backfield monster of Marshawn Lynch and Fred Jackson will not be able to single-handedly keep their team in this game this week.

The Jets head into their bye week with a decent taste in their

mouths, as last week's 38-0 thrashing of the laughing stock Raiders was just what the doctor ordered coming off of three disappointing losses.

At 4-3, this team is still in a position to make a run at the playoffs, but quarterback Mark Sanchez needs to start becoming a leader. At 21 years old, Sanchez has a lot of responsibility leading a veteran team in the world's largest media market, and although the franchise keeps emphasizing that Jets fans must employ patience in judging their prized possession, he cannot afford another disaster like the mess he created against Buffalo, when he turned the ball over a whopping five times.

The Giants head into an important divisional matchup this weekend, putting the New York vs. Philadelphia rivalry on full strength through a second sport

on Sunday afternoon as they face the Eagles on the road.

After coasting to a 5-0 start, the going has gotten tougher for the Giants these past two weeks, and they have yet to really get going. Two weeks ago in New Orleans, Drew Brees and the Saints video game offense toyed with the Giants secondary, picking it apart as the Saints cruised to a 48-27 thrashing of Big Blue. This past week in Arizona, the Giants lost a game they should have won, falling to Kurt Warner and the defending NFC champion Arizona Cardinals at home. At 5-2, the Giants head into Philadelphia in dire need of a victory, and the fans can expect a game that features good, hard-nosed football, as there is no love lost between these two bitter rivals.

ALFRED SAXON SCOREBOARD				
Team	Last Opponent	Result	Record	Next Opponent
Men's Cross Country	RPI Invitational/Empire 8 Championships	12th of 13		NCAA Regionals
Women's Cross Country	RPI Invitational/Empire 8 Championships	12th of 13		NCAA Regionals
Football	Rochester	W, 51 - 14	7 - 0 - 0	Ithaca
Men's Soccer	St. John Fisher	L, 1 - 4	5 - 10 - 1	Empire 8 Championships
Women's Soccer	Hartwick	L, 0 - 1	5 - 9 - 3	
Volleyball	Utica, at Empire 8 Tournament	L, 0 - 3	3 - 23 - 0	
	Ithaca, at Empire 8 Tournament	L, 0 - 3		
Men's Swimming and Diving	Geneseo Invitational	2nd of 3	1 - 0 - 0	RIT
Women's Swimming and Diving	Geneseo Invitational	2nd of 3	0 - 1 - 0	RIT

