Main Street fire caused by grill

By Thomas Fleming
Editor in Chief

A fire investigation report released to the Fiat Lux Nov. 12 concluded that the contents of an unattended smoldering grill caused the Oct. 29 fire that engulfed three Main Street commercial and residential buildings.

"Observations of structural components and room contents revealed the most intense amount of fire damage occurred in the vicinity of a grill located on the floor of the entrance way at the bottom of the stairs," fire investigator Robert Cracknell said in the investigative narrative he prepared.

When the grill was taken from the entranceway and the contents were dumped out, no briquettes or grates were found in the debris.

According to the narrative, the fire began in the entranceway of 2 & ½ West University St., where "a hole was burned through the floor and the briquettes and grates to the grill were found."

Investigators attempted to look into other natural and accidental hazards within the grill's vicinity, but fire damage and the use of heavy equipment to suppress the fire "made the task impossible."

The report concluded that the grill was tipped over and that the contents of the grill smoldered for about seven to eight hours on the wooden floor before the fire was discovered and reported by senior Thomas Machain, who was unable to be reached for comment.

The fire spread from under the stairs, through the interior walls until it reached the point between the first level ceiling and second level floor. The fire then traveled through the rest of the building.

According to Cracknell's narrative, the 15 interviews pertaining the fire's origin were consistent with the investigators' observations. Although not included in the copy of the report given to the Fiat Lux, 15 digital photographs were also taken as part of the investigation.

The report concluded that the fire was accidental. In the wake of the fire, seven AU students and two Alfred State students were permanently displaced. Several other students and community members were temporarily displaced or are now unemployed.

"The students are, as expected, recovering in their own individual ways from the trauma of seeing their apartments literally go up in smoke," Vice President of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter said. "But I have heard nothing but thanks from them for the great support their fellow students and the Alfred community has shown them."

Woughter said that no more donations are being asked for at this point, but she recommended that those interested in helping Alfred rebuild can go to the Alfred Rebuilds Web site at http://alfreddiebuilts.com/.

"This is aimed at recovery for the businesses that were lost in the fire and the employees who are facing a loss of income," Woughter said.

Main Street fire caused by grill
And in the end...

For those who have forgotten or weren’t there, Sonora’s was a Mexican restaurant where the present Fox’s Pizza Den is located.

Sonora’s opened its doors in March 2008. The restaurant was not even open for a full year before the owners were forced to close Sonora’s down because of water damage to the interior of the building. The damage originated on the third floor of the Village Center and slowly leaked down to their space on the first floor.

Under the influence of alcohol, students tampered with the water system, causing the water leakage. It was careless, irresponsible and reckless. Goodbye Sonora’s.

More recently, the 29 fire that burned three Alfred businesses to the ground and displaced seven AL students was caused, once again, by student carelessness. Whether or not the incident involved alcohol has not been verified, but what has been verified is the cause of the fire.

According to the fire investigation report obtained by the Fiat Lux, the fire’s “most probable source of ignition was unattended hot briquettes from the grill located at this point (2 & 1/2 West University St.).”

In both situations, we are convinced that nobody had any malignant intentions; as a matter of fact, we’re sure that many other students could have found themselves in the same situation. However, this doesn’t change the fact that these incidents resulted in $20,000 worth of damage at Sonora’s and well over that amount from the fire.

College is a rite of passage, as one anthropology professor at AU has suggested on multiple occasions. It should be a rite performed through acts of personal and communal growth, not a rite of fire and after that disables a community. Our growing pains are not equal to a community’s suffering. We, as students only temporarily residing in a very tolerant and understanding community, must understand this.

With that said, the student body now has the opportunity to give back to the community it seems to have taken.

And in the end...
Harsh criticisms over the Conference Bike

The Alfred Computer Guy: Slow computer

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Opinions Editor

The past several weeks have exposed abrasive opinions and misperceptions over Admissions’ purchase of The Conference Bike, a tricycle pedaled by seven riders. Recently, students posted a 24-comment thread on Facebook concerning the bike. The discussion was, unfortunately, filled with remarks spurred on by emotions and ignorance, rather than facts. Reading this made me want to get down to the nitty-gritty, find the facts that students were looking for, and report this information to the student body.

Should Alfred University have bought this bike? Many of you say no. However, in actuality, AU did not purchase this bike. The funds for students to buy this bike were solicited from a donor who specifically requested that the money be used for the Admissions department.

Additionally, the University did not purchase the bike for $87,000. This was when the bike was corrected in the last issue of the Fiat Lux. AU purchased the bike for $8,700.

This information was provided by Jody Bailey, Director of Marketing for All. She added that the “reaction[s] from visiting families has been great.” The advantage of the Conference Bike is that prospective students can really see “students engaged and having a great time with each other – just what [prospective students are] looking for in a campus.”

When asked about why people are grumbling about the bike, Bailey speculated that there’s a “misunderstanding of the point of the bike.” Admissions was working to “out-of-the-box” ways to market the University to potential students, and with many families already praising the bike and asking specifically for it, one can infer that Admissions achieved their goal. “Making changes to our campus visit program including the purchase of the bike are ways we are working to be memorable while remaining authentic to AU.”

If you have any other questions about the bike, Jodi Bailey would be happy to address them.

The Alfred Computer Guy: Slow computer

Dear Mike,

I found it ironic that just when my computer became drastically slower, an article about keeping a clean computer appeared in the Fiat Lux.

The battery for my Acer Aspire 3050 died recently and I have a new one on the way covered by the warranty. However, I had to ship my old one. At first my computer ran normally, but by Oct. 31 around noon it was slower than my dad’s first computer from the early 90’s.

I have been checking for all important updates, including XP and Microsoft updates as well as Bit Defender (my security). My scanners haven’t picked up anything bad, but they have taken much longer to complete than normal. I also ran through and made sure I didn’t have any spyware kicking around.

My question is this: is the absence of my battery causing my computer to run much, much slower than it should, or could there be something else causing this slowness?

Sincerely,
A.C.

Dear A.C.,

The battery and AC adapter rarely have an effect on the performance of a computer; problems arising from these parts are usually very immediate and obvious. My guess is that there is some bad software floating around in there and if your scanners aren’t showing anything (kudos to you for running updates and scans, by the way), then it may be malicious software that is just not working the way it should.

The first thing to do is check and see what, specifically, is slowing the system down. There are many software tools for this job, but we’ll stick with the stuff built into XP.

The method I’ll detail here is not the fastest, but it is quite thorough. Basically, all the little services and start-up programs that run when your computer boots up (many of them you don’t see) tend to bog things down horribly, especially so when you turn them off.

These services are most times innocent, but a few from antivirus, are largely unnecessary.

When you get asked, “Why is my computer so much slower than when I first bought it? Even though I don’t do much?” these services and processes are usually the answer.

When you install programs such as Adobe Reader, Java, iTunes, AIM, etc. they often load a start-up process or service that you can turn off with the proper know-how. Note that turning these off, typically, does NOT break the application, but it will prevent it from starting automatically when you log in. In this case, that’s precisely what we want.

Before we do anything, we want to create a Restore Point. So that, if what we’re about to do with the services can be a bit tricky and if anything goes wrong, it’s always good to have a way back. Click your Start Menu, go to All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, and choose “System Restore.”

Click the “Create a Restore Point” button and follow the on-screen instructions until successfully completed. Now we’re ready to begin.

Click your Start Menu, choose Run and enter “msconfig” (without the quotation marks). Click the Services tab, check “Hide All Microsoft Services,” then Disable All. Uncheck “Hide All Microsoft Services” to ensure that nothing listed with “Microsoft Corporation” is still enabled (you want these left on) and click Apply. Afterward, go to your Start-up tab, disable all and Apply. Click OK and reboot.

When the computer comes back on and you log in, you’ll get a message about the System Configuration Utility being run. Just uncheck the box and close the window.

Now, use your computer. Open applications and try things out for a bit. Is it performing well? Is your speed back to where it should be? If not, then there might be a deeper issue and you can call the ITS Helpdesk so we can really roll up our sleeves on the problem.

If, however, everything looks and feels fine at this point, you can go ahead and load “msconfig” to turn things back on. I strongly recommend doing this one at a time (check one box, reboot, check your performance, then repeat).

Remember that, as I said earlier, leaving these disabled typically doesn’t’ “break” applications, so if you are pleased with your performance with a good deal of these turned off, then by all means continue running this way. My only warning about this is to make sure you at least have your antivirus or security software on and running.

If you experience that one magic moment where you’ve turned a process or service on, rebooted, and your computer is crawling again, you have probably found your original culprit. It’s up to you whether or not to disable, uninstall, or update the application to the latest available.

Before wrapping this one up, I’d like to make a note to the rest of the readers out there. The “msconfig” program in Windows XP is strong stuff… powerful juice that may cause your computer to not function like it should if used incorrectly. There are elements and tabs there that extend far beyond what I’ve talked about in this article and I humbly advise you that unless you really know what you are doing, they be left alone. Good luck!

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, 05/2 Warp, NoST… bit me with your best shot!
Westacott asks ‘Why Should I Respect Your Stupid Opinions?’

Professor of philosophy Emrys Westacott prompted, to much laughter, that he would offend the few people he left out of his last lecture about snobbery with his Nov. 12 Bergren Forum titled “Why Should I Respect Your Stupid Opinions?”

The lecture drew a huge crowd to Nevis Theater.

Westacott explored what it means to respect people’s beliefs, and how respecting a person and respecting the beliefs that person holds do not mean the same thing.

He asked the audience to picture an expert who is brought in to testify in court about the side effects of certain medications, and then to picture the reaction of the jury upon hearing that the expert writes articles for a magazine about aliens coming to Earth, and belongs to several societies that discuss how aliens are, in fact, running the government.

“Why is she an expert?” Westacott said, we hold the default position that she should respect other people’s beliefs, because we associate respectfulness with tolerance, which we generally consider good.

“But in my view, this common response is too simple,” Westacott said. “Not all beliefs are worthy of respect, and withholding respect is sometimes in order. There are different kinds of respect, and a belief may deserve some of these but not others. This is the position I wish to defend.”

The problem is when we equivocate respecting a belief with respecting the person who holds it. There are two kinds of respect for persons, according to Westacott. The first is the kind owed to every person by nature of his or her humanity—what Kant referred to as the “intrinsic worth” of the person. The second is the respect given to people because of specific attributes they possess or things they’ve done. Respecting a person in the first sense, Westacott said, includes respecting the person’s beliefs, and the belief that something. Westacott’s main point was that you can respect a person as a person, and respect their beliefs, but not the same as respecting their beliefs.

“Respecting beliefs is also a matter of degree,” Westacott said. He divided respect for belief into several types, “because he would only respect people in the belief that a belief is true is only one type of respect.”

Epistemic respect is the respect that people have for beliefs that are true or could be true. This is one of the most important types of respect, according to Westacott, but it is not the only one.

Moral respect is for beliefs because they support an outlook that one considers morally admirable.

Historical respect is for historical contributions to a certain or other field.

Intellectual respect involves respect for something that is well reasoned or clever.

Aesthetic respect is the appreciation of the beauty or power of something, such as a perfect sunset or the imagery of the great myths.

Pragmatic respect is the respect that comes from recognizing the usefulness of a belief without necessarily granting the belief epistemic respect. Religious beliefs that give the comfort of immortality, for example, Westacott awards pragmatic respect, because he can understand their use.

So what is the point of differentiating between all these types of respect? Westacott believes that moral progress has been made in the world, as well as scientific and technological progress. However, he insisted that moral and political progress lags behind. He described his belief that the moral advancement of society is related to rationality.

“Rationality, used correctly, can improve our lives in two main ways. It can improve our material well being and it can help us become a society in which people enjoy more autonomy and suffer less injustice,” Westacott said. “A society in which people make decisions based on evidence and rational argument is an ideal worth striving for, according to Westacott. However, refusal to critically evaluate both our own beliefs and those of others, rather than making us more tolerant, holds us back in terms of social progress. Westacott discussed how fundamentalist religious beliefs tend to hinder what he considers rational thought about issues such as gay rights, abortion, euthanasia, “to mention just some of the most newsworthy.”

Westacott’s overall point was that consistent, critical evaluation of beliefs (withholding epistemic respect when necessary), as well as tolerance and respect of people as individuals and people’s right to hold beliefs, are needed for progress toward an increasingly moral society.

The Republic of Cyprus, a Mediterranean island just south of Turkey, is home to one of the most interesting current conflicts. Despite being a member of the European Union, it is still monitored by the United Nations for the possibility of active warfare between the Turkish and Greek residents. Experts generally agree that this animosity was a result of frequent raids and attacks from the Ottoman Empire (located in present-day Turkey) on the immigrants from Greece during the 1500’s. In 1570, Cyprus officially came under Ottoman control and remained so until administration of the island was granted to Great Britain in 1878. Britain officially annexed the colony following World War I with the Treaty of Lausanne, under which Turkey agreed it had no claim to the island. Despite being removed from Turkish rule, the Greek population found British rule no better, and had hopes for a union with Greece.

By Leah Houk

Professor of philosophy Emrys Westacott spoke about the difference between respecting people and respecting their beliefs at the Nov. 12 Bergren Forum.

By Leah Houk

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The purpose of this column is to inform people about global events. While one article is not enough to fully explain a conflict, it will allow the reader with the basics. It is my hope that when you are finished reading, you can readily answer questions or share with more people, who may read it (blank) I am going in (blank)."
November 16, 2009

Art Force Five land in the Bronx!

A group of six Alfred University students spent the day Oct. 22 at the Equality Charter School in the Bronx. The students led community art projects through both the school’s science classes and art classes; a total of 12 classes instructing over 150 students. The projects included a Buddhist-style prayer flag and a collaged sculpture, both of which will be displayed at the school.

The Equality Charter School was founded this fall in the Co-Op City section of the Bronx. The administration invited the Art Force Five (six students actually attended) to help the school develop its identity through art. This particular school found themselves facing opposition as many Co-Op City residents were weary that this new school would attract students from less desirable parts of the city. Elements of classism and racism still exist today and often appear in areas of education and access.

Alfred students interested in using art as a force for community activism are encouraged to take the Drawn to Diversity course offered by Dan Napolitano. The two-credit spring course (UNIV 110) will meet Wednesdays from 3:20 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Head Home With Us!

What is REPO?

By Jordan Coesentini-Jensen

Staff Writer

REPO, one of the most active recycling efforts on campus, is not well known to students who don’t frequent Harder Hall. People often mistake it for a mere storage facility, but the little trailer behind Harder Hall is much more profound and meaningful than most of us realize.

A student named Bland Hoke began the REPO project in the spring semester of 2006. Hoke had the idea to create a space to manage the overwhelming amount of waste that our campus creates. He used the funds allocated for a trash compactor to create REPO, then passed the project down to George Vidas and his co-coordinator Zane Hettig.

REPO is currently located behind Harder Hall and hosts a container for extra equipment and materials that would otherwise be thrown away. Students in any of the colleges are welcome to take what they need to create their own projects.

This space is a novel way of reducing the amount of trash that we collect and discard, and it promotes the reuse of perfectly good resources. REPO has moved well over 8,000 pounds of materials in and out of the container. From yards of cloth to boxes of glass cups, the range of materials that can be taken and traded is vast.

Parents, students, staff and anyone who needs to get rid of their excess supplies can donate to REPO. Corporations are also welcome to donate. Currently REPO receives donations from Golden Paints, Stern and Stern and Andy Glance.

The organization is student-run and tax-exempt. Work study student Lauren Gilson opens the facility to the public every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is also an option to pay two dollars and get a key to REPO.

When asked what REPO is, Vidas simply replied, “It is not a noun, it is a verb.” REPO is not just a name for a container; it is also an efficient way to live. REPO is meant to encourage artists, engineers and all creators to participate in the exchange of resources. Advocates for the planet are currently calling for less waste and more innovation and REPO is a working model of how we can achieve both of these goals at once.
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Who wants to be a Superhero?

Seniors Alex Hoang and Tiffany Butler (far left), junior Tyler Cummins and senior Alex Geddes (middle) and seniors Salvator “Mas” Mambeli and David “Ash” Torrey (right) competed in the annual “Who wants to be a superhero?” contest sponsored by the Militant Illustrators Association Nov. 7.

Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, Nov. 13, students stamped stick figures on a ribbon-shaped strip of paper honoring friends and loved who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. Junior Susan Morrison is pictured left. Senior Sam Newman is pictured right.

UMOJA FASHION SHOW

Student models displayed excellent fashion sense at the annual UMOJA fashion show Nov. 14 in Holmes Auditorium. This year’s theme focused on new African styles.
Everclear returns
“In a Different Light”

By Will Henry
Staff Writer

I have always enjoyed new takes, new perspectives and evolutions of older ideas. Everclear’s latest album, “In a Different Light,” is front man Art Alexakis’ attempt to revitalize the band’s older ideas. Everclear’s evolutions and revivals of the band’s most popular hits. The trend of the album is toward unplugged, acoustic performance, and it is properly titled “In a Different Light.” The album features nine of the band’s most popular hits and introduces two new songs.

I think the first admission I should make is that I would not consider myself a huge fan of the band. However, like most people my age, I remember songs like “Santa Monica” and “Father of Mine” crouning out of the car radios of my life. Despite my feelings for the band and my preconceived expectations for the album, I found the collection to be very listenable.

Alexakis puts down the electric axe and head takes out the acoustic guitar which adds a dynamic, almost soulful quality to many of his older songs. This same soulful characteristic is mimicked in the recording quality of Al- exakis’ vocals, which are extremely honest and have become bassi- er and truer over the last decade.

When you scroll through this album on your iPod, many of the songs are still very distinctly “Everclear” in style. That said, there is a conversational, nearly folksy tone present which absolutely surprised me in a very good way.

About a third of the way through the album the songs start to feel a little tedious because of the slower tempo and somewhat consistent topics (alcoholism and absent fathers) we have come to associate with Everclear. This tedium is diverted, however, with the introduction of two new songs and several new instruments. Most noticeable is the banjo, which can be heard plucking away in the background of “Here Comes the Dark- ness.” The banjo sounds completely natural, as if it should have been present in the original recording.

In my opinion, the most dynamic track on the album is one of the newly introduced songs, “At the End of Day.” The instrumentation of the piece, the use of the piano and background vocals, reminded me of many of the groups that are so respected by the generation. This is something I never expected to hear from what I considered to be a band of the past.

Everclear will perform at 9:00 in McLane Gym on Friday, Nov. 20. Trust me, something interesting will happen. I do not know exactly what it will be. If you go, and you should, you will get to see this classic band “In a Different Light.”

Alfred’s own Natural Wood releases debut

By Will Henry
Staff Writer

Earlier this semester, two veteran Pirate Theater hooligans, David “Ash” Torrey and Salvatore “Moss” Mameli interpreted me in Powell. Having just recently returned from the utopian land of studio-re- cording, the two promised a professionally produced and packaged comedic album in exchange for a meager $10.

I have to admit that, even after some friendly coercion, I was still a little skeptical about the logistics of getting my hands on this self-titled album. How- ever, in a few weeks the al- bum I had been promised was mine.

The collection of songs is spun via pop harmonies and follo-driven melodies, which use improvisation to give the album a casual “live” feel. It is important, however, to make the distinction that Natural Wood’s “SelfTitled” is in fact not a live album, and assuming this would be doing the band a great injustice.

This album’s release is a crucial step toward legiti- mizing Alfred’s small yet promising music scene, but the album by no means overshadows the band’s live appeal. As somewhat of a connoisseur of the Al- fred nightlife, I consider myself a Natural Wood fan by default. Before listen- ing to the album, I encour- aged Ash and Moss sing- ing their louts out on stage and at house parties, each time genuinely entertain- ing their audiences.

This quality is some- thing that has been lost in our over-produced and now auto-tuned world of perfectly pitched albums. I feel a small part of this is sacrificed in their debut re- cording. On stage, Natural Wood’s gift is their spontaneous and unrehearsed sound, which draws a wild euphoria from its audience that I have witnessed time and again.

I consider the genre of comedy to be one of the most difficult styles to pull off. Giants like Flight of the Concorde, Andy Sandburg and Andy Burnham control what we view as funny and make it exceedingly difficult to have an original sound. I spoke to Ash and Moss about this obstacle. I asked them, “Where do you see Natural Wood fitting into today’s music scene?”

They explained that they consider themselves different in that they draw a great deal of their inspira- tion from older folk groups such as the Smothers Brothers and Mony Fru- vous rather than hip-hop or modern culture. The speed and grace of their answer really took me back. I realized that they are in fact a very intel- ligent and self-aware group. I am not sure how much I agree with the reasoning for exactly why Natural Wood is different but I do agree that they are wholly original.

I recommend picking up a copy of Natural Wood. More than this though, I want to stress the impor- tance of seeing them live, because performance is where these two are com- pletely at home. Keep your eyes to the skies, or in this case on the Web at www. myspace.com/natural- wood, for upcoming concerts by Natural Wood.
FDA to look into safety of caffeinated alcoholic beverages

Silver Spring, Md., Nov. 13

The Food and Drug Administration today notified nearly 30 manufacturers of caffeinated alcoholic beverages that it intends to look into the safety and legality of their products.

“The increasing popularity of consumption of caffeinated alcoholic beverages by college students and reports of potential health and safety issues necessitates that we look seriously at the scientific evidence as soon as possible,” said Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, principal deputy commissioner of food and drugs.

Of the combined use of caffeine and alcohol among U.S. college students in the few days on this topic, the prevalence was as high as 26 percent.

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, a substance added intentionally to food (such as caffeine in alcoholic beverages) is deemed “unsafe” and is unlawful unless its particular use has been approved by FDA regulation, the substance is subject to a prior sanction, or the substance is Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS). FDA has not approved the use of caffeine in alcoholic beverages and thus such beverages can be lawfully marketed only if their use is subject to a prior sanction or is GRAS. For a substance to be GRAS, there must be evidence of its safety at the levels used and a basis to conclude that this evidence is generally known and accepted by qualified experts.

The FDA alerted manufacturers to the fact that the agency is considering whether caffeine can lawfully be added to alcoholic beverages. The FDA noted that it is unaware of the basis upon which manufacturers may have concluded that the use of caffeine in alcoholic beverages is GRAS or prior sanctioned. To date, the FDA has only approved caffeine as an additive for use in soft drinks in concentrations of no greater than 200 parts per million. It has not approved caffeine for use at any level in alcoholic beverages.

The FDA requested that, within 30 days, the companies produce evidence of their rationale, with supporting data and information, for concluding that the use of caffeine in their product is GRAS or prior sanctioned. FDA’s letter informed each company that if FDA determines that the use of caffeine in the firm’s alcoholic beverages is not GRAS or prior sanctioned, FDA will take appropriate action to ensure that the products are removed from the marketplace.

In the past year, Anheuser-Busch and Miller agreed to discontinue their popular caffeinated alcoholic beverages, Tilt and Bud Extra and Sparks, and agreed to not produce any caffeinated alcoholic beverages in the future.

The federal agency with primary responsibility for regulating alcoholic beverages, the Treasury Department’s Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, requires that alcoholic beverages contain only ingredients that satisfy FDA’s requirements for use. In late September, the FDA received a letter from 18 Attorneys General and one city attorney expressing concerns about caffeinated alcoholic beverages.

Environmental seminar to focus on rainforest, global warming

Dr. Catherine Cardelus, assistant professor of biology at Colgate University, will present the next talk in the fall Environmental Studies Seminar series at Alfred University with the title “Why Rhetoric Matters” on Friday, Nov. 20, at 12:20 p.m. in Room Lecture Hall (room 247), the Science Center, on the All-Campus.

Cardelus earned a bachelor of arts degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, in ancient Greek language and biology, and a Ph.D. from the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut. She did post-doctoral work at the University of Florida. Cardelus has worked in the tropics, Alaska, and in the Northeast in the fields of biology and environmental studies.

The Environmental Studies Seminar series is held every Friday during the fall semester when the University is in session. All the lectures are free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.

Bergen Forum speaker to discuss ‘Why rhetoric Matters’

Dr. Timothy J. Cox, visiting Gertz assistant professor in the English Department at Alfred University, will present “Why Rhetoric Matters” on Thursday, Nov. 19, during All-U’s Bergen Forum at 12:10 p.m., in Powell Campus Center’s Nevins Theatre. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Rhetoric plays a major role in the construction of knowledge, said Cox. “Rhetoric and rhetorical education provide heuristics (experience-based techniques that help in problem solving, learning, and discovery) that grow critical thinking, which enables personal and social self-regulation. Rhetoric, critical thinking, and self-regulation together create equity in democracy.”

Cox earned a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Pennsylvania State University. At Alfred University, Cox teaches writing courses including Writing 1, Technical Communications, and Business Writing, bringing 20 years of teaching experience to his students.

His academic interests include 19th and 20th century narrative, rhetoric and composition, and professional communication. Cox is the author of “Postmodern Tales of Slavery” and “Ethics Across the Curriculum,” conference, which ran from Nov. 12-15 at The Rochester Institute of Technology. Their presentation is titled “Relativism and the Teaching of Business Ethics.”

“What we have always looked for conferences that the three of us can present at and write papers for,” said Garrett McGowan. For a number of years, they presented at conferences at Kentucky State College, “but that folded, so we retooled our paper for the Society for Ethics across the Curriculum.”

The brothers posed the following questions to students in each of their classes: “Can ethics be taught? If so, how? If not, why not?”

“We characterized the responses according to the stages of moral and ethical development set forth by (Lawrence) Kohlberg and (William) Perry,” Garrett McGowan explained. Based on their findings, “We offer suggestions for attaining moral minimalism in the classroom.”

Garrett McGowan earned a B.S. degree from the University of Maine and a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Vermont. In addition to teaching chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Alfred University, he is a bicycle rider, sailor, outdoor enthusiast and father to two daughters and a son.

Richard McGowan earned a B.A. degree from Colgate University and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Marquette University. He is also a bicycle enthusiast, as well as a home brewer, traveler and father to three boys.

Matthew McGowan, who earned a B.A. degree from Bucknell University and a Ph.D. in business from Kent State, is also a cyclist and father to two girls.
Fall Student Recital scheduled at Miller Performing Arts Center

The Alfred University Division of Performing Arts will present the Fall Student Recital on Sunday Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Miller Performing Arts Center Room 301.

This recital features brass, string, and piano players as well as performances by the AU Brass Choir. Included in the program is a Quartet in D Major by Mozart, Andante and Allegro by Clerisse and Ropartz performed by trumpet, and Rondo from Concerto No. 2 by Reiche.

The students performing are from the studios of Dr. Christopher Foster, assistant professor of music and director of bands; Laurel Buckwalter, University cardilonneur; and Dr. Lisa Lantz, associate professor of music and strings and chair of the Performing Arts Division.

The following students will perform in the concert:
- Thomas Moran, a sophomore art and design major from Arlington, VA; Kristen Kovatch, a senior English major from Lansdale, PA; Dana DiGiuseppe, a senior art and design major from Albany; Arielle Pasquier, a junior fine arts major from Greenlaw; Emily Horst, a sophomore art and design major from Sylvia, Ohio; Stever Kundler, a sophomore theater major from Brockport; Casey Dupply, a first-year materials science and engineering major from Queensbury; Sara Egan, a junior mathematics major from Sanford, ME; Mathew Phillips, a senior ceramic engineering major from Kinderhook; Peter Meta, a junior ceramic engineering major from Syracuse; Alex Miranda-Bermudez, a senior psychology major from Rochester; Wayde Ross, a first-year academic exploration major from Bellaire; Liz Wager, a junior English major from Jamestown; Ben Esham, a senior mathematics and physics major from Cambridge; Emily Allan, a first-year undecided major from Peninsula, Ohio; and Casey Townsend, a junior art and design engineering and science major from Oneonta.

Amanda Pustilnik, assistant professor at the Maryland School of Law, will present a talk titled “Violence on the Brain: the Search for Brain-Based Solutions to Criminal Aggression” at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, in Nevins Room 301.

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About the astrologer:

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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 razdny 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.”

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