Student Senate President Amos Mainville read President Charley Edmondson’s Feb. 5 program cut decisions at the Feb. 10 Student Senate meeting. According to Edmondson’s statement, these decisions are not all of the strategic cut decisions that are going to be made. Some student organizations may have stricter deadlines than others.

The Fiat Lux will follow up with more extensive coverage on these decisions, along with any other announced decisions, in the next issue.

The decisions so far are based on a proposal released by the Strategic Planning Council in December 2009, and are as follows:

- In the Division of Student Affairs, the accepted proposals were to eliminate one day from first-year orientation, to make the varsity ski team into a club sport at the end of 2010–2011, to combine to support ROTC students, and to prohibit investigations of sexual orientation as well as harassment of homosexuals, but also permitted the discharge of any personnel who were open about their sexual orientation.

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What we want from a student president

With Student Senate elections rapidly approaching, the editorial staff of the Fiat Lux found itself in a peculiar predicament. In some previous years, the staff not only covered all candidates, but also endorsed one in this section.

The current staff, however, has realized that there is something of greater importance than just Student Senate nominations. That is, that we express to the community in general and the candidates specifically what it is that we are looking for in a Student Senate president and vice president.

While we in no way pretend to speak on behalf of the entire student body (as the Student Senate is intended to do) and mean no disrespect to those who have put their names in the running, we agree upon some characteristics that we view as ideal.

First and foremost, we are looking for a president and vice president that are active members of the Student Senate administration. The student body needs a liaison to those who run and regulate the campus.

Our college, like many others in the country, is in a difficult phase at this moment. Now more than ever, we require those who represent the student body to share our perspective with the administrators, and we ask that you wouldn't mind the opportunity to pass information back.

This point leads us to our second desire. There is no need for any student to become divisive. As we are part of the Student Senate, we are not only a part of the administrative apparatus, but also a part of the student body.

We also want a candidate who views Student Senate as a top priority. As a student organization, the Student Senate has had frequent complaints of student apathy; we do have some very active students. It seems only natural to vote for a person that you have heard of, and of course you’re more likely to have heard of someone who is active.

However, running for a position is not a satisfactory display of commitment; it must go further. If you regularly miss the meetings you should be running, offer no constructive proposals or complain that Student Senate is little more than the “Club ATM,” then you are not committed to Student Senate. Many students are busy, and involvement in multiple aspects of life is a bad thing, but Student Senate should be especially important to those who run it.

This desire leads us to our third point. No. 4: have a platform. Take a position on something, and even more importantly, do something.

Student Senate should not be a forum to complain about the broken lights or numerous potholes on campus; it is meant to accomplish something on behalf of the student body. Create a platform, whether it be regarding residence halls, dining halls, parking permits or any other aspect of student life and actually attempt to make a difference.

We have a history of innovation on our campus, so why not carry on the tradition?

Opinion

Small world, even smaller school

Ian Cramer
Opinions Editor

We all chose Alfred University for a reason. The beautiful campus (at least in the fall and spring), the academic programs, the reputations of professors, the friendly atmosphere and even athletics may have contributed to your decision. Many students also pick Alfred because of its size. Going to a smaller school generally means that class sizes are smaller; you get more one-on-one time with your professors, you’re treated as a person rather than a number and the experience isn’t as overwhelming compared to a larger school. Despite these reasons to attend a small school, students soon encounter several pitfalls that go hand in hand with it.

If you live in an environment surrounded by the same people day in and day out, it will start to wear on you, no matter what the setting. I see the same people walking to classes, the same people in the classes, the same people at social gatherings and parties and the same people at GJ’s and Alex’s. They’re everywhere and you can’t get away from them. The same can be said about relationships. You don’t really know somebody until you start living with them and, to me, it feels like we at Alfred are a big family living together. As happens with a significant other, subtle nuances become apparent once you spend serious time with people. These nuances can be good, but they can also be bad and rub you the wrong way. It is the same for the social web of peers formed at small schools. I’ve described Alfred to many people as very “high school,” not in terms of education but in terms of maturity and, more specifically, gossip. The rate at which rumors spread around Alfred, you would think that everybody has Sprint Mobil 2-way radio features on their cell phones.

“Hey, did you hear Danny kissed Suzie? Did you hear Tommy slept with Marcia? Oooh, I heard Joanie loves Chachi!” It’s childish, it’s stupid and I don’t like it. I was looking forward to life in college to escape my “nosey neighbor” high school environment, not go through four more years of the social buzz and tattle tales.

A very important person once said, “Your reputation is your most important feature,” and I agree. It’s something that is so important yet so fragile. In a place such as Alfred, it’s not hard to achieve a positive reputation, but it’s even easier to throw it away and make yourself the campus asshole. Bad reputations are hard to escape and if you’re at a small school, forget about it. To dig yourself out of a hole that deep will take more than time; it takes a change in scenery to somewhere no one knows you. Unfortunately, if you reach that point, it’s time to start fresh and that’s not happening at a community such as this one.

Cell phones and social-net-working websites like Face- book and MySpace don’t make this problem any better. They effectively take a school or social environment and shrink it by informing more people of the personal business affairs of others. I like Facebook as a networking resource to contact friends and look at a few pictures, but I would rather not have the potential for social stalking that comes with a username and password. I guess I shouldn’t expect anything more from Facebook, as it was invented as a way to find out who’s in your classes and who’s dating who on college campuses. Enhanced communi- cation in general makes any environment smaller, but that’s the world we live in.

I didn’t want this to be a bash session about Alfred University because the university can’t do anything about this. If you have friends, siblings or even kids of your own someday and they are in the process of picking a college or university, make sure to mention this to them and have them consider the small size of a college for its negatives as well as its positives. The four years I have spent here have been the best of my life, but I would have rather lived here without the presence of high school students who call themselves members of the Alfred University community.

Backspace

a comic by Alfred alumni

The Fiat welcomes your opinion. Anyone may write a letter to the editor. Submissions must include name, address, phone number and class year (for students). Letters to the editor should be limited to 250 words; guest submissions must include name, address, phone number and class year. Submissions are subject to editing for space and content purposes. The Fiat Lux reserves the right not to publish any letter. Letters must be accompanied by name, address and telephone number. Email fiatlux@alfred.edu or mail letters to Fiat Lux, attn: Editor, Powell Campus Center, Alfred, N.Y. 14802.

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It begins with cards, cupcakes and quite possibly the most hol- low mirth to cascade through elementary school halls the nation over. Two adolescents entwined in puppy love walk ing awkwardly in a daze – they shuffle, pull cards from their back pockets, out of their back pack or somewhere more innov ative, exchange, hug and live happily ever after as swooning astronomers and doctors. We grow up counting our val entines, hoarding our cookies and consuming homemade candies. We sit up pensively the night be fore, cutting, crafting and won dering, “What if they don’t accept it?” What if I get embarrassed? It’s got to be great!” Love, however, isn’t always (nor is it ever) just truffles and butter flies or balloons without a face. Love won’t always transcend the red night of February 14 is a per sistent reminder that it is never too late to stare bashfully down just long enough to say, “I love you, I really do, for this and ev ery imaginable day.”
The African country of Somalia, now known for its modern-day pirates, was pinpointed as one of several predominantly Muslim states in the region, and has been so for a considerable length of time. Remarkably, as the European powers began colonizing the continent in the 19th century, Somalia's Dervish State resisted the invading armies on several occasions. In 1920, however, the Dervish State collapsed and became a British protectorate, Somaliland. Throughout WWII, portions of present day Somalia were controlled by Italy and were used as a staging point to attack Ethiopia and British-controlled Somaliland. Most of the Somali citizens assisted the Allies, but the state remained a British protectorate after the war ended. Throughout the late 40's and early 50's, Britain made territorial exchanges between independent Ethiopia and protectorate Somalia, a move which only served to increase angst toward the European rulers. This culminated in Somalia's independence in 1960.

Despite decisive presidential elections in the years that followed, the various clans in the state were unable to interact peacefully. In 1969, the ruling President Abdirashid Ali Shermarke was assassinated by one of his own bodyguards. Immediately afterward, a coup d'état placed General Siad Barre in the presidency. Barre claimed that Somalia was a Socialist state, gaining support from the Soviet Union, but the country was effectively a dictatorship. The Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party, led by Barre, launched the Ogaden War of 1977-1978, which sought to reclaim Ethiopian territory. With varied support from global superpowers, the Somali army failed, the Ethiopian army, and the war only created disdain toward the military government.

The increasingly belligerent and erratic behavior of Barre, combined with fuel shortness and widespread inflation, led to the still ongoing Somali Civil War in 1991. Barre was removed from power by Ethiopian-backed clans, but he remained in the southern region of the country until his death in 1995. Part of the country declared itself a separate entity, a move which has not been recognized by any other country. From 1992-1995, the United Nations sought to provide humanitarian aid and establish a lasting peace. Troops from Pakistan and the United States were directly involved in fighting in the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993, an event later known as the Black Hawk Down incident. By 1995, the UN and the US both withdrew their troops despite increasing humanitarian crises.

The following years saw four separate declarations of autonomy within the state itself (not counting the Somali and Somaliland region which still seeks complete independence), as well as some attempts at unifying the turbulent country. Most notable of the latter was the Transitional Federal Government (TFG), which was started in 2004 in Kenya. The TFG has fought several battles against the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), who wished to establish Sharia law throughout Somalia. Despite the collapse of the ICU in 2006 and Ethiopia's intervention in 2006, there is still no stability in the country.

The presence of African Union troops is met with Islamist resistance (led by a group called the PVM), and the infrastructure lies in ruins. While their economy has been noted amongst the strongest in Africa by the UN, former President Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed returned in 2008 because he had failed to end the conflict. Though a coalition government now exists under President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, guided by the watchful eye of the United Nations, small steps forward are rare. Without a more country-specific approach, with awareness of the various tribal factions and political beliefs, no peace for tumultuous Somalia is attainable.

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)?"
There is nothing more appealing, deceptive and wonderful than falling in love.

Our little Alfred harbors unique lovers of every age. We may have an idea of what their love is like, but behind the well-dressed professors and the seemingly shy peers, there is much more than meets the eye.

When asked what love is, Joseph Petritlo, assistant professor of the math department said, "It is spiritual, sometimes physical, but rare in its true form." According to his wife, Lynn Petritlo, senior lecturer of the English division, "Love is all there is. In the end everything is love," and "I love you," she cheerfully admitted.

Lynn and Joseph first met at a graduate school orientation at Binghamton University on a day they both remembered, Aug. 24, 1998. According to Lynn, everyone else seemed to be a home except for Joseph, who stood out. "The sunlight was shining. It was like I had this special aura. It was like he was illuminated just for me," Lynn said.

To get Joseph's attention, Lynn decided to walk past him while his head was bent toward a class schedule. "I was trying to walk by normally as if I wanted to get a drink from the vending machine and not as if I was checking him out," she said. Even so, he noticed her more than she expected. "I really liked her legs," Joseph said since he reportedly had been aware of Lynn's in-terest.

Finally Lynn made an approach and in-vited herself to sit next to Joseph and the two hit it off from there. "He was humble, more sincere... more real," Lynn said. According to Lynn, she had found the two things which made the right love mate: integrity and originality. "We are unique, unlike anyone who has ever come before," she said.

Joseph remembers meeting Lynn's 'giant brown eyes' and her friendliness. They found character traits in each other which enabled a deeper connection. That following Friday was their first date.

According to Lynn and Joseph, they are both romantics, but Lynn believes she is more of a romantic than Joseph. "Not as romantic as I am, but beneath his cyni-cal exterior he is a beautiful romantic at heart," Joseph replied, "It's true, I am a cynic but inside I am an idealist. I am ro-mantic at heart.

It is hard to imagine anyone more ro-mantic than Lynn and Joseph. Like most of their peers, there is much more than meets the eye.

Jennifer and Roberto decided to apply to Alfred University together to avoid the college barrier that most high school sweet-hearts encounter. Some may call it luck and some may call it fate, but they both got accepted to Alfred.

When asked what he thought of love, Roberto replied, "It's if you really care about somebody and would commit to the person...She's my first love, I had crushes before, but I didn't fall in love. I thought it was like marriage, something you would have when you were married...Something you would find on TV."

"When I first saw her, I thought she was pretty...Her eyes are pretty and her lips," Roberto admits. He seemed to have had a treasured image of Jennifer in his head as he relived the past: "Her hair was curly...Her eyes are pretty and her lips," he said while laughing.

Jennifer knew she liked Roberto but was confused about his feelings for her. "I thought he liked my friend," she said. It wasn't until Roberto walked her home af-ter a friend's party that they both realized they liked each other.

On Feb. 14, Jennifer and Roberto cel-ebrate their two-year anniversary, and al-though their peers may comment on how long their relationship will last, Jennifer strongly opposes their view on it. "They don't know us that well," she said defiantly.

Like Lynn and Joseph, Jennifer and Ro-berto are both strong believers in ever-last-ing love. "I think it depends on the person. If you're not willing to work through the dumbest little fights and if you don't put any effort into it then it wouldn't last. If I think he's not gonna be here, I would be really sad," Jennifer said.

In agreement, Roberto admits, "Yes, I think it could last forever. I can't do it by myself...Everything with her is unexpected. The love I have for her is unexpected. I didn't think I would love her that much.

When asked what animal he and Jenni-fer would represent in a jungle, Roberto said, "I would be a tiger, or a lion or a jag-uar. I'd picture her as a dove, because it's heavenly." On the other hand, Jennifer saw herself differently. "I would be a jaguar because my volleyball coach said I'm always hopping around and I'm fast. He would be, I guess, a lion because he knows what he wants, and he's not afraid to go after it or say how he feels.

With flushed cheeks and a confident smile, Jennifer said, "I wouldn't change anything because love is all about the good and the bad. We have a good relationship; everything is good as it is." Roberto managed to summarize his ad-oration for Jennifer into one word. "Much-antisimo!" He said, "a combination of 'muche' and 'tanto' which both mean a lot."

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What is love?

"Love is complex: there is love for money, love for certain worldly possessions, past love and present love. Everyone loves something, if not someone." - Mary Lam, Art and De-sign

"Love is everything that I can't live without." - Alexandra Helmer, Fine Arts

"Love should not be illegal." - Radu Rotaru, Global Studies

"Love is all that matters"
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**’An Evening of Dance’ opening this week**

*By Kristin Rubisch*

Managing Editor

The Division of Performing Arts is holding its annual "An Evening of Dance" Feb. 18-20 in the CD Smith Theater.

The event will feature works choreographed by Professor of Dance Robert Bingham, Marlin and Ginger Miller, guest artist Ishmael Houston-Jones and several students, including Amy Proscia, Krystal Redding, T.J. Samuels and Emily and Laura Smith. The other Professor of Dance, Chance Angier, is on sabbatical this semester and will not have works presented at the event.

Houston-Jones, renowned for his work in contact improvisation, also taught several dance classes and held a master class during the past week.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. all three nights, in addition to a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets are $1 for students and $5 for general admission. They can be reserved by calling 607-871-2828 or by emailing performs@alfred.edu.

(Left) Comedian Myq Kaplan, who has won numerous awards for his comedy routines, will perform Feb. 27 at 10 p.m. in the Knight Club.

**Ghost in the Hamletmachine**

*By Kristin Rubisch*

Managing Editor

Senior Theater major Ramona Kingsley will be presenting two performances of her adaptation of Heiner Müller’s "Hamletmachine" Feb. 26-27.

Kingsley, who is using this as her senior project, is titling it "The Hamletmachine Project, adapted by Ramona Kingsley." She used a scene from the postmodernist play for her Directing II project and decided to use the entire show for this purpose.

The play was written in 1977 and is based on William Shakespeare’s "Hamlet." The characters Ophelia and Hamlet in particular are "trying to break away from their historical roles, as well as the social and psychological issues that each character has to deal with while trying to alter their fate," says Kingsley.

While the text itself is less than ten pages in length, each performance of it is completely unique. According to dramaturg Vanessa Ford from the University of Georgia, the play touches on "a multiplicity of themes from questions of gender to concerns about the relationship of man and nature, to the destructive and redemptive powers of technology" and provides a "framework for the cast and crew to highlight what they feel are the most relevant of those issues."

Kingsley’s production will feature Nate Gibson, Javier Pritchard and Justin Pietropaolo as the three Hamlets, Kate Truini, Keriann Bellamy and Anna Kowalczuk as the three Ophelias, John Hamolsky as Claudius and Specter, Rachel Rutledge as Gertrude and the Madonna and Ned Allen as Horatio. Elin Debuynye created the costumes, Tyler Gummins created the sound and Rachel Rutledge created the programs and posters.

The performances are on Feb. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. in C.D. Smith Theater at the Miller Performing Arts Center and are free of charge.

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**Upcoming events**

Random Room Gallery

*By Kristin Rubisch*

Managing Editor

The Random Room Gallery, which opened last September, has revealed its schedule of events for the semester.

It will feature a new event every first and third Friday of each month. The shows scheduled for this spring are as follows:

Feb. 19 - Benjamin and Delaney DeMott
Mar. 5 - Chase Angier
Mar. 19 - Lee Somers
Apr. 2 - Robert Bingham
Apr. 16 - Gerar Edizel and Will Contino

The gallery is located at 26 South Main Street and is run by Senior Art and Design student Claire Bresette.

Comedian Myq Kaplan

*By Sonya Ellison*

Staff Writer

New York City and Boston-based comedian Myq Kaplan will perform Feb. 27 at 10 p.m. in the Knight Club.

Kaplan has appeared on Comedy Central as well as The Tonight Show and is currently nominated for the ECNY’s emerging comic award. The Comedians Magazine has said that he “does comedy - relentlessly, methodically, unblinkingly” and Punchline Magazine hails him as “the comic to watch in 2010.”

Solo artist Franz Nicolay

*By Sonya Ellison*

Staff Writer

Former Hold Steady keyboardist Franz Nicolay will be performing at the Knight Club on Feb. 19 at 10 p.m.

Nicolay has become a multi-instrumental solo artist. His latest albums, “Major General” and “St. Sebastian and the Short Stage” were both released in 2009 and deliver a uniquely-flavored brand of indie rock, using an array of musical instruments.
Ithaca Wind Quintet

(Above) Ithaca Wind Quintet performing Feb. 7 in Holmes Auditorium.

50 years later...

Maluca

(Above) Jenny Hillenbrand and Ana Gauthier participate in the event Feb. 11 in Powell Dining Hall in honor of the Greenboro Tour.

(Above) Maluca performing on Feb. 5 in Davis Gym.

Blue Sky Mission Club

(Above) Blue Sky Mission Club performing at the WALT-sponsored concert on Feb. 12 in the Knight Club.
JUMPS

Program... continued from front page

close one residence hall.
• In the Division of Enrollment Management, the accepted decision was to end the scholarship program with the National Merit Corporation, and to use the funds to provide aid to qualified incoming students. The proposal to eliminate an admissions committee position will not be formally addressed at this time.
• In the Division of University Relations, the accepted decision was to eliminate the print edition of Alfred Magazine and to realign the organization of University Relations.

Haiti... continued from front page
Bouffard said in response to the success of “Pour Haiti.” It was really nice to see an idea turn into something so magnifi-
cent.
The magnitude 7 earthquake broke foundations and reduced Haiti’s capital city of Port-au-Prince to rubble. Over 200,000 people were reportedly killed, although that number is now in question, and some 300,000 were injured. Over a month lat-
er, one-ninth of Haiti’s population of 9 million citizens remain

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garded as a clear indication of his support for the country and its people, something that he has consistently expressed throughout his presidency. Despite the challenges faced by Haiti, Obama remains committed to providing aid and support to the people of the country. The president has repeatedly called for increased international cooperation and assistance in the wake of the disaster, and his administration has taken steps to facilitate these efforts.

The news also highlights the ongoing impact of the earthquake on daily life in Haiti. The country continues to face significant challenges in terms of infrastructure, healthcare, and education, and the need for continued support remains pressing.

The story of the “Pour Haiti” campaign is a testament to the power of collective action and the willingness of individuals to come together to help those in need. It is a reminder of the importance of empathy, compassion, and solidarity in the face of adversity. As the country continues to recover, the lessons learned from this tragedy will be critical for shaping a brighter future for Haiti.

Looking for more information on Haiti earthquake relief efforts, refer to "Hearts out to Haiti" published in the Feb. 1 edition of the Fiat Lux.

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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: With hindsight being what it is, you now realize that you should have figured out that the cobra was venomous from all of the dead mongooses… your sorrow is moving; however, due to the neurotoxins you are not.

Taurus: A recent study suggests that as many as 1/3 of us begin life as twins which we later strange from life in the womb. This will, however, be cold comfort when your podiatrist finds a full set of teeth in your hammer toe.

Gemini: Yes, you are a 12th level wizard and yes, you do have your cape of invincibility on, but the policeman has a +5 taser of shoplifter immobilizing and you should probably just put the Oreos down and do what he says.

Cancer: The carnival will be forever ruined for you when you find that the lions aren’t so much tame as clinically depressed.

Leo: Your popularity on right wing radio will plummet when it turns out that the ‘good book’ you keep telling people to live their life by is actually a biography of Barry Manilow.

Virgo: It’s over man, you can stop fighting for Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro–their war is over.

Libra: The stars think you should know that the language you will hear soon on your voice mail is Russian and the oft repeated word ‘suka’ is not flattering.

Scorpio: For the last time: having an uncle who is a dentist DOES NOT give you the right to give medical advice to homeless people.

Sagittarius: Much to your chagrin, you will find that shooting fish in a barrel is not all it’s cracked up to be, especially when the fish are sharks who appear to feel no pain and you are in the barrel with them.

Capricorn: You will be making a lot of graphs in the near future, and charts, and long, lonesome poems. But at least you thought to grab a pen and some paper as you were falling down the mine shaft.

Aquarius: The stars want you to know: you are better off NOT knowing how many eggs it laid, just let the doctors do their jobs and try to enjoy the anesthesia!

Pisces: Don’t listen to the naysayers, getting your Valentine’s picture taken while wearing your “I’m with stupid” T-shirt is classy all the way to the bank.

This Week’s Birthday: If you locked an infinite number of monkeys with an infinite number of typewriters, they would never produce anything half as dark and twisted as this coming year will be for you. The stars think you should eat lots of fruit and hope for the best. Not that any of that will help.

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Inaugural Leftkowitz Lecture to be held on Feb. 24

By Kristin Rubisch
Managing Editor, Features Editor

The inaugural Leonard and Saradona Leftkowitz Lecture in Jewish Studies will be presented by Professor James Young on Feb. 24.

Young, who teaches at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will be giving a lecture titled, “The Stages of Memory: From Berlin to New York,” which delves into the subject of memori- als of such events as the Holocaust and the World Trade Cen- ter attacks in 2001. The event will be held at 5:15 p.m. in Nevin Theater; free of charge; courtesy of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Leftkwitzes, who gave the endowment to enable discussion of Chinese culture and to benefit the Alfred com- munity, will be in attendance.

In conjunction with the event, Herrick Library has created a display with books related to the subject of the presentation that will remain up until the day of the lecture. Additionally, Hillel will be screening two Ho- licus films, “Europa, Europa” and “The Pawnpbroker,” at 6:30 p.m. in Nevin on Feb. 15 and Feb. 18 respectively. Those will be followed by discussions led by Assistant Professor of English Robert Reginio and Professor of Psychology Gordon Atlas.

According to a press release about the lecture, “Body Work for Working Women” will be held on March 24. The lecture, presented by Professor James Young, will be open to students, faculty, staff and the public; non-credit courses in Jewish culture and related events can be found at the University St., Alfred.

Dr. Wilfred V. Huang, Jenny Zhang and Shirley Zhu, repre- sentatives from the Alfred Uni- versity Confucius Institute, will present “China to Alfred/Alfred to China” on Thursday, Feb. 18, during AU’s Bergren Forum at 12:10 p.m. Nevin Theater in Powell Campus Center. This event is free of charge and open to public.

Huang, Zhang and Zhu will lead a presentation on the work of the Confucius Institute and their advocacy of bringing Chi- nese culture to the world. Also, Zhang and Zhu will talk about their experiences in overcoming cultural differences in the United States.

Confucius Institute, with over 250 chapters worldwide, is a non-profit public institute which aims at promoting Chinese lan- guage and culture through educa- tion and cultural activities. According to Huang, director of Alfred University’s Institute, future plans for the AU chapter include an array of programs – a lecture series that will focus on Chinese culture would be open to the public; non-credit courses in Mandarin which are open to AU students, faculty, staff and community members; certificate training in Mandarin for teach- ers of kindergarten through 12th grade; and study abroad programs to China.

Huang is also professor of management at AU, working with him in the Institute are Zhang, who teaches Chinese at AU, and Zhu, who teaches Chi- nese in the New York State. Zhang earned his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from China University of Geosci- ences and has been a master of arts degree in English lan- guage and literature from Hua- zhong Normal University. Both Zhu and Zhang has rich experi- ences in language education. For more information on the Bergren Forum will highlight work of Confucius Institute

Women's Leadership Center offers 'Body Work for Working Women'

The Alfred University Wome- n's Leadership Center will offer “Body Work for Working Wom- en,” a three- part fitness series, beginning Feb. 16 and continu- ing on March 16 and April 6.

All sessions will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Women's Leadership Center, located next to Ochsenhymer Residence Hall on the AU campus. The se- ries is open to the public, free of charge, but reservations are required because space is lim- ited. Those wishing to attend are asked to call the Women's Lead- ership Center at 607-871-2971 or email wlc@alfred.edu.

Brian Dunham, a certified fitness trainer through the Inter- national Sports Sciences As- sociation, will lead the three workout sessions.

The first, scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, will focus on flexibility. The second, on March 16, will be “Strength Training at Your Desk,” and the third, on April 6, will be “Time Your Work- out for Maximum Impact.” Dunham, a resident of Hornell, has developed training and fit- ness programs for individuals as well as groups. He also offers Boot Camp and Circuit Training Classes.

Scouting ties 'knot' forgotten: AU students recognize scouting's anniversary

In recognition of the 100th an- niversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, Alfred University students and staff will tie knots representing the impact of scouting on their cam- pus community.

A long clothesline will be draped through the Powell Cam- pus Center on Monday, Feb. 8.

Those positively impacted by ei- ther Boy or Girl Scouting will be invited to tie a knot onto the line along with a tag identifying their hometown and scouting unit.

The project is the first initia- tive of a newly formed coalition of Eagle Scouts and Gold Award winners currently studying at the University. The group plans to meet with local scout leaders to discuss ways that college programs can assist local scout- ing units.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910 by W.D. Boyce after a trip to London where he encountered a scout who was part of the scouting movement that was founded in 1907 by British General Robert Baden-Powell, Juliette Gordon Low and the U.S. Girl Scouting in 1912 in Savannah, GA.

Zachary Grove, an Eagle Scout and AU sophomore market- ing major from Rochester, has been scouting since his col- lege success.

“Scouting helps you get a grip on independence before coming to college,” Grove said. “I think the transition from high school to living on my own was aided by experiences with volunteer community survival camping. Getting up early to attend class is nothing compared to functioning alone in the woods at night.”

Upcoming events at the Seventh Day Baptist Church

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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February 18: “The Awakening Uni- verse” Documentary
How awareness of the birth and appearance of the universe opens us to a renewed sense of awe amidst our frenzied and crisis- oriented world.

February 25: “Grandmother to Grandmother” Documentary
How grandmothers from sub- Saharan Africa to America, who had lost their children to death and were deep in grief, part- nered with each other around the world to care for their grand- children and their local commun- ities.

March 4: “The Mondragon Ex- periment” Documentary
How on a small farm, through the faith and en- couragement of the church, the Basque region of Spain experi- enced an amazing renewal of one of their most successful economies on the planet.

March 11: “The Singing Revo- lution” Documentary
How Estonia kept its identity and vitality alive under oppres- sion through a tradition of sing- ing.

March 18: “Discovering the Way” Documentary
How contemplative reflection can help you achieve a state of stillness that opens you to meet- ing God amidst our changing world.

How Arthur Blessitt spiritu- ally witnessed to the saving and liberating truth of the Christian gospel by physically carrying a cross to every nation on earth.

April 1: Feast of Hope – Cel- ebrating Maundy Thursday
How the meal, inaugurated by Jesus on the night he was be- traying, continues to inspire remembrance and hope for all of humanity. An evening meal, open to the community, will be held in the Parish House dining room. Please RSVP. A Commu- nion Service will follow.

If attendance is larger than what the Parish House can hold, the event will be moved to the Church Sanctuary, 5 Church Street. The Seventh Day Baptist Par- ish House is located at 6 W. Uni- versity St., Alfred.

By Jessica Marello
Staff Writer

A frozen pipe burst in the WALF radio station on Jan. 11, and though half of the ceiling fell and toolboxes were filled to the rim, the station’s electronic equipment was damaged in the flood.

“We cut off the power to the equipment rack in the room, but we still had to bring in a const- ruction crew,” said General Manager Thomas Fleming.

The water pipe was not close enough to the equipment to cause damage. However, the sta- tion did lose some documents and some tools were rusted from the overflow.

The current mess in the sta- tion is not due to the flood; WALF has been undergoing a re- wiring project made possible with the support of President Edmondson and Vice President of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter.

Fleming presented the project in hopes of a better WALF be- fore he takes his leave as station manager.

“I want to see WALF work re- ally well technically before I might imagine,” explained Fleming. “I don’t want anyone after me have to worry so much about working equipment.”

The Princeton Review ranked WALF as the 13th best college radio station in the country for their fall 2009, so stations for DJs who have passed, the station is looking for new execu- tive board members for anyone interested.

“We should be more con- cerned about whether we’re do- ing cool things on the air,” said Fleming. “It is a radio station, after all, and one of the high- est ranked radio stations in the country,” he added.
AU Western equestrian team hosts pair of Saturday shows

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Top riders for Alfred were seniors Kristen Kovatch (Lansdale, PA/North Penn) and Lauren Pfeifer (Livonia, NY/Livonia), third place in two events — Open Reining and Open Horsemanship; junior Allison Rothen (Lebanon, PA/North Penn) and Emily Merkey (Walworth, NY), third and second, respectively, in Beginner Horsemanship. Other top riders for AU in the first show were: junior Allison Rothen (Lebanon, PA/North Penn) and Emily Merkey (Walworth, NY), third and second, respectively, in Beginner Horsemanship; junior Katie West (Pavilion, NY/Pavilion), third in advanced horsemanship. Other Saxons riders winning first-place blue ribbons in the second show were: senior Natalie Grow (Hyde Park, NY) and junior Brittaney Beigel (Ridge, NY/Longwood), third in Open Horsemanship; freshman Kristen Eiken (Bovey, MN) and Brittaney Beigel (Ridge, NY/Longwood), third in Open Horsemanship; junior Kelly Rogan (Smithtown, NY), third in Intermediate Horsemanship II; seniors Peter Metz (Syracuse, NY) and Emily Merkey (Walworth, NY/Wayne), second and third, respectively, in Intermediate Horsemanship II; sophomores Katie LeSuer (Edinboro, PA/Cambridge Springs), Intermediate Horsemanship II; and Evgani Malkin and Alexander Ovechkin, arguably the best hockey player in the world right now. And let’s not forget 2006’s medal winners, Sweden, Finland and the Czech Republic. All three teams have been refueled by some of the NHL’s best players, and if 2006 was any indication, these three teams can play. The 2010 Olympic games should be full of excitement this February, and Team USA should be excited to watch, especially here in Western New York. Two Buffalo natives, defenders Brooks Orpik (East Amherst) and winger Patrick Kane (South Buffalo), along with goaltender Ryan Miller, as well as Rochester native Ryan Callahan, will all be playing for Team USA in the following weeks. The puck drops Tuesday, Feb. 16.

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AU swimming and diving preparing for the NY state championships

By Justin McCombs
Sports Editor

The Alfred University men’s swimming and diving team beat Hartwick with a 175-125 victory last Saturday. The AU women lost, 161-109.

The Saxons finished the regular season with a 7-2 record in dual meets (4-1 Empire 8). Senior Andrew Brissom (Greenwich, CT/Greenwich) carried the men’s team with three wins coming from the 100-yard backstroke (54.16 seconds), 50-yard freestyle (21.86) and 200-yard backstroke (2:01.66). The women (2-8, 1-4 Empire 8) were carried by freshman Kylie Smith (Abingdon, PA/Abington). Smith won 1-meter diving (182.30 points) and 3-meter diving (179.15). Both the men and women are preparing for the state championships. The women will be in action Feb. 17-20 at the New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association championships in Syracuse and the men will compete at the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championships Feb. 25-28, also in Syracuse. The men are currently the defending champions of the event and have been for the past three seasons.

AU basketball teams have a difficult journey ahead

By Winston Geller
Staff Writer

The men’s basketball team has shown signs of improvement in the last two weeks, stringing together two clutch wins on their three-game homestand. One of these victories was an Empire 8 conference game against Hartwick, an important win for the struggling Saxons’ 1-8 record thus far. This victory secured the second Empire 8 conference win for the team. Although they were able to pull out the win, it did not come easily, as the score was at a dead draw 62-62 with just a single minute in regulation time remaining. Junior guard Mike Stopera, probably the biggest asset for the Saxons’ squad this year, netted the final 6 of his game-high 26 points. Although the last two conference games for squad have been in the loss column, pulling out that second conference win could be the team the Saxons engine needs to gear up for the bumpy road ahead. The Saxons face off this week against RIT in Rochester and Elmira and Nazareth at home to conclude their season. The Saxons rank 8th out of 9th place in the division and with all conference games left, each game is critical to pull out a win. With three out of the four games at home, I personally like our odds.

The women’s basketball team over the past two weeks has been subject to some real heartbreaks, losing to both Hartwick and Fisher on last second makes. Although the team has fallen short, losing their past three games, they did secure a victory against Nazareth back on Jan. 29, gaining their third conference win. In that particular game, the tide turned as it was the Saxons who won the game in buzzer-ending fashion, defeating Nazareth 56-54. The women’s team also faced off against Utica on the Feb. 12. There is an away game at RIT Feb 16 and the final two games at home against Elmira on Feb. 19 and Nazareth on Feb. 21. Alfred is currently in 8th place out of nine teams in the conference. Like the men’s team, the women also play three out of their final four games at home, which should give them a solid competitive edge on the short but difficult stint ahead of them.

WHO DAT?! - A victory for the city of New Orleans

By Justin McCombs
Sports Editor

The Saints came back from a 10-0 deficit to claim the 44th Superbowl. Many people favored the Colts due to their genius of a quarterback Peyton Manning, but when the final score read 31-17 Saints at Sun Life Stadium in Miami, everybody knew that the game wasn’t just about how fast, strong or football-smart a team is; it was about heart as well.

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The second quarter didn’t see much scoring either. Manning sat on the bench watching the Saints’ offense get stopped on two separate goal line stands. Kicker Garrett Hartley eventually came through twice for the Saints in the second quarter to send the game into overtime with a score of 10-6. The Saints began the second half with an unexpected onside kick and recovery around midfield. Just three minutes into the second half, running back Pierre Thomas scored for the Saints on a trick play, turning the game around, making it 13-10 Saints. The Colts, however, came right back as Manning hit tight end Dallas Clarke on two separate occasions and Addai finished the drive with a 4-yard plunge into the endzone, putting the Colts back up 17-13. The Colts had the lead but that would be it for their scoring on the day. Hartley kicked another field goal to bring the score to 17-16 and shortly after, Brees once again showed why he deserved the MVP award, carrying his team down the field and hitting wide receiver Pierre Thomas for a 2-yard touchdown pass making the score 24-17 after a successful two point conversion try.

Manning tried to work his magic once again but fell short. While driving, Manning was picked off by Saints cornerback Tracy Porter, who scrambled into the endzone and sealed the deal with little time left, resulting in a 31-17 point victory. Like the men’s team, the women also play three out of their final four games at home, which should give them a solid competitive edge on the short but difficult stint ahead of them.

AU women’s ski team places second, men fourth, at Greek Peak

The Alfred University men’s and women’s Alpine ski teams competed over the weekend at Greek Peak. The Alfred women’s placed second and the AU men were fourth.

The AU women were paced by junior Megan Caggianello (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa), who took third in the combined individual standings – placing eighth in the giant slalom and fifth in the slalom – and senior Lauren Pfeifer, who won the slalom. Freshman Claire Dvorak (Tully, NY/Tully) was seventh in the slalom and 11th in the giant slalom and senior Ulana Bihun (Jericho, VT/Mt. Mansfield) was 10th in the GS. Senior Harrison Handrick (Dansville, NY/Dansville) took seventh in the slalom and 13th in the GS to lead the Alfred men. Senior Joel Buchanan (Almond, NY/Scioto) was ninth in the slalom and sophomore Steve Barton (Dansville, NY/Dansville) was 12th in the GS and 14th in the slalom. The AU ski teams are in action next on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14, at Toggenburg Mountain, Fabius, NY.

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