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AU SENIOR DIES OF CLAS

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Editor in Chief

Just baked news:

Alfred University senior Ronda Marie Tilford was found dead in her suite Tuesday, March 29 after suitemates stumbled upon her uninspiring corpse that afternoon.

While the cause of death is yet to be determined, officials are claiming College Listless Agitator Syndrome or CLAS as the underlying factor.

"CLAS or medical torpidity is the leading cause of death for college aged students. Even above marijuana, responsible drinking and unimaginable personal and scholastic schedules, CLAS kills the most," stated an official speaking with guarantee of anonymity.

CLAS or medical torpidity, an affliction discovered by the founders of restless leg syndrome, has been plaguing studious hopefuls since its discovery in August 2008. Experts say that the signifying gene is derived from the Nacirema race - much like the African American's extra footbone, which enables them to run faster and jump higher than the average Caucasian.

While the CLAS gene allows those affected to comprehend vast expanses of media that would otherwise be unbearable, its leading side effects are: overexposure

to stupidity, loss of individual thought, erectile dysfunction, weight gain, immobility, brain damage, degradation of libido, brain death and common law legal death (death proclaimed following prolonged mental ineptitude leading to a coma-like or paralytic state or actual death, which is much more clumsily defined).

Perhaps the most distressing fact of the situation was the emergence of Generational Adult CLAS or GenAdCLAS, a less common and therefore more puzzling medical phenomenon, which Ronda's mother, Mrs. Gene Tilford, showed signs of.

"I can't believe the wasted funds," said Ronda's mother.

Over the course of 3.8 years at Alfred University the Tilford family invested approximately \$95,800 in loans and other fees toward Ronda Marie's priceless education.

"She just sat there, she wasted our funds," said Mrs. Tilford. The interview was concluded by Tilford's addiction to prime time television crossword puzzles.

The appearance of GenAdCLAS is testimonial to the generational prevalence of this disturber. However, even GenAdCLAS can be remedied by healthy mental and physical activity.

When confronted by the community's loss, AU officials Dan Napolitano, director of student activities and Ana Devlin



Student reenactment. The actual scene was deemed too graphic for public audiences.

Photo provided by Victoria Flood

Gauthier, student senate president, each had unique statements echoing a similar ideal of active citizenship.

"Join a club start a club or get involved in something outside your major and read

the activities guide," Madam President commented. "You can learn a lot about what's going on just by showing up."

"If its vanquishing sloth you're looking to remove, students should take advantage

Gaddafi to teach fall ethics course at AU



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Tyler Coye
Contributing Writer

It is true! The elderly Muammar Muhammad al-Gaddafi will be a visiting professor of Philosophy at Alfred University.

Student protestors argue that Gaddafi has never obtained a doctorate and therefore is ineligible to be a visiting professor. Protestors gathered on Monday in Alfred's only street.

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Gaddafi in his subterranean bunker. He was wearing his signature sunglasses and a long multicolored robe.

When asked about recent student protests he stated, "they [Alfred University Faculty] give them pills at night, they put hallucinatory pills in their drinks, their milk, their coffee, their Nescafe," he paused as a missile hit the ground above us.

"Charles Edmondson - this is the enemy who is manipulating people. Do not be swayed by Charles Edmondson."

He went on. "They can't really ruffle this assassin's feathers. People are not ready for the message I am delivering."

When I pointed out to

him that Charlie Sheen said those exact words, Gaddafi laughed and retorted "Sheen is an amateur. He should try running Libya on ecstasy. It's difficult. Trust me; I have been doing it since 1979. I'm an F-18 bro."

He paused for a moment. We locked eyes and he exclaimed, behind another bomb blast, "WINNING!"

Gaddafi's eloquence struck me off guard. Moving past this, I asked if he has a curriculum for his course. He replied, after thinking very intently, that he did not have one. I followed up by asking if he had an idea what he would be teaching his students.

He replied, "my own personal blend of Ethics."

I pressed him further, curious about what his personal ethics may be.

Gaddafi replied "F-all. I think this adequately describes my particular blend."

No doubt, Alfred University will be blessed by this man's vast ethical knowledge.

Closing the interview, I ask Gaddafi my last question. "How do you stay so cheery?" Another bomb dropped overhead. He thought for a moment and replied "you need to look at the bright side. I do, every day. I'm still alive, which is pretty cool."

Opossum smashes Fox's window



Photo provided by Jonathan Merrit

Eric Hudack
Managing Editor

A mutant opossum tossed an AU student through a Fox's Pizza Den window late Thursday night after the bars closed on Main Street.

Student witnesses say the situation escalated when the mutant opossum discovered his favorite Alfred restaurant, Fox's Pizza Den, was not open at 2am.

The mutant opossum was seen pounding on the restaurant's window demanding service at 2:15 in the morning. When a passerby told him the restaurant was closed, the opossum reacted

"I am embarrassed," the opossum wrote to the Fiat

Lux. "I represented myself and all of my mutant brethren in a very negative light. I hope the Alfred community can find it in their hearts to forgive me."

The mutant opossum stands to pay up to \$500 in damages, however criminal charges will not be filed.

"It was my own fault," the student thrown through the window said. "You never get in the way of a Teenage Mutant Drunken Opossum."

The opossum vandalism marks the first act of violence by the new population of mutant animals in Alfred. It all started with a leak of mutating ooze in Davis Gym.

The ooze has yet to be

cleaned after two weeks.

When asked to comment on their lack of cleaning, a representative from Physical Plant said, "I refuse to comment on your made up story."

The mutating ooze is actually the byproduct of a failed engineering senior project. The student responsible, upon finding out that his project was highly illegal and subject to FDA investigation, stored the ooze in the last place anyone would imagine to lookfor it: the toilets in Davis Gym.

Unfortunately, a leak in the Davis Gym plumbing yielded a pile of ooze forming on the wooden track in the AU landmark. Nostalgic art students decided it would be funny to place four turtles in the ooze in hopes of recreating one of their favorite cartoons of the late eighties.

The experiment proved disappointing when they ended up creating four teenage mutant hipster turtles. Instead of having four awesome ninjas that loved pizza and fighting crime, they got four bratty teenagers that complained about life and loved weed.

The hipster turtles can be seen loitering around the bowels of Harder Hall.

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Teasers

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I'm teasing you



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Teased,

Please



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Death by CLAS continues

of awesome upcoming opportunities like Ghost Face Killah, decorating King Alfred, building an igloo (to keep all haters out), or keep your heart beating at speed-dating night," said Napolitano.

If you or someone you know are showing the following symptoms of this

fatal disease please report to the nearest academic area, social arena or treadmill as soon as possible.

Symptoms of CLAS or medical torpidity include but are not limited to:

- Lackadaisical demeanor
- Ambivalence toward one's education
- General ambivalence

- Moribundity of one's arse
- Verbal vacuousness
- Inimically complacent behavior
- Perfunctory social interaction
- Entropic gut
- Inability to decipher the above terms

John Ninos glorified in bronze and beyond

Melanie Baker
A&E Editor

Alfred's most beloved figure, John Ninos has become a permanent fixture on Alfred University's campus - a bronze cast resembling the infamous Alfred land and business owner has replaced the statue of King Alfred on the campus quad.

The replacement comes after a long campaign from Ninos fans across the county.

Alfred University spokespeople and archivists have long questioned King Alfred's actual ties to the University but settled for the king as our mascot thanks to his love for education, faith, and other important institutional values.

When it comes to John Ninos, however, 7.5 out of 10 Alfred students or residents agree, John Ninos is much more tied to the university than any foreign king probably was. Therefore, it is with the statue replacement that Alfred also adopts Ninos as their new mascot.

After acquiring 99.9% of residential and business properties in Alfred, Ninos and his wife moved on campus into the Steinheim

Castle where he was knighted by the AU president and given several honorary degrees in culinary arts, entrepreneurial studies and real estate monopoly.

Several radical rights activists in the area have even begun to petition to change the university's current name to "Ninos University" after realizing that all renovations and additions to the campus in the past ten years have been entirely funded by the Ninos dynasty. Although this is currently just a grassroots movement, buzz around campus is throwing support behind Ninos.

In the meantime, the Ninos dynasty will continue

to grow in the small village of Alfred, New York as the family is prepared to annex Almond, Andover, Hornell, Wellsville and most importantly Alfred Station.

Ninos personally has no plans to acquire property at Alfred State College as he calls himself a true loyalist to the university.

The unveiling of the new bronze "King Ninos" statue will take place at the start of the new school year as the incoming freshman class moves onto campus. Ninos hopes the new statue on the quad will symbolize a new beginning for the university, the village and the world at large.



Hot Dog Day cancelled



Eric Hudack
Managing Editor

In an effort to improve the reputation of Alfred, NY, the Alfred tradition "Hot Dog Day" will be cancelled, King Ninos declared in his first press conference as new Emperor of Alfred.

"Do to the unruly nature of students and the embarrassing reputation Hot Dog Day gives to the Alfred community, the event will be permanently removed and no longer celebrated," our new king recently announced.

As to be expected, students immediately took to the streets to protest the new decree.

Students, both University and State, flooded the streets with hot dog shaped signs and banners. Some even went the extra mile to dress in hot dog shaped suits. And yes, those brave few that donned the hot dog suit did encourage bystanders to ask them about their wieners.

"Students are entitled to drink in the streets and eat a lot of hot dogs one day a year," former Student Activities Director Dan Napolitano announced from his soapbox in front of Powell Campus Center. "It's time we take a stand," Napolitano pleaded to a crowd of two reporters. Most other students

were too busy protesting elsewhere to pay attention to the jaded Napolitano's speech.

Since King Ninos's hostile buyout of Alfred University, more and more students were being denied the ability to participate in student activities, making Napolitano's job irrelevant. It was only a matter of time before he was shown the door by the new regime as well.

Now, Napolitano acts as an underground "Student Protest Director," encouraging students to give the new administration as much hell as possible.

Of course, this makes Napolitano public enemy number one.

"It's not that we don't like Dan, we do," Dean of Students Norm Pollard commented, "It's just... well, when he protests... he doesn't make any sense."

Indeed, Napolitano's speeches have traditionally been a string of nonsensical words and exclamations that end up making him sound like a child who has had his toys taken from him.

That is, until now, when he actually has a good reason to rebel.

Unfortunately, Napolitano's reputation proceeded him and no one will listen despite his

real reason to protest. It's a classic "Man who cried wolf" scenario.

Still, students and Napolitano remain hopeful that their displeasure with the King's cancellation of Hot Dog Day will affect policy.

In addition to taking their message to the street, students are attempting to hit Ninos where it hurts the most: his wallet.

Yes, students have decided to cease supporting Ninos's restaurants in Alfred, The Collegiate and the Terra Cotta coffee house.

While initially people feared that caffeine withdrawal would bring an early end to the boycott, students were saved by the remnants of the AVI employees that managed to stick around after the great dining hall purge when Ninos first took over.

The secret store rooms of the leftover AVI supplies have kept students well-fed and caffeinated during the strike.

Rumors have circulated that there is enough unused AVI food to keep this strike going for months.

Neither AVI nor a spokesperson for King Ninos was willing to comment on the boycott, due to the extreme lack of reality this article is based on.

The kitties are coming, the kitties are coming!



Photo provided

Stray cats force people from homes on S. Main

Vreni Gust
Opinions Editor

Stray cats have banded together to infiltrate and take over several houses on South Main Street here in Alfred in the past few weeks. Students have been forced out of their homes and are currently being housed by the Alfred University Office of Residence Life.

In recent years, the issue of an overpopulation of feral cats has become increasingly worse.

The first few strays were probably abandoned pets, but since then have mated and reproduced. At this point, it is difficult to go anywhere without encountering at least twenty of the beasts.

The problem is especially bad on South Main Street, where some homeowners began feeding the cats several years ago.

As a result of the feeding, strays grew stronger and

created more cats. These cats banded together and seek refuge in people's homes and apartments. The cats are in such great numbers that they seem to have found a way to communicate and have formed organized efforts to intrude on peoples' homes.

Posses of cats have been seen stalking the streets together. Many students claim that it is these "cat gangs" that have caused people to flee their home.

Senior Jenny Hillenbrand experienced first-hand the kind of damage these "cat gangs" can do. She has been forced to relocate onto campus, because recently the cats smashed one of her apartment windows and have taken over her house.

"There are just SO many cats," said Hillenbrand, a resident of South Main Street.

"First they were just scratching at my windows, then one day I came home

and I thought there was a solar eclipse, but really there was just a gang of black cats outside of my window; there were so many cats there wasn't even sun coming through."

And this is not uncommon; many other students living off campus have been forced out of their residences because of the cats.

There is currently speculation about what actions Alfred University is taking to prevent the cats from coming onto campus. Students have talked about digging a mote around the University, but when questioned, University officials made no comment.

Supposedly these gangs are not violent as long as they are appeased with tuna fish, cat nip, or cat treats. If you encounter a cat gang, do not panic, keep eye contact and slowly back away.

Victoria Flood
Features Editor

AU was taken by surprise yesterday, when five yellow school busses full of grade school students wearing face paint and ninja costumes took over the campus.

Armed with smart phones and full access to the academic transcripts of every Alfred student, the surprisingly efficient children sectioned off one building at a time. They assured us that our grades would not be harmed as long as we all sat on the floor quietly and raised our hands before we spoke.

A pair of first graders guarded my group. Periodically they waived their smart phones at us, flaunting their access to banner web.

Intending to inquire about their demands, I raised my hand, but the group I was sitting in told me not to be a hero. One of the captors grinned at me, "One word out of you and you're dropping a gen ed."

The leader of the operation, whom the others called Kenny, chose Nevins Theater in Powel as his

headquarters. He issued commands via tweets and status updates.

According to Kenny's wall post, the original dispute grew out of a cafeteria incident during which he was not permitted to buy a "nutty buddy" because of the new healthy lunch program at his school. For those of you unfamiliar with the frosty treat; it's an ice cream cone dipped in chocolate and rolled in nuts.

He argued in his post that since he had already eaten his healthy lunch, he now wanted his unhealthy dessert. Classmates began to "like" his post on a large scale. Eventually children from every elementary school in the county had shown their support.

One little girl commented that she "misses Taco Tuesdays," while another "doesn't like having salad all the time." Eventually Kenny divulged that his "friend's older brother goes to college and that he can eat anything he wants." That is when the children decided to take over AU to steal our snacks.

After several hours of

binging on sugar and fried everything, the children had devoured the university's supply of junk food and as a result, they were wearing down quickly. Nothing works like a sugar crash to expedite a truce between two hostile parties.

There were kid's strewn about everywhere; curled up on chairs and tucked in corners, asleep. Parents were called, children were removed and order was restored.

Kenny's parents are refusing to comment, but his older sister Veronica was candid with the press; "All he wanted was his dessert, not a hostile takeover," she said. "It seems pretty silly in hindsight, don't you think?"

I have to agree with Veronica. While it is important to keep kids healthy and establish firm boundaries on their intake of junk food, it is also important to note that childhood is supposed to be kind of sweet sometimes. If we take eating like a kid completely out of the equation, we are likely to have another uprising.



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Errant children and their convictions

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Exiled Bills psychic spotted in Alfred

Griffin Taylor
Sports Editor

There has been a revolution in Buffalo and, rumor has it, its heading to Alfred.

An anonymous source claims to have spotted Ms. Cleo Madoff, the Buffalo psychic formerly regarded as "The Ninth Wonder of the World" in Buffalo, leaving the residence of Alfred business mogul John Ninos late last night.

Ms. Cleo is believed to have accumulated between 1-2 million dollars in the past year alone from Buffalo citizens, who marveled at her ability to predict a Bills loss each week.

Cleo set up camp in Orchard Park, about a mile from Ralph Wilson Stadium, one year ago. She predicted a Buffalo loss in each of the Bills first eight games this season (all losses), leaving no doubt in

the minds of Bills fanatics Cleo had a gift from above.

By Week 4 of the regular season, Buffalo natives were camping out overnight just to get a word in with Cleo. Of course, Cleo was every bit willing to capitalize on the vulnerability of a disillusioned fan base.

"It was hard enough for her to imagine we'd lose any, let alone all, of those first eight," said J.P. McCombs, fellow Fiat staff member and Bills fanatic.

"But after we got that first win of the season, everyone knew we would win our final seven games and make the playoffs. Yet she somehow predicted we'd lose that next one, and sure enough we did," McCombs added.

As for Cleo's undoing? Well, as an educated female, she could not find it in her

to predict a Buffalo victory, ever. As the Bills stumbled upon four unlikely victories in its final eight contests, Cleo's scam became apparent. She had no ethereal powers, but rather the common sense to forecast inevitability for those who said it couldn't be so.

Outraged at the fact it was swindled by Cleo, Bills nation is out for her head. Where does Ninos come in?

Word has it he was the one who funded Cleo's little endeavor a year ago.

As for his return on investment?

"Why do you think the new Jet is so nice?" our source said.

It is unknown whether knowledge of Cleo's whereabouts has reached Bills fans yet, but when it does, the Jet is sure to have some angry customers.

Murder runs rampant through Alfred



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Raffi Jansezian
Staff Writer

The vicious avian trespassers of Alfred University are constantly disturbing the peace with their cawing and crapping. As if the constant flapping of wings wasn't bad enough, this group of winged terrorists flying over us then leave us with one thing running through your mind: "Don't crap on me! Do not crap on me!"

They can organize, they can think, and they are coming for us.

When thinking of these birds a few questions come to mind: why are these birds here in Alfred? Is it the amazing food? Maybe they're here for the same reason as us, to get an education? Regardless of the motive, one thing remains unvarying: crows are evil and annoying.

Crows have a history here in New York, more specifically Auburn (as in 2 hours from AU). A murder estimated between the sizes of 25,000 and 50,000

crows was taking refuge in Auburn, every winter, since 1993.

In fact, things became so problematic that in 2003 a huge crow hunt was organized to try and reduce the number of crows: this did not work. It did not even put a dent in the population of crows in Auburn, which is still a problem.

So much for organizing a big crow hunt here in Alfred.

But nature is fair; whatever annoys one species can usually be taken out by some other species. Since humans and their guns didn't really work, Mother Nature decided to use biological warfare through something smaller and frankly a lot more annoying than crows.

Mosquitoes.

These little [bastards] actually serve a purpose that doesn't involve annoying humans.

Believe it or not but mosquitoes are important members of the animal kingdom. Mosquitoes help

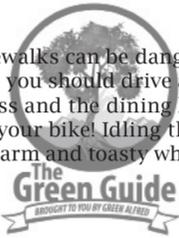
regulate the populations of various species through the transmission of West Nile Virus.

You remember West Nile Virus right? About ten years ago, everyone was seriously afraid of contracting the deadly disease. It became a huge cause for concern but blew over just as quickly as it started.

These mosquitoes spread West Nile Virus, which affects humans, although birds are especially susceptible to this disease. The American Crow population was cut down by 45% because of West Nile Virus; even though it didn't stop the evil avian [bastards], we give it credit for the volume of birds eradicated. So mosquitoes are actually our champions when dealing with crows. Go figure.

To set it straight, crows are cold and calculating creatures and mosquitoes actually serve a purpose. Crows are evil and must be stopped; at the rate they're going they will be higher than us in the food chain

Those slippery sidewalks can be dangerous! To avoid that famous ice and snow, you should drive as much as possible. Drive to the gym, class and the dining hall. Don't walk and especially don't ride your bike! Idling the car is a great way to keep the interior warm and toasty while you run errands!



Griffin quiet amidst alien suspicions

Griffin Taylor
Sports Editor

An anonymous source, known as Agent B, announced yesterday that Blake Griffin's appearances in the SportsCenter Top 10 would be numbered for the remainder of the seasons.

"When he goes above 40 inches in the air, our feed registers he might be trying to escape back to his native "Arach-Zenon" galaxy, said B. "We wish he'd pick a disguise more like his female Zenon counterpart Lady Gaga, at least she stays on

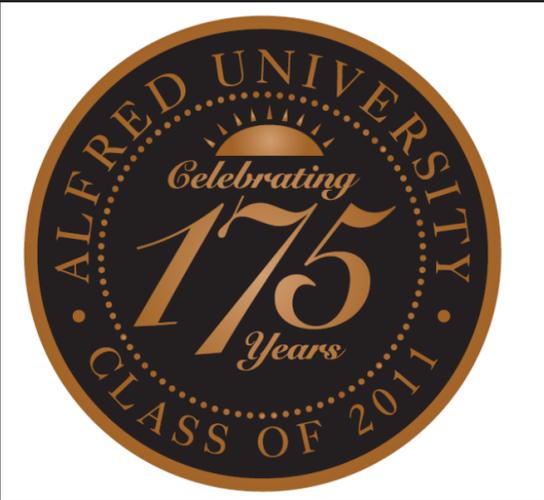
the ground," said B.

"Also, if he keeps jumping over cars and such, he is going to blow his cover," added B.

As a result, Griffin is expected to act as human as alien-ly possible from here on out.

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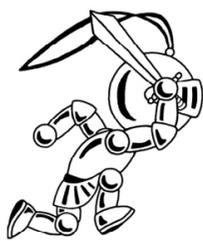
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