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Judson to redesign leadership at Alfred U.

Eric Hudack
Managing Editor

In order to expand Alfred University leadership opportunities on-campus, Kathy Woughter, vice president of Student Affairs, announced a reorganization of the Women's Leadership Center to the Student Senate floor April 6.

The reorganization will include a name change from the WLC to the Beth Robinson Judson Center for Leadership, in honor of the late alumna, trustee and founding member of the original leadership center.

Elizabeth (Beth) Robinson Judson graduated from AU in 1982 with a degree in ceramic engineering. On Oct. 26, 2010, the small plane carrying Judson and her husband crashed shortly after take-off. Both were killed.

The Judson Leadership Center serves as a fitting tribute to the person who provided so much leadership to AU, Woughter said to the Senate floor.

Woughter had had an opportunity to talk with Judson about expanding the leadership programs offered by the university and bringing them together at the Women's Leadership Center. It was something the Student Affairs Division was interested in doing, and Judson supported the concept.

"I know it is something that she wanted," Woughter said.

Students involved in the Women's Leadership Academy hail the decision as one that will positively impact the AU student body for generations to come. They also see it as a fitting tribute to Judson.

"[Renaming the WLC is] a really great concept and something that Beth would truly love," Student Senate President and Women's Leadership Academy graduate Ana Devlin Gauthier commented. "It's really carrying on Beth's beliefs and leaving her legacy here in Alfred."

Autumn McLain, another graduate of the Women's Leadership Academy, agreed. "Beth is a wonderful person to learn from. This will help carry on her name."

Judson believed that leadership training could give students more confidence to face professional and personal challenges ahead of them. According to AU President Charlie Edmondson, Judson wanted to develop leadership programs that would help a large number of students.

Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Seniors Announced



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Jericho Shackelford
Editor in Chief

Kacie Dean and Zachary Grosser were chosen as Alfred University's 2011 recipients of the Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Senior Award, one of AU's highest scholastic honors.

Dean, an environmental science major who, during her years at AU, spent time working on the President's Council for Green Efforts, the AU Recycling Committee and served as president to Green Alfred has accomplished more on behalf of green causes at AU than will fit into a column.

Outstanding Senior Grosser, a bachelors



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of fine arts student, is concluding studies in digital art and design on top of being involved in five different clubs ranging from Student Senate to the then Residence Hall Council. He has also presided over the yearbook club and dived for the AU diving team.

"I wouldn't have been able to make that decision," stated Dean upon being asked about the selection process.

The Marlin Miller '54 awards are given to a select male and female student that show consistent all around scholarship at AU. Outstanding senior awards were given for sometime without the Marlin Miller '54

donation. However following Dr. Marlin Miller's proven leadership in business, trusteeship to AU and donations to the campus associates of Miller's decided it fitting to have the honor attributed to him.

Currently the Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Senior Awards come with a prize of (such and such) tile, \$5,000 dollars and the opportunity to speak at graduation.

Selection of the Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Seniors begins with letters of recommendation, the writing of a personal statement and proceeds to an interview section and ends with, in Grosser's case, a phone call by someone saying he is outstanding.

"I think, for me, the 3 hours between knowing the interviews were over and getting the phone call was quite nerve-racking. But the encouragement from some like, "just be yourself," really helped me get through the process and worry less," said Grosser.

Dean recalls pacing her Ford Street apartment, literally doing anything but being productive, as she waited for a decision.

The hardest part for Dean was the writing of her personal statement; a letter meant to convey all that a student has done at AU. While modesty proved to be no less a hurdle than any other task structured by the Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Senior Committee, Dean pressed on, as usual, toward success.

One of the largest trials offered by this honor, the graduation speech, still lies ahead of both of these outstanding seniors.

Dean, who at the time of her interview

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New members of Psi Chi inducted

Staff Reports

On Friday, April 8, 2011, the Psychology department welcomed fourteen students into Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, maintain excellence in scholarship, and to advance the science of psychology; these chapters not only recognize academic achievement by granting membership in the Society, but also sponsor programs that augment the regular curriculum, offer service to the campus and the community at large, develop leadership skills, and provide fellowship through affiliation with the chapter. Students invited to join Psi Chi maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.1, and a 3.3 GPA in their psychology courses. Please join us in welcoming the following students: Eun (Sunny) Cho, Joshua Deutchman, Elyse Fasano, Michael Freeland, Allison Keddy (Graduate Student), Gabrielle Lamphiere, Allison Lawrence, Susan Morrison, Scott Patrick, Christina Rice, Stephanie Sharp, Rachelle Testani, Amy Trimber, and Jonathan Ugalde.



Ghostface Killah jams for HDD

Melanie Baker
A&E Editor

Ghostface Killah, a prominent member of the Wu-Tang Clan, amped up Davis Gym this weekend for Hot Dog Day. Swarms of Alfred students filled up the gym donning purple bandanas (tickets into the show) in an array of styles, showing their Hot Dog spirit.

Before Ghostface took the stage, I had the privilege of meeting him backstage and getting his perspective on Alfred and his brief experience six hours outside of

New York City.

"We're excited. The vibe is good," Ghostface said, anticipating a large crowd of excited concertgoers thanks to the hard work of Student Activities Director Dan Napolitano and his team of Student Activities Board event mavens.

As Ghostface and his crew awaited delivery from Café Za (an order consisting of lots of chicken teriyaki), he remarked on their journey up to our tucked away area of woody New York.

"We got lost, but we found our way," he let out with a

laugh.

The room quickly filled with more jokes and anecdotes about their ride, but noted they'd be heading back on the lengthy drive to NYC right after their coveted performance.

Although Ghostface



and his main entourage aren't currently on a major tour, they were more than ready to take to the Alfred University stage to please the ears of hundreds of anxious students.

Napolitano felt the energetic vibe in Davis too, "I'm excited

that the students are excited. That says it all," he remarked with a smirk.

It was obvious that Napolitano and the Student Activities Board had worked around the clock to make the event seem like an effortless success. With the response of student attendees and Ghostface clearly happy with his VIP treatment, the Student Activities Board had a lot to celebrate with this event and can hopefully breathe easy till the fall season.

After an energetic and satisfying opening set by

WINO, Ghostface and his comrade Wu-Tang Clan members took the stage, receiving uproarious applause from the audience. The excitement and eagerness for the show was palpable as microphone and amplifier vibrations traveled through the packed gymnasium.

Throughout the show, Ghostface and his slew of fellow skilled rappers kept the crowd alive with tracks off of solo albums like "Ironman" and "Fishscale"

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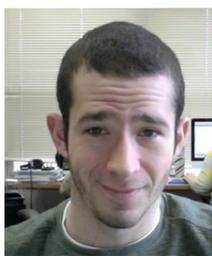
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

TV on the Radio shows us the “light”



Melanie Baker
A&E Editor

No band can be like the Energizer Bunny. Of course, that's because the Energizer Bunny isn't real, but if he were, it'd be hard to match his stamina year after year and keep going and going.

Here's the metaphor. TV on the Radio's past albums hit hard and packed the solid punch they needed to top indie charts. 2008's "Dear Science" earned the coveted "Album of the Year"

title from such sources as Rolling Stone and Spin. With 2011's "Nine Types of Light," however, it seems as if these Brooklyn boys might be getting a little sleepy ... or they just need their batteries changed.

Or perhaps they've just fallen in love. "Nine Types of Light" strays from the pack of older work and tells a fluid tale that alludes to a softer side of the group. While the instrumental quality still mimics their standard progressive mix of soul, jazz, funk and electronic, lyrically the album comes across more emotive, more poetic.

A majority of the album hearkens back to the vibe of past signature tracks. The introduction to "Killer Crane" holds an uncanny resemblance to "Dear Science's" "Shout Me Out," but quickly evolves away from the quick tempo into its own misty ballad. The entire album has a foggy feel to it, as if studio processing has left a thin coat

of static dusting the tracks.

"Nine Types of Light's" opening track, "Second Day" leads us into the album with the assuring line, "confidence and ignorance approved me," sung coolly, with sturdy ground by Tunde Adepimbe. The song later consists of repetitive "oohs" in Adepimbe's impressive falsetto range, spread across a backdrop of processed percussion on jittery but evenly paced midi pads.

"New Cannonball Blues" tries in vain to imitate the vocal range and tempo of "I Was A Lover" but falls short with overly excitable rhythms and thick-like-glue bass lines. Pay close attention to heralded standout track, "Will Do," which serves up intelligent and swooning lyrics, "Any time will do, what choice of words will take me back to you?"

"Forgotten" delivers the token tragi-ballad we've come to expect from TV on the Radio albums, much

like "Stork & Owl" off of "Dear Science," but lacks the same lyrical depth as the latter. Although a trained ear might find comparisons to past works, the "Nine Types of Light" that TV on the Radio narrate to listeners take on a comprehensive life form of their own, capable of furthering the band's growth.

Since their debut in 2004 with "Desperate Youth," "Blood Thirsty Babes" and the hyper-popular "Return to Cookie Mountain" (the track "Wolf Like Me" essentially defined their early career) the band's popularity has steadily increased, gaining buzz and praise from music journalists for their experimental, progressive art rock successes.

TV on the Radio is currently touring their new

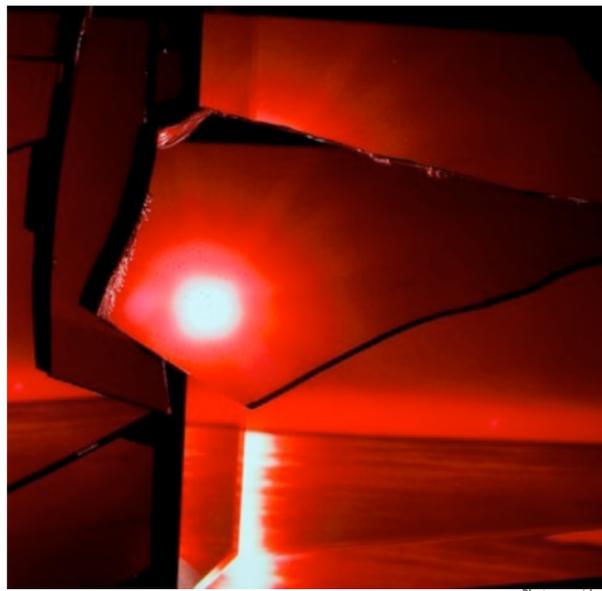


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album in the states and internationally, gaining a stronger fan base with upcoming shows like the Pitchfork Music Festival in Chicago.

"Nine Types of Light" offers the instrumental consistency of a quality TV on the Radio production

with new lyrical flow that will undoubtedly vibe with most listeners. Just give it a few goes before deciding to change the batteries or not.

A Street Car Named Desire at AU

Kylie Smith
Staff Writer

Alfred University put on an amazing opening night performance of "A Street Car Named Desire" on Wednesday April 6, in the new Miller II theater. I have always been a huge fan of the play, but the Alfred University performers took it to a whole other level. The passionate actors, time-appropriate costumes and incredible set made this performance unforgettable.

The best thing about the performance is Jessica Antrobus' portrayal of Blanche DuBois. She portrayed the fabulous, yet crazy Blanche to a T! Her movements, accent and tone pulled the audience into the show. Antrobus was the star of the show. When you think of Blanche DuBois, you think passionate, crazy and dramatic, and Antrobus embodied Blanche with passion and artistic creativity.

Antrobus' co-stars helped her achieve the lime light she deserved. Blanche's sister Stella Kowlaski, played by Anna

Kowalczyk, is an adorable, sweet and caring character. In the opening scenes, it felt as if the director made a casting error in choosing Kowalczyk to portray Stella. Kowalczyk traditionally plays old, mean and aggressive characters, quite the opposite of Stella. Because of prior context, it is hard to separate this character from other performances she has done. But, by the end of the first act, you could see Kowalczyk's true skills shine through, and the innocent sweet caring Stella owned the stage.

Stella's husband Stanley was played by Justin Pietropaolo, an actor amazing in every show he does; he is a true artist. Pietropaolo embodies every character he plays, and always executes them properly. The entire audience feels his energy on stage.

In a majority of the school's productions, he plays characters that are serious or witty. In "A Street Car Named Desire" his character Stanley is angry, drunk, and terrifying. Yet some how, in every performance, he

always puts a comical twist within every character, which makes the play more entertaining and fun for the audience.

The show only had one set, but did not need any more. The play takes place in the Kowlaski's small, hot apartment in New Orleans. The size of the apartment creates more tension between the characters, and helps illustrate the true life styles of the era.

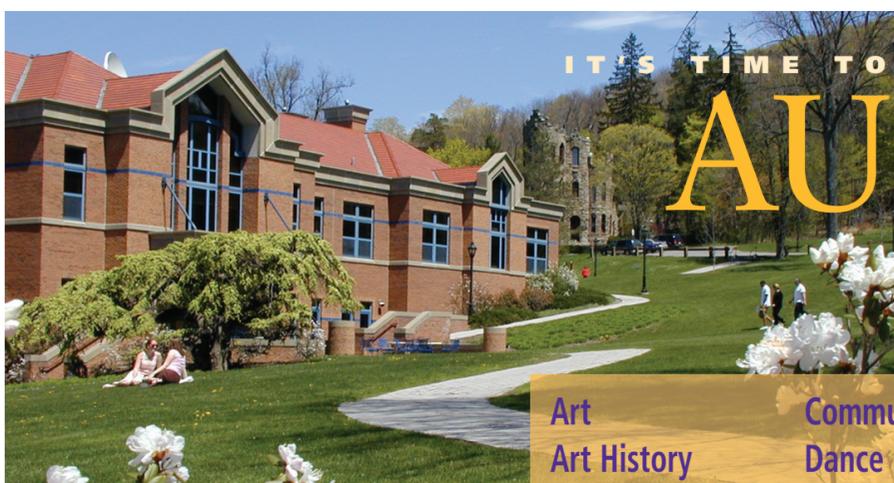
The set was visually pleasing, with old and brittle looking wood, awkward lighting and worn out furniture. It felt as if you were actually looking into someone's apartment, especially how the characters were using the space. The costumes fit the actors' parts very well and the era. Not a single thing was out of place.

So far, this performance has been the best play Alfred University has put on. From the cast, to the costumes, everything was artistically done. Hopefully this signifies a bright future for theater in Alfred.

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Editorial: This time

Higher thoughts, this time, on a day like today might allude to Bob Marley or the Notorious B.I.G. But, it's just not so this time.

This time in Alfred:

Two more seniors have been selected to represent their class with speeches at their graduation. They'll stand atop a podium, speak from a lectern and receive all due applause.

We happened upon Hot Dog Day early. One could have said we had it too early, until, of course, it was forecast to rain this Saturday as well - too bad, that's Alfred and we'll move on.

We realized that revolution, fictional or non, is

a product of both happenstance and influence. A man may be voted into kingship of a territory previously ruled by a mayor and village board as a result of overwhelming popularity. Or, more believably a dictator may fall victim to word of mouth and tweets only to see the opposing forces obliterate themselves with someone else's guns.

This time you might be reading, rolling or pulling but be certain that today is no different than any other.

Despite each pull we may drag in the opposite direction time will keep blowing on, and that is how this day is like all the other ones.



Did you know you don't need fancy cleaners to wash your windows? Just mix a little vinegar and water, and use those left over newspapers that you've finished reading. The vinegar is a natural disinfectant, and the newspaper leaves a streak-free shine.

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Letter to the Editor: Thank you from the senate elect

Dear Alfred University Student body, We would like to thank all those who voted in the student senate elections. We have a new executive board that is more than competent and willing to do their jobs to the fullest. Best of all, we can't wait to get going!

Ana Devlin Gauthier will be returning as student senate president for a second term. Ana is a Junior Environmental Studies major from New Salem, Massachusetts.

Ronja Ogrodnik was voted in as vice president replacing Matt Brown who is graduating. Ronja is a junior biology major from Spencer, New York.

Danica Ostrander was elected as

secretary replacing Zach Grosser (another graduating senior). Danica is a sophomore chemistry major from Cortland, New York.

Scott DeFranco-Norton was elected as treasurer replacing Peter Nyitrai. Scott is a first year biomedical engineering student from Salisbury Mills, New York.

Jessica Seyfried was elected to the position of publicity chair taking over from Janice Cheung. Jess is a sophomore marketing major from Buffalo, New York.

Kevin Carr was elected by a committee to the diversity director position, taking over from Adrian To. Kevin is a junior BFA major from Canadawing NY

Our most recent addition was Robert

Defrusio to replace Kevin Nagel as our finance chair. Rob is a junior transfer student studying accounting from Albany, New York.

The new executive board is a diverse group of people each of home bring a fresh perspective to the table. We hope to represent the student body is such a way that everyone feels they have a voice.

One of the major goals discussed within the new executive board is getting the knowledge about senate out. So here it is. Student senate exists for the students. We are here to act as a megaphone for the student body to the administration. Tell us what is working, and what isn't.

We are the ones who can make changes happen. Hear about the amazing things other students are doing around campus. In general, show you care about Alfred University by showing up to senate and educating yourself about this campus.

Once again, thank you to all those who voted. We can't wait to get started.

Student Senate meets at 8pm on Wednesday nights in Nevins Theater. Anyone can show up for free coffee and some insight into what's going on!

Thank you,
The student senate executive board
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OPINIONS

Capital Efforts: Grand-slammed



Jericho Shackelford
Editor in Chief

S&P 500 says the budget is a no-go for prosperity, the birthers are banging on Obama's door, rebels find themselves without a guidance system and NATO finds itself flying in circles above the middle east.

A grand slam can be a great thing but if you're on the pitcher's team it is purgatory to see those

batters run.

This hot dog weekend I encountered a thing called the "grand slam" needless to say, and purposefully sans elaboration, I am still ailing. Though this ailment has kept me out of class with fever and a soar ear it is not all inhibiting as it has inspired sympathy for those large causes that too are suffering from quadruples the same as me. It seems I am not the only who has been grand-slammed.

Four years ago Obama was a promise. Three years ago he was a primary powerhouse. Two years ago he was president. Now he is under pressure.

Standard & Poor has since 1954 monitored the largest 500 capitalist markets and as of Monday, April 19 is stating that the United States is not on a proper path to economic reconstruction.

This means that the

United States risks losing it's coveted Triple-A bond credit rating, which speaks to the credit worthiness of a business, or in this case nation. They say the budget is failing and with China threatening global inflation the United States is currently the only Triple-A rated country to have a negative S&P review.

The birther, Donald Trump, is up for a presidential bid. Trump has stated that he will not be announcing a presidential run until after the finale of his hit series "The Apprentice." However, many of the once Palin-toting Republicans and even more fiscally perturbed Tea Partiers are already seeing the great side of this television bad guy.

Someone left the tapes rolling in the White House when Obama met with republicans John Boehner and ... in their closed-door

meeting on the government funding of planned parenthood.

"You guys want to have this debate? We're happy to have that debate. We will have the debate on the floor of the Senate or the floor of the House. Put it in a separate bill. We'll call it up. And if you think you can overturn my veto, try it," said Obama.

Finally, CNN broke footage of President Obama locked out of the oval office suite last Wednesday, April 13 following the de-boarding of an air force helicopter with his family.

Perhaps it was the more Nihilist of us that two months ago would have said 'be wary of revolution in the middle east,' but now it seems far more politically correct to at least note a few instabilities.

Not funny, but it seems that Lybian freedom fighters are having trouble

operating their American provided firepower. Videos have been captured of them pointing the "this way to shoot arrow" of their bazookas in the wrong direction.

Fatal misfires left the Gaddafi loyalists to sit back and let time take its toll on Libyan rebels. Good news is that since these original mishaps it appears as though the labels are pointing in the correct direction - according to the rebels.

While dealing with Libyan rebels NATO lost conviction in the cause when the freedom fighters began turning weapons towards Libyan civilians.

Meanwhile, a bit further along on the timeline, Gaddafi is intensifying his opposition to freedom fighters and regaining ground around the de facto rebel capital of Benghazi.

Finally Nicolas Sarkozy

and David Cameron of France and Britain are pushing for more effort in the area in order to help the rebel cause. This time it isn't all the U.S. guiding the balls to foul out. Nonetheless it appears as though maybe this plan of inaction wasn't planned enough.

When all goes awry it takes confidence to pound that mounded dirt, square up, nod yea or nay, and pitch.

We've all got to do it and for some of us who will soon be leaving college for the certainty of unemployment and college loans to pay off, that moment of confidence will have to come sooner rather than later.

In the meantime we can sit back, relax, hope our economy pulls through and pray those rebels start aiming the way we pay them to.

Caffeine addiction: I'm cool with it

Vreni Gust
Opinions Editor

Here I am at an airport, trying to write this article, thinking to myself, there is no way I can do this without a cup of coffee.

And then I start to think, am I addicted to caffeine?

Being a caffeine addict is something I joke about all of time. Plenty of college students rely heavily on caffeine to get them through their classes, especially their morning classes. I can think of plenty of friends who can't function without their morning cup of coffee, especially after a night out.

But actually, according to doctors from John Hopkins University, feeling unable to wake up in the morning without coffee is actually a reaction to caffeine withdrawal after not having consumed caffeine overnight. According to these same doctors, the most common symptom of withdrawal is getting a headache.

I experience both of

these things, so apparently I am addicted to caffeine.

Realistically, if I am addicted to caffeine, then in turn most of my friends must be addicted to caffeine. And the statistics about caffeine consumption in the U.S. also prove this point.

According to MyAddiction.com, 90 percent of Americans use caffeine every day, and 75 percent of caffeine consumed is in the form of coffee. The Coffee Statistics Report from 2010 reports that 400 million cups of coffee are consumed in America per day.

However, the Food and Drug Administration still considers caffeine to be a regulated substance and has created laws that force food labels to list the amount of caffeine in their product. Caffeine is often considered a drug, but clearly it is not dangerous enough to keep out of consumer's hands.

While many people preach against caffeine

addiction, it is important to note the difference between dependence and addiction.

Caffeine is not classified as an addictive substance, but one can become dependent upon caffeine. And it is true that one's tolerance to caffeine can build up to the point where it is rendered less effective, causing the consumer to need more caffeine to experience the same high. In the same way a tolerance is slowly built up, it must be slowly reduced overtime to fix it.

So how concerned should Americans be about our so-called caffeine addictions? Personally, I don't really have a problem being dependent on caffeine. If I kicked the habit, I could save oodles of cash and probably be a lot healthier, but then I would have to stop going to Dunkin Donuts and setting up coffee dates with friends. I'm at peace with my caffeine addiction.

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Bonds and Bin Laden: Time to Move On

Griffin Taylor
Sports Editor

One epitomizes evil. One just played a game for a living. One damaged the present, the other its past-time. One takes innocent lives, the other innocent records. And one deserves to be killed, the other perhaps just blacklisted from a certain town in upstate New York.

But one thing the above bad-news bears have in common is that both were front-and-center in your living room the past decade. For this nation, it wasn't about steroids and terrorism, it was about Bonds and Bin Laden.

But Osama Bin Laden and Barry Bonds are nothing like every other terrorist and steroid-using baseball player.

It is important to classify each as an aberration so we can understand what we are really after. In order to do so, we must acknowledge the body of work of these two polarizing figures.

Last week, Bonds again evaded the Grand Jury, except this time he was accused of doing so. The verdict failed to tell us something we didn't know, and again failed to tell us something we do know as well - Barry Bonds used steroids.

That notion has fulfilled 99 percent of the "objective fact" requirements.

So what is it we are after? That 1 percent?

If it is drugs in baseball we are after, the decision by Manny Ramirez last week to retire after testing positive a second time for performance-enhancing drugs signified it is no longer acceptable to say "it was an accident" or "he did it too."

In an attempt to make sense of the unique individual that is Ramirez, Yahoo! Sports writer Jeff Passan stated:

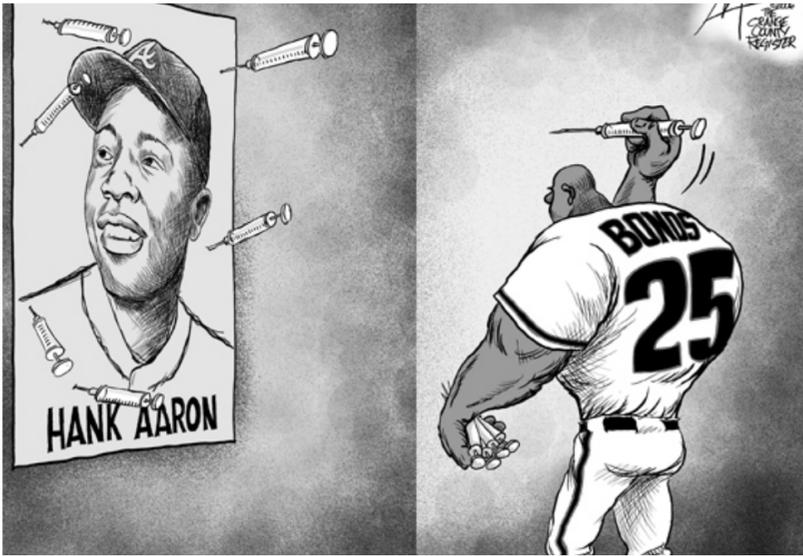
"Drugs don't gift mortals a swing like Manny's - the gods do."

Drugs didn't gift Barry Bonds a nonsensical .609 on-base percentage. They didn't gift him 73 HR, or 232 walks, or a .609 on-base percentage, or a HR/AB ratio of 1/6.5 - all nonsensical figures even when taken in context.

Drugs didn't make Bonds the most dominant player in baseball history. Drugs are a dime-a-dozen in America; Barry Bonds was a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

But more importantly, the game has moved on from Bonds and the steroid era.

Eighty-Nine names surfaced on the Mitchell report. Ten members of the 400 HR club have confessed steroid use at some point during the decade. Pitching and defense won the San Francisco Giants a World



Series last fall, not Bonds' moonshots into McCovey Cove.

So why not turn the page on the steroids chapter once-and-for-all? We must accept par with Barry Bonds, and allow father time to render him his strictest verdict - that he is no longer the pastime, just the past.

It is time to move on from Bin Laden as well.

Giles Kepel, French scholar and acclaimed writer on Islam, commented on the recent strides towards democracy on the Middle East in the New York Times March 11.

Kepel argued that democracy would eventually take hold in the Middle East, and in turn Al Qaeda's

campaign platform for recruits - a desire to revenge the oppression felt at the hands of governments allied with the West - would be crippled.

Kepel argued that Al Qaeda would "mobilize the masses on their side, and finally find themselves isolated and ostracized by those same masses."

"After 9/11...the theory of a decline of Islamism was laughable," Kepel added.

Laughable because we failed to recognize that Bin Laden was not the representative of the Middle East, but rather a very special exception.

He was one of fifty-four children, yet was tagged by his father, Mohammed bin

Awad Bin Laden, as heir to the Bin Laden construction dynasty, worth \$11 billion and responsible for renovations of the holy mosques in Mecca and Medina.

Bin Laden was a major financier of the mujahedin, Muslim jihad fighters who drove the Soviets out of Afghanistan during the Afghan-Soviet War in 1979. Bin Laden spent much of his life as a nomad, chastising his native Saudi government for its tolerance of Israel and tendencies to replicate Western culture. "A unique figure - wealthy, charismatic and clearly devout, he quickly became a celebrity," said Riedel.

Bin Laden was deeply educated as well. He had

planned for the US to invade Afghanistan in reaction to 9/11. Al Qaeda assassinated Ahmed Shah Massoud, military leader of the Northern Alliance, opponent of the Taliban and primary ally of the US in Afghanistan, two days before the attacks. Bin Laden forecasted the U.S. would self-destruct in the mountains of Afghanistan just as the Soviets had three decades prior.

What he didn't forecast was military intelligence which didn't require foot soldiers.

But most of all, what he didn't forecast was the fact that members of the Muslim world were not indeed radically "other," but rather pursuers freedom and democracy just as we are.

"Now we know them to be just like us - they tweet, they're on Facebook, and the figurehead of the Egyptian revolution is Google's Middle East manager," Kepel said.

For so long, we tried to fix the problem that was Bin Laden. Now it is time to take a back seat, and allow the people of the Middle East to do it themselves.

It is time to welcome democracy just as we welcome the pitching and defense. And in doing so, accept both Bonds and Bin Laden as what each was:

A once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

Looking for fashion in Alfred



Fashion is not a highly debated topic in Alfred: a town focused on ceramics, engineering and keeping warm.

The town is unique, to say the least, distinguished by two established colleges and a small yet eclectic Main Street. The business owners know one another like old friends and recall

students by name. But for a "college town," the expected presence of the main stream-Main Street mix is lacking.

The shortage of ubiquitous consumerism in Alfred is evident at first sight: no Starbucks, no Gap, no restaurant chains. However, there are three hairdressers, two tanning salons and five restaurants that make up the downtown. And while most students warm up to the lopsided nature of Alfred, a few of us cannot shake the glaring issue: "Where can I get clothes?!"

The aesthetic of the average Alfred student is not regarded as fashionable, a fact further endorsed by the unavailability of clothing stores in the area. But because we, as a town, are not interested in the affairs of the fashion world and their offspring, are

we allowed to disregard it and unofficially label it as unwelcome?

Amanda Burns, Director of ePLACE, the Public Computing Center at Alfred Box of Books, has a solid grasp on the Alfred vision. Burns, an Alfred native, explained that there is a focused effort by the town to look and feel a certain way to attract certain kind of people.

The fact illustrated by Burns is that Alfred cherishes its extremely localized and secluded culture, a barrier to any identifiable fashion influence.

So what about the students who just can't get over the isolation from the shopping they're accustomed to?

I am from a New England college town that boasts a "just-right" mix of privately owned boutiques and a T.J. Maxx. I can

sympathize with students like Nickolina Noel, a junior communication studies student and President of Fashion Forward club at Alfred University, who was "actually shocked" by the attire worn on campus and throughout the town when she arrived at Alfred University from New York City.

It is a sad fact that I grow excited at the thought of trekking to the mall in Rochester, where I can only attempt to nourish my famished wardrobe. The clothing choices in the area surrounding Alfred are limited to a few consignment shops that house discarded Abercrombie & Fitch and American Eagle styles from over a year ago; a Maurice's which targets non-discerning customers with their overpriced, low quality and, honestly, banal clothing; and the Salvation

Army and WalMart, neither of which require an explanation.

I am not a label snob and I would never demean people for shopping at these stores - I am all for resourcefulness. But I am craving anything different or aesthetically intriguing, forcing me to resort to internet shopping. And the apprehension and loss of sleep when trying to buy online almost parallels my frustration with the local situation.

Alfred doesn't need "big box" stores like JCrew or Gap, but we do need a hint of vogue. We need the consistent standby with everyday basics; the funky hit-or-miss boutique and a shoe store (please God!). A town that fosters

an unrelenting passion for uniqueness should be able to understand this call for diversity. The issue does not require total submission to modern consumerism, but there is an implicit town obligation to create a place where all students have the opportunity to express themselves, not just some.

Pearl Harbor, JFK, 9/11, Jersey Shore?

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Sports Editor

The 2011 Alfies will be themed "Alfred Shore," a loose reference to everyone's favorite MTV show.

A satire, right? Then again, after my "drill sergeant" college basketball coach made us forfeit dessert at Olive Garden in favor of the Shore season finale last year, I don't know anything anymore.

A recent study, "Academically Adrift," claimed 45% of college students show no improvement in critical thinking skills by the end of their sophomore year, which has led some of us to question the "old-fashioned" methods of professors. I wonder if those same professors are tempted to reply,

"How about you stop watching Jersey Shore, moron?"

Or maybe they watch it too. Who knows.

At the College Media Conference last month, an ESPN executive told us he approached Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino with these words at a party:

"Dude, you are a tool. Your 15



minutes of fame are about to be up."

Of course, one could have been no more mistaken in assuming The Situation wouldn't see that sixteenth minute than you or I assuming our former president would be able to properly digest a pretzel. But hey, stuff happens, and those who underestimated the situation seem to have sorely overestimated the mental well-being of Americans. Strung out on reality TV and "infotainment," The Shore is our rock bottom, a

final binge, like a recent "ex" girlfriend who reaches for that last Hershey's bar.

After all, the show is somewhat of a guilty pleasure. It is entertaining, much as professional wrestling was entertaining until your mother pointed out the mullets and sub-par dental work in the crowd, and you realized you aren't supposed to be doing this.

As for the Jersey Shore, there are no mullets, but rather scantily clad women who appear attainable, and the guys, well, they just have fun.

And hey, we are in college, who doesn't want to have fun?

In fact, in my darkest moment, I can almost imagine myself hanging out with one of these guys, until Pauly D's age pops up on the screen:

30?!

And you work at an ice cream store? Dude, where are your kids?

Next season, the show will be filmed in Italy, and hopefully the youth of this nation can begin its slow climb back toward respectability.

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Oustanding senior...

had not yet read many past speeches, was playing with the idea of talking about not being able to play one's future.

"Years ago I had no idea I would be here," said Dean.

Grosser believes that his speech is coming along, although it has yet to take full form. "I've been reading some past Outstanding Senior speeches and getting a sense of what would make a good speech. Charley gave me some good advice about it too, so I'm no longer worried," said Grosser.

The Marlin Miller '54 Outstanding Seniors were officially awarded Friday, April 15 at Honors Convocation along with many other AU scholars.

Judson Leadership...

While Judson supported the WLC to meet the needs of women students, it was never her intention to be exclusive about it said Edmondson. "She was emphatic that leadership opportunities should be afforded to all students," he added.

Unfortunately, the name of the WLC carries an unwelcoming reputation in some circles on campus, one fostered mainly out of ignorance of what exactly is done within the leadership program. One such student brought his frustrations to the Senate floor last fall, demanding a "Men's Leadership Center" as well. While most students interpreted this gesture as an outlandish joke, McLain felt that there is a great deal of people who do not understand what the WLC exactly does.

"The WLC is doing great things on campus that are often overlooked," McLain said. "Unfortunately, the name kind of pushes students away from [getting involved.]"

"It immediately screams 'feminism,' and that's not what the WLC is all about,"

she added.

McLain stressed the center's goal of achieving leadership growth in all students, and hopes that the reorganization will entice more students to take a look at the leadership opportunities on campus and find out what its all about.

The components of the Judson Leadership Center will be the Women's Leadership Center, the Gary Horowitz Leadership Development Program and the Saxon Sidekicks, a mentoring program developed by senior Hannah Certis.

The Commons, located near Openhym Residence Halls and the Ford Street Apartments, housed the Women's Leadership Center since its inception. The building will be renamed the Judson Leadership Center, and all the programs will be housed there, under Julia Overton-Healy. Her title will change to director of Leadership Programs and the Women's Leadership Center.

"It is important that people understand that this in no way diminishes what we do through the Women's Leadership Center," Woughter said. "The WLC remains intact and in its current form. This reorganization allows us to expand the programs to serve all our students."

The change will be effective with the start of the fall semester in August.

Ghostface performance...

and collaborative works, most dominantly from the Wu-Tang's debut "Enter The Wu-Tang (36 Chambers)."

Thanks to the Student Activities Board's hard work, Hot Dog Day reached a new level of success in the entertainment realm, especially on a weekend where the weather couldn't be counted on for fun. Ghostface Killah's appearance brought a refreshing and exciting vibe to campus that made for an unforgettable weekend.

FEATURES

Adventures of a mishapped columnist: Ditching meats for veggie treats



Victoria Floor
Copy Editor

After surviving my latest challenge of spending two weeks as a vegetarian, I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate being

an omnivore again than by diving into a plate of piping-hot lobster claws.

Now, in order for this to be an official fear-conquering, I couldn't just place an order at Red Lobster (not that we have one of those), I had to prepare it myself. This meant that I would have to embrace my inner savage and kill a lobster.

I've passed the lobster tank at Wegmans on numerous occasions and never felt any particular concern for their well being, but it's different when you're shopping for your dinner. I stood beside the sad, watery cell, cloaked in my own guilt as I chose my victim.

Briefly I imagined myself buying the lobster, driving it to the nearest source of saltwater and releasing it back into the wild, however, at \$9.99/lb, I think not.

I don't relish the idea of killing anything, but lobster is hardly the most innocent of our delicacies. According to main-lobster.com, they are known to eat sea plants, oysters, crabs, snails, fish and even other lobsters from time to time. The guilt of eating a cannibalistic crustacean is considerably less oppressive than that of eating a baby grass-eater, like a calf or a lamb.

In order to spare the little invertebrate any

unnecessary discomfort, I did some research on humane methods of preparation.

By far the most disturbing of "youtube's" tutorial videos are those in which a large knife is driven, point first, through the brain of the lobster and is followed by the blade, bisecting the head. Believe it or not, this is said to be the more humane method, but that's a tough sell.

I chose the more popular approach of submerging the lobster in a pot of boiling salt water. It seemed a little passive aggressive in comparison with the stabbing, but it's significantly less intense for the chef.

I revel in most socially acceptable opportunities to eat with my fingers and lobster is my new favorite. An experienced lobster enthusiast will have a system of dissection and eating, but I am not one of those and have discovered that even a dead lobster can cut you if you're not paying attention.

I spent ages trying to work out what to do with the tail. In the end, almost out of frustration, I ripped it off with a twist of the wrist and discovered the beauty in the simplicity. The claws came off in much the same fashion and with a pair of nutcrackers, I crushed the shell and slipped the meat

out with a fondue fork. It was so sweet and tender that it never occurred to me to use the melted butter.

Overall my lobster experience was a pleasant one.

If nothing else, getting my hands dirty changed the way I feel about a pre-cooked meal. I wouldn't have enjoyed it as much if I had not personally experienced the process. I felt it move, looked into its beady, little eyes and watched it turn bright red in the pot. There's no turning back at that point and honestly, I'm glad that I didn't.

700 word computer care cheat sheet



Nick Clark
Contributing Writer

Everyone remembers the day they turned on their computer for the first time. Everything looked so new and so... sleek.

These days, new hotness has become old and busted. You live with it though, because the change was gradual. You adapt, even when you have to wait 30 minutes between pressing "ON" and getting the mouse to respond.

If this describes a friend, tear this column out and give it to them for Easter. If it describes you, feel free to read on....

Many people falsely believe that computers get slow with age. I'm here to help you bust this myth. With the right cleaning, there is no reason to think that your computer would be any slower than the day you opened it.

Don't worry; I'm not going to bore you about my adventures in overclocking (running hardware beyond the rated speed). The next few tips are EASY and can be carried out in any order and require maybe five minutes of effort each.

Not only are they easy, these tips actually work.

Quick and Easy Tips:

Run all updates! So easy. So important.

Restart your computer, log in and let all of your "start-up programs" do their thing. Then, go through each launched program (messengers are big offenders here) and decide whether or not you need it to launch automatically. Find the settings of each unwanted program and uncheck "Start with Windows".

Now restart again to see if any come back.

Go to "Control Panel" and then "Add or Remove Programs". Find any program that you no longer want/need and remove it. Be careful to only remove things that you know are useless (for example if it says Microsoft, leave it alone).

Hit "Start", then "Accessories", then "System Tools". Find "Disk Cleanup" and run it. This will clean up temporary

files that tend to build up on your system. Then find "Disk Defragmenter" and run that. It reorganizes data on your computer to read faster. For added control, do a Google search for "CCleaner" and "Defraggler". They are free programs that do the same thing listed above, but arguably better.

Security... because you don't want bugs in your house:

Run all updates! So easy. So important.

Check your antivirus. Is it working? Is it expired? Is it even on? If in doubt, google and download "Microsoft Security Essentials" (Vista or 7). Not only is the software easy to use (and free), it's actually pretty good.

You should only have one anti-virus program running at a time. Alternatives could include Avira, Avast, Panda or AVG.

Firewall. Is it working? Is it on? Windows (beyond Vista) firewall software is decent, as long as it's running.

An Easter Gift?

The hard drive in your computer becomes much less efficient when it is filled past 90 percent. A great way to remedy a full drive is to empty out the stuff you don't need. However, if you are still lacking in space there are USB (external) hard drives that you can buy online or at Wal-Mart. These external drives start around \$30. They are also great for backing up all of your important data, which leads to the advanced tip.

Nuclear Warfare: Not For the Faint of Heart

If you still have your Windows disk (as well as any important program) laying around, it is possible to do a reformat (complete cleaning) of your hard drive. This erases everything and lets you start off with a "clean slate". In many cases, this will be faster than doing each tip as listed above. Unfortunately I do not have enough space to discuss it. Make sure to search the internet for advice on how to go about this.

Ghosts and Gremlins:

Sometimes the normal stuff just won't work. If your firewall/antivirus refuses to turn on, Windows can't seem to update or something suspicious just seems to be happening, (firewall always launches disabled, weird popups, ridiculous and unexplained slowness, blue screens, etc.) bring your computer to your friendly neighborhood ITS. You can find them at their headquarters in the bottom floor of Herrick.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Nostalgia brings back the Power Rangers

Kendall Westbrook
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When I was around 5 years old, *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers* was just airing on television. I thought it was amazing how regular high-schoolers were able to turn into superheroes and save the planet from the evil villain, Rita Repulsa and her apparently inexhaustible supply of monsters.

My mother, however, told me that I wasn't allowed to watch it because it was "too violent." That didn't stop me from hiding under the kitchen table when my 10-year-old sister had it on! The *Power Rangers* became my secret heroes.

Today, I look back on those memories with fondness.

Now I'm a senior, and I'll soon have to enter the "real world," and my inner-child is having a baby fit.

My generation is entering the working world. This, at least in the world of television, means that what was nostalgic is now coming back into style. *Power Rangers* have returned, along with a complete reimagining of Hasbro's "My Little Pony" franchise that is actually good. I think this is great.

When I was little, the television shows that were geared towards kids usually had morals at the end of their stories. I believe this was a subconscious

attempt to get us all to behave nicely and now these kind of shows are coming back.

Our nostalgia can not only bring us back to a more tender time, when life was simple and just plain fun, but it can also help bring back good, educational television that still ends up being fun to watch for not only kids, but adults too.

This year, the *Power Rangers* have returned, having been bought back by Haim Saban, whose company originally produced the *Power Rangers* franchise from 1993-2001. The franchise was bought by the Walt Disney Company, which abandoned it in 2009. For nearly two years, there have been no new *Power Rangers*, no one to fight the forces of evil. At least, until now.

Saban's company (under the production name "Saban Capital Group *Power Rangers*") has brought them back, better than ever with the new series *Power Rangers: Samurai*. This new show features footage from Japan's wildly popular *Samurai Sentai Shinkenger*.

The story was even adapted for American audiences. It is now up to Jayden, Kevin, Mike, Emily and Mia to save the world from a new set of villains and monsters: The evil Master Xandred and

the Nighlocks. This time, though, they are not guided by a "giant floating head in a tube" called Zordon. They are instead guided by their very human mentor, Ji.

The show is incredibly fun and exciting, and still has that "Power Rangers" feel to it.

One character from the original series, Bulk, has returned (played by Paul Schrier) bringing his old humor back with him. The monster designs are complex and incredibly interesting to look at, and the main villain, Xandred seems like a real threat to the Rangers, unlike Rita, who I always thought of as just a weird old lady with a silly voice. The fight scenes are well cut together with original footage from Shinkenger, and most of the locations used for *Samurai* look almost exactly the same.

I actually look forward to Sunday mornings, just so I can watch the show. Does that make me childish? Perhaps a bit, but I'm not the least bit ashamed. The *Power Rangers* have the chance to become heroes again. They're doing a good job of it too—They were the high point. I highly suggest watching the show, even just one episode, to feel like a kid once more.

Power Rangers: Samurai airs Sundays at noon on Nickelodeon.

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SPORTS

New York State of Mind: Knicks Purveyors of Subjectivity



Griffin Taylor
Sports Editor

Objectivity, in the form of advanced statistics, tells us Shane Battier was remarkably good, and Allen Iverson remarkably average.

Subjectivity tells us Iverson had the "it" factor and the heart of a lion. Oh, and that his missed shots often looked better than the makes of his teammates.

The objective offers no evidence for its claims aside from a bunch of numbers that tell you nothing useful save for how many wins each player is worth for his team.

Then again, there's that brilliant saying TNT coined for the playoffs.

"Win or go home."

And as for the numbers telling you things you're eyes deemed impossible long ago - for example, that Kyle Lowry has been a better overall player per minute than Derrick Rose in 2010-11 - well, I give you this from Jigga:

"Men lie, women lie, numbers don't."

Of course, no fan wants to buy the numbers argument. On opening day, every Kansas City Royals fan has October in his sights. It is a fan's subjectivity-to-the-point of delusion which turns him a diehard - and the world needs the diehards.

Which is why the ultimate battle for subjectivity in this Knick fan's mind is the 2011 Playoffs.

I Am Who You Think I Am

Objectivity, in the form of those same stats, tells us the Knicks gave more than they got in the Carmelo Anthony trade.



At the time of the deal, Wilson Chandler, Danilo Gallinari, and Raymond Felton had produced 12.4 wins for the Knicks in 2010-11, while Billups and Anthony of-

fered a hair less for Denver. Objectivity says the Knicks are no better today than before the Anthony deal. Not with the man famed to possess the premier offensive toolbox in the game - one which caused the 2008 Olympic squad (with names James and Bryant on the floor), to run its isolation sets through him.

Subjectivity tells you that sure, "Melo may not produce the wins our eyes might assume, but that's because he takes nights off, and Broadway should have his full attention in May.

Time to Go to War

Objectivity, in the form of the standings, tell us this Knicks outfit is no better than

the Sixers one which sits one slot behind it in the standings. Not with a 25 and 10 monster who epitomizes the term "grown a-man".

Subjectivity tells us the Knicks have Amare Stoudemire and the Sixers have Elton Brand.

Objectivity, in the form of those same standings, tell us the Knicks should not advance past the first-round of the 2011 NBA playoffs. Not with a floor general who led his team to seven straight conference finals appearances, picking up the nickname Mr. Big Shot along the way.

Subjectivity tells us New York is the last team you want to face in a Game 7, where they say anything can happen. Subjectivity tells us you want to have the biggest, baddest boys on the floor in your corner, and the Knicks will have that every night at both forward positions in May.

If the Knicks turn some heads in a couple weeks, words like "potential" and "dangerous" will be thrown around the networks. The subjectivist will prevail.

If they crash, talk will be of how talent alone can't get it done; how you need the stuff that doesn't show up on the regular stat sheet.

But rather the advanced one - the objectivists' stat sheet.

NBA Playoffs: Who Goes Home

Griffin Taylor
Sports Editor

Eastern Conference

(1) Chicago vs (8) Indiana
Indiana had its shot in Game 1 Saturday, as the Pacers held a 98-88 lead with 3:38 to play, before Chicago closed with a 16-1 run to end it. Of course, the fourth quarter is when you turn the ball over to your closer, and the Bulls have an MVP front-runner in Derrick Rose while the Pacers have Danny Granger, whose best value is the diverse stat-line he offers fantasy basketball owners. No knock on Granger, but Indiana proved it does not yet know how to win when it counts, to be expected from a roster whose three main cogs (Granger, Roy Hibbert and Darren Collison) had a whopping 6 games of playoff experience before Saturday.

Game 1 told us less about the series at hand and more about the Bulls' chances looking ahead. Out west, San Antonio holds the no. 1 seed yet is considered a long-shot by most to represent the Western Conference in the

Finals. Did the Bulls also overachieve in the regular season? After Game 1, the jury is at least hung.

Prediction: Chicago in 4 (4) Orlando vs (5) Atlanta
As I am writing this after game 1, this prediction won't receive the acclaim, but I had said to a man coming into this series that the Hawks would at least make it interesting - an underwhelming statement on the surface, but when taken into context a fairly bold prediction. After all, Orlando handed it to the Hawks the past two post-seasons, the latter a whooping of epic proportions.

The Hawks Game 1 victory in Orlando Saturday turned heads, but it shouldn't have. Along with unparalleled skill and size, NBA players also possess a ton of pride - or else they would not be in your living room in HD at this time of year. Atlanta took three-of-four from Orlando during the regular season, and is too talented and, well, proud to lay down for a third straight postseason.

Prediction: Hawks in 7 (3) Boston vs (6) New York

Boston is too good, and New York still too unsure of its identity, for this upset to go down.

A look at the matchups indicates New York might be able to make this series go the distance. Amare Stoudemire struggled against Miami this season because of Joel Anthony. Nenad Krstic will not have the same effect on STAT. Expect Stoudemire to go off in this series; after all, he recently said himself he is always better in the playoffs.

Carmelo Anthony possesses the most dynamic offensive tool box in the game, when he uses it is just at his jurisdiction. If there were ever a time, it's now - expect 'Melo to take over in at least one close one down the stretch and bring a victory home to NYC.

Finally, Chauncey Billups, he of the seven consecutive conference finals appearances and the nickname "Mr. Big Shot" figures to fare well in this one, and not just because it's the playoffs. At 34, Billups is not the best

on-ball defender around, but can play off-the-ball with the guile of a 12 year vet. Rajon Rondo, with the range of someone a foot taller than he, will allow Billups to do what he does best.

It will be imperative for New York to steal one of the first two in Boston. If the Knicks can do that, the Garden will be electric for Game 3 Friday night, and at that point, you never know. The last time Knick fans saw a playoff game in the World's Most Famous Arena was 2004 - and that was Marbury v. Kidd so, you know.

They say in a Game 7 that anything can happen, and is there a tandem you'd least want to face in that setting than Stoudemire and Anthony?

I just don't see the Knicks getting to that Game 7. Boston is too good, and New York still too unsure of its identity.

Prediction: Celtics in 6 (2) Miami vs (7) Philadelphia

The Sixers leading scorer is Elton Brand, at a whopping 15.1ppg. Nice

comeback story for Elton, but come on.

Prediction: Heat in 4 WESTERN CONFERENCE (1) San Antonio vs (8) Memphis

How ironic to see Zach Randolph doing an on-court interview after an NBA playoff game. A player who less than two years ago ended his season with a roundhouse to Lou Almondson of the Suns (to go along with an already lengthy rap sheet), Randolph brought the Grizz its first playoff victory in franchise history, behind 25 points and 14 rebounds on Tim Duncan no less. It has been quite the turnaround for Randolph, the heart and soul of a Grizzlies team which, along with Shane Battier and Tony Allen - two guys who do nothing but lock down your best player (and you know what they say this time of year) - seems molded for this time of year.

But the Spurs are the Spurs, and they will find a way.

Or maybe they won't. Prediction: Memphis in 7 (2) Lakers vs (7) New

Orleans

Lakers fans have just now looked up from their blackberries, only to see Chris Paul torch the pre-historic Derek Fisher en route to a stunning Game 1 victory for the Hornets. Every person, place and thing outside of the Lakers locker room has pressed the panic button on this team, but it could conceivably go down 2-0 in this series before it takes the switch off cruise control. Calm Down.

Prediction: Lakers in 6 (4) Thunder vs (5) Nuggets
Denver is a pretty cool outfit, a bunch of solid young players to run you out of the gym. But who takes the last shot?

Prediction: Thunder in 5 (3) Dallas vs (6) Portland
This was my upset pick. Until everyone else started saying it. Dallas has always had trouble playing the favorite. Now that it senses "underdog" status, it should come out ready to play. And the Mavs are really, really good when they come out ready to play.

Prediction: Dallas in 7

SPORTS

Alfred Rugby braves the conditions, beats Rochester in HDD battle

William Pulos
Rugby Press Release

On Hot Dog Day, The Alfred Rugby Club successfully completed its' fourth fourth season under the reconstituted format that's been running since the Fall of 2009.

The club celebrated its year 26 of its existence by inviting the alumni to return home for a reunion featuring an intercollegiate game against traditional rival, the University of Rochester.

For at least 15 years, the Alfred Rugby alumni return to Alfred to enjoy the camaraderie and life-long friendships made with the rugby club while

attending college at Alfred University and Alfred State College.

Alfred Rugby had a busy week beginning on April 10. During that period, the Rugby Club was involved in three public service projects, took delivery of some new field equipment, hosted the alumni and beat the U of R in a Hot Dog Day home field shut-out by the score of 10-0.

As part of its charter responsibility, the rugby club goes out into the community and performs public service every semester. On April 10, the club cleaned the West Bank of Alfred's Kanakadea Creek. On Tuesday, the public service

continued with field work and services donated to AU.

Last October, the US Army conducted an emergency landing of two large helicopters on the rugby field atop Jericho Hill. The copters and repair vehicles left big ruts and divots in the field rendering it unsafe for any student athletes to play on the field and unworkable to invite other teams to play. That, together with possibly the worst spring weather in recent memory, combined to create a serious problem this spring for AU.

After learning that resources weren't available for field repair in time for HDD, the club took matters

into its hands, purchased a load of top soil, found wheelbarrows and tools and took to repairing all the field damage done by the Army last fall, by hand.

Friday evening, the rugby club was again called into service by AU's Center for Student Involvement (CSI) to serve as event staff security for the "Ghostface Killah" concert. Working in conjunction with AU Public Safety, ASC Public Safety and Alfred Village Police, the club provided bag check security, pat downs and door services at the concert to enhance the security profile provided by the professionals. It was the third time in less than 2

years the rugby club had been asked to help out with an AU concert.

The next day, the club found itself in possibly the worst competitive weather conditions it's ever faced on Jericho Hill. With alumni on the field from the 80's, 90's and 2000's, each of whom attested to the day's weather and field conditions being the worst they'd seen, Alfred took on the Yellow Jackets from Rochester.

The temperature was in the mid-'30's, the wind chill was in the mid '20's, with a high wind warning and sideways rain, Alfred and UR played a rematch from last spring's contest

on Jericho Hill with Alfred looking to avenge a 17-16 loss to the UR in 2010.

With very strong play from Alfred's forwards and superior conditioning, the "Fred's" overcame the weather adversity and the Yellow Jackets by scoring quickly and coming away with a 10-0 win. Although there was 3 inches of mud, 40 mph winds and sideways rain, Alfred was used to the terrible conditions, having practiced outside on Jericho Hill since March. The weather and the field worked to Alfred's advantage. Scoring for Alfred in the win were President Steve Dahar and Prop Joe Moll.

AU Track and Field teams place 4th in Empire 8 action

Eric Hudack
Managing Editor

Rebecca Gaudons and Jordyn Larkins led the women's outdoor track and field team, while Shawn Ross led the men's team to fourth place finishes in the Empire 8 Conference championships Sunday at RIT.

Freshman Rebecca Gaudons (Mayfield, NY/Mayfield) won the pole vault, with an AU record-setting vault of 3.30 meters. The feat qualified her for the ECAC outdoor championships May 19 and 20 in Bethlehem, PA. Sophomore Jordyn Larkins (Rochester, NY/Harley-Allendale-Columbia) also took home a women's title for the Purple and Gold with a 200-meter dash in 28.27 seconds.

For the men, it was Senior Shawn Ross (Ticonderoga, NY/Ticonderoga) doing it again with a win in the men's shot put. The throw of 14.74 meters qualified Ross to compete at the ECAC meet in May.

In addition to their first place titles, Larkins also nabbed second in the 100-meter dash (13.30 seconds);

Graudons placed fourth in the high jump (1.55 meters); and Ross third in the javelin (38.10 meters).

The AU women also had some impressive performances by freshman Armoni Jeffries (Rochester, NY/School of the Arts), who placed fifth in the 200-meter dash (29.62 seconds) and seventh in the 100-meter dash (13.98 seconds), sophomore Amy Morrissey (Hornell, NY/Hornell), sixth in the 400-meter dash (1:04.67) and freshman Chelsea Hall (Grand Island, NY/Grand Island), fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (16.98 seconds) and fifth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:17.16).

On the distance side of things, junior Elisabeth Phillips-Jones (Watertown, MA/Watertown) and sophomore Erin Johnstone (West Henrietta, NY/Rush-Henrietta), seventh (5:13.02) and 10th (5:31.52), respectively, in the 1500-meter run.

On the field, sophomore Jennifer Miranda (Bronx, NY/Academy of Letters), leaped to seventh in the long jump (4.40 meters), freshman Kelly McNamara

(Hurleyville, NY/Tri-Valley) placed fifth in the shot put (9.95 meters), while sophomore Kelly-Jo Beck (York, NY/York) had a great day throwing seventh in the shot put (9.74 meters), fifth in the discus (28.62 meters) and eighth in the javelin (21.45 meters).

The Saxon men also had some clutch contributors in freshmen Craig Gaymon (White Plains, NY/White Plains), second in the 200-meter dash (23.70 seconds) and fourth in the high jump (1.83 meters); junior Rich Scott (Eden, NY/Eden), third in the 200-meter dash (23.86 seconds) and fourth in the 400-meter dash (52.78 seconds) and Jason Osborne, fourth in the shot put (13.10 meters).

Junior Evan Roush (Newport, PA/Newport) and senior Austin Fox (Reinholds, PA/Lancaster Catholic), jumped their way to fourth (13.08 meters) and fifth (13.04 meters), respectively, in the triple jump.

AU hits the track again on April 28 and 29 at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA.



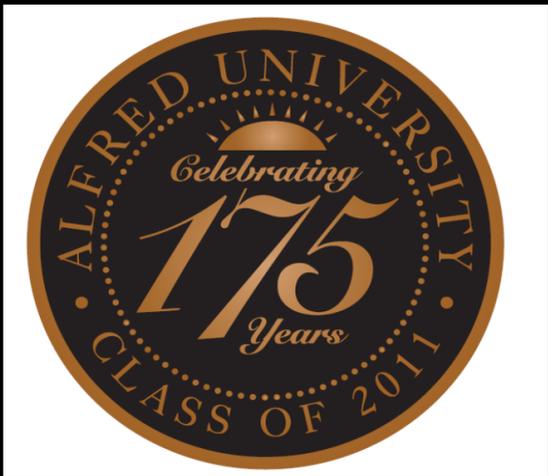
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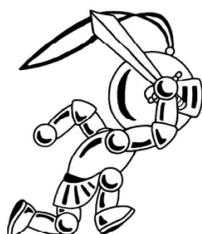
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Alfred Saxons Scoreboard

Team	Last Opponent	Result	Record	Next Opponent
Men's Lacrosse	Stevens	L, 6 - 24	7,2,0	Elmira
Women's Lacrosse	Stevens	L, 3 - 20	0,5,0	Wells
Men's Tennis	Stevens	L, 1 - 8	3,3,0	Nazareth

HOT DOG DAY 2011



Above: Students participate in Hot Dog Day's mud olympics despite the cold weather and rain

Photo provided by Sarah Shafer

Hot Dog Day gets a taste of Alfred

Jericho Shackelford

Editor in Chief

Rumors were raining in throughout Alfred University about a cancellation to Hot Dog Day's 40th celebration by noon Saturday, April 16 due to inclement weather, yet the event pressed on despite closed booths and freezing rain.

Varied opinions on the event fragment any chance of consensus on Hot Dog Day 2011 as options on the weekend were weighed: sunshine versus rain, barbeque or Ade, drunk or just plain drenched.

"It would take more than freezing rain and wind to stop me from getting a hot dog and watching mud Olympics. The real bummer was that some people I would have liked to have seen, like to be dry and warm," stated AU alumnus and 2010 outstanding senior Thomas Fleming.

"Oh, I didn't do any of that. I just drank," one senior said when asked about the day's community events.

The staples of Hot Dog Day are the Main St. parade, a booth covered road, and lawn drinking, which all showed a true shortage on Saturday afternoon, which led to rumors claiming a possible cancellation of the annual event.

According to an email sent to students by Vice President for Student Affairs Kathy Woughter, prior to this Saturday, April 16, the last eleven

Hot Dog Day celebrations raised nearly \$85,000 for local charities.

Indeed, signs were posted all around campus boasting the success of years past. Still more posters were distributed through residence halls encouraging students to invite parents to the weekend long gala.

"Participation and overall enthusiasm were pretty high. Everyone was enjoying the weekend, despite the usual Alfred climate," said material science major and Pine Hill Derby participant Dan Bourlotos.

"I actually made it outside in the rain for a little bit . . . and I had a hot dog," said Hot Dog Day Promotional Chair senior committee member Akeem Caballero.

"I wouldn't say it was the best Hot Dog Day in terms of bringing the two schools together to raise money for the community, the weather really got in the way of that. However, the intentions were still there and students seem to have enjoyed themselves like any other year," said graduating SOMA president and senior committee member Jessica Marble.

Official statistics on the 40th annual Hot Dog Day are yet to be announced.



Above: Students, community members and families get Hot Dog Day off to a running start Saturday morning

Photo provided by Sarah Shafer



Above and below: Students compete in the annual Pine Hill Derby, an event hosted by various factions of AU's engineers despite last years threat of program cuts.

Photo provided by Sarah Shafer

Hot Dog Day cares

Adrian To

Ads Manager

Last October, three students established a campus-wide campaign. senior Susan Morrison, junior and current Student Senate Diversity Director, Kevin Carr, sophomore and out-going Student Senate Diversity Director, Adrian To together with Coordinator of Diversity Programming, Craig Arno, launched "Think Before You Speak."

This campaign asked students and faculty to pledge on a t-shirt that they would think before they spoke. The aim of the campaign is to raise students' awareness of intentional and unintentional "verbal attacks" on certain groups of people, such as the phrases "That's so Gay" and "That's Retarded."

More than 120 students and faculty members made the pledge, and it successfully raised campus' understanding of the use of unintentional and hurtful language.

Morrison expanded "Think Before You Speak" this semester and invited former Student Senate Vice-President Matthew Brown to join the committee. Morrison and Brown hoped

to inspire other students and community members to act responsibly during Hot Dog Day (HDD), while focusing on the community impact of the festivities.



Many students focus on the "celebration" part of HDD, but few realize that over the past five years, HDD actually contributed \$41,160 to local charities. This year, the HDD committee selected the beneficiaries, which included ACCORD Corporation, AE Crandall Hook and Ladder, Alfred Box of Books Library, Alfred Boy Scout Troop 19, Alfred Montessori School, Alfred Station Fire Company, Allegany ARC and Allegany Country Mental Health Association.

More than 300 students signed the new pledge to promise to "Be Safe, Give

Back, Have Fun" on Hot Dog Day and to care about the community contribution. Students also passed out pins and buttons to publicize the cause.

Craig Arno added, "This campaign will hopefully draw focus to the significant contribution of Hot Dog Day and reiterate that it is an event designed to celebrate and better the Alfred community."

The campaign was a great success after several days of setting up tables in Powell Campus Center and on Main Street during Hot Dog Day.

More students are willing to learn about the community benefits brought by HDD.

"All I heard from others about HDD is 'drinking and drinking,' but now I came to realize that Hot Dog Day is beyond celebration or drinking and more on the contribution to community," said first-year student, Alan Yuen. An official estimate on the amount raised during HDD 2011 is yet to be released.



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