



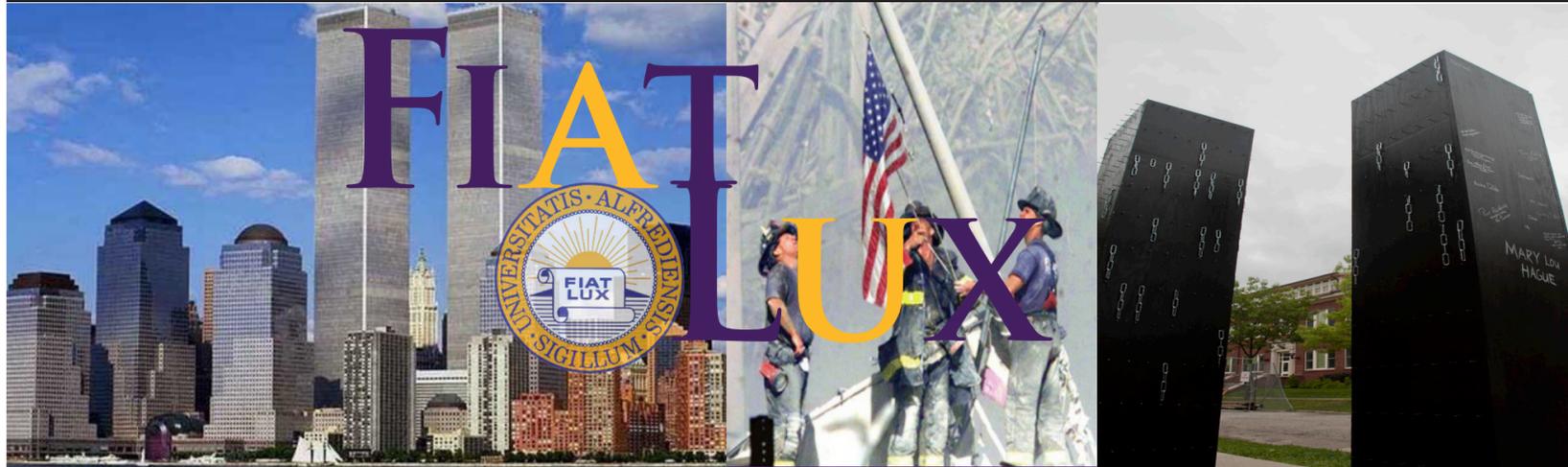
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# Controversy surrounds 9/11 memorial

Raffi Jansezian  
A&E Editor

The dust has settled and the memorial is complete. The United States is in the final stages of healing.

Outlining the bases of each tower, the monument shows where the structures would still be standing. As New York City prepares for the dedication so does the rest of the country. The memorial site features two of the largest man-made waterfalls in the country, pieces of the building pulled from the wreckage and personal items from victims.

A key piece pulled from the debris, dubbed "The World Trade Center Cross" is a central piece to the memorial. The 17ft high portion of cross-beam which previously had been on display in front of St. Peter's Church is now in the center of the museum. A gesture which is now causing quite a stir.

The organization American Atheist has filed a lawsuit to sue, claiming that the Christian victims of the

attacks are being given preferential treatment.

The memorial foundation claims that the cross is a "symbol of spiritual comfort for the thousands of recovery workers who toiled at ground zero," and that it is an "authentic physical reminder."

The atheist group wants pieces of equal size, representing all of the faiths of the victims, to be included in the memorial. They estimate thirty-one were Muslim, four to five hundred were Jewish, approximately five-hundred with no religious affiliation and an indefinite number of victims of other faiths.

"We will pay for our own memorial of equal size inside the museum, or the museum will not include the cross. Equality is an all-or-nothing deal," the group stated.

Adding to the controversy, 9/11 responders were not invited to the ceremony...

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# Floods devastate Central New York

Ana Fredell  
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It seems that the Earth has been in a period of turbulence recently. Hurricanes, earthquakes and severe weather have consistently dominated the front page of many newspapers.

Just a few weeks ago, Hurricane Irene barreled her way up the east coast, destroying much of Vermont and northern New York. Then, just a short time later,

backlash from tropical storm Lee wreaked havoc on northern Pennsylvania and central New York. Severe weather stemming from Irene missed Alfred almost entirely, and the effects of tropical storm Lee were felt only as rain and cold weather this past week. However many people were not as lucky as Alfred residents.

Residents of central New York and Northern Pennsylvania are attempting to dry out after what has been some of the worst floods on record in those areas. The Susquehanna River is raging at levels not seen for years and is distributing its contents to unhappy residents

of the towns it borders. Nationally, there hasn't been much reported about the flooding and the Canacadea creek has not overflowed but that does not mean that the impact of tropical storm Lee has not been felt on campus. A large percentage of students attending Alfred University are from the state of New York or the neighboring state of Pennsylvania. Consequently, there are a sizable number of students who hail from towns and cities devas-

floodwaters have left behind.

Elizabeth Leonard, a senior from Owego, NY spoke about the situation in her hometown, which was underneath multiple feet of water on Wednesday. Leonard's family was evacuated from their home just after 1 a.m. Wednesday morning. At the time the water level in the family's basement had risen to the top step of the staircase. By the end of that day, nine feet of water had accumulated



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tated by tropical storm Lee. These students are currently safe and sound at Alfred University, but their families are not. Their families are at home, trying to clean up what receding

in the front yard, completely submerging even the cars. Four feet of

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# Harder construction

Aki Miller & Raffi Jansezian  
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As we have all noticed over the past few semesters, Harder Hall has been undergoing some construction. The newest wing of Harder, The McGee Pavilion, was scheduled to be completed by the time students returned for the Fall 2011 semester. However, construction is now two weeks past schedule and is still a work in progress.

AU has spent over ten million dollars on the new edition of Harder, which is now slated for completion by the end of September 2011. The Pavilion will include a new elevator, additional classroom and gallery space, a top of the line air-conditioning and heating unit, as well as a new digital media center on the second floor. There will also be a contest held to decide the name of the new gallery in the Pavilion.

During construction of the

Pavilion, there was much necessary demolition but relatively little space for it to occur. As a result, the crew could use neither a wrecking ball nor dynamite, but opted instead for a bulldozer and chain. They proceeded to rip the wall out of the building, careful to clear pedestrians from the area beforehand.

It is expected that the McGee Pavilion will be opened at the end of this month and that it will be a beautiful new edition to Alfred University. The tireless construction crews have vowed to work rain or shine to complete the project.

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# New Server To Help Alleviate Internet Woes

Eric Hudack  
Managing Editor

In response to saturated Internet connections on campus, work has been fast tracked on a new server to ease bandwidth concerns in residence halls.

Gary Roberts, director of Information Technology Services, says he anticipates the new hardware to be in-place by mid to late September.

"During the last decade, Internet use exploded on-campus, and we have managed to respond. However, the last three years have experienced exponential growth in the use of

Internet," Roberts said. In other words, demand began to out-grow the supply.

Everything from traditional entertainment like television programming to utilities such as landline telephone services demanded delivery over broadband connections and AU students, being centrally located in the middle of nowhere, found themselves significantly disadvantaged.

The server will efficiently allocate bandwidth based on the number of users accessing the Internet at the time. While this will aid several concerns with slower to

non-existent connection rates, the new server is not a permanent solution for the Internet problems experienced on campus.

"I do not believe that it will solve our bandwidth issues, which are fundamentally a problem of saturation and scarcity based on usage. Still, I have reason to believe it could alleviate the problem and keep things moving until the connection with ION is established," Roberts said.

Last November,

Roberts and his staff at ITS secured a partnership with ION, a company who received \$40 million in Federal broadband stimulus grants to increase Internet Connectivity throughout New York State.

As a result of AU relocating and upgrading its own data center to the current state-of-the-art facility, ION decided to locate an Internet Point of Presence, or hub, on AU campus.

ION estimates connectivity could be provided by December...

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# AU Ranked 8th in Nation By Washington Monthly

Kim Rau  
News Editor

The Washington Monthly College Rankings recently placed Alfred 8th in the nation among master's degree institutions, up twelve spots after being ranked 20th last year.

Adding to the honor, Alfred was ranked 3rd in the country among masters institutions in percentage of graduates enrolling in doctoral programs.

Since 2005 the publication has sought to answer an important question: "What are colleges doing

for our country?"

In an effort to answer this question, DC-based magazine looked to evaluate America's universities in an unconventional way.

The more traditional studies, as conducted by US News, Princeton Review and Forbes, evaluate universities by the initial value of students. Rather than looking at the value students gain while attending a university, these studies focus only on the academic statistics of the entering class.

Alternatively,

Washington Monthly evaluates the degree to which universities promote research, service, and social mobility. "It actually attempts to rate institutions on the basis of their contributions to the academic and personal improvements in the students they enroll" said President of Alfred University Charles Edmondson.

Undoubtedly there are limitations of any system which attempts to "rate complex organizations such as colleges

and universities" said Edmondson. He later added that Washington Monthly's approach "seems to offer prospective students and their families a much more valuable insight to colleges than the ratings that are based mostly on 'reputation' and how well its students did in high school."

According to Washington Monthly, the wealthiest universities in America receive...

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



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## Hyena Plays in Nightclub Thoughts on Entourage

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Contributing Writer

Hyena, a multi-genre bending duo hailing from San Diego, performed at AU in Powell last Saturday night.

Composed of Michael Cooper and Bryan Stratman, Hyena has garnered comparisons to bands such as Phoenix and Cut Copy, and performed with the likes of The Bravery, thanks to their synth indie rock sound.

From the beginning of their set, Hyena gave their all to perform; rambunctiously hitting the drums with full force and engaging the audience as the lyrics were spouted into the microphones. The crowd was ultra receptive to the fast danceable drum beats and murmured along to the synthesized vocal styling.

Having listened to the band beforehand, there was a disappointment in the variety of songs; their songs seemed to blend indistinguishably together. However, I must say that Hyena was a good band live, giving a very commendable performance and rousing the crowd to dance the entire time.



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**Raffi Jansezian**  
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The bonds of brotherhood power the lives of Vincent Chase and his "Entourage." Our look into a few years of Vincent's life as a Hollywood celebrity, has been an entertaining yet thought provoking series.

Drugs, women, movies and celebrities: all reoccurring themes in the series, but the most important element of the entire show is friendship. The main characters form an alliance out of love for one another. For Vincent "Vinny" Chase, played by Adrian Grenier, and his older brother Johnny "Drama" Chase (Kevin Dillon), it's sibling love. But with his manager Eric "E" Murphy, played by Kevin Connolly, or his driver Salvatore "Turtle" Assante, the love is of growing up with one another and knowing everything about each other's lives.

Jeremy Piven plays Vinny's agent Ari Gold. Gold is the powerhouse of the group when it comes to business but has a whiff of sulfur about him. A fiery temper coupled with the talented Vincent Chase creates memorable scenes for the ages.

I recommend anyone to watch this amazing series, I say amazing not

only because I'm watching it while writing this article, but because of the lessons it gives. Creator Doug Ellin explores some heavy themes while still managing to stay entertaining and hilarious at the same time.

The writers have a clever way of using events, sometimes even out of the blue situations, to cut the sometimes unbearable tension. For instance, Vinny was recently released from rehab and was at risk of a relapse while he was being confronted by his closest friends and his brother, when their house caught on fire forcing them to move into a hotel. It created a brilliant comparison to a phoenix rising from the ashes as Vincent Chase rises up after the fire to re-create his image and bring not just himself but his friends to new heights.

Following these misadventures always proved to be worth it in the end, I was always able to take something from each episode; a new lesson in friendship or a new insult courtesy of Ari Gold's fiery panache.

## Blue Scholars' Album Review

**Bridgette Ortiz**  
Contributing Writer

This summer was full of anticipated releases from the Jay-Z/ Kanye West collaboration, "Watch the Throne," to the Red Hot Chili Pepper's "I'm With You." However, a great album that many may have not heard is the Blue Scholars' "Cinemetropolis." In fact, many music lovers have not heard of the Blue Scholars - but they should and I'll tell you why.

Hailing from Seattle, Washington, the Blue Scholars are the epitome of smart, underground rap. Spewing quick wits over fast beats, the Blue Scholars rap with socially and politically conscious poetry similar to the likes of Zion I, Atmosphere and Binary Star. The duo, comprised of MC lyrical genius Geologic and producer/DJ Sabzi, met while studying at the University of Washington: their education and family background flow into their work - with references to Karl Marx and Eazy-E, as well as political activists like Yuri Kochiyama.

"Cinemetropolis" is a

divergence from the Blue Scholars previous work - in a good way. A self described "visual soundtrack"; "Cinemetropolis" is a more stylized sound unlike that of previous Blue Scholars' work. Whereas their two LPs, "Blue Scholars" and

sounds. "Cinemetropolis" is a mingling of life and cinema lending itself to an eclectic mix of topics and song titles inspired by international actresses, composers, and political activists.

The opening track,

combines the smart quips and social observations on our modern day reliance on media (especially film) on our viewpoint on life - "If it spins on a reel, it's gotta be real/ But 'real' in real life just remind us of film."

Another classic Blue Scholars track that is instantly memorable is the social critique, "Hussein," which proudly displays the Scholar's ability to rap for and represent the people.

Blue Scholars transition seamlessly from the fast beat tracks to the more somber tracks like "Anna Karina," to the poignant "George Jackson" and the lyrically controversial and ambiguous "Oskar Barnack - Oscar Grant."

Opting for a bit of simplicity, "Yuri Kochiyama," is a proud homage to Asian activist Yuri Kochiyama with a slow rhythm and a straightforward narrative approach.

"Tommy Chong" is the stand out track on the album; showcasing the lighter, more humorous side of the Blue Scholars and featuring fellow Seattleite rapper, Macklemore. It is

easily digressed what the topic of the song is, but the Scholars don't let up on the wittiness of their lyrics, despite. "Tommy Chong" along with "Marion Sunshine," are the more feel good songs on the album that will make you blast your speakers.

Once you listen, there is no denying that "Cinemetropolis" is one of the best albums of the year. It's a great surprise when music does more than entertain, but makes the listener think. That is exactly what the Blue Scholars do with "Cinemetropolis" - make you think like a fiend.

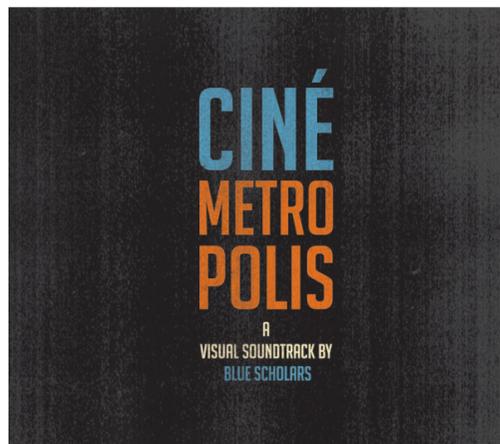


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"Bayani," and their numerous EPs, were made with simpler beats and focused upon the lyrics, this time around, producer Sabzi takes the reins (listen to his great rapping skills on "Lalo Schiffrin") and infuses the album with a heavy bass and synthesized

"Cinemetropolis," is addictive, with Geo bragging - "My marvelous marksmanship is sharp, shit is hard. / But we make it look not, we auteurs." Setting the mood for the album, "Cinemetropolis" takes the synthesized sound and

## Editorial: A decade of progress

A decade later, we found out that we were supposed to be scared. It was all part of the plan hatched by our president and vice president.

If we were scared, we wouldn't change the channel. If we were scared, we wouldn't ask questions. If we were scared, congress wouldn't ask questions either.

And so went our government from democracy to dictatorship. And we followed suit, because we were scared. We wondered if the neighborhood street vendor would poison the hot dogs, and if cab drivers took flight classes in their spare time.

In doing so, we became increasingly un-American; we took a geographical land-mass filled with unique individuals and labeled it 'evil.'

Just like Bin Laden labeled you and me as 'evil.' But what are we really? What does it mean to be American?

Said Ralph Linton some seventy-five years ago, in his piece titled "One-Hundred Percent American:"

"Dawn finds the unsuspecting patriot garbed in pajamas, a garment of East Indian origin; and lying in a bed built on a pattern which originated in either Persia or Asia Minor. He is muffled to the ears in un-American materials: cotton, first domesticated in India; linen, domesticated in the Near East; wool from an animal

native to Asia Minor; or silk whose uses were first discovered by the Chinese. All these substances have been transformed into cloth by methods invented in Southwestern Asia. If the weather is cold enough he may even be sleeping under an eiderdown quilt invented in Scandinavia."

What makes us American is the (albeit, sometimes sub-conscious) open-mindedness to recognize others' ideas, the access to locate those ideas and the freedom to choose the best one.

From that environment comes a Liberal Arts college such as Alfred, where we are free to explore any belief without looking over our shoulder.

From an environment of oppression came Al Qaeda; a twisted, fanatical alternative for those who have none, but an alternative nonetheless.

In signing off on a point-less war, we sacrificed our alternatives. But today we have our swagger back.

With the development of social media, we can each offer our own alternative, and within minutes it can garner as many eyes as an A-Rod at-bat.

And so can 'they.' Giles Kepel, professor of Middle Eastern politics at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and author of "Clash of Civilizations," asserted in a New York Times piece that a rise in social media could lead to the demise of Islamic

radicalism and groups like Al Qaeda. Said Kepel:

"(People) pointed at Arabs and Muslims as radically "other"; now we know them to be just like us — they tweet, they're on Facebook, and the figure-head of the Egyptian revolution is Google's Middle East manager."

Through social media, we can see that Muslims are nothing like Osama Bin Laden.

Through social media, they can see that Americans are nothing like narrow-minded, profit-driven oil tycoons.

Through social media, Muslims have an alternative.

Without present alternatives, Al Qaeda was able to tell its people what to think and who to blame.

With increased access, those people can now figure it out for themselves.

For years, we spent billions of dollars in search of a man who was no representative of Arab culture, but rather an outlier. In helping to change his environment from one of oppression in which he thrived to one of freedom to which he is allergic, we have rendered him remote.

For being a recipient of that freedom, I love my country.

For being a purveyor of that freedom, God Bless America.

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.



## OPINIONS

### A New Computer for \$30



Nick Clark Photo Provided

Staff Writer

What if I told you there is a specific piece of hardware to slow down the average computer user more than every other component combined?

What if I then told you that this important piece of hardware is also the cheapest and easiest to upgrade?

This mystery piece of computer hardware is called RAM, or random access memory. It comes in "sticks" of a few different sizes, but is not quite the same as a thumb drive.

Now, to get things straight, memory is NOT the same as storage. Memory goes inside your computer and is required

for things to work. Thumb drives, flash drives, or data sticks, (i.e. "storage") are plugged into the outside of your computer and you put pictures or papers on them.

My favorite analogy for a computer is a chef in a restaurant. You, the customer, ask for something delicious like... listening to the "Tron Soundtrack." Before anything can happen, the chef will need ingredients. He goes to the shelves and grabs his ingredients. In this case, the ingredients would include the song file itself, the files needed to use iTunes, and probably some audio decoders and such. The shelves are your computer's hard drive, and the files are "in storage."

With ingredients in hand, the chef goes back to his table to work. This table is your RAM. It's where the magic happens. He prepares your food. In less than a second (hopefully), your song begins to play.

As long as the song is playing or paused, it stays on the chef's table. This makes it so that whenever YOU want to enjoy it, Brian won't have to go through all the work of finding ingredients and putting them together again.

On your computer, we can call this "in memory." For the most part, programs and files on your computer are in storage (the ingredient shelves) until you need them when they are put together and moved to your RAM (the chef table). Nifty, right? This basic storage/memory relationship exists on any modern computer, as well as your phone, mp3 player, Wii, tablet computer and such.

If you are using a program, it's safe to say that it is being temporarily stored in your RAM. This is true of anything from your computer clock and the little icons on your desktop to Diablo III and that raw video you are editing.

The trouble is that sometimes your "table" isn't big enough to hold all of the stuff you do at once. When this happens, the chef will start putting food back on the storage shelves to free up space on the table. Then, when you need the food that was put away, he has to go all the way back to the shelves and find it again. On a computer, this is called a "major page fault." Hard drives access data much more slowly than RAM, so having to walk

over to the "shelves" and pick out stuff again slows you down significantly.

How do you know if this is happening to you? Well, usually your computer tells you. If your computer is complaining about "virtual memory", "out of memory", or "expanding page file", chances are good that insufficient RAM is behind it. Also, if your computer always gets noticeably slower when you have tons of programs running, then you might want to consider an upgrade.

Computer companies don't want you to upgrade; they want you to buy a new machine. Luckily for us, upgrading RAM (assuming that you purchased the right sticks) takes approximately two minutes. First we have to find the right memory though. I recommend you download a program called Speccy (or use System Profiler in Mac). Both programs provide a neat report of the "stuff" you have inside your machine.

Launch Speccy and wait for it to load. It should display how much memory you have. I would suggest you upgrade if you see "256 MB", "512 MB", or "1.0GB." If that's what you see, click

the "RAM" button. We are only really interested in the top section, titled "Memory slots." Check to see if you have free memory slots.

If you have free slots: Scroll down to the blue header titled "SPD" and click the blue arrow to expand. Adding memory to what you already have is cheaper, but you have to make sure that the memory you add is IDENTICAL to the memory you already have. For example, another memory stick in my laptop would have to be (type) DDR2 (size) 2048MB (manufacturer) Samsung and (Max Bandwidth) PC2-5300. Leave Speccy open and browse to your favorite computer component buying site (I personally love newegg.com).

If you do not have free slots: The "free slots gang" has a cheaper solution than us, but our job is easier. Go to your favorite computer component buying site (I use newegg.com) and buy memory that is larger than what you have as well as being the same type (usually DDR2, possibly DDR3). You are replacing the memory, so you won't have to match sticks.

While doing the actual

installation is a breeze, subtle differences between computers makes writing detailed instructions difficult for me. I recommend you Google the model of your computer followed by "memory upgrade" to find instructions specific to you. Assuming you have a laptop, find the appropriate compartment and open it (only one screw for me) to gain access to your memory. Once you're there all you have to do is slide the stick in until the lock clicks. The stick will only fit in one way.

Final thoughts: When working inside computers, always turn off and unplug everything. Your computer could shock you. Comically, you can also shock your computer and fry internal components! Avoid wearing synthetic clothes or working on rugs. Touch a metal surface before you begin to discharge static. Make sure your hands are clean.

Intimidated yet? I have never met anyone in Alfred that I didn't think could pull this off in ten minutes (excluding shipping). If you are considering buying a new machine or are sick of only running one program at a time, this could be the best \$10-30 you ever spent.

## On the reel

Jericho Shackelford  
Special to the Fiat

"If you did the right thing, you could make it in America," said President Barack Obama during his jobs address to congress Sept. 8.

Truthfully, that ideal was diminishing nearly half a century ago and withered away completely when Reaganomics led the nation out of stagflation and into recession.

It took years for Reaganomics to get its fifteen minutes of fame. As the nation waited Reagan held fast through metaphors about two boys: one an optimist and one a

pessimist – the pessimist could never be satisfied while the optimist was satisfied enough to keep on digging through his back yard dirt believing, "There's gotta be a pony in there somewhere."

No politician has resorted to this tactic since. But Americans needed optimism for an ideology that couldn't quite work. It can be argued that, for better or worse, Reagan's most lasting legacies were those that contradicted his rightist stances; like meeting with leaders Mikhail Gorbachev and Saddam Hussein.

Yet more and more the Republican primary is

looking like Reagan-off 2012 to prove who can be the best Reaganite, all claiming, "I can dismantle da gov'ment the best!"

Despite the fact that Argentines have been sloughing off on this same principle of claiming the throne by falsifying ideological lineage since the '60s, each year rubbing some varnish off the man who spawned these professional gimmicks, Righties right here in America continue to forget history.

By all rights at least Peronistas have in Juan Domingo Peron a far more significant leader to diminish than the lefty-scared-republican

president Ronald Reagan who as president of the Screen Actors Guild was at most moderate until the actors went on strike and big government threatened to hit them with communist charges.

The show must go on and it did. Reagan was trapped between a rock and a hard place. He renounced any communist association on behalf of the Guild and his conservatism grew incrementally with each day that followed. Cinderella found his niche in opposing big government.

If only the incendiary comments above could be stricken from the record or at least judged as means to

an end better than sleeping and waking to hunger caused by federal paralysis. If only they could be eye opening. No one is perfect.

"Because we're a great nation, our challenges seem complex. It will always be this way. But as long as we remember our first principles and believe in ourselves, the future will always be ours," Ronald Reagan.

The truth is that Reaganomics never worked for more than a handful of years and thus far neither has anything Obama has done. As virtually every president since Reagan has had to deal with economic strife finding a remedy to

inflation, job loss and taxes versus tariffs can't be easy – but it must be clear after thirty years that no one party has all the answers.

"There is, in America, a greatness and a tremendous heritage of idealism which is a reservoir of strength and goodness. It is ours if we will but tap it. And, because of this – because that greatness is there – there is need in America today for a reaffirmation of that goodness and a reformation of our greatness," Ronald Reagan.

Perhaps it is about time we all, as Americans, look beyond and find the political circus has been cast aside.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## That's My Jam: A look into Brian Wilson's "Imagination" (1998)



Eric Hudack  
Managing Editor

It makes sense for a newspaper to tell you about new album releases and here at the Fiat Lux, I like to believe we do that very well.

But, from time to time,

we music fans stumble upon a gem that happens to have been released years ago.

That's what this column is dedicated to: long forgotten secret successes.

My Jam of the Week comes from Brian Wilson's second solo endeavor, "Imagination."

The album contains the traditional Brian Wilson touch from his Beach Boys days including complex chord progressions, catchy melodies, an array of instrumentation and unique arrangements and, of course, the signature symphony of voices. "Imagination" also features Wilson's flavor of the era, reverbed drums and an odd obsession with Latin America (most obvious in the percussion and horn

arrangements.)

"Imagination" starts out with a bang with the single, "Your Imagination," a somewhat schmaltzy, but catchy, tribute to young love and lost youth. From there, Wilson and producer Joe Thomas crank up the Spanish guitars in the triumphant, jazzy-pop "She Says That She Needs Me," a prime example of the bizarre fusion of 90's power-ballad and 60's pop song and continue the trend on the show-stopping pop-extravaganza, "South America," co-written by Jimmy Buffett.

The rest of the album plays out like a disturbingly amusing mixture of classic 60's doo-wop and sappy 90's serenades so dripping in reverb, you feel like you've fallen asleep on

a Caribbean cruise ship and sailed back to 1991. (Ironically, Wilson released the album in 1998. I'm still amazed by that.)

Despite his best efforts, Wilson's attempt to sing tender love songs often comes off as comical. He sings the ballads with the same force he sings a pop song like "Dream Angel". As goofy as it is, these moments of failed passion are part of the charm of "Imagination."

The jazz-inspired, "Cry," showcases Wilson's range as a writer, taking to listeners to a darker, more mysterious avenue. Still managing to keep the recurring elements of reverbed snares and Latin percussion it introduces classy guitar licks and piano.

"Sunshine" is another playful tribute to the Caribbean that leans heavily on reggae and that classic surfing sound. While lyrically bland, Wilson manages to infuse life into the song with a complex mixture of overly produced 80's synth-sounds and genuine musical attributes. Half the fun is listening closely enough to find those beautiful moments.

Wilson closes with the positively creepy "Happy Days," a song that seems like it would have fit in perfectly on "Pet Sounds," you know, if "Pet Sounds" was released in the late 80s. Wilson takes the listener on a weird journey, beginning with a series of dissident noises, muttering and minor chords and ending in the middle of a pleasant

sing-songy romp they don't feel like they belong in, nor do they quite remember how they got there.

It's the carefree, California rock Wilson developed in his prime, produced in a fascinating new way. Critics saw the potential in the songwriting (though lyrically laughable) yet remain suspicious that the production could have been better. However, if you take the album for what it is, and not what it could be, it's just a fun, enjoyable listen.

Wilson is, by no means, reinventing the wheel with "Imagination," but I dare you to listen and not have a good time while doing so.

## ISSUES

## Coloradoan views: Has America's Christ lost his passion?



Jericho Shackelford  
Special to the Fiat

Seven years ago Barack Obama was beginning his prophetic rise out of the hope side of Chicago. Now it would seem his Easter never came.

Four years ago Obama was running one of the most successful campaigns since Nixon beat out whomever that poor sap was in '68. He reinvented the political scene in cyberspace and has yet to be matched in fundraising.

If only those months of success could have germinated into years.

As brothers in recession

and depression, Barack Obama has been compared unfavorably to Franklin Delano Roosevelt almost constantly in discussions about the economy.

Then again few presidents have a resume that can compete with FDR's hundreds of public works which, with the aid of decisive victory overseas, pulled America out of the Great Depression.

Even fewer presidents can claim FDR's congressional support, which never faltered below majority. It is true Obama is no Roosevelt, and it is true the game has changed. There will never be another FDR.

However, there is another man comparably martyred by the American political system. The twenty-eighth president of the United States of America, a man named Woodrow Wilson, was also plagued by less-than-favorable political support on the home front.

He dedicated the final years of presidency to a treaty, which advocated

more lenient consequences for Germany and the creation of the League of Nations following World War One. Wilson's dream of a league of nations was lost when mental and physical strain caused a stroke; collapsing him into invalidism on a national campaign to rally domestic approval for his compassionate ideal. Wilson died five years later in 1924.

Woodrow Wilson became the second President to be awarded the Nobel Peace prize, and in 2008, Barack Obama became the fourth. Wilson's was the only doctorate in political science to grace the oval office.

Following World War II and The Holocaust - both acts of frustration instigated by a generation of Germans fighting through insurmountable debt, depression, truncated pride and territory lost - governments of the world created the United Nations.

Alas, it seems Wilson was one generation too early. With ideas such as "no

more Obamacare," tax the poor," and reinstate "Don't Ask Don't Tell" congress is threatening to make a 1930s Germany out of poor and lower-middle class families throughout the United States.

Obama came in just like Christ, but we'll sack him for the want of Hitler.

The upside is that ideological revolution is the birthright of frustration and oppression. But what is there to do now with a president who is just one generation too hopeful?

By straddling both sides of the aisle and evading conspiracy - Nixon's downfall after also pledging to find unity in a partisan government - President Barack Obama has made a martyr of himself.

What the Obama administration may well become known for is the force that shone light on the fact that this nation does not have two political parties, but more like one hundred. There is a red and blue for every state and each state

wants something other than its neighbor.

Congress has axed many of Obama's plans, sane as they are, for exactly that reason: No one is willing to agree long enough to meet compromise.

So we will go on about how stupid Michelle Bachmann is and commend Governor Perry on his aptitude for stealing jobs from his neighboring states. We can fight and bicker as we double-dip back into recession and watch as Obama walks down the asylum-white halls of the White House crucified by all those bills Congress wouldn't pass.

We can kill hope.

Insanity is relative to the masses of common thought. Thus as congress claws against the depths of insanity, Barack Obama, our once-great American hope, can hardly lift his head from shame as they have all made him look insane.

Meanwhile there is possibility that Americans

will hear of Obama's Arab Spring victories, the toppling of el-Quadaffi, and the possible rise of a new international doctrine. It looks like Obama got his chutzpah back in a speech on his transportation bill that preceded his latest hour-long address. Obama might also have opportunity if his Irene proves better than Bush's Katrina.

In his 'American jobs' address to congress Sept. 8, Obama declared "Pass this bill" nearly as many times as MLK shouted, "I have a dream." As Obama is revamping his public appeal it looks like he will not be outvoted without seeing all twelve rounds in the ring. We will just have to see what happens over the next thirteen months.

But for now, it seems the slight minority of us still supporting this martyr will soon be knocking on doors as witnesses, telling the true word to all whom we meet.

## The time has come to choose again, but who is running

Alex Hoffman  
Contributing Writer

It feels as if the 2008 presidential election was only a few months ago yet President Barack Obama's first term is coming to an end, which means it is almost time for another presidential election.

President Obama launched his 2012 re-election campaign earlier this year by launching his new BarackObama.com. As of this past week his page already has twenty three million Facebook followers and ten million Twitter followers.

Obama is obviously the

Democratic incumbent. But who will be his Republican opposition? As of right now there are sixteen declared candidates. However, if a student were to stand in front of the main entrance to the Powell Campus center and asked every person who that entered who the declared Republican presidential candidates are chances are they would not know. So instead of assuming that the student body will look this information up for themselves, this column should help inform you on who's running.

The first candidate, who

announced his candidacy on May 11, 2011, is Newt Gingrich. He is the former Speaker of the House of Representatives and served as a member of the House of Representatives from Georgia's sixth congressional district from 1979-1999. According to his official campaign website, Newt.org, Gingrich has five main platforms that he is running on. The first is jobs and the economy. "America only works when Americans are working" is how Mr. Gingrich phrased his feelings about the high unemployment rate.

The second platform

Mr. Gingrich is running on is increasing national security. Gingrich believes firmly that an increase in defense spending is a necessity in order to protect the United States from future terrorist attacks.

Thirdly, Gingrich is for offshore and land drilling for oil and natural gas. According to his personal campaign website he plans to "Remove bureaucratic and legal obstacles to responsible oil and natural gas development in the United States, offshore and on land and end the ban on oil shale development in the American West,

where we have three times the amount of oil as Saudi Arabia."

Gingrich's fourth platform is to repeal the health care legislation passed during the Obama administration known as "Obamacare".

Lastly, Gingrich is also running on a platform that he calls "Protecting Life and Religious Liberty" which he refers to as the ending of subsidies for abortion as well as the nominating of conservative judges who would be more inclined to overturn cases such as Roe v. Wade, which set the precedent for the

legalization of abortions in the United States.

Next week, we'll take a look at Texas Representative Ron Paul.

## THE ALTERED BEAT

## Main St. Profile: The Hott Spot

Griffin Taylor  
Sports Editor

IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO READ PAST THE FIRST LINE OF THIS ARTICLE, HERE IT IS: TAKE THIS ARTICLE TO THE HOTT SPOT AND RECEIVE \$5 OFF YOUR NEXT TAN.

But if you do...

Mike Scott does not watch The Jersey Shore. That does not mean the owner of The Hott Spot can't capitalize off it.

The show which made the term 'GTL' a routine of college students near and far created a demand -- in a town where the 'G' is covered by the McClane Center

and the 'L' by machines in every dorm -- for the 'T.' The Hott Spot supplies that demand. And then some.

"To find another place with multiple-level beds, you would have to go to Hornell or Wellsville," Scott explained.

Another reason to employ The Hott Spot? It belongs to one of our own.

That's right, Scott was a grad student in the Business School at Alfred University just a few years ago.

"I would keep going to Dr. (Amy) Rummel with my ideas, and she would keep saying 'no, no, no,'" said

Scott. "When I approached her about the Hott Spot, she finally said 'yes,' so I knew it would work out."

Scott opened the Hott Spot in August 2009. His faith in Dr. Rummel has thus far been rewarded.

"As the name grows around town, it keeps getting better every year," said Scott.

Of course, Scott has a hand in that as well. The ground floor of the Hott Spot is filled with lush chairs and tanning products to make your experience optimal. The beds are on the second floor, and Scott gets his daily cardio

workout by constantly running up and down the stairs to clean each one.

Scott is also out to rid tanning of its bad name.

"You'd have to drink 100 glasses of milk to get the same Vitamin D as one tan," he said.

Scott suggested students visit sites such as <http://TanningTruth.com> and <http://SunScare.com> for more information on the hidden benefits of tanning.

I am not sure Scott will ever recruit me to the world of tanning, but if I were to give in, I would choose the Hott Spot.

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# 9/11: A decade remembered

Editors Note: This is a special section dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.

## My 9-11 memoir



Photo Provided by Jericho Shackelford  
Above: Looking onto Rocky Mtn. national park - Flag at half mass for the 10th Anniversary of Sept. 11

**Jericho Shackelford**  
*Special to the Fiat*

It is not setting that is important but the mind placed within it.

I have always been an east coast boy. Grew up in Rochester, thinking New York was the greatest state of them all. Never rode a horse, and I still like to think of them as the animals blown about traversing the Navajo nation and others like it way away out west.

I grew up with a mother, no father and a grandpa to take care of me. And when mother was busy working my grandfather would take me on trips in his blue-green Marquis. We went to Virginia and D.C to visit his cousins and mother, and to New Jersey to visit his sisters and to New York City - first Brooklyn Heights then Manhattan - to visit my mother's sister.

Given its location and the times I spent in the big apple wandering behind my grandfather and aunt, New York City was the nucleus of my twelve-year-old world.

On September, 11, 2001 I sat as many twelve year olds do in a desk at my inner-city middle school. I hated that school but my mother would say, "You make out of circumstances what you can. It's not where you are but who you are and how hard you work."

## Ten years ago

**Griffin Taylor**  
*Sports Editor*

We were discussing the dictatorial aspirations of Napoleon the pig. And then we weren't.

The phone rang. Our teacher picked up and mumbled a word or two before his eyes fixated on the back cubby, gaze similar to one worn by victims of a half-court buzzer beater.

"Holy shit, the Twin Towers just collapsed."

Our collective eleven-year old ears placed far more emphasis on the first part of the sentence -- Mr. Davis just cursed; perhaps we would be able to parlay his hiccup into extended recess time -- than the second.

Even as I digested the sentence in its entirety, my juvenile egocentric brain was unable to grasp its consequences, and my initial reaction was excitement at the potential swap of class for the playground (ironically, I was the last to be picked up; my mom reasoned that an all-boys choir school on the opposite end of the island was the safest possible place for me).

Then my classmate, Tommy, began to cry. I was no stranger to tears -- heck, I had produced plenty just an hour earlier when caught flushing my classmate's

I didn't know where my aunt worked before that morning two planes flew like malice shot out of a trebuchet into her office building. My bright-eyed rosy-cheeked English teacher looked more sullen than usual beneath her blond bobbed hair when she pulled me aside and sent me to the principal's office.

In that office sat dozens of kids just five minutes smarter than me. They looked at me somberly or didn't look away from that gray TV. at all.

I do not remember much of the time between 11 AM and 12 AM - only the scattered mindset of my family. We faltered. There was nothing to do but wait, yet I remember praying before I slept and I remember some thirty minutes later my mother shaking me awake to say, "It's ok. She made it out."

I remember wondering, however naïve it may sound, where all the stuff in those buildings would go. I thought of the office spaces and the stores and subways and the survivors. My aunt, she moved from the city to New Jersey and eventually out to Dublin, Ohio.

Like many who sprinted out onto Liberty St. that morning, she has mostly recovered, but still deals with mild PTSD. We don't go to air shows anymore because the rumble and scent of an ignited engine releases paralytic reactions from within her. She refuses to watch documentaries on that day (though she now owns two).

But she still can't wait for the Nets to move home. Her cell-phone number still begins with '917' and she even, occasionally, will sit down for a Yankees game.

When nuclei are forced together to create fusion, it can be devastating in much the way a plane can be flung into a building. Lives were bonded on Sept. 11 2001. Even through recession I argue we are stronger for the bonds we made on that day.

Though we live in a turbulent world I have grown over this past decade to realize my mother was right; I too claim it is not setting that is important, but the minds placed within it.

spelling homework down the toilet -- but Tommy's tears were different. They were accompanied by virulent shaking and choppy gasps for air. Tommy's father worked on the 98th floor of the building. I had never witnessed someone cry for a life before.

Perhaps aware of my struggle to comprehend the ramifications of that morning, my mom took me down to ground zero the following evening for a first-hand view of the carnage. Aside from the obvious -- the 'Missing' posters, the mushroom cloud of dust which enveloped every name-street -- what struck me were the stacks of papers, rudely removed from their desks thousands of feet above by an avalanche of steel and fire and death, yet still whiter and crisper than a brand new pair of Air Force Ones.

My mom had to work that night, and it was just me and the television. I was never one for talking sponges and mischievous bunnies, but ESPN and MTV were stuck on the faces of Osama Bin Laden and Mohammed Atta (the man who drove the first plane into the tower), and those faces scared the crap out of me. So did the talk of the anthrax, and the Empire State Building.

as someone cried out obscenities as a photo of President George W. Bush was broadcast.

The President decided to cut his visit to a Florida elementary school short and declare an "apparent terrorist attack." Also mentioned around the same time was the fact that Secretary Colin Powell was cutting his trip, to Lima, Peru, short as well.

"I was just so shocked," said sophomore Amy Yachup, who was watching the news on the big screen in Nevins Theater: Suddenly, her attention focused on the screen, as they were replaying the video of the second airplane crashing into the south tower of the WTC.

Brooklyn native Adriaan Doering-Dorvial wiped his eyes as the scenes were being shown on CNN. "Now I am really concerned," he stated. Doering-Dorvial commented that his family was near the site if the crashes.

Counselors from the psychological services on campus were available in several locations in Alfred yesterday, dealing with what CNN call "America Under Attack."

After hearing that this event has been referred to as the second Pearl Harbor, junior Andrea Sanyshyn stated, "We can read about Pearl Harbor over and over again, but now we know how the country felt. All I want to know is, why?"

## What were you doing on the morning of September 11, 2001?

**Victoria Flood**  
*Features Editor*

The ten year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks has brought back a lot of sad memories for Americans. In one of my classes, the professor asked what we were doing when we heard the news. She found that most of the students were in their elementary school classrooms and libraries at the time of the attacks. Being about ten years senior to the average AU student, I was surprised at the detail of the accounts and how observant these young students had been of other people's suffering.

Like everyone else in the class, I remember that morning, but I wouldn't volunteer the information because I was embarrassed how askew my priorities were. I was practicing for my guitar lesson and debating with myself whether or not I should skip class on account of it being my 21st birthday. I attended the community college around the corner from my family's home in Florida. So in my room I sat, fantasizing about my first legal dose of drunken debauchery, when the phone rang.

It didn't matter what channel I tried, they all showed the same images of a shattered, upended New York City. It looked as though someone had poured ash into a snow globe and then put it in the spin cycle.

For the rest of that day, amidst the chaos and frantic phone calls to track down loved ones, I scorned my own self pity. I couldn't believe that I had the nerve to think about ruined party plans when so many were far less fortunate. I realize now that this was merely a method for coping with something I couldn't change. My own brother was supposed to fly home that morning from England and we hadn't heard from him. My entire family was a wreck with worry. This was a fear shared by thousands, maybe millions of



Photo Provided by Sarah Shafer

other people.

I'm reminded of 9/11 every time some good sport at a cash register asks me for my ID, but I can't ever seem to think of an intelligent response to their commiserations. "Yeah, it was pretty terrible," somehow doesn't feel appropriate. Regardless of the time that passes, I doubt I'll ever find the right words. I don't think there are any.

There have been many different tributes to the victims of the 9/11. From moments of silence and documentaries, to sending flags into space, we try to hold on to this spirit of national unity. While it's one of the darkest days in American history, it still seems to inspire us to be better people.

Alfred University's Drawn to Diversity club placed two replica towers in front of Powell Campus Center last Monday as a memorial to the victims of September 11. Each day the towers were moved to a different building until they finished in front of Miller Performing Arts Center. The tall, black structures stood out like shadows against the cheerful, green campus.

Melissa Roginski, AU senior and student coordinator for the 9-11 project, commented on the memorial; "By creating this project closer to home, we hope to represent the multitude of connections between our community and the victims."

I think Roginski and Drawn to Diversity have the right idea. At first, I saw the replicas as ominous reminders of a very sad day. I didn't feel that I had any claim to this sadness, because I hadn't lost anyone personally and, wish as I might, I'm not from New York. When I approached the structures on Friday afternoon to hang my chain on the wall, I realized that they were a connection for all of the survivors of 9/11, including me.



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## From the Fiat Archives: Sept. 11 and 12, 2001

### AU students react to tragedy (Sept. 12, 2001)

**Alison Savett**  
*News Editor in 2001*

Hundreds of AU students, combined with staff and faculty, sat silently captivated by the television in the mailroom; they were hearing the latest breaking news on CNN early yesterday, Sept. 11, 2001, a day which will surely go down in history.

Murmurs throughout the day were heard in all crowds of people around campus who wanted to call friends and family, even acquaintances, in New York City, the site of what used to be the twin towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

Regardless of where students were when they heard the news of the terrorist attacks, they were completely aghast. Those who cried in Powell Campus Center were hugged and comforted by friends. Gasps were heard as students watched one live TV the second of the twin towers implode.

The sight of the Pentagon engulfed in flames and the billowing smoke from the WTC brought sophomore Kelli Fogg to ask, "What about all the firemen there?" Her concern is real, and she even admitted it was a bit eerie; seconds later, CNN flashed a scenes of firemen and policemen running.

Along with stifled sniffles, those gasps were about the only thing heard on the bottom floor of Powell early yesterday morning. But emotions weren't all peaceful

### Gift will revamp Herrick (Sept. 11, 2001)

**Brandon Thurner**  
*Staff Writer, 2001*

The sum of \$2.1 million is something that Herrick Memorial Library does not see everyday. Things began to look a little greener this past June, both with the weather and at the library itself.

The news that the library was at the receiving end of an anonymous gift \$2.1 million brought a smile to the face of Stephen S. Crandall, director of Herrick Library.

According to Crandall, he was just as surprised as the rest of the library staff at this generous donation. It did not take long for University and library officials to begin the process of allocating funds to various causes.

This influx of funds will be used to renovate the library itself, increase funding of the international students' projects and raise the library's endowment. There will also be an increase in the office space for the Study Abroad Program as well as additional support for international students at Alfred.

The projected goals and enthusiasm are clear to the library's staff as

Crandall is "...ecstatic about the potential of this gift to improve library service for the Alfred community."

The proposed renovation also entails adding new meeting rooms to the library. These rooms will be capable of video conferencing—an exciting feature that will allow current students to communicate with speakers who are in distant places around the world. In doing so, Alfred University will be helping the campus become closer to world events and issues.

Another addition to the library in the works is a "cultural café." This name, however, is only temporary as the University is currently searching for the café's appropriate title.

The cuisine for the café will more than likely include coffee, cappuccino and a variety of pastries along with other desserts. The café, which will be included in the existing library structure, promises to be a hang out for the cultural community of AU.

Hopefully these proposals will be up and running in the near future. Remember, the library here for students to use; take advantage of these added services and benefits.

## ADDITIONAL NEWS

### 9/11 memorial continued...

...commemorating the tenth anniversary of the attacks. The memorial foundation has said that there isn't enough room because of the families of the three-thousand victims, President Barack Obama and former president George W. Bush. A separate ceremony for the first responders is being

scheduled for a later date. The painful memories of the eleventh still evoke goose-bumps across the nation. As a nation we are still reeling about the events of September 11th 2001 and as the towers dropped so did the hearts of all Americans. For a time after the attacks, we

became one. We were all just Americans trying to recover and grieve.

A decade has passed since that day of pure pandemonium and loss. As we mourn the memories of those lost that day, we look forward to a bright future.

## Freshman, Freshman Everywhere

Ana Fredell  
Contributing Writer

After a summer full of excitement, a new school year is once again upon us all. With a new year always comes new surprises at AU.

This fall, students returned to Alfred to find the new set of first-years already moved in. The class of 2015, keeping with tradition arrived on campus early for orientation.

While this may sound like the beginnings of a routine fall at AU, they are in fact quite out of the ordinary.

Why? Because this year's freshman class marks the largest ever in Alfred University history. That's right, the largest EVER in the 175 year existence of this institution. That, in and of it's self is quite impressive.

Fortunately, there is information that may help quantify this year's incoming students. It's been repeatedly proclaimed that the class of 2015 the biggest

in AU history. Exactly how many first year students are there though?

The answer? 575. A number that does not even include the 83 transfer students for this year.

What's the ratio of males to females? The class of 2015 is comprised of 325 males and 250 females. While these figures alone are astounding, there are more interesting statistics. Of these 575 students, 230 are student athletes, 55 are new additions to the University's honors program, and roughly 150 are minority students.

But why are there so many new students this year? Is it the result of Alfred's growing prestige (both on and off the football field), or is admissions simply accepting more students out of economic necessity? The answer, unfortunately, is quite unclear.

While the numbers provide some insight, it will ultimately be up to the class

of 2015 to make a name for itself. Assuredly, all eyes will be on them as the first year students continue to settle in and begin to acquaint themselves with life away from their homes and families.

The Alfred community is ready to accept this new group of students the same way they have for the last 175 years; with open arms.

The real question is, will the class of 2015 hold consistent and eventually graduate as the largest class in the history of Alfred University? We can only hope. And will they choose to embrace their place in AU history, or will their reputation exceed them? Ultimately that will be up for these students to decide.

So, to the class of 2015, your time starts now. Show us what you got!

### Floods continued...



Photo Provided by Ed Dunscombe

water accumulated in the first floor of the house...

The water has slowly receded and now it is up to the family to clean up the inch and a half of mud that was left behind. The first floor will need to be completely renovated. Leonard was highly concerned about

the flooding but also very thankful that her family and friends were all safe.

"Its disappointing, its heartbreaking" she said, "but at this point its done. There is nothing you can do about it but try and fix it."

Leonard is certainly not the only student who has

been affected by natural disasters recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone at Alfred University who have been effected by Hurricane Irene or tropical storm Lee.

### AU value continued...

only 4% of their student bodies from low-income households. So while the education at these institutions is no doubt superb, they mainly provide opportunity to students from relatively prominent economic backgrounds.

As the editors of Washington Monthly wrote, "We all benefit when colleges produce groundbreaking research that drives economic growth,

when they offer students from low-income families the path to a better life, and when they shape the character of future leaders. And we all pay for it, through hundreds of billions of dollars in public subsidizes. Everyone has a stake in how that money is spent."

This is where Alfred measures up. Thirty-two percent of our students come from economic

backgrounds which qualify them for the Pell Grant; a need-based grant provided to undergraduate students of low-economic backgrounds.

In other words, Alfred University provides opportunity.

Isn't that how value should really be measured?

### ITS continued...

2011.

Currently, options for service are limited to a single provider, which in turn affects the amount of broadband capacity available.

"There is also a lack of redundancy important in maintaining service in the event of a break in a single line," Roberts said.

For example, an accident that damaged a utility pole carrying fiber to campus left the entire community without broadband access for a number of hours last year.

ION's over-lapping fiber rings throughout the state

will prevent a single break from shutting down the entire area.

In addition, once ION connection is established, it will triple AU's connection from 100 to 300 MBps.

"Once established, I am hopeful it will solve our bandwidth issues for a number of years, and overall will provide a market that is favorable to commodification and decreasing the broadband prices for Alfred University," Roberts said.

Roberts hopes that the immediate construction of the new server will help ease tensions caused by saturated Internet

connection and bridge the student population to December, when ION should be up and running.

Roberts added, "I apologize for the problems that this is causing for our students and it deeply and personally troubles me that this is affecting the quality of life in the residence halls and the wider campus. I continue to explore every reasonable and potential solution."

## ACQUINNY & SIAH SOAPBOX

# Stop labeling me!

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"If we think we are fragile and broken, we will live a fragile and broken life. If we believe we are strong and wise, we will live with enthusiasm and courage. The way we name ourselves colors the way we live. We must be careful how we name ourselves."

--Muller, How Then Shall We Live?

Just about every day, I hear someone exclaim, "I'm so OCD" or "You're just being paranoid" or "She's antisocial."

These labels do two things:

1. They put people in nice, neat little categories, as if to say that everyone in this category is exactly the same. They ignore all the interesting things that make us individuals.

2. They minimize the

real emotional pain and distress that some people actually face every day.

The problem is that most people tend to use these labels incorrectly. This hurts the person being unfairly labeled and it also perpetuates the stigma that keeps people who truly are suffering from seeking help.

So let's take a closer look at these labels

Do you know what it's like to have Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)? Maybe you think so after watching a Glee school counselor Emma Pillsbury, but it's much more than liking things to be neat and orderly. It's much more than the uneasy feelings you get when your mashed potatoes touch your peas. OCD is a seriously debilitating condition characterized by spending hours per day engaged in obsessive worry and compulsive behaviors aimed at alleviating those worries. For some, this condition prevents them

from leaving their home or being able to hold a job. This again, is much more than a preference for neatness. Really, there's not a whole lot wrong with being organized and having systems for things. It can actually be very helpful, especially to students. However, it gets problematic when it consumes one's life. To call oneself "OCD" when it's really not OCD does a disservice to those individuals who are truly struggling. So, if you can leave your apartment without touching the doorknob six times...if you don't have to make sure that the fringe on your throw rug is all combed in the same direction before you can fall asleep, maybe you're really just a "neat freak" or "a little bit of a perfectionist."

Paranoia occurs in two diagnosable mental disorders. The first is Paranoid Personality Disorder (PPD), in which a person is absolutely convinced that others are out to harm, deceive, insult or even physically

harm him. A person with PPD is incapable of having a relationship with another human being because everyone is perceived as being malevolent and "out to get me." That means a lifetime of isolation, suspicion, mistrust. No marriage, no children, no friends. The second place that true paranoia is seen is in Paranoid Schizophrenia, in which people hear voices telling them that others are plotting their demise. Both of these conditions are debilitating and, although treatable, often mean a lifetime of struggle. So if you have a feeling that a professor doesn't like you or your roommate is plotting to steal your girlfriend, you probably aren't being "paranoid"...you're probably just feeling insecure and suspicious...maybe you need to have a talk with your professor and your roommate!

Speaking of schizophrenia, there's another term that commonly confused. If you can't make up your

mind about something or you feel torn in two different directions by conflicting desires, you aren't "schizo," you're just indecisive. In fact, this emotional uneasiness is actually making you examine the consequences of your actions, which is something that a lot of people don't do as often as they should.

Do you know what it means when you call someone "antisocial" when they don't want to go to Alex's with you? Or when a friend seems content to be alone in her room? "Antisocial" is a far cry from "asocial," which means that someone doesn't want to socialize. It's an even further cry from a friend's wish for a few quiet moments to work, read, or think. To be antisocial literally means to be against society's rules. Some famous people who exemplify the label "antisocial" include Charles Manson, Adolf Hitler, and the Son of Sam killer. Not your roommate, Ted. Unless he's Ted Bundy (if so, please

call Public Safety!).

So, what to do? Anytime that someone resists these labels is a step toward positive change. We, as a culture, need to change our perceptions of mental disorders. They do not define us, they merely present challenges. However, using these labels inappropriately limits how clearly we can make the distinction between a person and their problems. Medical illnesses don't usually result in the use of these labels. When was the last time you heard someone described as their medical diagnosis? "Al is so diverticulitis." "Bonnie is totally necrotizing fasciitis." Maybe it's time for our talk about the psychological disorders to catch up.

The words 'I am' are potent...be careful what you hitch them to. The thing you're claiming has a way of reaching back and claiming you.

--A.L. Kitselman

## SPORTS

## Pep Talk



Dave Snyder

Dave "Pep" AU pep band advisor

They'll miss Sam on the sidelines at Alfred University football games this season.

Carl T. "Sam" Moses, 85, quick witted fix-it man, mechanic, welder, motorcycle enthusiast, World War II veteran (US Army Air Corps, 1944-47), and long-time fanatical follower of AU football, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2011 at his home in Almond following a short illness.

Moses began attending Alfred University football games when a young Alex Yunevich arrived in Saxtonville way back in 1937. The Saxons went undefeated that year and Sam faithfully followed AU football ever since.

But never so closely as last year's magical season when the Saxons advanced to the East Region finals of the NCAA Division III Championships, finishing with a 10-3 mark.

"Carl really loved Alfred University football and attended games for more years than many of you have been living," AU Football Coach Dave Murray told the crowd during a June 15 memorial service in Almond, "But it has been the last couple of years, and in particular, this past football season that Carl developed a very special relationship with both the players and coaches at Alfred."

Murray wasn't sure what to call him when he first met him as he had heard people call him Sam and others call him Carl. So he asked him, "When I introduce our players to you, would you prefer me to introduce you as Mr. Moses, Carl or Sam?"

Moses looked at him and said, "You can have them call me Holy—that would be Holy Moses—and that would be heavy on the Holy."

From that day on, Carl (or Sam) became "Holy Moses" to everyone in the AU football program.

Following retirement, Moses found more time to follow his favorite college football team, culminated by last season. He attended every one of the 13 games, including 7 overnight trips, with games in Massachusetts and Ohio, and a 20 degree playoff game with 30 mph winds on Thanksgiving weekend in Cortland.

"And like usual, he was there, at the field, about two hours before game time," Murray said. But that wasn't all.

Moses is believed to have attended every practice last year as well.

"If you stopped by one of our practices, it wouldn't be unusual for you to see one of our players standing or sitting next to Carl having a conversation," Murray explained, "Normally, I never allow any interruptions of our practice for any reason, but Carl was different. He was special to our players."

Moses liked to talk about the old veteran coach of yesterday, the bulldog-faced

Alex Yunevich (177-85-12 in 36 seasons), a nominee for the College Football Hall of Fame.

"One time they were playing a team with a large squad and a young Saxon remarked to Alex that they had a lot of players over there," Moses would say, "And Alex would reply, 'Don't worry, you know they can only put eleven of them on the field at a time.'"

Last year, Moses also enjoyed visiting Coach Murray and his staff in their McLane Center offices.

"This past season, I was really happy that Carl felt comfortable coming and visiting our coaches in our football offices," Murray said, "Once a week, Carl would stop by to 'make sure we were working because we had a big game this week.' He would sit with us for a while and watch film of our upcoming opponent. As he would get up to leave, I would always ask, 'so what do you think Carl?' and he would always say, 'Damn, they look pretty good, you better work a little harder this week.'"

Murray said that if

Moses had died during the academic year, the church would have been filled with football players. As it was, two football players drove from Geneva to pay their last respects to a man who was loved by everyone in the AU football program.

"I always felt that having Carl with us on game day was worth seven points," Murray concluded, "He truly was 'Holy Moses.'"

EXTRA POINTS: Saxons opened camp with more than 210 players August 17...Saxons ranked #18 in D3football.com Preseason Top 25 poll...AU returns 10 starters on defense, 5 on offense...Senior Captain LB Nick Clark (Canisteo-Greenwood) was first team pick on Lindy's 2011 All-D3 Team, Sophomore RB Austin Dwyer (Hornell) was a second team offense pick and junior DT Mike Raplee (Dundee) was named to the second team defense. Raplee was a second team pick on defense and Clark was a second team Special Teams All Purpose pick as D3football.com Preseason All-Americans. Saxons scrimmaged at Brockport State Saturday, August 27

and open their 2011 season with three straight Saturday home games: RPI Sept. 10, St. Lawrence Sept. 17 and E8 foe Springfield Sept. 24. Kickoffs are 1 p.m. at Merrill Field... The facility was upgraded last year with a new grandstand and press box and new FieldTurf playing surface. New speakers were recently installed for the 2011 season and the small bridge over Kanakadea Creek behind the grandstand has been replaced... This column will appear in the Evening Tribune once a week during the Alfred University football season... Alfred University is in its 175th year as an institution while football at Alfred got its start in 1895.



Sam Moses Photo Provided by Dave Snyder

## New York State Of Mind The Reyes Dilemma



Griffin Taylor  
Sports Editor

With the trademark smile, Jose Reyes has lit up a franchise buried in frowns. With a .333/.375/.472 line, he has lit up every other franchise in 2011 as well.

Come Winter, the most exciting player in the game is sure to be paid as such. The question is, by who?

For a cash-strapped ownership, the correlation between a franchise void of a face and ensuing ticket sales is daunting. For a fanbase which has endured a decade of growing pains from the son it cannot stay mad at, the idea of seeing him go on and fulfill his potential elsewhere is downright frightening.

So how can the Mets lose Jose Reyes?

Well, if you listen to Chris Rock, because "we ain't got no money."

And he may be right. But

for the long-winded:

Mets GM Sandy Alderson is a stone-faced sabermetrician, the anti-Minaya. It is not Alderson's first rodeo, and in the case of Reyes he will say the right thing to the press ("we want to keep Reyes") and do the right thing at the negotiating table, which is calculate to the dollar Reyes' objective value, and offer Jose not a penny more than that.

And therein lies the problem. The Winter Meetings are a grown-up Toys R' US for GM's suffering from an excess of money and free time. Someone is likely to overpay for Reyes; that someone is not likely to be Sandy Alderson.

But Mets fans able to momentarily detach from emotion should appreciate Alderson's potentially hard stance. Because the end-all, tell-all for sabermetricians is how many wins you produce for your team -- not popularity votes.

According to data courtesy of renowned economist David Berri and author of 'Wages of Win', Alderson has his priorities straight.

Through extensive regression analysis, Berri found that in the NBA — a league where the individual is far more marketable than

he is in the MLB — team wins (Alderson) put more fans in the seats than individual All-Star votes (Reyes).

In other words, fans (even if it's subconsciously) understand that no 'T' is bigger than the team.

Mets fans tired of seeing John Doe man the infield at Citi may claim to be the exception, but they're not.

Those who still feel Reyes' value is unquantifiable by objectivity and numbers should consider the flipside of the subjectivity argument.

To look even further



beyond the numbers, consider the years of neglected responsibility weighing on the Mets' shoulders each time they take the field at CitiField, and the disturbing contrast between

the team's .412 winning percentage at home and its .522 mark on the road.

Reyes' greatest attribute may be a juvenile innocence and resulting immunity to an atmosphere in Queens which manager Terry Collins recently described as 'tense.'

You can bet that once he signs that dotted line on a nine-figure deal, that immunity will be caput. Just ask Barry Zito, Carl Crawford and Jayson Werth.

Should the Mets lose out on Reyes, perhaps Alderson can take another sabermetric route.

The respective turn-arounds of the 2008 Rays and 2009 Mariners put front offices in a frenzy to catch the new sabermetric

got defensive on the expensive, Melvin got offensive on the cheap. As a result, the Brewers rank dead last in fielding percentage, but lead the NL Central at the plate and in the standings.

Another overvalued trend has developed with groundball pitchers. After all, groundball specialists are smiled upon for two main reasons:

- 1.) You can't score from home on a ground ball
- 2.) You can get two outs on a ground ball, but only one on a fly ball.

But recent analysis reveals some of the game's best pitchers to be the ones who rely most heavily on the fly ball. Flyball pitchers tend to produce more K's than do groundball specialists, and as a result put fewer balls in play, significantly lessening their WHIP.

Of course, flyball pitchers are more prone to the long ball. The league average for FB/HR ratio is 10.6%.

But let me ask you: What is the FB/HR ratio at CitiField? Any Mets fan does not need advanced metrics to conclude the ratio is much, much lower in Flushing.

So, Citifield swallows the longball, and flyball pitchers are currently an undervalued commodity, thus it would make sense for Alderson to construct his team (and maximize wins) around elite, flyball

pitchers (Johan Santana, who should regain his spot at the front end of the Mets rotation in 2012, has one of the league's highest flyball rates).

Cy Young candidate Jered Weaver recently agreed to terms on an extension with the Angels; terms (\$17 million per season) significantly less than what Weaver would have commanded had he hit the open market.

Why did Weaver agree to such a discount?

Because, according to Dave Cameron of Fangraphs.com, Weaver ranks 73rd out of 74 qualified starting pitchers in groundball rate since 2009. And because 2.8% fewer of Weaver's flyballs leave Angels stadium than other ballparks.

Jered Weaver remained with the Angels because Angels stadium makes flyball pitchers look good.

Citifield makes them look great. Why wouldn't Alderson be able to entice pitchers similarly allergic to the groundball at a discounted rate?

Should the Mets retain Reyes, well, this Mets fan will be among the first to the newstand to confirm the good news, grin almost as wide as that worn by No. 7.

But if they don't, please read the above before you head to

## Scandal in the NCAA! (Yawn)

Griffin Taylor  
Sports Editor

Last month, Yahoo Sports released a report from a University of Miami booster named Nevin Shapiro, incarcerated for his role in a \$930 million Ponzi scheme, who provided thousands of impermissible benefits to at least 72 athletes from 2002 through 2010.

Check your fantasy football roster; chances are you have multiple players from the "U," and chances are they know Nevin Shapiro.

And, while it is entertaining to see whether it is your tight end or running back who accepted free prostitutes back in the day, the investigation referred to as 'groundbreaking' mentioned only what we already know -- that high-profile amateur athletes from low-income neighborhoods accept nice things for free -- but not what we don't -- a solution to the problem.

Because the problem lies not at Miami, or Ohio State, but in the system itself.

Schools cheat because who puts on your uniform determines millions of dollars in revenue; revenue in the form of television contracts, merchandise

sales and such.

Coaches cheat because the alternative is doing the right thing. Doing the right thing until your cross-state rival comes into your house and whips you by 30 with five-star recruits who could have been in your corner had you just dirtied your hands the slightest bit.

Then come the death threats in the mail. Then comes the pink slip in the mail.

So there really is no alternative.

Which brings us to the kids. They often take the fall because hey, how hard is it to just say 'no'?

But those of us saying 'no' must step outside the ethnocentric lens. Those of us just saying 'no' have never had a sweet-talking car salesman tell us mom will never ride the bus again if we just say 'thank you.'

Those of us just saying 'no' often don't hail from neighborhoods where the only way we would see the car keys being dropped into our palm was in the next lifetime.

The NCAA exploits its athletes in a plantation-like system. It profits

enormously from their immense talents (CBS pays the NCAA \$6 Billion for the rights to broadcast March Madness), yet forbids them from even sniffing a piece of the cake.

John Brandon of Grantland.com took the following hard stance on college athletes receiving impermissible benefits:

"...to feel sorry for players because they don't get paid is misspent empathy. The deal they're offered is to play football in exchange for a free ride to college. The deal, as deals will, comes with rules. Take it or leave it, just like everybody else... If you don't like the deal being offered by the university, you're free to do something else. How about community college? How about going down to the temp agency and signing up for general labor? Dishwasher at Outback Steakhouse? What's that you say? The university sounds better than those other options? You'd like to exercise and occasionally read amongst 20,000 cute young women rather than do those other things that are available to you? Now you do realize that

someone else is going to profit from your work, just like what happens to 99 percent of other folks in the world? And you still prefer playing football and getting a degree to apprenticing to be a plumber or enlisting in the Army? OK then. If you're sure."

But what Brandon fails to address is that many athletes have been so failed by the resource-starved education system in their underdeveloped communities that they have no use for the 'free ride to college.'

What Brandon fails to address is that for many athletes, the alternative to '20,000 cute young women'

is not Outback Steakhouse, but rather millions of dollars in the pros.

In 2006, the NBA passed a rule which required players to attend at least one year of college in order to gain eligibility for the NBA Draft. It was a way for the NCAA to gain some brief shade under the money trees that are Kevin Durant and Derrick Rose.

While that mandatory on-campus stint produces millions of dollars for the NCAA, it can cost players an equally significant sum. Not to mention the prospect of a future pro suffering a career-threatening injury during his mandatory



Above: Former Miami football star and current Tampa Bay Buccaneer Kellen Winslow (R.) with Nevin Shapiro back in 2003

**SPORTS**

# Saxons Offense flexes its guns; win 48-17



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## Women's Soccer off to good start



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Alfred University took down D'Youville in their first win of the season on Saturday in Buffalo.

Junior midfielder Devin Fitzgerald (Rochester, NY/Greece Olympia) scored the winning, and only goal for the Saxons off a pass from freshman midfielder Rachael Williams (Penfield, NY/Penfield), with just over 14 minutes left of play in the first half.

"I could tell going into the game that everyone was excited and hungry for a win," first year Emily Heslops said about the win, adding, "We really worked as a team which gave us confidence for the rest of our season."

Alfred (1-3-0, 0-0 E8) was outshot by D'Youville 13-5, and held a 7-4 advantage of shots on goal. Junior goalie Ashley Frazell (Newton, NY/Newton) made seven saves in the game for Alfred.

Emily Barrera, defense, said that in order to continue success the team needs to "keep our composure and keep the momentum

going our way after the first win."

"We pretty much dominated the game," Barrera said.

Barrera, who was unfortunately sidelined due to a knee injury, said the team played well together connecting on smart passes and communicating on the field.

"We worked to get that first goal in the back of the net and continued to shut them down the rest of the way," Barrera said.

Junior Gabrielle Rinaldi echoed Heslops confidence.

"I'm very excited about the game and how everyone did. It felt good to get a W. Our team has been working hard so far this season and I'm glad that we are performing better as a unit. I hope that this win is the beginning to a successful year," Rinaldi said.

AU started the season off on a strong note and hopes to maintain momentum in their coming matches. The Saxons (1-3-0, 0-0-0 E8) will play again Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. against host Hilbert.

**Griffin Taylor**  
*Sports Editor*

Video game offense. It is a term usually reserved for the Saints and Colts of the world, but on Saturday the Saxons offense fit the bill, scoring on its first six possessions en route to a 48-17 romp of visiting RPI at Merrill Field.

Quarterback Tom Secky (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) paced the offense, completing 17 of 25 passes for 328 yards and three touchdowns.

Secky formed quite the connection with sophomore wide receiver Josh Phillips (Camillus, NY/West Genesee), as Phillips hauled in seven catches for 201 yards and a pair of scores, sending out an early warning call to opposing cornerbacks in the Empire 8.

Sophomore running back Austin Dwyer (Hornell, NY/Hornell) picked up right where he left off last season, eclipsing the 100-yard mark on just 17 carries.

A key stat for AU was

efficiency on third down; the Saxons converted 11 of 13 third down opportunities.

The AU defense held RPI to 16 first downs and allowed the Engineers to convert only eight of 17 third downs. Clark had 10 tackles, including 1.5

for loss; senior linebacker Wes Smith (Turbotville, PA/Muncy) had seven tackles (3.5 for loss); and Raplee had six tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a sack. Senior end Marcellus Jones (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster) had five tackles, including a sack, and senior

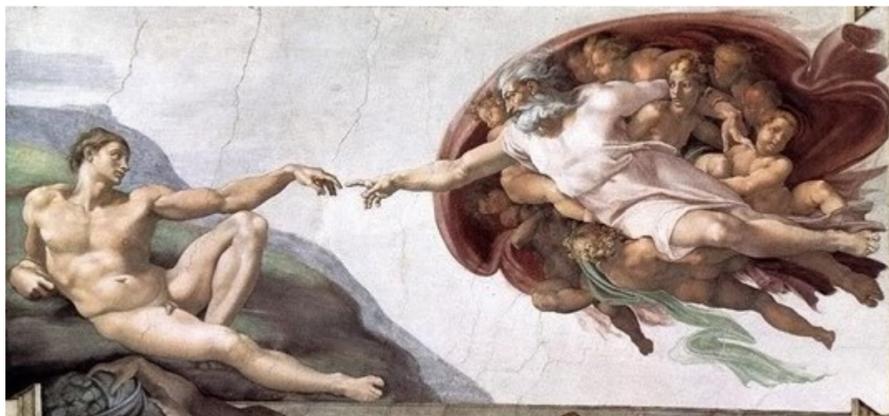
cornerback Alec Currier (Peru, NY/Peru) had five tackles and three pass breakups.

The offense will try and keep it going Saturday, Sept. 17 at home against St. Lawrence. The game is scheduled for 1:00pm.



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