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Lawyer says former dean was libeled

by Brian Folker

An attorney for Dr. H.A. Shirvani, former dean of the Graduate School said Shirvani was professionally libeled in a memo sent to faculty and staff by President Edward G. Coll, Jr.

In an Oct. 11 memo concerning Shirvani's resignation Coll stated: "I have asked for, and received, the resignation of Dr. H.A. Shirvani, recently appointed dean of the Graduate School, effective immediately, following confusion which arose over job responsibilities between Alfred University and the University of Colorado at Denver."

Shirvani's attorney, Robert Good of the Good & Good law firm in Englewood Colo., contends that Shirvani voluntarily resigned a week before Coll issued the memo.

"If a dean resigns voluntarily and then a memo is issued saying that he was fired, the results are disastrous, especially in academia," Good said.

In a letter sent to Coll and Provost Richard Ott, Good said that a written correction should be submitted to Shirvani and that the correction be "circulated to the same extent that your announcement was circulated."

Good would not say whether he would file a libel suit if Coll and Ott do not comply but he said "a libel suit is usually the result."

"As far as I know," said President Coll, "Dean Shirvani responded to my request through Dean Ott and submitted his resignation on the date indicated in my memo to the campus."

AU contends that Shirvani never left his previous job as dean of architecture at the University of Colorado. Shirvani came to AU during August and requested an unpaid leave of absence from the University of Colorado effective Oct. 1.

Administrators at the Colorado school were not aware that Shirvani had taken another job.

AU administrators found out Shirvani never left his post when Colorado officials called AU to confirm rumors that Shirvani had accepted another position.

Good says that Ott accepted Shirvani's resignation on Oct. 4, seven days before Coll issued the memo saying he asked for Shirvani's resignation.

Good would not say why Shirvani resigned but said "it had nothing to do with the professional environment" at AU.

The attorney stated in the letter to Coll and Ott that at the time of Shirvani's resignation, his "relationship with the University of Colorado at Denver had not even been a cause for concern."

Provost Ott will serve as the acting dean of the graduate school until a replacement can be found.

NEH survey results released

Poll shows college seniors lack critical knowledge in the humanities

A whopping 55 percent of college seniors cannot identify basic landmarks in history and literature, a new Gallup survey shows.

The survey, commissioned by the National Endowment of Humanities, quizzed 691 seniors nationwide on their knowledge of world and American history and literature.

The survey was given as an 87-question multiple-choice and matching test. The results: only 25 percent would have earned a grade of C or better.

Twenty percent would have earned a D, and 55 percent would have earned an F.

NEH cited results of specific questions which it seemed stunned students couldn't answer. For example:

* 42 percent could not place the Civil War in the correct half-century

* 58 percent did not know that Shakespeare authored *The Tempest*

* 24 percent thought Columbus landed in the Western Hemisphere after 1500

* 23 percent believed Karl Marx's phrase, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need," is part of the U.S. Constitution.

Thirty-nine percent of seniors failed the history section, while 68 percent failed the literature section.

The survey, conducted last spring, used a standard A to F grading scale in which a

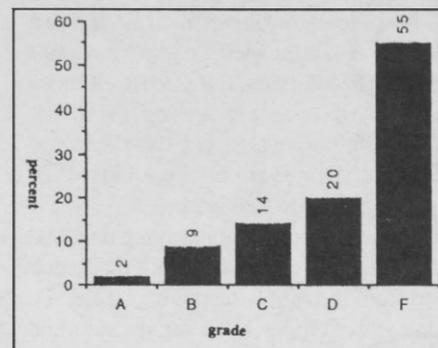
less-than-60-percent score meant failure.

Thirty-three of the questions were designed in 1986 to test high school seniors' knowledge of history and literature.

The NEH report said the questions were supposed to be constructed so that "virtually all high school 17-year-olds should be able to answer the large majority of these questions."

On the questions, "one-half (49 percent) of the college seniors still would receive

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Profs have mixed reactions to poll

by Joyce Wagner

Alfred faculty gave mixed assessments of a Gallup poll showing college seniors cannot cite basic landmarks in history and literature.

"I'm a little shocked," said Dr. Gary Ostrower, professor of history. "The survey confirms a belief evident to every professor of civilization and history that college freshmen know appallingly little about their past."

On the other hand, Ostrower said he was "a bit skeptical" that one-quarter of college seniors could not identify 1492 as the date Columbus discovered America.

"You should do your own survey of Alfred students," he said. "If 90 percent know (this) date, it would undermine my

confidence in other answers reported."

Dr. Christine Grontkowski, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the survey results signal a problem in higher education.

"But it's a complex problem. We made such a move away from a strict curriculum that trying to go back is difficult."

Grontkowski said the survey itself presents problems because it reduces education to knowing dates and events.

Education "is more than that, but we expect people to know" facts and events.

And facts and events are important, she said, because "we build critical and analytical thought on knowledge of historical events."

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Magazine ranks AU 7th in region

by Brian Folker

AU ranks seventh among northern regional colleges and universities, according to an annual study published in the Oct. 16 issue of U.S. News and World Report.

Researchers divided U.S. colleges and universities into five categories: national universities, national liberal-arts colleges, regional colleges and universities, regional liberal-arts colleges and specialized institutions.

The regional colleges and universities category was divided into four geographic regions: west, midwest, south and north.

Each school was judged on five criteria: academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty quality, retention patterns and financial resources. The first three criteria were weighed twice as heavily as the latter two.

Here is how AU scored in the five areas in comparison to the other 169 northern schools:

* Seventh in the region for academic reputation based on surveys of 3,879 deans, college presidents and admissions officers at 1,294 schools.

* 28th in the region for student selectivity, based on rejection rates, average SAT scores and percentage of freshmen who graduated in the top 25 percent of their high school class.

* 26th in the region for student retention patterns based on the percentage of freshmen in 1985-87 who became sophomores, and the percentage of freshmen who graduated with a bachelor's degree within five years.

* 12th in the region for faculty quality based on student-faculty ratios, faculty salaries and the number of full-time faculty who hold

doctorate degrees.

* 28th in the region for financial resources based on per-student endowment income, per-student library budget and total per-student funding from state and local governments.

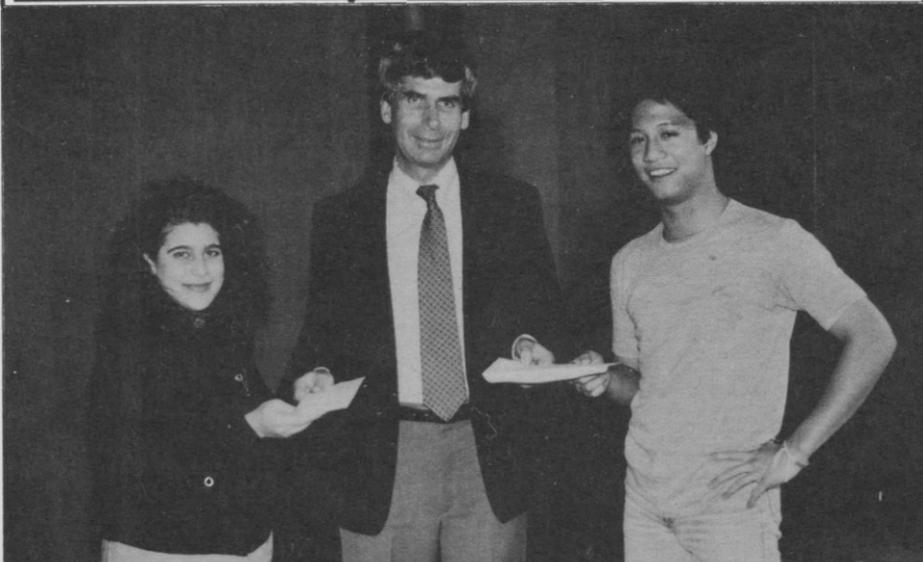
In last year's study AU ranked third among small comprehensive colleges.

This year the researchers created new categories, which in some cases lumped together large and small schools.

AU was judged in a category that contains much larger schools such as Rochester Institute of Technology and Trenton State College.

Provost Richard Ott gave a lukewarm reaction to the report: "We're pleased. It's a form of national recognition but there's no ringing truth that comes out of these polls. I was not tremendously excited or disappointed with the report."

IGC Scholarships awarded



Alpha Kappa Omicron and Sigma Alpha Mu were the recipients of \$200 Inter-Greek Council scholarships for the highest academic averages of Greeks. Pictured left to right are Christine Cerniello, Don King and Jeff Mara.

Ex prof won't face misconduct charges

by Brian Folker

The state Board of Regents decided a Hornell dentist will not face professional misconduct charges after he slapped a 5-year-old boy who bit his thumb last Jan. 23.

According to the Elmira Star-Gazette, Dr. Eugene Monroe was trying to get the boy to open his mouth when the boy bit down on Monroe's thumb, cutting it to the bone.

Monroe yelled at the boy to let go and when he refused Monroe slapped his face. When confronted by the boy's father, Monroe slapped the child again to demonstrate how light the first slap had been. The Board of Regents said Monroe's actions "were merely a reflex action to an extremely painful situation."

Monroe, a retired professor of ceramic science, declined to comment on the case.

Coverage of quake tragedy is tasteless

News of the California earthquake has saturated the media from the time the disaster struck. We expect coverage of such tragedies, and in reporting them television is doing what we have come to expect from it. But how much raw carnage and grief do they need to show?

Television this time has crossed the line from good taste into bad. In an attempt to convey the terror and despair the quake victims face, television has exploited and insulted these victims and their families.

In reference to cars crushed when the upper level of Interstate 880 collapsed onto the lower level, comments such as "flat as a pancake" and "six-inch people" not only trivialize the situation, but also insult those whose loved ones are among the dead. Mothers, fathers, sons and daughters are being told their families are amidst "the aroma of death" in Oakland.

One news report broke in saying they had some good news -- a little boy had been saved from the rubble on the Interstate. To get him out of the car, however, rescuers had to cut his dead mother in half and amputate his leg. Some good news. The public, not to mention the mother and boy's family, did not need to hear the details on national TV.

Defenders of these details maintain that they are necessary to show the rest of the



nation, far removed from the disaster, just how terrifying it really is. They also argue that survivors may need to talk about their grief in order to handle it emotionally.

Americans don't literally need to see dead bodies to understand they are there; when survivors offer their accounts of the destruction, the networks could be a little more selective about what is aired.

One report on CBS featured an Interstate 880 survivor describing what he saw upon crawling out of his car. He graphically told of body parts lying before him, going far be-

yond what was needed to describe the scene.

The fact that this kind of coverage occurs, though, and that it occurs to such a great extent may suggest something about the type of coverage we have asked for. By supporting this reporting with our viewership, we encourage it to continue. The existence of syndicated "news" programs illustrates how popular and profitable this style has become.

Human decency is giving way to the ratings game. Regrettably, it seems the days of informative yet sensitive, compassionate news coverage are fading away.

History notes

20 Years Ago

A rally was held at Alumni Hall to begin a one-day moratorium for peace in Vietnam. There were musicians, seminars and letter writing campaigns. "Vietnam has become a tragic, inhumane and pointless war. We feel it must end." (Oct. 21, 1969)

25 Years Ago

President Drake announced the administrations' support of fraternities and outlined a plan for "the development of a fraternity row by 1967 on Pine Hill." (Oct. 20, 1964)

35 Years Ago

President Drake received the honorary degree of doctor of laws at Hartwick Colleges' 26th annual Founders Day. (Oct. 26, 1954)

50 Years Ago

The Fiat Lux ran an editorial asking Adolf Hitler to save his money and stop sending Nazi propaganda to the paper, by way of the German Library of Information in New York City. The paper urged Hitler to invest his money in "a few streamlined U-boats" and stay out of the American publicity market because "the American college student wants no part in the war." (Oct. 24, 1939)

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Letters to the editor

AU reiterates opposition to dump

Over the past several months the position of the Alfred University administration on the siting of the low level radiation waste facility has been questioned. Our position is clear. We are opposed to the siting of the facility in Allegany County.

This position was outlined and presented to the Commission at the hearing in Belfast on Jan. 26, 1989. In addition to the written statement presented the following comments were offered at the meeting.

Let me note initially that we are not unmindful of the benefits the nuclear materials bring to our society nor are unmindful of the need to properly dispose of these materials.

However, Alfred University opposes disposal of low level wastes at a facility in Allegany County. We do so because we feel that the fundamental premise on which the Commission based its findings is in error.

Specifically we believe that:

- a. The creation of a new hot site violates the cardinal rule of containment by not keeping the material consolidated at existing hot sites.
- b. The Commission's approach to waste disposal does not encourage a reduction in waste volume, and does not stimulate the recycling of materials.

We must work to restore ozone layer

May I offer my solution to the problem of the dangerously depleted ozone layer.

All chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) should be internationally banned. Then, to repair the ozone layer, implement the following method:

First, manufacture liquid ozone (LOZ.). Then, load the LOZ aboard large military refueling tanker aircraft. These planes would then climb to the lower level of the ozone layer at 40,000 feet. As they spray the LOZ, the strong upper jet stream winds will carry the ozone even higher into the ozone layer.

The ozone layer could be maintained at its normal level after the initial restoration project by a minimal number of annual flights.

However, I estimate the initial ozone

c. The Commission has not properly weighted the existing criteria and considered all applicable criteria. For example we do not believe that there has been adequate attention paid to the psychological impact, the sociological impact, and infrastructure deficiencies in the candidate areas.

We would urge the Commission to return to the Governor with the message that this combination of technology cannot and should not be sited. The ecological and psychological impact on the region make siting the facility here inappropriate. Rather, a substantial new investment needs to be made to develop realistic waste reduction technology and safe and secure long-term storage technology.

The University administration is currently preparing a response for submission during the Public Input period. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to provide us with additional issues you feel should be addressed. We will consider adding these arguments as appropriate. In adding these arguments we will try to fairly represent the diverse backgrounds and interests of the University community including students, staff, administration, faculty, trustees and alumni.

W. Richard Ott
Alfred University Provost

restoration will take from one to five years and cost between 50 and 70 million dollars. Since this is a global crisis, cost should be shared by the members of the United Nations.

I urge everyone to clip out this letter and send copies to their scientists, environmental groups, the E.P.A., U.N.E.S.C.O., their congressmen and senators, and to President Bush.

I am requesting that my complete name, address, and phone number be printed with this letter in order that anyone wishing to discuss this important issue further may be free to contact me.

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Bits'n pieces

The great Silly Puddy Drop is scheduled for Nov. 4 at "13:00 hours." Watch your head if you go anywhere near McMahon.

Forget Michael and the terrorized babysitter routine. The real "Halloween" is coming to Alfred Alternative Cinema tomorrow night.

Shown in German with English subtitles, this thriller is based on the "fiendish" Dusseldorf murders of 1929. Peter Lorre stars as the psychotic child killer.

The movie starts at 9 p.m. in Holmes Theater, Harder Holmes. Tickets are \$2.

Catherine Downing's "Oak Hill Park Series" of paintings and drawings is on display in the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery until Nov. 6.

FestiFall, an AU Chorus/Jazz Ensemble concert, will be given at 8 p.m. Friday night in Harder Hall.

The Fall Dance Concert will be given Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 in Harder Hall at 8 p.m.

"AIDS, Part II: Can The Ultimate Menace Be Stopped?" is the topic of the Nov. 1 Bergren Forum. Dr. Carl Shively will give the lecture, at noon in the Parents' Lounge.

The Concerned Citizens of Allegany County will sponsor a "Night of Rage" tomorrow night at the West Almond site on Baker Valley Road. There will be speakers and musicians present in this protest of the proposed nuclear waste dump site. The event begins at 8 p.m. Follow the signs.

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On the NEH results:

Why all the clamor?

by Joyce Wagner

The National Endowment for the Humanities expressed profound disappointment in the results of a Gallup survey showing college seniors' can't identify landmarks in history and literature. Was the disappointment warranted?

Several Alfred faculty members seem to think so. They agreed with NEH Chairwoman Lynne Cheney's assertion that the humanities have been neglected, and they supported the idea of a stronger core curriculum for students.

A common theme among faculty members interviewed was the vital role history plays in our lives today.

"Every current problem, whether it's political, social or economic, came to be a problem because of events in the past," said Dr. Christine Grontkowski, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Gary Ostrower, professor of history, said, "If you want to know yourself, your culture, you must know your history."

Grontkowski and Dr. Louis Greiff, professor of English and chairman of the Division of Humanities, defended the importance of literature in the college curriculum.

"It is one of the richest expressions of the experience of people," Grontkowski said.

Greiff said literature is important as an aesthetic touch in core curriculums.

All those interviewed advocated more emphasis on foreign language and culture.

"It's a neglected area. ... We are way behind in the game" in languages, compared to other nations, Greiff said.

The humanities problem, Grontkowski said, seems to be in both high school and college, but "more in an attitude than in a location. It's an attitude which says these things are not important."

Ostrower was more outspoken in his assessment of the problem.

"Don't blame the kids — its the education system that has failed."

"At 38 percent of colleges you can graduate with no history. That's a pathetic commentary on what we loosely call higher learning in America."

Ostrower said boards of education and parents are to blame for ignorance in the humanities, because when they lack a humanities background they will not encourage their children to learn those areas.

Furthermore, he said, since "every department wants its content to be required in a curriculum, universities mollify the departments at the expense of providing a serious core curriculum."

... faculty reactions mixed

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Dr. Louis Greiff, professor of English and chairman of the Division of Humanities, said he was not surprised by the report.

"But I don't find it as alarming as the newspaper accounts made it seem."

Greiff said he thinks the report is in part a response to charges of inadequate higher education since Alan Bloom's "The Closing of the American Mind" was published in 1987.

He said he was skeptical of the "quick fix angle" promoted by testing knowledge of facts.

"When you are called upon to make measurements of success, this is the easiest solution."

Greiff said while knowing facts is important, knowing concepts is more important.

"If I had a choice between students knowing a lot of facts and students knowing how to read creatively, how to think creatively, I'd prefer (the latter)."

Dr. Richard Spriggs, a John F. McMahon professor of ceramic engineering, said he is a staunch advocate humanities education for scientists.

"There is a burden on the scientist or the engineer to hold up his side of things," he said.

The survey results, he said, "are a very serious indictment of our state of affairs and the education system."

A Model Curriculum

NEH chairwoman Lynne Cheney, in her report "50 Hours," suggested colleges and universities need to devise a broad core of courses required for graduation. Cheney's own model is comprised of 50 credit hours in the following areas:

Cultures and Civilizations (18)

* The Origins of Civilization, which considers the beginnings of civilization on various continents (3 hours).

* Western Civilization, which considers the development of Western society and thought from Periclean Athens through the Reformation (3 hours).

* Western Civilization (continued), which examines Western society and thought from the Reformation into the 20th century (3 hours).

* American civilization, which traces major developments in American society and thought from colonial times to the present (3 hours).

* Other Civilizations, which examines

civilizations in Africa, East Asia, Islam, Latin America and South Asia (6 hours).

Foreign Language (12)

A two-year requirement; it is recommended that students fulfill this by taking more advanced courses in a language they studied in high school.

Concepts of Mathematics (6)

A one-year course focusing on major concepts, methods and applications of mathematical sciences.

Foundations of Natural Science (8)

A one-year laboratory course that focuses on major ideas and methods of the physical and biological sciences.

The Social Sciences (6)

A one-year course that explores ways in which the social sciences have been used to explain political, economic and social life, as well as the experience of individuals.

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failing grades," the report said.

Another five questions were derived from Immigration and Naturalization Service exams given to prospective citizens. "A high percentage" of seniors correctly answered only two of the five.

"Thus the survey showed that college seniors, even after having completed almost four full years of undergraduate work, did not know a number of facts that are considered important for prospective citizens to know," the report said.

NEH chairwoman Lynne V. Cheney said too many students are graduating

from college without knowing "basic landmarks of history and thought."

In her own report on the survey, Cheney recommended reform of college curricula through more stringent requirements.

"In the absence of an ordered plan of study, some undergraduates manage to put together coherent and substantive programs, but others move through college years with little rationale," she wrote.

"A required course of studies — a core of learning — can ensure that students have opportunities to know literature, philosophy, institutions and art of our own and other cultures," Cheney wrote.

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Athletic drug use policy broadened this year

by Joyce Wagner

The Athletics Department responded to furor over steroid use this year by broadening its drug-use policy.

The department's official drug policy, adopted in 1986, "expressly" prohibits use of controlled substances, including steroids, "before, during or after the team's season."

The department is trying to back up the zero-tolerance statement this year with policies of "self-reporting" and testing when reasonable suspicion exists.

Under the self-reporting policy, if athletes voluntarily admit drug use, they are sent to drug counseling.

Physical Education Chairwoman Shirley

Liddle said athletes who test positive for steroid use might still be allowed to participate if they self-reported and quit during pre-season.

But Athletic Director Gene Castrovillo said the National Collegiate Athletics Association has not yet decided how to deal with self-reporters.

The Athletic Department only tests students when faculty members have good reason to suspect drug use.

Castrovillo said reasonable suspicion is the only basis on which a Division III school can legally test athletes. Division I schools can test on a more widespread basis because they give athletic scholarships.

Castrovillo said the department has had

self-reports and tests based on reasonable suspicion, but he declined to say how many.

"People use numbers differently in their minds." The number, he said, is "very small."

Last spring, Liddle conducted a drug use survey of athletes and a group of non-athletes. Two students — one non-athlete and one male athlete — reported that they had used anabolic steroids.

She said she suspects more students use steroids than are willing to admit even in an anonymous survey.

Others wouldn't speculate on the extent of steroid use. Football Coach Jim Moretti said he does not think AU has a problem with steroids.

Castrovillo said three and four years ago, AU did have a problem. Athletics faculty had no way to prevent students from using steroids because so little was certain about steroids' side effects.

"They would change before your very eyes and you had no uniform way to confront it," he said.

"But we can say some specific things about it now," Castrovillo said.

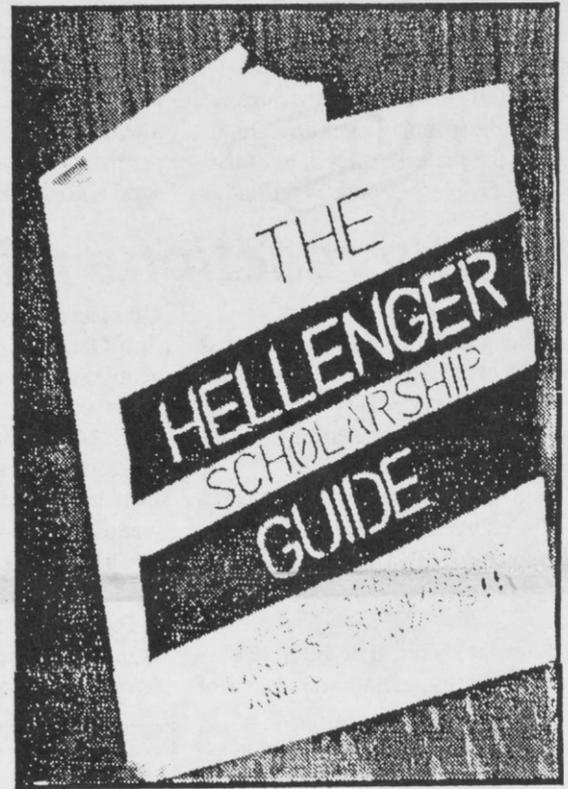
He suggested steroid use by college athletes comes from habits learned in high school.

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Village board proposes housing upkeep law

by Joyce Wagner

Property owners and renters could face a wide-ranging set of duties on the homestead if the Alfred village board passes a proposed maintenance law.

The maintenance proposal tries to address residents' complaints about the way the village looks by setting minimum standards for property upkeep.

But the proposal hit a snag at the last village board meeting. Trustees found themselves in disagreement over its wording and tabled further discussion until the Nov. 7 meeting. Then they will decide whether to make changes and/or send the proposal to a public

hearing.

Trustees were concerned because the proposal does not clearly state which responsibilities belong to landowners and which ones to tenants.

"This law makes no distinctions," village attorney Jerry Fowler told the trustees. "It says everyone is responsible for everything."

For example, the proposal says "owners, operators and occupants" are responsible for property upkeep.

"Owner" itself includes any title holder, "fiduciary, trustee, receiver, guardian, lessee or mortgagee... sublessee or assignee of a lessee of any part or all of any building"

Some of the stipulations of the nine-page proposal are:

- * steps, walkways, driveways, parking spaces and other paved areas must be kept safe, and cleared of snow/ice 24 hours after snowfall stops

- * driveways and parking spaces must be kept clean and in good repair

- * hedges and shrubs must be kept trimmed, and dead/dying trees and limbs must be removed;

- * premises must be clean of rubbish, litter, debris, paper, dirt, garbage and junk

Planning Board Chairwoman Peg Prisco and Blankenship maintained that house occu-

pants, whether owners or renters, should be held responsible for some upkeep, such as shoveling snow.

But trustee William Hall argued landlords must be held responsible for upkeep. "Who should be responsible? The one who collects the rent. Why bring the occupants into it?"

"The occupants are the ones who are making the godforsaken mess," Blankenship retorted.

Trustee Gary Ostrower commented on the difficulty of trying to make tenants follow the law: "Often they're only here for eight months. Sometimes we can't even determine who they are."

He said a landlord would have better luck than the village making tenants responsible for upkeep by writing provisions into housing leases.

Fowler pointed out the difficulty of assigning responsibility in multiple dwellings. "What about stairs that lead to two apartments?" he asked.

\$300,000 goal set for annual telethon

Annual giving hopes to raise \$300,000 in pledges from alumni in the 25th annual telethon.

Because AU is a private institution, it relies partly on private donations to meet the costs of running the university.

"It's critical," said Mark O'Meara, director of annual giving, "tuition doesn't pay all the costs, only 2/3. The other 1/3 must come from other sources."

Prospective alumni givers are broken down into lists based on frequency and amount of

past donations or lack thereof.

Between Oct. 22 and Nov. 16, residence halls, Greeks and student organizations will gather at 10 Park Street, across from the Crandall Health Center, to phone the 9,000 alumni on the lists.

The group that shows the highest participation will receive a cash bonus of \$300. Prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$15 will also be awarded. Each participant will receive pizza, a t-shirt and a free five minute phone call.

To insure that larger groups do not have an unfair advantage, the prize criteria will be based on consistent participation of, amount of money raised by and size of the group.

Cathy Walczak, assistant director of annual giving said that before students begin calling alumni there will be a training session to familiarize them with the procedures of asking for donations.

Money raised through the telethon will go into the annual fund, which is used for financial aid, scholarships and equipment for labs and the library.

But the telethon, according to O'Meara, is not just to bring in money. "It is a fundraising mechanism, but it's also our outreach to alumni."

Through the telephone conversations, the office of annual giving can preserve their alumni files by updating alumni addresses, current employment and the like.

To sign up for the telethon contact Walczak at 2144, Stephanie Goebel at 3136 or Robin Eichel at 2144.

Tribute band coming to AU

The possibility of dealing with thousands of deadheads tripping out on Merrill Field is probably not on the village boards' agenda.

But for faithful followers and trendies alike, SAB is bringing AU the next-best thing to the Dead: The Homel-Alaniz Band.

This Grateful Dead tribute band has been a success in Upstate New York since lead guitarist David Homel and David Alaniz formed the band in 1983.

The quintet works off the Deads' two most unique characteristics: spontaneity and improvisation.

The Homel-Alaniz Band also blends music from other artists into their dead sets including Crosby, Stills and Nash, Bob Dylan, Little Feat, the Beatles and the Band.

SAB's small concerts chairman Tim Chatas secured the \$950 deal three weeks ago. The band is scheduled to play at 9 p.m. this Saturday in Davis Gym. Admission is free for students and all tie-dye wearers but \$1 for guests without tie-dyes.

Tie-dyed clothing will be sold at the show.

If you ever noticed the Honors Seminars listed at the front of the Registration Bulletin and they looked good, you might like to be a part of Alfred's Honors Program. Any freshman or sophomore with a 3.2 average can apply. If you're interested, see Dr. Strong in the LAS Dean's Office (201 Seidlin) any afternoon after 2.

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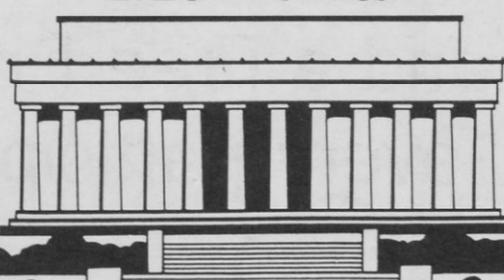
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Careers '90 is a two-day recruitment conference to be held on Jan. 9 and 10, 1990 in New York City. It brings together 125 of the top companies in the country with 3,000 pre-screened college seniors. Seniors meet and interview with companies recruiting for actual openings. It provides an opportunity to meet with companies who may not visit their campuses.

Scheduled to attend Careers '90 are insurance companies, investment firms, governmental agencies, banks, consumer goods manufacturers, advertising agencies, and more!

Alfred University students who are interested in participating in Careers '90 should attend one of the informational meetings to be held Oct. 23 and 24, 7 p.m., Career & Counseling Services Office, Bartlett Hall. All majors welcome. Application procedures will be reviewed.

Getting started in your career takes planning—plan now to attend Careers '90!

-- Cheryl Felt

U.S. decline inevitable, expert says

by Joyce Wagner

It's sometime after the year 2000. Japan has risen to global economic leadership. The United States plays second fiddle, accommodating Japanese hegemony as the junior partner in a new superpower relationship.

In its defense, West Europe has joined forces with East Europe and the Soviet Union to create a second superpower bloc.

It's the new world system, in a world no longer orchestrated by U.S.-Soviet political chess moves. What happened?

American success reaped its reward in excess and eventual failure, according to Dr. Immanuel Wallerstein, who lectured at AU last Thursday.

Wallerstein, a scholar of world systems and professor of sociology at SUNY-Binghamton, traced the factors involved in the na-

tion's rise as a world power in 1945. He then linked those factors to its current slide.

Wallerstein said America "institutionalized its hegemony" through four "zones": Western Europe, the Soviet Union, the third world and American society itself.

For Western Europe, America devised the Marshall Plan to rebuild war-devastated economies, "so they could be the U.S.' best customers" of manufactured goods.

In a departure from standard history lessons Wallerstein claimed the second zone, the Soviet Union, was a willing guarantor of U.S. global dominance.

"The huffing and puffing and rhetoric," gave each side what it wanted: America extended its influence and Stalin shut off his sphere from the rest of the world.

The Cold War made policing of the third

world easier. Developmental aid was supposed to prevent nations' being "contaminated with the communist virus," and in the bargain it extended U.S. influence further.

U.S. hegemony would have been impossible without stability at home. That was achieved in the decade after World War II by converting isolationists and by bringing labor and blacks into the mainstream.

With society moved from division to integration, Americans were "ready to present a united front" in support of hegemony.

But, "This beautiful picture begins to come apart from its excesses" in the 1960s.

In Europe, the Marshall Plan created economic competitors; in the Soviet Union, Stalin's successors backed up Cold War rhetoric with export of revolution; in the third world nations resisted U.S. domination; and at home the civil rights movement redivided society.

Wallerstein said the presidents of that decade tried to cope with these blows by giving the U.S. a "low profile."

But the low-profile stance failed. When Iranians seized the U.S. embassy, America was humiliated in front of the world.

Wallerstein said even Ronald Reagan's "machismo" has not restored U.S. world power. "The U.S. no longer is and never will be on top of the world" again.

Wallerstein predicted American power in a new world system will be decided by corporations, which can contribute research and development to a partnership.

He said the U.S. government could offer continued military support and the U.S. university system as "part of our dowry" in a superpower marriage with the Japanese.

Red scare hurt U.S. well-being

by Melissa Hirschon

If not for anti-communism, "there would have been no Korean War, no Vietnam War, and no prolonged conflict in Afghanistan," said Dr. Stephen Burwood in his Oct. 18 lecture "The Uses and Abuses of Anti-Communism"

Anti-communism, said Burwood, has been blown out of proportion since World War II. "People could not get jobs unless they signed an oath stating they were not a Communist."

Burwood said Americans' paranoia regarding Communism is unfounded because the United States is isolated from the rest of the world geographically.

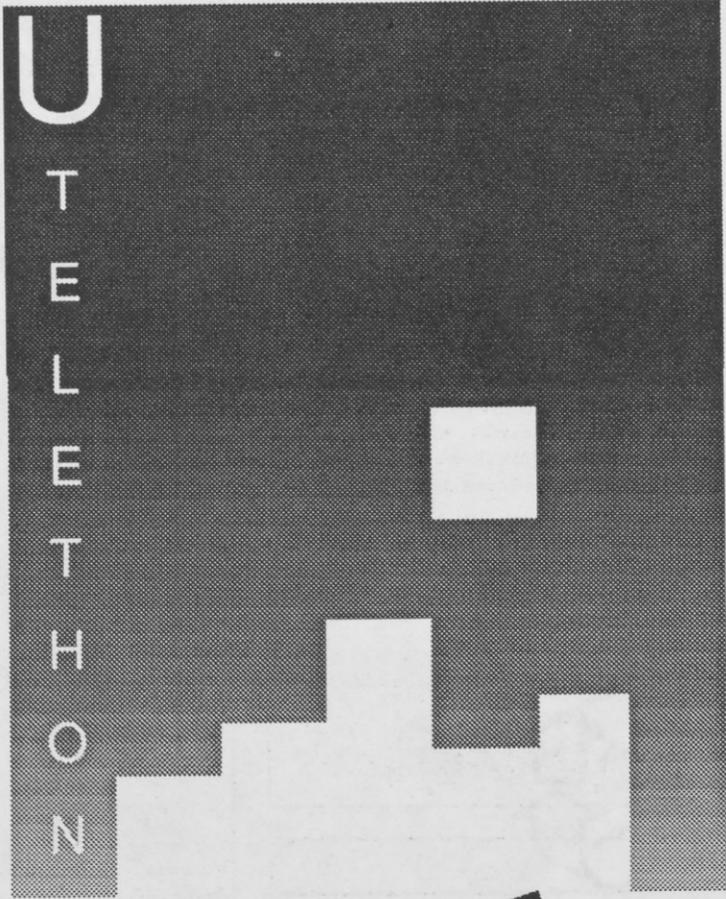
Burwood discussed the 1950s and '60s, when feelings of anti-Communism were particularly high, and talked about prominent fig-

ures such as Senator Joseph McCarthy, who in his "witch hunt," accused hundreds of individuals of being Communists. It was the novelty of televised congressional hearings which helped promote the scare.

Burwood said this anti-Communism hindered America's desire for reform and radicalism. During the period of the Witch Hunt it was difficult for people to lobby for reform without being labeled Communists.

This, Burwood said, is one of the reasons for today's political "conservatism" and conformity. It has also encouraged the American's love for "capitalism and big business," and, after the Vietnam War, "has made the United States a lumbering, clumsy nation on the international front."

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ASC withdraws staff support from Hot Dog Day

by Brian Folker

The Alfred State College administration has said they cannot provide any direct assistance for Hot Dog Day 1990.

"Staffing is our biggest problem," said John Larsen, the associate dean of student activities at ASC. "We've had to drop some of our own programs."

Dr. Lee Alley, vice-president of student services said, "We have evaluated it and decided to spend time with our own organizations."

Alley cited lack of interest and the amount of time that staff spend on organiz-

ing the annual event as reasons for the decision.

The administration says that they support the event and will provide any indirect assistance to AU that they can according to a letter sent to Don King from Dr. Alley.

But Ben Morrow, the executive chairman of the student senate at ASC said he "had no idea" this decision was made and it "was never brought to the students."

Mark O'Meara, co-founder of Hot Dog Day and director of annual giving at AU also said he did not know the ASC administration had decided not to participate.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I think they have a lot to offer."

But the decision also reflects ongoing tensions between the two schools.

Larsen said that the event must be reorganized because it has moved from the original concept of a community event for charity to a Parents Weekend for AU.

"It's my personal opinion that our students are not brought in until workers are needed," he said.

Tension was strong between the schools in 1987 when AU planned Hot Dog Day for a time when ASC was on spring break. The



Hot Dog Day '89 logo

date had been set three years earlier, when ASC had no idea when spring break would be.

Women's studies program growing

by Melissa Hirshson

The Women's Studies Program at Alfred is starting to show itself on campus.

From a discipline that didn't exist 20 years ago, degrees in women's studies are now considered mandatory for many teaching jobs. With the issue of abortion in the national news these days, more and more people are thinking about women's issues and how they affect people's lives.

The program offers an interdisciplinary minor in Women's Studies. The minor compliments many majors, and some of the courses can count towards other majors.

In the minor, students take Women in Society (LA 105). Afterwards they can take 22 credits in almost any other combination of courses; Women in American History, Women in Health, Women from Antiquity

to Early Modern Europe, Women Writers, and Sex and Gender are just an example of the classes available.

This fall, courses offered include Women in American Theater (THR 250), Women Writers (ENG 254), Psychology of Women (PSY 305), Sociology of the Family (SOC 348) and Women in Art (ART 387).

"I think the program has really grown here in the past couple of years," said Dr. Susan Mayberry, professor of English.

"We're getting a lot more students now than we have been in the past, as well as a lot of support from Dean Grontkowski. We're now listed in the Registration Bulletin under a separate category, and that, too, attracts new students.

"The Program is designed for all students, male and female, regardless of race or age.

It is not just a program for 'feminists' to see in how many ways they can put men down.

"It's a program where all students can look at women and the role they play in society, past and present, and learn about themselves in the process."

Senior Tanya Condon said "The program is informative and thought-provoking. It takes an active and realistic approach to what's going on in this country today, and it helps people think about where they stand on certain issues."

"Women are worthy of study," said Dr. Karen Porter, professor of sociology. "We shouldn't take for granted the differences between men and women; we should question and examine them."

To learn more about the program, contact Dr. Gail Walker in Science Center 417.

Chi Rho charged with serving minor

Four executive board members of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity pleaded not guilty two weeks ago to charges of unlawfully dealing with a child.

The charges stemmed from a Sept. 16 incident in which a underage girl was allegedly served alcohol at the house.

Alfred Police Chief Lidon Jamison said that the girl was observed to be highly intoxicated on the street. When questioned by police she said she had been served at Alpha Chi Rho.

Executive board members were issued appearance tickets for unlawfully dealing with a child, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of \$500 or six months in jail.

Village Justice Robert Heineman said the case has been adjourned until December.

Alpha Chi Rho national executives declined to comment on the arrests.



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Intramurals

by Doug Dowdy

Assistant Director of Student Activities
The first fall championship crown was awarded Oct. 9 as Bombers drilled Tefftaholics 14-5 to take the co-rec softball title.

The Bombers had posted a 4-0 regular season mark. Tefftaholics averaged their only seasonal loss while advancing to the finals. Men's softball came closer to its conclusion as Lambda crushed 2 Mill, 5-0.

Tefftaholics II held off a late-inning rally to stop Yosemite 9-6. And in a long-awaited match-up, Traylor used a big second inning to beat Barrel Bunch 6-2.

Co-rec Soccer: The Cannon Kickers used two first-half goals to stop F Troop 2-0, but Tefftaholics put the Kickers back on level ground by posting their own 2-0 win.

Micki Knights started out the Men's week with a 5-0 pasting of Rowdies and finished with a 3-2 stop of Coffeebeans.

Coffeebeans then fought to a 1-1 tie with SAM.

NADs continued their move to a top tournament seat by nipping Black Pearl 2-1; the Underdogs proved their name correct as Boyds Boys dealt them a 2-0 decision; Tefftosterone upset UN Spankers 4-2; and Irie Bran added to UN's misery by stealing a 1-0 victory.

Football: Football saw two weeks of tightness as division races solidified.

Buddies overcame a first-half shock to hold off Pick-Off 39-33; Rockers stoned Reimer 19-18; Tefftaholics III got to the goal line one more time in the second half to beat Hackers 33-25; and Barresi sweated out a 39-33 win over SAM.

In weather conditions not fit for person nor dog, SAM rebounded to beat Cannonballs 25-24; Hackers stunned Bust-A-Move 34-7; Pick-Off rallied to slip by Rockers 39-34; and Barresi steamrolled past Tefftaholics III 33-14.

In a preview of a possible finals match-up, Buddies put all the pieces back together to destroy Lambda 32-7.

Fun Run: In the annual Homecoming Fun Run, 25 runners felt some degree of crazy good fortune that it wasn't snowing and traversed the 5K course without difficulty.

Jennifer Beirne captured the women's title, with a time of 24:21; Tim Loomis took the men's title, with a time of 18:31.

Badminton: The open singles and mixed doubles badminton tournament is scheduled for Oct. 28. Sign-ups are Oct. 25-27 at the Intramural Office, McLane Center, during the afternoon.

AU ruggers clinch playoffs

by Greg Cohen

The Alfred University Rugby Club, clinching its first undefeated season (5-0) and first-ever playoff berth, has more to cheer about. The Freds, statistically the best defense in the entire New York Rugby Conference, showed what they were made of in their 6-4 victory over Brockport State, Saturday, on Jericho Field.

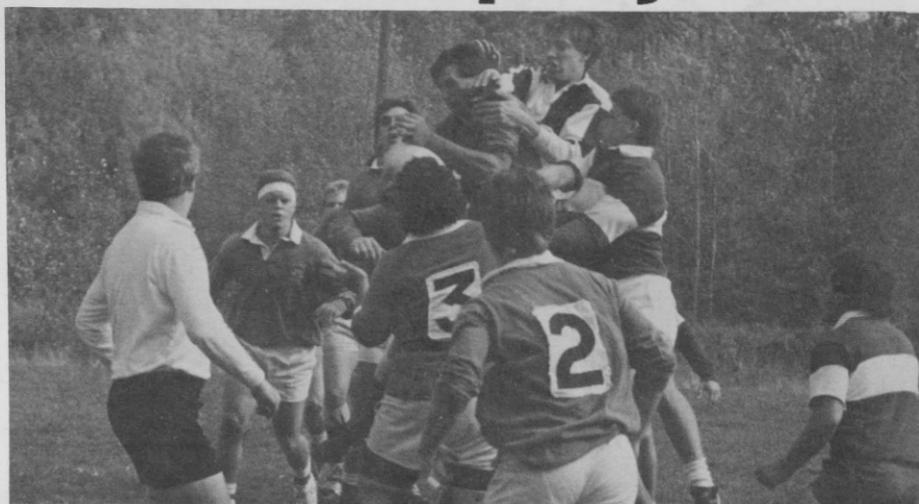
Alfred has only allowed 16 points all season.

The muddy field and the snow were no match for the Alfred defense. The Saxons' 4-point conversion came on a run by Mike Augustine, who dished off the ball to Ron Sember for the score. Tom Perrego scored the attempt after, giving the Freds a 6-0 lead.

Brockport fought their way back and scored on a big run that looked like at least a 50-yard gain. The attempt after was wide, and the Freds prevailed, 6-4.

Brockport's other scoring opportunity came earlier in the contest, when they missed a penalty kick that went wide.

Alfred, the Cayuga Conference champs, will take on the other Western Division finalist this Saturday. Cortland State (5-0) faced either Buffalo State (3-1-1) or St. Bonaventure (3-1-1). The winner of the Eastern Division pool of Siena (5-0), Albany State (4-1), Oneonta (4-1) and Clarkson University (3-2) will face the Western



AU ruggers battle Geneseo State.

Shanahan

Division winner in the New York State championship on Sunday.

Alfred concluded its regular season at home two weeks ago by beating Geneseo State at Jericho Field, 36-0. The shutout was Alfred's second in two weeks.

Running into the wind during the first half, Alfred got its first score after a good line out by inside center Ron Sember. The score was made possible following a peel off by Mike Bartle coming from a Mike Augustine pitch.

Augustine dished to captain Phil Weston, who scored for the fifth consecutive weekend in a row, for the second AU score of the

game.

Jeff "Blotto" Greabell scored twice before captain Eric Yeager blocked a kick that Augustine ran in for another score. Paul Ewing and Perrego also scored 4-point conversions. Perrego converted several kick after attempts.

Alfred's B and C sides each won by a score of 15-0, making it a clean sweep for AU on the day. Alfred's conference record is 5-0, and its overall record, combining the A-B-C sides, is 12-3.

Rogers sets new rushing record

AU Saxons tame Kean Cougars, 8-0

by Greg Cohen

With 1:42 remaining in the fourth quarter of the Alfred University Saxons football victory over Kean College (N.J.), Ray Rogers broke the all-time career rushing record of 3,031, set by Henry Bzdak (1970-3). Rogers will probably extend his 3,035 yard record in the three games remaining this season. Roger carried the ball 27 times for 121 yards on the day, leading the Saxons to a 8-0 victory.

Quarterback Lance Locey ran in the only touchdown of the game with :10 remaining in the first quarter, from three yards out. Kicker Steve Milne missed the extra point, but the Saxons were given a second chance when the play was called back on a Kean penalty. Rogers ran the ball in for the two-point conversion.

The mud evidently played a role in the game as 260 of the Saxons 272 yards were on the ground. Locey only completed two

of 10 passes for 12 yards.

Sam Goble, who now has 2,226 career rushing yards of his own, rushed for 86 yards on 22 carries. Locey contributed 53 yards on 10 carries.

Curt Cristini led the AU defense with 17 tackles, 12 of which were solos. John Hoosock had 13 tackles, 9 solos.

Pat Hogan and Steve Walker each picked off quarterback Steve Musumeci passes.

The AU defense held the Cougar offense to only 150 yards of total offense.

The Statesmen keyed on Ray Rogers, but the Saxons won to no avail, 28-14, at Hobart College two Saturdays ago.

Rogers carried the ball 24 times for 84

yards, including two touchdown runs. Rogers also completed a 31-yard touchdown pass to Joe Haven.

Haven caught five passes on the day for a total of 97 yards.

The last AU score came on a Sam Goble 55-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

The Saxon defense was led by Curt Cristini, who made his first college start at the inside linebacker position. Cristini led AU with seven solo and eight assisted tackles. Mark Obuszewski had eight solos and five assisted tackles.

Greg Connors, Joe Iudice and Anthony Mantella all had interceptions off of quarterback Neal Pettinelli.

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Hynes breaks scoring record

Cohen's Corner

by Carolyn Clark

Andrea Hynes scored two goals against North Carolina-Wesleyan to set a new Alfred University women's soccer career goal record.

Hynes broke Deb Lovey's record of 30 goals, set in 1984, on an Anne Holmok cross.

Hampered by injuries season after season, Hynes has continued to work hard. Freshman year she sat out the entire season due to a bone chip in her right knee. Sophomore year, Hynes dealt with a sore quadricep and came back her junior year to tear her right quad.

Her senior year, Hynes came back stronger than before but went down midway through the season with a sprained ankle.

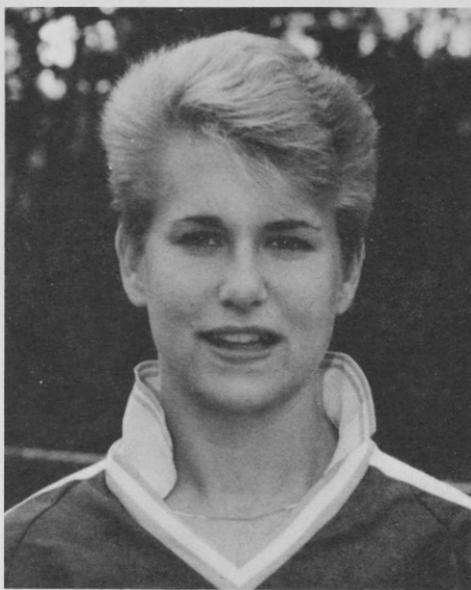
In the beginning of her final year of eligibility, Hynes' sights were on the record. "I just wanted to rip the record apart," Hynes said.

But the beginning of the season left Hynes on the sideline once again with a bad knee.

"When I got hurt, the record really didn't play an important role...I just wanted to play my last season," Hynes said.

Hynes is also on the verge of breaking Lovey's record for total career points (75). Hynes now has 66 points. "I'd like to break that record but I'd rather see our team come out with a state championship or an ECAC championship," Hynes said.

"Andrea has had more setbacks than any



other athlete I can think of...she has only played two-thirds of the games, and certainly hasn't played a full four years. Breaking the record is only indicative of Andrea's hard work and determination," head coach Pat Codispoli commented.

The Alfred University women's soccer team defeated RIT, 3-0, improving their chance for a New York State tournament bid and a home seeding for the first game.

Early in the second half, Leslie Sylvia opened the scoring by following a deflected Pat Cooney shot. The next goal came when Jennifer Flanigen beat two RIT defenders and put a beautiful drive in the upper left hand corner.

Andrea Hynes found Julie Alletto on the 30-yard line where she drilled a shot into the lower left corner. Alletto's goal was her first "real" goal of her college career.

"During the whole game I was wondering if this was the game I would score and when I saw Andrea look at me, I knew this had to be the one. This is my first real goal...my other goal was a penalty kick against Niagara University two years ago," Alletto commented.

Goalie Val DiFlorio recorded seven saves for the shutout.

Over mid-semester break the team traveled to Rocky Mountain, N.C., to face N.C.-Wesleyan and Methodist College.

In the first game, Hynes scored two goals, leading the Lady Saxons to a 3-1 win over N.C.-Wesleyan. Anne Holmok had the other goal off a Leigh Suhr pass.

Alfred took the field again the following day against nationally fourth-ranked Methodist. The Lady Saxons hung tough defensively, but the powerful Methodist team came away with a 6-0 victory.

by Greg Cohen

Did you know that out of AU's total student services allocations for 1988 (which were \$2,801,954 for student affairs, student activities, Crandall health center, career & counseling services, library, etc.), \$729,955, or 26 percent was set aside for intercollegiate athletics? That's \$3,536 more than the library received in 1988.

In the two years between 1986 and 1988, the sports budget was increased by 16 percent - even more than the 12.2 percent budget increase for all student services allocations. In comparison, Career & Counseling grew only 5 percent (\$128,897) over the same two years. While AU's athletic teams are for the most part successful, I hope this budget discrepancy is not an indication of the school's priorities. It does, however, seem to correspond to Division III philosophy.

The overall Division III philosophy of participation for everyone and no athletic scholarships is fine, but I disagree with a few points.

According to Rick Evrard, the director of legislative services for the NCAA, there are no limitations to individual athletic programs' budgets. This means that imbalances can occur.

Other Division III schools in our region, when asked about their budgets, declined to discuss the issue, therefore, their budgetary information is unfortunately not available for comparison. One school even violated the freedom of the press by forbidding their student newspaper to print about this issue, let alone acquire it.

Another Division III policy that I have trouble with concerns gender. To qualify for NCAA membership, a school must sponsor a minimum of four varsity intercollegiate sports for each gender, assuming that the school is co-ed. Two of the four sports must be team sports. Additionally, as long as a minimum for one gender is maintained, an imbalance is allowed to occur. For example, 16 men's sports and four women's sports is perfectly acceptable.

I feel that the NCAA should prevent schools from having these financial differences and gender injustices.

CROSS COUNTRY: The Saxons finished ninth in a field of 11 teams at the Geneseo Invitational, compiling 192 points.

Tim Loomis continued his top ten breaking pace by finishing second overall with a time of 34:16 on the 6.2 mile course. Mark Schneider was the next AU runner to cross the line, finishing 24th in a time of 36:39.

The women's cross country team also went to Geneseo, but left with an incomplete score.

The only AU runner of note to place on the 3.1 mile course was Michelle Spooner. She finished in 62nd place with a time of 21:35 which proved to be her best time of the 1989 season.

EQUESTRIAN: The AU equestrian team (10-5), opened its season this past weekend in Troy, New York at a 17 school show hosted by RPI. Alfred University tied

with Cobleskill for sixth place

Lisa Messer brought home a first place finish in novice over fences. Dan Weeks also collected a blue ribbon for his novice flat performance.

Third place finishers for the Saxons were Heather Bailey, open over fences; Dawn Haney, intermediate over fences; and Sara Gelfan, novice over fences.

VOLLEYBALL: The Alfred University women's volleyball team suffered a pair of losses last Wednesday, falling to LeMoyne, 15-9, 15-7, and to Nazareth, 14-16, 15-11, 15-5.

Lisa Potter led the scoring for the Saxons, who are now 11-13 on the year. Potter recorded seven kills against LeMoyne and 10 against Nazareth. Jenine Skowron, Cassie Velasquez and Debbie Ellis also had fine matches.

MEN'S SOCCER: The Alfred University men's soccer team came away with a 1-1 overtime tie against a tough Elmira College team (9-3) Thursday night on Merrill Field.

Elmira broke the scoreless deadlock with a goal in overtime. Alfred's Curt Jacobs' goal on a penalty kick made it 1-1, ending the game in a tie.

The Saxons began a road trip at Houghton College, pounding the home team, 5-1.

The men then travelled to Rocky Mountain, North Carolina, where they met a tough Methodist College team. The Saxons wound up on the losing end of a 1-0 overtime contest.

The Saxons then lost to hosting North Carolina Wesleyan, 2-1. Shane Bower scored the lone Alfred goal on a header from a cross pass from Greg Vogel.

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Greek Week 1989

Each house built a chariot to race down academic row last Wednesday night. Pictured left is Theta Theta Chi's.

The winner of the "Miss Alfred" contest was Darrin Thomas from Zeta Beta Tau. Pictured right, he is modeling for the evening-gown competition.



A Halloween tradition



What began as a way to help their son pay for college textbooks has evolved into a hobby of some 20 years for Lyle and Thelma Palmiter of Alfred Station.

The Palmiters have been growing and selling pumpkins since their son started college in 1967. They begin harvesting in September and sell through the Halloween season, hoping for a sellout by Nov. 1. Mr. Palmiter has been retired for five years and said their pumpkin endeavor is nearly a full-time project.

A major part of their holiday efforts is an elaborate pumpkin display in front of their house. Each year they decide on a theme to present and construct a scene using their pumpkins. They try to incorporate currently popular trends with traditional Halloween motifs in the design of the scene.

This year Cinderella's pumpkin coach adorns the Palmiter's lawn, along with Batman and Charlie Brown pumpkins. Mr. Palmiter said they have always wanted to do the Cinderella theme, but decided to construct a pumpkin for the coach rather than use a real one of that size, which would be too heavy.

Past display themes include Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Sesame Street, Noah's Ark, and a tribute to AU for the school's sesquicentennial.

To stay on top of what's popular, these pumpkin-crafters get ideas from the children who come there to see the pumpkins and purchase them for jack-o-lanterns.

Alfred residents and students alike look forward to seeing the Palmiter's creations each year. They provide an uplifting bright spot in a season of shortening days and falling temperatures.

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