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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

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## Farmer recalls Civil Rights experiences

by Melissa Hirshson

Tales of the quest for civil rights are never quite so fascinating as when they're told by someone who was there. James Farmer had some fascinating — and chilling — stories to tell his Alfred audience last week.

Co-founder of the Congress of Racial Equality, Farmer spoke to more than 200 people in Susan Howell Hall Jan. 24 about his experiences in the civil rights movement.

Farmer is known as one of the "Big Four" in the civil rights movement, having worked alongside Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960s. He is the only one of the four still living.

Although perhaps not as well known as his fellow activists, Farmer's accomplishments are many. In 1942 he was the leader of some of the first non-violent "sit-ins" in the North, where black people would sit at lunch counters marked "white only."

"Non-violence was practically unheard of before 1955 and the Montgomery (Ala.) bus boycott," he said. Yet these sit-ins were successful and contributed considerably to the desegregation of the North.

He is perhaps best known for his leadership of the "Freedom Riders," a racially mixed group of people who rode interstate buses through the Deep South.

"The whites sat in the back, and the blacks sat in the front. At the rest stops, the whites went into the black waiting room, and the blacks went into the white waiting room."

The undertaking of such a voyage could have been fatal. "My father told me, 'you'll be all right in North Carolina and Virginia ... but you'll have a lot of trouble in Alabama. After that, you'll think that Alabama was Purgatory and Mississippi is hell. And you won't make

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## New fee added to tuition hike

by Brian Folker

Beginning next semester, students will pay a student activities fee to help fund the proposed \$8 million campus center, President Edward G. Coll, Jr. announced last week.

The fee will be \$75 per student per semester next year and will be raised to \$100 per semester for the 1991-1992 school year.

Part of the fee will also be used for student activities and allocated either through the administration or the Student Senate Finance Committee.

### Tuition Increase

In an open forum at the Senate meeting last Wednesday, Coll. addressed the new fee as well as tentative increases in tuition and room and board.

According to Coll, tuition will be raised 9.3 percent, and room and board will be raised seven percent. The increases must be approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting in February.

If the increases are approved, students will

pay an additional \$1,524 next year including the student activities fee.

The forum was also an opportunity for students and groups to voice their opinions, usually starting with the "Well, at other colleges..." argument that is so often present at Senate meetings.

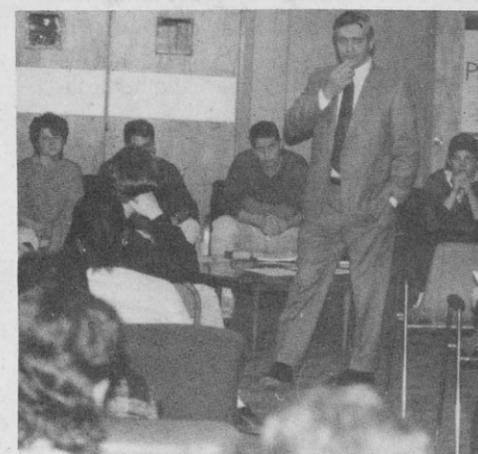
On the issue of expanding reproductive services and access to birth control at the University, the discussion went around in circles between students, Coll and Vice-President of Student Affairs Don King. The administrators said that no definite plans have been made for expanding these services.

Coll said the University wants to provide "accessible and quality health care but there will always be something lacking."

The Rescue Squad complained of the "hassles" of trying to get money through the Senate, and Coll said he would consider having them budgeted with security.

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Wolfe reported that the Committee allo-

cated \$10,985 of the \$12,631 that was requested by student groups last semester.



Shanahan

As the senate E-board looks on, President Coll addresses concerns from student groups

## AU alum Burkhart plays against Harlem Globetrotters (Story Inside)



Tim Burkhart goes to the line as "Sweet" Lu Dunbar (center) looks on

Brinkerhoff

## Jazz Ensemble wows the Russians

by Carolyn Clark

The Alfred University Jazz Ensemble tour of Russia was a complete success that left Russian audiences playing our tune.

Dr. Thomas Evans, director of music, noticed passiveness within his crowds at the start of each concert but he soon had them totally engulfed in the music and shouting words of encouragement. Evans recalls from a performance in Leningrad an old man shouting from a balcony, "stay with us forever."

The Jazz Ensemble initially expected to perform in concert halls but found that jazz in a concert hall is considered sacrilegious; they performed in clubs and even an old castle in Talin.

In Leningrad, the band was the first American big band to perform in "The Dixie Swing Club," the most prestigious jazz co-op in the Soviet Union.

While performing at the Dixie Swing Club, David Goloschokin, a professional

musician, asked Evans if members of the band would like to join him and his band in a "little jam session." Four members of the AU band joined Goloschokin and his jazz quintet for two performances following the band's concert.

All the band's performances were played in front of packed houses with crowds of 100 to 350 people. The band was so well-liked that some of the audience approached the members for their autographs and pictures.

Evans said each city had its own special memory. After playing to a receptive audience in Talin, a musician came up to the band and introduced himself. He wanted to play a solo tribute to the band.

"It was quite moving. None of us in the band could speak Estonian but he communicated to us in music and as musicians we knew exactly what he was saying," Evans said.

One memory that stands out in all the members minds is when Russian soldiers

joined the band in Moscow.

Doug Smith, member of the band, recalls this experience quite vividly. "We thought we were going to play at Moscow University in front of a very large crowd. It turns out there was some confusion and we missed it. So our tour guide worked like crazy in finding us a place to play in Moscow.

"She found a little jazz club and as the band was warming up these four Soviet soldiers listened tentatively. So our tour guide began talking with them and found out they were musicians. So a couple of guys in the band gave up their instruments and at one point we had four Soviet soldiers playing in the band with us."

Smith went on the trip with the impression that the Soviet military was stern and unfriendly to foreigners. He came away surprised: "That at once they started playing music, you couldn't tell if they were American, Russian or what they were and for me that was just an incredible experience."

# Black history should be recognized year-round, not merely one month

Black History Month has been a time to recognize all the Black contributors who went so long without recognition. Offered only a censored version of American history, African-Americans were forced to have such a concentration. History had overlooked the contributions of Black men and women to the culture, technology and development of this nation. But now African-Americans can take pride in what all of America is beginning to learn about their vital role in our society.

This celebration is an important one, but it should not be limited to one month. It is expedient to cram masses of information into one month. Educators need a sound curriculum to mainstream all the important contributions Blacks have made to society. To ponder on this history once a year is an insult to Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Mary McLeod Bethune and other leaders.

Americans must learn about Black America and other minorities. We know about White America, but it has little knowledge of the rest of America. Togeth-

erness cannot come without a mutual respect for one another. Ethnocentrism and pluralism mix as well as oil and water.

With the resurgence of racially-motivated incidents in cities across the nation, it has become apparent that we need to better educate our youth. Racism is not dead; it is not a thing of the past; children do not inherit it from their parents. Racism is learned, whether intentionally or unintentionally, from all of society. Let us teach children to love each other instead of hating each other, and let us teach them to have a mutual respect for one another.

Do not let Black History Month be something that begins Feb. 1 and ends Feb. 28. Let this month begin an examination

of other cultures within this so-called melting pot; let it spur consideration of the racial problems we face and inspire solutions to these problems.

It should be the obligation of educational institutions to institute multi-cultural programs to end the idiocy of racism. If institutions do not become part of the solution, they will remain a major part of the problem. We can recall and praise the infamous "I Have A Dream" speech endlessly, but until we set some real goals to achieve the dream, it will remain just that. If we don't take the matter to heart, the reassuring image of the American dream will turn before our eyes into an American nightmare.

## Letters to the Editor

### What is a good coach?

Isn't a good coach someone to look up to and admire? A good coach should lead by example and set a good standard for all his players to follow. He should be honest and fair to all the people on his team. A good coach should be respected by his team both on and off the field and he should respect his team members in the same way.

Is a good coach someone who destroys a team member's bicycle and leaves the scene of an accident without telling the person? Is a good coach someone who threatens a player with bodily harm when

that player threatens to press charges? Is a good coach someone who threatens to doctor the player's school grades? Is a good coach someone who takes months to pay for the bicycle? Wouldn't any decent, respectable person pay the damages immediately, since this was the player's only form of transportation? Is this coach a respectable person? Should he be a coach? Ask the school ethics teacher; see what he says.

Bruce Whiteley  
Graduate Student

### Protest requires direct action

When we first found out about the State's plans to view our county as a possible location for the "low-level" radioactive dump, many of us in Allegheny County felt that if we could only have a dialogue with the Siting Commission, surely they would see the error of their ways and the entire process would be halted until a more real solution to the very real problem of nuclear waste could be found. After months of no information, misinformation and outright lies from the Radiation Delegation, it has become increasingly clear that the State is not interested in a meaningful discussion about this issue.

While it is vital that we continue to write letters to our representatives in government

to protest this horrible process, it is no longer enough. Direct action is our only alternative at this point. While the siting commission's staff may not have reacted to our letters and cries of protest, they had no choice but to react to being detained for almost four hours on a cold and snowy Allegheny County road.

I urge everyone to become involved! Write letters, certainly, but join with the members of the Allegheny County Non-violent Action Group (ACNAG) in taking direct action against those who would poison this planet for political and monetary reasons.

Cynthia Wenslow Prior

### Social science in El Salvador

Listening a few years ago to Rev. Ignacio Martin-Baro, vice rector of the University of Central America who was tortured and killed by uniformed men in November, I was struck by his courage and commitment to a negotiated settlement. "Fifteen bombs have been planted in my house," he remarked almost parenthetically, "but only six have exploded." He was hopeful, however, that a cessation of U.S. aid would force a peaceful resolution of the conflict. "Most of the economic aid never reaches the poor but winds up in the form of luxury goods for military officers." The military aid, he concluded, does "horrible damage to innocent civilians."

He and other UCA priests had incurred the wrath of the regime. Encouragement of liberation theology and Christian Base Communities, criticism of the bombings of civilians in rural areas, assertions that "the guerillas have important support among the population," and other public statements evidently made them prime targets for intimidation.

Their published research was less than

sympathetic to the U.S. or Salvadoran governments. The United States, according to their reports, was undermining Salvadoran sovereignty and sabotaging peace efforts. Their public opinion polling in San Salvador determined:

- \* only one in 10 respondents see the government as a positive force
- \* fifty five percent agree with strike actions
- \* two thirds reject all electoral parties as unrepresentative of their interests
- \* eighty percent want the government to begin immediate dialogue with the insurgency.

Ignacio told me of persistent rumors that the military would sweep through the university and close it down. After his murder in November, military troops swept through the university, confiscating equipment and causing millions of dollars of damage.

Requiescas, padre.

Dr. David Kowalewski  
Assoc. Prof. of Social Sciences

## History notes

According to the Fiat Lux ...

### 20 years ago

An announcement of a modified open-dormitory policy appeared, superceding a rule which permitted men and women to visit each other's rooms on special occasions only. The announcement included a schedule of the proper visitation hours and said the university would geographically integrate male and female residence halls beginning the following fall, thus permitting co-ed dining. (Prior to this, men's facilities were on one end of the campus and women's on the other).

### 25 years ago

Alfred was presented with a grant of \$1500 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to help meet the financial needs of the university.

### 35 years ago

"The Whirlpool," a one act play by Alfred University junior English major Mel Millman, was presented as an assembly on Jan. 13, 1955 to further student interest in the possibilities for creative writing on campus.

### 50 years ago

An announcement appeared regarding a new feature of the Kanakadea (A.U.'s yearbook)... color!!!!

## Bits'n pieces

Feb. 9 is the last day to withdraw from courses or cancel pass/fail options.

Hillel is sponsoring a Bagel Brunch this Sunday at 11 a.m. in Openheim- \$2 for non-members, all are welcome.

Positions on the Student Senate Finance Committee are now available. Interested freshmen and sophomores should contact Chris Wolfe at 587-9919.

Organizations wishing to request money from the senate should also contact Wolfe to make an appointment.

Alfred Alternative Cinema is back tomorrow night with "Blow Up." The show starts at 9 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium

WALF's Live Nude Radio Tour hits New Orleans this Saturday, 9 p.m. in the Saxon Inn. The jazz band Deep Fried Five will play. Admission is \$3. Faculty are welcome.

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Summer jobs at Glacier National Park in Montana are now being offered. Jobs include hotel front desk positions, maids, cooks, waitresses, bus drivers and even guest entertainment. For details, call Glacier Park, Inc. at 602-248-2612.

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# Is Alfred missing the trend toward more religion?

by Melissa Hirshson

When Alfred University was founded in 1836, it was noted because it was not only a co-educational school, but it was also a non-sectarian one. Non-religious schools were simply unknown then.

Today, Alfred seems to reflect these secular origins. While Time magazine says that in the 1980s, America was influenced by Christianity more than ever before, Alfred seems to have missed this trend.

"I think college students just don't have time to get up on Sundays and go to church," said Marie West, a junior education major who goes to a congregational church in Coming.

Another student remarked that since students stay up so late on Saturday nights, going to church the next morning is the last thing on their minds.

But it's more than just a matter of time or inconvenience.

Lawrence Chatfield, a senior ceramic engineering major, suggested that for students who have been forced to go to church all their lives, college is a time where students can break away from their parents.

"College students are reluctant to be restrained. They're carefree and independent.

As soon as you get out of college, you're not going to be as independent anymore, and so people want to take advantage of this freedom now."

Some students, however, believe this turn away goes beyond lack of time or parental pressure.

"Marx was right—'religion is the opiate of the masses'," one student quoted. "Look what it does to people. It's a crutch. It keeps people happy in their oppressed state."

"People are too logical-minded to believe in God," added Chatfield. "And besides, it's become too commercialized."

"Science has replaced God," ventured another student. "Back then, when people couldn't come up with explanations for nature, they would say that it was God's doing. But with the age of science, people now have intelligence and the ability to reason."

Not all students, however, share this view. At St. Jude's, nearly two-thirds of the congregation are students; at the Lighthouse Ministry, more than 50 young people are members.

Michelle Spooner, a junior education and French major and a member of Brothers and Sisters in Christ, said that religion gives her

something to hope for.

"People need stability, they need to know what their beliefs are. Once you leave home, you're responsible for yourself, and you have to make your own decisions. Religion helps me decide what I'm going to do and what I'm not going to do."

Spooner recalled a time when a relative was seriously ill: "I think praying really helped her get better."

"I need a God," agreed Tony Alfonso, a nursing student.

Religion is fine, students agreed, for those who want it, but for those who don't, their rights should be respected.

"It's their choice," West said. "It's a totally individual decision. But people should not try to force their religion on others."

Chatfield said "There's a difference 'between expressing and imposing [one's beliefs] on others.'"

A minor example he cited is the fact that stores are closed on Saturdays in Alfred in observance of the Sabbath by Seventh-Day Baptists. He feels this causes an inconvenience for others.

Spooner said people should be open-minded about religion. "People at Alfred are always expressing their opinions, and we should be able to express ours too."

## Obituaries

### Morton Frank, trustee

Trustee Morton Frank, 77, died in Bridgeport, Conn. Dec. 7 of complications following heart surgery.

Frank was chairman emeritus of USA Weekend, a Sunday supplement formerly known as Family Weekly. During his stay at the magazine, he served at various times as publisher, president, chief executive officer and chairman. After retiring as publisher in 1982, he established Frank

Enterprises, a consulting company for publishing matters and media acquisitions.

One of the nation's most distinguished publishers, he was also a board member of the American Journal of Nursing Publishing company and of Horizon Communications, Inc., which publishes a national newspaper supplement for Hispanics.

Frank became an AU trustee in 1968; the university awarded him an L.L.D. in 1979.

### J. Henry Smith, trustee

Life trustee J. Henry Smith, 79, died at his home Jan. 10 after a long illness.

Smith was former chairman of the board of The Equitable Life Assurance Society and former commissioner of Human Services for New York City. He was involved with various charities and was a strong supporter of the establishment of minority businesses. In 1976 the New York Urban League awarded him the Frederick

Douglass award.

Smith was granted an honorary doctor of laws degree by Alfred University in 1967. A professorship and distinguished service award given annually were established in his honor.

He became a trustee in 1963 and was elected to life trustee status in 1980.

He is survived by his wife Roberta and three children.

### G.J. Carter, oldest alumna

Guyon J. "John" Carter, AU's oldest alumna at age 104, died at his St. Petersburg, Fla. home Jan. 21.

Carter received his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics in 1910. He completed graduate studies in New York City.

He spent most of his professional career as a district superintendent of schools in New

York State. He helped develop new approaches to education which led to the establishment of the Board of Cooperational Services (BOCES).

AU awarded Carter the Order of Merit award for outstanding and meritorious service in 1986.

He is survived by one niece.



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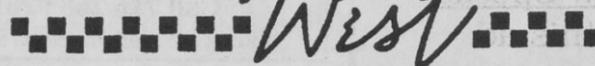
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# Dance troupe offering 2 weeks of workshops

## Nigerian artists add global perspective to AU's Black History Month celebrations

by Maureen Carroll

The sounds of African drumming are unusual in Alfred. But during the last week that's what students passing McLane Center have heard, complements of Nigerian artist Akpor Otebele and crew.

The three Nigerian dancers are holding two weeks worth of workshops, lectures and classes in dance, drumming, traditional arts, and theatre. The workshops center on the culture of West Africa.

Joanne Lawrence, assistant professor of dance and theater, first heard of Akpor Otebele's dance company from a friend.

"I wanted someone who could integrate a lot of the arts on campus into a total cultural experience. Akpor seemed to be able to do that," she said.

The dance group originated ten years ago in Africa. Otebele observed, "We found out a lot of people were unaware of African dancers and African music. And for Africans to go out and do Western performances wasn't very reasonable."

Although Otebele has had training in African dance, modern dance, and jazz as well as theatre, he describes himself as primarily a self-trained dancer.

The company has toured Europe, West Germany, Australia, Belgium, and even the Soviet Union. "Alfred is the smallest village we've preformed in in the States," Otebele said.

The group has had a permanent setup in Los Angeles for the last three years. Otebele said living in America gives them better mo-

bility for traveling and easier communication. His two assistants attend school at UCLA.

"We miss not living in Africa but not terribly much because America is not very different than urban life in Africa," Otebele said.

Apartheid is a prominent issue in Africa today that Otebele and his assistants try to publicize whenever possible.

"It is the most uncivilized thing happening right now. To have a democratic state where people are suppressed, where people don't have freedom is very uncivilized. We just hope one day soon there can be freedom in South Africa."

On Feb. 3 and 4 Otebele, accompanied by students who participated in the work-

shops, will give a public performance at Holmes Theatre in Harder Hall. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$3 for faculty and students.

"It is basically a folkloric performance," Otebele said. "A mythological story done in dance with a little bit of dialogue and music."

On the whole, Otebele said, the workshops have been a positive experience for both the dancers and the students. "Every class has been very receptive. I think we all learned a lot from each other."

Otebele's stay in Alfred is being sponsored by the Division of Performing Arts, the Performing Artists and Speakers Series, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the NYS College of Ceramics, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

## ... struggle for equality not yet complete

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it to New Orleans."

His father was right. Farmer nearly lost his life in Mississippi towards the end of the ride; riots grew worse and the Riders were either killed or beaten so badly they were unable to continue the Ride.

Farmer received a call from Secretary of State Robert Kennedy asking Farmer to stop the Freedom Ride and to "cool off" for a while. Farmer refused:

"We'd been cooling off for 350 years. I told him, 'if we cool off any more, then we're going to be in a deep freeze.' This was war."

Farmer finally agreed to call off the ride if the Supreme Court would enforce previous decisions that banned segregation in all states. The Court assented.

But the violence continued. Another terrifying incident took place in 1963. Farmer was only able to escape death in a Louisiana town by fleeing in a hearse. "The entire town was road-blocked. As I heard later, the plan was to turn me over to an un-uniformed mob, and my body was not to be found for a long time, if at all.

"And all this because we wanted to sit in front of the bus!" he added.

Farmer commented on the current state of racism in the United States. "Let us not be hoodwinked into thinking that the battle is over. We destroyed segregation, but we did not destroy the racism that caused it."

His call for mandatory multi-ethnic education in all school levels may be one way to eradicate that racism. "People only learn to hate, and so it can be unlearned."

Farmer said he hoped for a day when people "will recognize color and say 'so what.' Humanity defines the soul more than ethnicity."

He closed his speech with a poem he wrote, ending with "I'll never let race define my soul."

Although Farmer has lost his sight due to a rare eye disease, which he attributes possibly to tear gas, he remains active in civil rights today.

He is chairman of the board for the Fund for an Open Society, which provides economic incentives for families who buy inte-



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Standing left to right are Roosevelt Brown, counselor for the Educational Opportunities Program; Farmer; President Coll; and Marita Ferguson, EOP director.

grated housing, and he is a visiting professor at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. His biography, Lay Bare the Heart, was published in 1985.

"I will never retire," he says. "If I retired, I'd die within six months. I'll continue as long as I have a breath to breathe."

### Black History Month Schedule of Events

Feb. 1: Pearl Williams-Jones Gospel University/Community workshops (refer to story on opposite page).

Feb. 2: Williams-Jones at Holmes Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Feb. 3: Akpor Otebele, African Dance Troupe performance, Holmes Auditorium, 8 p.m.; pre-performance dinner, Susan Howell Hall, 5:45 p.m.

Feb. 4: Akpor Otebele, performance, Holmes Auditorium, 3 p.m., reception to follow.

Feb. 9: "Dream Girls," Holmes Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Feb. 10: MEGA Annual Theme Party, Davis Gym, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Feb. 13: Joy Harjo, Visiting Writer's Series, Howell Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 15: Minority Affairs movie, time and place to be announced.

Feb. 17: Comedian Walli Collins, Saxon Inn, 9 p.m.

Feb. 23: "An Evening of Black Theater," Dramatic Showcase of AU's students and faculty, Performing Arts Annex Studio Theater, 8 p.m.

Feb. 24: "Tribute to Black Music" with the AU Chorus, Holmes Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Feb. 28: Bergren Forum, Dr. Henry Williams, Superintendent of Syracuse schools, Parents' Lounge, noon.

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# Liberal Arts grade standards getting tougher

by Joyce Wagner

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences sent a clear message to its students about tightening academic standards last semester when it dropped 27 students from the rolls.

"We didn't let as many students back in as we have in the past," said LAS Dean Dr. Christine Grontkowski.

"We want to send a clear signal that Alfred University is a serious academic institution."

The students were asked to leave the university after failing to meet minimal grade standards.

The students included 17 freshmen, four of whom were in their first semester; eight sophomores; five juniors; and two seniors.

Originally, 32 students were dropped. Five were reinstated after appealing the decision of the Scholastic Standards committee which reviews all students' grades every semester and makes recommendations on dropping students.

Most of the students had been "on condition" or on extended condition; a few were students who had been in good standing previous semesters but failed to make the minimum .99 grade point average last fall.

"We try to give students as much leeway as possible, but there comes a point where academic standards have to be met," Grontkowski said.

At semester's end, the college also put 44 students on condition and 21 on extended condition. However, 75 students were also taken off conditional status.

AU is no longer being as lenient with students who cannot achieve minimum grades, said Registrar Beverly Potter, a member of the scholastic standards committee.

"The standards are getting tougher (in Liberal Arts). It's part of the University's overall attempt to increase standards," Potter said.

Provost Dr. Richard Ott said, "There's a misperception that Liberal Arts is easier than the other schools... We want to make it clear that the University has a strong commitment to the rigor of its programs."

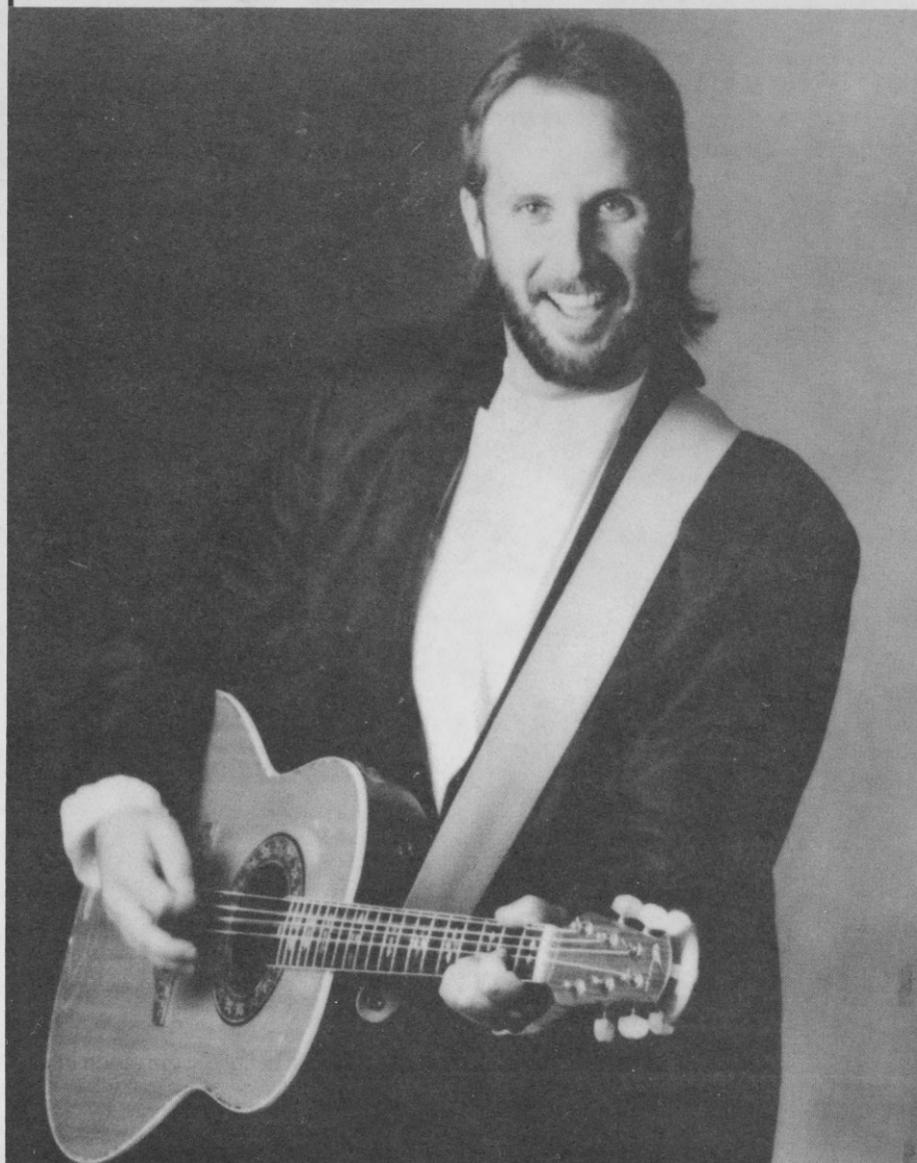
Six students were also dropped from the School of Art and Design and one was dropped from the College of Nursing. Figures could not be obtained for the schools of Engineering and Business and Administration.

Ott backed up Potter's statement that the University is trying to polish its academic

reputation. He cited higher Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for incoming freshmen, and increased fundraising and faculty research as evidence of AU's improved

standing; adherence to minimum grade standards is, according to him, "not a deliberate act" but part of AU's "increasing expectations" from students.

## Man of a thousand personalities



Singer/songwriter/comedian/rock impressionist Kier will perform at the Saxon Inn Feb. 10. Some favorite rock impressions include Bob Dylan singing a Prince song and Willie Nelson singing Elton John. Kier has toured the college circuit nationally, stopping in such major cities as Boston, Houston and Los Angeles. He has performed with rock greats such as Roy Orbison, Steppenwolf and Pablo Cruise. The show starts at 9 p.m.; admission is free. The show is sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

## Gospel artist Williams-Jones to give concert and workshops

by Karim Razzaq

Gospel pianist/singer Pearl Williams Jones will perform in Holmes Auditorium Feb. 2 at 8 p.m.

Williams-Jones is world renowned as an authority and educator of African-American gospel. She was reared in the church, hence her original musical influence was Black pentecostal music.

Before her Friday night performance, Williams-Jones will give several workshops on her stylistic concepts. On Feb 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. she will have a session with AGAPE in the Performing Arts Annex. From 6 to 7 p.m. she will be at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist church running a community workshop.

Following that she will be the guest soloist at an ecumenical service at the church. AGAPE and participants in the community workshop will also render selections.

Williams-Jones' selections include arrangements of the old spirituals which retain the traditional ethos with interpretations of modern, formally delivered Black music. This repertoire is rounded out with songs of Black songwriters such as Andre Crouch, James Cleveland, Walter and Edwin Hawkins and more.

Williams-Jones is widely sought as an educator/consultant by colleges and performing groups. She was the research consultant for the film "Say, Amen, Somebody."

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# State siting commission attempts

## Greeted by mass opposition, state fails to conduct any tests;

by Brian Folker

Despite three recent attempts by the state Siting Commission to inspect sites for a nuclear waste facility in Allegany County, protesters have prevented the team from performing any tests.

The Allegany County Non-Violent Action Group, using a sophisticated network of communication, has kept a 24-hour watch on the proposed sites in West Almond, Caneadea and Allen.

Twenty-nine protesters from four counties were arrested Jan. 19 in West Almond when the Siting Commission's technical team attempted to conduct pre-characterization studies on the site.

Protesters blocked the road with a truck and trailer and stood in front of the vehicles with locked arms. Those arrested were taken by state police to the County Courthouse in Belmont, arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct and released. Many protesters were back with

the group after their arraignment, ready to be arrested again.

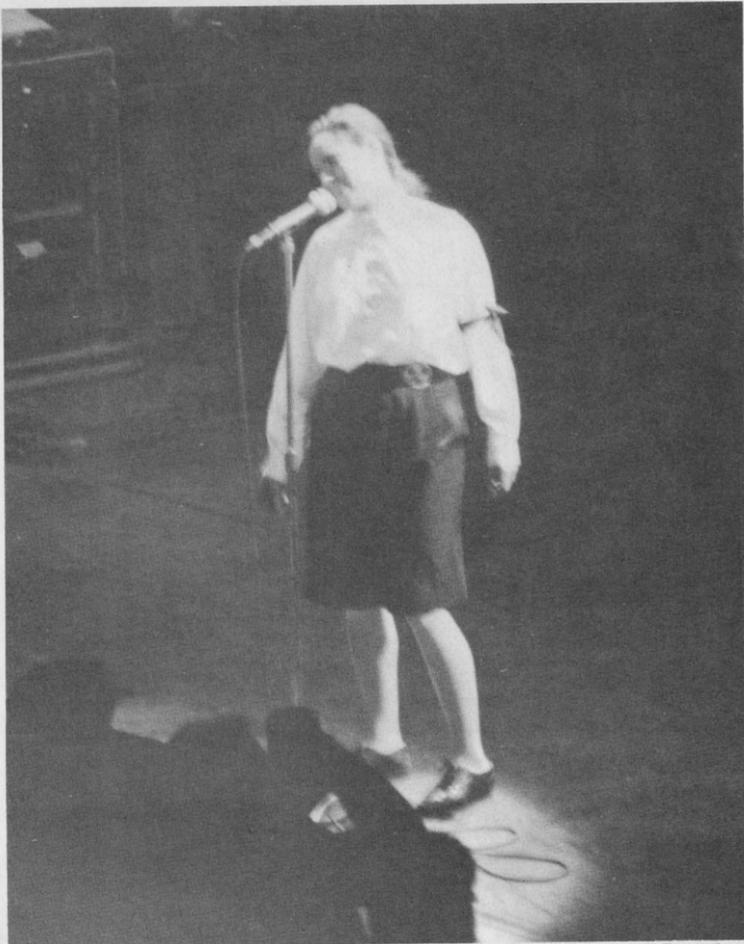
According to the Hornell Tribune, Lt. Charles McCole realized the arrests were futile; commission representatives were escorted away from the site by state police. Those arrested were scheduled to appear in West Almond town court at a later date.

Two days earlier the team attempted to inspect the Caneadea site but were turned away by protesters blocking the eight ac-

cess roads to the site. At about 10 a.m. Bruce Goodale, chairman of the advisory committee to the commission, asked Allegany County Sheriff Larry Scholes for assistance.

Fifteen state troopers arrived on the scene and eight protesters were arrested, including the owner of the site, Charles Barnes. All were charged with disorderly conduct.

Last Dec. 13, 88 protesters surrounded the state's technical team and Sheriff



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On Dec. 17 the 10,000 Maniacs brought over 1,400 people to the McLane Center for a concert to benefit the Concerned Citizens of Allegany County. The Jamestown-based band raised over \$10,000 for CCAC.



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Richard "Spike" Jones (in van) of the Allegany County Non-Violent Action Group confers with protesters at a road-block at the Caneadea site. The Siting Commission was later spotted at the Allen site.



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Sheriff Scholes (center) and a member of the Siting Commissions' technical team (left) are surrounded by protesters at the Allen site. Protesters held the team captive for four hours in below-freezing temperatures.



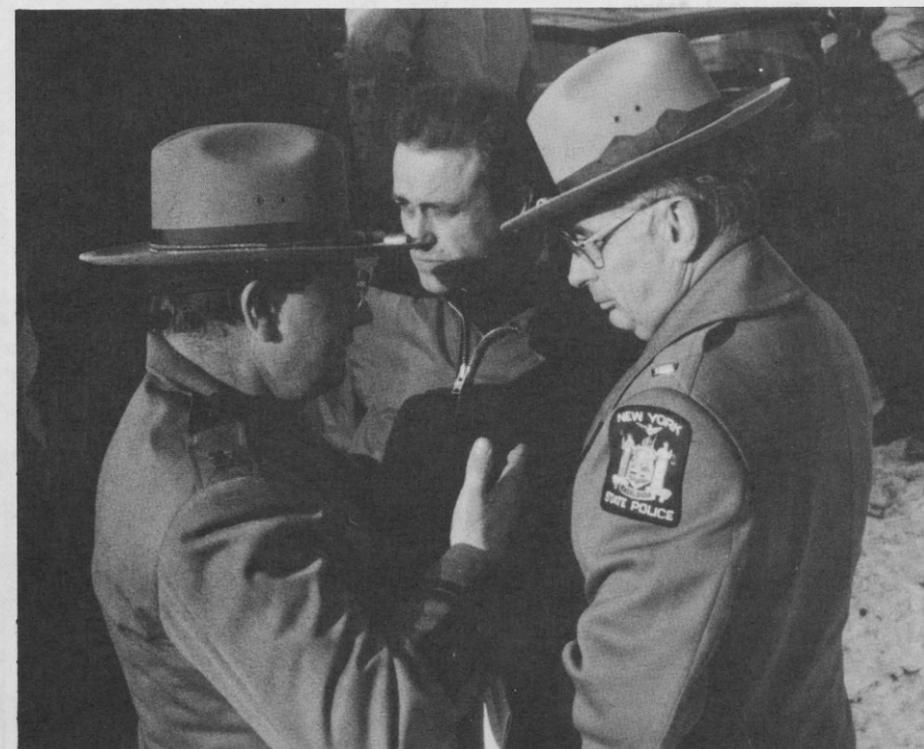
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After finding two empty vehicles belonging to the Siting Commission at the Allen site, protesters traipse into the woods in search of the team.



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Protesters escort a "stray" member of the Commissions' technical team back to the main group.



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Allegany County Sheriff Larry Scholes (center) speaks in private with state troopers about what to do with the protesters.

# walk-over of Allegany sites

## 37 protesters arrested for civil disobedience

Scholes when they attempted to inspect a site in the town of Allen. Protesters held the team in bitter cold temperatures for four hours in the middle of a desolate road. The group disbanded after William Giovanniello, the landowner, decided to press charges against the state team for trespassing. He said the siting commission never notified him that it would be inspecting his land. Allegany County District Attorney James Euken later said there was not enough evidence

against the team to go to court. Three protesters were charged in the incident. Dr. Stuart Campbell, professor of history; Dr. William Coch, Allegany County medical advisor; and Richard "Spike" Jones were charged with disorderly conduct. They were charged because they were the only protesters who could be identified with any certainty. The protesters were originally to appear in the town of Allen court but the case was reassigned to the town of Amity.

The siting commission asked the State Supreme Court in Buffalo for an injunction against the protests but were turned down. Judge Jerome Gorski refused the injunction on the grounds that local law enforcement agencies are capable of handling the protests.

Last week in Cortland County, District Attorney Richard Shay decided to drop all charges against protesters who have blocked siting commission teams from testing land there. In addition to dropping

charges against protesters, Shay also wrote a letter to Governor Cuomo defending his decision.

However, Allegany County District Attorney James Euken has said he will not drop charges against protesters here. The siting commission plans to announce the final site selection in late spring.

An ex-resident of Wellsville now living in Rochester said that if Allegany County is selected, "I'll be driving down there every day to shoot out tires."



The Siting Commission representatives, Sheriff Scholes and Dr. Stuart Campbell of ACNAG discuss the confrontation with the media. There were no arrests made but three of the main leaders of the protest were later charged with disorderly conduct. The charges were eventually dropped.



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## Intramurals

by Rowdy Dowdy

If this is winter, then it must be time to start C-Block intramural sports.

And so it is that basketball and inner-tube water polo begin this week. Aerobics at Davis Gym also hits full strike this week with open classes offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon and 7:30 p.m.

There will be an open racquetball tournament Saturday, Feb. 3. Interested individuals may sign up at the Intramurals Office in McLane Center.

This is also the first week of recording for the Century 100 Club, a fitness club open to all. Simply stop by the IM office and fill out a recording card of your weekly aerobic activities or call #3104 if you have questions.

And as I depart Alfred for Bard College, allow me the pleasure to thank the many of you who have supported the intramurals programs and have made my stay here enjoyable. Thanks.

## Women's Swimming

by Grace Parent

The Lady Saxon swim team hosted Allegheny at Alfred this past Saturday. Though the Saxons suffered a 183-45 loss, the team showed impressive times. Sue Kriegsman dropped an amazing 30 seconds off her best 1000 Free time (14:16.75). Sue Hach, who is leading the team in points, swam her best 200 I.M. (2:31.75). Michelle Connolly did her best 100 Breast time (1:19.68). Katie Porter brought in two first places in the 50 Free (26.64) and the 100

Back (1:06.59).

Wednesday the team traveled to SUNY Binghamton. The Lady Saxons tried their best against a team three times their size. Katie Porter once again took first place in the 50 Free (27.13) and the 100 back (1:06.22). Sue Hach placed second in the 100 I.M. (1:11.54) while Michelle Connolly also took second in the 100 Breast (1:20.60). Alfred took first and second in the 200 Free Relay. The relay team of Amy Sutkus, Megan Smith, Cassandra Chororos

and Connolly swam a 2:01.51 while Sue Knack, Kriegsman, Hach and Porter swam a 2:03.53.

The Lady Saxons will be swimming against Niagara the 27th of January. They will be heading to State Finals at Hamilton College February 15)18th. With the hard work they put in during their Winter Training trip in Florida and dedication, the team is optimistic that they will place in the top half of teams. Also, Katie Porter will be trying to qualify for Nationals.

## Lady Saxons flirt with .500 record

by Carolyn Clark

The Alfred University women's basketball team could not hold off a late second half threat by RPI in their 56-52 defeat.

The Lady Saxons led the game until a controversial call that gave RPI the ball and the lead by one, 44-43, with eight minutes remaining. In the remainder of the game, the women only came within four points of the Lady Engineers' lead.

Junior Tracy Smith shot impressively from the floor (6-for-11) and from the line (2-for-2) to finish the night with a game-

high 14 points. Senior Beth Mott followed Smith with 10 points and a team-leading 12 rebounds, five assists and four steals.

In earlier action, the Lady Saxons travelled north to face St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

In the first game, the women received a good effort by all in their 54-52 victory over St. Lawrence.

Sophomore Deb Perl led the offensive attack with 15 points while Mott followed close behind with 12 points. Mott also pulled down a game-high eight rebounds.

In the second game, AU came back and held a strong Clarkson team before finally falling, 66-52.

Perl paced the Lady Saxons with a game-high 13 points. Mott collected 12 points, 13 rebounds, six assists, three steals and a blocked shot. Smith contributed 12 points, five rebounds, four steals, two assists and two blocked shots.

The Lady Saxons face St. Lawrence and Clarkson in their upcoming home court action, February 2-3.

## Saxon hoopsters struggle, lose 67-63

by Greg Cohen

The Alfred University Saxons basketball team lost control in the closing minutes of the game on January 26 against RPI (9-5), losing the ICAC matchup, 67-63. Tom Hall led the Saxons with 14 points and 10 rebounds in the home loss.

Previously, AU hit the road against St. Lawrence and Clarkson, splitting the week-end schedule.

The Saxons rolled over the Saints, 89-70, as Rob Kornaker racked up 25 points. Dan Harris added 23 points. Kevin Jones, one of the nation's assist leaders, was credited with 10 assists. Against Clarkson, AU had a 46-36 lead going into halftime.

Kornaker's 26 point and Hall's 18 point efforts weren't enough as AU lost 99-92 in double overtime. Jones had 15 assists.

The Saxons, 2-5 in the ICAC, have 10 games (3 ICAC) remaining on their schedule.

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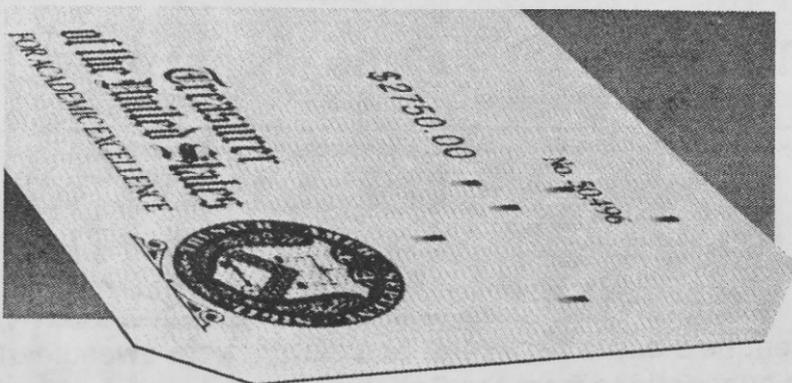
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## Men's swimming undefeated

by Grace Parent

Wednesday, the Alfred Men's swim team traveled to SUNY Binghamton, defeating them 132-99. This improved their record to 6-0. Alfred took first in the 200 Medley Relay with Mike Klemann, Reed Wright, Rick Stakel and Keith Iwinski (1:42.22). Tom Reed placed first in the 200 Free (1:50.70) while Bill Dove took second (1:52.27). AU swept first, second and third in the 50 Free with Stakel (22.94), Paul O'Brian (23.52) and Eric Reichert (23.94). In the 200 I.M., AU finished in the top three: Mike Coble (2:14.79), Steve Fasano (2:15.77) and Dave McBride (2:21.02). Andy Meyer won the 200 Fly (2:07.65). Klemann (51.04), O'Brian (51.26) and Reichert (52.85) took the top three places again in the 100 Free. Coble won the 500 Free with a time of 5:14.34. Wright finished first in the 100 breast (1:02.53). Alfred won the 200 Free Relay with the team of Stakel, Meyer, O'Brian and Iwinski (1:32.67). Frank O'Conner placed second in both 1 meter (185) and 3 meter (199) diving.

The swim team defeated Allegheny this Saturday 145-94. Top place performers were numerous. Dove and Winkky both had two firsts. Dove swam the 500 Free in 4:58.13 and the 1000 Free in 10:15.63. Winkky won the 100 Back with a time of 56.47 and 200 I.M. with a 2:03.92. Iwinski took first place in the 50 Free (22.27) while Stakel won the 100 Fly (52.60). Wright placed first in the 100 Breast (1:01.00).

January 27th the team will be travelling to Ithaca College.

## Former Saxon plays against Globetrotters

by Greg Cohen

Tim Burkhardt returned to Alfred last Friday night, but he wasn't wearing purple and gold in front of the crowd at the soldout McLane Center Gym.

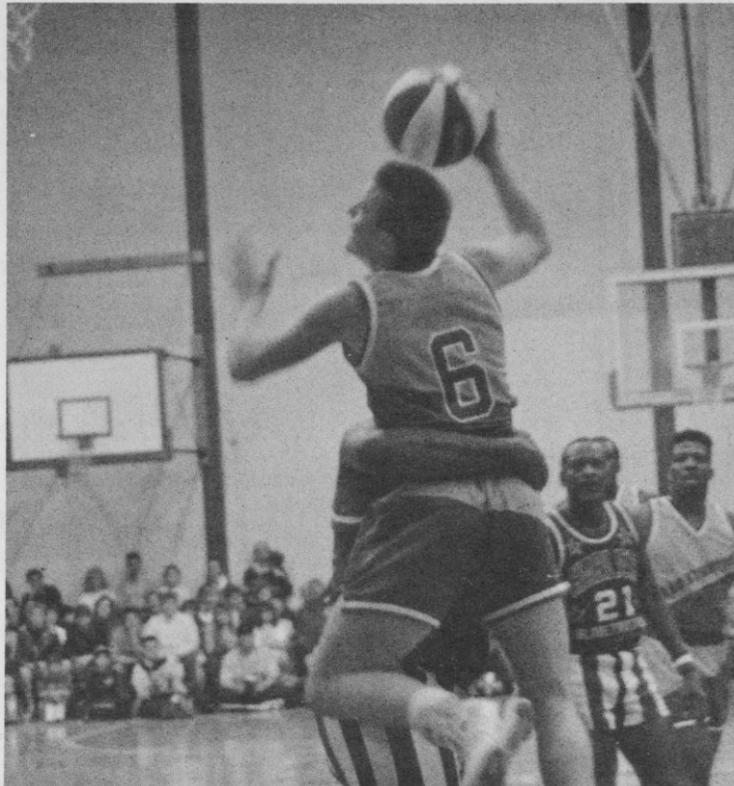
Burkhart, a Saxon hoopster in 1986, is now playing with the Washington Generals, the team that travels and plays with the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters. Burkhardt is now in his second year of travelling around the world with the Globetrotters.

"It's always nice to be home...especially with the standing ovation," Burkhardt said.

"When they introduced me, it meant so much."

Burkhart, a native of Hornell, began his college career at Alfred State College and transferred to AU. After AU, Burkhardt played with Meadowlark Lemon's Shooting Stars (a Globetrotter spinoff), travelling to Sweden and other European countries.

Burkhart tried out for the Continental Basketball Association, but stayed with the Generals. Burkhardt says that he's content with his job and isn't planning any moves.



A Harlem Globetrotter puts a grab on a Washington General (6) at the McLane Center gym

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## Cohen's Corner

by Greg Cohen

I wonder who will be the next Major League Baseball player to jump on the crazy contract bandwagon? I think they've either all been pegged by wild pitches on the noggin or I've been doing a Rip Van Winkle routine for some time now.

Darryl Strawberry is probably next, but I just don't see him joining the magic \$3 million club. He has the power, but the strikeouts, the batting average and the attitude won't cut it. I know the Mets won't offer that kind of money.

Now they're talking about a strike. What's going on here. I could swear the average salary is around \$300,000. Oh yeah, the owners didn't throw in a cut in the proceeds. I could swear that the athletes are employees. If they want a piece of the action, why don't they spend some time in the front office.

Wait, that's no good. They don't write too well. A matter of fact, most of them didn't go to college, which isn't necessarily saying a great deal about the ones who did.

Don't the players care that the fan pays in the end? I don't think baseball stands a chance if this continues. Unless, we can fit in some more primo ad time.

Former Alfred University football coach Sam Sanders was named head football coach at SUNY-Buffalo last Wednesday.

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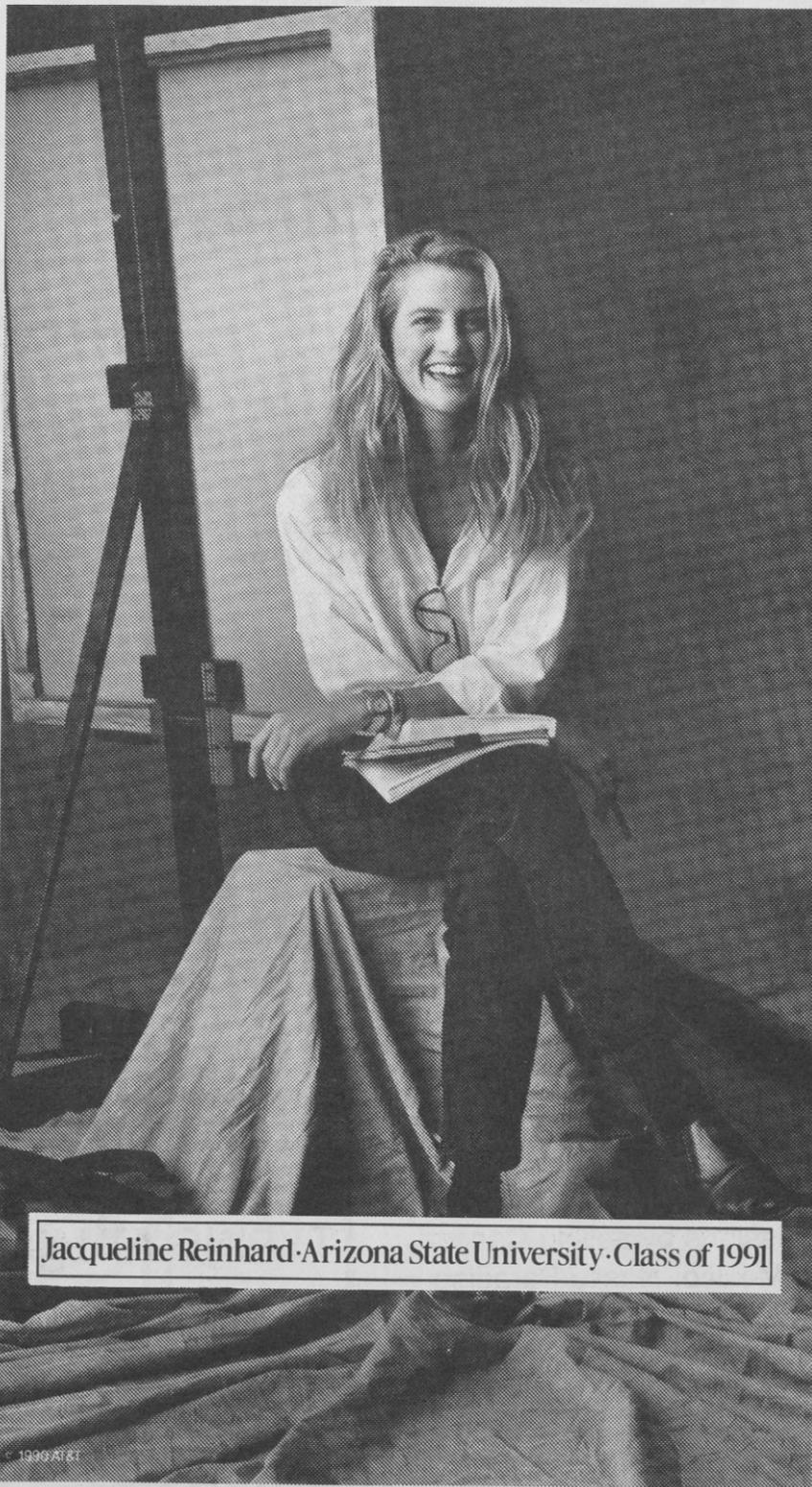
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