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Barresi residents benefit from choice accommodations

by Eric N. Jung, copy editor

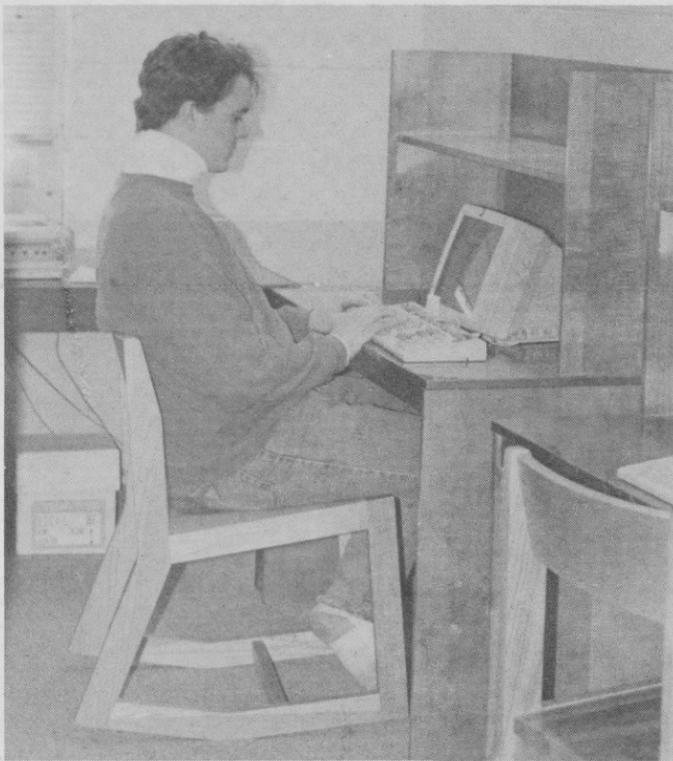
The gap between living conditions in the newly-renovated Barresi Hall and other campus housing has irked some students at AU.

"I think they have a lot of advantages we don't," said April Belanger, a freshman living in Cannon. "I think we should have gotten a discount for living here [in Cannon]. One of my friends dropped out the first week

because this place is such a s--thole." "On the surface, there is a big difference in appearance," said Sue Smith, acting dean of students.

"In reality though, the service we provide to students in all residence halls is essentially standard. Yes, Barresi looks nice, but it's not like they have a swimming pool or a jacuzzi there."

Barresi was renovated during the 1991-92 academic year. New furniture, window screens, cable TV hook-ups and computer modems were provided for every room. In addition, the corridors and rooms were carpeted and a new lighting system, providing greater illumination, was installed. Barresi residents also have use of modernized kitchen and bathing facilities (the shower rooms have stalls for greater privacy and there are bathtubs on the



Thomas Heusser sits in Baressi VAX room. There are four VAX terminals in this room.

Senators vote in new exec board

by Susanne Dunn, arts editor

The candidates for senate positions sat in the MacNamara room in South Hall last Wednesday looking nervous. The individuals currently holding those positions look partly happy, partly despondent. They had the look of people who couldn't figure out if they loved to hate their jobs or hated to love them.

Aaron Kessler, former vice president and current president of senate, replaced Ron Little, and in his first duty, presented the candidates. Ron Little then took his place in the audience and watched the proceedings.

Megan Healy and Laurie Wurtz ran for secretary. Wurtz, a junior public administration major, won the election by the vote of 12-10. She is an adopt-a-youth big sister, works in public relations for Earth Watch, is RHC treasurer, and has been working with

April Menza, the former secretary, to prepare for the position, she says.

Running for treasurer were Tim Stahl and Mary Link. Link, a sophomore accounting major, grabbed this position by another vote of 12-10. She is also associated with adopt-a-youth and is currently a campus tour guide, an RA hopeful, and attended the recent Leadership conference. Link holds a 3.75 average in her business courses. "I am very organizational and responsible," said Link.

Joe Difoglio, a junior communications major who wishes to go into advertising, took over the publicity director position formerly held by Dave Levin. Levin commented that Difoglio was "very responsible" and very qualified.

Tanya Matos is now vice president and Aaron Kessler is president. Both ran unopposed.

second and third floors). The residence hall also has space set aside for recreation and study rooms and is equipped with four VAX terminals and a printer.

Eileen Deming, a freshman who moved into Barresi this semester, believes that the residence hall is superior to the others for the same price. "It's true. We're getting a better facility and not having to pay more," Deming said.

She also believes that Barresi residents, because of the building's furnishings, are receiving special treatment. "It will stay that way until they even things up."

"While Barresi was being rebuilt, we considered providing the other halls with new screens for the windows and more computer terminals," Smith said. "But our cost estimates told us that, in the long run, it will be cheaper to make those changes when we completely renovate those buildings."

Belanger believes Barresi's computing facilities are not being shared fairly. "We were using one of their VAX terminals and they kicked us out. They have four and we have one. You try to compensate for something and they treat you like this," she said.

Chris Chimera, another Barresi resident, agrees that life is good in the residence hall. "The new furniture is great and the new lighting, all around

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Administration to determine face of campus

by Jonathan Springer, copy editor

AU's 150-year history has witnessed the erection and demolition of numerous buildings. Soon the administration will have to decide the fate of the Kanakadea, Brick and Steinheim.

Kanakadea Hall is the fourth oldest building standing on the AU campus. Its halls have felt the footsteps of four generations of students since the 1907 fire which destroyed its upper floors. There is one type of footsteps its floor don't feel anymore: those of prospective students.

"Kanakadea has been taken off campus tours," says Dr. Tom Peterson, chair of the division of human studies.

"It's a gorgeous building, one of the oldest on campus, but it's been neglected for years. There's shoddy panelling that was put in years ago. The whole building is a fire hazard."

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Greek Pledge count rises

by Marcus Sperling, staff writer

AU fraternities and sororities have seen a general increase in their pledge numbers this spring.

Fraternity Delta Sigma Phi has the largest pledge class, numbering 19. Rush functions included a Super Bowl party, a fustball tournament and a spaghetti dinner, according to brother Gary Marcoccia.

Alpha Chi Rho has 12 "postulants" this semester. According to brother Ben Herendeen, rush functions included a barbeque, snow volleyball and a Ren and Stimpy festival.

Zeta Beta Tau has 12 new brothers. At ZBT, pledges are brothered after three days but then go through an eight week initiation period. ZBT sponsored movie nights and spaghetti dinners as part of its rush functions. "The brothers worked real hard. We ended up with 12 quality new brothers, which doubled our brotherhood. We're psyched," said rush chairman Dave Hyman.

According to Darryl Hebler, rush chair for local fraternity Klan Alpine, rush events included Monday Night Football and a casino night. Klan has 11 pledges.

Kappa Sigma has six pledges. Rush functions included bowling and a movie night.

Kappa Psi Upsilon began with five pledges, but now has four. According to brother Jon Frommelt, "All rush functions were dry. They were all dry, we broke no rules, and we paid the price."

National fraternity Sigma Alpha Mu has four pledges. Rush functions included casino night, a hockey

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Pagan religion seeks recognition on campus

by Thomas Tracy, managing editor

As I watched Dave sip his coffee, I found it hard to believe that the person in front of me would describe himself as a witch. Where was the pale green skin, the pointed black hat?

As he sat before me in the Collegiate, David Holmes, an AU sophomore who is majoring in theater studies, was wearing a red lumberjack shirt and jeans. His unkempt black hair reached down to the collar of his black leather jacket. After painting the sets for the latest theater production *The Marriage of Bette and Boo* all day, brown paint speckled his hands.

The only jewelry Holmes wore that might make the casual passerby think he was involved in the "arcane arts" was a small pentagram ring on his left hand. According to Holmes, the pentagram has many different meanings, but none of them, as far as he's concerned, refer to Satanism or human sacrifices.

Holmes is a self proclaimed pagan, and has received some flack from other religious groups after announcing it on campus.

I thought the term pagan was a very derogatory term. Holmes countered that "pagan" and "witch" are the least offensive words used to describe what he is.

"Witch actually means 'wise one,'" said Holmes. "Over time, people began to think that witches don't exist or that they are Satan worshippers."

Holmes' religion is known as Wicca, which is recognized by the United States government and claims to have about 85,000 members in the North East. In Alfred, there are about ten people practicing Wicca.

"We tried to get together and put posters up," said Holmes. This action, however, received negative responses.

"People started tearing the posters down," said Holmes. "I also received some VAX messages from members of Sonlife and B.A.S.I.C [Brothers and Sisters in Christ] telling me that this town wasn't big enough for both our religions and that 'the gauntlet has been thrown.' As soon as I became visible, I got no end of that type of s--t."

Feature Photo

Matt Silverio



Photo taken during '92 spring break trip with the Forest People.

Geoff Dobbin, a member of B.A.S.I.C. who criticized Holmes' announcement of Wicca on campus, believes that the threats Holmes received were not physical in nature.

"The opposition that Holmes received was a spiritual reference," said Dobbin. "The reference to the gauntlet being thrown was a spiritual threat which means that we have been praying against him."

Revealing some of his own personal views, Dobbin recognizes only one true religion — Christianity. According to Dobbin, any other religion is either man made or inspired by Satan.

Dobbin believes that Wicca is a product of both.

"It wouldn't be seen as such by a practitioner," said Dobbin. "Some people would see Wicca inspired by Satan."

Although Holmes dislikes the ridicule he received from making his polytheistic religion known, he believes that the announcement of the Wiccan religion in Alfred is important.

"It's important to know that we exist out there and to let them know that we are just ordinary people like everyone else."

Holmes, who started practicing Wicca at age fifteen and has recently joined a Wiccan group in Rochester, claims that the major principals in Wicca maintain that there is divinity in everything

(including the hamburgers in the Jet, he adds) and that there are two major god-like forces, one male, one female. Wiccans also believe that all Gods and Goddesses are equally legitimate.

"We can worship anyone we please," said Holmes. "We believe that as long as you don't hurt anybody, you can do what you want."

Although Wicca has Celtic origins, Holmes says that there are many different traditions.

"There are as many different Wiccan traditions as there are Protestant groups," said Holmes.

Wicca, says Holmes, is very nature oriented.

Although Wicca and the other religions in Alfred are very different in nature and traditions, it seems that the reasons for joining are very similar—Holmes was attracted to the beliefs and practices, just like an adult who decides to become baptized.

"I liked Wicca's beliefs on how to do things," said Holmes as he finished his third cup of coffee. "I also like the people involved."

While witches, witchcraft and paganism in general are controversial topics in the religious community, my interview with Holmes shattered several personal stereotypes. As I left the Collegiate, I did so with a greater understanding of the religious climate in Alfred.

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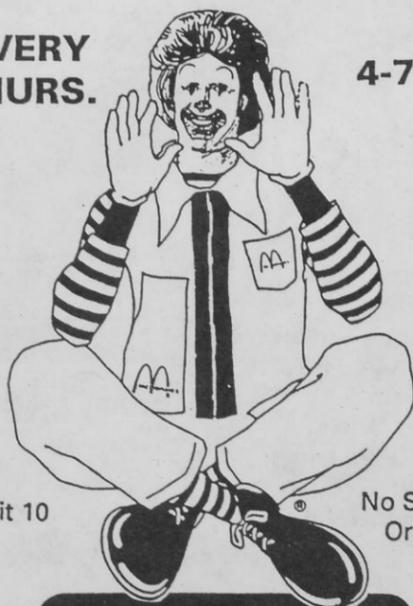
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Miller brings sneak preview to AU

by Kit Luhrs, contributor

On Feb. 23, Bob Miller, associate dean for student activities, brought the movie Amos and Andrew to the Nevins Campus Theatre.

This film was done as a publicity event for the production company Castle Rock Entertainment. Events like this one are common at colleges and universities all over the country. The point of doing something like this is "publicity, pure and simple," commented Miller. The production company hopes that students who see this movie will like it and tell their friends to see it.

This is not the first time that Miller has been involved in bringing a yet-to-be-released film to a college campus. In the past, Miller brought the films Chariots of Fire and Kramer v. Kramer to other colleges where he worked.

Because Alfred has the capacity to show 35mm films it is an ideal venue for preview screenings. In fact, Miller is currently working on bringing a preview screening of the Miramar film Beyond the Mind's Eye, a sequel to The Mind's Eye, which was previewed at other colleges last year. As yet, there is no date set for this film's arrival.

282 students came to Tuesday's screening. Miller said that representatives of Castle Rock "were more than pleased" with the turnout. One of the largest draws of this movie is star Nicholas Cage. Cage has starred in many popular films such as Wild At Heart, Raising Arizona and Vampire's Kiss.

The plot of Amos and Andrew focuses on Cage's character, small time crook Amos Odell, and his relationship with a wealthy black playwright and "angry voice of his people," Andrew Sterling.

Sterling, played by up and coming actor Samuel L. Jackson, moves into a summer home on an exclusive resort island. When the neighbors stop by to visit, they see Sterling assembling his stereo and,

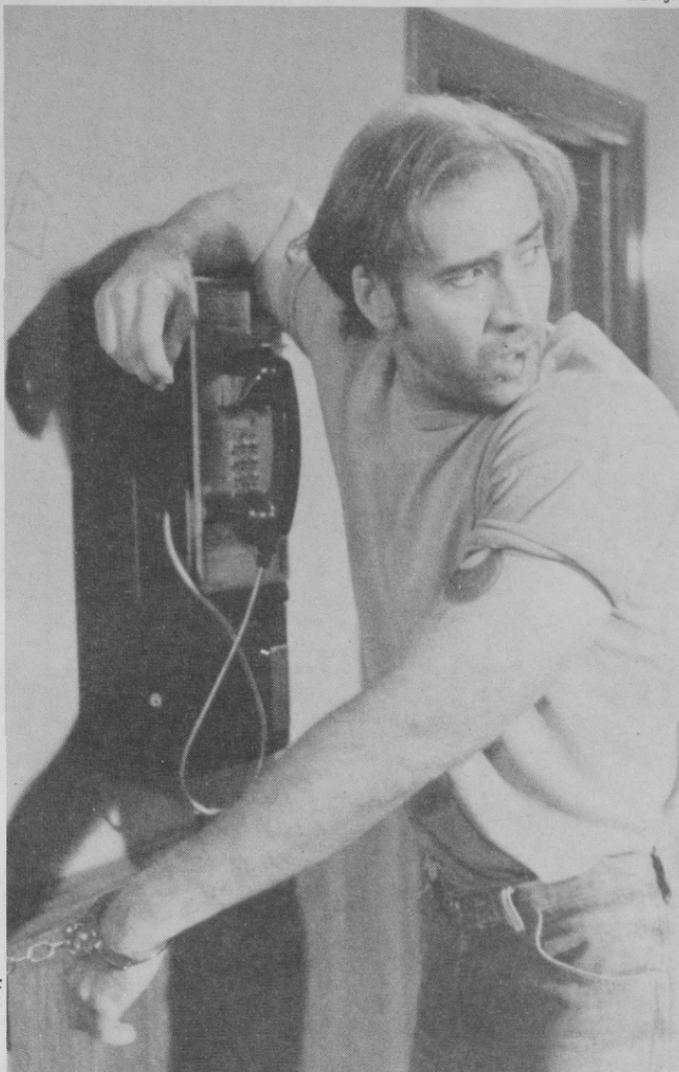
because of his race, automatically assume that he is burglarizing the house. The police agree and decide to shoot first and ask questions later.

Amos Odell, recently wrongly arrested, makes a deal with the police to go in and take Sterling hostage in order to cover up their mistake. Odell is assured by the police chief, who is up for re-election, that he will be set free in Canada in return for his convenient surrender.

This starts the adventure. The hostage story brings in the press, which alerts militant Reverend Fenton Brunch. Brunch organizes a group of protesters who eventually, but quite unintentionally, set Sterling's house on fire.

Ironically, on the same night this scene was filmed, the riots broke out in Los Angeles. "It was frightening and poignant for everybody," revealed director and writer E. Max Frye about that night. He felt that many of the issues brought to national attention by the riots reflect the message of the film.

The theme of the movie is racial and economic understanding. When poor,



Nicolas Cage in Amos & Andrew

white Amos Odell and wealthy, prominent and angry Andrew Sterling are forced to cooperate in order to survive, they learn to deal with each other and, by the end of the film, overcome their prejudices and relate to one another as equals.

Despite the fine acting and timely message, this film has several weak points. The major one is sheer ridiculousness. Some of the film's major tension points are more funny than gripping because they are so inconceivable. Somehow, with few exceptions, the satire does not work. My recommendation is that rather than paying theater admission, wait until Amos and Andrew comes out on video.

Coming Soon

Peter Kahn
Fosdick Nelson Gallery
March 17

Alternative Cinema
Dark Side of the Moon
Holmes Theatre
March 18, 9 p.m.

Unforgiven
Nevins Theatre
March 19, 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.

Jamie Notarthomas
Musician, Ade Lobby
March 19, 9:30 p.m.

Sweet Honey in the Rock
Harder Hall
March 20, 8 p.m.

Coffeehouse
R&D, The Commons
March 20, 9:45 p.m.

Sarafina
Nevins Theatre
March 21, 8 p.m.

Open-Mike Night
The Commons
March 27, 9:45 p.m.

SAB Gong Show
Ade Lobby
March 31, 9 p.m.

The brothers of Kappa Psi Upsilon ask the students of Alfred University to be considerate of all Alfred University residents.

Please respect the privacy of our neighbors when going to and leaving social functions.

IGC brings Officer Friendly to AU

by Sarah Goodreau, staff writer

Grunge comes to Alfred University! Was it Pearl Jam? Was it Alice in Chains?

No. It was The Vast and Officer Friendly, two Rochester bands who played in Ade Lobby on Saturday February 26.

The event was sponsored by Inter Greek Council, of Alfred University. Dave Francis, a Sigma Alpha Mu brother was influential in bringing the bands to Alfred.

The Vast, who opened for Officer Friendly were a fairly good band whose grunge influence was very noticeable.

Officer Friendly also played in the style of the very popular Seattle sound.

Officer Friendly was a very enthusiastic and crowd friendly group of performers. They played their own original music, as well as covers of popular songs by groups such as Alice in Chains.

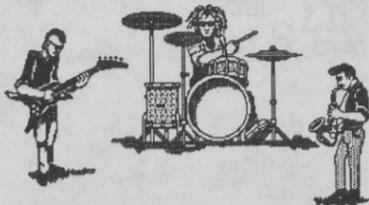
The crowd at Ade, unfortunately became decreasingly smaller as the night went on, leaving a nearly empty room towards the end of the night.

Officer Friendly has an album coming out in the fall.

FIAT QuickBit

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It's a Friday night in Alfred and for most people, another weekend of parties. After all, what else is there to do? Sure, AU and SAB has taken steps to address this, such as increasing the number of events on the calendar and bringing in the Coffeehouse series. But the fact remains that more needs to be done.

The one thing that AU needs most and which could address many of these problems is a field house. Imagine having a 200 meter indoor track, four indoor tennis courts, four full-length basketball courts, and more. After all, this is what Hobart/William Smith's field house contains. Why don't we have one?

Let's face it, AU's athletic facilities are below par compared to most other college facilities. There's no hockey rink, no baseball diamonds, no outdoor basketball courts, and most astounding, NO FIELD HOUSE.

So now you respond, "I don't skate, run track, or play tennis. We're doing just fine without any of these facilities. McLane Center and Merrill Field will suffice."

However, this leads to the most important fact. None of our present facilities are revenue generating. If we had a field house, the indoor tennis courts could be used to generate revenue. A hockey rink would serve the same purpose through

selling the "ice time" to area hockey teams and having open skating for students on Friday and Saturday nights. There is more than one AU professor who shells out \$16 an hour for indoor tennis at St. Bonaventure.

These new facilities would no doubt increase the interest of high school students in attending AU, and perhaps even increase student retention.

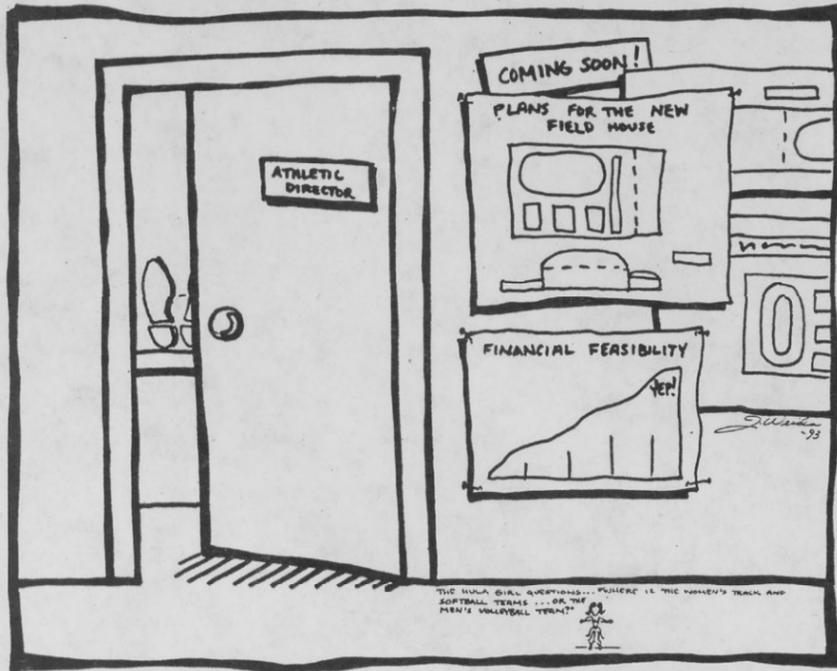
According to the admissions office, only

A field house would not only serve intercollegiate athletics at AU, but more importantly, would give the average student a place to run other than in the freezing cold, a place to play basketball, since most times the gym is occupied by sports teams, a place to play tennis in the winter, and so on. It would be a place for recreational use.

Even President Edward G. Coll, Jr. thinks "we need [a field house] desperately."

According to Peter Fackler, vice president of business and finance, the idea is in its "programming phase." A feasibility study is being conducted with plans to have a campus wide student survey toward the end of the semester. The survey will consist of questions concerning what students think. Students will be asked to respond in writing about what "should belong in a field house" and have the opportunity to address other concerns. AU

students should not be content to wait for this survey. If you feel we need these facilities, call Hank Ford, AU's athletic director, at x2193 and tell him your opinion. Call President Coll at x2101, and Sue Strong, acting dean of students, at x2134. Whatever you do, don't let this opportunity to improve facilities at AU slip away.



"PRESENTLY THE FEASIBILITY OF ADDING NEW ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IS QUESTIONABLE DUE TO THE LACK OF FUNDS."

47% of the 1987 freshmen class graduated on time. What happened to the rest of them? A good number most likely transferred to other schools that offered more than just a good education. Although a good education is important, it is obviously not the only consideration. This can be clearly seen in the retention numbers.

Letters

To the editor,

This is concerning the February 17th issue on the article "Sorority hopefuls await approval." I feel I was misrepresented in the statement that "the nationals seemed better than the sororities in Alfred." I was misunderstood by the writer, and my statement was taken out of context. I feel that nationals are different than locals here at Alfred, not necessarily "better". Because of this misrepresentation many people were offended. My intention was not to offend anyone, only to justify one of my reasons for interest in starting a national sorority. I would greatly appreciate if you would publish this letter, seeing that if not corrected, it could effect our goals for the future of establishing a national sorority.

Sincerely,
Jodi Csaszar

Clinton's college campaign promise falls by the wayside

Michael Zarkin, copy editor

College students gave then candidate Clinton a significant number of votes in the 1992 presidential election. Aside from general dissatisfaction with President Bush, college students expected Clinton to follow up on his campaign pledge to make college affordable for all.

Sadly, this campaign promise seems to have fallen by the wayside. Many college students expected Clinton to propose and enact legislation that would help in financing a college education.

Those who expected help will have to wait.

Clinton promised to create a National Service Trust Fund. This fund was supposed to enable college students to perform community service, such as working as a social worker, a teacher, or a police officer in return for the cancellation of a significant portion of the student's college loans.

The program was supposed to be open to students from all economic backgrounds. In short, regardless of your family's income, this program was designed to allow you, through community service, to reduce the amount

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Bits n' Pieces

Want to make this semester's Senior Week one to remember? Then join the Senior Week committee. Meetings are Monday at 7 p.m. in room 230 of the Science Center.

Attention Seniors! How often does a senior class have an exclusive gathering before they graduate? That's right...never! Well, your senior class representatives are currently looking to do this in March. Keep your eyes and ears open. Also, think about your contribution to the Senior Class Gift to leave a lasting impression on this university. Let's go out with a "bash."

Escort Service is available at 871-2108. Ask for a security aide. Hours are: Sunday - Thursday, 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. Security aides can also give escorts from an off campus location to another off campus location.

History Notes

Editorial from the March 24, 1980 issue of the Fiat Lux

Note from the editor: this article is very, very bad, and may also be used by the anti-legalization camp.

A Matter of Legalization

Given that an estimated 30 million Americans smoke marijuana, it can be reasonably hypothesized that the U.S. government hands out an astronomical amount of capital to police. This mythically degenerative habit that much of our country has a fancy to partake in, not only is money being excreted "plop by plop," there is a prospective importable commodity that can be taxed revenue in order to relieve some of the burden of all Americans. At present, most government studies that keep this substance illicit, are plagued by poor experimental designs, confounding variables, and overwhelmingly significant results which point to the various politicians' conservative views. Have you ever wondered why most of these government studies aren't included in textbooks you read? A reason could be the fact that most do not adhere, even slightly, to standards set up in serious academic circles. Let's be rational, marijuana should be legalized.

Presently, marijuana use should be as righteous as alcohol or aspirin consumption.

...Most studies on marijuana use are, however, just words for the individual inexperienced in reading scientific literature. The real proof is around the citizen — all 30 million — all involved in violent crimes, sexual indulgence, physical and mental degeneration, psychotic behavior, serious lung damage. The user is not dead in a couple of years, he should be a violent criminal with serious lung damage, struck by physical degeneration, specifically displaying psychotic behaviors and sexually indulgent habits, or so the politician's myth goes.

However, don't worry, pro-pot advocates. If the politician strictly abides to this train of rationale s/he will legalize pot....

Marijuana should be legalized! It will increase police protection, and save the taxpayer a significant amount of money. The government has no substantial proof that pot is choose.

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The meat controversy

Killing is murder

by Susanne Dunn, arts editor

First of all, the idea that vegetarians have to defend themselves for their personal choice is ridiculous. Then again, it isn't the first time that people in this country have been persecuted for having beliefs that conflict with the "norms" of society.

Some vegetarians are so for medical or health reasons. Both nutritional and biomedical studies have shown that vegetarians live longer and are less prone to disease. In cases where people have arthritis, the elimination of dairy products, gluten-containing foods, and animal products decreases stiffness and swelling.

The argument that vegetarians don't get enough protein is not true. A recent study showed that Americans get too much protein and vegetarians are at a healthy level. Vegetarians may lack iron, but with proper care healthy iron levels can be maintained. Most non-vegetarians are mistaken about what a vegetarian eats. I've heard "how can you live on vegetables?" more times than I can remember. Vegetarians still eat pasta, beans, breads, soups, as well as vegetables. Some vegetarians still eat small amounts of meat and fish. Americans need to change their thinking from meat as a main dish and vegetables as a side dish to the opposite.

The most controversial argument regards what some consider the immorality of eating animals. Not all vegetarians hold this position.

Most Americans believe that it is still necessary for survival to eat meat. It is not. Most Americans believe that hunting is necessary for survival. It is not.

One may ask why certain animals are considered proper for eating. No one would ever consider, in our society, to eat their pet dog or cat, but it is very normal to eat a chicken or a cow. Why were these animals chosen? Perhaps because they are less aesthetically pleasing. Perhaps because they aren't as convenient a food source.

People in our society have been conditioned to see eating meat as normal. Most of them don't realize how these animals are killed and how they are treated before they are killed.

The veal industry is the most repre-

hensible. The baby calves are kept in boxes not much bigger than the animals themselves, in total darkness, unable to move, and fed a diet deprived of essential nutrients in order to make the meat more tender.

Some people may consider the way these animals are killed "humane." The idea that any killing is humane is absurd.

For those that are religious, it is not God's intention that animals be eaten. Misinterpretation of the Bible has caused many conflicts. From a religious perspective, animals were put in the world to serve God's interests, not man's interests. The relationship between man and animal should be the same as the relationship between God and man.

Another large controversy is hunting. Most hunting is done for sport, which is heartless and cruel. Especially cruel is bow-hunting, which requires the hunter to shoot the animal with an arrow and track it while the animal runs wounded, suffering a painful death.

The argument that hunting's purpose is to control the population is a cover to defend hunters' real enjoyment in killing. The main reason that there is a population problem is because, in one way or another, we have killed off these animals' natural predators, of which man is not one. Most hunters kill males rather than females. How does that decrease population? They just want the pregnant mothers to produce more so they can go back and kill them next season and cite "humane" death as their reason.

Many people in this country are turning vegetarian for their own personal reasons. Many restaurants are feeling the necessity to change to meet vegetarian needs. 33% of people who eat in restaurants order vegetarian dishes. 86% say taste is a persuasive factor. It is a great myth that vegetarian food is bland.

People are starting to realize that vegetarianism is good for health and well being. However, vegetarianism is a personal choice and should not be forced on anyone. Therefore, if I am asked for my opinion, I give it. Otherwise, it's your business. The decision is yours.

Hey... I'm Hungry

by Chad R. Bowman, editor

He sits in the far corner of the smoking section of the Brick, tossing salt on his freshly-sliced roast beef.

"Do you know that you are eating the flesh of a dead animal? Some animal died so that you could eat him. He was probably cute and fuzzy."

He glances up from his meal. "Well, he may have been cute and fuzzy, but he's my lunch now."

Between bites, he appraises her tossed salad. Smiling, he asks, "Do you know that thousands of animals died so you could eat that salad?"

Her brows crinkle together.

"When fields are plowed, thousands of insects, mice, and other animals are killed. Not to mention pesticides. There's blood on your plate, too, honey."

She stutters.

"Do you think it's fine to kill a deer mouse when you plow a field but not a deer when the population is running wild because we've killed off their natural predators? Who are you to judge one life over another?"

"But...slaughterhouses. They're treated horrible. Veal...did you know they don't even let them move?"

He thinks for a moment. "I don't like veal."

Shocked at his callousness, she searches for another line of attack.

"So you condone killing for food?"

He thinks. "I'm hungry. Besides, death is part of the natural life cycle. Anything you eat causes death—a plant is alive, you know. They've hooked up polygraphs to them and discovered that plants can sense emotion. You killed that poor salad. And that carrot. And that green pepper. And those sprouts..."

She pushes her salad away. Thoughts of starvation clearly cross her mind.

He laughs. "Look, what you choose to eat is your business. I just have a problem with broad ethical judgments."

"Be honored to eat what you do. You are celebrating part of the life cycle. I know America denies death, but it does happen to everything, after all."

She stands and goes in search of a more enjoyable conversation.

He finishes his lunch and heads to class.

...Clinton's college campaign promise

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you would have to pay on any loans you have.

The National Service Trust Fund is now being gradually phased in. It will probably not take effect until after any current AU student has graduated.

The decision to hold off on an immediate implementation of Clinton's promise to make college affordable comes on the heels of a congressional report calling for a redesign of the federal aid program.

The congressional report calls for all students to be eligible for \$14,000 worth of aid. This aid package would consist of a maximum possible grant of

\$4,000 and a maximum possible loan of \$10,000.

The aid package would be varied according to a person's economic standing. Students from families with more money would receive more loans than grants, but any student would get help in paying for college.

Now, due to an unexpectedly larger deficit, this plan cannot be implemented. Clinton will not be able to do anything that will significantly help anyone presently enrolled in college.

This is a severe problem for Clinton's still-young administration. Clinton won the election with the help of college students. He is now at risk of alienating

those same students.

College students nationwide do not graduate with just a diploma; many also graduate with debts that will rival their eventual home mortgages. The lack of a sizeable federal student aid program is largely the fault of the Reagan and Bush Administrations.

But President Clinton has the responsibility of improving the status of federal aid programs. If you feel that Clinton is not doing enough for college students, let him know. You can send electronic mail to him at CLINTONPZ@AOL.COM.

Maybe we can convince him to help college students, like he promised to.

World Notes

by Darcia Harris, news editor

The U.S. Senate decided to uphold a ban on immigrants with the AIDS virus, even in the face of a hunger strike led by civil rights leader Jesse Jackson. Jackson's fast was inspired by a hunger strike by roughly 200 Haitians at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. During the presidential election, President Clinton said he would lift the ban, but continued to follow the Bush policy once inaugurated.

Preliminary research has revealed a new way to attack the AIDS virus. Scientists have found that by targeting a single phase of the virus' life cycle with three drugs—AZT, ddI, and pyridinone — the combination seems to prevent the virus from developing into new strains, although it cannot eliminate the particles that have already entered the human chromosomes. The treatment will be tested on 200 volunteer patients this spring.

Seven people were injured and 500 wounded when what is believed to be a bomb exploded at 12:17 p.m. in the basement parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City. John C. Killorin, spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, insisted that there was no evidence at hand to prove that a bomb had caused the explosion, and little will be known until the rubble has been cleared.

President Clinton advised U.S. allies to open their markets to American products in a speech given to an audience at American University. Clinton stated that the U.S. would "compete not retreat" and advised other countries to stop working at "cross purposes."

"A prosperous America is not only good for Americans... it is absolutely essential for the prosperity of the whole world," the President insisted.

The president's economic plan includes tax increases and spending cuts, in hopes that the deficit can be reduced by \$325 billion in a little over four years.

Top Ten

From the home office of the shrine in the sub basement of Alumni Hall where they keep the bodies...

Top ten alternative religions on AU's campus

by Phil Elmore, copy manager, and Paul Ford, staff writer

- 10) The First Church of Ed Coll, Jr.
- 9) The Holy Temple of the Virgin Snow Plow
- 8) The Church of Mr. Wong
- 7) The Cult of Woolen Knit Caps (be careful—these people are dangerous!)
- 6) Bergren Satanists
- 5) Underage Drinkers for Christ
- 4) Chainsaw People for Global Elimination of Groundhogs
- 3) People Without Lips Who Like God
- 2) Arrogant People Who Have More Inner Light Than You

And the number on faith at AU...

- 1) PFDOAHBOC — People For The Destruction Of All Historic Buildings On Campus.

...face of campus

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Peterson tells a story about the mother of a history student who, while visiting Kanakadea remarked that AU must not think very highly of its history department. "When we asked why, she said 'Well, look at this building.'"

In 1988, a proposal was made for the restoration of Kanakadea. "We really want a fully planned restoration, not just quick fixes," said Peterson. The proposal called for the restoration of the building to its pre-fire condition. President Edward G. Coll, Jr., says that raising funds for Kanakadea's restoration is one of the objectives of AU's next capital campaign.

The Brick could also benefit from renovation. Coll says preliminary plans for such renovation have been made, but are being slowed by the three million dollar price tag.

The Steinheim, the third oldest standing building on AU's campus, is also in need of renovation, but no plans have been made. "Students are eager to restore Steinheim, as am I," said Coll. But he continues to point out that until a practical use for the Steinheim is found, AU can't justify

the cost of renovation.

AU doesn't have much history of building preservation. Kenyon Hall, once believed to be one of the most beautiful buildings on campus, was torn down in 1958 to make room for the Rogers Campus Center, described by Coll as "one of the ugliest buildings I've seen on this or any other campus."

The Gothic, which housed the Alfred School of Theology, was dismantled as a whole in 1956 to clear ground for Herrick Library. The original Binns Hall was torn down in 1950 to make way for the addition to Merrill Hall. Some AU buildings weren't deliberately destroyed.

"Alfred's had some pretty convenient fires," says Dr. John Stull, professor emeritus of physics. The shell of Kanakadea Hall, originally

the Alfred Central School, was bought by AU after its 1907 fire. By the time of the fire, all land around Kanakadea was owned by AU already.

Babcock Hall, originally located on the site currently occupied by Seidlin Hall, burned in 1929. The Brick fire of 1932 has become one of the landmark events in Alfred's history. And all three of the original university buildings (North Hall, Middle Hall, and the original South Hall) eventually burned.



The Steinheim — next building to go?

...Baressi residents have choice accommodations

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the edges of the ceiling of the rooms and halls makes it a lot brighter. I knew they were renovating the place so I got my application as fast as I could. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. They bring more prospective student tours through here." Chimera said.

When asked about how he perceives life in neighboring Cannon residence hall, Chimera replied: "It's a dungeon."

But not all students resent what has been dubbed "The Barresi hotel."

Steve Winn, another Cannon resident, is mostly satisfied with his accommodations. "I just need a place to sleep and keep warm," says Winn. "I imagine in Barresi that they don't have any

ceiling tiles falling down and everything is clean, but I don't think they should pay more. There are a lot of people who would disagree with me though."

Smith stated that, since students receive the same level of service, Barresi residents should not be expected to pay more for their residence hall. AU students living in two-occupant residence hall rooms pay a standard room and board cost of \$1230 per semester.

Chimera agrees that Barresi residents shouldn't be billed more than other students. "We shouldn't pay more. I don't think we're getting special treatment. Eventually all the halls will be renovated."

Christy Dryden, an Openhym resi-

dent, does not think that Barresi is very different from any other residence hall.

Dryden does not think Barresi residents should pay higher room and board. "It would divide the people who have money from the people who don't," she said.

"I'm happy to live in Openhym," says Dryden. "They (in Barresi) have cable TV hook-ups and modems but it's not different in a big way. I think the VAX thing is an unfair point though. To give them four terminals before they give everyone else two, that's something they ought to resolve right away."

Smith said that applications for Barresi residence were accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as has been standard in previous years.

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...Greek pledges

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game, smoker poker and a Ren and Stimpy fest. Adolph Perez, Sigma Alpha Mu's rush chairman, said, "We support dry rush, but I think having parties closed to freshman really hurt us. It didn't give the freshman enough time to get to know us, and us them."

Sorority Alpha Kappa Omicron has six pledges. Rush functions included a self defense course, Mickey Mouse Twister and a Super Bowl party.

Sigma Chi Nu began with 14 pledges, but already has one depledge. According to sister Kathy Cartella, rush functions included Mary Kay color consultation night, and a "make your own earrings" night.

Kim Seeley, president of Theta Theta Chi said, "Obviously, with the amount of pledges, rush went very well. People were very creative with the dry rush program." Theta's rush functions include psychedelic night, sledding and Mexican night. They have 10 pledges.

Zeta Beta Tau Little Sisters have three initiates. Their rush functions included dinner with the brothers, coming down and "hanging out" and hot chocolate and desserts.

National sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha hasn't started pledging yet. The sisters are waiting for their prospective's grade point averages. To pledge AKA, one must have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity, has 13 pledges this semester. Rush functions included a pizza party and snow football.

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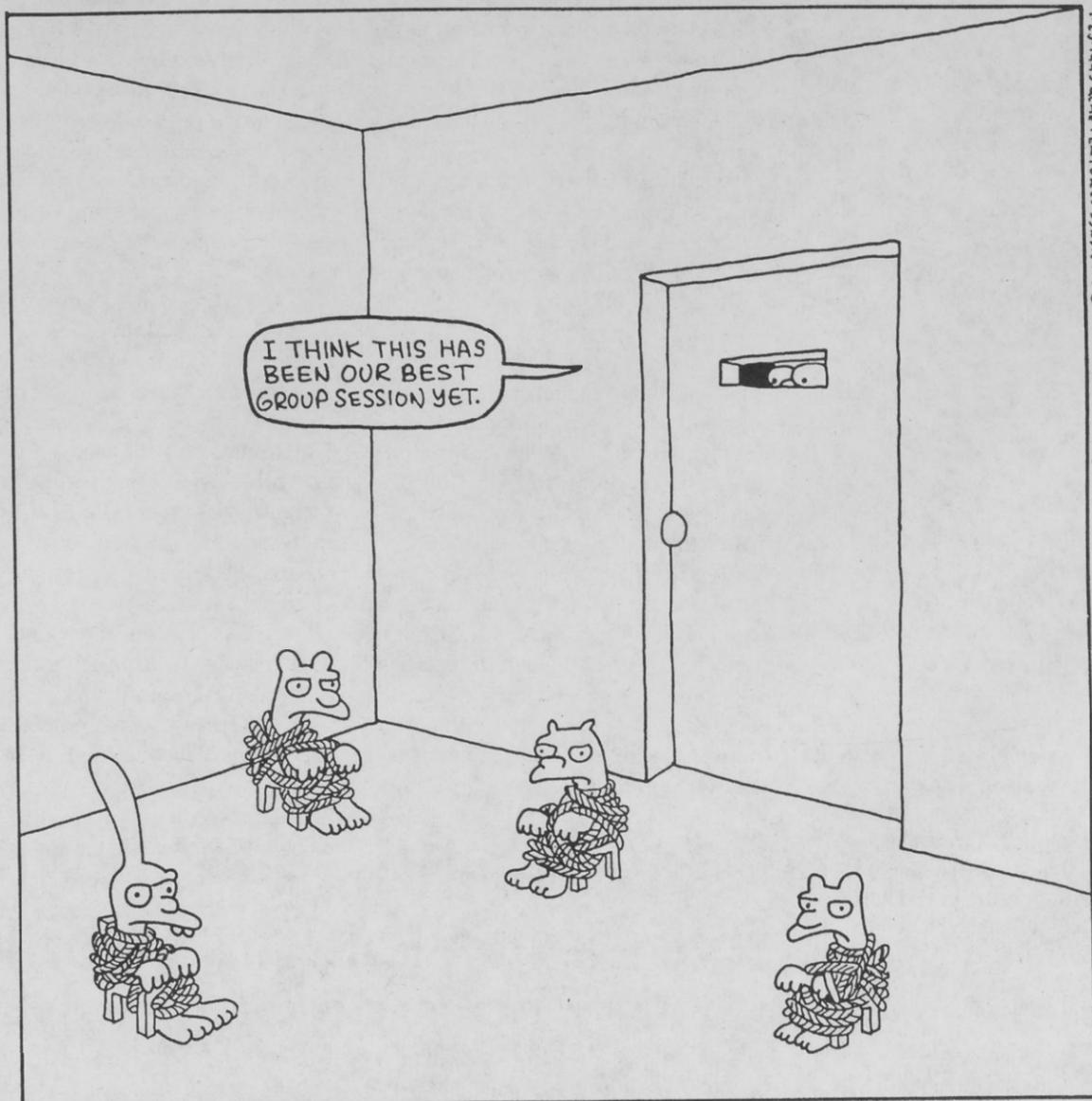
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Madam Squid's Love Tips

Madam Squid is, to say the least, experienced in matters of love. I've seen it and experienced it in its many forms: Man and woman, man and man, woman and woman, woman and squid, man and squid, man, squid, woman and owl, and man, woman, squid, unknown species, several muffins and a tube of toothpaste.

My keen eyes have shown me much about the nature of Cupid's arrow, and I feel I can point out many delightful things to help young lovers. Here, then, without further ado, is Madam Squid's guide to love.

The most important thing in love is to remember that, like you, the other person is usually lying. We all lie to the ones we love, saying little things like "You're the biggest, really," and "the other women meant nothing." It keeps a relationship going. We also tell fibs, like "That hair weave looks so natural," and "no, I think it's cute that you're paraplegic." Being mutually supportive like this in a relationship allows people to get to know each other as human beings, and makes sex much more likely.

On sex, which is the biggest reason to come to college after drinking, it is important to remember to be protected against sexually transmitted disease. Remember, almost everyone is at risk for venereal disease. The only way to be sure if you are not at risk is if you fit into one of the following profiles:

1. Hindu ascetic with no human contact.
2. Dead before 1977.
3. Eunuch or vestal virgin.

Other than this, you need to watch yourself. There are natural forms of birth control, like being Tipper Gore, but there are also many other ways of protecting yourself and your loved one from pregnancy and infection. Of these, the best is the condom, a little sheath that works rather well (For further instructions and information on condoms see Madam Squid's guide to pranks you can play on faculty with birth control) For maximum safety, purchase condoms made of a non-reactive metal. I recommend platinum. Also, because human touch is to be discouraged, a commercial grabbing tool with a little claw on the end should be used to caress your partner. The problem of kissing is solved by simple sheet of plexiglass, each lover can just push their face against a different side of the glass and look at each other, making cooing noises.

So, you see, intimacy is possible with total safety and love, as long as you don't touch your partner.

The best way to achieve such intimacy is through honesty and mutual care over a long period of time. If this seems unreasonable, just sleep together.

Now, in college, the problem is where to sleep together. There are several viable options. Here are some of my favorites:

1. Merrill Field — good, but only when it's warm, when there are no football games, and then there's always the issue of turf burn....
2. Brick or Ade — a genuine lover's challenge. Don't get caught. Particularly fun on days when they have Mr. Wong.
3. Dorm rooms — fun, but not for your roommate when he/she stumbles in the middle of a sweaty game of strip parcheesi.
4. Uni-Mart — leave your bags outside before you try anything.
5. Harder Hall — the name of this building alone invites sexual experimentation.
6. Alfred Carillon — Ding ding dong!

It is important to remember that what the other person is saying is not necessarily exactly what they mean. Remember, if you can fib, so can they. Love isn't love; it's war, but a really nice war..

Binder gives musical history of James Taylor

by Sarah Goodreau, staff writer
"Fire and Rain: an evening of James Taylor featuring Dave Binder" packed a full audience in Ade Lobby on Fri., Feb. 19.

Dave Binder presented a "nostalgic sojourn through 20 years of James Taylor's most memorable music."

Binder, an enthusiastic and witty performer, played not only James Taylor's music, but also offered history regarding Taylor's life and how each song came about.

Binder's ability to replicate Taylor's sound was amazing and the musical quality of the show was outstanding. The information regarding Taylor's life and his troubles and triumphs gave new meaning to the songs many of us have come to love over the years.

The show, however interesting and entertaining, lasted too long even for some of the biggest "Taylor heads." Binder obviously loves to perform and tried to prolong his time in the spotlight for as long as possible.

Binder took time from the Taylor songs to play some of his own music, which was musically good but lyrically cliché and quite boring. He frequently tried to sell his own music, which detracted from the overall quality of the show.

The crowd, however, loved the show and was pleased with this SAB sponsored event.

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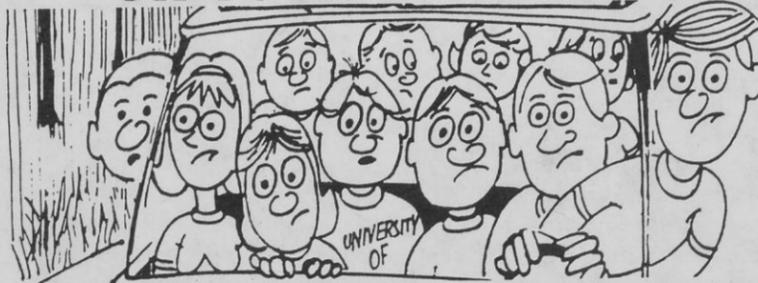
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AU Laxers gear up for season



Lacrosse team practicing on a plowed Merrill Field

by Andrew Whitley, contributor

The Alfred Saxon lacrosse team enters the 1993 season ranked ninth in the country with perhaps one of the most talented teams in school history.

"We have more depth and balance than in the past. We expect a significant contribution from as many as 24 people. This is also the best stick handling team we've had," said head coach Al Brown, who enters his fifth season and has already led the Saxons to two playoff appearances during his stay.

Senior captain Kevin Livingston confirmed the high expectations for this season. "This is by far the best all around team I have played on at Alfred. While it is always a goal to make the NCAA tournament, I don't think this team will be satisfied with just that."

The Saxons, who have thirteen seniors and return eight of the top nine scorers from a year ago, will again present an imposing offense. It will be led by senior attackmen Rodd Kaufmann, Sean Hanley, and junior honorable mention All-American Brian Johnson, the team's leading scorer a year ago. The trio scored 92 goals between them and accounted for 80 assists. Freshman Brian Midwinter could bolster an already potent attack.

The defense was hurt by the unexpected loss of third-team All-American Luke Vokey. However, three other starters return, and the defense will again be formidable. Senior captain Darren Kraft, honorable mention All-American Mike Johnson, and second team All-EAA goalie Jim Antonetti will anchor the unit. Antonetti led the conference in goals

against average (6.33) and save percentage (61.6%) last season. The third defensive spot is expected to be filled by junior transfer Jimmy Coromilas.

The Saxons will also be strong at the midfield position, being led by first team all-EAA selection Rich Reese. Pete Nunziata, Joe Pavlik, and Adam Osekoski also return. The trio each finished in the top ten in scoring on the team last year.

The defensive midfield will be anchored by Livingston, Mike Lebel, Gary Marcoccia, and transfer Jamie Volpe.

"This is one of the most disciplined teams we've had since I've been here. We've had 6 a.m. practices and everyone has been on time. There is a lot of self-sacrifice with this group," said Brown.

The Saxons play three teams, Hobart, Ithaca, and Ohio Wesleyan, who are ranked ahead of them in the preseason poll.

"This is the toughest schedule we've played," said Brown, "It's gotten more challenging the last couple of years."

"We compete in the best conference in Division III. Add Air Force, Hobart, and Ohio Wesleyan and you have a very competitive schedule. The schedule is not designed for us to go 16-0, it is designed to increase our chances of gaining an NCAA bid," said Livingston.

The Saxons open their season March 9 against the Air Force Academy in Colorado and return home for the Terence O'Conner St. Patricks Day Tournament on March 20.

Ski teams make history

by Zack Butler, contributor

The Alfred men's and women's ski teams claimed a place in history at the Eastern Regional Championships when they both earned a berth in the NCSA National Championships, held next week in Squaw Valley, CA. No Alfred ski team, men or women, has ever accomplished this feat, but this year both squads did it after they each finished in fifth place out of seventeen teams at regionals.

The individual standout for Alfred was Margaret Baleno, who was crowned regional champion after she won both the slalom and giant slalom events. Josh Solly also earned high honors by placing fifth in the mens slalom and ninth place overall.

After the final regular season race at Kissing Bridge, both teams were optimistic about their chances at regionals. Both teams won the division, with the men earning a 50-0 record and the women going 35-5. However, they knew that they would face stiff competition at regionals.

Both teams have made regionals for

four years straight, but have never made nationals. Coach Mark McFadden said he wondered if there was some sort of jinx on the team. "We could get to regionals, but we never skied as well there as we had during the regular season," he said. This year, however, everyone skied their best, especially when the pressure was greatest.

For the women, for example, their placing in the slalom relied heavily on Kelly Buck's second run. Despite the pressure, she skied one of her best races ever, clinching the women's place at nationals. For the men, similar pressure was put on Scott Lubinsky in the giant slalom and Phil Wisniewski in the slalom, and both skied well when called upon.

Now the skiers can reap their rewards, as they continue to train and look forward to competing at the National Championships in Squaw Valley. There is even a possibility that this race will be televised, so read your TV Guide!

Saxons end season with five game losing streak



Sean McCartney attempts to get past Cardinal guard at the St. John Fisher game

by Andrew Whitley, contributor

The final week of the Alfred men's basketball season could be titled, "The week that might have been."

The Saxons were close in every game against five tough opponents, but failed to come away with a win. They closed their season 9-16 overall, and 7-7 in conference.

The Saxons began their week against Elmira, ranked sixth in the East region. Elmira proceeded to overcome a 15 point deficit to defeat AU.

RIT led by a point at 50-49 with ten minutes to go, then went on a 27-6 run over the next eight minutes and cruised to an 81-64 win.

Hobart overcame a fourteen point deficit to edge the Saxons 65-64.

The two most recent losses may have been the most difficult to take. Against St. John Fisher, ranked fifth in the East, the Saxons, playing without starters Mike Vogley and Cyrus Nesbit, played the Cardinals' basket for basket before Dean Schott's three-pointer with a minute to go gave Fisher the momentum necessary to seek out a 69-66 decision. The Saxons were led by the inspired performance of Frankie Harris, who held Schott in check most of the night.

Against Ithaca, the EAA conference champions, the Saxons were tied seven times before Ithaca used a 14-4 run at the twelve minute mark to cruise to a 70-62 win behind Steve Dunham's 26 points.

The game marked the finale for seniors Kirk Daley (14 points) and co-captains Mike Vogley (10 points, 5 assists) and Sean McCartney (17 points, 5-8 three pointers).

Saxon Scores

Men's Basketball (9 - 16, 7 - 7 EAA)

2/19	RIT	L	64-81
2/20	HOBART	L	64-65
2/22	ST. JOHN FISHER	L	66-69
2/24	ITHACA	L	62-70

Women's Basketball (4 - 21, 2-12 EAA)

2/16	ELMIRA	W	54-51
2/19	RIT	L	52-65
2/20	WILLIAM SMITH	L	44-60

Lacrosse (0 - 0)

3/9	at U.S. Naval Academy	3:30
3/11	at Denver University	3:30
3/13	at Colorado / Mines	1:00
3/20-21	AU TOURNAMENT	
3/24	at Oneonta	3:00

McCartney finishes third on AU scoring list

by Ellen Sawtell, contributor

Senior Sean McCartney racked up 1,529 points throughout his four year basketball career at AU, ranking third on AU's all time scoring list.

McCartney started all games this season, averaging 15.8 points per game on 42% shooting from the field and 82% shooting from the free throw line. He was a second team Empire Athletic Association All-Conference selection for his performance this season.

"I'm very proud of these guys," said McCartney of his teammates, "we really could have packed it in. For a young team, we got better each game.

[Improvements] will come with experience, but clearly [it's] on the mental side."

McCartney's plans involve basketball. He would like to play for the Washington Generals, a team that travels with the Harlem Globetrotters. Should that fall through he would like to get involved with a basketball market overseas.

In May, the two time captain will graduate with a major in communications.

"I wish them well," McCartney remarked about his teammates.