Computers to replace administration; "Economically feasible," says Ed Coll

by Paul Doje, staff

Members of the Alfred University administration will be replaced by machines by 2002. The plan to phase out organic administration was passed by an overwhelming 11-1 vote by the AU board of trustees Thursday, March 25, 1993.

"I think it's a move in the right direction" said President Edward G. Coll, Jr. "Computerizing the administration makes economic sense."

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University should abolish teaching positions, automate curriculum

by Chad R. Bowman, spud

In this recessionary environment, a great many concerns plague individuals, corporations, and non-profit institutions alike. One such concern involves making money. The philosophy behind making money seems simple—spend less than you earn. In practice, however, such a maxim is hard to implement.

AU faces a fiscal crisis as many other institutions do. Since the administration's priorities clearly revolve around building new facilities to make the campus more attractive to potential consumers, a course of action is clear. President Coll should abolish most teaching positions. Once said, the need for this step becomes apparent—after all, a majority of AU's annual expenditures go to teacher salaries. The elimination of professors frees up more working capital for worthwhile goals such as a fully-functional campus mall or a local airport, high-rise office buildings. Just think of the progress possible without the burden of paying salaries and benefits to a bunch of academics who serve no direct monetary purpose. The logistics of this bold step might be confusing, but all would benefit in the end.

Many of business, history, philosophy, psychology, political science, hard sciences and engineering programs involve learning from textbooks. These books embody the most unrealized asset at AU! By requiring students to read the books, a plethora of classes can be immedi-
ately cut from the schedule. And AU makes money off the sales of the books!
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Patron St. of Alfred named

Hundreds of sinners and wretches found new meaning in life this week when Paul Strong was named the Patron Saint of Alfred.

"I am a Paul Strong true believer," said one AU student. "It happened to me on a windy day in January. I had heard of the new Paul Strong Believer's Movement (PSBM), but I thought it was just a joke.

"I was near the statue of King Alfred, one of my personal heroes, discussing the merits of APO's night under the stars and the need for more garters. We often have such discussions. I saw The Great Strong standing under the statue with a benign smile on his face. At first I was jealous. Then, my world was forever altered.

"A light came down from the heavens and struck the statue full on the head. I fell to my knees, his figure became awash with heavenly brilliance. From the book of all knowledge, held in My King's outstretched hand came a blinding light that struck Dr. Strong full on the head. "Yea, though I am divine, I have something. He gave me the messiah. I am not afraid. All shall flock to his standard." and took off on a Harley with 200 witnesses saw the dead king arise from the grave.

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Paul Strong: Patron St. of Alfred

Have you scratched your ears today?

The end is near and the Messiah is coming, so let those nails grow and start scratching up for a better after life!

Time is running out!

April 2
10:30pm
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Guest Host:
Mike McDonough

World Knots

by David P. Holmes, pointless writer

Earlier this week, cult leader Edward Collesh declared the autonomy of a small college town in New York State from the United States of America. Collesh has over 2,000 followers.

Somalian peace talks came to an end this Friday when President Clinton, on a visit to the war-torn country, went out jogging and mistook a small child for a cheetah burger. Somalian leaders called it "an outrage," while Clinton claimed it was in need of ketchup.

Collesh has recently been released from a 17 year term in Atica Prison for charges of polygamy, vandalism of historic buildings, brainwashing, window washing without a licence and smuggling arms across the Mexican border inside the seven pounds of hair gel on his head.

Join Alfred's interplanetary exchange program

Learn what it is like to live, work and study in an environment that does not support life as we know it.
This needs a headline
by Peter Amias, staff writer

An archeological goldmine was uncovered at the future sight of the Frank W. Olin building. Several remains of Viking civilization were uncovered by workmen at the construction site, including three swords, several cases of mixed nuts, and thirty or forty finely wrought bronze dental dams.

This is the largest collections of bronze dental dams in midstate New York, I’m pretty sure" said Walter Emler, Alfred geologist. "What amazes me is why." Vikings were panthropic and all-male, according to recent work by Smithsonian Institution archeologist Mary Tramiel. "Apparently the dental dams were ceremonial. This explains their unusual size."

According to Emler, the dental dams, which closely resemble shields and are decorated with various symbols, are clearly not shields. "In keeping with AU’s international growth program, we are raising tuition according to another country’s inflation rate. That’s Bolivia’s inflation rate. "That’s Bolivian inflation," said Fackler. "In keeping with AU’s international growth program, we are raising tuition according to another country’s inflation rate. That Bolivia has the highest inflation rate of any country in the world is pure coincidence.”

"I think this is great" said President Edward G. Coll. "AU is a pioneer in Viking feminist studies. "For God’s sake, they’re weapons or shields or something. What the hell is wrong with this administration?" said one male AU student who asked to remain nameless.

"No, I don’t think the Vikings used shields. What do you think? I can’t think of anything that they could be besides dams of that sort."

"There’s a lot of politically incorrect thought that insists that the Vikings were big, brutish men who ate whole chickens and things like that and that’s totally biased. Vikings were fine poets and, although their work in oil-painting is lost to us, it’s obvious that they were very loving and caring. I’m sure that the dental dams served as a ceremonial reminder of the female side of each Viking," said Tramiel. "I think this is great" said President Edward G. Coll. "AU is a pioneer in Viking feminist studies. "For God’s sake, they’re weapons or shields or something. What the hell is wrong with this administration?" said one male AU student who asked to remain nameless.

"Organic things make me nervous. In fact, I’m working right now on encoding myself in Fortran" said Donald Flurn, AU sophomore and ceramic engineer. "I think it’s a great idea. "However, Mary Werzheimer, AU senior with an Art/Design major, sees things differently. "I think we might abolish administration? said one male

Freak drowning ends Water Polo Season
by David P. Holmes, non-seuator

AU’s newly-formed water polo team ended a short season yesterday when Bullet, their only remaining horse, drowned. This was during the first week of practice for the team. They have lost a total of twenty-seven horses. Their first competition was scheduled for April 2nd.

Coach J. M. Alpo stated that the horse was lost because his horseshoes were too heavy. According to Alpo, the horses carcass will be donated to a "personal charity."

"I just can’t believe we lost another one!” exclaimed Shirley Notlott, the team’s captain. "We’ve tried everything from water wings to anchors and nothing seems to keep them up in the deep end."

As if the team doesn’t have enough problems, they now face a lawsuit from Animal Rights Anonymous, on grounds of extreme stupidity. Alpo claims the suit is “nothing but a farce intended to reduce my credibility as a sportsman."

One team member, who wishes for personal reasons to remain anonymous, said “I just think we were doing something wrong. It didn’t seem right that our mallets were made out of styrofoam. I guess we didn’t have what it takes to be a team."