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## TechnoBeat

### 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."

The plan will be implemented by January, 2002. The entire installation will cost \$1 billion dollars.

"We see this plan as practically paying for itself by the year 21352" said Peter Fackler,

vice-president in charge of finance. The computer system itself will be based on the VAX/VMS system currently in use on AU's campus. Students will be able to connect to faculty through on-campus terminals. According to a press release from Atash Technologies, the Minneapolis-based company that has designed "Administration for Windows" and "Macintosh Faculty," two best-selling entry level faculty simulations, "this is the most powerful release of our program ever. The move from programming for personal computers has been a great one...we're very proud of ourselves."

In a March 28 press conference, Atash

Technologies stated "the new administration will be 200% faster, 130% more effective, and will cooperate 100%." "Of course, they won't be the same" said Provost Richard W. Ott. "For instance, we can't program a computer to guest host Friday Night Live."

According to Connie Beckman, director of AU's computing services, "What the system will essentially be is a series of large computers with the administration's brains coded into them. This will eliminate any sort of problems with say, replacing a president after death. These things are immortal. This will truly make AU a world-class campus."

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### Sam the Ram spotted in Microcosm of Coll's dreamhouse

by Aicrad Sirrah  
The following information was leaked to the Fiat Lux by Susan Smith, acting dean of students, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Sam the African Sherbert Ram was seen late in the evening of March 22, taking a leak on the cast iron bird guarding President Coll's property while impersonating Sammy Davis, Jr. with a heart murmur.

Police arrived on the scene at 1:15 p.m. to find the mammal feverishly fertilizing the grounds of Coll's modest country estate.

The Ram claimed that he was protesting President Coll's failure to fulfill his promise to lend his celebrity name to Sam the Ram's Nuclear Weapons Petting Zoo for Kneecap Impaired Children of New York State.

According to the Ram, Coll agreed to table dance that evening in the Lil' Alf Cafe in his latest purchase from the Jose' Eber Feather Delight Fashion Collection.

Deputy Shantyking recalled being completely unable to decipher anything Sam was saying as he raced around the rust-resistant fowl, only pausing every three minutes to lift a hind leg and relieve himself.

"Uh, yup. He was just running around the bird with his suit jacket flapping open and singing or something," said Shantyking. "It was like he was possessed or something."

Sam the Ram maintains that he did not at any point mention Velveeta cheese that evening. He did however offer a reason for his Sammy Davis, Jr. attire.

"Mecca Lecca Hi Mecca Heini Ho," stated the Ram.

Sam the Ram is currently being held in the Alfred Village Playpen for the Few Insane Enough to be Criminal.

Several AU students who had arrived an hour earlier to protest the treatment of the scrambled eggs in the dining halls, witnessed

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This photograph was taken by the talented and beloved Christa Neu. May her days be long and prosperous.

### Super Heroes On Kampus (S.H.O.K.) come out of the phone booth

by David P. Holmes, mutant  
The AU community received a shock to their systems as area superheroes and mutants "came out of the phone booth" and announced their presence to the campus.

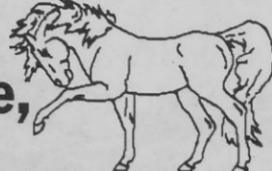
Super Heroes On Kampus, or S.H.O.K. is an organization dedicated to obtaining and preserving the constitutional rights of men and women with extraordinary abilities.

The group's president is senior Gene Mix, also known as "The Mighty Hairspray." Apparently, Mix is able to use his powers to change any persons hair into a white, straight, wavy conglomeration that will not move out of place in the most vicious of gales. President Coll has no comment.

S.H.O.K.'s treasurer is junior Lotta Savings, also known as "Wrecking Ball." Saving's reputed power is the ability to turn historic, famous buildings into suitcases filled with twenty dollar bills.

Other members of the group include Bill Student, who can change numbers on tuition receipts, Mary M. Cultural, whos only power seems is the creation of unheard of minorities who demand coverage in local newspapers and a week of their own in the school calender, and Li Bell Suit, who can create newspapers full of seemingly meaningless articles.

Tickets go on sale today for "The King and I," a one man performance art show.

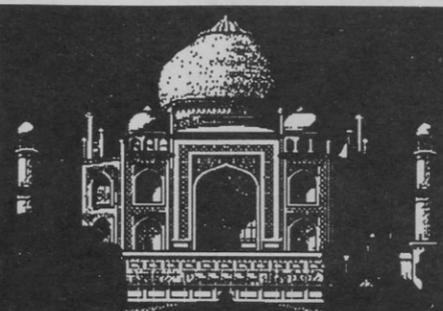
**Meet Clarence,**  a retired racehorse who did not quite make it to heaven. To earn his wings, he needs to save a soul.

*It's a Wonderful Pasture*

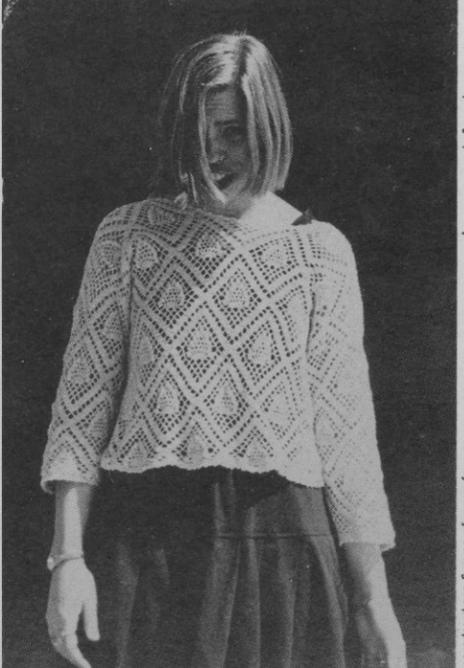
Don't miss the moving, timeless tail of how Clarence tries to earn his wings by helping a young filly, Georgia Baley, see that *this side of the fence* is where the greener grass grows. 

HORSEHEADS PICTURES presents "ITS A WONDERFUL PASTURE" an UNBRIDLED production, starring RED CHALK RUN as CLARENCE and SEASHELL CORNERS as GEORGIA BALEY 

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**The New Campus Center**



**Dean of Business School Hired**

This photograph was taken by the talented and beloved Christa Neu. May her days be long and prosperous.

# 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 goes to to teacher salaries. The elimination of professors frees up more working capital for worthwhile goals such as a fully-functional campus mall, a local airport and 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.

Much of the 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 immediately cut from the schedule. And AU makes money off the sales of the books!

The main unresolved question involves evaluation and grading. With the elimination of professors, how will the students be graded?

Once again, the answer becomes clear. Hire two secretaries for each division—their salaries are much lower than a typical professor's. These secretaries could write up multiple-choice quizzes based solely on the reading. These tests would be easy, but that serves its purpose. Why should AU fail any

student? Should a student fail, he or she may not return; AU will lose a valuable customer.

All students should get good grades and a degree so they can get good jobs and donate large sums of cash to the university alumni fund.

It may be important to keep one big-name professor in each department for PR purposes. This person could give interviews and, if necessary, answer any questions a student might have.

AU could still brag about its faculty without supporting a largely useless cadre of high-priced, over-educated curmudgeons.

Other departments which involve process learning might be more difficult.

Mathematics, writing, art and engineering cannot wholly be absorbed through books. Once again, the solution is clear. AU already has the resources to replace human-guided process learning—its computer facilities.

Courses could be designed as video games to make the process of learning as enjoyable as possible. Imagine, a rotisserie baseball league could teach statistics and probability, a Pac-Man spinoff could teach graph theory and a debating game could teach persuasion and thesis-writing. The possibilities are endless.

The startup cost of replacing teachers with video games might be significant; however, once established, dozens of faculty positions can be axed.

Grading could be based on high scores in the video games—thus, a perfectly competitive,

fair structure determines student evaluation.

The stickiest detail of this plan involves red tape. By unfortunate circumstance, tenure protects many AU faculty. However, there are solutions.

If AU stops hiring or granting tenure, it will experience a gradual reduction in faculty through natural attrition. This process can be accelerated by offering the faculty low pay raises, thus creating motivation to look elsewhere for a job.

A final tool available to the shrewd administrator is the closing of departments. The Nursing school and several graduate programs have been eliminated this way.

By under-funding departments, students transfer elsewhere. Then the administrator can cite "lack of student interest," close the department and reopen it as an automated department several years later.

Once students are relieved of the arcane burden of attending lectures, extra-curricular activities will likely boom. AU students will enter the job market with a full resume to accompany their diploma.

What more could AU possibly do for its customers?



## ...Sam the Ram

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 the Ram in action.

"Oh maw Gawd, oh maw Gawd, oh maw Gawd," wheezed communications major, Sally Pinksweater.

"Like, hey man, like I can dig his style," said Eddie Van Krustybloodyboy, a psychotic engineer at AU. "He reminds me of my father, and like, you know, that makes me feel so weecird."

Emergency enema treatment was available for witnesses who went into anal retentive shock.

Sam the Ram has been arrested 432 times in the last month. The charges include trying to shave the head of a chic president, attempting to pull the plug on an inflatable provost, and conspiring to come up with a reasonable tuition figure for the 1993-94 academic year, without forcing students to seek shelter in nearby Harlem.

Sam has also been accused of refusing to speak politically incorrect pig latin in 16 countries.

## History Note

For many years, people have wondered who founded Alfred. Numbers of people believe that Seventh Day Baptists settled the Alfred area. But others aren't so sure.

Rune stones and mysterious cave paintings of square-sailed ships sailing down Kanakadea Creek towards Hornell have led some to a different conclusion.

Artifacts unearthed at the future site of the Franklin W. Olin business building ended the Alfred Viking controversy once and for all. The Alfred Historical Society (AHS) has maintained since its founding in 1839 that Vikings did indeed inhabit the Alfred area for a short period of time, circa 983.

Ten years ago the AHS held a festival that reenacted, with many embellishments, the coming of the Vikings 1000 years previously. This festival included many prominent members of the Alfred community dressing up as Viking men and women who ceremoniously traded red cloth for food and swapped pretty stones with other Alfredians who were dressed up as the Senecas that once lived in this area. The "Vikings" even went so far as to build a small model of the Steinheim which is now known to be of Viking construction.

Until the new artifacts were found, the AU administration had been AHS' most vocal opponents. Edward G. Coll, president of AU was quoted as saying "In my opinion, there is in no way enough proof of this supposed settlement for me, or the AU campus as a whole to acknowledge its possible existence." An especially sore point for AU was the Steinheim itself. The official story that has been told until recently was that Jonathan Allen, second president of AU, had actually built the castle. In fact, Allen merely transformed the already existing building into a museum.



A new kind of administrator



The bottom line

## ANIMAL (violation) LOVERS

### DOGGIE Domination

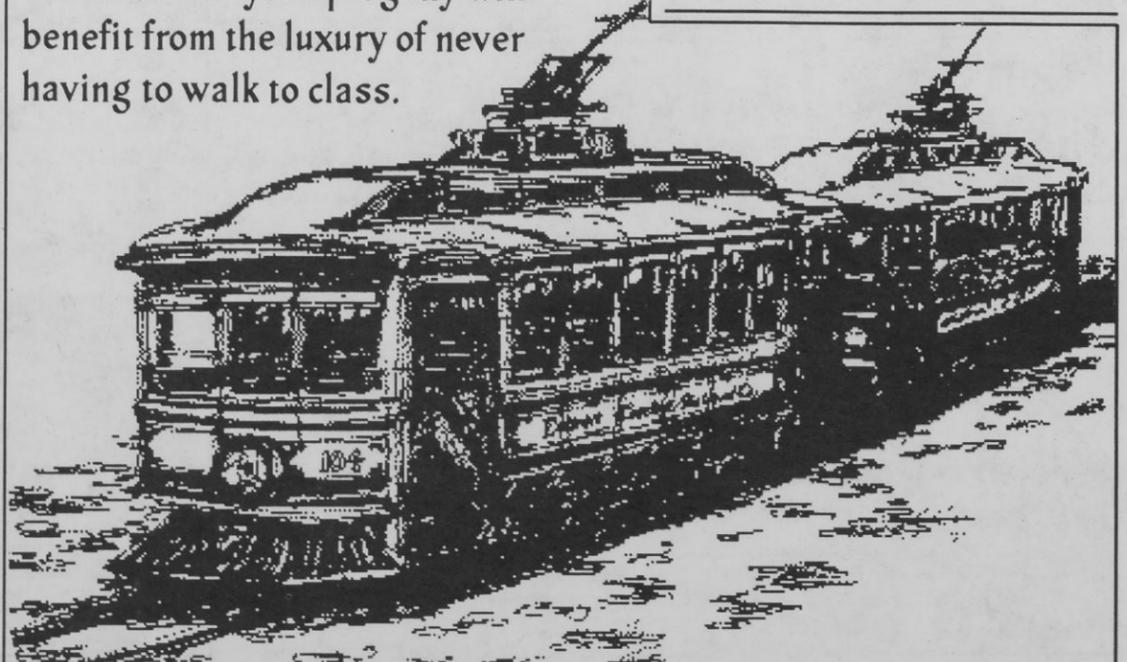
pick your pedigree. you want it? we got it!

# Recreational phone conversations with mans best friend.



## RIDE THE TROLLEY

Alfred University's own intercampus transportation system will be on line by spring 2877. You pay now for construction and your progeny will benefit from the luxury of never having to walk to class.





This photograph was taken by the talented and beloved Christa Neu. May her days be long and prosperous.



Dean of Business School Fired

## ...Computers

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Beckman declined comment on the actual method used to develop administration on computer, although she did state that many Japanese universities already use the system.

The computer system will include replacements for President, vice-presidents, all deans, and provosts.

When asked whether the program might have negative aspects, Coll said "Well, of course, there are negative aspects. Computers cannot wear sweaters or strong cologne. But overall, I'm not concerned. It

# This needs a headline

by Peter Amita, staff writer

An archeological goldmine was uncovered at the future sight of the Frank W. Olin building.

Several remnants 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 collection of bronze dental dams in mid-state New York, I'm pretty sure" said Walter Emler, Alfred geologist.

"What amazes me is why."

Vikings were parthenogenetic 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.

"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.

seems clear that this is the future of AU."

According to an AU press release dated March 31, 1993, "tuition increase to pay for the new system will not be more than 632% a year, in keeping with inflation."

"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."

When asked whether the new system might jeopardize their careers, faculty appeared

unconcerned. "I think we all are unafraid to yield to progress. The university comes first" said Coll.

"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 all faculty and replace them with installation sculptures" she said.

Coll declined comment on questions concerning his 52% controlling interest in Atash Technologies.

# Freak drowning ends Water Polo Season

by David P. Holmes, non-sequitor

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.

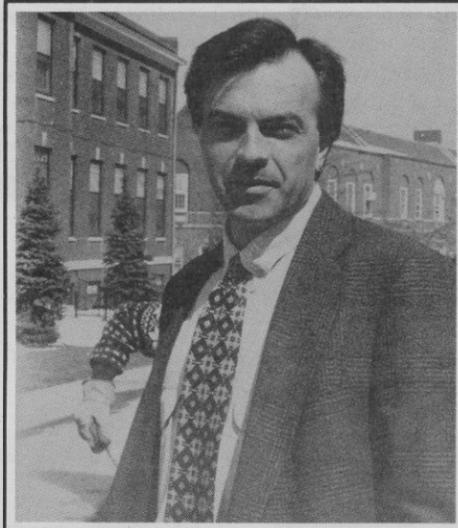
Coach J. M. Alpo stated that the horse was lost because his horseshoes were too heavy. According to Alpo, the horses carcass will be donated to a "personal charity."

"I just can't believe we lost another one!" exclaimed Shirley Nofloat, 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 styrafoam. I guess we didn't have what it takes to be a team."



*How does he do that with his arm?*

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ONE RUGBY PLAYER COMES UP TO ME ESPECIALLY MAD THAT IT WAS GOING TO TAKE 20 MINUTES TO GET HIM HIS PIZZA.

I FEAR FOR MY LIFE.

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R. LEE COOTAN

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