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Spectrum held a rally Monday to protest the use of homophobia as a weapon of hate. • The results of the student presidential and vice presidential elections will be announced at Senate at 8 p.m. tonight in Nevins Theater. • AU's WWW site now includes seasonal information at: http://www.alfred.edu/season.html. • AU's College Bowl team finished second to Cornell at the Regional Championship Tournament held at the University of Rochester.

•national:

Republican presidential hopeful Steve Forbes won Delaware's all-or-nothing primary. • Astronauts aboard *Columbia* lost control of an Italian satellite when a 12-mile, toothpick-thin tether attaching it to the shuttle broke. • A federal judge in Philadelphia issued a restraining order prohibiting enforcement of the "indecency" provisions of the Communications Decency Act.

•international:

U.S. Coast Guard cutters continued their search the four pilots of two planes shot down over Cuba. Cuba acknowledged firing on the "pirate" aircraft. • Saddam Hussein welcomed back his two former sons-in-law who defected six months ago. The two were then killed. • Greece's dispute with Turkey over a small rocky islet in the Aegean Sea should be sent to the International Court at The Hague, Greece's Prime Minister said. • The militant Islamic group Hamas claimed responsibility for two explosions in Israel Sunday that killed 25 people and wounded 77.

Personalities

"We are the people behind the scenes," said administrator of Computer Services, Connie Beckman.

Beckman has been working at Alfred University for twenty-two years. She and her husband also run a lucrative antique business, affording five stores and conducting several antique shows in other states.

Connie Beckman

Beckman earned her Bachelor's degree for system management and networking in 1979 at Empire State. She has resided in Allegany County for her entire life and came to work at the University after an ad in the newspaper caught her eye.

Beckman said that in the future she would like to sell hot-dogs on the beach: one of her favorite places. Though there is no beach at Alfred, Beckman said "I'm here because I like to be here."

Beckman said she is very content where she is and would not choose to leave. "I was raised here. This has always been home."

DiCarlo says he was aware of *Fiat* thefts

Anonymous fliers posted around campus center in wake of newspaper thefts

BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

Joseph DiCarlo, current Student Senate vice president and candidate for next year's presidency told Student Senate Wednesday night that he had been aware of the theft of hundreds of copies of the *Fiat Lux* the previous night and had done nothing to stop it.

Shortly after the meeting several anonymously posted fliers depicting two *Fiat* staff members in a homosexual act were found posted in the Campus Center.

DiCarlo told the Senate Wednesday night that he had seen the theft of several hundred *Fiats* and had done nothing to stop it. "If I had the choice to make again, I would choose differently," DiCarlo said.

DiCarlo, a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, said he saw his friends carrying stacks of the *Fiat* from their distribution points Tuesday night and that he came home and found papers being burned.

The thefts were probably prompted by DiCarlo's comments to his friends Tuesday night about the content of the *Fiat Lux*, DiCarlo said. The newspaper published an endorsement of presidential candidate Zachary Hampton and commented that DiCarlo and presidential candidate Beth-Ellen Kane were unsuitable for candidacy because of "Greek entanglements."

"I felt that the *Fiat*'s reporting was biased," DiCarlo told the Senate. "I told my friends so."

Wednesday morning, when the newspapers' theft was discovered, *Fiat Lux* editor Jonathan Springer distributed an e-mail message to all students and several administrators stating, "Unless the issues that were stolen are returned to their distribution points by tomorrow morning, we will press charges under the University Disciplinary System and with the Alfred Village Police." The message also restated the newspaper's endorsements.

Springer said that by Wednesday morning only a few of the issues distributed Tuesday night remained on campus and those only in areas that were locked overnight.

"I find this theft appalling," said current Senate president Jacob Cooper. "It denies students the right to read the paper. Just because you don't like what the paper promotes, says or implies does not give you the right to take or destroy them."

In a letter of apology submitted to the newspaper Thursday morning, Sigma Alpha Mu apologized for having "any involvement" in the thefts and offered to reimburse the *Fiat* for the costs of the missing copies.

"We took offense to the negative statements towards Greeks," the letter said. "We understand that this

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WALF struggles with aging transmitter

BY MEGAN PARK
AND MICHAEL K. WINTER

The campus radio station went off the air two weeks ago when its twenty-year-old transmitter failed.

WALF, 89.7 FM, went off the air around 9:45 p.m., Feb. 8, when three transmitter RF amplification tubes blew. The tubes amplify the station, taking it from about 10 watts to 210 watts, said Andrew Fisk, station production manager.

The station started up again at 6 p.m., Feb. 15.

The week-long shutdown followed two earlier shutdowns caused by transmitter problems. The earlier problems, caused by the cold, were fixed by adjusting and restarting the transmitter, said Fisk. This time the transmitter needed new amplification tubes and a few other parts, he added.

The delay occurred because the engineer who fixed the transmitter was out of town for a week and then had the flu, said station manager Christy Dryden.

This cost for repairs comes on top of a requirement that WALF buy an Emergency Alert System (EAS) monitor. The EAS monitor replaces the Emergency Broadcast System monitor the station owned.

The EAS system is a simplified, digitized version that does away with the codes the EBS used, said Fisk.

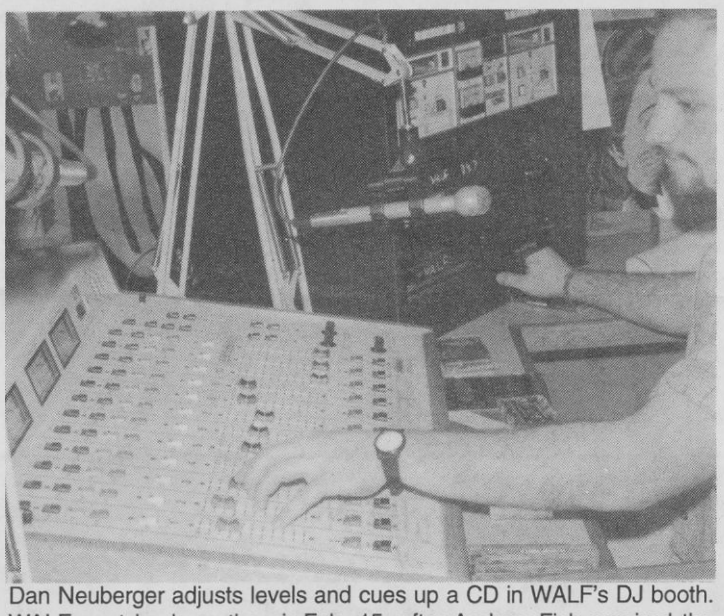

PHOTO BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

Dan Neuberger adjusts levels and cues up a CD in WALF's DJ booth. WALF went back on the air Feb. 15, after Andrew Fisk repaired the twenty year-old transmitter which had been down for a week.

The FCC mandated that every radio station needed an EAS in place, Dryden said.

The repairs cost the station approximately $650, the new transmitter $7,000 and the EAS monitor $3400, said Fisk. He added that these costs were unexpected and not budgeted for.

The administration gave the station $6138, about three-fifths of the total cost, said Fisk. He also said the station will be asking Student Senate to help pay the cost. He said hopes Senate will cover another fifth of the total cost.

The unexpected costs forced WALF to cut its cosponsorship with SAB of a Moxy Fruvous show at AU from $1500 to $500. ❑

Four of five cop pleas on rape charges

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

One of the five men charged in the alleged gang rape in October has been indicted by an Allegany County grand jury.

Syracuse native Michael A. Edwards, 20, was charged recently with first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy of a 22-year-old female AU student.

The other four men bargained to plead guilty on misdemeanor charges in Alfred village court. Kervin Duncan, 22, of Brooklyn; Donald J. Douglas, 20, of Hempstead; Kareem Harrison, 20, of Bronx; and Christopher J. Mayo, 21, of Bronx were also originally charged with first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy. Duncan and Douglas pled guilty to sexual misconduct, Harrison to sexual assault and Mayo to sexual abuse.

The four men who accepted plea bargains were ordered to pay a $90 surcharge and obtain counseling. They were issued conditional discharges. Under the terms of their discharge, if one of them is charged with a crime within a year, he can be forced to face the original

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Deep Blue deep sixes AU audience

BY JONATHAN BAUM

Two-hundred and fifty students lucky enough to get their hands on tickets to see Deep Blue Something were out of luck when the band canceled the show due to a lack of stage in the Knight Club.

"Usually when entertainers come to colleges, they are willing to adjust their show to fit the venue," said Dan Napolitano, assistant director of student activities. "But in this case, I've seen more flexibility in peanut brittle."

Deep Blue Something, popular via its hit single "Breakfast at Tiffany's," was supposed to play a concert in the Knight Club on Feb. 16 as part of the Student Activities Board's Friday night Two-Buck band night series.

Seven hours before the show was supposed to take place, the band's tour manager Rick Storm decided that the band could not play because the Knight Club was not appropriate for a concert.

"For the amount of money we spend touring, the last thing we wanted to do was to go all the way out to this show and then have to cancel," said the band's manager Paul Nugent. But "for what Deep Blue Something is and does, the facility that was provided—it just couldn't be done in there," said Nugent.

Steven Harpst, director of student activities, said the show was canceled because the Knight Club lacked an elevated stage.

Harpst said he sent pictures of the Knight Club and descriptions of everything AU could and couldn't provide to the band's management, including sound, lighting and staging capabilities. "We gave them all the information we could possibly give them," said Harpst. "Based on what they told us, we fully expected there would be a show that night."

Harpst said a $2000 bid was placed in December to hire the band. Included in the bid were provisions stating the band would use sound and lighting equipment provided by AU plus a description of the Knight Club, which included the fact that the band would be performing on a dance floor and not a stage.

Deep Blue Something accepted the bid, but wanted to use their own sound equipment. Harpst agreed.

Closing in on the show date

Nothing new happened until two weeks before the show date, when Harpst spoke to Storm about what time the band and its tour personnel were to arrive and set up. Harpst said he reiterated the status of the Knight Club in terms of lighting and staging. Harpst said Storm expressed concern over the use of a fog machine that may set off fire alarms in the Knight Club.

Four days later, Harpst was contacted by agent and promoter Drew Pompilio, who acted as a middle man between the band's management and AU. Pompilio told Harpst the band was unhappy with the lack of stage. Harpst proposed using five inch tall risers in place of a stage, and Pompilio said he would contact Harpst again if this was unacceptable.

Harpst said Pompilio did not contact him again until two days before the show. This time, the

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Endorsing a journalistic tradition

Endorsements have been a part of American newspapers for at least 220 years.

From the earliest days of the Republic, newspapers have endorsed candidates for public office. Newspapers have always presented views on topics of current debate.

The presentation of editorial comment is a cherished part of journalistic history. In fact, editorial comment long predates the twentieth-century concern with fair and accurate reporting.

Newspapers in modern times make an effort to clearly separate news from opinion. That is why opinion articles are segregated onto pages that are marked Editorial, Opinion, Op-Ed, Outlook or Viewpoints.

The Society of Professional Journalists has a code of ethics that mandates a strict separation of news and opinion. The Fiat Lux follows the SPJ Code of Ethics, and we are personally bound as ethical journalists to uphold the Code of Ethics.

The most recent issue of the Fiat Lux carried endorsements of candidates running in the Senate presidential and vice presidential campaigns. We also printed the candidates' own statements of their top five priorities if elected and their own 500-word essays.

This was well within our rights. The laws of New York State, as well as federal case law and University policy, all ensure that student newspapers enjoy the full protection of the First Amendment. Any attempt at establishing a prior restraint of the student press is illegal.

But there is something more important than our rights to endorse. This problem is one that most newspaper readers are unaware of.

Endorsements are not easy decisions to make. They are also not easy things to write.

Our endorsements represent the consensus of the editorial board.

Our endorsements clarified the job descriptions of each of the positions open for elections. We elaborated the responsibilities of the Senate president and vice president to make it easier for our readers to make an informed decision.

Unfortunately, this left us with approximately 70 words in which to justify our decision. The decisions were made after 30 minutes of debate in each race. A 30-minute discussion uses far more than 70 words.

This means that the endorsements were extremely condensed versions of very long discussions. And, as with any writing done under deadline pressures, they could have been written better.

However, there is another issue at play here: endorsing any one candidate does not mean that under all circumstances we would endorse that person.

Many of our staff members hold the candidates we know in the highest personal regard. We have been privileged to call them our friends.

But we did not speak in our debates on the basis of friendship or on the basis of our hopes for what any candidate could do.

We spoke on the basis of the public statements made by the candidates. We made a decision based on what was said, not on what we hoped would be said.

There is a lot that we hoped would have been said by the candidates. If someone had said what we were hoping for, we would wholeheartedly support that candidate.

Therefore, we would like to offer these ideas, both for any future candidates and for whomever is elected to the Senate executive board tonight.

- Candidates must remember that they are elected to serve the interests of the entire student body, not any segment of the population.
- Candidates must appear to be approachable by any student, not distant and aloof.
- Candidates must speak with a measure of humility, being ready to recognize that they are imperfect, and never assume that they "deserve" to win an election.
- Candidates must do their homework and their research in order that they can speak from a position of knowledge.
- Candidates must avoid other entanglements so that they can devote their full energies to their Senate positions; they must state that their Senate responsibilities come first.

Had any candidate done what we suggest, we would have gladly supported that candidate.

No one did. Therefore we endorsed those candidates we felt were closest to being ideal. We still feel those endorsements were the best we could make. ❑

Letters to the Editor

Cooperating groups could achieve miracles

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express concern about a growing trend I have noticed on our campus. My comments do not pertain to one specific event but several observations I have made in the past two weeks.

A few days ago I witnessed a fraternity pledge stealing newspapers belonging to the *Fiat Lux*. Last week, I sat at Friday Night Live as members of the *Fiat Lux* staff rudely heckled FNL. Tonight I attended Pirate Theater and watched FNL members mercilessly and hurtfully interrupt the show, despite being victims of such treatment just a week prior.

Pirate Theater succeeded in bringing everything full circle by bashing the Greeks and *Fiat*. Let us not forget about the poor Science Fiction Club, who is the victim of everyone's jokes.

When did this happen? When did we decide we could not succeed unless we offended, belittled or stole from others? When did organizations build defensive walls armed with offensive cannons? When did we forget that when we hurt an "organization" we are hurting hard-working individuals?

An organization forms because individuals unify behind a common purpose. This goal could be as enormous as producing a newspaper or as simple and fun as skateboarding.

Unfortunately, organizations are being distracted from their worthwhile causes and their true purpose is being forgotten, or at the very least clouded. Can you imagine what would happen if every group of students were free to attain their goals without obstacles from others? I shudder just thinking about the potential for excellence.

I love my job because I cherish working with students who band together in a powerful force to achieve greatness. When I witness that happening, it fills me with pride to be working in student activities. Please listen to my plea and support one another. Our road to greatness should not be so unnecessarily bumpy.

Sincerely,
Daniel Napolitano
Assistant Director of Student Activities

Sigma Alpha Mu apologizes for Fiat *thefts*

Dear Editor,

We, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, would like to publicly apologize for any involvement we had in the disappearance of the Feb. 20 edition of the *Fiat Lux*. Although we are not solely to blame, we would like to take responsibility for the part we played in this inappropriate action.

We took offense to the negative statements that were made towards Greeks in the article about the presidential candidates. We felt that the views expressed were unfair to the Greek community. Unfortunately, we did not handle this disagreement in an appropriate manner.

We understand that this action reflects poorly on Sigma Alpha Mu and the Greek community. Therefore, we would like to make amends for these actions by this public apology to the campus community and offering to reimburse the *Fiat Lux* for the amount of the missing copies.

Again, Sigma Alpha Mu regrets any inconvenience we may have caused, and in the future we will handle similar situations in a more appropriate and constructive manner.

Sincerely,
Matthew Biagi
President
Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity

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Students to blame for their failures, not CLASSlessness

by C. R. Grontkowski
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

As the dean of the largest academic unit at Alfred University, I am troubled by several assumptions and innuendoes directed at the administration with respect to recent publicity about drop rates and probation rates.

What surprised all of us this year was the number of students who by all normal expectations should not have been dropped or put on academic probation.

We, who have a lot of experience in these areas, have a number of guesses as to why the rate was so high: 1) some very bright students with good high school records simply do not, for whatever reason, make the necessary transition to college-level work; 2) some students simply assume that the social activities in college are more important than the intellectual; 3) some students are overwhelmed by the college atmosphere and react by hiding, running the other way, taking refuge in drugs or alcohol, etc.

> "If you weren't privileged to go to college, you would be expected to show up every day, forty hours a week, rain or snow, hell or high water, to do your job"

Given all of that, let me make a couple of crucial points. I am painfully aware of the "consumerist" mentality in American higher education. That mentality reads roughly: "I am paying megadollars for my education; therefore I deserve to get A's." (Actually, a member of the LAS faculty quoted a student as saying something very like that to her recently).

Here's the fallacy: if "buying" an education were like buying a steam iron or a stereo system, there might be a point to such thinking. It is not, however, like that at all. If we must pursue the consumer analogy (and it goes against everything I believe in to do this), then I compare it to buying a piece of exercise equipment. If you just let it sit in your room, you will gain nothing: no fitness, no weight control, no increased musculature, nothing.

If you want to experience the advantage, you have to be actively involved in the process. If you want truly to be educated, you have to be an active participant.

If you've followed me this far, let me point out two more things: 1) There have been a number of criticisms having to do with the elimination of the CLASS office. Fallacy. Red herring. All of those functions have been assumed by the deans' offices. We coordinate tutoring on a daily basis. All you have to do is get in touch with us. We arrange tutoring, department by department, person by person if needed. 2) When, in Scholastic Standards appeals for the past eight years, I have asked my now-infamous question of the students who have been dismissed ("How many hours do you spend in a week, outside of class, studying?"), the invariable answer is "3-4."

"Give me a break," I want to scream. If you weren't privileged to go to college (as hundreds of thousands of young people aren't—and not just in third-world countries), you would be expected to show up every day, forty hours a week, rain or snow, hell or high water, to do your job, or you'd get fired. End of story.

My experience tells me that if reasonably bright students spends three to four hours a day outside of class and four hours each weekend day on their assignments, they will succeed immensely well and still have time for a social life. What we have to overcome is the illusion that knowledge can be attained by magic or that somehow we can simply buy it. Both illusions are destructive to the human mind and to the spirit of the educational enterprise.

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Letters to the Editor

Candidate's action gained a vote… against him

DEAR EDITOR,

In the four years I've spent at AU, I've never felt the slightest pang over my apathy toward "campus politics." Joe DiCarlo has motivated me to do something I never really cared enough to do before: vote.

Since I'm more than a little skeptical over the actual impact of any given candidate on my life here, I had seen no reason to cast a ballot which amounted to nothing more than a coin toss.

I don't begrudge the aspiring politicos a bit of resume building. But if someone is ostensibly my representative, however meaningless a distinction I may find it to be, I expect at least a little integrity on their part. Politicians in "the real world" may have hopelessly compromised their ethics to achieve their position, but is it too much to ask to have these campus politicians behave with a little dignity? How much is that line on the resume worth?

Some say Clinton managed to get elected in spite of his alleged experimentation with marijuana. I don't find that example at all analogous. What Clinton did was something that the majority of people I know have tried at one point or another. What DiCarlo confessed to doing is both unethical and morally repugnant.

DiCarlo will probably win the election, but not on my account. For the first time in my four years here, he motivated me to vote, so that after his landslide victory, I may say that I did my part to see that his ugly, petty brand of campaigning resulted in the loss of votes.

If you disagree with the opinions stated in the *Fiat Lux*, good for you. If you found them biased against Greeks, good again. At least you had the opportunity to examine the commentary. It's nice to know you can form your own opinions.

But regardless of whether your opinions and those of the *Fiat* differ, in no way does it ameliorate the actions taken by Joe's friends and condoned by him. He even had the gall to admit it in Senate.

If you disagree with Joe's little triangles that are scattered all throughout the dining halls, does that inspire you to gather them all up and make a bonfire?

Yes, Joe has actually made me feel glad to have voted…against him. We've seen enough of his brand of politics in Washington, and more recently, New Hampshire. I don't care to see them in action in Alfred. If by some miracle he does lose, I'm sure D.C. will always have a place for a guy like him.

Sincerely,
Garth V. Pricer
[Message from AUVAX bulletin board used with permission.]

People are getting lost in election controversy

DEAR EDITOR,

Allow me to offer a slightly different view on the disturbing recent events in relation to the Student Senate presidential race. That is that Student Senate and the office of its presidency have had a shadow cast upon them by these proceedings.

I am not in any way affiliated with either the Senate, the *Fiat Lux* or the fraternity implicated in the incidents in question. However, I am a member of Alfred University's student body and a human being.

Michael Zarkin and Jonathan Springer, both esteemed and respected members of the Alfred community, have been publicly slandered and humiliated.

I feel for them, and I feel that the injustice done upon them has been largely overlooked by people on both sides of this debate. In a clash of ideological beliefs and personal passions such as this, we often forget that the casualties are people just like ourselves.

It is a dark time for Alfred, for a dark shadow has been cast upon the Student Senate. In an election tainted by scandal, there are no winners and that is a sad truth. Regardless of who the new president will be, the victory will be bittersweet at best. It is truly tragic that this year's Senate elections will be remembered not for an influx of new ideas and hope for the future, but for the bitterness, hostility and hatred that has surfaced.

Let us learn from this experience and hope that an incident such as this is never allowed to occur again.

Sincerely,
Todd P. Menhinick

Spectrum demands fair treatment for all

DEAR EDITOR,

Sometimes it seems ironic that Alfred was the first village in New York to decide that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation was not acceptable. Alfred University also takes this stance. AU is a place of education that does not condone ignorance and hate. Nonetheless, homophobia reared its ugly head last week.

Many members of the AU community are already aware that eight signs depicting Mike Zarkin and Jon Springer engaged in a homosexual act, accompanied by hateful narration, were posted in the campus center last Wednesday.

There were two major problems with these postings. First, there was a blatant negative association with the homosexual act just by the nature of the posting. Secondly, the creator(s) of this post used this negative force as an assault weapon.

We object to this treatment of members of our Alfred community. This act was immature and demeaning to humanity itself.

Spectrum has worked hard to promote education of all sexual orientations to the AU community. We feel that ignorance of any kind can only hinder efforts of the community to work cooperatively.

We are not asking people to embrace a non-heterosexual orientation. We are demanding the right to our orientations, regardless of whether they are bi-, homo-, or heterosexual, without fear of hatred or discriminatory acts.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Weger & Jim Schreib
Spectrum co-chairs

Fiat *web site great for those away from Alfred*

DEAR EDITOR,

I'd like to commend you on your use of the World Wide Web to make the *Fiat* accessible to people away from Alfred. I'm taking this semester off, working in Atlanta. I find it very useful to be able to read the *Fiat* regularly—not only do I know what's going on back in school, but it sort of feels like I'm still there. It's also interesting to note that the look and feel of the site mirrors that of the paper edition.

Please don't stop supporting the Web-based *Fiat*. I also know several alumni who read it, and I suspect the readership will increase as more Web-aware people graduate from Alfred and continue to use the Web from home. It is also one of few AU organizations which have chosen to make their information available on the Web. Congratulations to you and your staff for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Steve Sparks

Recent incidents have historical precedents

DEAR EDITOR,

The recent events surrounding the Student Senate election and the *Fiat Lux* brought to mind some chilling historical precedents: antebellum Southern destruction and censorship of the mails to bar any abolitionist literature from entering Southern states and the silencing of political opinion in Germany of the 1930s and the United States of the 1950s.

Interestingly, in the latter two cases, many of those who attempted to fight back were immediately "accused" of homosexuality as a political "crime" and faced a range of penalties from imprisonment to unemployment. Indeed, more Americans lost their jobs during the Red Scare due to being labeled homosexual than being labeled Communist.

The issue, of course, was never whether the persons were or were not homosexuals, but the assumption of a few bigots that others shared their homophobia and that such bigotry was a legitimate tool against those whose opinion or work they sought to discredit.

It is heartening to see the swift response of the Alfred community against this kind of bigotry, and perhaps these events can serve as an opportunity against this kind of bigotry. Perhaps these events can serve as an opportunity to renew our commitment as individuals to fighting homophobia in all its forms.

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Eaklor
Professor of History
Faculty Advisor, Spectrum

DiCarlo expresses concerns about issue's theft and following incidents

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the events regarding the *Fiat Lux* election issue.

First, I want to discuss the issue itself. I feel the issue was a complete and utter misrepresentation of the entire campaign for presidency. It is important for everyone to realize that in no way was I taken aback by simply not receiving the endorsement. However, the fact that it was stated that I have a conflict of interest simply because I am Greek is a terrible thing to say. Obviously, being Greek hasn't stopped me from serving you honorably and impartially as your vice president.

The *Fiat* stated that I am looking into Greek issues at the expense of the non-Greek community. In particular, it stated that I want to reevaluate the current Greek release policy for sophomores being released from the University housing contract. This is true. Just about every Greek house has a problem filling the house with active members who are either juniors or seniors. If there is an empty spot, it creates a great financial burden on the house. We must work to deal with this. Greeks represent almost 25 percent of the student body and well deserve equal representation in student government.

What the *Fiat* failed to include in its analysis is that I am concerned with residence hall occupancy equally with that of the Greek houses and that a good balance must be reached between the two. I currently serve on the Social Environment Task Force, a part of the Commission on Planning, which is dealing with the problem of empty spaces in on-campus housing. This was not stated in the *Fiat*. Why?

Throughout the campaign, I pledged that if elected I would devote all my time and energy to Senate. The *Fiat*, however, didn't give me credit for saying this in the election issue. That went to another candidate. Why? In addition, I worked extremely hard to prepare for "Meet the Candidates Night" at Senate. I and many in attendance felt I put forth the best presentation of the candidates. But that was not in the *Fiat*. I ask why.

I question the *Fiat*'s putting out an election issue endorsing a candidate the day before an election. On a campus where there is one newspaper, its role should be reporting the news, not dictating it. This was a blatant attempt to impact the votes without ample time for the candidates to rebut the *Fiat*'s endorsement. In my opinion, a newspaper should endorse a candidate based on his or her merits, not the alleged "entanglements" of the other candidates. I have worked too hard for two and a half years to represent students' interests to let the *Fiat* attempt to hand pick the next president.

What I want to make clear to the student body is that I know I made a mistake in the whole affair and have taken responsibility for my actions at the last Senate meeting. As the statement made by Matt Biagi says, there were many people both Greek and non-Greek that were equally outraged by the *Fiat* and took action. What was done was not in the best interest of my campaign for the presidency and I have made that clear. I feel that this incident does not limit my ability to serve the students.

Furthermore, I want to make it perfectly clear that I and people I associate with know acts of hatred, exemplified by the degrading poster hung in the campus center, are the worst possible approach any society could take. A successful community is one where people of all characteristics work together in peace, harmony and love. People must be judged by their actions and not by sexual orientation, color or creed. Those of you responsible for the poster, understand that the harshest punishment inflicted upon you is not enough.

I also want to talk to those who have been sending me derogatory mail via the bulletin board or my personal account. Why do you judge me in such a harsh way without knowing me? I have been called a pig, a coward and other names at which I take offense. I pride myself on being a people person and love making friends. I ask you to know me before you judge me. I would only do the same for you.

Finally, I would like to put to rest any possible tensions between Greeks and non-Greeks. I am not going to attempt to tell you about the merits of going Greek, because I feel enough people have already done that on my behalf. What I can tell you is that, regardless of any organization one might be affiliated with, be it a newspaper, yearbook, sports team or academic club, one thing is clear: if someone could get so much support and dedication as I have from my fraternity brothers this past week, then your organization truly works for the benefit of all its members. This has easily been one of the worst weeks of my life, and I wouldn't have made it through without the unyielding support from every brother of Sigma Alpha Mu.

To judge a group because of the application of Greek letters to it is wrong and unjust. You guys have gotten me through a time where I had to deal with something with which I had never had to deal before: people hating me for one reason or another. To the next Senate president, if it is not myself, I say, good luck, and be sure to put forth the time and energy needed to represent all of the students, not alienating a group, because of its Greek affiliation, minority status or sexual orientation.

Sincerely,
Joseph DiCarlo
Brother of Sigma Alpha Mu

SUNY cuts normal process

DEAR EDITOR,

It is unfortunate that there have been some incomplete and possibly misleading news stories concerning program cuts at the State-operated campuses of SUNY.

The addition or deletion of programs is a routine and on-going process initiated at the campus level and ultimately involving the State Education Department. This process has been a free and constant exchange with campus presidents in consultation with other academic administrators. This process will help protect SUNY's goals of access and excellence. To suggest otherwise is a "head in the sand" approach to SUNY's honest effort at better management with reduced resources.

Sincerely,
Ken Goldfarb
Director, Media Relations

Letchworth offers students winter wonderland

BY JENNIFER J. REISINGER

Winter is almost over, but as we all know there will probably be at least one more substantial snow storm before winter ends.

Letchworth State Park has some fun winter activities. So if you haven't had the time to play in the snow, you might have about a month left.

"Winter is the best kept secret in Letchworth State Park," said Jonathan Smith, an employee in the park's history department.

Winter at Letchworth is an amazing sight. The flowing waterfalls completely freeze, including the 106-foot waterfall. The fountain at the Glen Iris Inn and Restaurant appears to be a 30-foot snow-cone. It looks like a winter wonderland.

People think of the park as a summer recreation place, but Letchworth offers many winter activities for the public.

There are weekend guided cross country skiing tours around the park grounds. The park also has a four mile canyon trek, insect walks, and other nature walks. Letchworth offers snowmobiling trails, tubing trails and ice skating, all for free.

Letchworth offers 19 trails. There is one trail that crosses the Genesee River and four trails for bicycles—all of which are open in the winter. There are also special trails for horseback riding.

Although there are many guided tours of the park, visitors can feel free to tour the park on their own. There are many special places to explore. The gorge is referred to as "the Grand Canyon of the East." Some of the cliffs are 600 feet high.

The William Pryor Letchworth Museum is another interesting place at the park. It was opened in 1913 by the park's original owner and contains displays of Native American artifacts such as stone tools, pottery and early photographs of the park. The museum also contains the history of the park and the story of how Letchworth became a state park.

Letchworth State Park is located along the Genesee River in Castile, New York on route 19A. Letchworth is a 45 minute car ride from Alfred. The park is open 7 days a week from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.. No reservations are needed to enjoy a day at Letchworth. ❑

Black Sheep more of Farley's physical comedy

BY CHRIS WOJNAREK

If you liked the unique brand of physical humor from Chris Farley in the film *Tommy Boy*, then you will probably enjoy his sophomore effort, *Black Sheep*, a political campaign comedy.

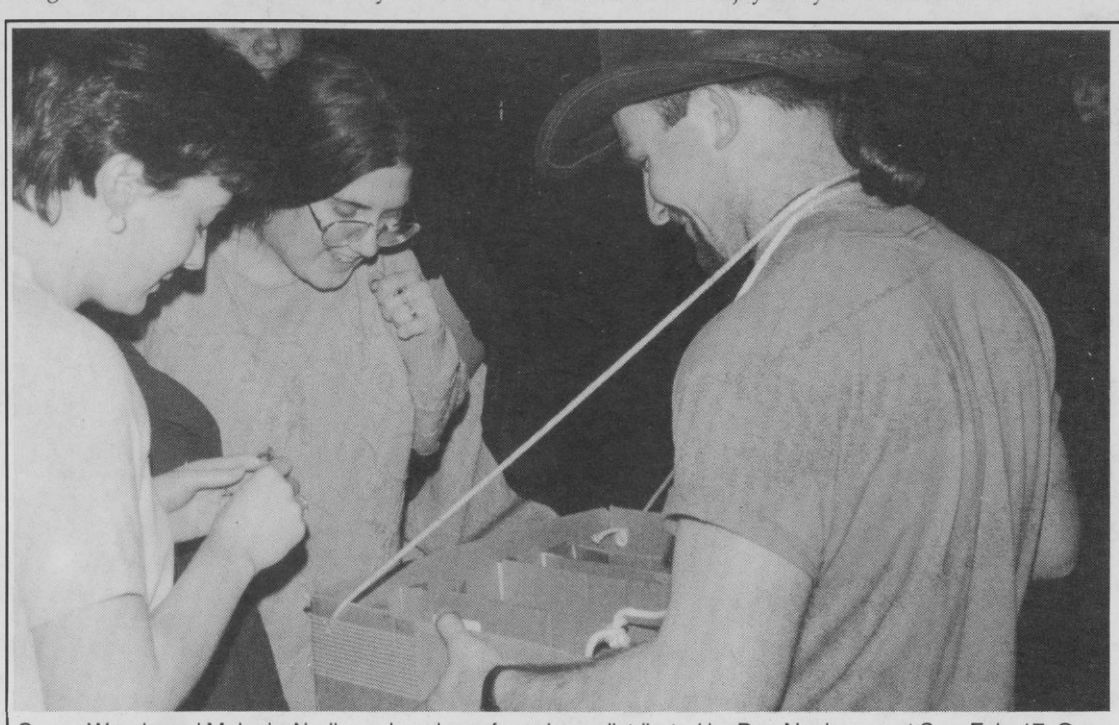
Farley plays Mike Donnelly, dimwitted brother of Washington gubernatorial candidate Al Donnelly. With his carefree lifestyle and limited intelligence, Mike is an embarrassment to his brother's campaign and needs to be kept out of the public eye.

The solution to this problem is to have Mike campaign for his brother in a small secluded Washington county with partner Steve Dudd, played by David Spade.

While living in this county, the duo experience many crazy situations, including trying to remove a bat from their log cabin. The humor comes from watching Farley endure pain through falling, being dragged and slapped, etc.

The story is very predictable, though some scenes are funny nonetheless. Character actor Gary Busey, who is always good for a couple of chuckles, offers his talents as an insane Vietnam veteran.

If you like the slapstick humor that is associated with such buddy teams as The Three Stooges and Abbott and Costello, then you may like this film, although Farley and Spade aren't nearly as funny as those classic performers. ❑



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Susan Woods and Melanie Abell ponder a box of condoms distributed by Dan Neuberger at Sex, Feb. 17. Over 200 students attended the Spectrum-sponsored event, where free samples from more than 20 types of condoms and other sexual accessories were available.

Students anticipate starts of spring break trips

BY HEATHER HARRINGTON

Imagine standing on a beach where the warm wind blows through your hair. Think of the sun shining sweetly down upon you, as you tan in its rays.

Imagine actually leaving Alfred for this land of paradise.

Soon, many students won't have to imagine it because they will be in paradise on spring break vacation!

Spring break vacations are a popular get-away for many wanting to escape the cold and chill of Alfred and Western New York.

Alfred Travel Center representative Nancy Jackson said there are a few destinations that seem more popular than others: for instance Jamaica and Cancun.

Countries with sun seem to be the place for fun. "Jamaica's Montego Bay and Cancun's Calinda Beach were the big sellers for this year's spring break vacations," said Jackson.

Each package included round-trip airfare, airport and hotel transfers, hotel accommodations for seven nights, all hotel taxes and gratuities, on location resort staff and all handling and delivery fees.

According to the spring break flyer, a trip to Jamaica will set you back about $500 and a trip to Cancun will cost almost $600. For these prices you will get a quad style room, which means at least three people will share a room with you.

The Alfred Travel Center sent flyers to the University advertising trips through the Student Travel Services. Jackson said this is important because the travel agency you choose greatly impacts the quality of your vacation.

"There are only a few companies that we highly recommend and those are the ones we will back, like the Student Travel Services," she said.

Some other vacation posters were also displayed around the campus, Jackson said, but those without the Alfred Travel Center stamp on them didn't come from their office. And therefore they can not help anyone with problems regarding these other travel agencies.

The Office of Alcohol and other Drugs Education raffled a spring break adventure to Florida for the price of a buck.

Freshman Steve Wagner won the trip to Florida at AOD's Thursday night party.

The Walt Disney spring break vacation includes a trip for two with round-trip airfare, five nights hotel accommodations at the Days Inn in Lake Buena Vista Village, tickets to Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM Studios, Water Parks and Church Station.

For those wishing to vacation next spring break, Jackson advises that students begin the process early.

Some students waited until the end of February before making plans this year, she said. This caused a rush in the process of getting documents together and paperwork done. ❑

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&More...

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Fellas and ladies and the sound of "New York, New York" transform the Knight Club most Sunday nights. The Glen Miller Band plays as couples murmur under their breath "slow, slow, quick-quick, side together."

Last week I went to the ballroom lessons just to see what they were like. What I found was approximately 40 people laughing and dancing to a variety of music, with one very energetic, obviously excited instructor literally bouncing around.

Born and raised in Hornell, William McCollumn holds a bronze medal for ballroom dancing from an international dance competition.

He has been ballroom dancing for 30 years—"you've got to love it, to do that!" he said.

Actually his main career is accounting—he is an auditor for the government—not exactly the profession I would expect of someone teaching ballroom dancing.

With his neat gray hair, thick glasses and light step, it was fun to watch him circulate among the couples, giving advice, answering questions or even just clapping along to the music.

The variety in the couples themselves was amazing. I saw everything from camouflage pants and big boots to Reebok sneakers. One thing that obviously united them however was their love of ballroom dancing—even after the scheduled lessons ended at 9 p.m., most couples remained to continue to try to figure out the steps taught earlier, laughing as they crashed into each other and stepped on each other's feet.

Generally the first hour of the lessons McCollumn reviews old steps, and the second hour he teaches new steps, in this case the West Coast Swing.

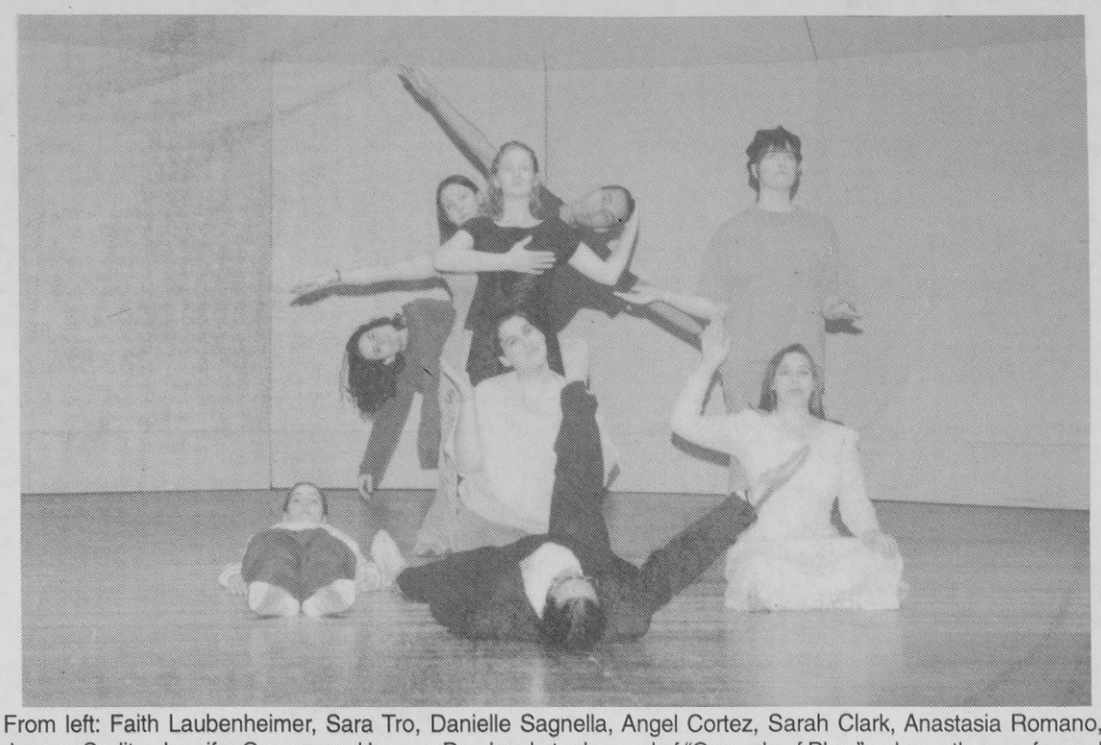
By the end of the eight weeks of lessons, the dancers will have learned at least four dances. His goal is to have couples "walk away with confidence, not be merely entertained," said McCollumn.

He has been teaching lessons at AU since the fall of 1991, and plans to continue teaching both semesters next year.

McCollumn shouted to the participants as they left, "I hope you had fun!" Judging by the smiles on their faces, there was no doubt that they did. ❑

AU dancers perform at regional exhibition

BY MEGAN ALLEN



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From left: Faith Laubenheimer, Sara Tro, Danielle Sagnella, Angel Cortez, Sarah Clark, Anastasia Romano, Jeremy Sedita, Jennifer Conrow and Lauren Borchard at rehearsal of "Grounds of Play," a dance they performed at the America College Dance Festival last weekend.

Even over the phone, states away, the excitement of the students in the hotel room as they heard the news last weekend was obvious.

They were excited because one of AU's dance pieces, "Grounds of Play," was selected for the special gala performance at the American College Dance Festival. The festival was held Feb. 21 - 24 at Smith College in Massachusetts.

AU's piece was chosen for the 12-piece program from approximately 60 dances, said Susan Caligaris, assistant professor of dance.

Caligaris said informal recitals were held all day Thursday and Friday before event adjudicators. On Friday night, the adjudicators selected which pieces would be performed publicly at the festival the following evening. Pieces are selected for the event based on their quality and the variety they will bring to the performance, said Caligaris.

Adjudicator Viola Farber said the dance, choreographed by Angel Cortez, a sophomore language arts major and Danielle Sagnella, a junior psychology major, was "a gift."

Another adjudicator, Kevin Wynn, described the dance as "so fresh—absolutely wonderful."

Also performed by AU students at the festival was "The Call to War," choreographed by Caligaris. Adjudicator James Sutton said the piece was "an example of what art should be."

AU offers only a minor in dance and though most students at the festival are from colleges with dance major programs, AU students fit right in, said Caligaris.

"Our dances are as good as other colleges that do have a major program, because you don't need the strict technique for the dances we're showing," said dancer Lauren Borchard, a sophomore English major.

This is the fourth year AU students have attended the festival. Caligaris said she added the event to the curriculum when she began teaching at AU because it would be an excellent experience for students.

"Students need to see other dance outside of this rural area," she said. "There is an amazing change in the dancers after they are exposed to the good artwork at the festival. Seeing other's artistry feeds into our progress and opens people's eyes."

The festival was "tiring and wonderful," said dancer Sara Tro, a senior art major in the school of art and design.

Dancer Sarah Clark, a junior gerontology and clinical psychology major, said the worst part of the festival was that there was not enough time to take in everything, with many performances and classes going on at the same time.

During the festival, students attended a variety of classes on topics such as improvisation, ballet, modern and African dance, while Caligaris taught an intermediate modern dance class.

"A Call to War" and "Grounds of Play" were chosen to be shown at the festival by Caligaris and the dance minors from the pieces in the fall dance concert.

Several hundred students from 30 schools in the New England region attended the festival, including ten AU students.

The trip was mainly funded by the Gene Bernstein Account, a trustee grant through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to fund special trips and programs.

"A Call to War" and "Grounds of Play" will be performed in the spring dance concert. ❑

Art Events:

Feb. 28 - March 27

Signatures

Recent faculty work in the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery
—Six professors from the College of Ceramics will display recent work
—Opening reception March 12 at 4:30 p.m.

March 21 - 24

Under Milk Wood

Dylan Thomas' play, by the Division of Performing Arts
—Will be performed instead of *Creation, Beginning, Genesis*, because the Miller Performing Arts Center is not yet finished
—16 actors will play 38 different roles in this play, set in a small Welsh fishing village

PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

Doug Jeck, assistant professor of ceramic art, contemplates one of his pieces that will be in the faculty show Feb. 28, and proves once again that life imitates art.

Review

Atlas lauds Garcia and the Grateful Dead in Bergren

BY NICOLE LEBO

Gordon Atlas was joined by many to pay a tribute to Jerry Garcia for the Feb. 15 Bergren Forum, "Jerry Garcia: A Personal, Phenomenological, Psychobiographical Musical Tribute."

More than six months after Garcia's death, the Bergren Forum in his honor was the most attended forum in recent memory. The increased audience was one of Atlas's objectives. Atlas said he felt this subject matter alone would bring in the numbers to give a good preview of what he feels to be an outstanding program.

More important, however, was the actual subject at hand. As well as presenting a type of memorial service for Garcia, Atlas said he wanted to share his admiration of the Grateful Dead with some first-time listeners.

Atlas initially did not appear to be a Deadhead, wearing a blue button-down shirt, tie and vest. He was visibly moved by Garcia's music, though. As the clips he had chosen played, he moved to the side of the stage and leaned against the wall. He nodded his head in rhythm and signaled for the music to be turned up. With the increased volume, his lips mouthed the words, and a smile swept his face.

Atlas provided a wonderful array of music to listen to and thoughts to ponder that appealed to both the Deadheads in the crowd and to those who only knew the Grateful Dead by their reputation.

Connie Mann, one of Atlas's secretaries, changed her opinion of the group after attending the forum. She said her previous interest in the band was only through paintings of skulls and roses that her son had done. She said she thought that the appeal was only for a younger generation.

Mann said she was "pleasantly surprised" to discover she was wrong. She said she now listens to the Grateful Dead in her car, explaining the music may appeal to so many age groups because musically, "we all seem to be searching for something down to earth."

Atlas said he felt that freedom was the theme the Dead perpetuated. He played samplings from many periods of Garcia's career to prove his point. Beginning with Garcia's Bluegrass roots and moving through the band's evolvement up to a live show this summer. Atlas emphasized their style, ideas and growth.

Atlas said he felt that Garcia embodied freedom. He said the lyrics ranged from funny, ironic truisms to soul-searching memoirs and the music included blues ballads, jam sessions and jazzed out disco.

Atlas said the freedom was most memorable when just thought of in terms of Garcia's voice. "The crying, soothing quality seemed to translate emotions into music," said Atlas.

Some students said they were upset that some tribute or discussion was not held earlier. Atlas said the loss of Garcia affected him in a way that would have made it difficult to get through the presentation any closer to the time of Garcia's death. He said he felt that enough time had passed that the forum would have positive effects for himself and others by helping to "facilitate the mourning process."

The audience seemed sedated and unresponsive. The theater was packed and people sat on the floor in the rear, yet the crowd did not sing the words or move in time.

"It was more of an inner dancing," said one student after the forum.

About 20 students stayed after the presentation to speak with Atlas and to copy his tapes. Atlas said he was even hugged by strangers.

After the forum, Atlas summed up Garcia's inspiration and aphorism: "It was all about experience," he said. Atlas reminded students that Garcia paid a high price for some of his experiences.

"Finding those same freedoms without the consequences is still an unfinished experiment," said Atlas. ❑

...Deep Blue nothing

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issue was lighting. Pompilio said the band needed additional lighting to be provided, so Harpst rented additional lights and a control board, going against a stipulation in the contract that AU would not be forced to spend any additional money on such equipment needs as lighting.

In the meantime, Harpst had received permission to alter the fire protection zones within the Knight Club to allow use of the fog machine.

On the Thursday morning before the concert, Harpst said he faxed Nugent, and all seemed to be in order for the concert to take place.

But when the band arrived the next day, Tour manager Storm looked at the Knight Club and decided the show could not take place.

Nugent said the Knight Club was "not marginally close" to Storm's standards. He said this was the first time Storm had decided to cancel a show. "We depend on [Storm] as a guy who goes in and assesses the situation," said Nugent. "The room wasn't adequate."

Nugent said the issue was safety, charging that a five-inch riser does not provide enough of a barrier between the band and the crowd.

Nugent said the small elevation would not prevent an audience member from being pushed onto the stage during moshing and potentially being injured or injuring a member of the band. He was also concerned that security would be too close to both the band and the crowd.

Nugent added that the Knight Club is too small for a nationally known act. "It was like band in a corner," said Nugent.

Harpst said that the band was looking for small club dates when booked, thus making the Knight Club appropriate.

Contractual Details

Harpst said that as with most major acts, the entertainer has a contractual right to back out of the agreement for any reason, as was the case with Deep Blue Something. "You always run the risk that they won't want to play your date anymore," said Harpst.

But Harpst did not give up initially when Storm informed him of the problems with the Knight Club. Harpst was able to find a business in Olean that rented staging equipment, but it could not be picked up in time for the show.

Harpst then considered moving the show to Holmes Auditorium in Harder Hall. There were several roadblocks, however, including a Friday Night Live performance and questions about sufficient power.

Harpst and Napolitano did contact Michael Cary, managing director of FNL, about the possibility of the concert being moved to Holmes.

"I was more than willing to try to do both," said Cary. But he said the auditorium electrician couldn't be reached, and substantial lighting changes would have been required to hold the concert in Holmes.

Even if there were sufficient power to run the band's sound system, Harpst was not prepared to force FNL to accommodate by delaying, rescheduling or canceling the show. "I'm not willing to force an organization out like that," said Harpst.

Cary said FNL could have tried to work with Deep Blue Something's lighting set-up, but clearing the stage of all the band's equipment after the show would have pushed the FNL starting time to somewhere between 11:30 and 12:00.

Cary said that because of scheduling conflicts and mid-semester break, the only other option would be to completely cancel the show. "I'd hate to tell all these people that their work didn't mean anything," said Cary. "We felt we had a good show to offer."

After failing to secure another stage or location, Harpst said he asked Storm if there was anything that could be done to make the show happen, and Storm said no.

Pompilio, middle agent for the concert, said he had been working with the band for three weeks and knew everyone involved. "Maybe we didn't have the best venue, but we thought we could pull this off, no strings attached," said Pompilio.

Nugent did express his and the band's disappointment that the show could not take place. "We showed up ready to play," said Nugent. "We feel bad about the kids that care about us."

Among those students disappointed was Carianne Mack, Student Activities Board small acts chair. "It's very upsetting that they didn't care about all the work we put into it," said Mack. "It was all for nothing."

Mack said she wrote a letter to the band expressing her disappointment and a member of the band called her personally explaining the reason for the cancellation.

Mack said the band member said Deep Blue Something has a reputation of having an excellent Pink Floyd-like light show and they would not have been able to live up to that reputation by playing in the Knight Club.

The band member also echoed Storm and Nugent's concern about the lack of an adequate stage.

Pompilio said much was done to keep all parties on the same page. "[Steve Harpst and I] kept each other updated as best we could," he said. "We made sure we were open to each other constantly–24 hours a day."

"We work with a lot of schools, and Steve is one of the best ones to work with," said Pompilio. "He did everything in his power" to try to save the concert.

But Nugent, the band's manager, didn't think the parties were on the same wavelength. "[Harpst's] perception of what it would take to do the show safely was different than that of our tour manager," said Nugent.

Nugent said the details about the Knight Club could have been clearer. "Things looked okay to the road manager, but when he got there, he discovered that they weren't," said Nugent.

Nugent also said the band and its management regretted any inconveniences they may have caused anyone.

The Morning After

Deep Blue Something's cancellation also disappointed Harpst "It was the band's choice. They had that right. They opted not to play," said Harpst.

Harpst said his biggest disappointment was that "we didn't have a show to put on for the students." He also said he felt badly for the members of SAB who worked to put the concert together.

Harpst said that this will not affect AU's chances of securing other acts in the future and that all possible steps had been taken by AU to prepare for the concert.

He said the concerns which led to the cancellation of the concert should have been expressed well before the day of the show because the band and its management had pictures of the Knight Club and full details on what AU could and could not provide.

Harpst said both Pompilio and the band's agency representative said AU didn't do anything improper that might have caused the cancellation. "There was nothing else I could do to prevent this from happening," said Harpst.

Harpst said it isn't likely SAB will attempt to sign another medium or large act for this semester. Instead, the money not spent on Deep Blue Something may be put towards a large act for next fall or spring.

"We've made big strides to bring SAB into the realm of big concerts," said Harpst, citing Blues Traveler and Alanis Morrisette as examples. "We want to keep moving in that direction." ❑

Only one sentenced so far in fight charges

BY MEGAN PARK

One AU student arrested after a fight in the campus center three weeks ago received his sentence and another student is still awaiting his court date.

Thomas Bermudez, 19, of Morrisville, received an adjournment and contemplation of dismissal for his charge of resisting arrest, said Dolores MacCrea, Alfred court clerk.

Bermudez must stay out of trouble for six months and do 30 hours of community service, said MacCrea.

Bermudez also pled guilty to disturbing the peace, receiving a $75 fine, MacCrea said. Bermudez appeared in court Feb. 21.

Damion Toran, 18, of Brewster, was arrested for assault in the second degree and further charged with resisting arrest.

He is still awaiting his March 20 court date, said MacCrea. ❑

Admissions director: Applications may be up

BY LAURA FOSTER

Alfred University is expecting more applicants for admission this year than usual, said Laurie Richer, director of admissions.

At February's Board of Trustees' meeting, Richer reported a 24 percent increase in the number of applications from the same time last year. However, Richer cautioned those present at the meeting not to get too excited about the increase because it may be due to a change in the application deadline.

The deadline was changed this year from Feb. 15 to Feb. 1. Due to the earlier deadline, more applications had been received by the Board of Trustees' meeting, but it may not indicate an overall increase of the same magnitude, said Richer.

Richer said the number of early decision applications is up 25 percent from last year. She estimates there will be between 1750 and 1800 applicants at the end of the application cycle, a five to ten percent increase over last year.

But not all areas of the University are experiencing application increases.

Richer said the entire SUNY system is down 13 percent in freshman applicants this year. AU's ceramic engineering department, which is part of the SUNY system, is experiencing a decrease in number of applicants so far, but the art school's numbers are up from previous years, said Richer.

Richer said she wants the number of applicants to rise. She said she believes the number of applicants AU receives affects everyone in the community.

"I think that everyone hopes we're up this year," she said. Richer added that AU's faculty is very supportive of prospective students who come for campus visits.

"I feel a lot of support from the faculty for the admissions efforts," said Richer.

Many current Alfred students are not concerned with the number of applicants Alfred receives. Erin Randall, a senior psychology major, said, "I guess it's cool that the numbers are up, but it doesn't really affect me."

After the poor performance of much of this year's freshman class, some Alfred students are wary of who will be accepted next year.

"The admissions department needs to be more careful about who they accept for next year, since so many kids flunked out this year," said Cheryl Wilczynski, a junior business administration major.

Richer said it is impossible to know for sure how any given student will do at AU. She said the admissions department tries to get to know each candidate well before making a decision on acceptance. If applicants high school class ranks and grade point averages are good, they will generally be offered admission to AU.

Richer said there are no guarantees of a student's performance in college. The goal of Alfred's admissions department is to "identify a class that will be happy and successful and contribute to the campus community," she said. ❑

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Alfred cable system enters refranchising process

BY JONATHAN BAUM

What the state doesn't want, the municipalities get. Such is the case with the refranchising of Alfred Cable System, Inc.

"We're now in the position of having to assume the control of the cable system," said Barret Potter, village trustee and deputy mayor of the village of Alfred.

Potter said the cable system is now in the process of being refranchished. He said issuing a franchise gives a company the right to a legal monopoly.

The process was handed from the state to the localities after the New York State Commission on Cable Television was absorbed into the NYS department of Public Service last year. This change was announced in a Dec. 18 memo from the NYS Commission on Cable Television, which stated that the change would be in effect as of Jan. 1.

In this case, the town of Alfred, village of Alfred, town of Almond and village of Almond are responsible for regulating the process. Each municipality must approve and grant a franchise to the cable company in order for it to provide cable services to the citizens.

Potter said the franchises are typically granted for ten years with five year extensions available. Alfred Cable's last franchise was a five year extension which initially expired last year, but has been continued by short-term extensions.

Potter serves on an eight-member committee, with two representatives from each locality, which has been formed to create guidelines for the refranchising process. Potter and Joe Gow, director of the communication studies program at AU, represent the village of Alfred on the committee.

"We're doing what the state used to do," said Potter. Potter said the committee will work with the community to determine what it wants to see in the cable services provided. He said getting community input has been and will continue to be an ongoing effort, adding that most of the concerns expressed thus far have been requests about making changes to the current selection of channels offered by the cable system.

The committee met on Monday to discuss possible recommendations.

Keith Patrick, vice-president of Alfred Cable System, agrees with Potter's desire to seek community input.

"This isn't just [the company's] cable system," said Patrick. "We want input and direction from the community."

"We're trying to do our best to please all the parties involved," said Patrick.

But Patrick admitted this is not an easy task due to the various population groups involved, including the faculty and staff of the two colleges and the immediate community.

"Trying to please all facets becomes quite a challenge, and that's what we're up against," said Patrick, who said the company will compare what is currently offered with what the community wants to see.

Both Patrick and Potter said that the process will not affect AU's cable package, which is negotiated separately from the services offered to the community. Many University employees and off-campus students, however, do live in the areas serviced by Alfred Cable System.

Patrick said he would like the new franchise to be valid for ten years with a five year extension, partly due to future capital investments the company is likely to make. "There are a lot of other services we want to offer in the future," said Patrick, including a fiber system and Internet computer access through the cable system.

Potter set mid-April as a target date for having the refranchising recommendation approved by all four municipalities. If the recommendations of the committee are rejected by the localities, "It's back to the drawing board," said Potter, adding that another extension would probably be granted to continue the current franchise if a new franchise is not approved on-time. ❑

...*Fiat* thefts

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action reflects poorly on Sigma Alpha Mu and the Greek community."

Springer said the newspaper was satisfied with the resolution of the incident and would not press charges. AU could still prosecute students independently under its judicial policy, Springer said.

Because of his actions, the Student Senate elections committee recommended that DiCarlo should no longer be a candidate for president. The Senate voted not to accept the recommendation.

Several students wanted to change their votes upon hearing of the incident. "I don't think it's fair that the people don't get to change their mind," said freshman Alex Toribio. "People might think he [DiCarlo] is not honest now and might want to change their vote."

Election results will be announced at tonight's Student Senate meeting at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater.

In a related incident Wednesday night, approximately eight fliers depicting Springer and Michael Zarkin, *Fiat Lux* managing editor, in a homosexual act were posted inside the Powell Campus Center during last Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

The fliers included a photocopy of a printout of Springer's e-mail message and the handwritten message "Did someone take your papers? Cry Cry Cry you Asshole But Slammers!" Below the writing is a pair of stick figures, one bending over, the other with an erect penis and raised arms.

"We felt it was not only a personal attack, but it was essentially using homosexuality as an assault weapon," said Rebecca Weger, co-chair of Spectrum, a gay, lesbian and bisexual student advocacy group. Zarkin is openly gay.

Spectrum circulated petitions for students, faculty and staff to sign in support of the rights of all members of the AU community to "feel secure in their sexual orientations without fear of hatred or discriminatory acts."

Springer and Zarkin have spoken to Sue Smith, judicial coordinator, about their options under AU's judicial system, Springer said. He said they did not know who posted the fliers. ❑

More users dialing up to Computer Services

BY BARRETT DISANTO

The increase of students using their own computers and the lack of available dial-up lines has caused a struggle for students trying to access the VAX.

"Every time I try to log onto the VAX I can't get through, and even when I can, I can't do anything useful, like use Netscape, because there aren't any SLIP lines available," said Chase Perry, a junior Ceramic Engineering major.

There was a steady increase of personal computing in the residence halls from about 1990 to today, with about 25-35 percent of campus students bringing their own computing equipment, said Connie Beckman, director of computing services.

This increase has forced Computing Services to increase the number of modem lines and increase the access speed of those modems. The number of modem lines increased from two in 1988 to 20 today. The access speed has gone from 300 baud to 19,200.

Even with the increase of modem lines, "We are still hard-pressed to meet the demand," said Beckman.

Currently there are 20 dial-up lines in Computing Services and two dial-up lines available for the School of Ceramic Engineering. These lines are available throughout the day and early evenings until about 8 p.m. From 8-11 p.m. the lines are pretty much in constant use, said Beckman.

To address the growing need for more modems, Beckman stated that Computing Services have developed a strategic plan to add another 20 lines with service for PPP and SLIP connections. PPP/SLIP is needed to use World Wide Web browsers like Netscape and Mosaic.

Eventually, Beckman would like to see fiber cable run to every residence hall. This would provide high-speed connections that are much faster than the phone lines could handle. The plan will be operational with budget approval for new funds.

Another option that the Computer Science Department is looking into is using an Internet provider out of Hornell.

"For $25 per month plus tax, students can get a local phone number for direct access to the Internet. This gives a PPP account and shell account, as well as Netscape," said George Ball, associate professor of computer science.

From this provider, students could also telnet to their Alfred account and use it just like the VAX.

The Hornell Area Computer Klub, or HACK, has hosted a meeting to plan how to attract a provider. Service Technology, Inc. in Rochester is one of the possibilities, said Ball. ❑

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Senate Update

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Tuition will go up next year, but not as much as was expected, President Edward G. Coll Jr. said at the Feb. 21 meeting of Student Senate.

Coll reviewed the tuition, room and board increases that have been approved by the Board of Trustees. For example, students will pay $499 more for tuition, $84 more for a double room and $79 more for a 21-meal plan.

Provost W. Richard Ott said a Retention Task Force is looking into ways to improve the University's retention rate which is 43rd among similar schools.

Coll explained the reason the financial aid packages will be adjusted down for those students who move off campus. He said, "I have always had a problem with subsidizing landlords in town."

Dean of Students Gerald Brody pointed out that students living off campus pay about $500 less for room and board, and therefore, their financial need is lower.

Ott explained the proposed calendar changes. The proposal suggests starting the second semester a week later and eliminating October break. If approved, the changes would take effect for the 1997-98 school year.

The Elections Committee, under the leadership of James Fudge, gave a report regarding the president and vice-president elections.

Fudge explained that copies of the *Fiat Lux* election issue were stolen and that Joe DiCarlo, a candidate for president, had admitted knowledge of the action.

The Elections committee recommended that DiCarlo withdraw from the race.

DiCarlo read a brief prepared statement in which he admitted condoning the theft, but said he felt the *Fiat Lux* had presented his views unfairly. He indicated his desire to remain in the race.

The recommendation of the Elections Committee was put to a Senate vote by secret ballot and was defeated 28 to 13 with one abstention. DiCarlo was allowed to remain in the election.

The Senators voted unanimously to give the Multicultural committee $200 from Special Allocations to be used for a speaker next month.

The Commons is now open from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. seven days a week with several new vending machines, Brody said.

Court Report

Driving while intoxicated:
- William J. Halsey, Alfred Station, reduced to driving while ability impaired ($85)
- Joseph Demarco, Tonawanda, N.Y., reduced to driving while ability impaired ($425)

Disorderly conduct:
- Jeffrey B. Wilson, Orchard Park, N.Y., reduced to village noise ordinance ($200)
- Matthew R. Ratajczak, West Seneca, N.Y., reduced to disturbing the peace ($50)

Speed in zone:
- Jessica L. Davis, Canastota, N.Y. ($85)
- Vincent J. Disalvo, Rochester ($85)
- Michael H. Eaton, Silverlake, N.Y. ($55)

Rape 1st:
- Kareem Harrison, New York, reduced to sexual assault (conditional discharge, counseling, $90)
- Christopher Mayo, Bronx, reduced to sexual abuse (conditional discharge, counseling, $90)
- Kervin Duncan, Brooklyn, reduced to sexual misconduct (conditional discharge, counseling, $90)
- Donald Douglas, Hempstead, N.Y., reduced to sexual misconduct (conditional discharge, counseling, $90)

Other:
- Jon M. Crocker, Batavia, inadequate muffler ($65), unregistered vehicle ($50), improper plates ($25)
- Noel J. Pelczarski, Drexel Hill, Ga., criminal mischief 4th, two counts, reduced to disturbing the peace plus restitution ($150)
- Sandra P. Robinson, Hornell, uninspected vehicle ($40)
- Maurice T. Balk, Alfred Station, expired registration ($75)
- William J. Halsey, Alfred Station, failure to keep right ($75)
- Michael J. Hood, Brooklyn, unlicensed driver ($75)
- Nikisha M. Ridgeway, Buffalo, failure to obey traffic device ($125)
- William S. Slutsky, Kingston, N.Y., passed stop sign ($100)
- Anthony Martinez, N.Y., criminal possession stolen property 5th, reduced to disturbing the peace ($100)
- Michael A. Edwards, Syracuse, rape (held for grand jury)

Police Blotter

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents from Feb. 6 to Feb. 19.

Arrests:

Harassment:
- Anthony Graziano, 34, Alfred Station (Feb. 15)
- Horace S. Bennett, 21, Brooklyn (Feb. 16)

Other:
- Brian K. Schnieder, 20, Caldonia, N.Y., open container (Feb. 10)
- Ned W. Colclough, 19, Hillsdale, N.Y., petit larceny (Feb. 11)
- William J. Halsey, 21, Alfred Station, driving while intoxicated (Feb. 16)
- Shon L. Miller, 23, Rochester, assault 3rd (Feb. 17)

Complaints:

Disabled Vehicle:
- Vandermark Rd. (Feb. 9)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 9)
- Hill St. (Feb. 11)
- Rt. 244 (Feb. 13)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 19)

Criminal Mischief:
- Sayles St. (Feb. 11)
- Action Dr. (Feb. 14)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 18)

Harassment:
- East Valley Rd. (Feb. 6)
- Alfred Station (Feb. 7)
- S. Main St. (Feb. 10)
- State St. (Feb. 14)

Noise violation:
- S. Main St. (Feb. 15)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 17)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 18)

Burglary and larceny:
- State St. (Feb. 6)
- State St. (Feb. 15)

Vehicle blocking highway:
- Terrace St. (Feb. 11)
- Rt. 244 (Feb. 11)
- Ct. Rt. 12 (Feb. 15)

Disorderly conduct:
- N. Main St. (Feb. 8)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 17)

Larceny:
- N. Main St. (Feb. 9)
- E. Pine St. (Feb. 10)
- S. Main St. (Feb. 10)
- Action Dr. (Feb. 18)

Illegally parked vehicle:
- S. Main St. (Feb. 6)
- Park St. (Feb. 8)

Aggravated harassment:
- S. Main St. (Feb. 10)
- East Valley (Feb. 12)

Missing person:
- Alfred (Feb. 11)
- Alfred (Feb. 11)

Other:
- Reckless driving, Kenyon Rd. (Feb. 7)
- Litter, McHenry Valley Rd. (Feb. 7)
- Street lights out, Alfred (Feb. 7)
- Trash law violation, N. Main St. (Feb. 8)
- Vehicle/animal accident, Alfred (Feb. 8)
- Vehicle fire, Clark Rd. (Feb. 9)
- Suspicious vehicle, Rt. 244 (Feb. 9)
- Person with alcohol, Lower College Dr. (Feb. 10)
- Cattle in the road, Randolph Rd. (Feb. 11)
- Hit-and-run accident, Shaw Rd. (Feb. 12)
- Fire, Pine Hill Dr. (Feb. 12)
- Reckless driving, Ct. Rt. 12 (Feb. 13)
- Dog struck by vehicle, Ct. Rt. 12 (Feb. 14)
- Hazard, Glen St. (Feb. 14)
- Possible Burglary, W. Univ. St. (Feb. 14)
- Domestic incident, Glen St. (Feb. 14)
- Attempted suicide, Main St. (Feb. 15)
- Vehicle off road, Randolph Rd. (Feb. 15)
- Intrusion alarm, Alfred (Feb. 15)
- Emotionally disturbed person, N. Main St. (Feb. 16)
- Person locked out of residence, Alfred Station (Feb. 17)
- Debris in road, Rt. 21 (Feb. 17)
- Criminal possession of stolen property, S. Main St. (Feb. 18)
- Menacing, Rt. 21 (Feb. 19)

A total of 5 bad checks were reported from Feb. 6 to Feb. 19.

A total of 19 traffic citations were issued from Feb. 6 to Feb. 19.

Faculty propose changes to academic calendar

BY LAURA FOSTER

AU's 1997-98 academic calendar may look different from past years' if suggestions made at a Feb. 9 University faculty meeting are adopted.

The proposed changes would eliminate the mid-semester break in October break that breaks up the rhythm of the semester, Provost W. Richard Ott told the Student Senate last Wednesday.

Ott also said the spring semester later would start later, providing students another week of warm weather in the spring, allowing for another week of spring sports and eliminating final exams on Saturdays.

Not many students are aware of the proposed changes, however, said graduate student Michael LaSalle.

LaSalle said he did not want to see the four-day October break eliminated. "I think the breaks are spaced evenly enough as they are. We need the October break," he said.

Junior Michael Huling agreed that many AU students are unaware of the proposed changes. Huling said he hopes rescheduling the spring semester would move AU's spring break later, to when other schools have their spring breaks.

Senior Bryan Valladares said "If they make any changes, I'll take my own breaks when I need them." ❑

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charges of rape and sodomy.

Alfred village police Chief Randy Belmont said, "plea bargaining is normal...an everyday occurrence in the United States."

The five men accused of raping a woman in Crawford F Oct. 28 withdrew from AU voluntarily after the alleged incident occurred and have not reapplied, said AU News Bureau Director Andrew Thompson.

Edwards is scheduled to be arraigned before Allegany County Judge Peter R. Sprague March 18. He is free on bail pending that court appearance. ❑

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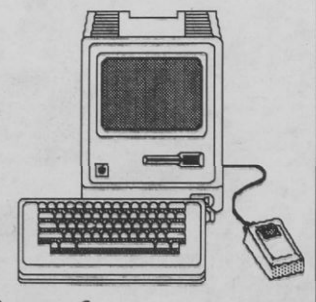

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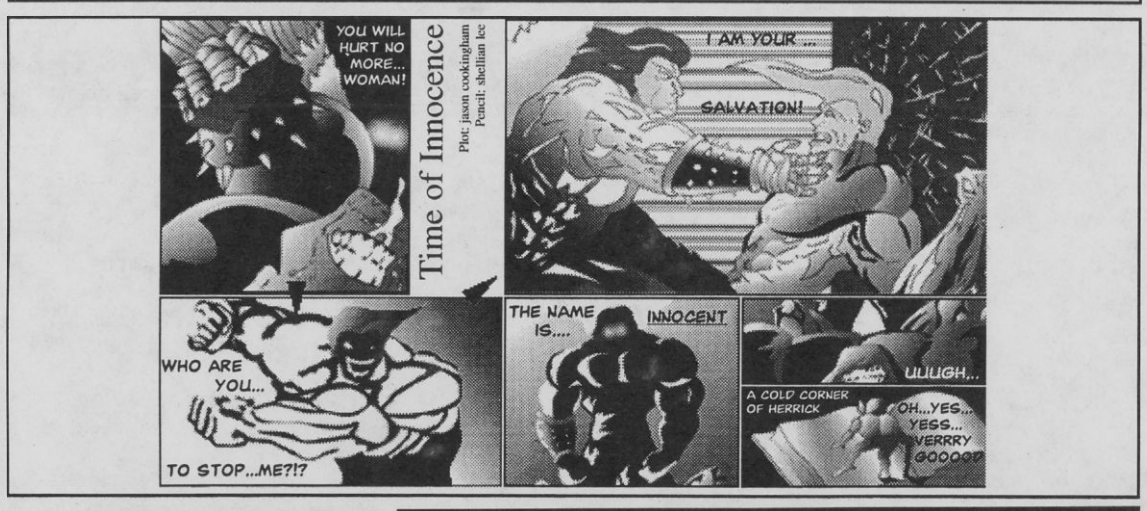

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Intramural program looks to expand

BY VINNIE MORRIS

Students and staff have agreed that participation in intramurals is worthwhile, but there seems to be a lack of female participants.

Director of Intramural Sports Ken Hassler said, "Intramurals have been fairly successful in the past, and the numbers have been good. But, we have not been able to generate female interest."

Alfred's intramural program is a way for students to meet new people and to find a sense of belonging. Sports including basketball, volleyball, soccer, racquetball, football and softball are offered in the intramural program.

Sports, as well as other activities, can help relieve stress. Most of the sports are traditionally played each year, but new things such as an indoor triathlon are being added.

The time for scheduling indoor and outdoor activities for intramurals is limited due to the priority that is given to varsity sports. Hassler said, "In the last five years the numbers for participation has decreased because of the lack of gym time, and recreation time is pushed back to the late evenings."

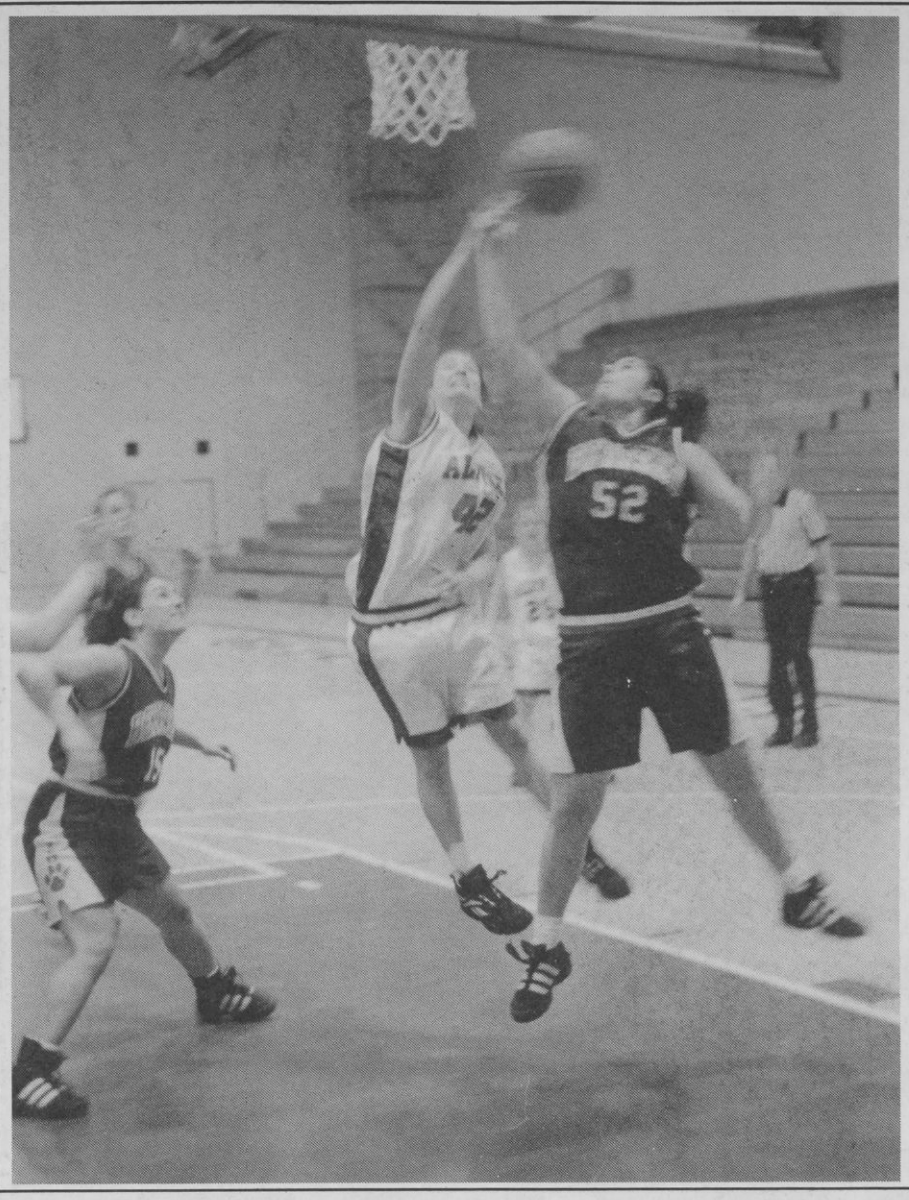
For many students it is hard to accommodate their schedule to the times available. AU student Ying Ying Wong said, "Personally, I think the program is not as organized as it should be. The time that is used for intramurals is hard to work with."

Although scheduling is difficult, Hassler said, "Things stay pretty much as scheduled, and we try to adhere to schedule changes if the team or individual notifies me in advance."

Jason Amore, a student who officiates intramural activities said, "Even though scheduling is tough, there is still a good turn out. The games are really competitive, but fights and other major problems have been almost nonexistent."

Intramural participant Jason Dobrinick said, "Intramurals is definitely worth the time, and there is very good competition. I have played football and volleyball, and both seemed to be fun for everyone."

AU student Christie Hayes said, "I think more women would participate if they were aware that the games are both serious and fun. Most of my friends played sports in high school, so I think that the interest is there; they just have to get motivated." ❑



In her last home game in a Saxon uniform, Kari Sergent (#42) vies for the rebound in their 61-53 defeat of Penn State/Behrend.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

Sports Spring Schedule 1996

(* denotes home game)

Men's Baseball

3/30	1:00pm	*Syracuse University
4/4	1:00pm	University of Buffalo
4/6	1:00pm	*SUNY Geneseo
4/7	1:00pm	Buffalo State College
4/9	1:00pm	Ithaca College
4/13	1:00pm	Genesee C.C.
4/14	1:00pm	*University of Buffalo
4/18	8:00pm	*Syracuse University
4/19	5:00pm	*SUNY Geneseo
4/21	1:00pm	*Buffalo State College
4/25	8:00pm	University of Buffalo
4/28	11:00am	*Championship Tournament

Men's Lacrosse

3/4	1:00pm	Guilford College
3/6	1:00pm	Roanoke College
3/16-17	:TBA	*Terrence O'Connor Tourn.
		Plymouth State
		Middlebury
		Lynchburg
3/20	4:00pm	*Oneonta State
3/24	:TBA	Wesleyan University
3/26	3:00pm	Elmira
3/30	1:00pm	*St. Lawrence
4/3	:TBA	Clarkson
4/6	2:00pm	*Hartwick
4/13	1:30pm	R.I.T.
4/17	4:00pm	*SUNY Geneseo
4/20	1:00pm	*Ithaca
4/24	3:00pm	Nazareth
4/28	1:00pm	Kings Point
5/1	4:00pm	*Cortland State

Women's Lacrosse

3/1-3/6		Spring Trip to Maryland & Virginia
3/5		Scrimmage vs Washington Coll.
3/16	5:30pm	*Scrimmage vs St. Bonaventure
3/21	4:30pm	*SUNY Fredonia
3/23	10:30am	*Wittenberg
3/27	4:30pm	*Allegheny
3/31		Kenyon, Mercyhurst
	10:00am	A.U. vs Kenyon
	1:30pm	Kenyon vs Mercyhurst
	4:00pm	A.U. vs Mercyhurst
4/4	4:00pm	Buffalo State College
4/9	4:00pm	*Rochester
4/11	4:00pm	Nazareth
4/15	4:00pm	*SUNY Brockport
4/18	4:30pm	Gannon
4/20	4:00pm	*LeMoyne
4/23	4:00pm	Wells
4/25	6:00pm	*Niagara
4/30	4:00pm	SUNY Geneseo

Men's Tennis

4/6	9:00pm	Penn St./Behrend
4/9	3:30pm	Penn St./Behrend
4/1	3:00pm	*St.J.Fisher
4/13	2:00pm	*Hartwick
4/16	3:00pm	*Ithaca
4/19	3:00pm	*SUNY Fredonia
4/24	3:00pm	Nazareth
4/25	3:30pm	*Elmira
4/27	12:00pm	* RIT

Women's Softball

4/1	4:00/6:00	Elmira
4/3	3:00/5:00	Buffalo State College
4/8	3:00/5:00	*Hartwick
4/13	1:00/3:00	*Hilbert
4/15	3:00/5:00	*Keuka
4/18	3:00/5:00	St.John Fisher
4/20	1:00/3:00	Keuka
4/27	1:00/3:00	*SUNY Geneseo

Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field

4/1-2	ECAC Champ.	Norton, MA
4/8-9	NCAA DIV. III Champ.	Smith College

Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field

4/16	Washington & Lee	Lexington, VA
4/23	Clarion Invit.	Clarion, PA
4/30	Quad Meet	Rochester, NY
4/6	CMU Invit.	Pittsburgh, PA
4/13	Alumni Invit.	Rochester, NY
4/20	Brockport Invit.	Brockport, NY
4/26-27	Penn Relays	Philadelphia ,PA
4/27	UB Invit.	Buffalo, NY
5/3-4	NYSCT&FA Champ.	Rochester, NY
5/17	B-W Qualifier	Berea, OH
5/23-25	NCAA DIV III Champ.	Napierville, LA

Point

Student fitness should be first priority

BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

The general student population should have access to McLane gym when it is most convenient (3-9 p.m.), not the sports teams. The needs of a minority of the student body should never take precedence over those of the majority population.

A student who does not play a varsity sport for Alfred is no less an athlete than one who receives a varsity letter. Many students do not play for a team because of the time constraint. Because these students want to dedicate more time to their studies, should they not be allowed to take advantage of the facilities?

Nancy Brinkwart, Director of the Health Center and Nurse Practitioner, recommends that students exercise three times a week for 30 minutes. Not everyone wants to work out in the fitness center, and Davis is usually occupied as well. It becomes imperative that facilities be made available to run, play volleyball, basketball, etc. Many days, the gymnasium is occupied from 3-9 p.m., therefore, the majority of students are being denied the opportunity to exercise the way they choose.

Although I admire student-athletes, I feel no compassion for them. A life of constant time pursuit is one to which they subject themselves. It is by their own choice that pressure and demands are placed upon them.

However, I need to exercise and am denied the opportunity, along with the rest of the majority of the student population, to exercise the way I choose, even though I am paying just as much money as a student-athlete. I would like to see that money go toward a new facility.

While plans for a new field house have been in the works for several years, the new teams created are starting to outgrow the facilities we currently have. There needs to be an area for an indoor track, the ability to set up a volleyball net and some more basketball nets.

The students who want the new field house need to amplify that voice of urgency. Consequently, the Alfred University administration and Trustees will place it higher on their agenda, because we need a new field house. ❑

Counterpoint

Athletes deserve facilities when they need them

BY VINNIE MORRIS

I know as a varsity basketball player there is an obvious problem with recreation time versus varsity sport practices, but I do think that the University's varsity sports programs should have the prime gymnasium hours.

An important reason for the teams to get first choice is that all the athletes for each particular team have to come together for the same two hours. It is impossible, due to student schedule conflicts, to get together at any other time. As of now, there are six different varsity sports contending for gym time. Furthermore, some of the outdoor sports can not practice outside until the weather improves. The sport that is currently in-season gets first choice of hours. Consequently, the coaches of the other sports work out their times. The time that is left goes to open gym. And you can't forget about gym classes which take place primarily in the morning.

For many athletes, their main reason for attending Alfred University is to play a sport. The time that is required to play a varsity sport is immense. Therefore, the preferred hours should belong to the athletes who have made the commitment. The athletes must have a regular schedule so they can manage their time. The hours would be sporadic if the schedule were to accommodate open-gym time along with the other sports. This would be a major inconvenience to the athletes.

The problem with gym time is an inconvenience to both members of the sports teams and regular students. The University should further plans for a field house or an addition to McLane. New facilities would give the sports teams more room to practice, which would create more convenient practice times, and would help with recruitment as well.

It is the job of all students to let the administration know how badly a new field house is needed. ❑