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Alfred, New York



World Notes

•local:

AU is changing the preregistration system to prevent students' being shut out of classes they have preregistered for. However, the enforcement of and penalties for violating deadlines will be stricter. • President Edward G. Coll Jr. announced that a \$1 million grant from the State of New York will be used for developing the collection of the proposed ceramics museum.

•national:

Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) will be the Republican nominee for President. He will face President Bill Clinton in the November general election. • In a feat of numerical brilliance, the Supreme Court ruled that the Census Bureau does not need to count people it did not count. • Abortion clinic gunman John Salvi was found guilty of two charges of first-degree murder. He has been sentenced to life in prison plus 100 years.

•international:

The British government may have to order the destruction of all 11 million British cows to prevent the spread of "mad-cow disease," a disease that turns bovine brains to jelly. Most countries including the United States have banned the importation of British beef. • Tensions have eased between China and Taiwan after Chinese war games near Taiwan ended. The war games were seen as an attempt to influence Taiwan's first democratic presidential elections. • The primary school in Dunblane, Scotland, re-opened nine days after a crazed gunman known to locals as "Mr. Creepy" killed 16 children.

PERSONALITIES

Bonnie Dungan has had various jobs in the campus administration. In the last sixteen years she has worked in the president's office and student affairs and as a secretary in the office of residence life.



Bonnie Dungan

Dungan said she enjoys her job and especially likes getting to know students and working with a great staff.

Dungan finds that helping students with their housing problems is very rewarding. "It's a great feeling to know that what you've done to help has worked."

A resident of nearby Arkport for her entire life, Dungan is extremely involved in her community. She is a member of Arkport's chorus and band, in which she plays the flute. Dungan is also involved in her children's activities and coaches her daughter's basketball team.

Being a member of AU's Century Club and the cheerleading club's advisor makes Dungan an active and physically fit member of AU's staff.

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AU to replace grad student RDs with pros

BY LAURA FOSTER AND TERESA G. VINCENT

Four full-time RDs will be hired to work in the residence halls for the next academic year, said Director of Residence Life Susan Smith.

These professional RDs will gradually replace graduate students in the University's college student development program. They will need a master's degree in student development or a related field and will be full-time employees of the University, Smith said.

"The current RDs are wonderful, but they are only part-time," said Smith. As graduate students, they have to split their time between making themselves available to their residents and being students themselves, she said.

Currently, the RD position is an internship for students in the college student development graduate program, a two-year program which trains students for a career in educational administration, Smith said.

The new RDs hired will join the four first-year RDs who will continue in their current capacity, said James Curl, director of the graduate program in college student development. There will also be three assistant RDs chosen from students in the college student development graduate program, he said.

The 1996-97 school year will serve as a transition year. By the 1997-98 school year there will be eight full-time RDs in the residence halls, said Smith.

Curl said that in some cases a professional RD will be responsible for two residence halls, with an assistant RD living in the other.



PHOTO BY DARREN MILLER

Anu Nayampalli, a second-year RD, and Ken Bishop, a junior, discussed plans for their residence hall before the start of classes last fall. Under new policies, Nayampalli's job will be assumed by a professional RD next semester.

Smith said that one of the main problems with the current RD system is the frequent turnover. "We constantly have to retrain the new RDs—we start back at square one every year," she said.

Smith said there were many reasons for the change. She said it is part of an effort to improve the University's retention rate by allowing for more personal, one-on-one contact between stu-

dents and residence hall staff. Smith also said that full-time RDs would have more time to spend with their residents, provide programming and become involved with academic interventions when necessary.

Openhym RA Angel Cortez said he was

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AU investigates academic dismissals

Correlations found with computer time and residence halls

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Over forty-two percent of the students that were academically dismissed over winter break abused the VAX and Internet, said Provost W. Richard Ott.

There is also a strong pattern in the number of freshmen academically dismissed based on which residence hall they were living in, Ott said. He said he could not say which residence hall had the most residents dismissed.

Ott said since there were now patterns to work with and reasons

to explore for the number of students dismissed, corrective measures could be taken. Before the hiring of professional RDs was announced, he said there would be a major policy change regarding how residence halls are managed.

Ott also said that residence hall staffs might be trained differently to "ensure a strong learning environment" in all the residence halls.

Midsemester grades have been issued and many students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are in trouble this semester, said Paul Strong, associate dean of the

liberal arts college.

Last semester, 91 students in the liberal arts college had midsemester GPAs below 2.0, Strong said. Strong said he sent letters to these students asking them to meet with him but only 26 did.

This semester, 85 students received similar letters, and 33 have spoken with him, Strong said.

"I'm quite concerned," said Strong. "You would think that after dropping the lowest students [last semester] the number in trouble now would be lower," he said.

Strong said the students who

came and spoke with him are not the ones who concern him. He also said there were between fifteen and twenty students in the liberal arts college who are in serious risk of being dismissed at the end of the semester.

Grontkowski and Ott both said they didn't think there was a correlation between the closing of the Center for Learning Assistance and Study Skills last fall and the academic difficulties.

Grontkowski said there are plenty of alternatives to the CLASS

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Residence life proposes specialized housing for fall

BY LAURA FOSTER

The fall of 1996 brings with it the start of a plan to provide new specialized on-campus housing options to AU students. The first two options to be offered are wellness housing and art housing.

"This is just the beginning. We had to start somewhere," said Sue Smith, associate dean of students and director of residence life.

The Office of Residence Life has been wanting to create new housing options for a long time, said Smith.

The wellness house will be in Kenyon Hall and has room for 56 students. The art house will be on the third floor of Kruson Hall with room for 30 students. As space is limited, rooms will be given on a first come first served basis, said Smith. Rooms in these housing options will cost the same as a standard double room on campus.

Many AU students like the idea of these new options.

"I think that those who choose to live there will love it," said Alison Marzuoli, a sophomore art major.

"I would be interested in living the art house if it wasn't in Kruson. Kruson is like living in a freshman dorm," said Kelly Hochsprung, a sophomore art major.

When the idea for these housing options was in the planning stages, several hundred students showed an interest, said Smith. So far, not many students have turned in applications for the housing.

Due to this lack of student response, the application deadline for these options was extended from March 1 to March 22.

"I'm a little impatient, because I know the interest is there," said Smith.

Smith said she expects more applications in the next two weeks because midterm exams are over and students will be starting to plan for next year.

The wellness housing will be a substance-free environment open

to all students. It will not be a home for recovering alcoholics or drug addicts as it is on some campuses, said Smith.

Students choosing to live there will be asked to sign a contract agreeing to abide by the substance-free rules of the building. There will be no smoking, drinking or drugs of any kind in the building.

According to this agreement, any resident returning to the building in an intoxicated state will be in violation of this policy and may be asked to leave. Smith said she would like to fill the entire building with wellness residents in order to "make it a cohesive community."

The art housing option is in response to the space needs of AU's art students. Many art students move off campus because they need more space for their artwork and supplies, said Smith. Kruson Hall has a basement that will be used as a work space and storage space for the students

choosing to live on the art floor.

This option is an attempt to keep more art students on campus as well as respond to their needs, said Smith.

The art floor is open only to declared art majors. Any resident who decides to change his or her major away from art will be asked to leave the hall, said Smith.

In both options, there will be special programming to enhance each particular style of living. There will be wellness seminars and tips on how to live a healthy life in the wellness building and the art floor will have informal gatherings with artists and art faculty, said Smith.

Once students have a chance to see what these housing options are really like they will become very popular, said Smith. If these two housing options are a success there are plans for creating new options next year. "I'm interested in working on a leadership floor," said Smith. □

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Attend the planning meeting

Chairs of Commission on Planning task forces will give summaries of their committees' progress this Friday at an open meeting in Howell Hall.

If you simply threw out the memo last week in which President Edward G. Coll Jr. announced the meeting, we recommend you reconsider and attend.

The Commission on Planning and its task forces are responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees about how to administer the University in the future.

We don't think many students were even aware of the Commission's existence before last week's memo.

With few exceptions, the task forces have steered clear of obtaining student input. Those exceptions, the task forces on recruitment, retention and admissions and the task force on social environment, are notable because they dealt with issues directly related to students.

Even so, when looking for student input, most administrators and Commission elements go to Student Senate. Unfortunately, the students' governing body is not necessarily representative of the student body as a whole. Senate tends to be top-heavy

with AU's most involved students.

This Friday's meeting gives you the opportunity to be heard, especially if you haven't yet. Howell Hall simply doesn't have the room to contain the number of students who should attend this meeting, and the room will already be packed with the faculty and staff who actually care about the future of AU.

Are you concerned about what AU will be like your senior year? Do you want to have a say now in how those dollars you'll be donating after you graduate will be used? Do you actually care enough about AU to offer your opinions on its future? Then you should attend.

Coll has scheduled under two hours for reports and discussion. That should not be enough time when dealing with issues and organizations that students are only now hearing about.

Each committee chair has only ten minutes for report and discussion, and only another ten minutes has been allocated to each speaker.

Let's dent the myth of student apathy. Show up this Friday and be heard. □

Schedule of presenters at this Friday's Commission on Planning meeting at Howell Hall:

- 3:20 - 3:30 — Frank Duserick — *Organization Task Force*
- 3:35 - 3:45 — Bill Hall — *Social Environment*
- 3:50 - 4:00 — Bob Pipal reporting for Dave Pape — *Physical Environment*
- 4:05 - 4:15 — Joseph Gow — *Recruiting/Retention/Admissions*
- 4:20 - 4:30 — Bill Cassidy — *Curricular Environment*
- 4:35 - 4:45 — Carla Freeman — *Administrative Environment*
- 4:50 - 5:00 — Open Discussion

Affair merits a laugh

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Now, a month after what some people have been calling "Fiatgate" or "Sammygate," I am rather perplexed.

I am a columnist, and there's not a damn thing I can write about it.

What serious criticisms can I make? The *Fiat* bloomed with a stupid two-word phrase. Those responsible for the theft were even dumber.

I mean, who could believe that something wasn't going on? One person carrying out 200 *Fiat*s? We just aren't that good a newspaper.

And have you heard the latest? The new SAM theme song? "Come On Baby, Light My Fire."

I'm rather pleased by the recent controversy surrounding the *Fiat*. Here I am, in my last semester in Alfred, getting ready to leave my job at the newspaper, and I've never had a really good scandal surrounding me.

Sure, I've written about the Evans affair, and that's a scandal if there's ever been one in Alfred.

Anyway, I was happy to have a scandal to tell my parents about. Who wouldn't love giving a copy of a local newspaper to his parents with a picture of himself on the front page with the caption "Gay student YOUR NAME HERE!"

I must confess my gratitude to the mysterious cartoonist of the infamous stick drawing that was posted in the campus center.

However, there were a few errors that must be corrected.

First, even if the picture were drawn to scale, my penis is not eighteen inches long. I am insulted that anyone would ever accuse me of having that small an endowment. (Isn't the male ego a thing of beauty?)

Second, I am thankful that someone would see fit to call me a "But Slammer." But, why couldn't it be spelled correctly? Furthermore, I am flattered that someone would think that my sex life merits being posted in the campus center. The unfortunate truth is that my sex life has been non-existent. If anyone is willing to help...

Third, Jon Springer is a very good friend of mine. And while gentlemen may prefer blondes, please, I beg you, give me some credit for better taste.

[Editor's Note: Hey!] [Managing Editor's Note: Whatza matter, Jon? Masculinity been offended?]

[Copy Manager's Note: No! You're really going to run this?]

[Advisor's Note: Hey! What's going on here? I just don't get it!]

Anyway, all I can do about the recent events is laugh. I like to laugh. (Ha! Ha!) That probably deserves mention in another column.

I am saddened that there's nothing serious I can write about these recent events.

Oh, well. Maybe some day I will be able to tell this story without feeling the need to make a joke about it.

Letters to the Editor

Quit whining about athletic facilities

DEAR EDITOR,

About this new gym time issue I read about...what's the huge deal? Sports teams need to practice, trust me. With all the crappy records that AU teams have been made famous for, I think they should get all the gym time they want! Just because a few people are throwing fits for not being able to join athletic teams or use the gym from three to nine does not mean it should become a major issue. There are bigger problems on campus like hate crimes and sexual assault that need to be dealt with first.

So, to all you whiny little crybabies, my advice is—get over it. If you want to exercise and the gym is occupied, run around campus. Alfred has some beautiful scenic trails that you can go jogging on; or go ride a bike, go hiking or run up and down some steps, for goodness sake. But don't go and throw tantrums to the administration to build a whole, new building, just because you can't have your way. We are here to study, not act like children.

And by the way, everybody pays tuition, but that doesn't mean we rule the school and should be pampered as if we're at home.

Just a little food for thought from someone who can't stand petty complaints.

Sincerely,
Raquel Penzo

CLASS helped AU students

DEAR EDITOR,

As the former Acting Director of the Center for Learning Assistance and Study Skills, I am concerned about the misconception that CLASS was only, or even primarily, a tutoring service. That misconception has been exacerbated by several recent articles, including Dean Grontkowski's guest editorial in the Feb. 28 issue and Zachary Hampton's campaign comments in the Feb. 20 issue.

The CLASS staff was responsible for several support services, of which tutoring was only one. We also coordinated services for students with disabilities (53 individuals in spring 1995), provided study skills assistance on a walk-in and outreach basis for all students, and, perhaps most importantly, ran an "intervention" program for first-year and sophomore students who were on academic probation or extended probation.

This program involved individual meetings with students, often ongoing, where we worked on clarifying students' goals, made sure they were taking advantage of appropriate support services and reviewed and taught effective study skills.

In addition to the above services, we coordinated individual tutoring services for any student, and also assisted academic departments in coordinating group tutoring services.

Tutoring services are now being coordinated by the academic deans' offices, and I continue to coordinate services for students with disabilities (currently 82 individuals)

through the Special Academic Services Office in Myers Hall.

Study skills sessions have just recently been offered by Counseling and Health Education Services, but as far as I know, there is no formal intervention program offered for students on probation, except those offered by the deans and academic advisors.

Not all students who were required to use CLASS services, or should have, did so. We struggled, as do all support services, in reaching all the students who could benefit. And not all students who came to CLASS improved their GPAs. Most did, though, and the students who used CLASS services more frequently showed the greatest GPA increases.

A program like CLASS can be an extremely valuable resource for students and faculty, but it is not the only answer for improving student success. Department-based tutoring services work at many colleges, especially those using a method called Supplemental Instruction. First-year survival courses make a difference. Student-run study groups work, as do residence hall-based mentoring programs.

There are many vehicles to provide effective academic support services, and I encourage our entire community—administration, faculty and students—to explore as many options as possible.

Sincerely,
Judy Hartling
Associate Director of Opportunity Programs and Director of Special Academic Services

Students from 44 West thank their supporters

DEAR EDITOR,

It is with great appreciation that we, the residents of 44 West University St. in Alfred would like to thank the University and its staff. We also appreciate the aid we received from the residents of Alfred and its surrounding communities of Hornell and Wellsville. The donations and support after the fire which destroyed our

apartments on Jan. 8 have been overwhelming. Thank you very much for your support in our time of need.

Sincerely,
Sarah Lindley, Susan Malic, Jeb Mead, Lynne Pidel, Jennifer Poueymiro, Jennifer Pye, Lori Quinlan, Matthew Silverio, Erika Stapleton

Learn tolerance from Alfred

BY BEV WILLIAMS

We can assume 10 to 15 percent of the student body at AU is bisexual or homosexual. Each year as a community we celebrate Gay History Month but still grumble about our student fees supporting such a group.

Alfred is small but that does not mean it is free of bigotry. Recently, President Coll sent a message to the student body saying that AU will not tolerate discrimination or harassment based on sexual orientation, but the level of tolerance of homosexuality on this campus is not high. Even though acts of violence are rare, the offensive stick figures of *Fiat* staff members remind us that hatred is still there.

I am embarrassed that educated

people could act in such ignorant fashion.

Many students are not too keen when Spectrum sponsors Glam Slam, a creative expression of sexuality and a sensational way of defying gender norms.

We need to realize that Alfred gives us a great opportunity to experience diversity, whether it is diversity in sexual persuasion, cultural differences, racial or age difference. We might never have the opportunity again to experience such a unique blend.

It is to our advantage to take the initiative to experience and learn these differences, so that when we return to our home communities, we can teach others, including our children, to be tolerant human beings.

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Police Blotter

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents from Feb. 20 to Mar. 18.

Arrests:
Unlawful dealing with a child and noise violation:

- Craig M. Smith, 20, Danbury, Conn. (Feb. 24)
- Jason A. Rossi, 21, Warren N.J. (Feb. 24)
- Devin C. Krug, 21, Rochester (Feb. 24)

Unlawful dealing with a child and prohibited sale of alcoholic beverage:

- Anthony W. Giallella, 19, South Wales, N.Y. (Feb. 24)
- Brian Karl, 20, Allegany, N.Y. (Feb. 24)

Other:

- Terry L. Campbell, 38, Canisteo, criminal contempt 2nd and aggravated harassment (Feb. 21)
- Lawrence R. Deis, 51, Alfred, family court warrant (Mar. 1)
- Jeffrey S. Hunt, 26, Alfred Station, resisting arrest, operating snowmobile under influence of alcohol, snowmobile on highway, snowmobile without liability insurance, snowmobile unregistered, snowmo-

- bile imprudent speed (Mar. 9)
- Scott R. Copey, 22, Brockport, N.Y., bench warrant (Mar. 11)

Complaints:

- Lost dog:**
- Oak Ridge Lane (Feb. 20)
 - Alfred (Feb. 22)

Violation of trash law:

- S. Main St. (Feb. 23)
- S. Main St. (Feb. 23)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 5)
- S. Main St. (Mar. 15)

Criminal mischief:

- N. Main St. (Feb. 21)
- S. Main St. (Feb. 23)
- Sayles St. (Mar. 17)
- Church St. (Mar. 18)

Domestic dispute:

- Alfred (Feb. 20)
- Alfred Station (Feb. 23)

Disabled vehicle:

- Reynolds St. (Feb. 21)
- Rte. 21 (Feb. 24)
- Rte. 21 (Feb. 24)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 7)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 15)
- S. Main St. (Mar. 17)

Disorderly conduct:

- State St. (Feb. 24)
- Hillcrest Dr. (Feb. 24)
- E. Pine St. (Feb. 28)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 6)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 14)
- Hamilton Hill (Mar. 14)
- Rte. 244 (Mar. 15)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 17)

Utility wire down:

- Moland Rd. (Feb. 20)
- Nevins St. (Feb. 25)

Larceny:

- Park St. (Feb. 21)
- State St. (Feb. 29)
- W. Univ. St. (Mar. 5)
- S. Main St. (Mar. 6)
- Cty. Rte. 42 (Mar. 12)
- S. Main St. (Mar. 18)

Trespass:

- N. Main St. (Feb. 22)
- Alfred Station (Mar. 5)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 17)

Intrusion alarm:

- N. Main St. (Feb. 27)
- Alfred Station (Mar. 6)
- Alfred (Mar. 6)
- Alfred (Mar. 17)

Burglary and larceny:

- Alfred Station (Feb. 22)
- State St. (Mar. 8)

Suspicious person:

- Rte. 244 (Feb. 22)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 11)

Noise violation:

- Rte. 244 (Mar. 1)
- Alfred (Mar. 13)
- S. Main St. (Mar. 14)
- S. Main St. (Mar. 16)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 16)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 17)

Harassment:

- E. Valley Rd. (Feb. 25)
- N. Main St. (Mar. 13)

Prowler:

- W. Univ. St. (Mar. 2)
- W. Univ. St. (Mar. 18)

Other:

- Burglary, Alfred Station (Feb. 20)
- Possible fire, Cty. Rte. 42 (Feb. 21)
- Criminal contempt 2nd, Alfred (Feb. 22)
- Reckless endangerment, N. Main St. (Feb. 22)
- Criminal possession of stolen property, Alfred (Feb. 23)

- Stolen vehicle, N. Main St. (Feb. 23)
- Animal struck by motor vehicle, Rte. 244 (Feb. 24)
- Possible drinking in park, Alfred (Feb. 25)
- Illegal possession of drugs, Sayles St. (Feb. 28)
- Lost property, Rte. 244 (Feb. 29)
- Aggravated harassment, Alfred Station, (Mar. 3)
- Counterfeit money, N. Main St. (Mar. 5)
- Stalking, Alfred Station (Mar. 12)
- Littering, Rte. 244 (Mar. 12)
- Injured deer, Rte. 244 (Mar. 12)
- Damaged highway, Alfred (Mar. 13)
- Suspicious vehicle, Rte. 244 (Mar. 17)
- Missing dog, Fraternity Row (Mar. 17)
- Motor vehicle hit-and-run, N. Main St. (Mar. 17)
- Barking dog, State St. (Mar. 17)
- Speeding vehicle, Alfred Station (Mar. 18)

A total of 9 bad checks were reported from Feb. 20 to Mar. 18.

A total of 41 traffic citations were issued from Feb. 20 to Mar. 18.

SENATE UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The March 13 Student Senate meeting was the first to be run by the new executive board led by President Zach Hampton.

Hampton will be joined for the next two semesters by Vice-President Christina Lombardi, Treasurer Matt Hanson, Secretary Beth Larrabee, Publicity Director Amy Ofmani and Finance Chair Mike Huling. Hanson is the only member of the previous executive board to remain in office.

The new Student Senate Constitution passed in the campus-wide election and is now in effect.

Joseph Gow, chair of the task force on recruitment and retention, asked for senator input. Some suggestions included: mandatory meetings with advisors, housing improvements, more financial aid, small classes for students in the Honors Program, quiet housing in addition to the wellness and art housing now available and small group workshops as a replacement for freshman forum.

Other suggestions were: taking attendance and monitoring students who frequently miss class, reducing alcohol consumption by students, improving the tutoring program, instituting a student advocacy group, assigning residence hall lottery numbers based on GPA, improving regulations on

MUDding and making achievement-based financial aid available for returning students instead of just for freshmen.

Teresa Vincent, a freshman on the curriculum task force, informed senators of a plan that will be proposed by the task force to the Commission on Planning. The proposal would help students plan their schedule semesters in advance and would structure classes as they are structured in the ceramic engineering program, Vincent said, but it would not apply to all majors.

Dean of Students Gerald Brody asked students if the Returning Students Newsletter that is mailed during the summer was helpful. After a brief discussion, he said there was sufficient interest to warrant the continuation of the publication.

Senate granted WALF \$2000 from Special Allocations to cover unforeseen costs.

Habitat for Humanity obtained standing organization status in Senate and FNL was added as a returning organization.

There will be a hearing April 2 at village hall about renewing the cable franchise.

There will be a finance and budget workshop at 10 a.m. March 31 in the Student Organization Suite. Budgets for cabinet organizations are due April 3. Budgets for standing organizations are due April 10.

Congratulations were extended to both the new and old executive boards. □

Court Report

Failure to obey traffic control device:

- Lonnie R. France, Almond (\$125)
- Jerri L. Ritter, Wellsville (\$125)
- Yvonne L. Cassidy, Alfred Station (\$125)
- Sandra L. Belcher, Lyons, N.Y. (\$125)

Speed in excess of 55 m.p.h.:

- Daniel F. Matalca, Hornell, reduced to failure to obey traffic control device (\$125)
- Aneel M. Maharaj, Brooklyn (\$85)
- John P. Wardwell, Millport, N.Y. (\$85)

Speed in zone:

- Andrew A. Proctor, Fort Wayne, Ind. (\$85)
- Richard C. White, Rochester (\$85)
- Patrick C. Skinner, Alpine, N.Y. (\$85)
- Leslie A. Rappl, Wellsville (\$85)
- Chad J. Loblaw, Webster, N.Y. (\$85)
- Allison N. Moody, Lynchburg, Va. (\$85)
- Joann M. Chrysler, Waverly, N.Y. (\$85)
- Donald C. Deland, Dunkirk, N.Y. (\$85)
- Peter S. O'Connor, Alfred Station (\$85)
- Heidi L. Olson, Arlington, Conn. (\$85)

Speed in zone reduced to failure to obey traffic control advice:

- Timothy D. Smith, Scio, N.Y. (\$85)
- Charles R. Aygello, Elba, N.Y. (\$475)

- Heather C. Perry, Hornell (\$175)

Expired inspection:

- James P. Ruch Jr., Alfred (\$40)
- Leonard A. Larocque, West Henrietta, N.Y. (\$65)
- Stuart H. Fleming, Orchard Park, N.Y. (\$45)
- Mark A. Thies, Wellsville (\$65)

Criminal trespassing 2nd degree reduced to disturbing the peace:

- Eli Hazzan, N.Y. (\$50)
- Adam R. Rich, N.Y. (\$50)
- Harry C. Pinti Jr., N.Y. (\$50)

Disorderly conduct:

- Eli Hazzan, N.Y., reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)
- Thomas J. Driscoll, Carle Place, N.Y. (\$95)
- Paul B. Oliver, Buffalo, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$30)
- Brian T. Porbeski, Orchard Park, N.Y., reduced to noise ordinance (\$250)
- Scott R. Copey, Rochester (\$95)
- Harry C. Pinti Jr., N.Y., reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)
- Robert R. Turano, Ontario, N.Y. (\$95)

Passed stop sign:

- Heather D. Rozler, Salamanca, N.Y., reduced to no seat belt driver (\$100)
- Charles A. Curtis, Ontario, N.Y. (\$100)
- David E. Parise, Bloomingburg, N.Y. (\$100)
- Deniz Terziogly, Rochester (\$100)

Wrong way on a one-way street:

- Christopher M. Cannon, Hamburg, N.Y. (\$75)
- Eric L. White, Syracuse (\$100)

Open container:

- Jason Hicks, Rochester (\$25)
- Jason G. White, Cooperstown, N.Y. (\$25)

Other:

- David R. Bieserick, Spencer, N.Y., clinging to vehicle (\$90)
- Brian J. Hafner, Pittsford, N.Y., criminal trespassing 3rd degree, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)
- Bryan J. Flanagan, Middletown, N.Y., possession of alcohol with intent (\$50)
- Jason Hicks, Rochester, assault 2nd degree, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)
- Michael S. Haluska, Johnson City, N.Y., following too close (\$75)
- James E. Horn, Alfred, no seat belt passenger (\$75)
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Andover pours it on for maple syrup festival

BY HEATHER HARRINGTON

Every spring, Alfred celebrates the weiner with its annual Hot Dog Day, while Andover celebrates maple syrup with an annual Maple Festival.

This weekend will mark the 24th anniversary of the maple weekend when people will come from every neck of the woods to enjoy the activities.

As a resident of Andover for all of my 21 years, I have attended many Maple Festivals and they have proven to be enjoyable outings.

The hub of the event is at the Andover Central School on Elm Street.

Vendors sell everything from T-shirts to food in hopes of earning a little cash. Various artists come to display their hand-made artistry in a craft show.

But the best parts of the maple festival are the famous "Sugar Shack" and the "Maple Room."

The Sugar Shack, just steps from the school, is where the sap from the trees on Elm Street is boiled into maple syrup. People can go to the

shack and watch the process of making maple syrup and get a sample.

The Maple Room inside the school is another delicious stop. This is the room where maple syrup will be on sale as well as other maple products like maple candy and maple cream. Samples of maple cream are passed out. For those with a real sweet tooth, maple candy would be right up your alley.

Another great aspect of the Maple Festival is the grand pancake breakfast held on both days of the celebration. The breakfast served at the cafeteria offers almost everything you can ever want for breakfast—but mainly pancakes with lots of maple syrup.

You'll never know what kinds of treasures you could find at the festivity so bring along a couple of bucks or your checkbook. But if you're like every college student I know and you're broke, find some friends and hop into a car, drive over to Andover and check out the festival.

Not only would it make a good study break, but you might have fun. □

AU student sculpts muscles in gym

BY VINNIE MORRIS

What do a diet, hours in the gym, vitamin supplements and tanning have in common? They are all necessities in becoming a successful body builder.

AU student and body builder Pierre Eade said, "I love helping people out with their weight training needs. People are starting to understand the positive assets to weight training."

Eade is a sophomore business major actively involved in body building and is always trying to improve. He spends about an hour and a half a day, seven days a week, in the gym. Eade said he enjoys helping other people in their weight training endeavors and has helped a number of people get on track.

Eade said, "More and more people are getting involved, and I like making sure that they are doing things right, in order to avoid injury and obtain maximum benefits."

AU student Dan Wald has spent some time at the gym with Eade and said, "Pierre has given me advice on dieting, and he gives me tips on how to correct my form when I'm lifting."

Eade said he must follow a strict diet to be successful. "I'm on a relatively low-calorie, high-protein, low-fat and relatively low-carbohydrate diet." Eade also said the diet consists mostly of lean meats, chicken, turkey, Egg Beaters, oatmeal, fruits, vegetables, wheat bread and vitamin and shake supplements. "Taking supplements is a lot easier than making a healthy meal, and they are packed with nutrients as well," he said.

AU student Yulsoo Park is another person who has worked with Eade. Park said, "Pierre has helped me to trim my body fat count and he has given me a lot of information on nutrients."

Eade came in third place in his first competition in October 1995. He said, "I made some rookie mistakes in regards to dieting because I peaked out too soon. Which means that my body looked best a few weeks before the contest. Due to this, I went into the contest looking somewhat flat."

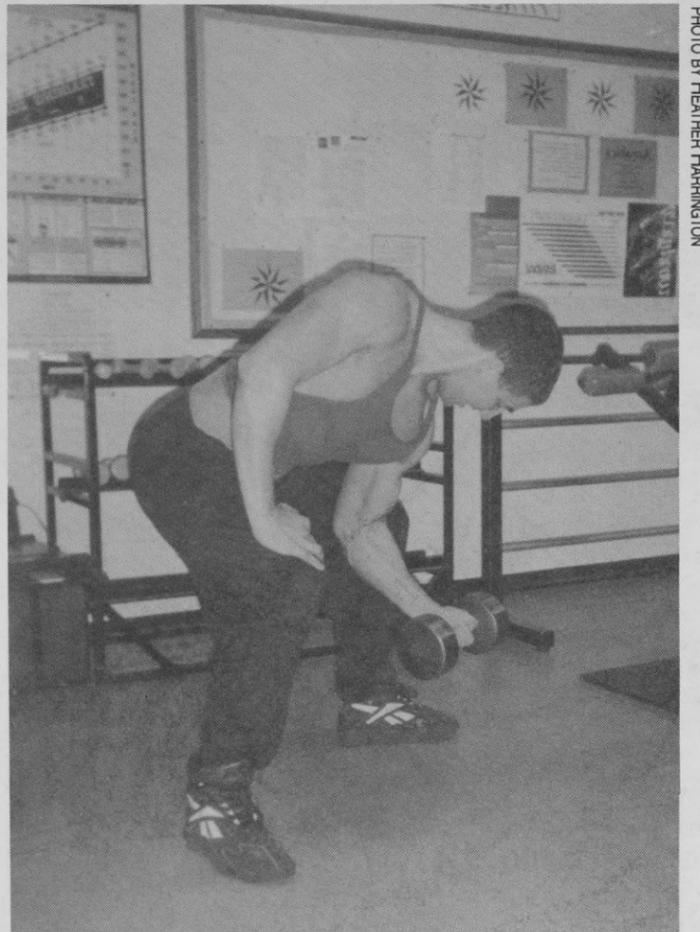


PHOTO BY HEATHER HARRINGTON

Pierre Eade works out for at least 90 minutes daily to tone himself for bodybuilding competitions.

Eade added that the more contests you are in, the more experience you have at timing your peak.

Eade attributes most of his interest in body building to his older brother Paul Eade. Pierre Eade said, "My older brother is into natural body building. He owns a health club in Olean called BodyQuest. This benefits me because new information about supplements and different exercises are swapped in the gym. I also work there in the summer doing personal training. His club has provided me with a great facility to work out in when I am home."

Eade said the Fitness Center at Alfred is great. He added that there is always room to improve because there is always new equipment coming out. There are adequate free weights and cardiovascular equipment, and Cybex machines are some of the best-made nautilus equipment available.

Eade's next competition is

Saturday, April 27th. He will be competing in the NGA, Natural Body Building and Fitness Championships. Eade said, "Natural means you have to be tested for drugs through polygraph, which is a lie detector test. A urinalysis test is required as well." Anabolic steroids, growth hormones, prescription diuretics, narcotics and muscle implants are a few of the banned drugs.

Pierre and his brother Paul are both entering the competition, but Paul Eade will be in the Men's Open Division, while Pierre still qualifies for the Teenage Division. Pierre said, "I think I'll fare well because I'm still eligible for the teenage division, and I'll probably be weighing in around 190 pounds, and approximately 5 percent body fat. That is a pretty good size for someone in the teenage division." Pierre said that the experience of having a contest under his belt will assist in his chances of doing well. □

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Excessive VAX usage found in dismissals

BY BARRETT DISANTO

A University study showed a direct correlation between retention and computer usage. The study was done at the request of the Board of Trustees after *The New York Times* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported that other schools were finding there was a link between the two.

Connie Beckman, director of computing services, generated the study after completing 64 separate studies for each academically dismissed student and looking at items from the number of logins, how long the students were on, to what kind of computing they were doing.

Beckman broke down the data by school and major to determine the average computing time for each. The definition of excessiveness is different for each major.

Of the 57 students that were dismissed last semester, 42.7 percent

showed excessive computer time while the whole student body only showed a 5 percent excessiveness.

"Excessive behavior and lack of responsibility is the problem, but we are very willing to help the students," said Beckman.

Garth Pricer, a senior communications major, said, "There is a small but significant segment of the campus population who spend an unreasonable amount of time on the VAX. You could chalk it up to any number of things, but personally, I think Alfred's geographical isolation is the root cause."

In the March 1 *Chronicle of Higher Education* mental-health professionals reported excessive computer use is too new to know whether it should be classified as a disorder similar to gambling, but suggest that "it is simply a symptom of other problems, such as depression or obsessive-compulsive behavior."

Ivan Goldberg, a psychiatrist in

New York City, said that limiting the time students with this problem can spend on the computer may lead to other addictions including drugs or alcohol.

The final decision on what is to be done will be made by Coll and Ott, but right now they have decided to wait and see if last semester was an aberration. Students' VAX accounts will be monitored.

A computer addict's "friends need to get them off the computer, and out doing something. Failing that, it's pretty much up to the individual. Recommending counseling sounds harsh, but honestly, I've seen cases where I think it could help," said Pricer.

Both Ott and Beckman said they don't want to interfere with students that don't have a problem, so shutting or slowing down the system is not yet in the near future. "I hope in part by raising the issue it makes students more aware," said Ott. □

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enthusiastic about working with professional RDs next year. "It seems like their [the full-time RDs] major focus would be on the building. They would have long-range experiences with programming," he said.

Effect on the graduate program

The policy change will affect the college student development graduate program, but Smith said there were other ways students enrolled in the program could gain practical work experience.

Curl said, "There may be some [incoming students] upset right now." He added that those students who have submitted applications to the graduate program for the 1996-97 academic year will have the opportunity to withdraw their application and receive a refund.

Curl said the change would require some adjustment. "I don't think in the long run it will affect us one way or the other," he added.

Opinions of students currently in the program are mixed. Noelle

Tournour, a first-year graduate student, said she didn't come here because of the opportunity for an RD job. "I wouldn't change my decision about my master's degree if there weren't the RD positions when I applied," she said.

Openhym RA Jennifer Coniglio said the opportunity to hold the position of RD while at the same time pursuing a master's degree was one of the unique qualities of Alfred's program. "It was one of the program's perks," she said.

Coniglio said she was disappointed when she heard about the change because she had been planning to apply to the program because of the job experience it offered. "I'm no longer planning to apply," she said.

Smith said the RD position would be an excellent entry-level position for students graduating from the college student development program.

Although personally disappointed about the change, Coniglio said, "It will allow the RDs to devote more time to the building, and in that respect it's a good idea." □

Cops crack down on parking

BY JONATHAN BAUM

If there is a place to park in or around the AU campus, it isn't on Park St.

After receiving complaints from local residents and university students, the village police department began to crack down on those who park illegally, said Chief Randy Belmont.

"They can't find places to park," said Belmont in reference to Park Street's two-hour limit. Belmont said the police are continuing to enforce the limit on Park St. and various parking restrictions on Sayles St. He also said fines for a single violation can range from \$7 to \$20.

Belmont said the issue of parking on Park and Sayles Streets was originally brought up at a village board meeting late last year. Belmont said he received complaints about the parking in late January.

Belmont added that emergencies and investigations often take officers away from enforcing the parking regulations.

Robyn Walterick, second year graduate student in school psychology, received a \$20 ticket for parking on Sayles Street on Jan. 26. Walterick, who works at Child and Family services behind South Hall, said although she has been parking on Sayles since September, this was the first ticket she had received.

"I don't know where I'm going to park," said Walterick after receiving the ticket in January. Walterick did get the fine reduced to \$15 after arguing her case in village court, and others got their tickets revoked after arguing that the parking restriction signs on Sayles St. are not clear.

Walterick, who has a student parking permit and now parks on campus, is one of many students

living off-campus who frequently use Park and Sayles Streets for parking. Increased enforcement could escalate what some consider to already be a serious lack of parking for both commuters and on-campus students.

"If there is enough parking for faculty, there should be enough for students," said Samantha Lazarus, a senior art and design major who has a car on campus. "You pay to get a spot, then you have to pay a fortune for a ticket if you can't find a spot."

Jacob Cooper, former Student Senate president, said many students share Lazarus' sentiments. "Parking is definitely one of the most violently talked about issues on this campus," said Cooper.

"There is a need for more parking spaces on this campus for students," said Cooper, adding that some areas where there is parking, such as the lot near the observatory, lack sufficient lighting. But he also said that creating new parking areas probably isn't a top priority due to the University's current fiscal difficulties.

Some students have a different take on the parking situation. Micah Galland, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said the issue is not how much parking exists, but how convenient the parking is.

"There is plenty of parking. The problem is that the parking isn't close to the buildings," said Galland.

Galland said that the parking areas closer to the academic buildings are best suited for faculty and staff. He said it makes sense to

have faculty parking closer to the buildings because most faculty have to drive every day, while many students only use their cars a couple times per week.

Pat Schwartz, director of safety, security and telecommunications, agreed with Galland. "There isn't enough convenient parking," she said. "Everyone wants to park where they're going to be, but that doesn't always happen."

Schwartz said that at one point on the morning of Feb. 2, there were a substantial number of spots available, but most were at the far ends of the McLane (30-35 open spots), Ade (50 spots) and Ford Street (45-50 spots) lots. Schwartz said she tells commuters who arrive to campus mid-day that these spots, while not the most convenient, are the best bets. "It's a walkable campus," she said.

Schwartz said studies to create more parking are ongoing, naming the staging area by McLane as a possibility once the construction company has vacated.

In an Oct. 4 memo to faculty and staff, President Edward G. Coll Jr. asked for a study to be completed on the feasibility of new parking. In the memo, Coll named an area by Crandall Barn as another possibility for new parking.

Schwartz said that funds have not yet been allocated to construct new parking areas. "We don't have the funding to implement any new plans," said Schwartz, adding that she is not sure if any new lots would be designated faculty/staff parking or student parking. □

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becomes more of a historian than a character, following the trail of dead bodies and secret documents. It would have been nice to have seen the action.

However, the book doesn't work as a character study either. For the last fifty pages, Tim not only continues to miss the action, but is literally a prisoner with no choice in what happens to him. Also, Tim's "epiphany" in the last paragraph just doesn't ring true.

Neither do lines like "But the two slaps that Issa dealt me as he leaned across the desk were like colours I'd never seen and

sounds I'd never heard." By that point, it was clear that le Carré was just trying too hard.

Somewhere along the way, we learn that, before Larry's disappearance, Tim suspected an involvement between Larry and Emma and subsequently tried to kill Larry. In fact, he thought he had done so. Instead, it is just one more incident in which Tim proves to be ineffective. I found myself wishing he had succeeded in killing Larry, because then I wouldn't have had to read the next 200 pages which built up to absolutely nothing. □

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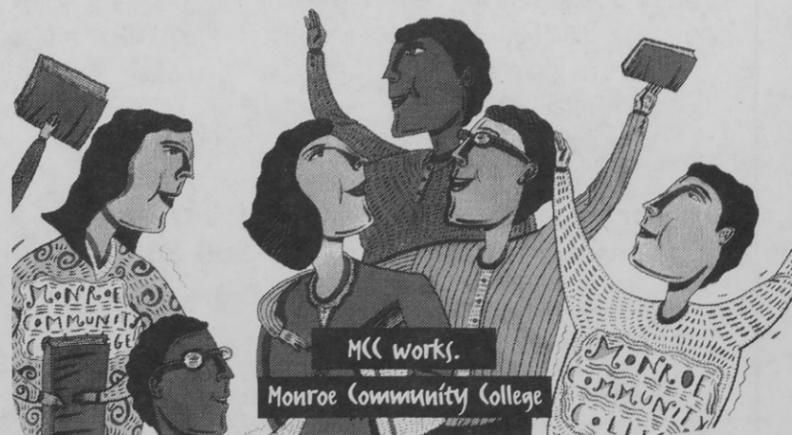
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Singer remembers German witch trials

BY BEV WILLIAMS

The German witch trials of the 15th through 18th centuries victimized mainly women and ended in death for most of those accused, said an AU German professor at the Women's History Month program March 19.

Sandra Singer, associate professor of German, spoke to a group of first-year students at a mandatory

"The majority of the victims were women who were marrying later in life, widows and the children who were later involved in the trials as either the accuser or the accused. Other target groups were healers and midwives."

hall meeting the night of March 19. The talk, titled, "Heretics, Healers, and Melancholy Women: Victims of German Witch Trials," revolved around her research on women who fell victim to the German witch trials between 1435 and 1775.

The room was silent as Singer began by asking the students whether the conflicts between

Ireland and England and Israel and Palestine are politically or religiously driven. They gave a mixture of replies.

She then asked them to think about who controlled what was recorded in history and whether we can decipher the truth when we

Singer said there is no accurate record of all the victims of the witch trials because the records kept on the victims were done by the actual killers.

The witch trials began as "isolated witch trials in the 1300s and the early 1400s" but made the most impact during the 1500s and 1600s.

The majority of the victims were women who were marrying later in life, widows and the children who were later involved in the trials as either the accuser or the accused. Other target groups were healers and midwives.

Citing from *For Her Own Good* by Ehrenreich and English, Singer said, "The witch trials were a means for the growing number of surgeons and university-trained male physicians to eliminate competition from female healers."



Sandra Singer

Although women were accused of using witchcraft to heal, many scientists and physicians at the time used the same method of healing, Singer said. Some of these physicians' medicine cabinets had spider webs, ant eggs, snake skins, beetles' blood and other healing aids, said Singer.

To tie in her earlier questions regarding politics and religion, Singer said that the Church used the trials as a means of securing its power. Witches were called heretics by people who were Christians but questioned their religion, said Singer.

Many within the Church fought to end the torturous methods used by the Church to punish and kill witches, but many of them were put to death as well. □

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The work is close to being completed, which means it could take several weeks to finish everything, said Dillon.

This de-bugging is normal for moving into any building, he said. Dillon said his goal is for the exterior and interior work to be finished at the end of May.

Exterior work such as landscaping must wait until the weather is appropriate, Dillon said.

"On Wednesday we moved in the copier and the coffeepot, so to me that meant we were moved in," said Becky Prophet, chair of the division of performing arts.

There is quite a bit of equipment to be moved in yet, Prophet said.

Despite small problems and details in the building which still must be fixed, faculty and students said they were happy to be in Miller.

"There are things that are wrong, but they are getting fixed. Overall it is really great to finally be in there," said Scott Macmillan, a junior theater major. One area which he has used extensively in Miller, the acting space, "is a big improvement over the annex," he said.

"The best part of Miller is that we finally have a permanent and worthy home for the performing arts," said Stephen Crosby, associate professor of theater.

The annex did have the advantage of being more centrally located on campus, and the informality of the annex as opposed to the formality of Miller was an advantage, but "I think we'll get over it," said Prophet.

"It is wonderful to watch students in here—the space is very energizing and important to our learning," said Prophet. □

Alfred Cable System to get more channels

BY JONATHAN BAUM

Refranchising Alfred Cable System Inc. will be the topic of a public hearing to be held at 7 p.m. April 2 in the Alfred Village Hall. Recommendations regarding services offered and rates charged by the company will be discussed.

Barret Potter, village trustee and deputy mayor of Alfred village, said a franchise gives a company the right to a legal monopoly.

Joseph Gow, who serves with Potter as an Alfred village representative on a four-municipality advisory committee on the refranchising, said the committee has agreed that four new channels should be offered on the cable company's basic package over the next four years. Gow said these channels include a weather channel, a classic movie channel, a history channel and a learning channel.

Apparently, these choices are not set in stone. "We would really like to hear input from the public," said Gow. "This [meeting] is a good chance for people to express their opinions."

Gow pointed out that if and when a new franchise is granted to the cable company, it will be in effect for the next ten years. "It's the last chance to get any input on what's being offered on that system."

Keith Patrick, vice-president of Alfred Cable, said the decision to add channels was influenced by the advisory committee and by community input. Patrick said there was great demand to add the Weather Channel, which he said will be added to the system this year.

Along with new services, however, comes rate increases. Patrick said the cost for the basic cable package for town residents will rise from \$13.75 per month to \$15.95 per month. Patrick said that despite rising operating costs, this is the first rate increase implemented by the system in three years.

The rate increase is meant to help the company "try to keep up with costs, but it's not even doing that," said Patrick.

Patrick said senior citizens will continue to receive a \$1.50 per month discount.

Connie Beckman, director of computer services at AU, said the changes in the basic package channels for the municipalities will also apply to the University cable package. Beckman said that according to the contract AU has with the cable company, any changes made to the basic package will be immediately reflected in the University package as well.

Beckman said the rate increase, however, may not apply immediately to the University. She said that AU and Alfred Cable renegotiate the subscription rate each January if the subscription costs have risen for the cable system, but only renegotiate rates every three years in any other instance of increased rates. Beckman said the current rate agreement expires in June 1997.

Tomas Gonzalez, area coordinator for the Office of Residence Life, said he would like to see more movie channels and pay-per-view options offered. Gonzalez, who lives on campus, said offering more premium channels would give students more choices in programming to watch.

"The benefits would outweigh the costs" to the company to subscribe to more premium services, said Gonzalez. "If you've got people who are going to buy your service, why wouldn't you do it?"

Gonzalez pointed out that HBO subscriptions are available to on-campus students.

Patrick said more premium channels could be added to the cable system once the company has the technological capacity to do so.

The changes still need to be approved by the villages and towns of Alfred and Almond before the company's franchise is renewed, said Gow. □

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Steinheim renovation continues

BY IZABELA BUNIEK

The Steinheim, a National Historic Landmark, is currently undergoing a stage of renovation and restoration which will allow it to house the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center.

John Carvana, director of career development services, said the Steinheim is "going to be a remarkable facility" when it is completed.

The completion, scheduled for the fall of 1997, involves several steps. The first of these was a feasibility study, which included a proposed floor plan, code and structural review, and cost estimate.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. had to find a donor to establish the \$1.5 million budget to renovate the Steinheim. AU Trustee Robert R. McComsey was that donor.

Finally, the study said the Steinheim would be an ideal place for the career development center since the University needed to address two major issues: finding a place for career services and "doing something viable with the Steinheim," said Carvana.

Suggestions to turn the Steinheim into a coffee house or to use it for office space had been made. Due to the castle's exceptionally narrow structure, the ideas were rejected.

Presently, the Steinheim is in the second stage of its restoration, the schematic design stage. This encompasses designing "a career development center that fits the program and budget requirements," said William Dillon, director of physical plant.

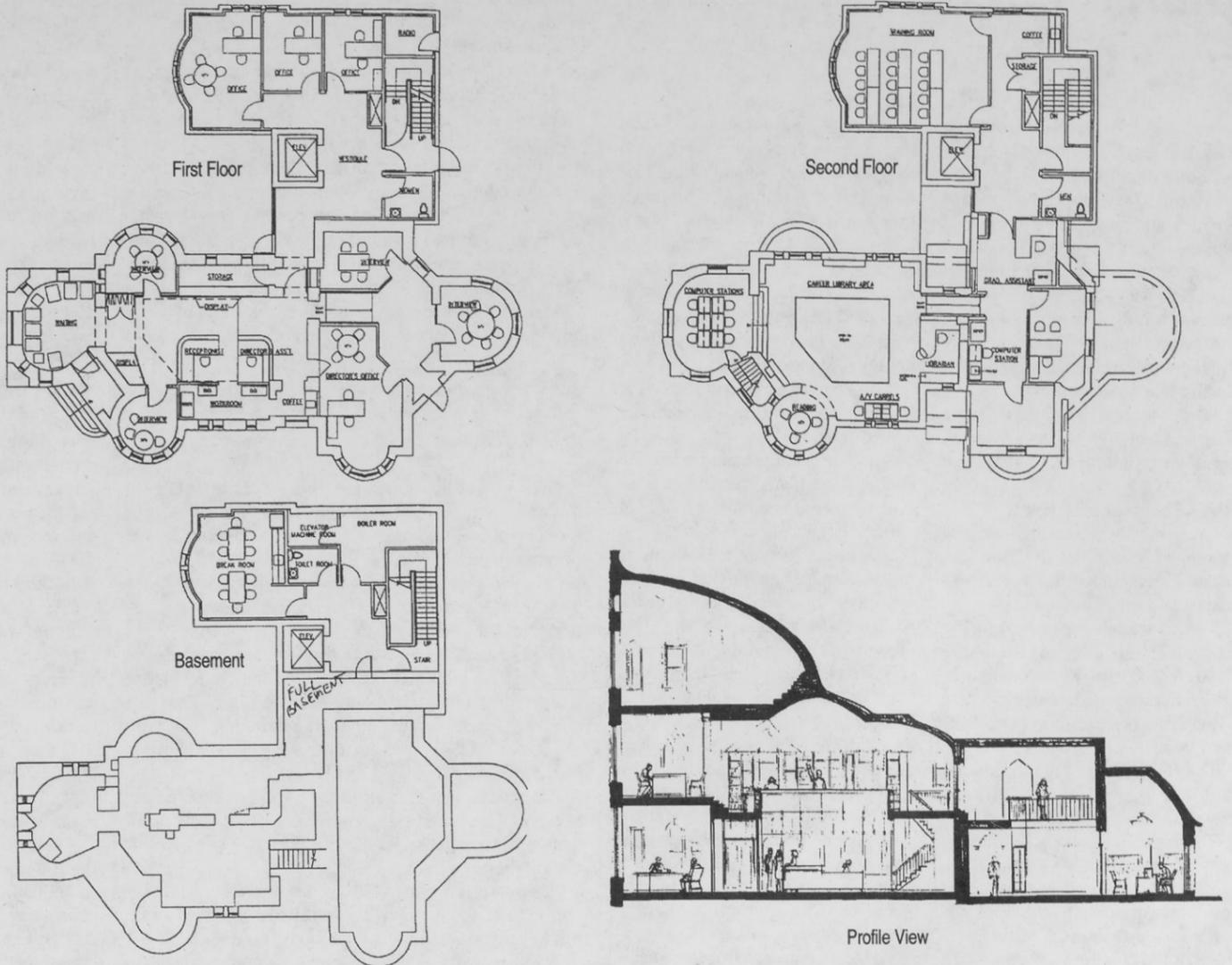
The architect measured the Steinheim and subsequently designed a proposal which "balances the program needs, budget, and character of the Steinheim building," said Dillon.

The architect received input on a biweekly basis from the "renovation team" of Dean of Students Gerald Brody, Dillon, Carvana, Associate Provost Susan Strong and junior economics and math major Alexis Diamond.

The most recent development, said Carvana, is that "the architect has put together what I feel is the best possible design which facilitates quality program and service delivery while maintaining a practical semblance of the structure's integrity."

The next stage will be the preliminary design. This includes a floor plan and defines details such as the nature of carpeting, lighting, power, gas, water and the telephone. It is "putting the package together," said Dillon.

Time frames will be established with the architect, plans discussed with the Alfred Planning Board, and in the summer, bids will be put in with the contractor.



Current proposed floor plans for the Steinheim renovation

Although the renovation team has gotten positive feedback so far, Carvana said he is concerned with "trying to preserve the structural integrity of the Steinheim."

The subsequent stages require obtaining construction documents, bidding and then getting a work contract if the plans are within the operating budget.

Currently, the plans for the Steinheim include four official interview rooms. There may be eight rooms for interviews if offices are also used for interviews.

The building has two main floors and a basement that will include a break room.

The building will be renovated in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to make it handicapped accessible.

In addition to the Career Development Center, the Steinheim will house transmitters for WALF, the student radio station; the transmitters will be accessible from an outside entrance.

Carvana said, "I've been in many career development centers, but none were castles. It's an honor for us. It puts us in a very unique position." □



PHOTO BY DARREN MILLER

The interior of the Steinheim as it currently appears: Plans are underway to renovate the castle, including replacing over 700 different types of wood originally used to finish the castle. AU alumnus John A. Sage is beginning a campaign to save and preserve the woodwork. Sage said, though, that there isn't enough funding currently to implement this plan.

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Weiner committee plans 25th anniversary

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

April 17 will mark the start of festivities in Alfred which will include the silver anniversary Hot Dog Day celebration on April 20.

AU buys five hundred pounds of wieners and eight cases of veggie varieties from a hot dog company. This year, the committee hopes to use Oscar Meyer if they can get the Wiener Mobile. If not, they will contract Surefire.

There are numerous activities during this "holiday."

Friday, there will be an Ice Cream Bash at Davis Gym where you can eat all you want for \$2.50. Later that night, AOD will have a Friday Night Fever with Karaoke.

On Saturday, Main Street will be closed to traffic so the day can begin with a parade led by Alfred's mayor and other officials.

The parade consists of the Hornell High School Marching Band, Alfred's fire department, riders on horseback, the Shriners, and University organizations on their own floats.

The Hot Dog Day committee said they would like to see the faculty make their own float.

There will also be a Craft Fair, which last year raised \$800. All the money from the day is given to local charities such as Hornell's Little League, Camp Fire, Inc. and the United Methodist Day Care Service. Last year the festivities raised \$12,000.

During the day, the three thousand or so expected visitors can purchase food from the hot dog, fried dough, snow cone, barbecue chicken and curly fries vendors.

The Coca-Cola Corporation has

been contracted to supply all the refreshments. (Pepsi drinkers can have Sprite or Arizona Iced Tea).

"There's so much food—it's unbelievable how much food," said Megan Sinesiou, a head of the Hot Dog Day committee. "I've been going to Hot Dog Day since I was a kid. Hot Dog Day's a big thing in my life."

Mud Olympics will be held at Tucker Field Saturday afternoon. "We call a gravel company, and we get mud," Sinesiou said.

Saturday night, SAB will sponsor Danny McCarthy in the campus center.

Another event planned is the Big Raffle. It involves donations from businesses within an hour radius of Alfred. Tickets are one dollar.

The prizes include free nights at the Saxon Inn, favors or services from local businesses, and a faculty-supplied dinner.

Students can win the opportunity to have dinner with LAS Dean Christine Grontkowski, Division of Performing Arts Chair Becky Prophet, and University President Edward Coll, to name a few.

The carnival along Main Street and Saxon Drive will last until 5 p.m. Greek house parties usually start between 8 and 10 that night.

Theta Theta Chi is celebrating its 75th anniversary while Kappa Sigma is hosting a Band party.

Campus bands will play at the bandstand on Hot Dog Day.

Mike Huling and Megan Sinesiou head the Hot Dog Day committee. Surprisingly, Sinesiou is a vegetarian. Huling and Sinesiou conduct all the background paperwork and obtain the permits for AU to have fireworks and a parade. □

...Academic dismissals

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office including tutoring services within each college. She used the metaphor: "If it were a world without T-shirts, people would find something else to wear."

Grontkowski said the problem was not with faculty, who have already been bending over backwards for their students. She said, "A faculty member who had lost several advisees said she'd even gone to the extent of calling to wake people up in the morning."

Josh Mattoon, a freshman ceramic engineering major, was placed on academic probation after the fall semester with the understanding that he take this semester off. Four freshman ceramic engineers were dismissed, but all were readmitted on appeal except Mattoon. Mattoon had a 0.00 GPA for the first semester.

Mattoon said his grade problems were caused by attendance. He said two of his five professors spoke to

him and encouraged him to work harder, but he had never been told about academic probation or the possibility of being dismissed.

Mattoon lived in Tefft Hall. University sources said many students living in Tefft last semester experienced academic difficulty. Mattoon also said he spent approximately six hours a day on the VAX, mostly MUDDing.

AU is not the only school facing retention difficulties. According to the Feb. 19 *Buffalo News*, 28 percent of undergraduate students at SUNY Buffalo are on academic probation. Buffalo's Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Nicholas D. Goodman confirmed everything Alfred faculty and administrators have been saying when he said, "We have excellent students at UB who are sometimes not performing to their own expectations." □

Binns immortalized in Bergren Forum

BY MEGAN PARK

Charles Fergus Binns, the first director of the College of Ceramics, was an embodiment of the Arts and Crafts movement, said Margaret Adams Rasmussen in her Bergren Forum March 21.

"He was not your ordinary mortal. He was like a god," said Rasmussen in a question and answer question after the speech.

Rasmussen, the assistant director for communications at the National Science Foundation Industry-University Center for Glass Research, delivered the speech "Charles Fergus Binns: A Marketing Man with a Mission" to 40 people at the Bergren Forum in Nevins Theater.

Rasmussen serves as editor of the *Glass Researcher*. She holds a master's degree in history with a concentration in ceramic history and a master's in electronic information retrieval.

Rasmussen chronicled Binns' life and focused on his commitment to art and the conflict of this view with the Industrial Revolution.

Binns was practically "born with a porcelain teacup to his lips," said Rasmussen. Born to the art director of a famous porcelain factory in England, he apprenticed and worked in that factory until age 40.

He resigned the same day his father retired, possibly

over disagreements with the company over whether art and quality were more important than profitability, Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen theorized that Binns then left England and moved to the United States on a mission to save the American ceramics industry from the "ugliness and dehumanization" of England's industrial revolution.

Binns worked in a Trenton china factory and organized a group to share technological information in the ceramics industry. He was elected vice president of the organization which later became the American Ceramic Society, said Rasmussen.

Unhappy with the mass production standards of his job, Binns was hired by Alfred University in 1900 as the first director of its new School of Clayworking, said Rasmussen.

Binns organized the new school, taught his students the tricks and secrets of ceramics, and found scientific methods for ceramics while at Alfred. He also became an artist at 50, creating work that earned him a memorial exhibit in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, said Rasmussen.

Rasmussen suggested that the ideals of Binns could be applied to today's world. She quoted Binns, "Just as the clay must be put in the kiln to be made hard, people must be tested to be made strong." □

Saxons move south in conference change

BY VINNIE MORRIS

This fall AU will be switching athletic conferences and coaches, players and staff have an optimistic view toward the change.

Athletic Director Hank Ford said, "All the schools in the new league are private schools, which have athletic and academic philosophies similar to ours. The schools are strong in different areas, and the competition is comparable."

The Alfred University sports program will be changing conferences from the Empire Athletic Association (EAA), to the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC). Including Alfred, the PAC is made up of six schools: Bethany College, Grove City College, Thiel College, Washington and Jefferson College and Waynesburg College. Bethany College is in West Virginia and the rest of the schools are in Pennsylvania. It may seem that traveling time will increase because the schools are in different states, but Ford said the time is about the same as traveling to schools in the EAA.

The sudden change in conferences was made because of the lack of teams in the EAA. Hobart, RPI, St. Lawrence and Clarkson left the EAA last year. AU Head Soccer Coach Ken Hassler said, "We were hoping and searching for schools to add to the remaining four teams in the EAA, but it was unsuccessful."

Joining the PAC was an option that would benefit Alfred University. Ford said, "There are conference benefits, such as a built-in schedule. When you are an independent you are at the mercy of other schools when it comes to scheduling games. Belonging to a conference gives a certain number of games, along with recognition."

Although AU is changing conferences, most teams that AU competed against in the past will still be on the schedules. Rival schools Ithaca and RIT are included, but league play will now be with the PAC.

Reactions from coaches and players seemed to be very positive. Hassler said, "From a soccer standpoint, the PAC opens up a chance to play a number of strong soccer programs that we were not competing with in the past. The conference does run an actual tournament, and the chance to compete will be exciting."

AU Head Men's Basketball Coach Jay Murphy said, "Playing in Pennsylvania will help in the recruitment of high school athletes from that state. We will receive the same exposure in New York because we will still be playing teams from the old EAA."

Men's basketball co-captain Jason Amore said, "It will be interesting to play against a new batch of athletes, but I'm glad that we still get to play our rival schools." □

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BY MEGAN ALLEN

At the beginning of the semester I was faced with a choice. I could sleep from 4 to 7 a.m. every Sunday morning, or I could be awake, struggling with old records and trying desperately not to create dead air.

Clearly, there was only one choice.

Along with two of my friends I decided to disc jockey a WALF radio show this semester, specifically a "hell spot." Yes, we actually requested this time slot. To us, somewhere in our zany minds, dragging ourselves out of bed at 4 a.m. to enter the cold night and play music for a few hours sounded like fun.

Also we weren't sure if we would like our voices over radio, so a hell spot with very few listeners was perfect until we built up our confidence. Not to say that we don't have listeners—the first show we actually had eight verified listeners. Yes, watch out world, here we come.

Luckily once we have somehow dragged ourselves out of bed at 4 a.m., the radio show is always worth getting up for. It is fun to search WALF's CD and record stacks for an obscure song we haven't heard in years.

It's also fun turning up the music in the studio and dancing to it, knowing there is no one in the hallway except maybe the occasional custodian who couldn't sleep, to watch us.

It is even somehow fun to leave our quiet dorms when it is still dark and return after the sun has risen. Walking through the campus I always feel like I am getting a special glimpse of the day, even if after our show I am going to go back to bed until early afternoon.

I encourage everyone to DJ a radio show sometime in their college career, especially a "hell spot," though of course not everyone can be lucky enough to have such a time slot. Or just turn on our show Sunday morning (yes, this is a blatant promotion), listen to our Beatles, Rush and Cyndi Lauper, and know that in the dark quiet campus center we are dancing and singing away.

Milk Wood complex, enjoyable play

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

Tranquillity, soft blue lights, shadowy figures poised in the duskiness and the lively voice of the narrator heavily laden with a Welsh accent greeted the audience in the opening scene of *Under Milk Wood*, by Dylan Thomas.

The complex play directed by Becky Prophet, chair of the division of performing arts, premiered March 21 in the C.D. Smith Theatre.

To celebrate the opening of the theater, members of the AU Chamber Singers and student dancers performed an enchanting piece titled "Now I Walk In Beauty." There was a circle motif in the way the dancers moved and the singers positioned themselves that related to the vicious cycle of the villagers' lives in the play. Following them, the AU String Quartet exuded savoir faire with their first-rate rendition of "The Gift."

The play itself had no set, music or backdrop. The numerous schizophrenic actors portrayed their legion of personages by minor changes in wardrobe and the stunning use of tinted lighting indicated the time of day.

Throughout the play there was a sense that attention was given to detail. It was impressive how well the actors had mastered their acute Welsh accents and mannerisms. All the characters remained on stage during the show—standing in statuesque postures when not

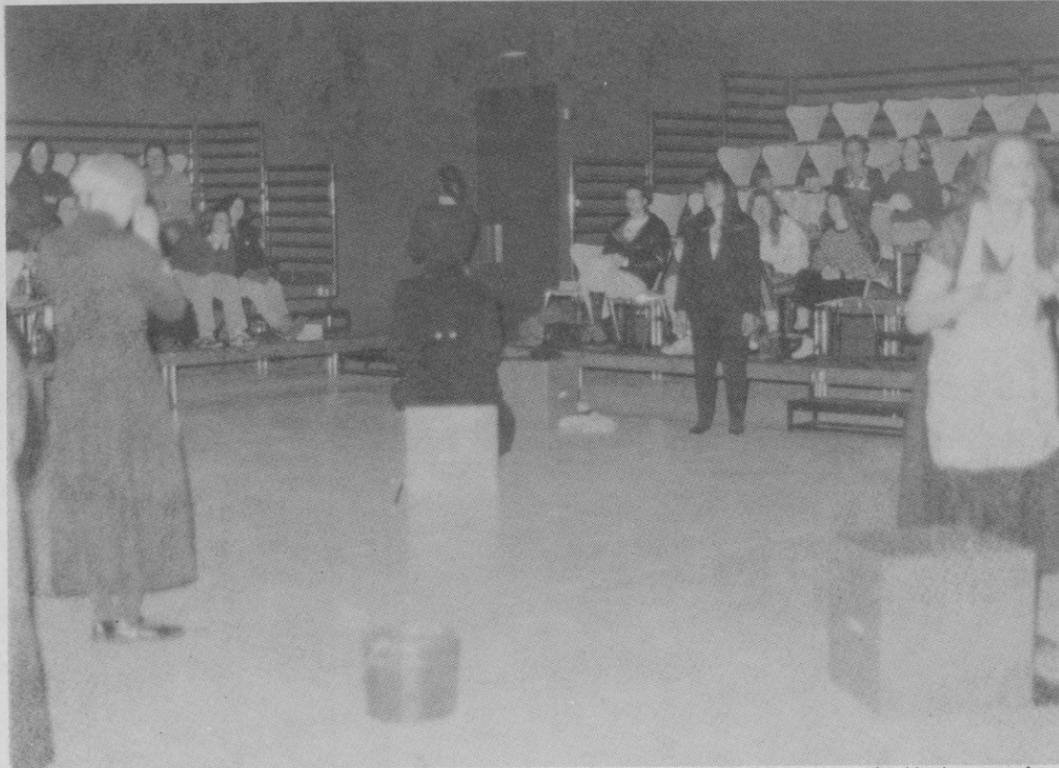


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The C.B. Smith Experimental Theatre in the new Miller Performing Arts Building opened with three performances of Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*. The play was performed in the round with minimal set material.

dramatizing. This added to the originality of the performance.

The narrators, Michelle Brown, a junior theater major, and Jennifer J. Jones, a senior theater major, were superb: their upbeat tone and enunciation mixed with good projection seemed like a Julie Andrews movie.

The play was confusing to the audience because there were so

many themes: criticism, scandal, romantic fantasies and uncertainty. Also, the chronology of the play meant that it really needed to be viewed twice, to get a better grasp of the nuance.

Unlike most plays, *Under Milk Wood* gave perspectives of all the characters' lifestyles at once over the two hours, clouding the themes even more.

Under Milk Wood was a blue-ribbon cabaret, especially considering the handicap of a lack of props and set, which caused actors to improvise. The wry sense of humor was very comical. My praises to the cast, backstage directors, light, sound, and technical supervisors, and Prophet. Bravo—you've done a surpassing job. □

Miller open at long last

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Standing on the third floor the rhythm of drums from a nearby classroom can be heard. A dancer practices leaping down the long hallway, bounding along quickly on the shiny gray floor. Meanwhile, in a small room labeled "computer room," boxes are stacked, waiting to be unpacked.

After a long wait, on March 11 the performing arts division began moving into the Miller Performing Arts building. Dance classes were held there March 11 and later that week the rest of the performing arts

classes also moved into the building.

The Miller building "is complete to the point that it can be used for its designed purpose," said Bill Dillon, director of physical plant. The interior is in the punch-list phase, he said.

The punch-list contains items the architect designated as still needing to be finished in the building. Included were finalizing the temperature control systems and aesthetics such as touching up paint, said Dillon.

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PHOTO BY JASON GRAY

Steve Crosby (left) directs an acting III class in the new Miller Performing Arts Center. Students are (from left) Thomas Evans, Ezra Homison, Marcus Smith and Jennifer DiCicco.

Book Review

LeCarré disappoints players in *Our Game*

BY JENEEN E. LEHOCKY

John le Carré's new novel, *Our Game*, begins promisingly enough. The narrator, Tim Cranmer, is a former "secret servant" of the British government. Larry Pettifer, the double agent for England and Russia who reported to Tim, is apparently retired from the business as well.

However, as the book opens, Tim discovers that Larry is still involved enough to have disappeared with \$37 million of the Russian government's money.

In Larry's absence, Tim is the prime suspect for the theft, and the British secret agency, "The Office," refuses to help him.

To add insult to injury, Tim's mistress, Emma, has decided to run off with Larry.

The first section of the book centers around Tim's memories

of his relationship with Emma and his love/hate friendship with Larry. Le Carré uses an interesting technique here, writing Tim's recollections in present tense and the present action in the past tense.

It soon became clear that the use of that technique was representative of the whole focus of the book. The real conflicts have already taken place in the past; Tim is merely piecing together what happened in the aftermath, as he runs around Europe looking for Emma and Larry.

Therefore, while this book might have made a nice character study, its plot is thoroughly disappointing.

Without giving away what happens, I will simply say that the book builds up to a climax which we do not get to see. Tim

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Chorus and Chamber Orchestra Concert
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April 14, 3 p.m.
Chamber Music Series
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April 18 and 20, 8 p.m.; April 21, 2 p.m.
AU Dance Concert

April 19, 8 p.m.
Chamber Singers
Seventh Day Baptist Church

April 26, 8 p.m.
Concert Band Concert
Harder Hall

April 25 - 27, 8 p.m.; April 28, 2 p.m.
Student Directed One Acts C.D. Smith Theatre
Miller Building

April 28, 4 p.m.
Two Voices: A Student Recital
Howell Hall

April 30, 5 p.m.
Music Recital
Howell Hall or Miller Building

April 30, 8 p.m.
Student Dance Showing
300 Miller Building

April 30-May 1
BAFA Freshman Foundation Show opening
4:30 - 6 p.m. on May 1 in the Brick basement

May 4, 4 p.m.
School of Art and Design
Senior Shows opening 4 p.m.

May 4, 7 p.m.
Acting III Scenes
C.D. Smith Theatre in the Miller Building

May 4, 9 p.m.
AU Jazz Ensemble
"Concert Under the Stars"
Harder Hall Plaza