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WORLD NOTES

LOCAL

The AU Board of Trustees held their semesterly on-campus meetings last week. The talks were organized into the following committees: Executive, Academic Affairs, Admissions, Audit, Buildings and Grounds, Finance, Human Resources, Investment, Strategic Planning, Student Affairs and University Relations.

NATIONAL

President Clinton signed a bill last weekend outlawing several "date-rape" drugs and increasing punishments to those who use them on their victims. The law allows 20 years to be added to a rapist's prison term if he/she used one of the outlawed drugs in the act.

INTERNATIONAL

Vatican officials may be preparing to announce that the Pope has a form of Parkinson's disease. The pontiff is successfully recovering from an appendectomy performed last week. •McDonald's first Indian restaurant opened last weekend in New Delhi. The beefless menu features Maharaja Macs made from Indian Sheep, rice-based veggie burger patties and Vegetable McNuggets, served with McMasala sauce.

McComsey honored at Steinheim

BY SABRINA HARRISON

Speakers described the Steinheim as a place of romantic enchantment at the building's renewal ceremony Oct. 7.

The purpose of the ceremony, held outside the Steinheim, was to honor Robert R. McComsey, vice chairman of the AU Board of Trustees. McComsey's gift to the University enabled the renovation process of the historic building to begin.

McComsey thanked the Board of Trustees for giving him the opportunity to help the University. He said, "There are not many times in life when someone gets to do something like this."

McComsey said jokingly that he feels a little remorseful about his involvement in the restoration process. His regret stems from his years as a student at AU during the 1960s, when the already-closed



PHOTO BY MARIA CORDARO

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Renewal! Construction at the Steinheim has begun on the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center. The CDC is currently housed in Bartlett Hall.

Benchmarks clarify Greek standards

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Paul Kingsbury, assistant dean of students, recently announced revisions to the benchmarks, the standards by which Greek organizations on campus are judged by Alfred University.

"We didn't lower the standards, just made them fairer," said Kingsbury.

Benchmarks were originally written in 1994 to tell the Greek houses what the University expects and to give them goals to strive for, said Kingsbury. They were revised this fall by the Benchmarks Review Committee.

"They are important because they keep us active in the community," said Dave Sollars, head of community service and member of the executive committee at Kappa Sigma.

"Also they show we're about more than just parties and drinking," he said.

Mike Carey, a senior and former vice president of Delta Sigma Phi, agreed.

"They are not hard to meet," he said, but "they keep people in line."

If houses do not meet the standards, there are no repercussions, said Kingsbury. Two of the 11 Greek organizations in Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Council met the benchmarks

last year.

If a Greek organization wants to move to Greek Row on Upper Pine Hill Road, however, it will need to meet all the benchmarks, or meet nine of the 11 standards and request permission to build from the Benchmark Evaluation Committee.

Previously, Greeks had to meet all of the benchmarks to build on Greek Row.

Three houses are currently interested in building a house on Greek Row: Sigma Alpha Mu, Kappa Sigma and Klan Alpine, said

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PERSONALITIES



ANGEL CORTEZ

Even though one of the Homecoming Queen nominees didn't expect to win, he said he was honored just to run.

Angel Cortez, a junior track II dance/anthropology/film major, was Spectrum's nominee for Homecoming Queen this year.

The group nominated a male for queen "to break down gender roles—put a twist on things," said Cortez.

He believes his chances of winning would have been greater if students rather than faculty, staff and alumni had been on the panel which chose the Homecoming court.

Students are quicker to embrace new roles, while the University wants to preserve tradition, said Cortez.

"Also, lots of students support alternative lifestyles," he said.

After graduation from AU, Cortez wants to travel the world studying ritualistic and ethnic dances. He then wants to perform, create documentaries or write about dances.

Cortez currently holds a variety of positions on campus including AU dance theater choreographer, Reimer Hall resident assistant and WALF disc jockey.

Cortez said he would run for Homecoming Queen again. However, he doesn't expect a male to win AU Homecoming Queen anytime soon.

"It is one of those ingrained American traditions that will take a long time to break," he said.

History "forgets" gays

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

History is more than white, straight men, said Vicki Eaklor, professor of history, during her Bergren forum Oct. 3, titled "Learning From History: A Queer Problem."

Eaklor said when history is presented from the perspective of superior white men, gays and lesbians tend to be glossed over or completely left out.

"Those who don't remember the past are condemned to repeat it... but those who do remember the past they were taught are condemned to try to repeat it," Eaklor said, adding to a well-known quote.

There are many other reasons why gays and lesbians have been left out of history. Eaklor said they have been scapegoats in many cases, such as the AIDS crisis and, recently, the Defense of Marriage Act. She also said the view of the gay and lesbian lifestyle as immoral makes it difficult for them to be recognized positively.

Eaklor noted that the gay/lesbian movement lacks a central figure like Martin Luther King Jr.

for the African-American movement. Without a strong leader, many movements go unnoticed, she said.

Eaklor gave five major ideas for the gay/lesbian movement to make sure their voice is heard and remembered.

First, she said gays and lesbians need to reject the mentality that all groups will get their rights eventually. She said this view can be detrimental because once a group believes equal rights are inevitable, they stop actively working for them.

Second, Eaklor said participants in the gay/lesbian movement need to accept the demands of modern politics. She said they need to accept the homosexual title because it has become their label.

Eaklor also said when campaigning for equal rights, gays and lesbians need to personalize the issue for voters. They need to communicate the idea that unequal treatment of gays and lesbians will infringe upon everyone's rights, she said.

Third, gays and lesbians need

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PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

C'mon out! Naomi Manon stands in Spectrum's "closet" door to partake in the National Coming Out Day where all homosexuals and supporters are encouraged to "come out of the closet."



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Support should replace intolerance

Vicki Eaklor said, "Coming out isn't a strategy, it's the strategy" in her Bergren Forum Oct. 3. Apparently not everyone agrees.

A national organization called the American Family Association sponsored a National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day on October 11.

The National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day Project "encourages men, women and young people to reject homosexual desires and embrace their natural heterosexual identity," said an e-mail sent out by the group. The group lauds those who have "successfully walked away from homosexuality."

The e-mail did an excellent job of stating opinions held by what is probably a minority of this country's population as fact.

It presents homosexuality as something undesirable by all, with no concession of the fact that some people actually enjoy their lifestyles, "despite" their sexual preference.

This view presented by the AFA assumes that humans have a natural heterosexual identity and ignores genetic links and predispositions recently discovered. It also ignores homosexuality and bisexuality found in animals.

The e-mail went on to say that October 11, the same day as National Coming Out Day, was chosen to "focus attention on the contradictions between the philosophy of homosexual activities and the values held by most Americans."

Exactly which values are being discussed? Obviously not the freedom of choice, valued by most Americans. Obviously not the individual rights stressed by the Constitution.

The e-mail ended with a quote from Robert A. Larimer Jr. from Washington for Traditional Values. It said, "Truly compassionate people do not encourage others to continue in, or to become involved in, behaviors which can result in sickness and death."

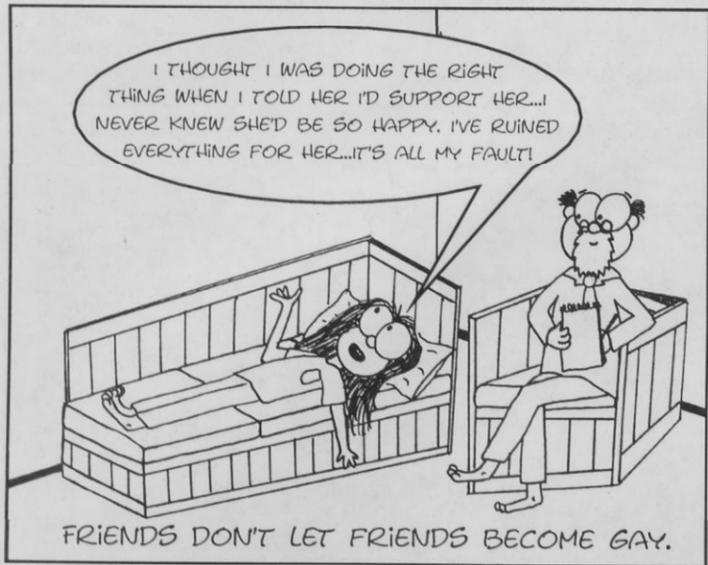
Homosexuality and bisexuality do not lead to sickness and death. Irresponsible actions do. No one has ever died from not being heterosexual, unless it was a result of violence or ignorance due to their sexual preference. And irresponsible actions leading to sickness and death are made by those of all different sexual orientations.

The entire tone of the e-mail suggested that non-heterosexuality is a disease that could and should be battled and eradicated.

Should not the same be said instead about ignorance?

Views such as those offered by the AFA help put things in perspective. Despite occasional incidents of intolerance occurring on this campus, whether they be race, gender, religious or sexual preference related, the overall attitude at AU is comparatively one of considerable tolerance.

It's up to the members of this community to work to improve on what's already been accomplished here, so that cries for intolerance by organizations such as the AFA fall on deaf ears. □



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COLUMNIST

Clinton in touch with issues



BY JONATHAN BAUM

Many pundits have analyzed the current presidential campaign, breaking down candidate strategies and stating why Bill Clinton will be reelected.

But lately, it's been hard to find any inherently "objective"—or at least non-partisan—political forecaster arguing why either candidate should win.

Bill Clinton is the better candidate because:

Clinton is in touch with issues facing Americans. He has just proposed \$100 million legislation to upgrade the Internet by expanding the speed and scope of the web and making "computers in schoolrooms as important as blackboards."

One might question whether Bob Dole knows what a computer is.

Clinton supports making student loans more accessible and easier to pay off. He also supported the implementation of the V-chip after complaints of inappropriate television being viewed by children.

President Clinton is aware of his surroundings. He observes what problem areas exist and reacts accordingly to solve them.

And his agendas are often based on these perceptions of problems in this country, rather than basing platforms on broader ideals, such as need for a smaller government.

Clinton suggested Health Care reform because health care wasn't easily accessible to all people.

Clinton signed the Brady bill and Crime bill because he saw a

Dole and the GOP have accused Clinton of being spineless and having no ideals...But not everything is black and white.

need to be tougher on crime and to take guns off the street.

At the same time, Clinton actually pledged in the Hartford, Conn. presidential debate to reduce the size of government.

Partly because of pledges like this, Dole and the GOP have accused Clinton of being spineless and having no ideals. The term "wishy-washy" was often used to describe him during his first term.

But not everything is black

and white. And Clinton's refusal to base all executive decisions on some predetermined set of ideals allows this government to be more flexible and, therefore, more effective.

Bob Dole would theoretically base his decision-making on one set of principles, including family values, small government and power to the states.

Maybe some of Dole's basic ideas are worth considering. But too often Republicans simply apply a situation to their platform template of small government and no regulation to decide what stand to take on any particular issue. This method used by the GOP to formulate legislation is completely narrow and rigid.

Even regardless of the candidate's actual views on issues such as affirmative action, preservation of the NEA and PBS, protection of the environment and government involvement in economic and foreign affairs, one underlying fact remains: Clinton is adaptable. The 73-year-old Dole and his party are not.

It is clear which candidate is better suited to "build the bridge to the 20th century." Clinton will do this by addressing the needs of the American people and not those of party elders or political strategists. □

GUEST COLUMNIST

The meaning of life: the toy store



BY VICTOR WU

It's interesting to note that being completely and utterly spontaneous has its own advantages. One of the most important lessons that I've learned thus far is that you need to be in touch with your childhood. Not necessarily the things that you did but the way you looked at things—before they were tainted by what we know now.

One of the ways I highly recommend is to go into a Toys R Us store. Even if you don't have any money to spend—most of the time it's a whole lot better if you don't—it's refreshing to go and see what's there.

The wonder is still there. As you go in, you see the faces of toys, logos and insignias of the past and present: Mattel, Sega, Huffy and so on. And the smell of fresh clear plastic wrapping around toys that need to be opened always refreshes the senses. Go and look for the things that you remember and recall when you used to wander in.

The nice things about Toys R Us is that they have a universal layout plan. No matter where you go, the same things will always be in the same places. It's wonderful to know that, even within the chaos of our lives, a few sweet things remain a steady constant.

We'll start our tour with the righthand side of the store—boardgames and the like. There are the games of the past that still delight us—Candyland and Twister. There are those that

were wonderful, but annoying, and perhaps even silly at this point in our lives—Hungry Hungry Hippos and the silly wooden box with the ball and holes that you have to fiddle around with the knobs until you are utterly frustrated to get the ball to the finish. And there are those that are more to our level—Scattergories and Trivial Pursuit. Finally, the ones that still entertain us because they are ageless, like Uno and Monopoly. About the only thing that hasn't changed is the fact that they're still relatively inexpensive for the amount of fun you derive from them—and the

Toys do teach us a lesson—Keep It Simple Stupid.

fact that they will always be there.

Moving on, going past the models, really odd-looking sportsgear for kids and odd futuristic toys, we hit our destination—the Nerf (and copied) weapons depot for kids. I remember when Nerf used to just sell sporting goods like footballs, spongeballs and related things. Nowadays you see weapons of mass destruction that shoot sponge darts and things at a mind-boggling rate and capacity. Take, for example, one of their latest oddities: a chain gun thing-of-ma-bob with extra reloadable belts should one run out of ammo during a battle. Surprisingly enough, it's not the the little children who

usually buy these things but the older, maturer high school and college kids.

Isn't life wonderful?

To continue our tour, we simply cannot forget the fake food and lego aisles near the other end of the store. Recall back to your childhood and try to remember your thoughts on the fake, plasticky colors that don't quite exist in nature. Now look at these things again. Don't they just scare you? Entertainment highpoint in this section—look for the realistic Pizza Hut pizzas they have floating around.

Legos. How can one forget about legos? They are still there in their infinite variety and in their myriad of forms. And yes, they're still expensive. But in the long run of things, the best bang for the buck. I don't know about you, but I always made it a point to be able to learn how to disassemble and reassemble the object as it was depicted in the wonderful instructions. Then, take everything apart and squash more parts in from other sets to make something entirely new. It's always a wonderful feeling of accomplishment.

So, there's our short tour of the store. Yes, there are parts that I skipped or missed entirely, but if I did everything, you would be here reading this until the cows came home and never get to go out and experience this yourself.

Toys do teach us a lesson—Keep It Simple Stupid. Notice how the simplest things give us the most joy. I can only now wish that directions for electronic equipment as well as everything else were as simple to read and understand as lego instructions. □

Upcoming lectures...

•Patrick Hutton will present the Russell Lecture "France at the End of History: The Politics of History in Postmodern Culture," at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 in Howell Hall. Hutton, chair of the department of history at the University of Vermont, is a scholar of French history.

•Gary Copeland, a professor at the University of Alabama, will be giving a lecture and video presentation on "Negative Political Advertising: Horsensense, Hogwash, and Talking Cows," at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 in Nevins Theater. The lecture will include discussion of long-term trends in political advertising and the effectiveness of these commercials, said Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. □

Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

All six Student Senate committees have elected chairs and established meeting times.

Sara Hickson, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, said the committee will meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Li'l Alf Cafe. Hickson said the committee will discuss issues including academic advisors and the termination of the CLASS office.

Kris Clark, chair of the Bylaws Committee, said the

committee will meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Organization Suites. He said the purpose of the committee is to rewrite the Senate Constitution so that it is easier to amend.

Brandy Russell, chair of the Campus Safety Committee, said the committee will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge.

Peter Wiernicki said the Food Committee elected Cecily Rogers chair, in absentia. He said the committee will meet Mondays for dinner. The meeting place will rotate among Ade Hall, Powell Dining Hall and the Li'l

Alf Cafe, he said. Rogers said she will not accept the position.

James Fudge, chair of the Multicultural Committee, said the committee will meet Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Multicultural Suite. Fudge said they will discuss activities for this year including the Festival of Nations.

Jennifer Kneuer, chair of the Spirit Committee, said the committee will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Li'l Alf Cafe.

All six committee chairs will report to Senate each week, said President Zach Hampton.

Hampton also thanked Tracy Smith, senior math major, and

Beth Larrabee, Senate secretary, for their work in coordinating Homecoming. "They did a really nice job with all the events," Hampton said.

Larrabee congratulated Sigma Chi Nu, UMOJA and Lower Pine Hill Suites for winning \$50 each in the float contest for the Homecoming Parade. She also congratulated Alpha Kappa Omicron, Sigma Alpha Mu, Alpha Phi Omega and Barresi Hall for winning the Homecoming sign contest.

The student resources to the Trustees will report on their meetings with the Trustees in Senate on Oct. 16.

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STATEMENT FROM THE GREEK LIFE COMMUNITY OF ALFRED UNIVERSITY

As you are aware, the fraternities and sororities of Alfred University sponsor specific events in which we welcome the participation from members of the University Community. Only members have full access to all the benefits and activities, including social events, sponsored by individual houses and/or the Greek Life Community.

In accordance with this belief, we have

recently decided to limit first year students from full access to our social functions. This is a major change for all members of the University Community—Greeks and non-Greeks alike. The primary reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Economically, we cannot subsidize social events for the campus at the expense of internal needs such as renovations, brotherhood/sisterhood events, meals and other activities that are a vital part of our organizations.
- We realize that the first year is a time of significant transition to University Life and, especially, the rigors of academic life. As such, we are concerned that unlimited access to our social events could negatively impact your success at Alfred University.

• Fraternity and Sorority membership is more than just social life, it is a way of life! Our main objective is the development of the individual on a personal, intellectual, physical and ethical level. Unlimited access to our social functions serves only to cloud this objective.

As we stated earlier, we are limiting access, not closing access. Specific dates have been set for social events which will be more accessible to the members of the University Community. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the InterFraternity and Panhellenic Office at 871-2664.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

2nd Annual Alfred University Graduate and Professional School Fair

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Please contact Kathy Woughter, Career Development Specialist, or Emily Bologna, Special Events Intern, at #2164 if you have any questions.

The Following institutions are among those who have registered:

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- Binghamton University School of Management
- Canisius College
- Clarkson University
- CW Post Campus of LIU
- D'Youville College
- Emerson College
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Gannon University
- Los Angeles College of Chiropractic
- New England School of Law
- New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
- New York Chiropractic College
- New York Institute of Technology
- Niagara University
- Pace University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John Fisher Management School
- School of Business University
- Suffolk University Law School
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY College of Optometry
- SUNY Oswego
- UB School of Dental Medicine
- Union College
- University of Buffalo
- University of Dayton

Election Series Part 2

'96 Presidential Candidates

DEMOCRATIC PARTY



For President
 William Jefferson Clinton
 Born: August 19, 1946
 Birthplace: Hope, Arkansas
 Home: Little Rock, Arkansas
 Marital Status: Married (Hillary Rodham, 21 years)
 Child: Chelsea Victoria (born 1980)
 Occupation: President
 Military Wartime Experience: None

Issues:

Abortion:

"I've always believed abortions should be rare, but that they should be safe and legal until the third trimester." —August 11, 1995

Affirmative Action:

• Believes in retaining the current affirmative action position and programs

Arts and Entertainment:

• Implementation of the "V-chip" and parental responsibility

• Continue funding for the National Endowment for the Arts

• Continue funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (NPR and PBS)

Crime:

• Proposes "bootcamps" as an alternative sentence for first-time felons

• Favors federal death penalty in some cases

Campaign Reform:

• Wants to require the registration of lobbyists
 • Advocates decreasing the amount Political Action Committees can spend

Education:

• Supports continuation of federal student loans and student aid

• Continue funding for Project Head Start

Environment:

"I will not compromise any clean water, any clean air, and protection against toxic waste. The environment cannot protect itself. And if it requires a presidential veto to protect it, then that's what I'll provide." —April 7, 1995

Gun Control:

• Continue the ban on assault weapons, combat weapons and high capacity magazines

• Fight for continuation of the Brady Bill (gun purchase waiting period)



For Vice President
 Albert Gore, Jr.
 Home: Carthage, Tennessee
 Occupation: Politician

REPUBLICAN PARTY



For President
 Robert Joseph Dole
 Born: July 23, 1923
 Birthplace: Russell, Kansas
 Home: Russell, Kansas
 Marital Status: Married (Elizabeth Hanford, 21 years—second marriage)
 Child: Robin (born 1954)
 Occupation: Former Senate Majority Leader
 Military Wartime Experience: Army—World War II (1943-1948)

Issues:

Abortion:

"I have supported a constitutional amendment to achieve this goal [outlawing abortion in most instances], and I continue to support this effort today." —December 20, 1995

Affirmative Action:

"Bob Dole opposes quotas, set-asides and other preferences that favor individuals simply because they belong to a particular group." —October 25, 1995

Arts & Entertainment:

• Dissolve the National Endowment for the Arts

• Dissolve the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (NPR and PBS)

Crime:

• Increased production of prisons

• Prosecute juveniles as adults in most cases of violent offenses

• Capital punishment more widespread

Campaign Reform:

• Non-retroactive term limits on members of Congress

• Advocates decreasing the amount Political Action Committees can spend

Education:

• Use of vouchers to let parents decide where to send their children for school

• Teach English as the official language

• Dissolve the Department of Education

Environment:

• Limit classifying new endangered species

• Sell federally owned parks for deficit reduction

• Dissolve the Department of Energy

• Lessen the power of the EPA to regulate companies

Gun Control:

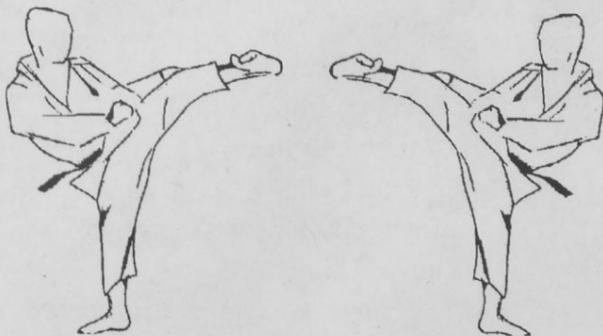
"Gun control is a completely ineffective approach to the lack of safety and security in our communities. Repealing the ill-conceived gun ban...is one of my legislative priorities." —March 17, 1995



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 Jack Kemp
 Home: Washington, D.C.
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& More...

BY MEGAN ALLEN

I admit, I was skeptical. I couldn't imagine many tables in there—after all, it is a very small space. Also I wondered what Latin American food would be like, and most importantly, would I like it?

Luckily, all my doubts were quickly eased by the first Cultural Cafe sponsored by ALANA Affairs, held Oct. 5 in the Multi-Cultural Suite of Powell Campus Center.

All the space-consuming fur-

niture in the suite had disappeared (I spotted at least some of it piled in one of the Multi-Cultural offices—very sneaky), and in its place tables had been carefully arranged, creating surprisingly comfortable seating for 22.

I was very impressed by the effort put into the decorating of the room. All the tables had red tablecloths and candles. Also red "curtains" had been fashioned for the windows, complete with braided tie-backs. Flags of many Latin American countries hung around the room, and quiet music played in the background.

Also seating had been carefully planned, with a maitre d' at the door checking reserva-

tions and leading us to our table.

Okay, I wondered; they're doing a great job so far, but where's the food? Were they planning on sneaking it in a back window or something? I found it very hard to believe that they had somehow found room for ovens in what regularly is the UMOJA office, which had a "kitchen" sign hung on its door.

It turned out the food had to be wheeled through the "dining area," hot from the dining hall ovens, then quickly whisked away into the UMOJA office/kitchen.

Somehow, it worked. Our food was served very quickly and was nice and hot. From the

three main dishes on the menu, I chose the "pastelon from the Caribbean," and it was delicious. After a salad, two side dishes and desert I was stuffed silly and wishing they had left-over bags so I could carry home my last few mouthfuls to enjoy later.

Actually the only disappointment in the meal was the salad. I couldn't tell if it had dressing on it, or if the lettuce was just moist from being freshly washed. In any case, the rest of the food more than made up for the disappointing salad.

ALANA Affairs has yet to decide when the next Cultural Cafe will be held. Personally, I'm hoping it's soon. Can I make reservations now?



BY JASON GRAY

Aldo Leopold, naturalist, writer and educator, wrote one of the best observations of a single region in his "A Sand County Almanac."

In the volume Leopold described the farm, woods and outlying area of where he lived month by month, with topics ranging from grouse hunting to the loss of one of the few remaining silphium plants in Sand County, Wis.

He was a master craftsman of the environmental essay and strove to make people want to see all that was around them.

With elegant prose, he also addressed cares and concerns for the environment in a spirited and often humorous manner.

For instance, in Wisconsin October is grouse hunting season. Leopold was an avid hunter so he would head out early in the morning to start on the trail:

"Getting up too early is a vice habitual in horned owls, stars, geese, and freight trains. Some hunters acquire it from geese, and some coffee pots from hunters. It is strange that of all the multitude of creatures who must rise in the morning at some time, only these should have discovered the most pleasant and least useful time for doing it.

"...To arrive too early in the marsh is an adventure in pure listening; the ear roams at will among the noises of the night, without let or hindrance from hand or eye. When you hear a mallard being audibly enthusiastic about his soup, you are free to picture a score guzzling among the duckweeds."

Leopold has made waking before dawn an adventure and a grand one at that.

His peaceful description reminds me greatly of Alfred. The sun takes quite awhile to light the valley and so leaves a beautifully quiet time before dawn, before even the coffee pots are up.

Aldo Leopold. "A Sand County Almanac" ©1949

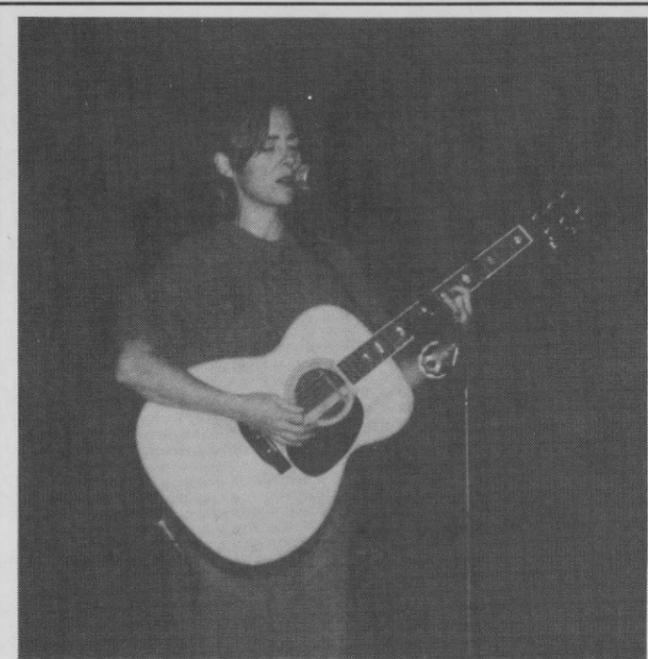


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STRUM: SINGER/SONGWRITER JONATHA BROOKE PERFORMS TO AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE IN THE KNIGHT CLUB OCT. 10.

Ceramics: Handle with Care

PRESS REPORT

Tired of trying to get a handle on your schoolwork? Take a break and attend the "Handle with Care!" exhibit opening Oct. 17 at the International Museum of Ceramic Art.

It will feature more than 40 different objects from the permanent collection and special exhibit loans.

The exhibit will focus on the different manner in which artists and designers have dealt with handles on cups, platters, vessels, teapots, casseroles, sculpture, etc. The objects represent a wide variety of work, including Pre-Columbian stirrup-handled bottles, Val Cushing pots with donut-shaped handles, Glidden

Pottery forms, industrial ceramics with the kind of handles found at local diners and contemporary pieces created by Ken Ferguson, Akio Takamori, Adelaide Paul, Betty Woodman, John Gill and others. It is a show designed to make you think more seriously about handles and what they're all about. □

DIRECTIONS TO EXHIBIT

The International Museum of Ceramic Art is located in the Ceramic Corridor Technology Center, on the right hand side just as Main Street joins with Rt. 244 (on the way to Alfred Station). There is a reception open to the public Oct. 17, 5-7 p.m.

REVIEW

Play explores creation myths at length

BY ERIK LARS MYERS

On the evenings of Oct. 9 through Oct. 12, the C.D. Smith III Theatre was home to the beginning of the world.

"The World Before Us," directed by Becky Prophet, professor of theater, was pretty to watch and nice to hear, but unfortunately these elements didn't make a satisfying whole.

The play had great form. Through the use of 13 different creation myths from various cultures, the company of storytellers and actors presented a complete story.

According to the program, the play went from the creation of the world in "The Coming of the Om and the Birth of Brahma, an ancient Hindu story," to the growth of the human intellect in "Tane Brings Knowledge to the Earth, a Maori myth." It had a well thought-out structure. Unfortunately, without such a comprehensive program it would have been hard to tell.

A new script is always hard for actors to work with. There are no previous stage notes to work from and no brief guide-

lines except those written in by the author(s). In this case, the actors did an exceedingly good job with a script that had very few parts for them.

If the individual parts in the play had been as elaborately written as the storytellers' roles, however, the play would have been much more exciting to watch.

The play did have spectacle. Even though the cast was relatively small—only 12 people—they seemed to fill the space.

It was hard to tell at times whether or not they were improvising their movement. The actors were very free with their movements, but so slow at times that it looked almost contrived. Only the battle scenes, which were choreographed, had the spontaneity that the rest of the piece seemed to be crying for.

The cast as a whole performed very well, but senior Matt Gregory's strong bass voice and sophomore Paul Borst's playful characterizations seemed to steal the show.

The technical aspect of the show was incredible. The lighting and scenic designs created by David Downing, scenic designer and technical

director, were beautiful and entrancing, so much so that at times it drew attention away from the actors. Sometimes the gobos, the metal light filters that create elaborate designs on the set, were more interesting than the repetition of biblical verse by the storytellers.

Overall, the best words to describe the show may be

"pretty" and "lengthy." An hour and 40 minutes is a long time to sit without an intermission to relieve the brain, if not the bladder as well.

It was odd to keep checking the program to see how many stories were left before it was all over. When it was, however, and it was time to leave creation behind, it proved itself to be worth the time involved. □

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...Steinheim

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Steinheim was a place students secretly visited if they wanted privacy, he said. This was before the advent of co-ed residence halls, he explained.

When the building's renovation is completed, it will be named the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center at the Steinheim.

The ceremony included many other short speeches to the large crowd. Norma Higgins, Alfred University archives emeritus and alumna, said, "I feel honored to be included in this celebration of new beginnings."

Higgins compared the restoration process of the Steinheim to a "legacy of love being renewed."

Zach Hampton, Student Senate president, said he is pleased the Steinheim will be the site for the new Career Development Center.

"This new facility will greatly benefit the Career Development Center and help it live up to its full potential," he said. □

...Benchmarks

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Kingsbury. Only Sigma Alpha Mu met all the benchmarks during the evaluation last spring. They are currently working on funding and hope to build in the near future, said Joe DiCarlo, Sigma Alpha Mu president.

Other revisions to the benchmarks include changes in the discipline standards of the house.

"We didn't want to penalize Greek Houses twice," said Kingsbury in regard to the revisions.

According to the 1994 benchmarks, "A fraternal organization must be in good standing. Good standing is defined as an organization that is not on a probationary or higher status for a period of two consecutive years." The revised benchmarks eliminate the two year criterion, meaning once an organization is off probation, they are considered in good standing.

"If a sanction has already been placed on the house, why continue to penalize them [for two

years]," said Kingsbury.

Also, one of the original benchmarks has been divided into two parts. The two separate benchmarks now read: "A fraternal organization's GPA must be equal to or above a 2.50 GPA for the two most recent semesters," and "No greater than ten percent (10%) of the chapter membership may be 'on condition' for the two most recent semesters." On condition refers to the academic standards set in the AU Academic Catalog.

They were divided because they really are two separate thoughts, said Kingsbury.

Also, the benchmark requiring all Greek organizations to have a risk management policy has been eliminated.

The standard was redundant because other programs already require a policy, said Kingsbury. Also, the Revision Committee decided it wasn't the University's role to require a policy; they decided it was more the responsibility of the houses, Kingsbury said.

Carey said the revisions are very fair. "The

changes get rid of the ambiguity," he said.

DiCarlo agreed. He said now the benchmarks are not easier but "more accessible," especially for organizations which want to move to Greek Row.

Other benchmarks include maintaining the area around the organizations' houses and completing at least two service projects per semester.

This year's evaluation of the Greek houses will begin in February and conclude in April, said Kingsbury.

The benchmarks will continue to be evaluated on a regular basis in the future, he said.

The Review Committee includes Gordon Atlas, associate professor of psychology, Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Connie Beckman, director of computer services, Dan Napolitano, assistant director of student activities, Lori Gilbert, Brick residence hall director and Kingsbury. The members also comprise the Benchmark Evaluation Committee. □

...Bergren

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to understand that rights are commodities, said Eaklor. They need to emphasize economics and the buying power of the gay and lesbian population, she said.

Fourth, Eaklor said it is important to recognize the main differ-

ence between gays and lesbians and other minority groups: gays and lesbians have the potential for invisibility. She said the first step in being recognized as a significant portion of the population is coming out about their sexuality. She said people must admit to being homosexual before others will admit they exist.

"Coming out is not a strategy, it's the strategy," she said. Eaklor emphasized that gays and lesbians need to realize that coming out can be a positive experience.

Eaklor said the members of the gay/lesbian movement must work as a group. She said they must abandon their internal debate of reform versus revolu-

tion and compromise and work together.

Following her speech, a student asked Eaklor why she had left bisexuals out of her discussion. Eaklor said she had been speaking generally about gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

"I like to define queer as the non-straight majority," she said. □

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The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents from Sep 10 to Oct 7.

Arrests:

Possession of alcohol by person under 21:

- Jacob S. Morton, 19, Albion (Sep 13)
- Robert O. Swyers, 17, Alfred (Sep 13)
- Peter G. Gelinis, 19, Oakfield (Sep 13)
- David J. Pafundi, 19, Mastic (Oct 4)

Open Container:

- David M. Dunlap, 18, Conklin (Sep 13)
- Todd D. Gigio, 19, Hornell (Sep 14)
- David B. Dravneek, 19, Hornell (Sep 14)
- Brian L. Wolfeld, 22, Alfred (Sep 14)
- Jonathan L. Bennett, 21, Gambriels, Conn. (Sep 21)
- Michele A. Young, 20, Lafayette (Sep 21)
- Aaron D. Wachowski, 19, Eden (Sep 22)
- Robert S. Tolbett, 19, Hornellsville (Sep 22)
- C.J. Rowland, 21, Medina (Sep 22)

Noise Law Violation:

- William B. Sargent, 21, Holley (Sep 14)
- Michael J. Pirozzolo, 23, Elmira (Sep 20)
- Jeffrey M. Brooks, 21, Wayland (Sep 28)
- Megan A. Preston, 21, Ft. Washington, Pa. (Sep 28)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Carl E. Dickerson, 21, Leicester (Sep 26)
- Eric D. Baum, 22, Penn Yan (Sep 26)
- Brendan P. Maney, 22, Rensselaer (Sep 26)
- Stephen J. Macken, 20, E. Meadow (Sep 26)

Assault 3rd:

- Christopher M. Guiffreda, 24, Jamestown (Sep 28)
- Edward C. Lawson, 23, Jamestown (Sep 28)
- Robert K. Tomlinson, 23, Jamestown (Sep 28)
- Christian R. Delamielleure, 21, Alfred (Sep 28)
- Christian R. Delamielleure, 21, Alfred (Oct 2)

Other:

- 18-year-old, Ransomville, falsely reporting an incident (Sep 10)
- Lynn A. Perry, 24, Hornell, petit larceny (Sep 11)
- Aaron M. Eicher, 19, Hornell, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawfully dealing with a child and disturbing the peace (Sep 25)
- Wendee E. Jacobson, 38, Andover, warrant Village of Alfred and trespassing (Sep 30)
- Scott Gabriel, 20, Alfred, aggravated harassment (Oct 2)
- Brian L. Wolfeld, 22, Alfred, criminal trespassing (Oct 2)
- Tara C. Tralka, 20, Unadilla, D.W.I. and improper turn (Oct 4)
- Michael J. Lawless, 30, Hornell, D.W.I./failure to keep right (Oct 6)
- Marisol Vidal, 26, New York, harassment 2nd (Oct 6)
- Shawn M. Hopkins, 23, Rochester, D.W.I. (Oct 6)

Complaints:

Intrusion Alarm:

- Alfred (Sep 10)
- Alfred (Sep 11)
- Alfred (Sep 17)
- Alfred (Sep 20)
- Alfred (Sep 24)
- Alfred Station (Oct 3)
- Alfred (Oct 4)
- Alfred (Oct 5)

Lost Property:

- N. Main St. (Sep 10)
- N. Main St. (Oct 6)

Erratic Drivers:

- Hillcrest Dr. (Sep 11)
- Rt. 21 (Sep 11)

Noise Law Violation:

- S. Main St. (Sep 11)
- Mill St. (Sep 11)
- Reynolds St. (Sep 14)
- W. Univ. St. (Sep 15)
- S. Main St. (Sep 18)
- Mill St. (Sep 20)
- N. Main St. (Sep 23)
- W. Univ. St. (Sep 27)
- S. Main St. (Sep 27)

Larceny:

- W. Univ. St. (Sep 11)
- N. Main St. (Sep 20)
- Action Dr. (Sep 21)
- Park St. (Oct 7)

Bad checks:

- Alfred Pharmacy (Sep 11)
- Alfred Town Justice (Sep 26)
- N. Main St. (Oct 2)
- N. Main St. (Oct 2)

Criminal Mischief:

- Church St. (Sep 12)
- Shaw Rd. (Sep 15)
- High St. (Sep 15)

- Rt. 21 (Sep 18)
- N. Main St. (Sep 19)
- W. Univ. St. (Sep 19)
- Park St. (Sep 21)
- Rt. 244 (Sep 23)
- Park St. (Oct 7)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Church St. (Sep 13)
- N. Main St. (Sep 14)
- Church St. (Sep 15)
- Hillcrest Dr. (Sep 26)
- Elm St. (Sep 26)
- Mill St. (Sep 26)
- Church St. (Oct 5)
- W. Univ. St. (Oct 5)

Illegally Parked Vehicles

- Alfred (Sep 13)
- Alfred (Sep 14)
- Alfred (Sep 24)
- Elm St. (Sep 26)
- Church St. (Sep 30)

Abandoned Vehicle:

- Co. Rt. 12 (Sep 14)
- Rt. 21 (Sep 15)
- Shaw Rd. (Sep 30)

Drug Possession:

- N. Main St. (Sep 15)
- S. Main St. (Sep 25)

Disabled Vehicle:

- Rt. 244 (Sep 16)
- Moland Rd. (Sep 25)

Speeding Traffic:

- Waterwells Rd. (Sep 26)
- Rt. 21 (Sep 26)

Assault:

- S. Main St. (Sep 27)
- N. Main St. (Oct 7)

Burglary and Larceny:

- State St. (Sep 30)
- State St. (Oct 2)
- Waterwells Rd. (Oct 3)
- State St. (Oct 4)
- S. Main St. (Oct 4)

Vehicle and Traffic Law Violation:

- N. Main St. (Oct 6)
- Rt. 244 (Oct 7)

Other:

- Burnt out street light, Alfred (Sep 11)
- Animal bite, High St. (Sep 11)
- Unwanted guest, N. Main St. (Sep 12)
- Possible drug possession, N. Main St. (Sep 12)
- Civil matter, Alfred (Sep 13)
- Prowler, W. Univ. St. (Sep 15)
- Animal acting rabid, Rt. 244 (Sep 15)
- Harassment and menacing, Upper College Dr. (Sep 15)
- Burglary, W. Univ. St. (Sep 16)
- Aggravated harassment, E. Valley Rd. (Sep 20)
- Person with a gun, Mill St. (Sep 24)
- Criminal trespassing, 1 Fraternity Row (Sep 28)
- Dog, S. Main St. (Sep 29)
- Found property, N. Main St. (Oct 1)
- Dog at large, S. Main St. (Oct 2)
- Harassment, W. Univ. St. (Oct 2)
- Vehicle passing stopped school bus, N. Main St. (Oct 3)
- Rubbish law violation, S. Main St. (Oct 3)
- Suspicious person, N. Main St. (Oct 6)

A total of 86 traffic citations were issued between Sep 10 and Oct 7.

COURT REPORT

Speed in Excess of 55 mph:

- Dale C. Geffers, Bath (\$85)
- Gregory J. Montano, Florral Park (\$85)

No Seatbelt Driver:

- Jacob N. Brewster, Andover (\$75)
- Marcello T. Parisi, Essex Jct., Vt. (\$75)
- Mark J. Thompson, Canisteo (\$75)
- Derrick E. Dack, Mt. Morris (\$75)

Forged License:

- Darren P. Greschuk, Bloomingburg (\$50)
- James A. Neto, Bethpage (\$125)

Speed in Zone:

- Matthew J. Zwillick, Bayside (\$85)
- Andrew F. Baynes, Rome (\$85)
- Laura J. Benedict, New York (\$85)

- Jason P. Sallinger, Savgus, Mass. (\$85)
- Sandra J. Bagley, Naples (\$85)
- Justin J. Johnson, Bemus Point (\$85)

Open Container:

- Craig S. Curtiss, Geneseo (\$25)
- Adam M. Dahill, Eastchester (\$25)
- Susana F. McDonnell, Newton, Mass. (\$25)
- April L. Newcomb, Sayville (\$25)
- Anastasia M. Romano, Montclair, N.J. (\$25)
- Dale N. Schneider, Warsaw (\$25)
- Michael J. Decker, Port Byron (\$25)
- Todd D. Giglio, Hornell (\$25)
- Brian L. Woldelo, Alfred (\$25)
- Patrick G. Morrissey, South Giers Falls (\$25)

- Michele A. Young, Lafayette (\$25)

Disorderly Conduct, Reduced to Disturbing the Peace:

- Roger W. Kraus, Hamburg (\$50)
- James W. Mallery, Bladell (\$50)
- Kimberly A. Edwards (\$100)

Failure to Obey Traffic Device:

- William C. Murphy, Hornell (\$100)
- Derrick Taveras, Bronx (\$100)
- Kelly J. Rebollo, Oneida (\$125)
- Martha M. Whitehouse, Alfred Station (\$125)
- Adrian A. Bitz, Parksville (\$125)
- Ryan D. Wightman, Wellsville (\$100)

Expired Inspection:

- Thomas G. Steepe, Hornell (\$50)
- Margaret A. Axtell, Hemlock (\$50)

Failure to Keep Right:

- Matthew T. Gardner, Clifton Park (\$125)
- David B. Oliver, Auburn (\$125)

D.W.A.I.:

- Matthew T. Gardner, Clifton Park, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)
- David B. Oliver, Auburn, reduced to failure to obey traffic device

Unlawful Possession of Alcohol by a Minor:

- Jacob S. Morton, Albion (\$50)
- Peter G. Gelinis, Oakfield (\$50)

Other:

- Jeffrey R. Codella, New Hampton, speed in zone (\$85)
- Timothy T. Clark, criminal possession of marijuana 5th degree (conditional discharge and \$90)
- Cory C. Cranmer, Hornell, AUO

3rd degree, dismissed in interest of justice

- Arthur H. Jones, Canisteo, D.W.I., reduced to D.W.A.I. (\$325)
- Damion Toran, Brewster, assault 2nd degree, reduced to assault 3rd degree (conditional discharge and \$90)
- Kimberly Edwards, resisting arrest, reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)
- Aaron M. Eicher, Hornell, more than three in front seat (\$75)
- Megan A. Freeston, Ft. Washington, Pa., noise ordinance (\$100)
- David B. Oliver, Auburn, failure to use turn signal
- Kurt Stine, criminal possession of a controlled substance 2nd degree, reduced to criminal possession of a controlled substance 7th degree (conditional discharge and \$90)

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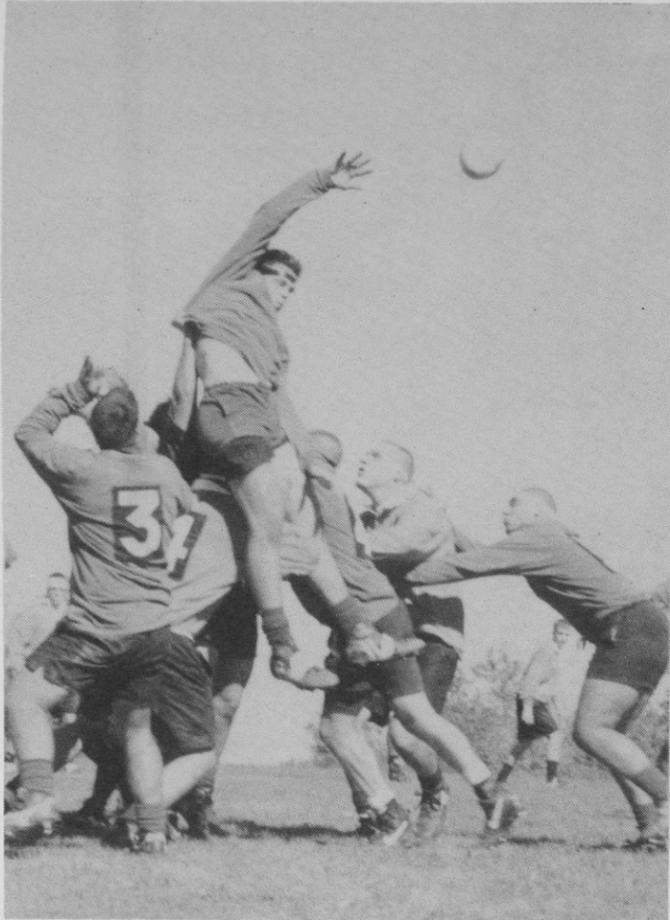
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Rugby advances to state tournament



◀ **REACH!** Members of the Alfred rugby club reach for possession during the Oct 5 loss to Buffalo State. The team is advancing to states, as that was the only loss this season.

PHOTO BY EMILY MIKSIC

BY STEVE WAGNER

Shakespeare wrote, "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." He was speaking of war, and so was the Alfred Rugby Club when they printed it in their newsletter.

The combined Alfred State College and AU club has won several battles, advancing to the state championships with a 5-1 record. The tournament will be held in Rochester on October 26-27.

This season, AU has outscored St. Bonaventure, LeMoyne, Colgate, R.I.T., and Niagara. The closest of those games was the 28-17 victory over St. Bonaventure.

The team has lost one game.

Buffalo State beat Alfred at Jericho Fields, 17-12.

The only obstacle between Alfred and the state championship tournament was the last team on the schedule—Saturday against Niagara. Junior captain Matt Cohen said the team was feeling "pretty optimistic."

He should have said he was sure of a win, because the team easily beat their opponent with a final score of 32-0. Three of the five point tries were scored by AU players Steve White, Dave Sollars and Tane Robinson.

Rochester is the site of the resulting championship showdown, and R.I.T. may be the first opponent. "We [Alfred] have the same record as them, so they will probably be our first game," said White.

Hidden on Jericho Fields, most students do not hear much about the games.

It doesn't help that the NCAA does not include rugby in its list of college sports. Alfred, along with every other rugby team or club in the United States, follows the rules and regulations of USA

Rugby.

Also, "there is no such thing as high school rugby," said Cohen. "Students aren't exposed to it until the college level."

Apparently that has not stunted the growth in Alfred. The team consists of 40 players—more than enough to field complete "A" and "B" teams.

The "B" team has also had a tremendous season, by earning the same 5-1 record and advancing to the state tournament.

The team is made up of about 85 percent State and 15 percent University players, said Cohen.

There are 15 players on a team, and the captains decide who plays which position. "We don't really have a coach," said Cohen. "We do, but the captains run the program."

Since the club is not a varsity team, the players receive only limited financial assistance from the two schools. By going to Senate meetings like any other University club, however, they have received a budget.

This year they were able to buy new jerseys, cones, water bottles and even fund a banquet. □

SPORTS SCHEDULE

(* denotes home game)

Men's and Women's Cross Country

10/25 PAC Champ.
Wash. & Jeff.

11/2 NYSCTC Champ
U. of Rochester

11/9 NCAA Regionals
R.I.T.

11/16 NCAA Nationals
Augustana College

Equestrian

11/2 Cazenovia College

11/9 *Brentwood Stables

11/23 Skidmore College

Men's Football

10/26 1:30 p.m. Hobart

11/2 12:00 p.m. *Union

11/9 1:30 p.m. *Wash. & Jeff.

11/16 1:30 p.m. Grove City

Women's Soccer

10/19 4:00 p.m. Lynchburg

10/20 1:00 p.m. Ferrum

10/25 4:00 p.m. *St. Lawrence

10/26 1:00 p.m. *Clarkson

Men's Soccer

10/19 12:00 p.m. Penn St.-
Behrend

10/23 4:00 p.m. *Hobart

10/26 12:00 p.m. Ithaca

11/2 1:00 p.m. *Nazareth

Women's Volleyball

10/16 7:00 p.m. Roberts Wesleyan

10/18 6:00 p.m. Grove City

10/19 11:00 p.m. Wash. & Jeff.

10/26 10:00 a.m. Oswego



AU soccer builds experience

BY IZABELA BUNIEK

Men's soccer at Alfred University has come a long way through the years, due in part to the determination and efforts of head coach Ken Hassler.

This season is Hassler's sixth at the University, although he has several years of previous experience coaching at the collegiate level. Hassler was the head soccer coach for New England College in New Hampshire for two years and was also an assistant coach at Ithaca and Plattsburgh.

Although Hassler had several goals for his team this year, he realized that the most important thing was to "develop the young players, to help them adjust to the pace and intensity of college play," he said.

At the start of the season, the team had 23 freshmen and only four players from the junior and senior levels combined.

Hassler stresses that although his team is very young, their talent and the experience they have gained through this season's practice have made them strong.

Hassler said he is not overly enthusiastic about changing conferences and playing in the PAC, but he is looking forward to the tough competition because "it gives us a chance to play some really strong teams."

He believes that the AU team will be a force to reckon with in future seasons. Thus far, eight of the 11 teams played were ranked either regionally or nationally.

The tough competition that AU has encountered this season has forced the team to adjust and play well every day.

Recently, the Alfred team has encountered such superpowers as Bethany College, which is ranked fourth in the region; Elmira College, which is ranked

fifth in the region; and St. Lawrence University, which is ranked 20th in the nation.

Several players' input has had a major impact on the team, said Hassler. Returning sophomore forwards Rob Hausath and Todd Smith are "creative, technical and quick," said Hassler.

He also said Dexter Morrison is "outstanding" in the goal. Sophomores Mike Reynolds and George Betts and senior Dennis Heuer are considered the "heart of the defense," said Hassler. He said they read the game extremely well and are strong individual defenders.

Hassler said he is also especially impressed with several freshmen, such as midfielders Matt Andrews, Matt Milyak and Lee Griffiths.

"They have made the transition to college ball quickly and seem comfortable at this level," he said. Hassler is certain they will become "impact" players in the near future.

One of the perks of having such a young team is that "even when inexperience is showing, many young players are constantly battling for spots on the field," said Hassler.

There have been many exciting highlights already in the season. The opening victory against Geneseo early in the season impressed Hassler because Geneseo has traditionally been AU's rival.

Also, the match-up with Bethany College, although a 4-3 defeat, was a tight game and, for many of the players, their first experience challenging a nationally ranked opponent.

The Saxons' victory versus Clarkson University was very satisfying for the coach. He said the team played "with a lot of personality and heart." □



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