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WORLD NOTES



LOCAL

Local stores are now required by the FDA to ask for photo ID from those appearing age 26 or younger who are attempting to buy tobacco products. •Alfred University financial aid forms are due Mar. 15. •Spring break begins after classes Friday, Mar. 7. •March is Women's History Month.

NATIONAL

Tornadoes in Arkansas Saturday killed 23 people and injured hundreds more. •Scientists in Oregon reportedly cloned monkeys from an embryo. This follows a Scottish announcement of a sheep cloned from another adult sheep. •The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race had its ceremonial start last Saturday.

INTERNATIONAL

About \$2.5 million of aid from the United States to Russia was stolen Sunday from a high-security cargo compound in Heathrow Airport in London. •King Hussein of Jordan announced Saturday that he is giving his palace in Amman to homeless children after a tour of an orphanage. •The Swiss regained the title for longest chocolate bar from the Swedish when they made a 729.3 foot long bar last Monday.

PERSONALITIES



PAUL MAZZUCCA

Paul Mazzucca "brings a different view that we've been needing... at AU in [the design] department," said Molly Wakeman, a senior design student. She called it a "more theory-based view."

Mazzucca, assistant professor of 2D, replaced Linda Wagner, assistant professor of graphic design, who is on sabbatical.

In his teaching, Mazzucca said he tries to shift the emphasis off of objects in design.

"The objects don't matter anymore—it's the ideas," he explained.

Mazzucca said he believes that design is "more of a cultural thing" than merely business-related and that it can be found in everything.

"I have a... concept of design beyond vocational trade," he said.

Mazzucca feels Alfred is ready to hold a front position in how electronics work in art but wonders if anything will be left behind as artifacts from an electronic age, one idea he presented in his recent show in the Fosdick-Nelson gallery.

Mazzucca also said he believes in finding inspiration in the everyday, for example, in the remnants of the farm community around Alfred.

Think about why you are making things, he said. As he asks his students, "Where do you find your inspiration?"

Senate election process questioned

BY TERESA G. VINCENT

Christina Lombardi was elected Student Senate president Feb. 26 after two elections that were nearly nullified and which have called into question the voting process at Alfred University.

"This election has raised questions concerning the whole elections process," Lombardi said.

Lombardi was elected by a 53.3 percent majority in a run-off election, beating out for-

mer front-runner Chandler Matson, who received 41.7 percent of votes.

Matson, who won the initial election by a 3.25 percent margin, quipped, "Does that mean we're tied now?"

Voter turnout for the run-off election was high. In the initial election, 689 ballots were cast. In the run-off that number fell slightly to 675. However, not all of these votes were usable.

Questions were raised during the Senate meeting about 28 votes that were considered

unusable. James Fudge, chair of the elections committee, stated that the votes were not counted because the student identification numbers used to verify votes were fictitious, there were duplicate ID numbers used, or the ballots were illegible.

The possibility of ballot box "stuffing" was also brought up. Although there were several times when student IDs were checked, they were not crossed off on a master list, as was

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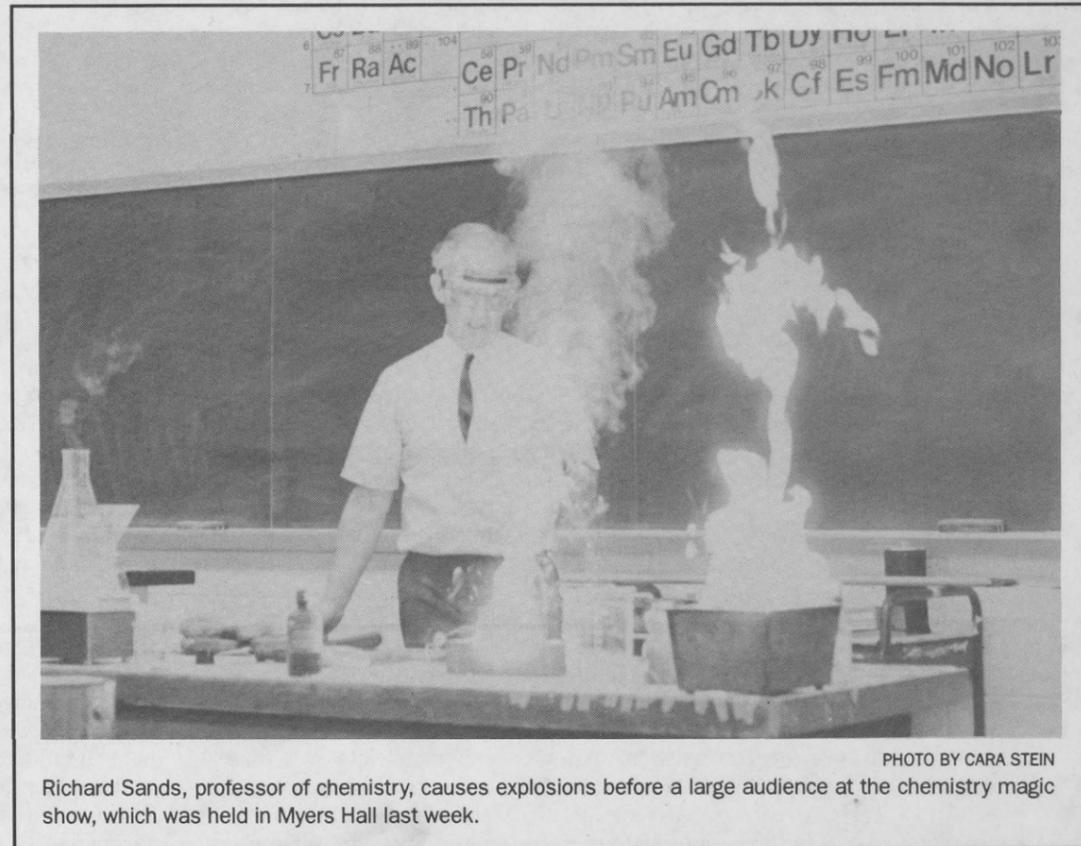


PHOTO BY CARA STEIN

Richard Sands, professor of chemistry, causes explosions before a large audience at the chemistry magic show, which was held in Myers Hall last week.

Tuition to freeze for freshmen

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

AU would like to let families' incomes catch up with tuition costs, said Susan Strong, vice president for enrollment management and Associate Provost.

"We don't want our price to turn students off," Strong said.

A new plan announced recently will freeze tuition for freshmen and phase in a tuition system which will charge students different rates based on their year.

The new plan will also lower the annual increase from the projected 5.75 percent to 4.95 per-

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Marijuana use high at Alfred University

BY SABRINA HARRISON

Marijuana use is twice as high at AU as in other schools in the Northeast, said Ian Neuhard, director of Alcohol and Other Drug Education.

"It's not rampant, we just have some regular users," Neuhard said. The majority of students on campus are not using marijuana on a regular or even infrequent basis, he said.

According to a core survey done by AOD, 15 percent of AU students use marijuana at least once a week, compared to seven percent of college students in private schools in the Northeast.

Neuhard said the high numbers were "partly due to the kind of student that chooses to come

here." The attitude students display toward marijuana is more liberal, he said. According to the AOD survey, 40 percent of AU students have used marijuana at least once, while 34 percent of students in private schools in the Northeast have used marijuana once.

Neuhard said that some students who attend the University used marijuana while in high school.

Neuhard organizes AOD virtually without the assistance of any other faculty member. The level of support he has had with the project has declined, he said. AOD tends to focus more on alcohol abuse because it is more dangerous than marijuana in terms of being on campus, he said.

Education is the foundation of Neuhard's

strategy for targeting those students who do smoke marijuana on campus. He has utilized media campaigns to assist him in getting his message across to students.

Neuhard will begin a new media campaign designed to educate students about the negative effects of marijuana use in a few months. However, he concedes that there is a difference between educating people and actually changing their behavior.

University administration perceives Neuhard's efforts to enlighten students on the negative effects of marijuana use as successful. Pat Schwartz, director of security, said the campus does not seem to have as many prob-

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Results of survey reveal student satisfaction

BY MEGAN ALLEN

AU students scored as being more satisfied than students at other private universities in 40 of 61 categories in the Student Opinion Survey given to students during the fall semester. The Student Affairs office is using the results to pinpoint areas for change.

"Overall it is a very positive message from students," said Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students.

In the survey given to all stu-

dents during fall registration, students were asked to rate their satisfaction in 61 areas, including financial aid services, athletic facilities and parking facilities.

AU students were as satisfied as students at other private universities in one area and less satisfied in 20 areas.

The fact that Alfred students were more satisfied than students at other universities came as a surprise to some students. "It is kind of surprising—I didn't expect the big difference between here and other universities," said Sara Andrews, a junior psycholo-

gy major. "It doesn't seem like people are particularly unhappy here, but I wouldn't have predicted we're happier here than anywhere else."

However, Jamie Rigoni, a sophomore computer science major, wasn't very surprised. "Overall Alfred is a very good school; I'm satisfied with many aspects of the school myself."

This is the second year the survey was organized by the Student Affairs office to help them determine areas for possible change within Student Affairs, said Brody. The results were shared

with the entire University.

"We use the survey to get a sense of how students feel," said Brody. "The survey is not a sole measure, but it is a good indication of where we need to learn more."

To help determine areas for improvement in Student Affairs, the results were compared to last year's results. The comparison is not statistically reliable, said Brody, since last year the survey was given only to approximately 250 students, while this year's

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Clearer Student Senate election process needed

On Feb. 26, Christina Lombardi became Student Senate president after winning a run-off election. But her victory was anything but untainted.

The entire election process was called into question, ending with a motion at the Feb. 26 Senate meeting to nullify the election. (The motion failed by five votes.)

Five candidates originally ran for president. When none received a majority, a second, run-off election between the top two vote-getters, Lombardi and Chandler Matson, was held.

But should there ever have been a second election? Last year, the Senate voted that the election would be decided by plurality rather than majority, thus avoiding a run-off election. This year, the elections committee decided to follow *Robert's Rules of Order* and make it a majority requirement, necessitating the run-off between the top two (also from *Robert's Rules*).

The concept of requiring a majority is valid, and Lombardi deservedly won the run-off. But this decision was made with no consultation of the Senate. Had plurality been the decision, Lombardi would not have won.

This results from the Senate's lack of written bylaws. To fix this, bylaws need to be written that specify that the election will be either by majority or by plurality.

There were other procedural problems. Although the elections committee chair denied that the procedure for voting had changed in the middle of the first election, students may recall two different ways of voting. The chair said students were asked for ID and marked off the master list in the first election; however, many students never had to show ID and were never marked off the list on the first day of voting.

In the run-off election, some students were not asked for ID, and no one was marked off on a master list. In fact, multiple votes could be, and were, cast by one person by using another's ID number, thus either canceling that person's vote or getting a second vote. This led to concerns about ballot box stuffing.

While it is doubtful that the amount of multiple voting that occurred affected the election results (Lombardi won by a significant amount), the possibility of rigging an election is troubling.

One Senate member remarked that he saw no reason to nullify the vote because this was the way it had always been done, and there had always been the same chance of corruption. But just because there's a precedent for potential corruption does not make it excusable. Rather, it means it should be fixed.

Finally, the practice of using student ID numbers to verify votes may be unconstitutional. According to the Senate constitution, elections are to be conducted by secret ballot. But in order to check votes once they are in, a master list with both student name and ID number is checked against a ballot.

If votes are to be secret, student numbers cannot be written on ballots or used to verify ballots. A system needs to be set up and adhered to where there is only one place that a person can vote at any given time, and each person must show ID and get marked off the list before receiving a ballot. If this means the election length must be expanded a day or two so everyone can vote, then so be it. It's better to have a longer election than an invalid one. □

Retraction: In the Feb. 19 issue of the *Fiat Lux*, the editorial regarding the return of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity mistakenly implied that two Lambda alumni, Dan Porter and Mitch Feldman, were undergraduate members of the fraternity at the time of its charter revocation. That information is incorrect. The *Fiat Lux* regrets the error.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lambda alumnus speaks out

DEAR EDITOR:

From 1973 to 1981 I called Alfred and Alfred University my home. I had the privilege to be both a student and a member of the wonderful community that Alfred was during those years... and I am sure still is.

I am a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and served on the National Student Advisory Committee and chaired the National's first Task Force Against Hazing Practices. I also had the privilege of working closely with Eileen Stevens, the mother of Chuck Stenzel, whose son died at another Alfred fraternity. During my graduate years I served as the Chapter Advisor to Lambda Chi during a period when it was very difficult to find faculty willing to work with the Greeks. I believe this was, in part, due to fear of personal liability. I eventually resigned as Advisor to Lambda Chi due to practices that I could no longer condone and in

fear of my own liability.

The Lambda Chi that is attempting to return to Alfred today is a different organization. The old Lambda fought the change the national organization mandated, and in fact hid many practices from the traveling staff for many years. The new Lambda Chi is based on mutual respect and sound educational principals. I hope they will be successful in their effort to bring this new Lambda Chi to Alfred... Alfred's Greek system will be better as a result! (Ongoing Rush might be a great thing for all the Greeks... It would let students become involved when they feel they can academically afford to do so!)

I was disappointed to read in your editorial that three alumni should not be allowed to participate in the colonization effort. The two recent graduates have worked hard to bring the new Lambda Chi to the campus. Lambda Chi National would not

even permit their involvement if they felt they would in any way contradict the values of the International Fraternity that have evolved since 1972 with regard to what is called "Fraternity Education." This program will not tolerate hazing in any form... something I suspect is still potentially present in other fraternities at Alfred.

Lambda Chi Alpha has a long history at Alfred... one that goes back long before your or my time at AU. I encourage you to give the fraternity a chance to evolve again at Alfred with the help of the many faculty initiates and alumni in the area. I can assure you that the "National" will not permit anyone to bring back those old traditions that would be detrimental to both Lambda Chi Alpha and Alfred University.

Sincerely,
 Ken Thompson, AU '78 & '81
 San Antonio, TX

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SAB reacts to Mac'N'Cheese

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the misconceptions arising due to the Barenaked Ladies reaction to their Alfred University experience. First of all, I agree that although the band may "recall Alfred with animosity," it is not a reflection on Alfred University, as about half of the crowd was not students. Secondly, the band was very happy with the treatment they received. Our student crew was praised, and our hospitality was highly appreciated and complimented.

However, I do have to sympathize with the band. The Student Activities Board and the concert security made every effort to decrease the amount of macaroni and cheese brought into the concert. Despite these efforts (close to 100 boxes were collected and donated), some boxes found their way into McLane and, despite the band's request, onto the stage. Being pelted with uncooked pasta and synthetic orange powder night after night cannot be fun and after several years must become very irritating. As audience members, I think that it is our

responsibility to follow the band's request. If we fail to stop with the macaroni and cheese, then BNL just may stop playing one of their most popular songs, "If I Had \$1,000,000."

Barenaked Ladies do recognize that this is a dilemma not unique to Alfred University, and they acknowledge that it is a problem to which they have to find a solution. They know that as the audience, it is not up to us to solve the problem, but perhaps in the future, we could make it a little easier for them.

In conclusion, S.A.B. would like to thank all those who helped out in any way with the concert. Our volunteers numbered close to a hundred students who were indispensable to us. We would also like to thank those who did not throw macaroni and cheese but just enjoyed the show. Our thanks also goes out to the staff at McLane for their kindness in sharing their facilities with us as well as to the *Fiat* for all its coverage.

Sincerely,
 Jennifer A. Baran
 President, Student Activities Board

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Swimmer felt headline inaccurate

DEAR EDITOR:

I would first like to thank you for your article in the February 19th issue of the *Fiat Lux* concerning Alfred University swimming. There are, however, a few points that many of us feel are ignored.

I would like to note that placing "AU swimming lacks depth" as the title of the article is inaccurate and also portrays a very negative view towards a tremendously talented

team. It is this talent that should be recognized. Throughout the article, it was said that we were a good team, "but"... It is that "but" that should be left out.

One of the strongest aspects of Alfred swimming is not the fact that we are a few points behind our competitors due to our numbers, but the fact that as a team we have tackled a tremendously hard season.

There is far more to any team

than the points they score. Alfred University swimming is a tremendously talented team, not only in the pool but for each other; after all, isn't it that aspect that makes a team?

Congratulations to Alfred University swimming, a team that is #1 by far more than just a score.

Sincerely,
 Sarah Chambliss
 Member, AU swim team

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Swim article focused on negatives

DEAR EDITOR:

As a proud swimmer at Alfred, I felt that the *Fiat Lux* article written about our team "lacks depth." I felt the staff should go straight to the source and talk to the swim team members or even the coach to ask how well we are doing instead of just looking at a score sheet to determine our talent.

As one of the very few articles written about our team in the three years I have been here, I have yet to see an article that

reports the positive in our team. Last year the *Fiat* chose to write a short blurb about the mediation processes instead of writing about our record breaking season. This year, under coach T.J. Davis, whom you neglected to recognize as a new faculty member, our team had a year of personal bests. Instead you focused on a few select swimmers who are a PART of our team. We all are dedicated to practicing daily, intense training over breaks, committing ourselves to swimming hard, and representing AU.

We deserve to be recognized positively. Repeatedly the *Fiat* has focused on the negative aspects of organizations on campus. My advice is to try to write like an informed college newspaper.

Sincerely,
 Susan Stokes
 Member, AU swim team

Editor's Note: In the Oct. 16 and Dec. 11, 1996 issues of the *Fiat Lux*, T.J. Davis was recognized as the new women's swim coach.

Specialty housing program expanded

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

If a group of students share an interest, it will be possible next year for them to live together.

"In the coming months we will be bringing forth a bunch of changes in policies based on student input," said Tomas Gonzalez, acting director of Residence Life. The first is specialty housing.

Gonzalez has been in his position for less than a month but has visited each residence hall to solicit student opinions.

Specialty housing was something some stu-

dents wanted, he said. Last year specialty housing was offered but only for students interested in art and wellness.

This year any group who wants to live together whose goal is compatible with University policies will be eligible, he said. For instance, students who want to have regular poetry readings may want to have specialty housing, he said.

After spring break applications will be available for interested students. Those which are accepted will be placed in Kruson Hall and

the Pine Hill Suites, Gonzalez said.

"It sounds like a good idea," said Jim Kostiw, president of Residence Hall Council. This way people can make their own molds, he said.

Gonzalez said he is planning other changes for Residence Life. These include possible changes in the policies regarding candles, incense and ceiling hangings. Gonzalez said he will also look at renovating residence halls and suites and will announce the plans later in the semester. □

...Elections

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the policy in the first election, and not all IDs were checked.

Without every ID being checked there was a possibility that students could have voted using someone else's ID number.

Fudge responded to these charges by stating that there were not enough people on the elections committee, and if students had concerns they "should have volunteered in the beginning."

Fudge also said more duplicate ballots were returned during the

first election than during the run-off.

Paige Junker, a sophomore biology major, made the motion to nullify the election because of the possibility of vote tampering. The motion failed by a vote of 27 to 22.

Also called into question was the constitutionality of the run-off election, which was not decided on by the Senate as a whole.

"The general procedure is that it's majority," Zach Hampton, former Senate president, said, adding that it was standard in *Robert's Rules of Order*, which governs Senate procedure.

Both Lombardi and Fudge said that the mood of elections and the controversy that has accompanied them both this year and last year needs to change.

Fudge also said that several of this year's problems could be solved by getting the bylaws written, passed and enforced before next year's election.

The rest of the Senate executive board was elected too.

Mike Pellicciotti, a freshman business major, was elected vice president; Steve Zelin, a junior accounting major, was elected treasurer; Debbie Nall, a junior communications major, was

elected publicity director; and Shannon Parker, a sophomore education major, was elected secretary.

Jim Kostiw, a sophomore political science major, was appointed finance chair.

Lombardi said her first orders of business as president will be to research the University's renovation plans and to establish the renovations committee that made up part of her platform during the election. Lombardi said she would also like to work with the bylaws committee to resolve the questions from this election. □

Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

After two elections and an attempt to nullify the entire process, Christina Lombardi is the Student Senate President.

Lombardi, a junior political science major, will be working with Mike Pellicciotti, a freshman business major, who was confirmed as Senate vice president.

Steve Zelin, a junior accounting major, is the new treasurer; Shannon Parker, a sophomore education major, is the new secretary; and Debbie Nall, a junior communication studies major, is the new publicity director. All three were elected by the Senators.

Jim Kostiw, a sophomore political science major, was appointed to the position of finance chair.

Also at recent Senate meetings, President Edward G. Coll Jr. announced a new tuition plan, and the Hot Dog Day Committee was allocated \$2,215 from Senate Allocations.

This year's elections were surrounded by controversy. At Senate last week, a motion was made to nullify the whole process and start over. The motion failed by a vote of 27-22.

The first election involved five candidates for president and one for vice president.

After Chandler Matson won the first election, receiving 29.23 percent of the vote, the Elections Committee decided a majority was required to win, and another election would be held, committee chair James Fudge announced at the Feb. 19 meeting.

The committee decided the top two candidates, Matson and Lombardi, would have a run-off, as according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, a book commonly used by government and organizations.

Lombardi won with 53.3 percent of the vote, but questions were raised at the Senate meeting about the voting procedure.

Fudge said students' ID cards were supposed to be checked and numbers written on ballots so ballots with duplicate numbers could be discarded. Fudge also said about 30 votes were not counted from the first election because the ID numbers were illegible, illegitimate or missing.

Twenty-eight votes were discarded in the second election for the same reason, said Fudge.

Many students were not asked for identification, one student said. Anyone could write down a five-digit number and either vote for someone else or cancel that person's vote.

Also, some students said the decision of whether a candidate needed a majority to win should have been brought to a Senate vote instead of being made by the committee.

Coll announced a tuition plan that will take effect next year. The plan freezes tuition for freshmen for the next four years and phases in a tiered system based on the year a student entered AU.

Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, thanked the outgoing executive board and congratulated the newly elected one.

...Tuition

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cent. This change should save current freshmen \$952 by the time they graduate if estimated tuitions are approved.

Strong said prices for colleges are rising across the country, and AU's tuition is rising faster than families' incomes. If the new plan were not implemented, in 10 years the tuition would be \$32,353.

The new tuition plan will charge students based on the year they matriculated, not on credits, said Strong. Transfer students will be assessed and placed with the appropriate grade, she added.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. said he does not see a problem with charging separate rates for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. He said AU already has students paying three different tuitions: private, in-state public and out-of-state public.

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
current	\$18,498	\$18,498	\$18,498	\$18,498
1997 - 98	\$18,498	\$19,414	\$19,414	\$19,414
1998 - 99	\$18,498	\$19,414	\$20,375	\$20,375
1999 - 2000	\$18,498	\$19,414	\$20,375	\$21,384
2000 - 2001	\$18,498	\$19,414	\$20,375	\$21,384

Coll said it is important to "allow family incomes to catch up to the actual cost of higher education."

Earl Pierce, director of financial aid, said this tuition cut will not severely hurt the University financially. "[The plan] is structured to yield the revenues we need to operate," he said.

Coll said as families' incomes

catch up to tuition, they will be free to pay more of the actual cost, and the University will be able to provide less financial aid.

Pierce also said this will not affect current students' financial aid, and he will not lower financial aid in the future except to compensate for rising incomes.

Coll said the plan was approved by the Trustees "after

considerable discussion," and will take effect immediately.

Strong said tuition rates have been projected for the next four or five years, but the plan will be evaluated periodically to see if it is working.

The cost of room and board will continue to rise 5.75 percent a year, and the plan will not affect tuition for graduate students. □

...Marijuana

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lems in regards to marijuana use as in the past.

"Of course some students will use, but it does not seem to be as high," she said. Schwartz believes this change is a direct consequence of Neuhard and his educational programs.

Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said he does not "have a sense of marijuana on campus" because it is not visible as in urban areas. However, Gow said the administration now takes alcohol and drug use on campus more seriously than before Neuhard arrived.

Students on campus are very aware of the prevalence of marijuana on campus. A student who does not wish to be identified said, "I can't even think of one day where I don't smell it, hear someone talking about it or see it."

The student agreed that the first step toward the reduction of marijuana use on campus is to educate students about the negative effects.

Another student, who also does not wish to be identified, said marijuana is indeed abundant on campus.

"People get high, but I've never seen it affect anyone to the point where they drop out of school. It might be a problem for people who don't have their priorities straight," the stu-

dent said.

Matt Flowers, a resident director, said he believes the use of marijuana on campus to be an issue but not a problem. "AOD is very visible on campus. They are doing a lot of good programs," Flowers said.

Flowers suggested the administration be more cognizant of occurrences in residence halls and Greek houses.

"Administration would like to address the issues, but they are not really sure of what is going on," Flowers said.

Neuhard admits that his message is not getting across to students as much as it needs to.

"We have a lot of work to do in terms of educating people toward marijuana," he said. □

...Survey

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survey was returned by 863 students. Still, decreases are being used as an indicator, he said.

These results are part of the reason for various campus changes related to Student Affairs, said Brody.

For instance, a drop in satisfaction from last year with the

Student Health Services is one of the reasons the health center is up for bid, said Brody.

Also, drops in satisfaction with residence hall services and programs and residence hall rules and regulations led Brody and Tomas Gonzalez, acting director of Residence Life, to hold focus groups in each of the residence halls. Those groups in turn are leading to many changes in residence hall policies, said Gonzalez.

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Religious activities and programs received a low satisfaction rating, prompting an e-mail survey by Laurie DeMott, interfaith advisor, said Brody.

Student Affairs will continue to give the survey every two years so that students do not get tired of it, which could create a lower return rate, said Brody. It will probably not be given next year,

he said.

"Overall I'm very pleased with the survey results," said Susan Strong, vice president for enrollment management and Associate Provost. No changes are being planned specifically in other areas of the University due to the results.

However, Strong said the survey does verify what students are and are not satisfied with in the University. □



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More...

BY MEGAN ALLEN

I don't have time. I'm too tired. The library is too far (okay, that one is definitely a pathetic excuse, considering I live in the Brick).

Yes, I have probably given myself a million reasons, or more accurately excuses, why I don't read the newspaper regularly. I know I should for a variety of reasons, including that then I would actually have a clue about current events. But still, I rarely find the time.

Thankfully, I recently found an easy way to at least have a basic idea of what is going on in the world—the Internet, through vax terminals.

This way I don't have to walk any farther than my residence hall's vax room, making it perfect for me and, I imagine, for other busy college students.

The quickest way to learn the major national news is to read the Reuters Online News Headlines, which provide summaries of the major stories.

For those who have never accessed or don't regularly use Lynx (a text Internet browser), here are some easy steps:

1. Log in and at the \$ prompt type: lynx. This will take you to AU's world wide web home page.
2. Type: g. This will take you to the go function. Now you will be asked for the "URL you want to open."
3. Type: <http://www.yahoo.com> and hit <RETURN>. Reuters News Headlines is already highlighted, so hit <RETURN> again.
4. Now, using the down arrow only, move down the page until "summaries" is highlighted (to the right of "top stories" and "headlines"). Hit <RETURN>.
5. Voila! Now you are at the beginning of the summaries of the top national news stories. Use the space bar to move down the screens and hit "q" to exit Lynx.

Now I'm not suggesting that I, or any other college student, should stop trying to read a full newspaper regularly. Certainly, reading the summaries will not totally inform you of what is going on in the world. However, it will at least tell you the basics, and if you have time, full articles and entire newspapers can be accessed over the Internet. No, it's not a perfect solution, but at least now I can be sure that I'll know if a world war has started.

REVIEW

American Doll a well-done play



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

Barbie #7 (Amberlee Edgerton), Barbie #5 (Danielle DiPillo) and Barbie #6 (Tami B. Foster) talk about the life a Barbie leads in *American Doll* performed last week in the C.D. Smith III Theater.

BY MEGAN PARK

Barbie may be seen by some as just a toy, but the topics tackled in "American Doll," a play whose main characters are named Barbie #1 through #7, were anything but childish.

The play was based on poems by Denise Duhamel and adapted to the stage by Duhamel, David Downing, associate professor of theatre, and Becky Prophet, professor of theatre. It ran from Feb. 26 to Mar. 1 in the C.D. Smith III Theater in the Miller Performing Arts Center.

The play explored society, gender, race, capitalism, economic exploitation, sexuality and individuality by looking at Barbie's history and imagined experiences of Barbie.

And it was done well.

The seven actresses did an outstanding job. If anyone missed a line or a cue, I didn't notice. They also wowed me with their abilities to bend only in places where a Barbie would bend (not at the waist or elbow) and to wear high heels and a frozen smile for a full hour and a half.

The script itself was fairly well-written. It was sarcastic, intelli-

gent (they made references I still haven't figured out) and full of humor. For a play that touched on so many serious topics, the audience laughed a lot.

I especially appreciated the play's ending, when each actress carried a Barbie doll whose outfit matched hers before stripping off heels and wig to dance unfettered.

The few parts of the play I disliked tended to involve length or repetition.

I found one and a half hours of usually tag-team monologue a little long to watch without a break. Granted, better than a few classes I've had, but still a little too long.

I also found the opening scene where the Barbies danced onto the stage and proceeded to work the stage like a catwalk a little too long.

A few oft-repeated devices became minor annoyances. The inability of Barbie to grasp anything with her stiff plastic hands was over-mentioned, and by the end of the play I was a little tired of Barbie #5, played by Danielle DiPillo, screaming lines.

All in all, the play was a well-written and well-acted work of social commentary that made me laugh and yet made me think too. □

Poet visited AU, play based on her work

BY JASON GRAY AND MEGAN ALLEN

Last week Denise Duhamel, a poet who writes about Barbie dolls, childhood experiences and revisionist fairytales, spent a busy few days in Alfred.

Her book of Barbie poems, titled "Kinky," is the basis for the play "American Doll," directed by Becky Prophet, professor of theater.

"It was a treat to have her here," said Prophet. "Whenever you have the chance to have a

living, breathing, creative writer in your midst, you ought to do it."

Last Sunday Duhamel began her visit with a reading of her poetry to a large audience in Susan Howell Hall. Duhamel read from three of her books: "How the Sky Fell," "Girl Soldier" and "Kinky." Topics for the poems she read included a version of Cinderella from the stepsister's point of view and Barbie wanting to join the military.

The next morning Duhamel

visited a writing seminar taught by Susan Morehouse, assistant professor of English. There she spoke about adapting narrative poetry to a dramatic setting.

In the afternoon, Duhamel held a book-signing in the AU Bookstore.

Wednesday evening Duhamel attended the opening of "American Doll."

"She was very generous with her support and was impressed with the play," said Prophet.

Prophet expanded "American

Doll," from an earlier collaboration of Duhamel and David Downing, associate professor of theater. The reworked play included seven actresses, who played several roles, including fashion model, a narrator and Barbie herself.

Duhamel was brought to AU as a visiting artist in conjunction with the Performing Arts division, the English department, the Women's Studies department and the NEH steering committee. □



Litterata

BY JASON GRAY

Due to our warmer weather I was out walking among the hills recently and was reminded of one of my favorite Robert Frost poems. I like "The Road Not Taken" so much because it is not what everybody thinks it is, or at least, not what I was taught in junior high and high school. There my classmates and I learned that it was a *carpe diem* or blaze your own trail poem. But that is not it at all.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and
I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Frost is ambiguous about the second path's status of wear; at first he says it is "grassy and wanted wear," but then he says that "the passing there / had worn them really about the same."

Moreover, the narrator is telling his story "with a sigh." To me, this poem is about regret, not just because the narrator could not travel both paths, but also because the traveler did not take the first. After all, the poem is titled "The Road Not Taken," not, "The Road Less Travelled."

The poem's ambiguity is terrific, and it reflects the choice that needed to be made by the traveler. □

"The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost, from *Collected Poems, Prose, and Plays*, © 1995

NEWS

Bean becomes Japanese restaurant

BY MARY BETH BRUDER

When Nanako Yatani hosted dinner parties, her friends suggested she should open a restaurant. After five years of consideration, she decided to do it, and now a little cultural flavor is coming to Alfred in the form of a Japanese cafe.

Nana's Japanese Cafe and Pottery opened in the Bean's former location at 9½ North Main St. on March 3.

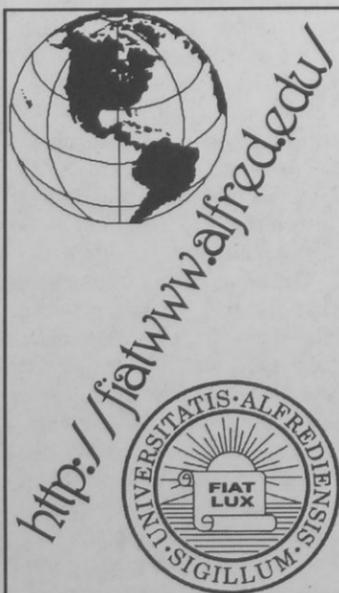
Yatani chose the spot for its location close to her home but not too close to other restaurants.

"I think a Japanese cafe would be interesting and a good thing for Alfred," said Liz Connell, freshman language major.

Yatani, who is from Osaka, Japan, will do all of the cooking with the help of her friends. The cafe will serve an assortment of teas and coffees, a Japanese style take-out lunch, and a daily special.

The main ingredients will include rice, poultry, fish, seaweed and vegetables, but not red meat. Yatani admits the cuisine is "not for everybody," but it will give adventurous people a different option.

The cafe will be decorated in modern decor, as opposed to Japanese style. □



POLICE BLOTTER

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Feb 11 to Feb 28.

Arrests:

Open Container:

- John G. Bolton, 18, Hamlin (Feb 20)
- Benjamin L. VanHorne, 21, Burnt Hills (Feb 23)

DWI:

- William A. Haynes, 30, Arkport (Feb 15)
- Nancy J. Kane, 21, Hornell, also wrong way on one way (Feb 16)
- Ryan D. Anderson, 21, Carmel,

also wrong way on one way (Feb 21)

- Ann M. Margeson, 21, Alfred, also no headlights (Feb 22)
- Todd M. Updyke, 19, Hornell, also failed to keep right and speeding (Feb 22)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Keith R. Thomas, 21, Newark (Feb 15)
- Shon L. Miller, 24, Rochester (Feb 15)
- Brian L. Tyler, 24, Bath (Feb 21)
- Gerald L. Newby, 25, Marion (Feb 21)
- Jamie C. Wolcott, 25, Walworth

(Feb 21)

Possession of Alcohol by Minor:

- Lorne E. Reedhead, 20, Livonia (Feb 22)
- Thomas J. Hoogwerff, 18, Hamburg (Feb 22)

Other:

- Christopher M. Clayton, 20, Flanders, NJ, petit larceny (Feb 13)
- Marcy L. Cady, 20, Spencerport, harassment (Feb 17)
- Family Offense, W. Univ. St. (Feb 11)

A total of 19 traffic citations were

issued between Feb 11 and Feb 24.

Complaints:

- Criminal mischief, S. Main St. (Feb 15)
- Barking dog, Rt. 21 (Feb 17)
- Glass in roadway, Rt. 244 (Feb 18)
- Assault, S. Main St. (Feb 19)
- Criminal impersonation, W. Univ. St. (Feb 12)
- Hazardous material in roadway, Rt. 244 (Feb 21)
- Intoxicated person, N. Main St. (Feb 21)
- Missing person (Feb 22)

- Lost property (Feb 22)
- Cable across roadway, Moland Rd. (Feb 22)
- Nuisance dog, S. Main St. (Feb 23)

Other reported incidents:

- Aggravated Harassment (3)
- Intrusion Alarm (3)
- Disabled Vehicle (5)
- Vehicles parked in private lot (11)
- Harassment (2)
- Larceny (2)
- Noise law violation (3)
- Burglary and Larceny (2)
- Disorderly Conduct (2)
- Bad Checks (3)

COURT REPORT

Speed in zone:

- Louis C. Uloth, West Henrietta (\$85)
- Liza M. Halbert, Canaseraga, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Amy L. Schrader, Swain, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Nola M. Hynes, Lakeview, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Jason Milks, Amherst (\$85)
- Todd C. Schering, Melbourne, Fla. (\$85)
- Vehjric S. Dupree, Altmar (\$85)
- James J. Pepper Jr., Otto (\$85)
- Jay H. Tiernon, Falkirk (\$85)
- Scott A. Vanduser, Hornell (\$125)

Disorderly conduct:

- Jason F. Fenner, Moravia, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$75)
- Shawn Hopkins (\$95)
- Andrew P. Dewolf, Clyde, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- David N. Elish, Rockville

Center, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)

Possession of marijuana:

- Tyrone R. Kruger, Gloversville (\$95)
- Ernest G. Larsson, Highland Lake (\$45, conditional discharge)
- Stephen T. Frateschi, Liverpool (\$95)
- Nicholas E. Antolino, Old Saybrook, CT (\$95)
- Cordell R. Cordaro, Rochester (\$95)
- Mark J. Dwaileebe, Olean (\$95)
- Christopher Z. McDermott, Emmaus, PA (\$95)

Passed stop sign:

- Suzanne M. Alesso, Alfred (\$100)
- Gwendol E. Harman, New Castle, PA (\$100)
- David M. Dunlap, Conklin (\$125)

Open container:

- Joseph D. Mickey, Elba (\$25)
- David B. Dravneck, North Hornell (\$25)
- Brian D. Pilliod, Schenectady

(\$25)

- David M. Dunlap, Conklin (\$25)

Expired inspection:

- Shannen H. Austin, Hornell (\$75)
- Peter Artin, Scio (\$25, conditional discharge)
- Fred F. Farwell, Scio (\$25, conditional discharge)
- Stewart J. Sanford, Almond (\$50)
- Micholas J. Alberalla, Orchard Park (\$75)
- Deborah K. Ingrahm, Wellsville (\$50)
- Thomas Fittipaldi, Pittsford (\$75)
- David W. Washburn, Fillmore (\$125)
- Mary E. Davis, Wellsville (\$125)

DWI reduced to DWAI:

- Benjamin E. White, Scio (\$475)
- George M. Boyd, Hauppauge (\$425)

Unsafe backing:

- Kurt M. Rittenmyer, Sequim, Wash. (\$125)

- George M. Boyd, Hauppauge (\$75)

Passed stop sign:

- Ebony S. Fairwell, Rochester (\$125)
- Josh M. Pennacchia, Northville (\$100)

AUO 3rd:

- Gontran S. Athur Jr., Central Islip, reduced to passed stop sign (\$200)
- Ebony S. Fairwell, Rochester (\$225)

Failure to obey traffic device:

- Sean F. Kwoka, Lockport, (\$125)
- Mark Chester, Hamlin (\$125)
- Paul E. Constantine Jr., Dansville (\$125)
- Matthew S. Koehler, Leroy (\$125)

No seatbelt driver:

- Andrew P. Dewolf, Clyde (\$75)
- Mary A. Freeman, Alfred Station (\$75)

Failure to reduce speed:

- Jacob S. Morton, Albion (\$85)
- Ryan P. Mulkin, Wellsville (\$55)

Other:

- Adam M. Janota, East Hampton, unlawful dealing with a child, reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)
- Adam M. Janota, East Hampton, criminal sale of marijuana 5th, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)
- Terry L. Rawleigh, Dansville, wrong way on a one way street, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Mathieu J. H. Cama, Alfred, unlawful possession of fireworks (\$45, conditional discharge)
- Alexander D. Rimbey, Spencer, expired registration (\$75)
- J. A. Degraffendretti, Bronx, disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Robert A. Zecchin, Bronx, following too close (\$75)
- Spencer A. Goings, Rochester, petit larceny, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$75)
- Brent R. Gaylord, Andover, speed not reasonable and leaving the scene of an accident (\$330)
- Robert A. Turner, Hornell, failure to display back tag (\$25)
- Patrick M. Trepasso, Fulton, too fast for conditions (\$55)
- Jeffrey A. Planck, Sherrill, resisting arrest, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$95)
- John M. Bryan, Olean, unauthorized use of marijuana, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)
- James Parmeter, menacing, reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)
- James Parmeter, criminal possession of a forged instrument, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)
- 17-year-old, attempted rape, dismissed for failure to prosecute
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Alfred dining services contract up for bid

BY DAVE GRIFFIN AND MEGAN PARK

Students may see some changes in the dining halls next semester with the dining service's contract up for bid.

"It's not a personnel issue we're looking at here," said Sue Smith, associate dean of students and chair of the committee in charge of reviewing the different bids. "Hallmark [the current company's] contract is up, and we want to look at different possibilities for our dining services."

There may be some changes with the new contract.

"The character of the facilities and the menus could be different," said Smith.

She added that structural

changes to the dining halls were not probable.

There may be a change in staff, though. "The company has the right to get rid of the current staff if they want," said Gordon McCluskie, senior director of dining services.

Smith agreed but emphasized that the University is "very happy with the current staff," and if a new company is chosen they will be told that.

Student workers at the dining halls will not have their hours or jobs cut, said Smith.

"The companies we are dealing with have made a commitment to the students. They need students to survive," she said.

Students had some ideas on

what they would like to see changed in the dining halls. Ann Mestrovich, a sophomore environmental studies and political science major, would like to see "more healthy stuff" and more catering to vegetarians. She said she would also like them to get rid of the Johnny Marzetti casserole.

Sam Castner, a senior fine arts major, suggested more specialty nights since there is usually a high turnout for them.

But Tim Jones, a junior fine arts major who recently transferred from SUNY Morrisville, felt that the food was good here. "It's a lot better than the state school... Anything they change, it's got to be better [than Morrisville]."

The committee is currently

working with five companies which are competing for the contract: Marriot, Aramark, Sodexo, Serv-rite and Hallmark.

Smith and McCluskie said the different companies were asked to present "vision statements" to the committee. To do this, the companies went out on campus, talked with students, created focus groups and studied what was going on to get a picture of how the dining halls should be run.

Smith said all five vision statements have been turned in, and the committee has looked at the different statements, taking out excerpts they found interesting. From these, the committee has put together a package which they hope to give to the compa-

nies this week, said Smith.

The companies will then give presentations and bids. A company will be chosen when all the bids have been turned in and the presentations are over.

"They should reach a decision near the end of May, and the new company will take over sometime around mid-summer," said McCluskie.

The committee consists of eight individuals, including a Residence Life representative, two students, a faculty member, a representative from the special events board, one representative from the business and finance office and Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. □

Brody and Strong receive vice president titles

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Jerry Brody and Susan Strong now have much longer titles.

The Board of Trustees approved promotions for both administrators at their February meeting. The title of vice president for Student Affairs has been added to Brody's title of dean of students, and title of vice president for enrollment management was added to Strong's title of Associate Provost.

Both administrators feel the promotions were recognition that their jobs were important.

"It recognizes the importance of the out-of-classroom experience for students," Brody said. He said he felt the promotion recognizes the educational value of student organizations and that students' non-academic experiences at

college affect their academic achievement.

Brody said his new title did not change his job as much as it reflected the added responsibilities he had already taken on.

"I think it acknowledges the changes that have taken place at Alfred in the last few years," said Brody. He said the addition of programs like AOD, ALANA, athletics, Freshman Year Experience and food service to the Student Affairs department contributed to the change. Brody also serves on the President's cabinet.

Brody also said the promotion was testimony to the good work being done by the entire Student Affairs staff.

Despite the fact that they are both vice presidents now, Brody will still report to Strong. Brody said he was comfortable with that.

"I really look at it as more of a team

approach," he said. "I walk into President Coll's office or the Provost's office all the time with concerns," he added. He said the reporting system is informal, and he likes working with Strong.

Strong also feels her promotion reflects the importance of her work.

"The title change is a recognition of the significance the University needs to place on recruitment and retention," she said.

Strong said she is responsible for coordinating and setting policies for recruiting students who will be assets to AU and who will be happy and stay here.

Strong oversees financial aid, admissions and the registrar's office. She also works with EOP, HEOP and technology coordination.

Lana Meissner, the new assistant vice president for information services, will

also report to Strong.

Strong said Meissner's position was created to "integrate our uses of technology across campus."

Strong said she has not gained many responsibilities as a result of the promotion. "I've had these responsibilities all along. It's just a way to recognize it," she said.

Both promotions were recommended in Coll's original reorganization plan, but the rest of the plan has not been implemented.

In his memo to faculty, Coll said, "The recent resignations of Vice President Fackler and Vice President Stepp have caused me to reconsider the concept of reorganization that was recommended by the Commission on Planning."

In his memo, Coll also said there will be no budget adjustments as a result of these three promotions. □

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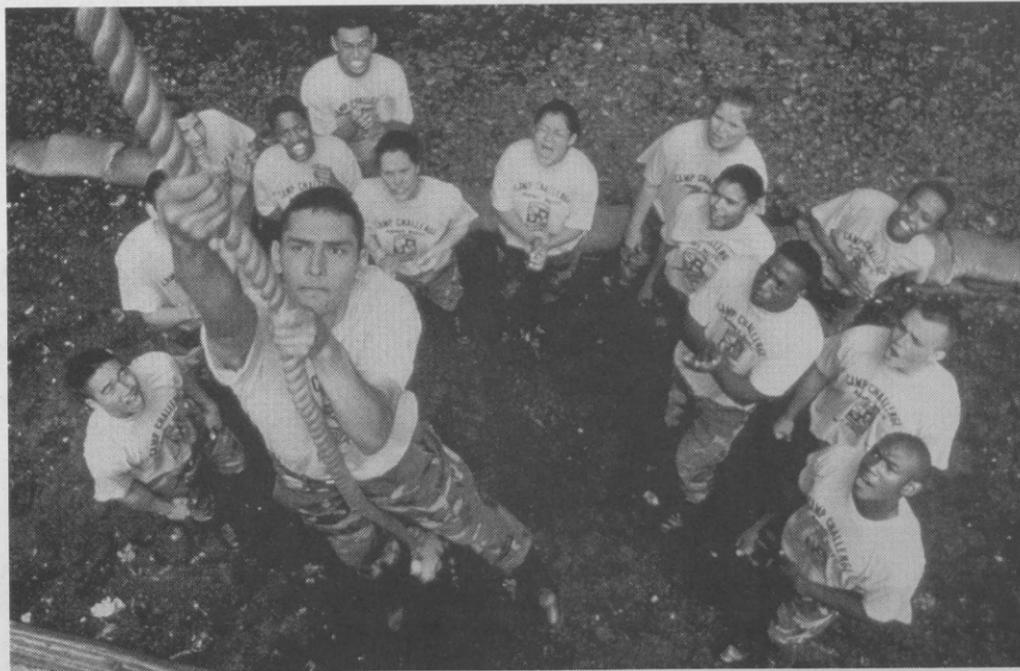
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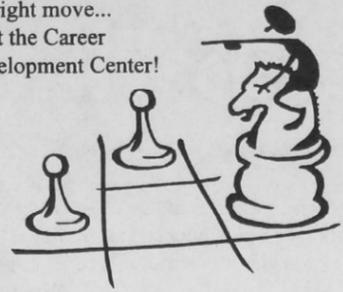
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BY THE MEAN, GREEN PSYCHIC MACHINE

Pisces (Feb 23 - Mar 22)
You cannot put an aquarium in Scholes Library. But be hopeful, if Li'l Alf can have underwear, then Scholes can have fish.

Aries (Mar 23 - Apr 22)
Have you ever noticed that the residence hall with the highest number of drug busts also has the most fire drills?

Taurus (Apr 23 - May 22)
April showers, brings May flow-ers and sings at happy hours.

Gemini (May 23 - Jun 22)
Drink. Eat. Sleep. Drink. Eat. Sleep. Drink. Puke. Sleep.

Cancer (Jun 23 - Jul 22)
You wear your coat and boots when it's 50° outside and wear shorts in the snow. Alfred weather isn't crazy, you are.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Things were roaring at the start of the semester, but now you feel sheepish. It's like the saying goes, in like a lion and out like a lamb.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Financial mis-takes are for-gotten with a gift of rocks.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Write your papers, study for your exams and finish your

labs. If you are looking for psychic advice, trust me, you don't want to hear it.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22)
Give me a home where the buffalo roam and the deer and the antelope play.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
Look inside yourself for the answer—go to St. James for an X-ray.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 22)
You're on the vax until 2 a.m. and then you wonder why you sleep through class...Geez!

Aquarius (Jan 23 - Feb 22)
Your work load has really piled up. You should take a week off. Maybe two.

Top ten things to do for Spring Break if you stay in Alfred...

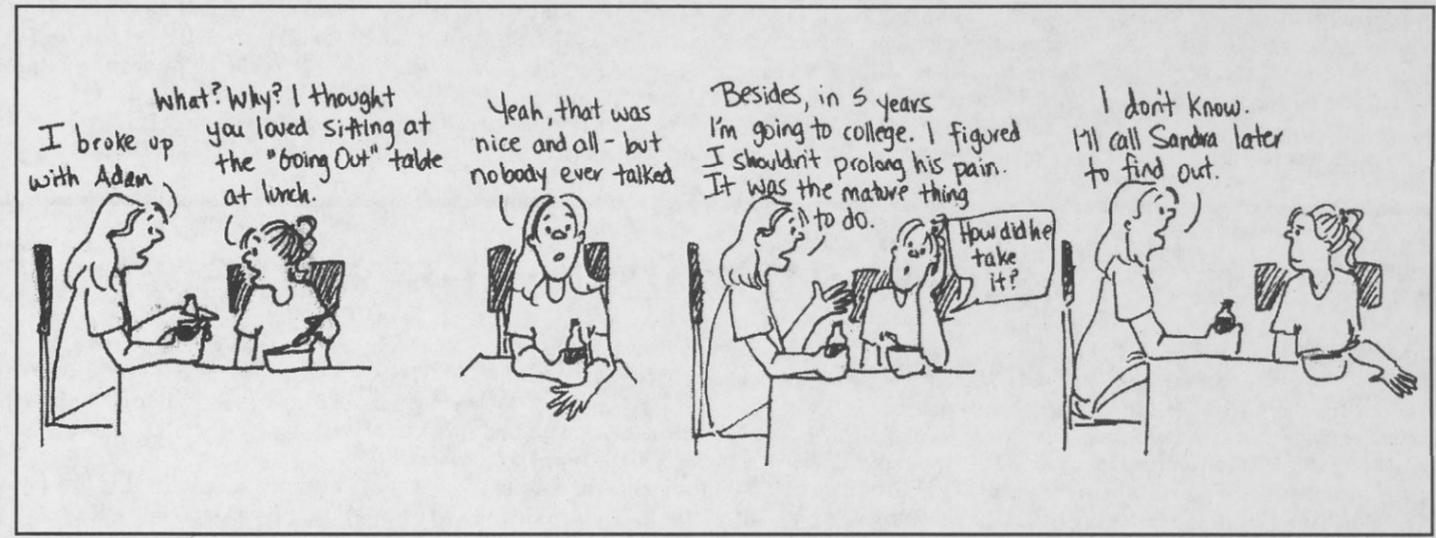
10. enjoy the peace at Uni-Mart
9. contemplate the correlation between happiness at AU and high pot usage
8. sit and watch the Kanakadea for hours...and hours...
7. wonder if the Kanakadea is watching you too
6. drip-drip...look, it's Mr. Coffee
5. street hockey—no cars!
4. climb King Al—because he's there
3. have week long mud marathon
2. iron your tie for Career Fair

and the number one thing to do for Spring Break in Alfred...

Sleep...duh!

...growing up young

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Ode to the Fiat Lux
You come out every Wednesday, Or sometimes not til Friday. You bring to Alfred campus Headlines that cause a ruckus.

Your features are fun to read; They bring info that we need. People snag them up so fast Just to read stuff from the past.

Litterata, Top Ten, & More, Police Blotter—that's for sure— Your sports, reviews and photos Mas grande de los todos!

Your meetings are so much fun To which everybody should come —Mondays at five-thirty-five— And help the Fiat to jive.

So writers and editors, And awesome photographers, Your great talent is needed And you won't be weeded!

So visit the Fiat in Powell. There is no reason to scowl. Now everyone grab a pen So this poem does not run again!

Note to Friday Nugget Live:
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Jesus said, "The queen of the south (Sheba) shall rise up in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemn it; for she came from the farthest parts of the earth to hear wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here." Mt. 12:42

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•Alfred 99, Bethany 95 (OT)
Amore: 10 pts; Yeager: 36 pts;
Downing: 30 pts
•Alfred 86, Waynesburg 82
Yeager: 18 pts, 8 reb, 4 blocks;
Downing: 31 pts; Quinlan: 4 assists;
Amore: 22 pts
•Alfred 75, Wash & Jeff 72
Downing: 19 pts; Amore: 17 pts;
Yeager: 13 pts; 6 reb; Smith: 10 pts,
6 assists

Women's Basketball

•Alfred 52, R.I.T. 42
Rife: 12 pts, 10 reb; Artlip: 16 pts, 8
reb
•Alfred 74, Bethany 69
Rife: 22 pts, 5 reb, 8 steals; Hayes:
21 pts, 6 reb, 6 assists
•Alfred 65, Elmira 60
O'Connor: 24 pts; Hayes: 11 pts;
Rife: 10 pts; Porter: 10 pts
•Alfred 55, Waynesburg 43
Rife: 18 pts, 10 reb; O'Connor: 11
pts; Porter: 11 pts
•Wash & Jeff 77, Alfred 53
Evener: 14 pts; Rife: 12 pts; Merle:
10 reb

Men's Alpine Skiing

•Slalom: Dressman 1st, Deane 3rd,
C. Oare 7th; Giant slalom: Knittle
5th, P. Oare 7th; C. Oare 9th

Women's Alpine Skiing

•Slalom: White 2nd, Kroitzsh 15th;
Giant Slalom: Kroitzsh 15th

SPORTS NOTES

After more than four months without an athletics director, Alfred has hired one of its own coaches. Head football coach Jim Moretti has officially taken over the position. He will also remain the football coach for one more season, during which AU will begin the replacement search.

The hiring of the athletics director came down to Moretti and Brian Streeter from Hobart-William Smith. Streeter was the result of a nationwide search.

Jerry Brody, vice president of Student Affairs, said, "Jim was the popular choice, and in this case the popular choice was also the best choice."

Moretti's knowledge of AU should assist him in his new role, and "he has a clear vision of where he is going," said Brody.

The AU tennis teams have a new old coach this semester. Past head coach Brian Friedland is returning to Alfred to coach the Saxons. Jay Murphy and Jeannette Yeomen were in charge of the teams but are now concentrating on their respective basketball squads. Friedland was in Alfred as recently as 1991 when he was the men's head coach. Prior to that, he was the women's coach. This year he takes over both. "I'm excited to be back," said Friedland.

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Men's skiers advance to Nationals

BY JASON AMORE

The AU men's ski team recently earned the privilege of competing in Nationals after winning their division. Both the men and the women also competed in the Eastern Regional Championships at Waterville Valley, N.H.

In addition, five Saxons, both men and women, were named to the All-Conference teams.

The men and women had respectable showings in the Regional Championship event, which is the toughest competition that the ski team faces.

Twelfth place finisher senior Devin Dressman said, "It was a very tough competition. These skiers are some of the very best around. This is the best competition we will see."

The men secured a fifth place

finish in the slalom. Dressman finished 18th, while freshman Chris Oare and junior Kenny Deane finished 22nd and 23rd.

Deane said, "It was a real tough course. We did the best we could." The three solid showings moved the Saxons past many of the other teams who had only one or two good finishers.

In the giant slalom only Dressman finished. He secured the 18th spot, which enabled him to finish 12th overall.

The women had a better day than the men, grabbing a ninth in the slalom and a fifth in the giant slalom. Junior Brooke White led the team by taking ninth in the slalom. She also took seventh in the giant slalom. These two performances gave White a seventh place finish overall.

Sophomore Alissa Dodds and

freshman Heather Kroitzsh aided White's efforts with finishes of 31st and 38th respectively in the giant slalom. Dodds took a 36th place finish in the slalom while Kroitzsh took 38th.

After the event, the end of the season awards were announced. As expected, many of the Saxon skiers were recognized. Two skiers from the women's team and three from the men's earned awards.

For the women, White and Dodds were named to the All-Conference team. White finished second overall in the division while Dodds took ninth.

Dressman, Oare and sophomore James Knittle earned All-Conference for the men. Dressman finished second in the division while Knittle took eighth and Oare ninth.

"It is great to be recognized for all our hard work. All the work has really paid off and hopefully those coming back next year will do even better," said Dressman.

The most exciting part of the skiing season is the trip to the National Championships. Four members of the men's downhill team and three of the Nordic squad are in Lake Tahoe, Nev. for the entire week.

There, at Diamond Peak, the combined teams are competing against 19 other teams from across the country.

Junior Tim Gorbald is currently undefeated in his cross country ski season, and he is expected to finish high on the list.

Overall, the team could do quite well. "If we ski well and consistently, we could finish top ten in the country," said Deane. □

Women's basketball continues win streak

BY DAVE OLIVER

On Feb. 18, the Lady Saxons defeated the Elmira Soaring Eagles, who came into the game with a 14-8 record. Alfred entered the game riding a six-game winning streak where they had pulled off a huge victory over Bethany College, the top team in the President's Athletic Conference.

Sophomore Holly Rife started the scoring for the Saxons, and shortly thereafter junior Christie Hayes hit a 17-foot jumper with 11:15 to go to bring Alfred within three points.

Elmira had a very quick and aggressive team, which made it difficult for the Saxons to get good offensive looks. Sophomore Drina Porter was providing excellent defense for the Saxons and by the end of the first half had accumulated five big steals which led to more scoring opportunities.

One of AU's scoring opportunities came off a steal by junior Katie Evener with a little over

two minutes to go. She was fouled on the play, and her two foul shots brought the Saxons within four.

The last 1:30 of the half was all sophomore Liz O'Connor as she hit a three from the top of the key. She followed it up with another three-point shot from outside. Then with the halftime clock winding down, O'Connor drove the ball the length of the court and scored to help give the Saxons a 27-25 lead.

The second half got underway with both teams playing very aggressive defense. Alfred's first score, a bucket by Rife, came eight minutes into the half. About a minute later O'Connor hit another three from deep to give AU a two-point lead.

Porter provided some great offense as she knocked down a 16-foot baseline jumper to give Alfred a 40-37 lead.

The Saxons played strong throughout the rest of the game, making some key free throws and providing some solid defense to give them a

65-60 victory over the tough Elmira team.

The Saxons' game highs were O'Connor with 24 points and five assists, Porter with eight rebounds and five steals, and Rife with five blocks.

Other fine efforts were turned in by Hayes, who had 11 points, and sophomore Tonia Artlip and junior Katie Evener, who provided some solid play after coming off the bench.

The Lady Saxons followed the game up with an important division game against Waynesburg College on the 19th.

The Saxons won 55-43, with good efforts by several players: Rife, who had 18 points and 10 rebounds; Porter, who had 11 rebounds and three steals; O'Connor, who added another 11 points; Hayes, who had seven points and five assists; and senior Hannah Merle, who helped control the rebounding with nine.

The Saxons brought their overall record to 15-7, 6-3 in the league, having won their last eight games. □



PHOTO BY CARA STEIN

AU faculty members enjoy a friendly game of basketball during lunch time last week. Part-time student Tim Jones finds basketball a great release. He said his enjoyment of the game makes it easy to stay motivated and keep up his routine. Jones cited enjoyment of your activity as an important factor in starting and keeping good exercise habits.

NCAAs for men's Bball

BY STEVE WAGNER AND JONATHAN BAUM

For the first time in 11 years, the men's basketball team is competing in the NCAA Division III tournament. They will take on Mount Union on Thursday, March 6.

The opponent was announced at a basketball appreciation party Sunday night. The Knight Club was packed for the live satellite selection show.

"We've been excited about going, seeing it on TV makes it more exciting," said Jay Murphy, the Saxons' head coach. "Seeing the people here tonight was great for the kids—great for the team."

Murphy said his team had a job to do.

"We're in this to win a couple of games," said Murphy. "We're excited about going to the NCAA tournament and participating in March Madness."

Vinnie Morris, senior tri-captain, seemed focused on the task ahead.

"We've got to play without mental mistakes. There isn't a lot of room for error when playing a 20-win team in the NCAA tournament," said Morris.

The Saxons are seeded 7th in

the Great Lakes bracket. They were moved up from their original 8 seed to facilitate shorter road trips within the region. If the Saxons defeat Mount Union, they would play the winner of the Wittenburg/John Carrol game.

The teams are required to exchange game results and statistics before Thursday's match-up. Murphy said he has contacted several other schools which played Mount Union this year to get more scouting reports.

The Saxons received an automatic bid after winning the PAC title. The last two obstacles were Waynesburg and Washington & Jefferson. Both were close games, with less than five points difference in the final scores.

At the last home game of the season, AU won over Waynesburg, 86-82. The biggest home crowd of the year got to see a very close game. Although the half-time score was 38-28 in favor of the Saxons, the second half was full of score changes.

The Saxons beat Washington and Jefferson 75-72 in their next game to finish the regular season with a record of 7-2 in the league to win the PAC championship. □