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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

WORLD NOTES



LOCAL
 The first Student Senate meeting will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in Nevins Theater. •Add/Drop period ends this Friday. •A local Pizza Hut and a local Arby's are now open for business.

NATIONAL
 A former armored-car driver who allegedly overpowered his coworkers and made off with \$22 million was arrested Saturday as he crossed from Mexico into Texas. The March 29 heist was the largest in U.S. history. •The Center for Disease Control suggested better college campus health programs Friday after the results of a 1995 survey revealed serious problems with drinking, drugs and unsafe sex among college students.

INTERNATIONAL
 Diana, Princess of Wales, died Saturday night due to injuries sustained in a car accident in Paris, France. •A spacewalk to examine damage to the Mir space module has been delayed until at least Sept. 5, said NASA officials. •An Israeli Arab man was convicted Sunday by an Egyptian security court of spying for Israel and sentenced to 15 years hard labor. Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli prime minister, called it "an outrage." •Smugglers were arrested in Vietnam Saturday when they tried to smuggle 170 squirrels and five weasels to China in a bus.

PERSONALITIES

Bonnie Lewis keeps the residents of the Brick dry and warm.



Bonnie Lewis

Lewis, the Brick's custodian for the past 10 years, writes the weather report on a markerboard each weekday morning so Brick residents know what to expect.

She also decorates the residence hall for holidays, and she even brings in her own plants and magazines to the lounge to create a cheerier atmosphere.

"This is your house when you're at school," she said.

Lewis said she enjoys "being the Mom away from home." She added that students who put their feet on the furniture really make her go into mom mode.

Lewis takes care of more than the Brick, though. She is also the adviser for Alpha Kappa Omicron, an AU sorority.

She became the adviser after her daughter pledged AKO. The House needed someone to go to a meeting for them and she volunteered. Although she thought at the time it was a one-time thing, she has been the adviser ever since.

When not involved with her extended families, Lewis said she occasionally cuts hair. She worked full-time as a hairdresser before being hired by AU.



PHOTO BY JES COPE
 Cannon residents perform their chant in the New Student Olympics last Sunday. Cannon placed second to Barresi in the competition.

Freshman class underenrolled

BY MEGAN PARK

Despite applications being up 8 percent, the number of new students who chose to attend AU did not meet expected figures. Female students choosing to go elsewhere appear to have caused the discrepancy.

"The goal would have been about 320 freshmen in the private sector. We're going to have about 290," said Susan Strong, associate provost and vice president for enrollment management.

It wasn't until very close to deadline that admissions staff realized they would be short in the number of students enrolling, said Katherine McCarthy, director of admissions.

Strong estimated the loss of revenue for the University to be about \$400,000.

The drop in numbers seemed to come from women in business and liberal arts, said Strong.

Earl Pierce Jr., director of stu-

dent financial aid, said he felt several factors contributed to students choosing to enroll elsewhere, including better financial aid, more program choices, personal reasons and "a certain element we may never know."

Strong said, "We think that women are very sensitive to financial aid and scholarships at competing schools."

Pierce and Strong both said that, nationally, women students tend to be more sensitive to cost factors, choosing to attend less expensive schools to save their families from financial hardship.

McCarthy said that 30 women who were admitted to the College of Business chose to go to 25 different schools, often schools that were less prestigious but which cost less.

McCarthy said admissions staff members are still looking at what happened to try to make sure it

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New food service to offer more variety

BY CARA STEIN

New facilities, an increased debit system and the elimination of Meals Plus greet hungry students this semester. The changes are due to a new food service company, Fine Host, hired by the University.

"There are lots of little things to discover," said Gordon McCluskie of the changed dining halls. Overall the changes are very positive for students, he said. "I know everyone is going to be very happy."

A new cafe called Ade Express was added

to the first floor of Ade. It will open at 7:30 p.m. daily and serve pizza, sandwiches and desserts. Also, the Alfred Oasis, a refreshment cart located in Academic Alley, will offer snacks and coffee, according to the dining services newsletter.

Meal plans will include more dining dollars than in the past: \$50 for the 21- and 15-meal plans, and \$35 for the 10-meal plan. Dining dollars are encoded on students' ID cards, which can be used as debit cards at Li'l Alf, Ade Express, the Alfred Oasis and in some of the vending machines on campus. Students can

add more money to their cards if they wish.

Meals Plus has been eliminated because of the lack of capacity in the Li'l Alf, said Willis Earl, manager of the Li'l Alf. Meals Plus allowed students to eat in the Li'l Alf as part of their meal plan if they missed regular meal hours in the dining halls.

Also with the dining halls open all day and more selections offered between regular meal times, Meals Plus has become less necessary, said McCluskie.

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Steinheim reopens, CDC plans for new year

BY MEGAN PARK

Students looking for help in career development will find a new building and promising opportunities this semester.

The Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center at the Allen Steinheim Museum began receiving people in July, though the building's dedication is scheduled for Oct. 6, said Kathleen Woughter, acting director of the CDC.

"We're so excited about starting the year here," she said.

The renovated Steinheim now contains a reception area, four interview rooms, intern rooms, a director's office, a multimedia-capable training room, a work/study area, counseling offices, a career library, a computer lab with triple the resources of the CDC's old one, a handicapped-accessible computer station and a reading room.

"We have the best career development center I've ever seen," said Woughter. She described the setting as "comfortable, but corporate."

Christina Lombardi, Student

Senate president, agreed. "It's absolutely beautiful," she said.

Bill Dillon, director of Physical Plant, said he was impressed with the building and noted that it turned out so well because of community involvement.

He said carpenters working on the Steinheim even donated stock from their own private collections to match the original wood.

John Carvana, former CDC director, said he felt the building was a "unique building... for a unique environment."

However, he added, "The building just demonstrates Alfred's commitment to career development. It's not going to make employers come to Alfred... Students do that."

Employers are coming to Alfred, too.

"We have more companies signed up now than our recruiting director can remember... She's been here about seven years," Woughter said.

She said there will be a real push for additional internships



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

The newly renovated Steinheim is open and will be dedicated Oct. 6.

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Changes come with new year

It's a whole new year at AU, and with it have come a lot of changes. Some are good; some could use some work.

The information given out to returning students was adequate, though there seemed to be a distinct lack of information on the new dining service.

The new times offered for the dining halls seem to meet student needs well, and it's impressive that dining services managed to coordinate with athletes to make sure they could eat. However, the lack of available take-out food on the meal plan, which before was satisfied with Meals Plus, could be a problem. The contents of bagged meals have, in the past, been unappealing to students, and students need to know enough in advance that they can request one, which is not always possible.

The campus looks great. All one has to do is walk through the buildings and grounds to see the large number of changes. It is truly impressive, especially when one considers the earlier states of the Steinheim and the Pine Hill Suites. Kudos to Physical Plant and all involved in making the campus look stellar.

After speaking to Christina Lombardi, Student Senate president, it is clear Student Senate has high goals and clear sight for what they want to accomplish this year. It's heartening to see such quick planning on their part.

Congratulations to admissions on the increases in SAT scores and class rank. The lower number of new students is troubling, however, and we just hope it doesn't negatively impact students, faculty and staff.

Registration seems fairly smooth and well-run this year. Overall, trips to the Registrar seem minimal and professors seem readily available to students.

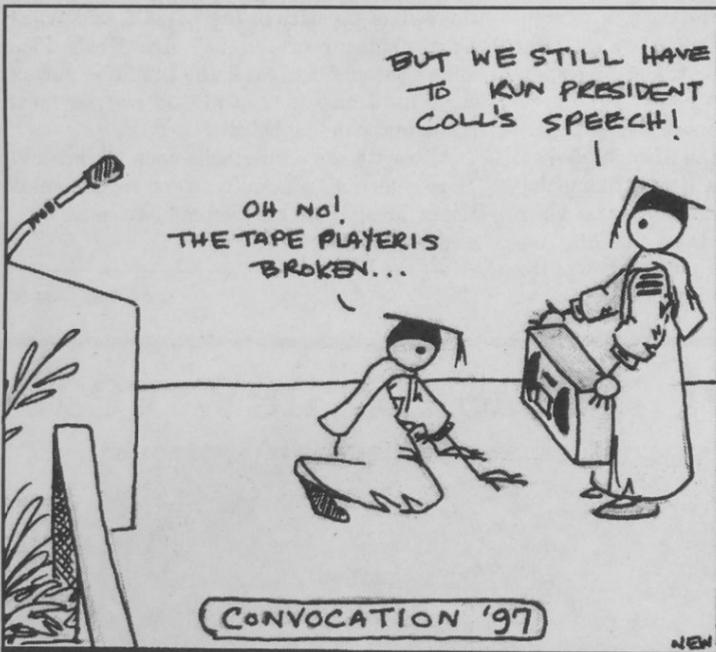
Orientation was a mixed bag. The Kick-off Carnival was compared to a "bad high school dance" by several students, but it was refreshing to see "Hot, Sexy, and Safer" was still on the list of activities, as well as several other great Orientation activities like the New Student Olympics and Human Relations.

Opening Convocation was rather boring and held no surprises speech-wise, but the parents really seemed to like it.

One may notice a lot of University titles preceded by the word "acting," a situation that doesn't say much for stability.

As with all changes, these need to be experienced for awhile before we pass final judgement, but these were our first impressions.

For now, we will remain optimistic, hoping for a smooth year at AU.



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COLUMN

Students' enthusiasm noted Support offsets pessimism of cutbacks, staff instability



BY MEGAN PARK

One thing that struck me as I walked down Academic Alley last Wednesday was how many students were back already.

Students had returned en masse to help get the University ready for Orientation for freshmen and transfer students.

Orientation Guides, Intervarsity members, fraternity and sorority members, the ALANA team and many other students took time from their own schedules to help move freshmen and transfers in and introduce them to Alfred. (In fact, the ALANA team even provided refreshments for people who were helping students move in).

Other students returned early to work as resident assistants. Some returned to help run specific events such as the Kick-off Carnival Thursday

night. Some Senate executive board members came back to start planning the new year. Many students returned as soon as possible to make sure they would be at the Block Party Saturday night to present their organizations to new students.

What is striking besides the sheer number of students is how varied the groups that returned were. It wasn't just one subset of students who came back. The early returnees were from different areas of the student population.

It certainly speaks well of Alfred University that so many of its students are willing to give up the end of their summer to support their university.

It also speaks well of Alfred's students. They should be proud of their service and devotion.

In a year of hiring freezes, tight budgets and numerous temporary staff positions, it's refreshing to see such enthusiasm from the students.

One can only hope that it continues throughout the year and is matched by Alfred's faculty, staff and administration. □

COLUMN

Carnival lacked Playfair's benefits Effort to bring variety to Orientation commended with reservations



BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Orientation's primary function is to introduce new students to Alfred, AU, the services provided by the University and the people they will be spending time with over the next few years.

Most of the activities during Orientation fulfill these objectives. Playfair, while it had its problems, allowed new students the opportunity to have a good time and meet their peers. The replacement, the Kick-off Carnival, was not as effective.

Don't misunderstand me, the carnival was a good try, but I think it needs a little more work.

Playfair was the type of event which made it difficult to remain uninvolved. With Orientation Guides running around encouraging students to participate, even the most shy joined the activities.

The atmosphere of the carnival was less threatening to the new students, but it also left more opportunities to be uninvolved.

Many students observed from the bleachers, rather than taking part.

The OGs and other upperclassmen seemed enthused. They jumped around, danced and sang. But that may have been more frightening to new students than helpful.

“Playfair was the type of event which made it difficult to remain uninvolved.”

Another thing missing from the carnival was the opportunity to meet people. The lights were dim in McLane, and the music was loud enough to inhibit conversation.

Playfair was a chaotic atmosphere where new students were bombarded with new faces and names—but they met people. And

even if they did not remember names, they remembered faces and greeted fellow students the next time they saw them.

Going through Playfair together also gave students a common bond with the other members of their class.

How many upperclassmen still remember how to get a standing ovation? The students in the class of 2001 sang songs and had a hula hoop contest, but do not know if anyone in their class shares their birthday.

Some OGs said Playfair was replaced because there were negative connotations, and it had been done enough that it was getting stale. But maybe a few adjustments to Playfair would have been more helpful than starting over from scratch. If Playfair is gone for good, the carnival does have potential, but it needs some bugs worked out.

Change can be a good thing, but the coordinators of Orientation might want to take the good points of Playfair into consideration before planning the replacement activity. □

COLUMN

Alfred may have a drug problem after all



BY NATALIE KRAUSER

According to President Edward G. Coll Jr.'s Opening Convocation speech, there is no drug problem at Alfred University. I beg to differ.

A friend of mine who was a student at Alfred University had a drug problem. While I am not stating that Alfred was the beginning and the cause of his problem, being here helped him continue his Independent Study in Bongs, and

his 400-level courses in Acid and 'Shrooms.

He is no longer here and now has no late night trips, and he no longer owns his five foot bong. While his decision to leave Alfred was not based on his drug problems, being here would not have helped him graduate.

This is not simply a one-time occurrence; it is repeated every night that Alfred University is in session. Many of my friends enjoy the same pastimes, and I have as well in the past. I do not want people to think that I am against

drugs, or a lily-white individual. We all choose paths to take in life, and some of us decide to get off those paths.

If President Coll thinks that in order to have a drug problem on campus, people need to be dying and overdosing, then he is wrong. A drug problem is present when a person cannot go out without doing bong hits, or is only able to deal with reality by enjoying a mind-altering experience.

Hopefully the University will recognize our drug problems on campus before it is too late. □

Corrections

- A Continuous Open Bid may be offered by a sorority at almost any time during the academic year. The Panhellenic Council has established regulations specifying when they can be given. The *Fiat Lux* reported in the May 7 issue they could be given at any time.
- Kelly Lavelle was the vice president of Theta Theta Chi in May. The *Fiat Lux* mistakenly identified her as the president in the May 7 issue.

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CDC's Carvana resigns

BY MEGAN PARK

Leaving some questions unanswered, John Carvana, director of the Career Development Center, has resigned. Consequently the CDC is preparing for a new director as it adjusts to its new home in the Steinheim.

Kathleen Woughter has been named acting director of the CDC due to the resignation of director John Carvana, effective last Friday.

"There is no controversy here," said Carvana of his resignation.

Carvana said he had planned to stay at AU and finish his career here, but an opportunity at Corning, Inc. was too beneficial to himself and his family to pass up. Carvana had been at AU for the past two years.

Carvana will be employed by Corning, Inc. to head their college relations effort, he said.

In response to the rumor that there was tension between him and University members, however, Carvana said: "There are some things about the direction the University is taking that I don't understand, particularly in regards to nontradition-



John Carvana he has met at AU.

"The students, as a whole... were clearly some of the finest students I've worked with in my career," he said. He added that they were enjoyable to work with and showed a sense of appreciation for the CDC.

Carvana said his goal for AU was to make its career center one of the top career centers in the nation within 10 years. He said he felt the team he had assembled could do that even after his resignation.

Carvana said of his time at Alfred: "This has been a good experience for me." □

al students and students of color."

He added that he was not privy to some levels of discussion. As an employee however, there are some things he is curious about, Carvana said. When asked to explain, he declined.

Carvana said he would miss the students and staff

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does not happen again.

She said some changes would be highlighting certain colleges, like the College of Business, on specific Open House days, reviewing and revamping printed information on different colleges, and enhancing what is already in place.

Pierce said the financial aid staff adjusts their strategy after every cycle, but he did not yet know what changes would occur.

McCarthy said that campus visits continue to be very successful with 60 percent of students who visited in the fall applying to AU.

"Despite the year not ending as we had hoped or planned... we have done some good things," she said.

McCarthy said that enrollment in the ceramic engineering program had increased from 56 last year to 68 this year, with 18 women. □

New Class Profile

- 473 students in the freshman class (512 last year)
- 289 in private sector
- 184 in public sector
- 80 transfer students
- 25 states represented (26 last year)
- 19 National Merit scholars (11 last year)
- average SAT score: 1137 (1128 last year)
- SAT scores of 1050-1250 for the middle 50% of freshmen (same as last year)
- 29% of freshmen were in the top 10% of their graduating classes
- 70% were in the top third of their graduating classes (65% last year)
- 89% were in the top half of their graduating classes (81% last year)
- 63% are from New York State (70% last year)
- 44% are women

Figures provided by Katherine McCarthy, director of admissions, and AU news releases.

Coll welcomes new students at Convocation

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Speaking before a slightly smaller crowd than last year, President Edward G. Coll, Jr. welcomed the class of 2001 to AU last Thursday morning.

Today is a "rebirth" for the University, said Coll to the 473 freshmen and their parents. Last year's freshman class was 512 students.

In his speech Coll offered advice to the students. "A word to the wise is usually resented," he said, "[so instead] I am speaking in faith." Coll suggested moderation in surfing on the World Wide Web. "Beware of the undertow of surfing." He also suggested moderation in alcohol consumption and avoidance of drugs.

Bleachers full of parents cheered when Coll advised them not to constantly ask their student about his or her academic performance, since "we will do it for you."

After Coll's speech Christina

Lombardi, Student Senate president, encouraged students to grab every opportunity in college. "Strive to be well-rounded... to academically soar." There are many responsibilities in life, she said, but education should be the first responsibility.

Gerald Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of

students, said, "You've made it... you should feel proud—sitting here is an achievement. For you this is probably the biggest step of your life." At college, students will find a peer group, ideology and occupation, Brody said.

"I look forward to meeting the new person you'll become at the end of the road," he said.



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

Freshmen and their families, as well as faculty and staff, enjoy the President's Picnic after Convocation.

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Senior language major Melissa Hawley expressed dismay at the elimination of Meals Plus. "That's a really bad deal," she said. "That means I don't get to eat dinner at least three days a week."

On the other hand, senior chemistry major Dave Walsh said, "I'm not going to be put out by [the elimination of Meals Plus]." He said having to eat in the dining hall would help him manage his time better.

To eliminate potential problems with athletes unable to get to the dining halls before they both close at 7:30 p.m., dining services talked to Jim Moretti, athletic director, said McCluskie. Moretti assured dining services that coaches would make sure practices are scheduled so that athletes can eat either before or after practice. Also more dining dollars and bagged lunches, which are always available, will ensure athletes can eat, said McCluskie.

Earl said the most significant change in the dining service is in the menu. The new food service implemented the changes requested in the student surveys

taken last year by the old food service. "The menu is going to be fantastic," Earl said. "It's not like you just go through and someone slops something on your plate."

Better quality will be a change, said McCluskie. Also variety, especially in meals for vegetarians, will be an improvement in both dining halls, he said.

Heidi Ackerman, a sophomore business administration major, said she is excited about the new vegetarian offerings in Ade.

Walsh said he is happy with the changes. "It's different, and I think it's better," he said.

The Li'l Alf also has a new look and more self-service options. Patrons can now help themselves to bagels, muffins and pizza. Earl said prices will be comparable to last year's.

At least 95 percent of the old personnel were rehired by the new food service. A few positions were eliminated, and a few people voluntarily left, but most were retained, Earl said.

Sue Smith, associate dean of students, told the *Alfred Sun* that the new food service was chosen because of their expertise in college dining. "We were impressed with the plans the company developed for providing food services to our students and others who dine on campus," she said. □

Hours at Ade and Powell Dining Halls

The dining halls are open continuously, even during the transition times between meals. Both dining halls will have the same hours.

Monday-Friday:
breakfast (cooked to order): 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
lunch (full service): 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
grill, deli, soups and salad bar: 1:31 p.m.-5 p.m.
dinner (full service): 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Saturday:
breakfast (cooked to order): 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
lunch (full service): 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
grill, deli, soups and salad bar: 1:31 p.m.-5 p.m.
dinner (full service): 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Sunday:
breakfast (continental): 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
lunch (full service): 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
grill, deli, soups and salad bar: 1:31 p.m.-5 p.m.
dinner (full service): 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Coll: AU to downsize

BY MEGAN PARK

Downsizing was an often-heard word in President Edward G. Coll Jr.'s recent speech to faculty and staff.

"In his speech... [he said] the University was interested in exploring that concept," said Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Coll spoke Aug. 26 at the annual breakfast for faculty and staff.

Gow said Coll was not specific, but he was talking about something University administration wants to explore.

Layoffs were not in the plan, said Susan Strong, associate provost. She said the University would probably use natural attrition.

Gow said he believed Coll was talking about controlling costs and spending more efficiently.

"I don't think what the President is referring to... is per-

sonnel so much as looking at how the University is structured," said Gow.

With the new tuition freeze and rising costs, it was not a surprise to him that the University would be looking at controlling costs, said Gow.

Strong said Coll would be meeting with campus groups such as Faculty Senate and the Commission on Planning to develop a plan.

The plan will be multi-year and gradual, said Strong.

Gow said he felt there would "not be a detrimental effect because we cannot compromise the quality of what we're doing here" without hurting Alfred's marketability.

Coll was not available for comment, and no copy of the speech was available.

Coll imposed a hiring freeze during the summer to "make sure we live within our budget," said Strong. □

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and co-ops in all areas.

Also, the Walt Disney Company is coming to AU Sept. 18-19, said Carvana.

The company will interview freshmen, sophomores and juniors for internships. They will have 1000 jobs available for all majors, said Woughter.

"[It's] really a nice opportunity for students," she said.

Woughter said the CDC also has a new Web resource database that has career web pages sorted by major, as well as a new web page designed to be a "real

help guide for students."

Lombardi said the Senate plans to really publicize the CDC, especially to freshmen. "We're going to push to show that this is a very valuable resource for students," she said.

Woughter said she felt students would come to see the building but stay for the staff. "I feel this is the best staff I've ever worked with," she said.

The architectural firm for the building was Handler, Grosso, Durfee and Bridges, and Whitney East was the contractor, said Dillon.

Funding came mostly from Trustee Robert R. McComsey, said Woughter. □



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Students return to renovated buildings

BY MEGAN PARK

Buildings received face-lifts, parking lots were repaired and new buildings were finished as AU experienced major campus renovations over the summer.

"I don't think I have ever seen so many changes in such a short period of time at this university, and the changes have all been positive," said Christina Lombardi, Student Senate president.

Bill Dillon, director of Physical Plant, said, "I think there's probably not a building on campus that hasn't been touched."

"Every residence hall was

painted... [and] all specialty houses received a paint job," he said.

He added that the Health Center, Herrick Library, the academic buildings and Physical Plant were also painted.

The Pine Hill Suites received new bedroom furniture, and the old furniture was moved to replace furniture in bad shape in other residence halls, said Dillon.

Also, the kitchen units in the Suites were upgraded to kitchenettes that include a new stove-top, a refrigerator, a cupboard and a microwave.

"I have seen the Pine Hill Suites and I think they're amazing," said

Lombardi. She added that they were well worth the money, and she felt the Trustees would be pleased.

Jennifer Smith, a sophomore art and design major and a Crawford Suite resident, agreed with Lombardi's assessment. "I think they're wonderful," she said.

Some Ford Street apartments received new carpeting and kitchens, too, said Dillon.

The Brick bathrooms, which were supposed to be renovated this summer, are still on the priority list, said Dillon. He said they were not completed because funding ran out.

Dillon said the area around the carillon was landscaped, with two new retainer walls being added. Wingate Park, located behind the carillon, was also landscaped, as was the hillside by Susan Howell Hall.

Openhym received a new boiler and a lot of plumbing work was done all over campus, said Dillon.

Part of the parking lot between Binns-Merrill and Physical Plant caved in over the summer when the bottom of a 20-foot-long segment of 8-foot diameter pipe under the parking lot rusted away and the pipe collapsed, said Dillon.

"Timing was very fortunate for

us," said Dillon, since school was not in session.

The pipe was replaced and the parking lot repaved, though a portion of the pipe is still waiting to be reinforced. That will be done soon, he said.

The Steinheim renovation was completed in July, and the Career Development Center moved in later that month.

"It looks great, it really does," said Michael Christakis, a junior political science major and a member of the Steinheim Renovation Committee. □

(Also see related Steinheim article on page 1.)

Orientation acquaints new students with Alfred

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Over 500 new freshmen and transfer students were greeted by smiling faces Thursday morning. The warm welcome for students continued through a variety of Orientation activities, which included two new programs this year.

About 40 Orientation Guides were joined by members of the Greek community, Intervarsity and the ALANA Team to greet the new students and help them move in.

"It says something for the University that average students will come and lend a hand," said Jim Kostiw, a resident assistant in Cannon Hall. He said move-in went very smoothly because of all the people who helped.

Jasmine Lellock, an OG, said the new students and their families were surprised the students helping were volunteers.

The activities of Orientation were primarily the same as last year. There were two changes however, said Rachel Kulp, one of four OG directors.

Playfair was replaced by the Kick-off Carnival, and an opportunity to participate in community service was included, she said. The ALANA Team and Student Activities sponsored a community service project Sunday afternoon to give new students a chance to get involved with the community, said Kulp. Work on the bandstand and Pine Hill Trails was planned for the project.

Kulp said Playfair used to be her favorite part of Orientation, but "the Kick-off Carnival will be even better."

This was Alison Marzuoli's third year as an OG and she said she loves Orientation. "All the freshmen are really enthusiastic," she said. Marzuoli said she likes meeting freshmen each year because it helps her

form ties with people throughout the classes at AU.

Dave Walsh, an OG director, said his favorite part of Orientation is the Human Relations Experience. "It's a great get-to-know-you session for all the freshmen," he said.

Walsh said he thought the switch from Playfair to the Kick-off Carnival was a good idea because it eliminated the negative preconceptions some students had about Playfair.

Rachel Sluga, a sophomore OG, said Orientation brings back a lot of memories. "I just want to make it special for them," she said.

Colin Grubel was the director of the Transfer Orientation program. Transfers are offered slightly different programs because they already know about college life, he said. Transfer students attended a

reception Friday afternoon to learn about programs of interest to them.

Grubel said he agreed with the change from Playfair to the carnival. "I liked Playfair but a lot of people didn't," he said.

The Kick-off Carnival featured performer Rick Kelley, who led new students in activities ranging from singing songs to hula-hooping contests. Many new students participated in the activities, but several groups of students only watched from the bleachers. Popcorn, cotton candy, Sno-Kones and drinks were also provided for the students attending.

"The opening for Orientation has been outstanding," said Steve Harpst, director of Student Activities, at the conclusion of the first day of activities.

"All the OGs are doing great this year," said Ben Weisman, an OG director. "It's great to see everyone working together." □

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Village stores offer wide selection of goods

BY IZABELA BUNIEK

Although the Village of Alfred may seem small and quiet to the untrained eye, in reality it is bustling with an array of unique stores, convenient shopping locations and wonderful food.

On Main Street, there are two shopping choices for the athlete. The Kampus Kave specializes in equipment and attire for most sports. T-shirts, shorts and even sweat suits are available. The Kampus Kave also carries many brand name sneakers, just in case you forgot yours at home.

Several stores down is the Alfred Sports Center. All-weather gear such as jackets, sweatshirts, pants and hats can be found there. Also available is apparel with the AU and Alfred State College emblems as well as collegiate team logos. The store also sells equipment such as skis and snowboards.

If clothes don't 'suit' your shopping fancy, perhaps local crafts do. The Wooden Shuttle, also located on Main Street, has been owned by Mary Lou Cartledge for the last eight years. It presents a medley of beads, pottery and crafts "made by people in the area," said Cartledge. She also claimed that her store has the "best Alfred area postcard selection in town." The pictures are taken by a local photographer, she said.

The Gallery, located on North Main Street, is a knickknack shopper's paradise. Faith Palmer, the owner of the Gallery, said she thinks of her store as being "very eclectic." The store is full of various exotic soaps, lotions, candies, coffees and incense. It houses wares from picture frames and tapestries to clothes and toys. Palmer said the store is also very well stocked in jewelry, particularly silver and

rings, so much so that it's "hanging from the rafters... literally."

The Gallery shares space with Crandall's Jewelers. This store specializes in "finer jewelry," according to its owner, James Palmer. Although the store carries mostly gold, opals and pearls, it also sells wedding bands, class rings, lighters, pens and christening items. Crandall's Jewelers does engraving and repairs too.

After all the shopping, you can pamper yourself in one of the beauty salons in the Village. Hair Care is centrally located on Main Street, and haircuts are available for men as well as women. Walk-ins are welcome. The staff of three is currently offering special coupons with discounts for haircuts, facials, hair products and hand treatments with pedicures.

Another beauty salon is only a few doors down. Alfred Hair and Tanning specializes in manicures, pedicures, haircuts and 'updos' for formals. Co-owners Tammy Brown and Len Curran also offer free Aveda skin care classes. The classes are also held in residence halls on the AU campus.

Alfred Hair and Tanning shares its space with The Clotheshanger. Curran, who owns the store, said he sells new and recycled clothing such as jeans, shirts and dresses, as well as jewelry. The clothes are mostly new, although about 35 percent are recycled, and many of them are brand name. Curran, who just bought a shipment of clothes in New York City, said "the focus is on what the students want." The Clotheshanger also offers classes in 'accessorizing.'

If clothes and crafts don't particularly appeal to you, perhaps a beautiful bouquet of flowers will. Farther up the road is the College Florist, which delivers to both



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

Shorts and sweatshirts are some of the wares sold in the Kampus Kave. The Kampus Kave is one of many stores in Alfred where students can find what they need.

campuses and offers a wide range of flowers, plants and gifts for yourself or your loved ones.

There is also a music store on Main Street, The Music Alley, which sells a wide array of compact discs and tapes, as well as T-shirts, accessories and posters of bands.

Picking a store is easy if you are looking for a particular item, but what if you need miscellaneous little gadgets? Fortunately, Alfred has several stores with solutions for those in a hurry.

Next door to the Music Alley is the Alfred Pharmacy, which contains a hodgepodge of odds and ends from school supplies to greeting cards, and from balloons to laundry detergent and pharmaceuticals.

Also, College Suppliers, located on Church Street, might have what you're looking for. Among its wares are posters, custom screen-printed mugs, electronics and much more.

BP, Expressmart, Uni-mart and Shur-fine also have an expansive range of items. They have health and beauty products, snacks, beverages and other necessary as well as luxury items. Kinfolk Grocery, a food store off of Main Street, carries many organically grown foods.

After a long day of shopping in Alfred, you may decide to eat out. There are many delicious restaurants to choose from, including the newly opened Arby's, Pizza Hut (located on the ASC campus), Little Sicily's, The Sub Shop, Pizza

Factory, The Collegiate and Manhattan West.

For an evening out that is also close to campus, students frequent bars and pubs such as Alex's on Main Street; Manhattan West, across the street from Alex's; and Gentleman Jim's on Mill Street.

Overall, the Village of Alfred offers a medley of shopping and food experiences to meet most tastes. As many people say, shopping in Alfred offers "something for everyone." □

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PREVIEW

Country Wife coming

BY NATALIE KRAUSER

Sex is the unadulterated subject of William Wyshery's *Country Wife*, a play Becky Prophet, professor of theatre, is directing in December.

The play is a restoration comedy from 1675 and was written to explore the banter between people who want or do not want sex and the ensuing entanglements.

Country Wife's running time is just over three hours, but Prophet said she plans on reworking some of the characters' dialogue so the

play will run in two and a half hours. The play is about language and style, but due to the farcical plot, removing some dialogue will not hinder *Country Wife's* repartee, said Prophet.

Prophet said the costume design will include powdered wigs and high heels for all 16 men and women.

Audition dates have not been finalized, but will be held during the end of September. All are welcome to audition, Prophet said.

The show will run Dec. 3-6. □

666

This intriguing number has elicited many reactions over the years. Some have suggested that biologically it represents life, each 6 representing the number of electrons, protons, and neutrons in a carbon atom, of which our "flesh" is made. Some say it is a number associated with a great evil. Some say it is associated with greed. Some say it is the numerical structure of a man's name who will rule the world. The authority which we must consult on the matter is the place where the number originates, in the last book of the Bible chapter 13: First, it is a man (vs. 18), he is a beast (vs. 2), he will rule all nations (vs. 7), he will be worshiped (vs. 12), he will have been wounded to death, but lives miraculously (vs. 3 & 14), he will have power to put to death any who do not worship him (vs. 15), he makes people to receive his name as a mark on their foreheads or right hands, and you cannot buy or sell anything unless you have this mark (vs. 16 & 17). This mark is the number of his name and that number is 666 (vs. 18). Is it possible for a scenario like this to happen today? Fifty short years ago many thought Hitler was this beast. Could genocide happened today on a world scale? Would it be possible to control who has purchasing power and who does not? Can one man rule the world? Are you interested in these things? Then you are invited to discuss them every Friday night, 8 p.m., 35 Sayles Street, Alfred.

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XC teams race ahead

BY STEVE WAGNER

Both men's and women's cross country teams have improved since last year, said Head Coach Gary Aldrich. The teams are returning top runners from last year and introducing talented freshmen.

The men's team "caught a big break" when the number two runner, Christian Weigandt, returned to Alfred, said Aldrich. Weigandt decided to use his last year of eligibility to return to Alfred after graduating last May.

The top two will once again be the Weigandt/Winkky duo. Rob Winkky is a returning sophomore who started his Division III career with a very impressive cross country season.

Additions to the team are freshmen Eric Graf and Scott Scheibner, who will join sophomore Josh Persky to finish the top five.

Missing from last year's squad are Shane Grandusky, Bill Hill, Matt Kessler and Clint Knopp.

The team is smaller, but has already been more active this year, said Aldrich. Instead of a three day camp, the teams arrived in Alfred a full week before classes started. This allowed for more intense practices for both physical and mental improvement.

The women's team has improved its numbers from last year.

The most promising additions are freshmen Lisa Audioun and Amy Hart. Both new runners will challenge returning sophomore and top runner, Abigail Olson. Olson went through last season as number one on the team with no challenges. This year, Audioun looks to be ahead of Olson, said Aldrich.

Depth is always important on a cross country team, and this year the Saxons have runners to back up their top three.

Returning sophomores Megan Stuart and Sarah Taillon will be fighting for position with freshmen Mandy Nourse, Jennifer Bonner and Anne Gutmann. Another addition is sophomore Rachel Sluga, who did not run last year.

Aldrich is excited about the number of women on the team. "Now a couple can have a bad race," he said. "We have a much better talent pool."

The teams will know better how the season will go after their first meet at Brockport on Sept. 6. The Saxons' home meet is scheduled for Sept. 27 and the number of teams should be double that of last year, said Aldrich. □

Football prospects show promise

BY STEVE WAGNER

The Saxon football team is ready to face their President's Athletic Conference opponents for the second year in the conference. Once again, they have to deal with Washington & Jefferson's impressive championship streak.

While the offense is looking as strong as last year, the defense is inexperienced, said Head Coach Jim Moretti.

"[Defensive coach] Pat Manzella is doing a great job," said Moretti. "They'll be well coordinated. The biggest goal will be not to give up the big plays, like last year."

The AU offense will again be led by quarterback Ryan Woodruff, in his second year. Also returning are senior wide receivers Jason Fenner and Tom Callen.

Callen is filling one of graduate Brian White's shoes. Last year, White made two names for himself, one as a talented wide receiver and one as a cornerback on the defensive team. The cornerback position is still undetermined, said Moretti.

Another big hole left by last year's graduates was Max Freeman's position of running back. Freeman was very effective on the ground last year for the Saxons. Sophomore Jeff Colasanti will be taking over the spot. He was Freeman's back-up last year, and Moretti predicted that he will "eventually make his mark" like Freeman.

The strongest elements of the offense will be Woodruff and the Saxon passing game, said Moretti. His main concern is whether the line will be able to protect Woodruff.

Thomas Cooke, a sophomore offensive lineman, would have been there to keep Woodruff safe, but a number of concussions kept him from remaining on the team. "That really hurt us," said Moretti.

Along with the returning linemen, there is also a freshman working toward a starting position. Wes Choy will most likely

be part of the starting team, said Moretti.

Also starting out in the spotlight will be place kicker Ryan Rambecker.

Other talented freshmen are still proving themselves for the first and second team spots. George Eason is looking at the running back position, and Brad Verbosky, Aaron Rounds and Brandon Falk are all vying for linebacker status.

The entire team is looking for a better position in the PAC. Washington & Jefferson has won the conference for 11 consecutive years. Last year, the two teams met undefeated in the conference.

Two other perennial big games will be against Union and rival Ithaca, said Moretti.

Moretti also said the first game of the season is always important. The first game this year will be on Sept. 6 against Kings.

Moretti foresees a season similar to last year. "I think we have a shot at competing for the title," he said. □



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD
Freshman starting kicker Ryan Rambecker begins a drill during the Saxons' two week training camp.



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD
Tom Callen catches a pass during a practice session. Callen will be at the receiving end of many passes this season from quarterback Ryan Woodruff. Head Coach Jim Moretti feels the Saxon passing game is very strong.

SCHEDULE

Football

9/6 1:30 p.m. Kings
9/13 1:30 p.m. Waynesburg
9/27 1:30 p.m. *Ithaca
10/4 2 p.m. Bethany
10/11 1:30 p.m. *Thiel
10/18 12 p.m. Canisius
10/25 1:30 p.m. *Hobart
11/1 1:30 p.m. *Grove City
11/8 1:30 p.m. Wash. & Jeff.
11/15 1 p.m. Union

Women's Tennis

9/10 4 p.m. William Smith
9/13 1 p.m. R.I.T.
9/16 4 p.m. Keuka
9/19 3 p.m. Fredonia
9/20 1 p.m. *Cazenovia
9/24 3:30 p.m. Brockport
9/25 4 p.m. Elmira
9/29 4 p.m. *St. John Fisher
10/7 3:30 p.m. Geneseo
10/10 PAC Tournament @ Bethany

Women's Volleyball

9/2 7 p.m. Geneseo

9/5 Cortland Tournament
9/9 7 p.m. *R.I.T.
9/11 7 p.m. Hilbert
9/13 12 p.m. Hamilton Classic
9/19 Alfred University Tourn.
9/24 7 p.m. Nazareth
9/27 1 p.m. *Waynesburg
9/30 6:30 p.m. Thiel
10/2 6 p.m. Elmira
10/4 9 a.m. Pitt-Bradford Quad
10/7 6:30 p.m. *Thiel
10/10 3 p.m. Waynesburg
10/11 10 a.m. Grove City
10/16 7 p.m. *Keuka
10/18 9 a.m. Nazareth Tournament

10/25 11 a.m. Wash. & Jeff.
10/28 6:30 p.m. *Pitt-Bradford
11/1 11 a.m. *Wash. & Jeff.

Golf

9/6 Binghamton
9/12 Elmira
9/13 Pitt-Bradford
9/15 Mercyhurst
9/16 Gannon

9/23 Hobart
9/28 Binghamton
10/7 Alleghany

Men's & Women's Cross Country

9/6 Brockport Invitational
9/13 Lafayette Invitational
9/27 *AU Invitational
10/4 Geneseo Invitational
10/11 Alleghany Invitational
10/24 Cornell Pre-Championships
11/1 PAC Championships
11/8 NYSCTC Championships @ Brockport
11/15 NCAA Regionals @ R.P.I.
11/22 NCAA Championships @ Boston

Women's Soccer

9/2 4 p.m. *St. John Fisher
9/5 *Bryan Karl Tournament
9/10 4 p.m. Geneseo
9/13 7 p.m. *R.I.T.
9/20 1 p.m. *Waynesburg
9/23 4 p.m. Ithaca
9/27 1 p.m. Bethany
10/1 4 p.m. *Thiel

10/4 2 p.m. *Hartwick
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10/11 1 p.m. Grove City
10/15 7 p.m. *Keuka
10/18 11 a.m. Wash. & Jeff.
10/24 PAC Championships @ Grove City

Men's Soccer

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10/1 7 p.m. *R.I.T.
10/4 2:30 p.m. Baptist Bible
10/11 1 p.m. Cazenovia
10/14 7 p.m. *Elmira
10/18 1 p.m. *Grove City
10/22 4 p.m. Hobart
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