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WORLD NOTES

LOCAL

- Contrary to rumors, Gentleman Jim's will not close due to the recent incident outside the bar, according to Manager Larry McGraw.
- Approximately 115 students and their families visited AU this past weekend for the Open House for the NYS College of Ceramics and the athletic training program.

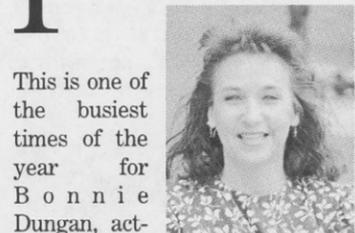
NATIONAL

- U.S. officials report that a former CIA officer has been arrested. Douglas Groat has been charged with extortion and espionage in the third spy scandal to hit the CIA in less than four years.
- Michael Jackson reportedly became a father for the second time Friday. His wife, Debbie Rowe Jackson, is reported to have given birth to a baby girl.
- The House Rules Committee blocked an effort to include a proposal to lower the U.S.'s blood alcohol driving limit to .08 percent. Opponents say it is not clear if such a measure would save lives.

INTERNATIONAL

- Russia granted posthumous pardons to cousins of Adolf Hitler who were arrested at the end of WWII. It was concluded they were not involved in Hitler's crimes.
- U.N. weapons inspectors and diplomats ended the first round of inspections of Iraq's presidential sites Friday.

PERSONALITIES



BONNIE DUNGAN

This is one of the busiest times of the year for Bonnie Dungan, acting assistant to the director of Residence Life. Housing sign-ups, which take place next week, create a lot of work for her.

"We want to get people into where they want to live," Dungan said. She said the work won't be finished by the end of the semester. While AU's student body relaxes over the summer, Dungan, along with the Residence Life staff, must sort through the waiting lists to complete the housing process.

Dungan's position in Residence Life isn't the only post she has held at AU. In her 18 years at the University, she has also been a secretary in the President's office. She is also currently the assistant to the judicial coordinator.

Dungan said her family plays a leading role in her life. The Arkport native has four children. Her children take up most of her time away from the office, she said.

Dungan described Alfred as a friendly community where "everyone says hello." It is a welcome environment for her to work in, she said.

Also, "I enjoy working with the students," she said.

GJ's incident sparks controversy

Students file complaints

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Local minority college students have filed a formal complaint with the Alfred Police Department following what they call unnecessary use of pepper spray by officers at an incident the morning of March 29 at Gentleman Jim's.

The students said they also plan to file complaints of racial discrimination with the Department, and one of the arrested students said he plans to contact the NAACP.

At 1:45 a.m. the APD was called to Mill Street after a fight broke out at GJ's. Approximately 250 people eventually gathered at the scene.

Officers from six law enforcement agencies arrived to control the crowd, and pepper spray was used on several people. Exact details of the incident, including who was fighting at the scene, are unclear, since police and eye-witness reports contradict.

Five were arrested: Daniel Badeau, 22 of Sand Springs, Okla., Marlon Cole, 19, of Brooklyn, Jason Rebrovich, 20, of Clarence, Jason Shinebarger, 21, of Hornell, and Samuel Williams, 23, of Syracuse.

"We, the students of Alfred University and Alfred State College, are outraged that the Alfred Police department, who is supposed to protect us, took such physical and demeaning measures against our fellow peers," states the complaint, which was filed last Monday, said Kaneka Wells, organizer of the complaint and vice president of Shades of Ebony.

Wells, who was at GJ's the night the incident occurred, said it was not necessary to use pepper spray on the students targeted by officers, since they were not the students fighting.

The statement recommends that the involved officers "be punished and reprimanded for their

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PHOTOS BY CARA STEIN

Left: Amy Corman (left) and Jennifer Kahn help recruit prospective students at the Open House last Saturday. Right: The multicultural suite remained empty for the Open House because members of Multicultural Organizations refused to help recruit prospective students in light of the recent incidents.

Minority students consider GJ's incident race-related

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Local minority students say what happened at Gentleman Jim's was just the most recent in a long line of incidents of racial discrimination by the police and the community. To help the situation, students are organizing at Alfred University and Alfred State College, speaking with college administrators and local officials, to find solutions.

"Minorities are not comfortable [in Alfred]," said Ginger Sanders, an AU student and president of Shades of Ebony. For example, she said the interaction with officers at GJ's was not the first racially biased interaction minorities had encountered with the Alfred Police Department.

"This is not a community for minorities," agreed Samuel Williams, an ASC student who was arrested in the incident. He said a party held Friday, March 27 was broken up around midnight by police because of "supposed complaints," even though the party was not disruptive.

The party prompted a meeting at AU last Tuesday concerning safety issues on campus for minorities, said Dan Napolitano, assistant director of student activities and coordinator of ALANA Affairs.

"Communication between minority students [and others] has been difficult... and could always be better," said Napolitano. He said this is a nationwide problem.

At the meeting, which was attended by Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont, Mayor Bill Hall, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brody, Napolitano and students, past incidents were discussed, including how better communication could have helped, he said.

"Minorities are not comfortable [in Alfred]."

A committee comprised of Brody, Napolitano and eight students was formed to find suggestions and recommendations on how to improve "safety and respect" for minority students, Napolitano said.

The group hopes to have a list of goals by the end of this semester or at the beginning of next semester, he said.

One proposed goal is to find a safe place for dance parties on campus, which would offer minority students an alternative to GJ's, fraternities or areas with noise ordinances, he explained.

"I feel good [about the meeting]," said Napolitano. "We suddenly have the attention of many administrators and students who want to work actively."

Sanders agreed. "[It was] an optimistic meeting," she said.

tion to what happened at GJ's, the first of several open forums was held at ASC last Thursday.

Approximately 40 ASC students and ten AU students attended the forum, which focused on how comfortable minority students feel in the community, said Dan Neverett, vice president of student affairs at ASC. The forum was facilitated by ASC employees Barbara Fletcher from the counseling center, Kesha Drakeford from multi-cultural affairs, Yantee Slobert from the residence hall staff and Football Coach Mark Shardlow.

Neverett said he had a "very positive perception" of the forum. While there was anger and frustration among the students, some

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PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Gentleman Jim's, a local bar, was the site of a large fight last weekend. Since the fight, students have raised questions as to whether the handling of the incident was racially biased.

GJ's manager refutes claims of his indifference

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Information in the e-mail sent to students last week asking them to boycott Gentleman Jim's was incorrect, according to the manager, Larry McGraw. Also the reason for problems at GJ's, including the incident March 29, is the recruitment policies at Alfred State College, he said.

The e-mail said McGraw was heard saying he "did not care about the incident, and that he already had the customer's money, and that they (students) would be next week anyway." [sic]

McGraw said he wanted to "take a polygraph with whoever wrote it" to prove he did not make the statement. "How could anyone not care?" he asked. "Good God," money had nothing to do with the

bars' closing, he also said. The authors are "just inciting more crap for nothing," he said.

McGraw said the police asked him to clear out the bar after report of a fight outside. If he had to do it again, McGraw said he would have left the bar open, so that people would not have gathered outside watching the fight.

Kaneka Wells, the sophomore student who recorded the quote, did not return phone calls.

McGraw said he tries to prevent problems by employing eight bouncers. He also cited a policy he changed when he became manager in 1991, from banning fighting students from the bar only for one evening, to banning them from ever coming back to the bar.

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Student makes up story, quotes

It has come to our attention that a story in the most recent issue of the *Fiat Lux*, "Next football season looks rough," was fabricated by the writer.

It is appalling to the staff that AU students would turn in works of fiction as articles for a class. In some ways it is worse than plagiarism, since the work is not even copied from a legitimate source, but made up.

While all students feel overwhelmed with work at times, fabricating a story is inexcusable. It is better to be honest and receive a zero on an assignment than to turn in a lie.

According to the student, the article was not meant to be published in the *Fiat Lux*.

The *Fiat Lux* has an arrangement with the students in reporting classes, that if they do not want their articles printed in the *Fiat*, they must write on it "do not print." For whatever reason, that message did not make it to the *Fiat* with the student's article.

But even if we had been told not to print the article, it would not have changed the situation; the student was still committing academic dishonesty. The student was just unlucky enough to have his dishonesty revealed in front of the entire student body.

It is upsetting to see that, even in the "mature" environment of college, some students still resort to the middle school strategy of making up stories and excuses to get the grade they want.

While we have no direct control over the punishment of this student, we hope that he is reprimanded fully. The University's academic dishonesty policy is quite clear, and we hope it is applied as strictly as it is written.

Cutting corners to get a job done is not tolerated in the job market and it should not be tolerated in the University community either. We hope the student regrets what he did, and does not intend to do it ever again.

Fiat fact-checking policy to be used

Unfortunately the discovery of the fabricated story has revealed not only a flaw in the student's honesty, but also an apparent flaw in the *Fiat Lux*'s policy when publishing articles.

While the *Fiat Lux* staff cannot catch every grammatical, spelling or punctuation error, our readers should be able to assume that the information in the newspaper is accurate.

The *Fiat Lux* copy staff currently has a policy of confirming questionable information or quotes. In the case of the article printed last issue, none of the information was checked by the staff, since it sounded plausible.

While we still feel this policy is appropriate with *Fiat Lux* staff writers, we are changing our policy concerning non-staff writers. From now on we will be confirming information and quotes in all articles written by non-staff members.

This policy will mean more work for the copy staff, but looking at the recent events, such action is necessary to ensure the accuracy of information in the *Fiat Lux*.

The *Fiat Lux* has a responsibility to the students and residents of Alfred to report the truth. When incidents like this occur, the *Fiat Lux* loses the trust of the community. It may be difficult to win that trust back.

With adoption of our new policy, we hope that our readers will feel they can believe everything they read in the *Fiat Lux*.

COLUMN

Interpretation tricky on web



BY STEVE WAGNER

Sam Choi, assistant professor of English at Ohio State University, spoke in Alfred last week about the use of technology in the classroom. He also spoke about a project he is currently working on, an electronic edition of *Frankenstein*.

This is an enormous project that fills Mary Shelley's novel with links so that the reader can enjoy an interactive reading experience.

I agree that the Internet can greatly contribute to an education in any discipline. When I have research to do, I go first to the World Wide Web. I think e-mail discussions allow for conversations that may never have occurred otherwise. Overall, I believe the Internet is an excellent means to express and share thought.

However, at the same time, projects such as the hypertext *Frankenstein* need to be careful they do not suppress future thought.

When I find a statistic published by a respectable source, I

have no problem believing in its correctness. If I go to a technical website and find a description of how a process works, I feel comfortable accepting it as fact.

But when I go to a hypertext novel, I do not want to be told that there are exactly three themes found in the work; I want to decide that for myself.

Writing is an art, and one person's interpretation of a work of art is not necessarily everyone else's.

Additionally, the effect of a work of art is magnified not by the knowing of a personal meaning, but by the arrival to that interpretation.

Readers will not appreciate the book if they are not allowed to interpret it on their own.

Hypertext books increase the availability of art. Any rainy afternoon can be used to read a classic, without having to leave the house to go to the library. Free thought can be piped into anyone's room.

But if a designer, creating a hypertext novel, adds their own interpretation, the next reader may not think or draw conclusions on his or her own. And if that happens, that great work of art is changed. It would be equivalent to giving Leonardo da

Vinci's mysterious Mona Lisa a name tag.

The hypertext *Frankenstein* is useful due to its links to background information. When Shelley mentions an actual place in the novel, the hypertext version can link the writer directly to a map. There's a background into Shelley's life included that may help the reader to understand her feelings at the time of writing.

Straight facts can enhance the reading experience and the interpretation. However, a description of a specific theme will give the reader no reason to take the journey to an interpretation. The reader is already at the destination.

Interpretations of art are needed. Often I do not consider a possible theme in a novel until someone else argues for it. But that interpretation must be presented as opinion. By linking directly from a novel to a description of a theme, the reader will subconsciously link the author of the novel to another person's opinion.

In the reader's head, that opinion may become fact. And the author's free thought has been imprisoned in someone else's mold. □

COLUMN

Racism should not be tolerated



BY JAY WEISBERGER

The recent incident at Gentleman Jim's brings up alarming issues in terms of race relations.

Students from AU and Alfred State College are accusing the Alfred Police Department of racial discrimination.

In general, a college community cannot afford any discrimination whatsoever, and Alfred in particular can't afford to have race problems.

A village such as Alfred, whose local businesses depend on students from both campuses for their economic success, needs to be as open-minded as possible.

Alfred University, which has always been a predominantly white school, needs to become diverse more than anything else. Accusations of discrimination is not the type of advertising desirable to the University.

Alfred University, which has been trying to attract more minority students, according to President Edward G. Coll Jr., at the fireside chat March 24, appears to be supporting the minority students. This is commendable, and the administra-

tion should use their voice even louder to show they won't tolerate racism.

Racial and religious intolerance is a problem throughout the country. College campuses, complete with the liberal atmosphere they ideally provide, should be places where racial harmony can

"Ideas and attitudes, the things truly important about a person, have no color."

be harvested.

I can only hope the officers acted without any racial bias. However, with the ALANA Team involved, one can't help but wonder if the officers did act unjustly.

If the authorities that patrol a school act in a racist manner, the idea of tolerance is thrown away. How is harmony supposed to exist in discord?

The fact that students are speaking out against acts of tolerance is wonderful.

However, some proposed solutions are not necessarily going to lessen any inequality that might exist.

The idea of having a separate club in town where minorities can dance and socialize doesn't sound wise.

To me it seems it could actually promote inequality. Through any sort of separation, ignorance will grow.

Instead, students at both schools need to throw away their prejudices. There is no reason any group should have to feel unwelcome at clubs, parties and on campus as a result of their race.

As for the authorities, if race entered your heads before you took action, shame on you. The color of a person's skin does not warrant a harsher punishment.

It is sad to see that as we approach the new millennium, the civil rights issues of decades past refuse to go away.

The University community, including students, faculty, administrators and authorities, should commit itself to equality. Focusing on individuals' race, ethnicity or gender only promotes stereotypes.

Ideas and attitudes, the things truly important about a person, have no color.

There are too many problems plaguing this country. Let's not let race get in the way of progress. □



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Corrections

In the March 31 issue of the *Fiat Lux*, the article "Next football season looks rough," and the Sports Note regarding Merrill Field were fabricated. The writer did not speak with Football Coach Jim Moretti or students Ryan Woodruff and Tom Callen.

While Merrill Field will be getting new turf in the future, the plans are not definite and a timetable has not been established. The athletics department also does not feel students are in any danger with the present turf. The *Fiat Lux* apologizes for the fictitious information.

Susan Smith, associate dean of students, was not fully identified in the article "Semesterly meal plans offer more options," in the March 31 issue of the *Fiat Lux*.

William Cassidy, chair of the division of human studies, was mis-identified in the article "LAS dean hopefuls found lacking," in the March 31 issue of the *Fiat Lux*.

Senate Exec Board members reveal their secrets

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Mike Pellicciotti President

Year: Sophomore
Major: Business administration
What is your zodiac sign? Cancer
Why did you want to be president? I really felt I had the experience to run Senate. I also felt I was involved enough and knew many of the different types of people so I could adequately represent the student body.
What is the most interesting thing about you? The fact that I have no free time but still find time for fun.
What do you want to be when you grow up? I'm undecided. I enjoy business and public policy and anything that can combine the two would be great.
If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? To visit all seven continents, to be able to go to school without having to attend classes and to have more wishes... even though I'd have problems thinking of them.
When you leave office, what do you want to be remembered for? I'd like to be remembered as the president

What is the most interesting thing about you? I enjoy spending time with and learning from elderly people.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Counseling psychologist
If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? I want to own my own ski manufacturing company, to have 36-hour days for the rest of my life and the American dream.
When you leave office, what do you want to be remembered for? Accomplishing things for students outside of Senate.
What is your favorite part of being vice president? Committee meetings because at that level I really see a lot of changes happening.
What is your favorite food? My mom's cheesecake
What music do you like to listen to? Billy Joel
What is your favorite thing about Alfred? The close-knit community
Who do you look up to? My parents
What is your favorite color? Forest green
What other organizations are you involved in? Sigma Alpha Mu, Hot Dog Day and Kanakadea

Kris Clark

Treasurer

Year: Junior
Major: Ceramic Engineering
What is your zodiac sign? I'm on the cusp between Libra and Scorpio—it depends on which newspaper you check.
Why did you want to be treasurer? To stay involved with Senate and the campus.
What is the most interesting thing about you? I am a ceramic engineer and can still find the time for extracurricular activities.
What do you want to be when you grow up? I have no idea at this point. I am looking

involved in? Sigma Alpha Mu and American Ceramics Society

Chandra Leister Secretary

Year: Sophomore
Major: Communication Studies with a French minor
What is your zodiac sign? Leo
Why did you want to be secretary? Because I wanted to manipulate the masses through the Senate minutes.
What is the most interesting thing about you? The fact that I don't run out of energy—I'm like the Energizer bunny.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Tall
If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? My mom to be happy, a job that I don't have to get dressed up for and to be able to take a nap every day for the rest of my life.
When you leave office, what do you want to be remembered for? Having an interesting perspective on the job.
What is your favorite part of being secretary? That I get to be pretty informed about what goes on on campus and inform others.
What is your favorite food? Beef and broccoli Chinese food.
What music do you like to listen to? Dave Matthews Band
What is your favorite thing about Alfred? The fact that it looks like a postcard.
Who do you look up to? My mom
What is your favorite color? Orange
What other organizations are you involved in? Friday Night Live, RHC, Student Alumni Association, the Alfies Committee, Hot Dog Day, Orientation Guides and Tour Guides

Jim Kostiw Finance Chair

Year: Junior
Major: Political science
What is your zodiac sign? Libra
Why did you want to be finance chair? I never wanted to be finance chair but I felt it was my obligation to do it.
What is the most interesting thing about you? The fact that I have a



PHOTO BY CARA STEIN

Vice President Greg Hilgert practices his handstands with help from Bethany Carpenter and Chandra Leister while Mike Pellicciotti looks on.



PHOTO BY CARA STEIN

Bethany Carpenter, Greg Hilgert, Jim Kostiw, Chandra Leister, Kris Clark and Mike Pellicciotti (clockwise from top) hang out in the Student Organization Suite.

who opened up Senate to those students who now think Senate serves no purpose for them.
What is your favorite part of being president? Being able to meet with different administrators, relay the concerns of students to them and see actual improvements brought about.
What is your favorite food? Pasta
What music do you like to listen to? Dave Matthews Band
What is your favorite thing about Alfred? The people
Who do you look up to? My father
What is your favorite color? Khaki
What other organizations are you involved in? SAB, Kanakadea, Alpha Lambda Delta, RHC and Delta Mu Delta

Greg Hilgert Vice President

Year: Junior
Major: Psychology
What is your zodiac sign? Libra
Why did you want to be vice president? Because I wanted to make changes on this campus and make the University better.

ing at going into industry, getting an MBA, going to law school or even getting a Master's degree in ceramic engineering.
If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? To find the time and money to climb Mount Everest, to get into Chicago Law School and to have the new *Fiat* editor leave me alone.
When you leave office, what do you want to be remembered for? As someone who worked closely with the organizations so as many organizations as possible got the money they needed to operate.
What is your favorite part of being treasurer? I get to see a lot more of what the organizations are doing.
What is your favorite food? Lobster tails
What music do you like to listen to? I like the music of James Horner, the composer of soundtracks such as *Braveheart* and *Titanic*.
What is your favorite thing about Alfred? The weather
Who do you look up to? Jim Curl, adviser of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity
What is your favorite color? Purple
What other organizations are you

When you leave office, what do you want to be remembered for? Taking what was an essentially chaotic and haphazard budgeting system and making it efficient and equitable.
What is your favorite part of being finance chair? Because the job is very specialized, a lot of the work and decisions are up to me so I can have a lot of impact.
What is your favorite food? I'm a meat and potatoes kind of guy.
What music do you like to listen to? Music by Jerry Goldsmith, composer of movie soundtracks such as *The Ghost in the Darkness* and *Executive Decision*.
What is your favorite thing about Alfred? When you do a lot, you get to be known by a lot of people. It's nice to know people and have them know you.
Who do you look up to? Oliver

Resident Assistant Advisory Council and is a Resident Assistant

Bethany Carpenter Publicity Director

Year: Sophomore
Major: Elementary Education with a minor in English
What is your zodiac sign? Capricorn
Why did you want to be publicity director? Because I really wanted to work with this executive board and I like being creative.
What is the most interesting thing about you? I don't have class before 11:20 a.m. any given day of the week and I still manage to get up around 8 a.m. everyday to get work done.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A kid—I don't ever want to grow up.
If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? I wish I could have all the books in the world that I've ever wanted to read and the time to read them, that everybody I care about will be happy and successful in life and I could get a job just playing with kids all day.
When you leave office, what do you want to be remembered for? For having an impact on Senate and having fun while I'm in office.
What is your favorite part of being publicity director? I like being on the executive board and I like meeting people.
What is your favorite food? Anything made by my mom.
What music do you like to listen to? Tracy Chapman
What is your favorite thing about Alfred? I like the size—it's not too small and it's not too big.
Who do you look up to? My mom because she's amazing. She's probably the nicest person I've ever encountered.
What is your favorite color? Dark green
What other organizations are you involved in? RHC, WALF and Hot Dog Day



PHOTO BY CARA STEIN

SuperKostiw flies away with Chandra Leister.

very small personality base—when I want to I can be whoever I want to be. I never feel I am limited by who I am because I can be whoever I want.
What do you want to be when you grow up? I don't know yet. I'd like to work in a foreign policy field.
If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? To take over the world, to colonize the moon and for two cars in every driveway and a nice can of SPAM on every table.

Wendell Holmes (former U.S. Supreme Court Justice) because he appeals to my overwhelming sense that things have to be fair and General Omar Bradley (a World War II general) because he was successful in his career but never let it turn him into someone he didn't want to be.
What is your favorite color? Green
What other organizations are you involved in? RHC, Leadership Circle, the Alfies Committee,

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hostile actions."

Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont, who arrived at the scene after most of the crowd had left, said he is still investigating the incident, and that issues of personnel are confidential. The officer in charge at the scene, Officer Rob Billings, who was cited in the complaint specifically, was unavailable for comment.

Individual minority students will soon be filing racial discrimination complaints with the APD, said Wells. Approximately three black students were sprayed, then two of them were arrested, even though they had not been fighting, she said.

Belmont said racial discrimination was not a factor in the arrests. "That's not true," he said of the charge. He also said he is not aware of racial discrimination within the department.

Williams, a black ASC student who was pepper sprayed and arrested, said he is "without a doubt" taking action against the APD, by contacting the NAACP. He said while the black students were having a "slight argument," the white students were fighting. He said he was arrested on a "false charge."

"They wanted to show a reason for so much spraying," he said. Williams was sent to St. James

Hospital after being sprayed. He said it took two hours for doctors to be able to get his eyes open after the incident, and he was still feeling the effects of the spray a few days later.

Cole, the other black ASC student sprayed and arrested, said "[the situation] shouldn't have gone that far." He said he guessed the police overreacted, because they are not used to that situation.

Cole also agreed the police's actions had been racially based. "We can't do [anything] on campus," he said.

Cole said he is currently not planning to take any action against the APD. "I'm trying to make it better—into a positive," he said, referring to a meeting last Thursday night to discuss the GJ's incident and racial discrimination in general at ASC. [See related story page 1].

Rebrovich, a white ASC student who was also arrested, said he was not sure if the police's actions had been racially-driven. "Maybe... but I can't say for sure," he said. Rebrovich said he was "in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Shinebarger, a Hornell resident who was at GJ's with friend Badeau, and who was pepper sprayed, also cited bad timing for his arrest.

Badeau could not be reached for comment.

The five arrested have been summoned to appear in court April 8. □

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of those feelings were worked out, he said. At the forum, the group discussed organizing three future forums this semester, depending on time, said Neverett.

One session would be with village officials, including Hall and Belmont. Another would focus on businesses in Alfred and include the president of the Business Association and the owner of GJ's. A third session would focus on ASC and include the academic vice president.

"Based on student reports, there are issues," Neverett said. However, he qualified the statement by adding that some of the issues are true for all college students, not just minorities.

Brody agreed that minority students had "valid concerns."

Brody said he was optimistic about the process. "I'm encouraged," he said. "I think students will make a positive difference."

Change is going to take a while, especially since the Alfred community seems scared of change, said Saunders. But, the community doesn't have a choice about accepting change, she added.

"This issue won't rest until we do see changes," she said.

The process also won't happen overnight, said Saunders.

"We will take one step at a time." □

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McGraw also blamed problems at GJ's, including the recent incident, on "President [William] Rezak's policy on recruitment" at ASC.

"It's not everybody, just a few who cause problems for everybody, who don't belong in school," he said. McGraw particularly criticized the school's policy of holding "instant admission days." This policy designates one day near the beginning of each semester when prospective students can bring in their application and a decision is made on that day. "What's that??" he asked.

McGraw said ASC's admission requirements should be "tightened up." While this may cause lower enrollment initially, in the long run it would be best for everyone, said McGraw.

Debbie Clark, director of public relations at ASC, speaking for Rezak, said McGraw's statements are "incorrect." ASC is "very selective," she said, even more selective than the five other colleges of technology in the SUNY system. Clark also said the required grade point average of prospective students will be raised from 72 to 74 percent next fall.

"Students still have to meet requirements," Clark also said, defending admissions during the instant admissions days. □

Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Last week's Senate meeting began with Finance Chair Jim Kostiw and Treasurer Kris Clark announcing that Senate had accrued a large debt and needed to freeze all organization budgets to pay it off. Luckily it was April 1 and the news was a joke.

President Mike Pellicciotti said even though Buffalo Crushed Stone has decided not to fund the development of the land they are donating to the University, the University is still planning to develop the area. A meeting to discuss the development is scheduled for 3 p.m. today in the Kenyon-Allen room.

Kostiw also said the new budget process will not take effect this semester. He said the bylaws for it have not been finished and the Cabinet is currently not strong enough to support it.

Budget hearings for regulated organizations will be April 18. The hearings for unregulated organizations will be April 26.

A student expressed concern about the treatment of students at Gentleman Jim's. She urged a boycott of the bar.

Kostiw suggested using reusable cards for voting instead of slips of paper. There was no opposition, and the executive board will look into the matter.

Zach Hampton announced there will be a new Hot Dog Day event this year. The First Annual Pine Hill Derby is scheduled for April 24 and will run from Hairpin Turn to Ade Hall. Limits will be placed on the weight and size of the single-passenger gravity-powered cars. Cars must also have brakes and steering and drivers must wear helmets, Hampton added.

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Link between beliefs and health explored

BY ELLEN BURCHETT AND JUSTIN MORTON

Religious beliefs are understood by most people today as playing a role in spiritual well-being and mental health, but what is their impact on one's physical health? This topic was discussed by four panelists March 26 in Nevins Theater.

About 30 people gathered to listen to Marc Olshan, professor of sociology, Reverend William Powell and Jehovah's Witnesses Carol and Donald Kratzer discuss different religious standpoints on medical care.

Olshan discussed medical practices among the Amish. He gave several examples of Amish cures including a rhyme which is believed to cure worms. Through the rhyme the sufferer speaks to the worms and essentially tells them to die.

Certain misconceptions about the Amish were also addressed. Olshan stated that while the Amish are skeptical of the medical community, there are no religious restrictions on the use of conventional medicine. "They use it, but they don't use it a lot," he explained.

Olshan explained that although many Amish live comfortably, they typically do not have income levels exceeding poverty status. As a result, it becomes virtually impossible for those who need serious medical care or hospital stays to pay the bills.

Olshan discussed new health care plans exclusively for the Amish to deal with this problem.

One interesting qualification of coverage Olshan noted was that the health care is not provided if the injury occurred while the individual was violating Amish beliefs, such as by operating a vehicle or drinking.

Donald and Carol Kratzer discussed the Jehovah's Witnesses' views on health and medical care.

One of the most important issues facing Jehovah's Witnesses is that they refuse to receive blood transfusions or blood products of any kind, they explained.

Jehovah's Witnesses refuse this kind of treatment based on scriptural grounds, saying just as the Bible condemns drunkenness, adultery and premarital sex, it states that blood is not to be eaten, they explained.

As a result of these beliefs, many Jehovah's Witnesses have become pioneers in the movement to develop bloodless surgery techniques, in which it is not necessary for patients to be transfused with extra blood.

According to the Kratzers, the effectiveness of bloodless surgeries can be seen because patients who do not receive extra pints of blood during surgery tend to recover faster and more completely than those who do.

Carol Kratzer claimed that as a result of new research, "All major surgery, including brain surgery, can be performed without blood." As a result, health care is becoming easier for those who refuse blood products, though there is still much to be done in making it more readily

available, she said.

The last speaker on the panel was William Powell, a former AU graduate student and minister at Mountain Valley Hospice who currently offers spiritual healing to patients at St. James Hospital. He discussed the importance of addressing physical illness and mental health at the same time.

Powell explained that recent studies have shown that spiritu-

ality increases the speed of healing. He showed portions of a news broadcast in which medical students at George Washington University were being taught how to use a patient's spirituality to help in the healing process.

The idea behind such methods is to "treat the whole person rather than just the illness," he said. According to Powell, strongly religious people have

shown greater success in recovery and have shorter hospital stays.

This idea offers opportunities for those in the health care business as well, he said. If ways are found to further reduce the average time of hospital stays, then hospitals, HMOs and insurance companies can offer cheaper treatments and more benefits to their patients, he explained. □

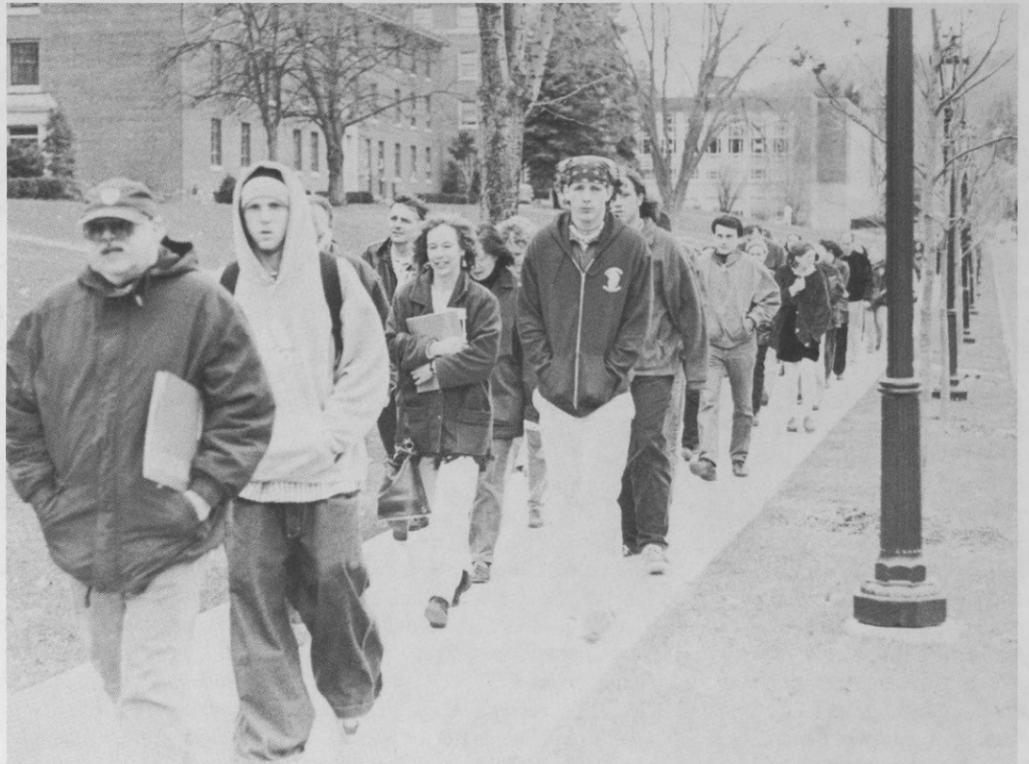


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A large group of prospective students and their families brave the cold to make the long trek from Harder Hall to Ade Hall for lunch. They were visiting the campus for an Open House for the athletic training, ceramic engineering and art and design departments last Saturday.



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Choi suggests utilizing technology for teaching

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

There are 168 hours in a week and students only spend three to four of those hours in any given class discussing material, pointed out Samuel Choi.

"It would seem like we need a little more interaction," he suggested in his March 31 lecture, "Harnessing the Hype: The Method and Madness of Teaching with Technology."

Choi's lecture focused on one application of technology in the teaching of liberal arts classes. Choi said he has been experimenting with listservs as a way to extend discussions beyond the classroom. He called it an attempt to circumvent the distinctions between class time and non-class time.

Choi explained that in his classes he subscribes all the students to a listserv which allows them to send e-mail to the entire class. This provides them with a way to communicate with the rest of the class—to ask questions, pose discussion topics or follow-up on a class discussion, he said. All of the messages are then saved and cataloged on a website maintained by the computer program.

Choi said he feels e-mail is an alternative method of discussion. "It isn't just more, it's something else," he said. E-mail often empowers those too shy to speak in class and allows people to go back to discussion and articulate their positions, he explained.

There are two different types of software for this purpose, clarified Choi. Push technology presents data regardless of user request,

while pull technology places the decision in the hands of the user. The example of pull technology Choi used was a class webpage where students could go to post or read discussions. His listserv method is an example of push technology because the e-mail goes to students whether they want it or not.

Choi said he favors push technology because it uses time that otherwise might not have been used for class work. He explained that while going to a webpage requires a conscious decision to do work for a class, checking e-mail is something students do on a regular basis, and therefore, a more effective method.

Mandating a certain number of posts by a certain day is not a good idea, Choi said. He explained that if students are asked to post by Saturday, they will all post Friday night without reading the other student's posts. "If the listserv doesn't get going... the professor is to blame," he said. He said he encourages students to post by telling them it is part of their participation grade and by asking certain students to post if the discussion dies down.

There is concern that certain students will dominate an e-mail discussion, Choi admitted. However, the same thing happens in a classroom discussion, he said.

Choi said most students become used to the different format relatively quickly. "Electronic communication... is part of our present and will be part of our future," he said.

Choi said one benefit of electronic discussions is that they provide

an easy way for all students to access previous discussions since all messages are archived on the website. He added that once there is a written record of discussions, those discussions can be referenced in papers and presentations.

But Choi does not advocate that electronic discussion be the sole method of communication. "This certainly doesn't replace face-to-face discussions," he cautioned. □

Choi's latest project is an electronic edition of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The website contains the complete 1818 and 1836 texts of the novel as well as background information and related articles.

The site allows people to go through the editions of the novel by page or by chapter. It also allows readers to jump to the same place in the other edition. In all there are about 50,000 links on the website, said Choi. The notes are three times the length of the novel and a printed copy of the website would use about 20,000 pieces of paper, Choi said.

All of the related articles that refer to specific sections of text link directly to that text as well, making it easier for the reader to see what the critic is describing.

Choi described the site as "a model for research and humanistic inquiry" and a "tool for scholars."

Choi said he does not think sites like this will replace books. He pointed out that the scroll and the book coexisted for six centuries. "Clearly [books and electronic books] are going to co-exist for a long time," Choi said.

PREVIEW

Evolution vs. creation in education discussed

BY PATRICK BOYLE

Evolution and the debate between it and creation is the topic of the seventh annual H.O. Burdick Memorial Lecture in Biology, titled "Creationism, Evolution and Public Education."

The lecture will be given by Eugenie Scott, a doctor of physical anthropology, on Monday, April 13 in Holmes Auditorium.

Scott is the executive director of The National Center for Science Education Inc., a non-profit organization that supports the teaching of evolution in public schools.

The lecture will discuss new opposition to the teaching of evolutionary theory and explore approaches to teaching evolution that lessen parental and student opposition.

Brad Bowden, professor of biology, is coordinating the lec-

ture. According to Bowden, when he announced the topic several of his colleagues mentioned the issue's controversial nature. Bowden said the topic is very important for public education and that the university is a place to discuss controversial issues.

Bowden emphasized that he also tries to locate speakers who will appeal to a broad spectrum of the Alfred community.

Bowden selected Scott to give the lecture after reading her article "Monkey Business" in "The Sciences," a journal published by the New York Academy of Sciences.

The essay highlights the most recent attempts by anti-evolutionists to impede the teaching of evolution in the public classroom. Tactics discussed include trying to portray evolution as an unsound scientific theory.

COURT REPORT

Open Container:

- Craig R. Martin, Rockville Center, posted bail (\$25)
- Brian L. Parker, Watertown, (\$50)
- Rachel A. Santa Maria, Alfred (\$25)

Petit Larceny:

- Timothy A. Palmiter, Andover, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$150)
- Daniel E. Cormie, Argyle, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$75)
- Raymond E. Denning, Andover, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$150)

Passed Stop Sign:

- Karen B. Cotton, Hornell, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$120)
- Frank X. Gioia, Deer Park, Texas (\$130)
- Margaret H. McCurdy, Branch Port (\$130)

Other:

- Danny W. Jordan, Atrens, Ga., disturbing the peace, posted bail (\$75)
- Derek L. Long, Lawrenceville, Pa., LSPDA (\$80)
- Dexter C. Morrison, Brooklyn, wrong way on a one-way street (\$130)



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The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Mar 21 to Mar 27.

Arrests:

Open Container:

- Rachel Santa Maria, 19, Alfred (Mar 22)
- Michelangelo Lamberty, 20, Alfred (Mar 22)
- Devon Downing, 20, Canton, Ohio (Mar 27)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Jay Kimler, 20, Walden (Mar 27)
- Brian Puff, 20 Newark (Mar 27)
- Jeremy Wirth, 21 Newark (Mar 27)
- Elijah Sims, 18, Rochester (Mar 27)

Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4th:

- Jason Davoli, 19 (Mar 24)
- Jason Amadon, 20, also unlawful possession of marijuana (Mar 24)

Other:

- Charles Culpepper, 19, Waller, Texas, blocking traffic (Mar 21)
- Daniel Cormie, 21, Argyle, petit larceny (Mar 21)
- Thomas Braziel, 29, Alfred Station, burglary third degree (Mar 22)
- Olive A. Braley, 29, Alfred Station, forgery third degree (Mar 22)

Complaints:

Intrusion Alarm Activation:

- N. Main St. (Mar 26)
- N. Main St. (Mar 26)

Disorderly Persons:

- Elm St. (Mar 21)
- N. Main St. (Mar 22)

- Mill St. (Mar 27)
- Mill St. (Mar 27)

Loud Party:

- Hillcrest Dr. (Mar 21)
- Hillcrest Dr. (Mar 21)
- S. Main St. (Mar 27)

Disabled Vehicle:

- Rte. 42 (Mar 23)
- Rte. 42 (Mar 23)
- Rte. 21 (Mar 27)

Parking Problems:

- N. Main St. (Mar 25)
- W. University St. (Mar 27)
- Church St. (Mar 27)
- Park St. (Mar 27)
- W. University St. (Mar 27)

Noise Complaints:

- Fraternity Row (Mar 21)
- N. Main St. (Mar 27)

Other:

- Assault, Fraternity Row (Mar 22)
- Vehicle in ditch, Rte. 12 (Mar 23)
- Children throwing snowballs at car, Rte. 244 (Mar 24)
- Fire Alarm Activation, Oak Apts. (Mar 25)
- Person illegally dumping garbage, N. Main St. (Mar 25)
- Aggravated harassment, AU campus (Mar 25)
- Underage drinking, W. University St. (Mar 26)
- Suspicious person, N. Main St. (Mar 27)
- Car damaged, Church St. (Mar 27)
- Suspicious vehicle, Alfred Station (Mar 27)

A total of 11 traffic citations were issued from Mar 21 to Mar 27.

End of world to come in 2000

Stock up on food, gas, money, advises computer science professor

BY ELLEN BURCHETT

What would you do if every computer in the world crashed and you were left without water, heat, electricity or any kind of communication for days, weeks or even months?

This is a very real possibility, explained George Ball, associate professor of computer science, at the March 19 Bergren Forum, "The Year 2000 Computer Crisis."

Ball discussed computer problems experts predict as a result of the arrival of the year 2000. Programmers who initially created software for computer systems were not expecting that these same programs would be used into the year 2000, he said.

As a result, the programs were coded to read dates by recognizing only the last two digits of a four-digit year. When the last two digits change from 99 to 00, the systems will either crash or "start over" by assuming that it is 1900 instead of 2000, Ball explained.

"I hate to be a doom-and-gloom-sayer," he said, "but this is serious business."

Ball cited one official as estimating "between 1500 and 2100 mid-sized companies will fail as a result of the year 2000 problem."

Government organizations, including the IRS, banks, social security and the stock market, are also predicted to have computer system failures, he said.

The impact on everyday life for those living in the United States will be tremendous, explained Ball. For instance, all unmodified com-

puter chips will fail, which will mean a loss of power, water, gas and oil to entire cities. Ball cited Rick Cowels, a specialist for electric and nuclear power, as saying "we have a 100 percent chance, in my estimation, of having power problems" as a result of the crisis.

"All unmodified computer chips will fail, which will mean a loss of power, water, gas and oil to entire cities."

Another of Ball's sources reported "a 60 percent chance of a worldwide recession" as a result of bank and business failure.

According to Ball, fixing the problem is a matter of changing the code in computer software to recognize a four-digit year instead of a two-digit year.

While this may sound simple, it is a tremendous job, Ball said.

These large databases could potentially take hundreds of thousands of hours to rewrite, he explained.

"Even if you have thousands of programmers, there's no way you can fix everything all at once... the IRS alone has a program consisting of 62 million lines of code," he explained.

According to Ball, companies are ignoring the problem rather than beginning to fix it and the longer they wait the more a crisis becomes inevitable.

Ball said people should push companies to start rewriting programs now so they can prepare for the crisis.

He also advised people to stockpile food, water and anything else that they may need for a full month without power. Also people should make copies of all important documents, such as birth certificates, social security cards, bank statements and prescriptions, in case the computers containing this information should fail, he said.

Ball stressed that one of the most important things is not to panic. If people are smart about preparing for a crisis, then they will make it through, he said. □

NEWS BLURBS

• Cassandra Arnold and Chris Petrak have won the Outstanding Senior award.

Arnold and Petrak, both business administration majors, were nominated by professors and selected by a committee of six administrators. Petrak was chosen from eight men and Arnold was chosen from 14 women nominated for the award. Both will speak at graduation.

• The Career Development Center and the Division of Performing Arts will be holding AU's first Performing Arts

Career Day on Friday, April 17 in the C.D. Smith Theatre.

A panel presentation will discuss careers in the performing arts and then students will have the opportunity to network with the panelists.

The presentation will be followed by a reception.

• According to Susan Strong, vice president for enrollment management, freshman tuition for the 1998-99 academic year will be held at the 1996-97 level of \$18,498.

The rates are in accordance with the University's strategic plan passed last March, which froze the tuition rate for freshmen.

Sophomore tuition will remain at \$19,414, and junior and senior tuition will increase almost five

percent, to \$20,375. Room and board for 1997-98 will be approximately \$6,700, a rise of 5.7 percent.

• Next semester there will be at least nine common interest suites, according to Residence Life statistics.

"More people are trying to find different living arrangements," said Tomas Gonzalez, acting director of Residence Life.

Students are choosing to live in suites based on common interests such as quiet study, Italian food, and physical fitness. There will also be seven groups of athletes living in common interest housing.

This year, there are only three suites of common interest housing.



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Elizabeth Etter explains the difference between the grand piano and the pianoforte at the Bergren Forum, held April 2 in Howell Hall.

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MLB may prove interesting

BY ANDY BERMAN

This past Tuesday as I was sitting in the campus center, it dawned on me that it was opening day for Major League Baseball. Suddenly I was excited.

This is the first time since the strike that I have been really excited about what is occurring on the ballfield.

Last season ended on a peculiar note. The one-time expansion team Florida Marlins won the World Series. Afterwards, the team owner, Wayne Huizenga, cut his team's salary in half by selling away the best players on the team.

Such a shake-up had never before occurred in baseball history.

This season has sparked my interest for many different reasons. Will Mark McGuire or Ken Griffey, Jr. hit that illustrious 62nd dinger of the season, and break Roger Maris' record?

Will Tony Gwynn hit .400?

Can Pedro Martinez play as well as all New Englanders hope, after receiving a \$75 million contract to go to the American League as the National League Cy Young Award winner?

Will Mo Vaughn become the next Red Sox great to skip town and head over to the Yankees?

And how well will Arizona and Tampa Bay do this year, considering the Marlins were in the same situation just three years ago?

And unfortunately, who will be the over-paid cry baby this season who will overreact to a bad call and cast a shadow over the sport for the rest of the season and seasons to come? We had Roberto Alomar's infamous spit a while back. Will someone be able to top that?

With all of these questions in mind, I plan to slap on my Boston Red Sox hat, put on a glove and throw myself the ball, while watching America's favorite game. And I will enjoy it. □

RESULTS

Men's Lacrosse

•Clarkson 14, Alfred 13
Scoring: Pierce 5, Vines 3, Felix 2; Morrison, 3 assists
•Alfred 16, Geneseo 2
Scoring: Morrison 3, Corcoran 2, Pierce 1

Women's Lacrosse

•Alfred 18, Allegheny 4
Scoring: Haarmann 3, Calkins 4, Lamendola 4; Haarmann, 2 assists
•Alfred 19, Canisius 0
Scoring: Calkins 7, Lamendola 5, Ordorica 3; Bond, 6 saves
•Alfred 14, U. of Rochester 8
Scoring: Calkins 6, Lamendola 5;

Bond, 11 saves; McKinley, 8 ground balls, 2 int.

•Oswego 12, Alfred 11
Scoring: D'Aurio 4, Calkins 2, Ordorica 2

Women's Outdoor Track

•Rochester Quad (AU 4 of 4)
Olson: 1st in 3000m, school record;
Ares: 1st in 400m, school record
•Ithaca Invite (AU 8 of 15)
Bonner: 3rd in pole vault, school record; Ares: 2nd in 200m

Men's Outdoor Track

•Rochester Quad (AU 4 of 4)
Shot put: Madejezyk 1st,

Homrighaus 2nd, Young 3rd; Winkky: 3rd in 1500m

•Ithaca Invite (AU 10 of 15)
Madejezyk: 2nd in hammer; Winkky: 3rd in 5000m

Men's Tennis

•Elmira 6, Alfred 3
Thurber: 6-7 (7-9) and 6-3, 6-3; Mulfinger: 6-3, 6-3
•Alfred 3, St. John Fisher 2
•Alfred 5, Frostberg State 0
•Allegheny 4, Alfred 1

Softball

•Grove City 11, Alfred 0
•Grove City 6, Alfred 5

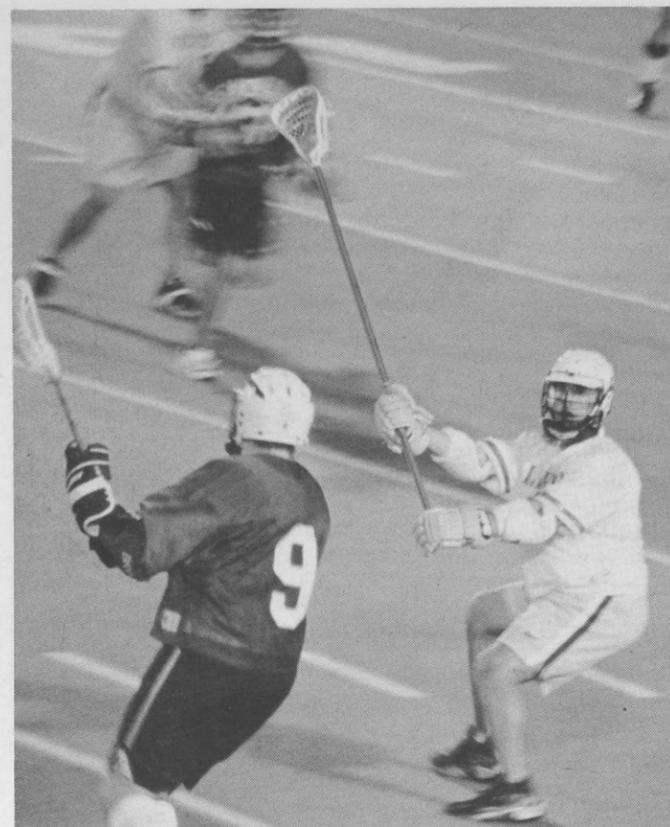


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Defensive Player Joe DiDomenico defends the Saxons' end of the field in last Wednesday's 16-2 rout over Geneseo. Alfred furthered their season on Saturday by beating Hartwick, 9-6, at home. The win put the team at 3-2 for the season and gave Alfred its first win in the Super Six Lacrosse League. AU went into the last quarter of the Hartwick game up by only one point. Four different players penetrated the Hartwick defense to score. The last two goals by AU were assisted by Jamie Pierce, who also set up two others during the game. Brad Morrison had three goals for the game and Sean Corcoran pitched in two.

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