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Freshman class larger but up to standards

BY SABRINA HARRISON

Despite its size, the class of 2002 is comparable to its predecessors in quality and geographic diversity, said Kitty McCarthy, director of admissions.

"We're thrilled and very excited for the whole university to have a class of this caliber here," McCarthy said.

Compared to 470 last year, 562 new freshman enrolled this fall, according to Dr. Susan Strong, vice president for enrollment management and associate provost.

The new freshmen class is the largest Alfred has seen in at least 25 years, she said.

According to McCarthy, the class of 2002 represents 26 states in the United States. Of the new students, 66 percent are from New York State.

The class of 2002 is consistent with previous classes academically. 85 percent of new freshman graduated in the top half of their class, which is comparable to the entering class of Fall of 1996, and compares to 87 per-

cent in the Fall of 1997.

The average SAT score of the new freshman is about 1123 compared to 1126 a year ago. Among the newly enrolled are nine National Merit Scholars, down from 11 last year and 19 the year before, she said.

Strong said the number of applications the University receives has been rising each year for the last four years. McCarthy said the University usually expects a yield of 30-31 percent of candidates to accept admission to AU. This year, 34 percent accepted, she said.

"In terms of numbers, more students accepted our offer than we anticipated," McCarthy said.

Strong touted AU's plethora of resources and beautiful campus as factors contributing to increased freshman enrollment.

"We have new and growing programs in the arts (electronic art, fine arts) and athletic training... The whole campus is being wired for electronic communica-

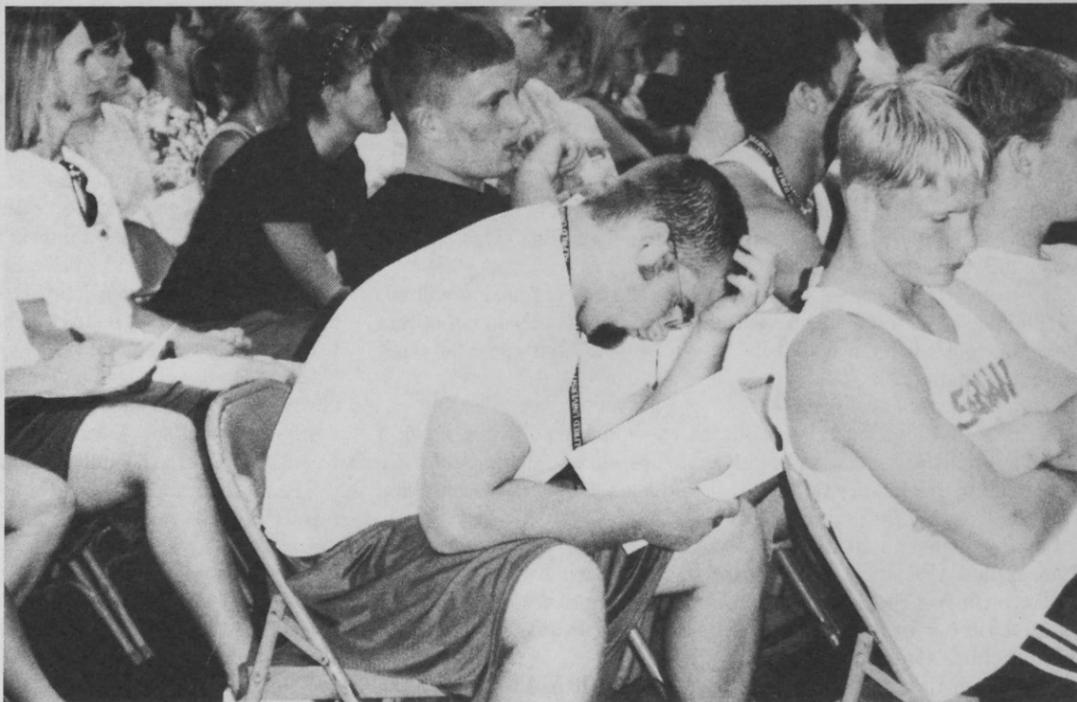


PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Members of the freshman class enjoy their first college lecture at Convocation their first day on campus. The freshman class is up to par academically, even though there are several more of them than we have seen in past classes. Director of Admissions Kitty McCarthy said she is thrilled by the new class, which boasts nine National Merit Scholars and an average SAT score of 1123. More accepted students chose AU than in the past.

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Dining services changes its look I.T.S. is doing well

BY MIRNA JOSE

Returning students saw numerous changes in dining services when they arrived back on campus.

The University offers a new meal plan this year which gives students the flexibility to eat whatever and whenever they want on campus.

The new block plan rations out meals for the semester as an alternative to last year's weekly plan.

According to information provided by Dining Services, students can use their cards to buy their friends' meals. The owner of the card must accompany any guest.

Unused meals expire at the end of each semester, but Dining Dollars from the fall semester

will be rolled over into the spring semester, unlike last year.

Students still have a variety of choices from vegetarian meals to burgers.

Things are different with other items, however.

This year, pizza will be coming from the new pizza ovens at both dining halls.

Even with changes to the food itself, some students still have complaints about the dining halls.

Many students are complaining that lines are longer and the service is slow. Others still want better food.

"It needs lots and lots of improvement," said freshman Miriam Valero. "It's definitely nothing like a home cooked meal."

"This is a college environment. Students usually are not very

happy with the food at their school, but it's up to the student to let the staff know what they really want," said Gordon McCluskie, director of dining services.

"Now they have an entire vegetarian section, and they have a salad bar every day, which happens to be really good. They just need to add more seasoning and flavor to the food," said senior Elisaida Poueriet.

"There is nothing we can do about it," said McCluskie in response.

"Whenever we cook an ethnic dish we have salt, pepper, and other spices that students can add to it. We can't add spice ourselves because not everyone likes spicy food," McCluskie explained.

"We try to make it average," he added. □

BY CHANDRA LEISTER

Computer Services at AU underwent many changes this summer.

To begin with, Computer Services is no longer the proper name of the office.

Instead, the same group will be known as Information Technology Services.

But don't believe the name change is the only new facet of computing at Alfred.

Most noticeable among the new changes is that the VAX terminals have been replaced by new workstations.

Over 300 new Gateway machines have been added to campus and more than 50 Macs are on the way, according to Dennis King, director of Network Services.

Another major change is not as visible to the Alfred community.

King added that a fiber optic infrastructure has been placed below the streets connecting almost all buildings.

The new fiber optic system is currently up and running, although not at full capacity. Currently, it is running at 10 megabits per second. By the end of September, the system will be running at 1000 million bits per second.

What does that mean to the average student?

It means that students can plug into the Internet from their residence hall rooms without tying up their phone lines.

To connect this way you need to have an ethernet card installed in your machine, as well as cable. Both are available for purchase at the new

Helpdesk.

The Helpdesk has changed locations. It is now located in the bottom floor of Herrick Library, in the former children's room, said Lana Meissner, vice president of Information Services. The children's room has been moved to the third floor.

All these changes "evolved from student request, faculty need, and a need to compete with other schools," continued King.

He added that technologically, Alfred is now in the top five percent of universities in the country.

Other perks of the new system include free access to web browsers, laptops, the Students for Technology Assistance program and a campus-wide network.

This allows students to access information from their personal computers anywhere on campus as long as their computers are on, said King. For example, students in Olin could work on papers that are saved on their personal computers, as long as they were on in their room.

The Students for Technology Assistance program is using Alfred, along with 10-15 other universities, as a pilot program in computing added Laurie McFadden, cataloger, head of Special Collections, and archivist.

John Mauro, a junior ceramic engineer, is one of the student leaders of the STA program, as well as Dan Edson.

The helpdesk will also have laptops available for students to

New voice mail system answers phones

BY SABRINA HARRISON

Returning students and faculty encountered new communications technology at their fingertips this semester: voice mail.

Every student residing on campus has the option to use voice mail, said Joyce Rausch, associate vice president for Business and Finance.

For the employee sector, every phone extension has voice mail capability. Offices like the Physical Plant, which do not have individual voice mail capability, do have a central department voice mail extension, she said.

The decision to implement a voice mail system at the University was made by Janice Stroh, vice president for Business and Finance, Rausch said.

"She was familiar with the system at a prior institution," Rausch said. "She saw its value and thought if she brought it to AU, it would make us more efficient."

Roughly 2000 voice mail boxes were contracted

from Octel System.

Due to the large volume of boxes, the system experienced occasional problems when the students arrived on campus, Rausch said.

These problems were solved by technicians and a representative from Williams' Communication, who subcontracts with Octel System to provide instruction and implementation, she said.

To introduce the new communications technology to students and employees, seven "orientation" sessions were held throughout the summer, Rausch said. These included a session for faculty to orient themselves to the capabilities of the system and a training session for Resident Directors. RDs were then given the responsibility of passing their expertise on to students, she said.

Graham Quirk, an RD for Barresi, said only a few students have approached his Resident Assistants with questions on how to use the new

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Sanctions harsh but necessary

What may be considered harsh by some seems justified to others. Many people may claim that the sanctions imposed by the University on members of the football team were tougher than necessary, but we feel they were warranted.

Twenty years ago a student died on this campus because other students made him drink. Last year, deaths from alcohol poisoning at colleges around the country refocused attention on the dangers of drinking on college campuses.

When Chuck Stenzel died 20 years ago, the University insisted it had no control over activities at off-campus locations. This time, it took a different stand.

In no uncertain terms, the University told students hazing will not be tolerated. The expulsion of a student and the suspension of others from the football team was a harsh punishment, but consider what could have happened.

Students could have died.

If the allegations are true, students were forced to drink. Even if the allegations are not true, rookies felt pressure to drink, and were permitted to drink more than they should have. Students were toying with the lives of other students.

Forcing someone to drink is hazing—no questions asked. When Stenzel died, the University refused to admit hazing was involved at all. According to Stenzel's mother, Coll's recent press conference was the first time a University official had used the word 'hazing' in the context of her son's death.

Luckily, in the most recent incident, no parent had to receive the devastating news Stenzel's mother was given twenty years ago. If University officials had not visited students' rooms to check on them, the results of one party could have devastated the school and its reputation.

Suspension from the football team is nothing compared to murder or manslaughter charges.

It seems the entire country has heard about our hazing incident already. Spots on ESPN and CNN spread the news rather quickly. But which message would you prefer the country received about Alfred? AU won't tolerate hazing, or AU lets students harm other students? At least the former sends a message to students at other schools considering hazing their rookies. In their swift and decisive actions, University officials managed to send a message not only to the community, but to the country.

So was the punishment too harsh? The University hazing policy states that a group found guilty of hazing will no longer be associated with AU. If members of a Greek house had been found guilty of hazing their pledges in a similar incident, you would not see their letters on campus any longer. Only a handful of football players face serious sanctions. The rest forfeited the first game and may attend alcohol education classes, but they will still be allowed to play football this year.

In a sense, then, the football team should be thankful for what has happened. There are still games to be played; the schedule is still intact. Campus policy would have allowed a much more strict punishment for what transpired.

Think about it for awhile before criticizing the University. If a student or group of students had caused you harm, would you prefer the University looked the other way? Or would you prefer that the school kept your safety in mind with your tuition bill?

The University's actions were warranted and the message they sent should serve as a comfort to all: Alfred University will not tolerate hazing. By that, they mean to be mindful of the safety of all students.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Policy should be applied to all

DEAR EDITOR:

I am sure everyone read the last issue of the *Fiat Lux*, especially the front-page article about the incident at the football house. This article as well as the statements made by President Edward G. Coll Jr. discusses issues about hazing.

Also, at the press conference, Coll made several statements comparing this incident to the one that lead to the death of an Alfred University student 20 years ago during a pledge function that went terribly wrong.

I agree that the incident 20 years ago is a prime example of hazing and this is why there is such an explicit hazing policy here now.

However, I do not think that one can compare these two occurrences. One was a typical event that often occurred at Greek houses during pledging 20 years ago, just usually not with such consequences.

I feel that much has been done to correct this problem here at AU. We have a strict no hazing policy that I had to sign at the beginning of my pledge period.

Greek life has changed a great deal, but there will always be the insinuation that alcohol hazing is the norm at Greek houses. We have to fight that image frequently. Greeks do much more than just party.

The recent occurrence here at AU was not at a fraternity house, and the suggestion that it was angers me.

I am curious as to whether these freshmen involved knew what the hazing policy was here at Alfred. In my mind this event is not a singular one. The only difference is this time the people involved

got caught.

I have heard many stories of other AU teams having parties either at the beginning or end of their season in which the rookies are expected to drink in excess amounts to prove something to the other members of the team. If this isn't hazing, I'm not sure what is.

As I said, as a pledge I had to read and sign the hazing policy at this school. Do the rookies on sports teams have to do the same? To my knowledge they do not.

If these two groups of individuals, being Greeks and sports teams, have different rules to follow, then why is it that when something bad happens at the football house it is suddenly compared to the Greek houses here in Alfred?

If we are going to compare the two then why not make everyone follow the same rules? If hazing is occurring then wouldn't one think that those in potential positions to be hazed, such as the rookies on a team, should be aware of the hazing policy here at Alfred? I think so.

If everyone is going to relate the football house to Greek life here then I say we treat them like a fraternity and make their new members sign a hazing policy and have them regulated by the University as if they were a Greek house.

Why should Alfred Greek life get a bad rap for something we had nothing to do with?

Sincerely,
Penny Schader
Class of 2000

LETTER TO THE EDITOR—POINT

Louis Powel dies, his policies live on

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week retired Supreme Court justice Louis Powel died of pneumonia at the age of 90. I will always remember justice Powel as the swing vote on the court that was responsible for one of the greatest injustices in the history of this country. Since the civil rights laws were passed in 1964 establishing the right of all people to equal justice under the law, there had been those who attempted to use these laws as a cover for inflicting racism and discrimination against white males. Quietly, programs and policies began to sprout up all over the country giving preferences of one kind or another to women and minorities. Even though such policies flew in the face of the civil rights laws, they were allowed to continue.

What judge Louis Powel and the Supreme Court did in 1978 (through the Bakke decision and later through the Webber decision) was to give legal sanction to these racist policies. The Supreme Court basically established two classes of individuals in this country, women and minorities who are accorded unconditional protection from discrimination in all facets of society, and white males who are denied such rights.

Today discrimination against white males is rampant throughout our society. From school admissions, to scholarship awards, to business recruiting policies, to job promotions white males are routinely discriminated against. We have grown so accustomed to this that it is hard to imagine our country without affirmative action.

In interviews taken since the

1978 rulings, justice Powel expressed surprise that these affirmative action decisions caused so little uproar among American white males. I suppose he felt we accepted them because we knew we were guilty and deserving of punishment. It is time that this complacency end. Americans of all classes who believe in true justice should stand up and demand that discrimination be ended once and for all. Through the political process, through political protest, and through organizations such as the American Civil Rights Coalition based in Sacramento, we must stand up together and demand an end to this filthy legacy of "justice" Louis Powel.

Sincerely,
Jeff Burhans
AU Alumni

COLUMNIST—COUNTERPOINT

White men not being discriminated against



BY JAY WEISBERGER

Statistics say that before the year 2050, whites will be outnumbered by a plethora of other ethnic groups.

Since this is the case, equality and tolerance are good goals to achieve. We can't have a totally heterogeneous society in which no one gets along.

Unfortunately, there have always been those who aren't as tolerant.

To combat this, our government has passed laws to prevent discrimination in the workplace, the Affirmative Action laws.

The laws have a good purpose: to get minorities in places that had blocked their entrance because of gender or ethnic reasons.

At one time these laws were absolutely necessary to get minorities into more prestigious

jobs.

These laws have come under fire in the 90s. Many feel that we have achieved equality in the workplace. Others critique the laws because they feel that the laws discriminate against the majority.

Many will contend after not be hired that they were denied simply because they were too male and too pale.

Is it frustrating to think you might have not gotten a job because a company needed to make a minority hire? Yes, it is.

But let's not say that white men are being rampantly discriminated against.

Research shows that white men are still making the big money in the United States.

It's fair to say that white men still wield the power in the United States.

Is this discrimination?

Being a white man, myself, I am not proud of the fact that we have

so many advantages.

The point is, even with the occasional controversy over Affirmative Action hires, society still gives the edge to white men.

How many white men do you know that have been pulled over on an interstate strictly because they were white and driving a nice car?

Probably very few.

Meanwhile, this kind of thing happens to African Americans routinely.

I hope that, eventually, we won't need Affirmative Action. It would be nice to have a society where all would be seen as equal by all.

Some of us try to see things like that.

But until then, let's not foster more problems by saying that white men are now being discriminated against.

We've had so many advantages for so long; perhaps it's time to give some of them up for good in the name of competition. □

Bandstand improvements funded

BY ANYA CRESSOTTI

Due to the donations of two Alfred alumni, a University landmark is getting a new look.

Thomas W. and JoAnn Kester Ingle, graduates of the class of 1960, have made a donation to refurbish the bandstand, said Bill Dillon, director of Physical Plant.

The bandstand and its surrounding one-acre park are one of the first sights to greet visitors and students as they enter the University on Saxon Drive.

The bandstand was originally constructed in 1982, and the whole park was eventually dedicated as a "living memorial" to long time Alfred residents and conservationists Eddy and Alice Foster.

Since the time of its construction, it had become hidden behind the overgrowth of trees and fallen into disrepair.

A project that started earlier this summer is changing all that.

At the end of June, preliminary meetings were held to approve the plans to refurbish the area, said Dillon.

Dillon said difficulties finding a suitable contractor in the midst of the busiest season for construction held up the process for several weeks after that.

It was not till August 3 that a contract was signed with the company of Duggan and Duggan, said Dillon.

"This was really a rush job," Dillon said. Despite the rush, the work being done is extensive and exciting, said Dillon.

Dillon explained the bandstand and surrounding trellises are being completely renovated, and several new additions are being made, including an additional area of trellis on the front.

Also, a small stone wall bearing a plaque to commemorate

the Ingles' gift will be erected, facing the road.

A bench will provide a quiet place to sit. A walkway, paved with the interlocking bricks so familiar on campus, will be extended from the Brick to join the bandstand to the rest of the campus.

The floorboards and trellis roofing were all suffering from dry rot caused by poor air circulation, said Dillon.

Dillon said the roof boards are being replaced with new pieces of redwood which are especially weather-resistant.

At the same time the old floor boards have been removed. The new floor will be a durable composite of wood and plastic that has proved its strength through its extensive use in the walkways of Disney World, Dillon said.

In addition, the trees around the bandstand have been cut back, and the bushes that used to obscure it have been removed.

Dillon said the benefits of this portion of the work will open up the area and make the bandstand more visible from the street. It will also improve air flow and reduce the risk of dry rot.

Dillon finished by explaining that new lighting will be added so that the bandstand may be used at night.

The bandstand and the yard in front of it have been used throughout the years by students and townspeople alike for performances during fairs, picnics and games.

On Hot Dog Day, the bandstand serves as a stage for local and University performers.

Throughout the spring, the yard is the site of pick-up volleyball games.

Many students are enthusiastic about the remodeling because



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD
The Village bandstand undergoes renovation. Many students saw the project when they arrived but few knew what exactly was happening to the local landmark.

they believe it will make the bandstand more accessible.

Sophomore Melissa Pritchard said—although she herself has never used the bandstand, she has seen people perform there. "If [the renovation] makes it nicer and more people can use it, it's a good idea," Pritchard said.

Dave Snyder, editor and publisher of the Alfred Sun, called it a "community gathering place."

The campus ministry program, he said, often holds meetings there and is already planning to use the improved facility as soon as it is ready.

He said he is excited about the improvements and calls it a "tremendous asset to the community."

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for today. The Ingles are expected to attend. □

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tions, new computers are being leased, and many students will be involved in the new Student Technology Assistants program," Strong said.

"New buildings and renovations are in place to support the programs. The campus looks great."

McCarthy said the new fresh-

man class is a reflection of the effort the entire University made.

"The staff really loved working with this class," she said.

McCarthy said she predicts that the class of 2002 will be involved in and out of the classroom.

Members of the class of 2002 sang the praises of Alfred when asked why they chose to invest four years into this University.

David Olson, a freshman Art

and Design major, said he chose Alfred because of the School of Art and Design.

"I like the setting ... I wanted to get out of the city," he said. Olson is a native of Seattle, Wash.

Adam Schaeffer, also a freshman Art and Design major, immediately responded, "glass blowing."

"It's the best [glass-blowing] program in the country," he said. □

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borrow or rent, said Meissner. This "Computers for Commuters" program will allow commuters to borrow laptops overnight, off campus.

Ten more laptops will be divided between in-library loan, and rental on campus loan, all available to students.

"The helpdesk is the focal point of making all this happen," added Meissner, referring to STA and the student workers at the helpdesk.

These changes may help students who do not have computers purchase them, as both Gateway and Apple are offering support systems so students can pay for computers over a two to four year plan, continued Meissner.

Students have the opportunity to upgrade after they complete payment.

Student reaction is generally positive.

"It's fabulous. I wish they had it my freshmen year," said senior political science major Jim Kostiw.

Molly DeStafney, a junior history major said, "It is convenient, but I wish that it had been ready when we came back." □

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system.

"Basically, students figured it out on their own," he said.

University faculty have had mixed reactions to the new system.

Pamela Schultz, assistant professor of communications, said the system is "nice for faculty because it takes the heat off the secretaries."

However, Schultz said she did not see the benefits for students because she could not contact students whose boxes had not been initialized yet. She conceded that it might be beneficial once the system was up and running.

Susan Mayberry, professor of English, said she believes the system will be an "aid to efficiency" once everyone gets used to it. However, there could be a downside to the system.

"If there's a downside, it's one more machine getting in between meeting people," Mayberry said.

Students also express varied reactions to the voice mail system. The advantages of voice mail for students over the use of an answering machine

include being able to send messages to others on campus without the receiver's phone ringing. Also, when a student's phone is in use, the voice mail system is still able to receive messages, Quirk said.

Despite these advantages, Heather Eckert, a junior Business major, disconnected her box in favor of an answering machine.

"I'm used to it. I have more control over it," she said. Eckert expressed concern over the possibility that someone could break into her box.

Samantha Morse, a freshman biology major, said she does not use the voice mail because she already had an answering machine. However, the voice mail system is a good idea, she said.

Jessica Callanan, a senior English major, is satisfied with the new system.

"I guess I'm glad to have it. People can leave messages easily. You don't have to have an extra machine and it's modern," she said.

Rausch acknowledged that some people have decided not to use the system. She stresses the compatibility of the system for its users.

"I think it's a little early to see how everybody adapts... we're continuing to learn how to make it most useful to all of us," she said. □



WORLDNOTES

LOCAL:

At a hearing held last week in the Village of Alfred, the football players arrested after accusations of hazing and supplying alcohol to minors all pleaded not guilty to charges filed against them. Proceedings will continue in October for three of the players, and in November for the two charged with felonies. Meanwhile, the University has sent letters home to all University parents informing them that hazing will not be tolerated at Alfred.

•Think twice before jumping into the Genesee River. The river ranks second among U.S. rivers with cancer causing pollutants. The pollution has been blamed on the Rochester-based Kodak company. Kodak claims they are working on finding ways to reduce pollutants being released into the water.

•The city of Hornell will be providing free bus transportation on Saturdays for AU students who wish to shop in Hornell but do not have access to cars.

•The 1998 JoAnn Miller Memorial Lecture on Ethical Issues in Medicine is scheduled to be held on Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theatre.

NATIONAL:

The United States may be one step closer to the end of the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal. On Friday, Ken Starr's report on his investigation of the President was released.

Congressmen and citizens were shocked by graphic details of Clinton's sexual encounters with the young intern.

White House officials defending the President claim the report is merely a personal attack on Clinton and it lacks any ground for impeachment.

The report itself cites 11 separate offenses that are impeachable, including lying under oath and obstruction of justice. Clinton is also accused of not meeting his obligations to faithfully execute the laws of the land.

Congress may decide to go forward with impeachment hearings this week.

Fifty-one percent of those polled now think Clinton should be impeached if he encouraged Lewinsky to lie, as compared to 43 percent in August. Clinton's approval rating is at 57 percent and 79 percent of those polled said they disapprove of the way he behaves.

INTERNATIONAL:

Volkswagen, the German auto maker, has started an \$11.9 million fund to compensate slave laborers who worked for VW during WWII.

The move came from pressure from Holocaust survivors and former laborers who wanted compensation for their hardships.

Most of the former slaves are now elderly and live in former Eastern Bloc countries and Russia.

According to VW spokesman Klaus Kocks, the fund is a gesture in recognition of the company's shared moral responsibility.

Students voice opinions

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

The 152nd school year has begun at Alfred University.

Both returning and new students came to campus this August to find a great deal of improvements and changes had been made in their absences.

Some changes they liked, and some they didn't. Whatever their opinions on individual issues, students said they share many general concerns as the year begins.

Food has always been an important issue for college students. Overall, students rated the dining halls as "about what you would expect."

Freshman Jay Spike said he thinks the hamburgers are terrible, but everything else is usually good. He said he especially liked the salad bar, and the inclusion of goldfish crackers at the bar.

Anthony Lowery, also a freshman, agreed. "You can't go wrong with salad," he said.

Jen Kahn, a junior, said she was frustrated over the differences between Powell and Ade dining halls. She said she lives in the suites, but, "I can't stand Ade, and I will walk [across campus] to Powell."

Kahn said she enjoys the atmosphere more at the Powell dining hall. She also said that although both dining halls claim to serve the same food, Powell seems to have more vegetarian food, and better food overall.

Ian Fink and CJ Freeman, both sophomores, said the food is "edible." Freeman expressed displeasure at the lack of chain restau-

rants in Alfred.

Many returning students said the new meal plan options, which function as semesterly blocks instead of weekly ones, are a better idea.

Laura Ruse, a sophomore, said she likes the new meal plan better because she won't lose meals at the end of every week.

However, she said, we'll have to wait and see at the end of the semester what will happen if students don't budget their meals well and run out of meals.

Students also agreed AU is a friendly, pretty campus.

Spike said his favorite thing about Alfred is the "mix of people."

Lowery said he also enjoyed the friendliness of the campus. He said, however he received a parking ticket for parking in a Resident Director spot, and he was not happy about that.

Ian Spinelli, a freshman, said he thinks the view of AU from Alfred State College is beautiful. He said his favorite thing about AU is the appearance of the campus. He also likes walking up all the hills, he joked.

Ruse said she enjoys what she called the "open-mindedness" of the Alfred community, while freshman Gennie Gilliland said her favorite thing about AU is the people.

Freeman and Fink also praised the enrollment procedures that admitted the largest freshman class in years. They said the procedures admitted many different kinds of people who they will enjoy getting to know. Returning students said many of the improve-

ments made over the summer break were very needed and very useful. Ruse said she especially appreciates the remodeled bathrooms in the Brick.

Kahn said the computer upgrades and Ethernet connections were the most useful to her. However, she said she does not appreciate the new voice-mail system.

"I hate it," Kahn said. She said it is confusing and hard to use.

Despite their enjoyment of the campus, students still have concerns. For new students, these concerns often focus on the sudden independence of college life.

Spike said the hardest adjustment for him has been "having to get myself out of bed," in addition to doing his own laundry, making his own schedule, and just "watching out for myself."

Spinelli agreed. He said he has to rely on his own decisions, because now he doesn't have his parents to rely on.

Ruse said although she has attended AU for a year, she still hasn't gotten used to the weather. "It's really cold," she laughed.

Students had suggestions of what the University should focus on upgrading or building next. Both Freeman and Fink said they would love to see a rock-climbing wall at the University.

Kahn expressed her concern that some sections of campus are still not very well lighted. She also said, though it may not be the University's concern, "the sidewalks on [South] Main Street are not well-lit enough," and could be very dangerous. □

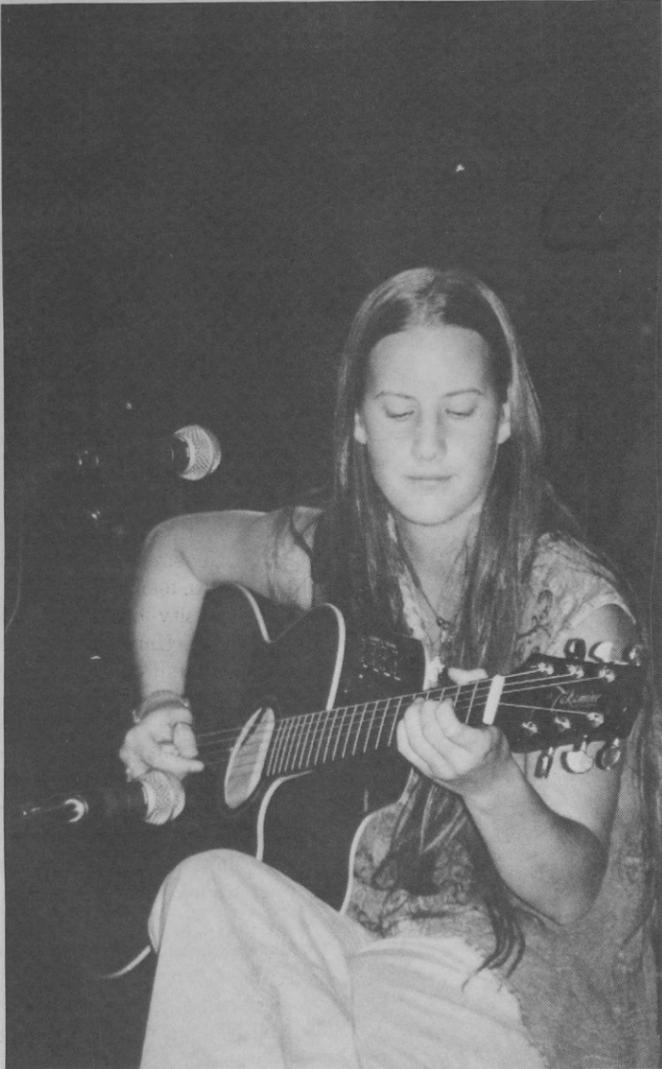


PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Musician Ellen Oaks performs at the SAB coffeehouse last Saturday. Oaks played several covers as well as her own material. A sizable group of students showed up to hear the alto-voiced folk singer and sip coffee. The coffeehouse is a weekly event taking place either in the Knight Club or Li'l Alf Cafe. It routinely features acoustic acts and has semesterly open-mic nights. This week's coffeehouse will feature Rebecca Martin.



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Students attend the Hawaiian Luau Cultural Cafe Saturday night. For atmosphere, the award-winning event was held at the pool inside the McLane Center. The event, open to all students, featured cultural food and music. The event was sponsored by the ALANA team. The event was followed by the Shades of Ebony Pool Party.

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Students have many chances to be onstage

BY KENNETH LEIDIG AND JASMINE LELLOCK

This year will again be busy for the performing arts department. Students interested in performing or helping with productions have many opportunities here at AU.

Division Productions

Each year the Division of Performing Arts at Alfred University sponsors up to four mainstage plays which are directed by theater professors.

Open auditions allow both theater and non-theater majors the opportunity to participate in technical and artistic areas of production.

Usually, the cast and crew prepare intensively for about five weeks before the show opens.

Becky Prophet, director and professor of performing arts, said practices have already begun for the first division production, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." The production is scheduled to open October 7.

Classes

Another opportunity to work with the division is through one of the many theater classes.

Students in acting and directing classes perform one-act plays and scenes throughout the semester, Prophet also said.

Technical theater students participate in lighting, sound, costume and scene design for the various productions, as well.

In addition to the faculty-sponsored activities, several clubs organized by

students provide a creative outlet and a chance to become highly involved in AU performing arts.

Alfredian Dramatists

The Alfredian Dramatists, headed by sophomore theater and English major Clinton Powell, serves as a student liaison to the performing arts faculty.

Advised by Professor of Performing Arts Stephen Crosby, the group informs the faculty of the interests and needs of students involved in the performing arts, Powell said.

Powell explained the Dramatists also help to organize workshops and speakers, as well as make suggestions about which plays the division should produce.

The group also hosts events like the Performathon, a marathon of performances with the goal of fund raising, Powell said.

Another favorite event is an original rendition of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Other activities take place to provide venues of performance for the members, he said.

On the outlook of this year's membership, Powell asserted, "It's going to rock our world."

Improvisational Troupe

A new group on campus is an improvisational troupe. A co-organization of the Dramatists, this group replaces the Improvisational Theater Company.

Founders of the troupe Jay Weisberger, a sophomore communications major, David Hampton, a sophomore biology major, and Jasmine Lellock, a junior chemistry major, plan to

tailor the events towards improvisational games and shows.

Members will be encouraged to help with the organization and development of the troupe, Hampton said.

Unlike Friday Night Live or Pirate Theater, the shows of this company will not be scripted previous to the performances, he said. This will allow a unique opportunity to explore the ability to respond unprompted.

Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live is a club that creates comedy sketches which loosely follow the format of its namesake, "Saturday Night Live."

Established at AU by Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano, FNL is written, produced, directed, designed, and performed by students, Napolitano said.

Each show features a special host from the Alfred community, often faculty or staff of the University, he said.

In addition, there is always a band that plays between skits. Producing five or six shows per year, FNL has an open participation policy, said Karolyn Reddy, a junior English and philosophy major. Interested students can offer as much or as little time to the group as they are willing.

Reddy, the managing director, remarked, "This year is going to be really cool. In the past, FNL has been notoriously disorganized, but we are organized this year. Everyone seems energetic and devoted, and we're looking forward to a great first show."

The first show is on October 2 at 10:30 PM in Holmes Auditorium, she said.

Pirate Theater

Teresa Vincent, director of Pirate Theater, said the sketch comedy troupe's outlook for the year is "very good."

Performing about three times a semester, the auditioned cast performs student written skits, Vincent said.

Because of the auditioned cast, Vincent explained, members of the smaller cast get bigger parts in more sketches than an unauditioned show.

Vincent said the show is based on Saturday Night Live, but they do not have a band perform during the show.

"The cast is really functioning as a unit and it makes the show better," said Vincent.

Dance Team

Last semester, interested students attempted to form a dance team, but they did not succeed.

Linda Ramos, a senior business administration major, said she has the enthusiasm to try again.

Unlike a similar group on campus, the Steppers, the dance team will focus on jazz, hip-hop, and funk, as well as kick line routines.

"I'm giving it a new look," Ramos said, "Last year, it was lyrical and had a ballet style."

Ramos said she wants her team to perform at basketball games.

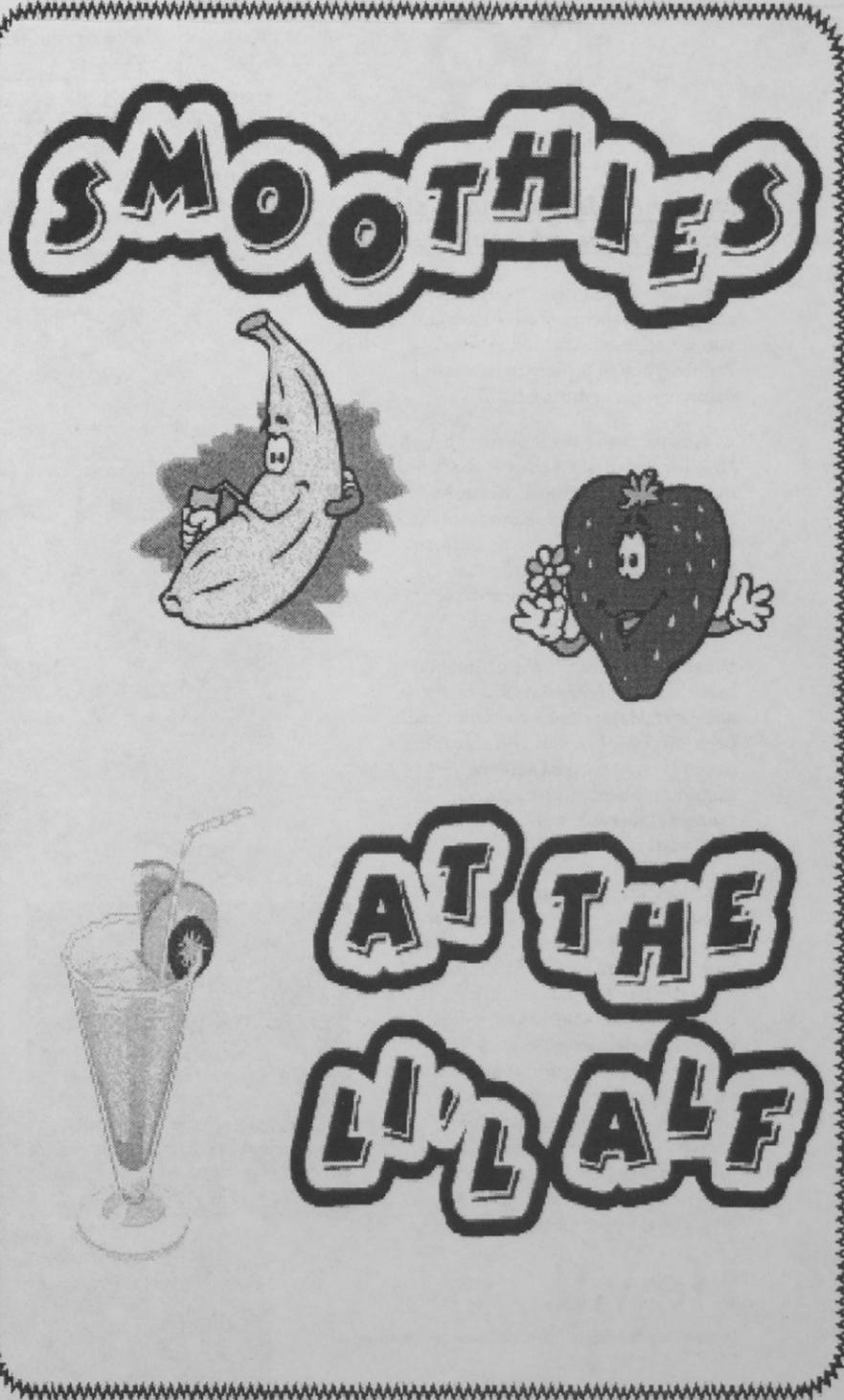
The dance routines will be set for basketball time-out sessions.

With support from Susan Caligaris, assistant professor of dance, Ramos is looking for 12 to 15 girls to start the team. No dance experience is necessary.

"You have to love to dance and you need good rhythm," Ramos said. □

MTV Video Music Awards Winners

- BEST VIDEO OF THE YEAR** - Madonna "Ray of Light" (Director Jonas Akerlund)
- BEST MALE VIDEO** - Will Smith "Just the Two of Us" (Director Boh Giraldi)
- BEST FEMALE VIDEO** - Madonna "Ray of Light" (Director Jonas Akerlund)
- BEST GROUP VIDEO** - Backstreet Boys "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)" (Director Joseph Kahn)
- BEST RAP VIDEO** - Will Smith "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" (Director Hype Williams)
- BEST DANCE VIDEO** - Prodigy "Smack My Bitch Up" (Director Jonas Akerlund)
- BEST ROCK VIDEO** - Aerosmith "Pink" (Director Doug Nichol)
- BEST ALTERNATIVE MUSIC VIDEO** - Green Day "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)" (Director Mark Kohr)
- BEST NEW ARTIST IN A VIDEO** - Natalie Imbruglia "Torn" (Director Alison McLean)
- BEST VIDEO FROM A FILM** - Aerosmith "I Don't Want to Miss A Thing" (from "Armageddon") (Director Francis Lawrence)
- BEST R&B VIDEO** - Wyclef Jean featuring Refugee Allstars "Gone Till November" (Director Francis Lawrence)
- BEST DIRECTION** - Madonna "Ray of Light" (Director Jonas Akerlund)
- BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY** - Fiona Apple "Criminal" (Cinematographer Harris Svides; Director Mark Romanek)
- BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS** - Madonna "Frozen" (Special Effects Steve Murgatroyd, Dan Williams, Steve Hiam, Anthony Walsham; Director Chris Cunningham)
- BEST ART DIRECTION** - Bjork "Bachelorette" (Art Director Samantha Gore; Director Michel Gondry)
- BEST EDITING** - Madonna "Ray of Light" (Director/editor Jonas Akerlund)
- BEST CHOREOGRAPHY** - Madonna "Ray of Light" (Director Jonas Akerlund)
- BREAKTHROUGH VIDEO** - Prodigy "Smack My Bitch Up" (Director Jonas Akerlund)
- VIEWER'S CHOICE** - Puff Daddy and the Family featuring the Lox, Lil' Kim, the Notorious B.I.G. and fuzzbubble "It's All About the Benjamins" (Director Spike Jonze)
- VIDEO VANGUARD AWARD** (lifetime achievement) - the Beastie Boys.



Senate UPDATE

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Student Senate opened the year with clarifications and announcements to benefit students.

PolyPro director Bethany Carpenter clarified the rules for posting fliers on campus, and Student Senate President Mike Pellicciotti announced that Senate may be sponsoring a weekly Venture Van to Hornell, at the first two meetings of the year.

At the first meeting of the year, Pellicciotti also announced that the proceeds from one half of all student subscriptions to the *Alfred Sun* will go back into Senate funds. He encouraged students to support Senate while keeping in touch with events happening in and around Alfred.

Sue Smith, judicial coordinator, addressed Senate in order to clarify new Student Life Policies for those who had not been informed yet.

Smith also explained that Robinson Champlin Hall, on Alfred State campus, is covered by AU Security and Rescue Squad. Because of the additional freshmen this year, several upperclassmen have moved to the ASC residence hall, which is being leased by the University.

Jerry Brody, dean of students and vice president for Student Affairs, spoke briefly to give "praise, compliments and thanks" to Security, Rescue Squad, Resident Assistants and

Resident Directors for helping to deal with the recent alcohol poisoning incidents. He said their actions may have helped to save lives.

Residence halls showed enthusiasm at the first Senate meeting. Though each hall only needs one or two representatives, Kruson Hall had eight representatives attending the first meeting, and Tefft Hall had four.

At the second meeting, Carpenter explained that regulations prohibit posting fliers on the windows in the campus center. She said organizations should avoid wasting money on posters that will "just be ripped down."

Carpenter said students should post on the bulletin boards in the campus center.

In the academic buildings organizations may only post on the bulletin boards, but they must have the permission of the secretary of the building, she added. "If you post in inappropriate places, they will be taken down," said Carpenter.

Chandra Leister, secretary, explained the Senate attendance policy. Organizations will have their voting rights taken away for the next semester after their representative's third absence, she said.

Leister also explained that if you give 24 hours notice, you may be excused from Senate for emergencies. She also said that organizations do not need to have the same representative every week.

Pellicciotti announced that the AU hockey club and Swing Club are new additions to Student Senate.

Speaker tells of suffrage fight

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

How would a supporter of women's suffrage go about convincing the government to grant women the right to vote?

How about pasting the signatures of 25,000 people on a giant roll of wallpaper and dramatically unrolling it in Parliament?

This was the tactic used by Kate Shepard, a crusader for women's suffrage in New Zealand in 1893, as described by Martha Mueller at the first Women's Studies Roundtable of the year, titled "A Far Out Year for Women's Suffrage."

Mueller explained that she first became interested in Kate Shepard when she visited New Zealand to tour museums and exhibits about Antarctica.

She said she saw information about a Kate Shepard memorial, and wondered what it was. So she visited it to investigate.

Mueller said the monument was unveiled on September 19, 1993, 100 years after New Zealand women won the right to vote.

Mueller explained that, as in the United States, women in New Zealand became active in the suffrage movement because of their earlier involvement in anti-slavery and temperance movements. Kate Shepard was very involved in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mueller said.

Shepard and others formed a new organization called the Women's Franchise League, said Mueller. They sent five petitions to the Parliament of New Zealand.



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Martha Mueller, a retired AU professor, gives her lecture at the first Women's Studies Roundtable of the year. Her lecture centered on women's suffrage in New Zealand.

The final one contained 25,000 signatures and was the one dramatically unrolled on the floor of Parliament.

Only six weeks after the passage of the act allowing women to vote, 109,461 women of the 124,439 eligible voted. Such a percentage in the United States would be amazing, Mueller said.

The original bill did not allow women to run for Parliament,

Mueller said, but Shepard lived to see it happen in 1919.

Shepard died in July of 1934, but her ideas live on, Mueller said.

Shepard is on the New Zealand currency, and has a flower named in her honor: the Kate Shepard white camellia. The members of Parliament who voted to pass the women's suffrage bill were given white camellias in token of the women's appreciation. □

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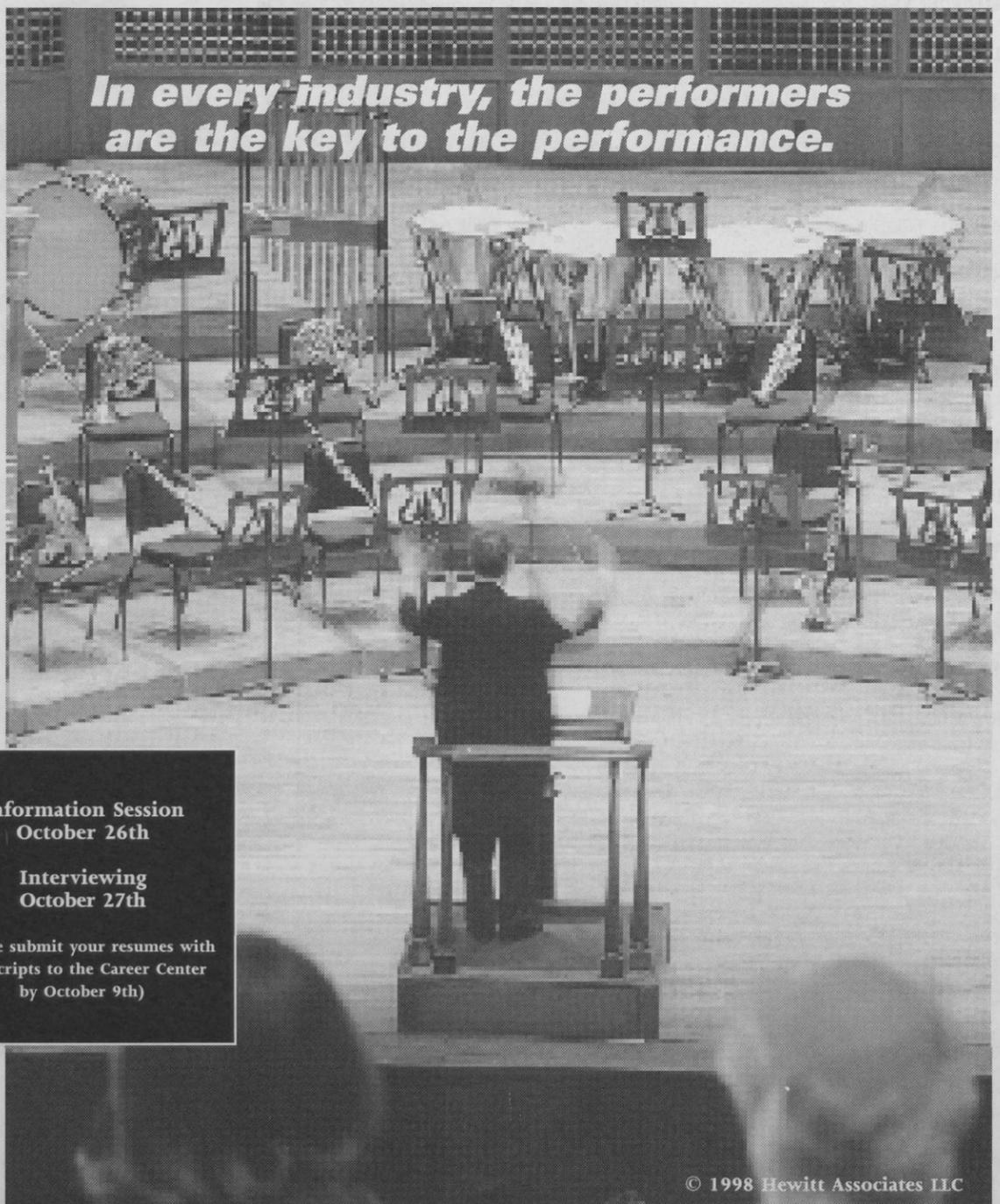
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The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Aug 24 to Sep 7.

Arrests:

Disturbing the Peace:

- Jason Corrigan, 22, Orchard Park (Aug 28)
- Thomas J. Beyer, 20, Lockport (Aug 30)

DWI:

- George Grossman, 34, Andover (Aug 29)
- Joel Regan, 19, Painted Post (Sep 3)
- Andrew Wall, 21, Hornell (Sep 3)
- Amy Swain, 21, Canseraga (Sep 4)
- Jeremiah Brooks, 22, Hartwick (Sep 6)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Joshua Docdet, 20, Honeoye (Sep 2)
- Michael Lantermahn, 19, Wellsville (Sep 3)

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana:

- Dyan J. Tsiumis, 20, Needham, Mass. (Aug 30)
- Erin J. Baer, 20, Gouverneur (Aug 30)
- Matthew Fleming, 20, Johnstown (Sep 5)

Open Container:

- Micah Court, 18, Alfred (Aug 26)
- Thomas Wilson, 19, Tonawanda (Aug 26)
- Denise Price, 18, Pond Eddy (Aug 27)
- John Bradshaw, 18, Baldwinsville (Aug 27)
- Jason Sinclair, 18, Avon (Aug 28)
- Tyson Simizon, 21, Newark (Aug 29)

- Eric Bellows, 19, Wellsville (Aug 29)
- Corey Mousaw, 18, Alfred (Aug 29)
- Kari Cowles, 21, Wellsville (Sep 3)
- Jamie Tinker, Canisteo (Sep 6)

Other:

- Travis Dickerson, Wellsville, on Warrant from Alfred Court (Aug 29)

Complaints:

- There were two instances of intrusion alarm activation.
- There were two parking complaints.
- There were five reports of fights.
- There were four reports of suspicious vehicles.
- There were four complaints of noise.
- There were two reports of burglaries.
- There were two reports of larceny.
- There were four reports of disorderly people.
- There were two reports of domestic disputes.
- There were three reports of disabled vehicles.
- There were two dog complaints.
- Suspicious person, Rte. 244 (Sep 6)
- Person passed out, Glen St., gone on arrival (Sep 6)
- Injured deer, State St. (Sep 2)
- Car/deer accident, Rte. 12 (Sep 2)
- Hit and run, Rte. 244 (Sep 3)
- Criminal mischief, S. Main St. (Aug 29)
- Assault and robbery, N. Main St. (Aug 27)
- Animal acting rabid, S. Main St. (Aug 27)
- Total vehicle and traffic summons: 39.

Faculty expands for 1998-99

Glimpses of some of the new faculty members at AU

BY SABRINA HARRISON

Alfred University appointed several new faculty members, bringing a plethora of new creative talent to the University.

Seven of the newly appointed members are concentrated in the School of Art and Design. These include Brian C. Arnold, visiting assistant professor of photography, Jae Barclay, instructor in graphic design, Alison Crochetta, assistant professor of Freshman Foundation, Jane Fine, visiting assistant professor of painting, Kathryn Vajda, visiting assistant professor of printmaking, Norwood Viviano, visiting assistant professor of sculpture and Kevin Wixted, assistant professor of drawing.

Fine, who was appointed visiting assistant professor last fall, is back in Alfred to use her skills in the classroom.

A native of New York City, Fine said she became interested in painting through the influence of her mother.

Though Fine said she dislikes the "cultural isolation" that artists experience dwelling in the Alfred area, she said she enjoys the students of the University.

Fine received a visual arts fellowship from the New York Foundation for the arts, a fellowship from the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Mass. and a visual arts fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

She also received a residency at the Millay Colony for the Arts in Austerlitz, N.Y. and a residency at the Yaddo in Saratoga Springs.

Barclay, who hails from Boston, Mass., said his interest in the arts also derives from artistic relatives.

"It's a tradition in our family," he said.

Since 1997, Barclay has been a designer and consultant with TSDesign, Boston, working with a client list which includes Fortune 500 companies.

Barclay dubbed Alfred "a place where you can devote 110% to your work."

Outside of the School of Art and Design, Rebecca L. Twite was appointed assistant professor of polymer science for the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science.

Twite, who grew up in Bismarck, ND, said she enjoys Alfred's tight knit community.

"Everyone is very friendly," she said.

Also outside of the school of Art and Design, David A. Griffith, from Cobleskill, N.Y., was hired as professor of scene and lighting design and technical director for the Division of Performing Arts. Griffith spent the last two years as lighting and sound supervisor for the Pilobolus Dance Theater, working in all over the Western Hemisphere in Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Bermuda as well as the United States.

Griffith said when he quit his travels to come work at Alfred, he went camping, not just for fun, but out of necessity.

"My first week, I lived in a tent because I didn't have a place to live," he said.

Since then, he's found a place to live and is enjoying teaching, he said.

Also hired are Glenn P. Niles, assistant professor of education, Doreen D. Edwards, assistant professor of materials science and engineering, Xiaowen Chen, visiting assistant professor, printmaking and drawing, David Pistrui, assistant professor of business administration and Desiree L. LaFevre, instructor of athletic training. □

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Speed in Zone:

- Amy M. Boswell, Boston (\$90)
- Christina C. Wright, Foster, R.I. (\$90)

Open Container:

- John H. Bradshaw,

Baldwinsville (\$25)

- Micah A. Court, Spencerport (\$25)
- Denise M. Price, Pond Eddy (\$25)
- Jason A. Sinclair, Avon, posted bail (\$25)
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Saxon Football's centennial season got underway Saturday at Merrill Field. The Saxons lost to Salisbury by the score of 28-21. The Saxons had their chances to tie as the game wound down, but turnovers stopped their drive. The Saxons hit the road this weekend for a 2 p.m. game at St. Lawrence. The next home game is Saturday the 26th against Carnegie Mellon.

Hopes are high for women's soccer

BY ANDY BERMAN

It is hard to improve on an 11-4-1 season. However, if the first two weeks of the Women's Soccer Team is any indication of the rest of the season, improve is hardly the word to use.

"I am really happy with how the team has been playing," said Coach Pat Codispoti. "I think we can be better though, we can be stronger."

The Saxons have opened their season undefeated at five wins and no losses. Four of the five games have been shutouts.

Most of the reason why is from the great defensive play of senior defender Dawn Ayling.

"Dawn is very solid in the back," Codispoti said.

But there are some holes in the offense. Last season's top two goal

scorer's have been sitting out with injuries. Olivia Shea was in a car accident and nursing injuries, said Codispoti.

Kelly Hawkes, who was second in scoring, had overuse injuries in the pre-season.

With their top to goal scorers out, others have had to fill in. Michelle Martin scored 5 goals in the first four games, and Rachel Santa Maria has netted 3.

Ayling said the freshmen have been an asset to the team. "When mixed with the rest of the team, they do not miss a beat," she said.

Codispoti said she is hopeful. "If we win the games we are supposed to win, we can get into the State Tournament," Codispoti said. "If we play well there, we can make the ECAC Tournament, which is our goal for the season."

McGwire wallops way to history and into fans' memories

BY ANDY BERMAN

Do you remember where you were when...?

While growing up, my parents and grandparents could always finish that question and answer it. It could have been either the JFK assassination or the Pearl Harbor bombing, but something extremely memorable happened in their lives.

And after last Tuesday night, now I can too.

At 9:18 p.m., Mark McGwire hit his 62nd home run of the season.

Eventually, when I have kids of

my own, I will be able to say, "I remember when Mark McGwire hit that home run."

Though it doesn't have the same effect on civilization as major political events of the past, the 62nd blast was just as exciting, and a hero has emerged from it all.

McGwire was definitely the best man to break this record. He had it written in his contract that anytime he wanted to have his son come with him on road trips, he could.

This record is also exactly what baseball needed.

Attendance skyrocketed, people were excited about going to games, and baseball had once again become our national pastime.

After the strike of 1994, I told myself that I would never watch baseball again.

Boy, was I wrong!

It was impossible not to get caught up in all the hoopla surrounding McGwire's run at Roger Maris' record.

Morning after morning, ESPN's "Sportscenter" led off talking about McGwire and Sammy Sosa,

McGwire's main competition in the race for 62.

The most impossible of all records was shattered. Now, as this season rounds up, there are only a few more untouchable records—56 games in a row with a hit, an ERA of 1.12, batting .420 for an entire season, and 31 wins in a season.

The images from this season will be forever etched in my head.

The image of McGwire's 56th home run in Florida.

The side view of all the people standing up and cheering, and all

the flash bulbs.

The line drive shot that just squeaked over the fence in Busch stadium, and when McGwire almost missed first base and had to scurry back like a kid in tee-ball who doesn't understand all of the rules of the game.

But most off all, all the hugs. The hugs McGwire gave his son, his teammates and the Maris family.

Tough guys aren't supposed to hug. They are supposed to shake hands. But don't tell the new home run king that.

Women's soccer off to better start than men's

COMPILED BY ANDY BERMAN

Women's Soccer (5-0)

The AU Women's Soccer team has started off their season undefeated.

Saturday, they posted their fourth shutout of the season, defeating RIT 3-0. Last Thursday, the Saxons defeated Geneseo off the foot of Rachael Santa Maria with less than 9 minutes left in the game.

At The Bryan Karl Tournament, the Saxons defeated the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford 5-1. Michelle Martin scored two goals to lead the Saxons.

Martin scored a hat trick as the women went on to defeat Bethany 6-0 in the championship game. Martin was named Offensive Most Valuable Player and Dawn Ayling was named Defensive Most

Valuable Player:

In their home opener, the women played to a shaky 1-0 victory over St. John Fisher. The only goal of the game was scored by Kelly Hawkes, and was scored in the first two minutes of the game.

In the four games, the Saxons have recorded 3 shutouts. Coach Pat Codispoti attributes the great defensive play to Dawn Ayling and goalkeeper Christine Kalinowski.

The Saxon Women play their next games at home against Houghton on the 15th and Ithaca on the 22nd.

Men's Soccer (2-2)

The AU Men's Soccer team dropped a 2-0 decision on the road at Ithaca on Saturday.

The loss came off a strong showing the week before in the Bryan Karl Festival.

In the first game of the tourna-

ment, the Saxons faced The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

The Saxons lit up the score board for 6 goals, including a hat trick for Russ Holmes.

Next, the men played Farleigh-Dickinson in the championship game of the tournament.

Farleigh-Dickinson was no match for the Saxons, as AU defeated them 3-1.

Aristedes Lopes scored two goals in the victory.

Russ Holmes was named Offensive Most Valuable Player and George Betts was named Defensive Most Valuable Player.

The Saxons next game isn't until the 26th, where the men travel with the women to the Manhattanville Tournament.

The only other loss the Saxon Men have suffered was in their opener against Geneseo.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football

9/19 @ St. Lawrence 2 p.m.
9/26 Carnegie Mellon 1:30p.m.

J.V. Football

9/21 @ Brockport 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball

9/15 @ Brockport 7 p.m.
9/18-19 Alfred Invitational
9/22 Nazareth 7 p.m.

9/24 @ St. John Fisher 7 p.m.
9/26 @ Roberts Wesleyan
9 a.m.

Cross Country

9/26 AU Invitational

Men's Soccer

9/26-27 Manhattanville
Tournament

Women's Soccer

9/15 Houghton 7 p.m.

9/22 Ithaca 7 p.m.
9/26-27 Manhattanville
Tournament

Women's Tennis

9/17 @ Thiel 3 p.m.
9/19 @ Cazenovia 1 p.m.
9/24 @ Fredonia 3:30 p.m.

Golf

9/15 @ LeMoyne
9/22 @ Edinboro
9/25-26 @ Pitt-Bradford

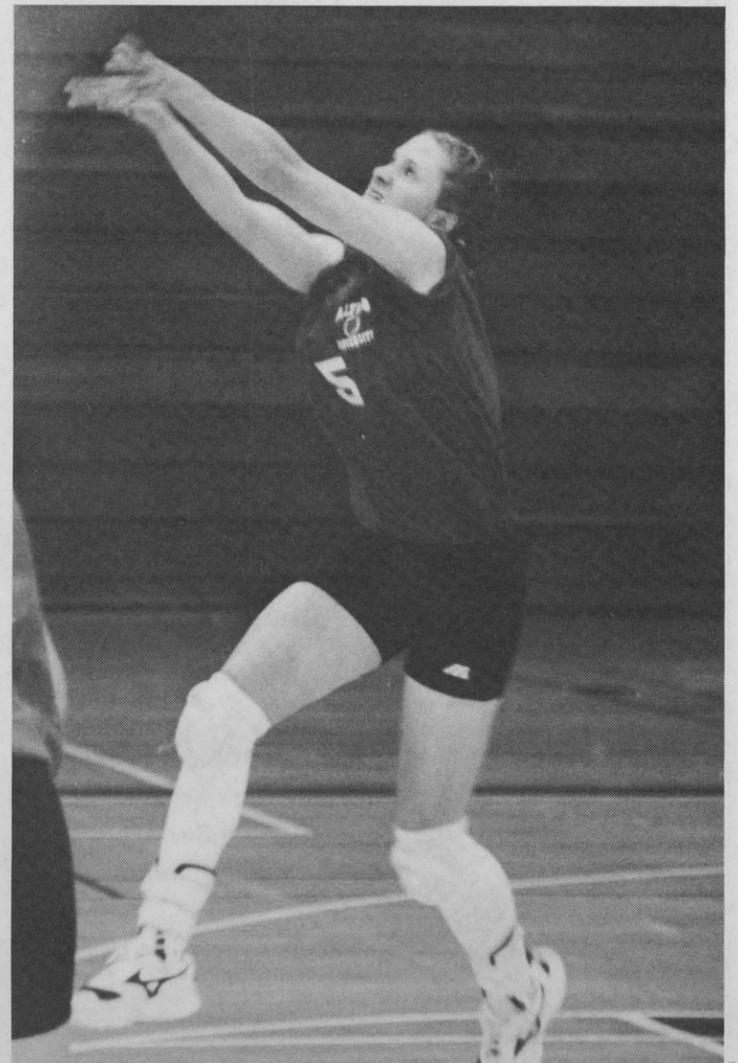


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The AU Women's Volleyball team came back from being down two sets to none vs. Hamilton to force a deciding fifth set. Unfortunately, the women dropped the last set, and the match. The Alfred Invit. starts Friday.