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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

Mayoral race set

BY TERESA G. VINCENT

Two Alfred University faculty members are running against each other for the mayoral seat in Alfred.

Gary Ostrower, a history professor at AU for thirty years, announced his candidacy on Jan. 19. Ostrower has also been a Trustee of the Alfred Village Board for eighteen years. He is a Republican.

Joan Lester does not consider herself a faculty member, but has been an adjunct professor of electrical engineering for three years. On Jan. 23, she announced she will run for the position.

Lester is currently serving as chair of the Allegany County Democratic Party. Lester is also on the board of the Democratic Rural Conference, a group of Democrats from forty-one counties in New York working to increase their political power.

Before teaching at AU, Lester worked as a software consultant.

The incumbent mayor, Bill Hall, announced that he would not seek re-election last September after being named Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at AU.

Both Ostrower and Lester include lowering property taxes

in their platform. Ostrower said he wants to look in to making Alfred a city instead of a village as a way to reduce property taxes. Lester said if Ostrower wanted to reduce property taxes he's already "had plenty of opportunity" as a Village Board member.

Ostrower stated his other goals include securing a \$1.48 million wastewater treatment plant renovation grant awarded to Alfred by New York State in June, cracking down on illegal fraternity houses in residential areas and "Giving credit to villagers who contribute their own talent to make this a better place to live."

In addition to lowering the property tax, Lester's platform includes encouraging economic growth in the "corridor" between Alfred and Hornell.

Hall is endorsing Ostrower's candidacy, and said he always found Ostrower to be "a person who has a strong commitment to students" who "exhibits a strong sense of justice."

Hall added he has no doubt Ostrower has "the experience, the strength of character, and the commitment to be a successful Mayor."

The election will be held in March. □



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Winter is in full effect in Alfred. Ice and snow made moving back in to the residence halls more difficult and paths around campus were difficult to traverse. A brief warm-up melted much of the snow accumulation, but temperatures dipped again over the weekend. Winter in Alfred has been known to last until April. This year has been a stark contrast to last year's milder weather.

Ice removal raises concerns

BY CARMEN ANDREWS

Winter in Alfred is never overlooked and definitely not ignored. Wind chills everyone's ears and snow accumulations create difficulties. In addition, there is a common fear among students and residents of slipping on the icy sidewalks in the Village of Alfred.

Rachel Hirschey, a senior communications major and Village resident, observed, "On Monday [Jan. 25], the sidewalks were dusted with snow, so you couldn't see the ice, which made walking more dangerous."

Many off-campus students are wondering what is being done to take care of this problem and when it will be addressed.

A section of the Ordinances of the Village of Alfred states:

"The Village of Alfred shall direct the initial plowing of snow from all sidewalks within the village. The residents of property shall remove further accumulations of snow and ice from Village sidewalks that border the property in which they reside."

The Ordinance also provides for a penalty of \$10-25 for residents who do not clear their sidewalks within 24 hours.

"In addition, after 24 hours, the Village of Alfred may direct the foreman of the Streets Department to have the accumulated snow and ice removed and bill the residents of the property the costs for such removal," the Ordinance also

states.

Roger Mullen, Streets Superintendent, said, "We [the Streets Department] plow the sidewalks, but after that it is the responsibility of the property owners to clear their sections of sidewalk. We just don't have enough manpower to do the job."

Many students and residents, however, feel the icy sidewalks are not being cleared by the property owners.

Charlene Khan, a junior liberal arts major and Village resident, said, "I don't think people clear their sidewalks, and I don't believe they even realize they are supposed to."

Village officials claim they,

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Spot filled in AOD

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The University has a new director of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education, but the search will continue for a director of Greek Affairs.

Jennifer George has been hired to fill the position left vacant when Ian Neuhard left the University, but attempts to fill the position which opened with the departure of Paul Kingsbury have been unsuccessful.

George said she was excited to be offered the job.

"I didn't even have to think about it," George said about her response to the job offer. "Alfred offers some great opportunities," she added.

Norm Pollard, director of the counseling and student development center, said George was the unanimous choice of the search committee.

"Those interviewing Jennifer felt overwhelmingly that she would be a wonderful addition campus community," he said. "They remarked on her energy, outlook and clear understanding of the serious substance abuse issues facing college students today," Pollard added.

George, a 1997 graduate of Penn State, completed her undergraduate studies in health education. She said her desire to work at a university level prompted her to apply for the job here at AU.

When she was invited to interview for the position George said

she was excited and surprised.

"I was making great strides for the time I had been out [of college]," she said.

"She brings to us a wealth of knowledge and experience," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jerry Brody. Brody added that George's energy and enthusiasm, as well as the relevance of her undergraduate degree led to her hiring for the position.

George said she would like to start with small changes but has definite goals for the rest of the year. She said she will make working with the peer educator groups on campus one of her top priorities because of their importance.

She said she hopes to add stability to Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles as well as recruiting new members and expanding the group's presence on campus.

Bringing more educational programs into the residence halls is a second goal George has for the future.

Since graduating from college, George has had considerable experience in the education field.

She worked for the Allegany Council providing support for health educators in area schools. She trained faculty and staff, helped with peer helper training and presented special programs first at the elementary level and then at the secondary schools.

George said her third goal is

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Clinton impeachment trial broken down

BY TERESA G. VINCENT

Scandal, impeachment, perjury and removal from office are just some of the terms that have filled the nightly news for months. But what does it all mean?

At its core, the issue is about President William Jefferson Clinton's attempts to cover up an affair he admittedly had with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The affair with Lewinsky came to light during an investigation of Clinton to be used in a sexual harassment suit against the President by Paula Jones, a former employee of the state of Arkansas.

The House Judiciary Committee, led by Illinois Republican Henry Hyde, investigated potentially impeachable offenses. After seven days of

hearings in late November and early December 1998, the Committee voted for four articles of impeachment.

Two articles accused Clinton of perjury, or lying under oath with the intention of misleading, one charged him with obstruction of justice in the Jones case and one alleged Clinton abused his power as President for personal gain. The Committee members voting for the articles of impeachment were largely Republican.

On Dec. 19, the House of Representatives, again with a large number of Republican votes, approved two of the articles of impeachment: one count of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice. The two articles then moved to the Senate for trial.

Several Republican members

of the House Judiciary Committee were selected to serve as prosecutors against Clinton. The White House's legal team, picked by Clinton, serve as defense attorneys. William Rehnquist, chief justice of the Supreme Court, is acting as judge.

The trial began on Jan. 7 of this year and will continue until at least Feb. 12.

On Jan. 28, Senate Republicans voted to call three witnesses to answer questions on video tape after a vote to dismiss the charges against Clinton failed.

Lewinsky, senior adviser Sidney Blumenthal and Clinton friend Vernon Jordan all gave depositions this week.

Lewinsky, Blumenthal and

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Administration applauded

We are missing out here in Alfred. No, we don't mean we're isolated and it takes days for news to get out here. We're missing out on one of the most sacred facets of college life: the protests. Look at campuses across the country; it seems that most schools have students carrying around placards, shouting about how the school's administration is unfair. Some even have an occasional good-old sit-down strike or block the entrance to a building occasionally. Not here, though. We take a lot of the things the administration does for granted.

Look at food services, for instance. Two years ago, student opinion surveys indicated that food services was horrible. The University promptly looked for a new provider.

Plus, the current food services staff is one of the more interactive groups on campus. Comments dropped into the suggestion boxes have actually made a difference: better pizza, Taco Bell night, nutritional information posted in the dining halls and more variety.

We hope that food services continues to bring outside restaurants into the dining hall. An Olive Garden night, for instance would be great, as the nearest Olive Garden is in Rochester.

Also, the University as a whole has been quick to answer student concerns presented at Student Senate.

Most recently, students complained about the snow and ice removal on campus.

It seemed that the very next day, paths that had been treacherous the day before had been newly cleared. This was before the temperatures went back up.

Physical Plant is responsive to work orders as well. Light bulbs get replaced in a matter of hours and special requests are granted efficiently. We asked about recycling old newspapers and the papers were removed and recycled the next day.

In the past, students have complained about the quality of health services. In response, the administration has gone through three different providers in the past few years.

We are not suggesting the health services on campus are perfect, we are simply saying the University has made every attempt to improve them.

Last year, there were grumblings about the condition of Tefft and Reimer Halls. This year, new carpeting has them looking much better, and new lighting, already being installed in Tefft, is making the halls look more like hotels than residence halls.

Also, freshmen should note that this is the first year that AU's computers have been up-to-speed with the rest of the world. Last year, many griped that the old digital terminals were outmoded.

First, we had the network installed campus wide—one of the fastest on any campus in the nation.

Now, the installation of the Cyber Café is an illustration of AU's commitment to being on top of current technology and keeping students happy.

And that extra day of vacation we got to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day was in response to students' complaints. Many people complained about the University's failure to observe the holiday and the University's administration responded.

The closest we've come to a big, loud protest was when former Senator Al D'Amato was scheduled to speak at last year's Commencement. The protest never occurred, as D'Amato pulled out of his speaking slot.

We hope that the University continues to provide for us, the students.

If not, though, maybe we can jump on the bandwagon and glue ourselves to the entrance of the campus center or march on the President's house at night. □



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COLUMN

Music and movies bad in '98

BY DAN CENTI

As the millennium approaches, mankind becomes increasingly anxious about what the next century will bring. Religious groups are preparing for what they feel will be the end of civilization.

While I don't believe in such a prediction, I do feel we are in the Biblical equivalent of the darkest days. Not in our lives however, but in our entertainment.

1998 was, in my opinion, the most horrendous year in entertainment that I can ever remember.

Hollywood continues to release films which never rise above their

expensive visual effects. An example would be the turkey from Director Roland Emmerich called *Godzilla*. I don't know who among the big studios is green-lighting such multi-million dollar rubbish, but they should all be fired and replaced.

Originality seems like a foreign concept in current cinema. *Enemy of the State* comes to mind. The tired "The government sends every special agent they have after one man" scenario has grown a tad thin.

More depressing than the current movies however, is the pitiful condition of music. While some people are proud Korn and Limp

Bizkit fans, I find their style to be overly simplistic flim-flam.

The Backstreet Boys prove once again that if you're profitable as an image, you don't need true musical talent.

Still, there were some bright spots during the year. Steven Spielberg's excellent *Saving Private Ryan* set new standards for war films, and Lauryn Hill released a completely original album. Thankfully, 1999 is showing promise, with *Star Wars: Episode One* in May and *Austin Powers 2* in the summer. Until then, the world of entertainment will continue to get worse before it gets better. □

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Man' being deleted from language

DEAR EDITOR:

I recently read an article in a business journal about the efforts of a company to regain its market share using the newest Internet technology. I remember this article because it had something in it I had not seen in a long time. The article referred to the company's top executive as the "chairman."

"Chairman," I thought. How refreshing to see that word again after such a long time. Today every major journal, book or other publication uses the word "chairperson" or simply "chair." It is just part of the on-going campaign to erase the word "man" from the English vocabulary.

Every word that used to contain "man" or "men" has been changed to something more acceptable to our cultural elite. "Policeman" is now "police officer," "fireman" is now "fire fighter," "mailman" is now "postal worker," etc.

You see, the establishment feels that if they can change the language we use, they can change the

way we think. And that, of course, is the goal—to change the way you and I think. All major publications have joined in the effort. An article in *Scientific American* that I read last week refers to a new medicine's benefit to "humankind." You see, the word "mankind" can't be used because it contains the word "man."

It may be more difficult for our language police to erase the word "mankind" than other words they have targeted.

This is because Neil Armstrong (inadvertently, I'm sure) cemented the word "mankind" into history with the phrase "One giant leap for mankind." It will be hard for members of the establishment to erase that phrase from the history books (although I'm sure they will give it their best).

The effort to erase the word "man" has been largely successful in most areas of our society. People are like cattle and they will stampede in whatever direction they think the herd is running.

Today, the only place you will

find the word "man" in the vocabulary is, perhaps, at the Selective Service Department—where only "men" are slated to be drafted and sent to war to be killed. Or you might find it within the hundreds of "affirmative action" programs that government and industry design to specifically discriminate against men in school admissions, hiring, promotions, etc.

Why have the efforts to erase the word "man" been so successful in our country? Because American men are patsies. While other groups fight for rights and try to increase their power in society, American men are taught from an early age that they don't have a right to do the same.

We have accepted the establishment's judgment on this and have learned to live with it. Until we wake up and stop being such suckers, the establishment will continue to succeed in these efforts.

Sincerely,
Jeff Burhans
Class of '81

COLUMN

To be inclusive, equality must go both ways



BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

When I took an introductory sociology course in high school, my teacher was a man named Mr. Carl. He looked like the kind of guy you would see at a truck rally.

But Mr. Carl taught my class a valuable lesson about gender roles. "How many of you feel that you have a social advantage over women?" he asked the men in the class. Most grudgingly said yes.

"And how many of you like having an advantage like that?" None of the guys was brave enough to say yes.

"Well, I bet you do," he said.

"And how many of you guys think you know what it's like to be a woman? I don't think any of you really know what it's like to be a woman," he said.

What Mr. Carl was trying to explain is that men have advantages they take for granted. And perhaps women have advantages that we take for granted.

While I agree with those who feel too much political correctness is not a good thing, I must disagree with the opinion that the changes

in our language are bad.

In the late twentieth century, the lines have blurred between traditionally male and traditionally female occupations.

Women who enforce the law are now "police officers." Men who give you your peanuts on the airplane are now "stewards." People of both genders who clean hotel rooms are now "housekeepers." Our language has changed in both directions to become more inclusive of both genders.

Just ask any tailor how he feels about being called a seamstress, or any barber how he feels about being called a hair dresser. We've had words for the male versions of traditionally female occupations for hundreds of years; nobody has called them sexist.

The people who made the most recent changes were probably not the "cultural elite" or the "establishment." An elite group is one that is privileged over another, and despite changes in our society, I don't think anyone really thinks that the "cultural elite" is made up of a majority of women.

And just what is the "establishment," anyway? I picture a group sitting around a conference table in an oak-paneled room, possibly chaired by the Cigarette Smoking

Man. Again, if there is an establishment, I don't think it's made up of women and minorities.

I am a feminist who feels that if women really want equal rights, then they have to accept everything that comes with those rights—including such uncomfortable things as being eligible for the draft. Many women I know would be quite willing to trade their dish towels for machine guns.

However, I find the largest resistance to the idea of women being drafted comes from men, who are horrified at the thought of gentle women taking up arms to fiercely defend their country.

People are like cattle, and they will follow trends in language. When some people change the construction of words, others follow.

I don't think most feminists want to eradicate the word "man" from the English language. Why waste our time quibbling over trivialities when we could fight inequality?

I do think we want to be included in the English language. We don't want people to look at our titles and assume we're men. We don't want our children to grow up thinking that only boys can be firemen and that only girls can be ballerinas. We just want equality. □

COLUMN

Black history part of culture

BY DEMEATRICH POUND

It has been 70 years since the first celebration of black Heritage in America.

Carter G. Woodson, born to illiterate parents who were both slaves, became a high school teacher.

As a teacher he noticed that there was not a curriculum in American schools which recognized the history of blacks in America and their accomplishments.

Eventually, Woodson started the American Negro Academy to study the importance of African Americans and their accomplishments.

And on Feb. 19, 1929 he established Negro History Week, now known to us in the United States as Black History Month.

The history of America is comprised of various races of people and their cultures, many of whom migrated to escape poverty and to lay down a lasting foundation for future descendants of their bloodlines.

While blacks and Native Americans were not allowed

those same opportunities, historical documents have given us the ability to recall names and dates of historical events in which African Americans have played important roles.

We fought under George Washington in the American Revolutionary War and we fought in every war since then. We created and invented ways to better life in America by inventing items such as the stop light.

It was an African American who conducted the first open heart surgery and also invented the modern process for separating and preserving blood.

Ironically, Charles Drew, who invented the procedure for preserving blood, was seriously injured in a 1950 car accident in which he needed to receive a blood transfusion but was denied it because of his skin color. This event led to his death that evening.

African American heritage is deep in yesterday's and today's entertainment, from inspirational slave melodies to blues, jazz, rock and roll and today's controversial, yet influential,

rap music and from demoralizing "Sambo" roles to Black-exploitation flicks.

African Americans have evolved more recently to roles as lawyers, generals, respectable heroes/heroines and presidents.

As a people in America we have risen from slavery and moved beyond segregation, demanding a more recognizable role in the American mainstream way of life.

As African Americans look to the future, we expect a more diversified America.

An America which absorbs our culture and our accomplishments in the academic arena just as much as we are expected to absorb European and white American traditions, literature and histories.

There have been many movements to try to accomplish this task, such as the civil rights movement, the Harlem Renaissance, political endeavors and a countless number of earnest ventures in hopes to be equally incorporated into America and the rest of the world. □

Cyber Café new part of L'il Alf

BY KELLY KNEE

Students walking into the L'il Alf Café after winter break were greeted by a bank of new iMac computers where once there were only tables.

The new addition is the Cyber Café, a computing area built to give Alfred University students greater access to the Internet and the VAX.

The Cyber Café, which opened on the first day of classes of the spring semester, is the brainchild of Lana Meissner, assistant vice president for information services.

Meissner said she originally wanted a Cyber Café to be located in Herrick Library, but the logistics of such a venture proved difficult to overcome.

Meissner said student requests led to the establishment of the Cyber Café where it presently stands. The bank of five iMacs replaced the three VAX terminals which were located in the campus center's first-floor game room.

The iMacs were chosen for the Cyber Café because they are specifically intended as Internet computers and have no internal floppy drives.

Meissner said these qualities made the iMac a good choice because the computers are "not intended as workstations, but as a convenience."

Meissner also said Information Technology Services is not really concerned for the computers' safety in the presence of food and drinks, nor is ITS concerned about theft of the computers.

Meissner said while there is always the danger of damage from food or beverages, most students are conscientious, and thus damage is not a concern.

The computers are secured to the table, and since the campus center is locked at night, there is not a real danger of theft.

Many students had positive reactions to the new computers, and said they are much faster and more convenient than the VAX terminals downstairs in the campus center.

Evera Lovelace, a senior art major and Cyber Café user, said, "I like it much more than downstairs" and that the new computers are much faster and better than the VAX.

Meissner said the reaction she has gotten to the new computers has been overwhelmingly positive.

There have been a few complaints, said Meissner, some dealing with the loss of the VAX terminals, and others regarding the choice of Macintosh computers instead of PCs. These complaints, however, have been isolated, said Meissner.

The funding for the Cyber Café was allocated by the Commission on Planning, and it was determined that the Cyber Café was a good use of the allocation.

Meissner said she and the student advisory group which originally determined where the Cyber Café would be located are currently looking into placing similar Cafés in other places around the campus.

The eventual goal of placing the computers is to turn the stations into "information kiosks," where students and visitors could not only check their e-mail and surf the Internet, but also obtain information about the University, much like the electronic information centers established at convention centers and large hotels.

These "information kiosks" would enable students to obtain information more quickly, and thus make life at Alfred more convenient, said Meissner. □

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Provocative writing was enjoyed

DEAR EDITOR:

I was struck by three thoughtful, provocative expressions of opinion on the editorial page of the Dec. 9 *Fiat Lux*.

I read first the column "Student apathy on campus is apparent," which documented the failure of most students to take advantage of extracurricular, educational and cultural activities supported by student dollars. The writer is clearly correct; he documented his case well. But I had just left my class, which over the past few weeks has explored lapses in ethics which lead to engineering disaster and failure. I saw in my students' presentations their concern, indignation and struggle to understand. My students were not apathetic.

Next I read the editorial entitled "Students left in the dark

by AU." Wow. What a nice analysis. A number of students in my above-mentioned engineering communication class made some of the same points made so eloquently in the editorial. They asked why AU would apparently purposefully avoid publicizing Justice Clarence Thomas's visit. Sharing their frustration, I promised to write the Provost and ask him. (Sorry George and others, along with getting your quizzes back as I promised, it didn't get done.)

Upon reading the articles, I decided to write this letter to draw attention to similarities and discrepancies. (And to ask Provost W. Richard Ott why Clarence Thomas' visit was so poorly advertised. Surely as the chief academic officer, he is the right person to ask!) Before I started this letter, I read the column titled "Standards need

to be raised" concerning the need for more strict standards to deal with student disinterest in the learning process. Again, wow. Did your executive staff plan this page, or did your writers simply respond to current events? In either case, congratulations on the most interesting and coherent editorial page I have seen in the *Fiat* in my 20 years on campus.

In either case, please consider continuing your analysis in future issues; you have made the points, and expressed the positions, better than I, or any of my colleagues, have been able to do.

I await the next installment with great interest; you have found issues which resonate.

Sincerely,
Paul F. Johnson
NYS College of Ceramics

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Knight Club policy should be reconsidered

DEAR EDITOR:

We believe the recent proposal to make the Knight Club activities only available to college students or individuals over the age of 21 is unfair.

We know there are some functions that have had problems in the past with minors, but we don't think that refusing admittance to all unaccompanied minors should be the solution to rare isolated incidents.

There are many functions held in the Knight Club regularly that are very supportive of bringing in local crowds, including minors. The passing of a rule like this would be very unfortunate because of the trickle-down effect it would have on all Alfred University functions.

If a local minor is turned away

at the door because of this policy, the likelihood is they will not attend Alfred University functions in the future... regardless of whether they would be welcomed or not. Another issue to keep in mind is that according to this policy 18, 19 or 20-year-olds not attending college as well as prospective AU students would not be able to attend any Alfred University functions.

We believe that allowing local minors into Alfred University functions will have the following positive effects: the local minors are kept off the streets, they get to enjoy the open and welcoming atmosphere of the Alfred University campus and they have something to do!

We feel that it is in the best interest of both the administration and student body to keep a

good relationship with the community and with the campus groups. This includes the local minors and the groups holding functions in the Knight Club.

A petition regarding this matter is currently circulating within the AU student community. A concert with poor attendance isn't satisfying to anyone involved, so please help out by signing this petition.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Genetti '01
Ed Jasiewicz '01
Kirsten Kuz '02

Editor's Note: The new policy states patrons of the Knight Club must have a college ID, be over 21 or be accompanied by someone who meets one of those two qualifications.

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AU observes King Day

BY KELLY KNEE

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was celebrated on Jan. 18, and in observance of this important holiday, Alfred University students had no classes.

The University has only recently started observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day, by postponing the start of classes until the day following the holiday. However, since the spring semester officially started on the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many students took advantage of the extra day.

Some students used the holiday as an extra day of travel time, allowing them one more day at home with their families. In addition, the extra day helped those students for whom travel was difficult due to the

weather.

In Alfred, those students who were already in residence used Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a chance to finalize class schedules and purchase new textbooks.

Marcy Bradley, manager of the AU bookstore, said the bookstore was open an hour later on Monday. Bradley said the staff at the bookstore expected more business on the Sunday before classes started, but that "Sunday was dead." However, she said the holiday brought many more customers, and that the bookstore was much busier on Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year than last year.

Bradley also said that Monday was just as busy as the first official day of classes.

ate some fun activities for students.

Brody said he shares several of these goals for the future. He said he agrees the judicial process in conjunction with the office of AOD education needs to be more effective.

In addition to George's work with SAIL, Brody said in the future he hopes she will support the Greek community and the athletic teams by providing workshops and programs they will find useful.

Other long-term goals include conducting research on campus and validating the choices of those students who drink responsibly or not at all.

Brody stressed that these are long-term goals and he is content to let George spend this semester getting to know the Alfred community and setting

The Registrar's Office also saw a great deal of activity on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Carol Sliski, who works in the Registrar's Office, said Monday was "hectic."

Larry Casey, Registrar, said many students used the day to make last minute schedule changes, and finalize registration. Casey said the level of activity occurring on the holiday was about the same as last year, and that the University tries very hard to be open before classes start to accommodate students coming in.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1999 was only the second Martin Luther King Jr. Day that Alfred University has observed by delaying classes until the Tuesday following the holiday. □

her own goals.

Pollard also has high goals for George's influence on the campus.

He said he hopes that "through her leadership and the involvement of the SAIL peer educators, we can reduce binge drinking and many of the other associated problems with substance abuse."

"I am confident in her skills, knowledge and expertise," Pollard added.

George said she is dedicated to continuing her education and improving her skills. She said she plans to pursue a master's degree in Community Service Administration and would like to pursue a higher degree in public health or health education.

While Brody said he is very excited about the successful conclusion of the search for AOD educator, he said he is disappointed the search for a director of Greek Affairs did not result in any successful candidates.

"We were unable to find a candidate who appeared to be a good match for our needs," Brody stated.

He said the current team of administrators will continue to oversee the Greek organizations until a candidate for the position is found.

"The position is too important to settle," Brody added.

The University will actively search for a candidate to take over the position this summer.

Brody said he is much more optimistic about this search because more people look for a job during the spring and because the relevant national conferences are held in the spring. He added that Neuhard was found at a similar national conference and it was not the first search opened for the position.

These conferences for administrators in student affairs will allow the University opportunities to advertise the position as well as to conduct initial interviews, Brody explained.

"I believe we will get the right person," Brody added. □

Roe v. Wade is 26

The famous decision is still debated

BY KELLY KNEE

Twenty-six years ago, the United States Supreme Court decided the case of Roe v. Wade, a monumental decision which guaranteed a woman in the United States the right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

Now, the future of the decision in Roe v. Wade, and the future of safe abortions for women is unclear, and recent events in the United States only serve to cloud the issue.

In Amherst, N.Y., a sniper shooting through a kitchen window killed Dr. Barnett Slepian, a known abortion provider in the Amherst area. According to news reports, the bullet ricocheted around the kitchen after hitting Slepian in the back.

Slepian had been the target of anti-abortion protests since the mid 1980s.

Slepian briefly closed his clinic in 1992 due to protests by the pro-life group Operation Rescue. However, the doctor continued to perform abortions in various clinics in the Buffalo area.

Slepian's killing is not the first act of anti-abortion violence to strike Western N.Y.

Since 1994, several doctors in the area have been threatened, and four have been wounded in shooting incidents.

In spite of the danger, many abortion providers have not ceased in their efforts to provide women with their constitutional rights.

A recent report by the Alan Guttmacher Institute indicates that access to safe abortions is essential to saving women's lives.

The report provides evidence that preventing women from having the legal right to terminate a pregnancy does not stop women from seeking such treatments, but rather forces

them to resort to unsafe alternatives.

In a statement regarding the Guttmacher Institute report, Gloria Feldt, the president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, urged the nation to remember that "abortion is a health issue, not a political one."

In addition, Feldt encouraged the younger generations to ask older relatives about the years previous to the Roe v. Wade decision so they can be reminded what life was like when abortion was illegal.

The Hornell branch of Planned Parenthood was unavailable for comment on the statement.

Alfred University students have access to the services that are guaranteed by the Roe v. Wade decision.

Rosetta Browne-Greaney, director of the health center, said a student who goes to the health center seeking to terminate a pregnancy is given "options counseling."

Browne-Greaney said there are three options when discussing a student pregnancy, and each is discussed with the student.

Should the student decide to terminate the pregnancy, the health center provides referrals to clinics in the area that provide abortion services.

In addition, the health center will do the student's follow-up exams, so students do not have to return to the clinic where the procedure was performed, said Browne-Greaney.

The health center also provides "emergency contraception" to avoid potential pregnancy if a condom breaks or someone has unprotected sex, Browne-Greaney said.

Twenty-six years ago Roe v. Wade caused controversy, and the decision continues to do so today. □

...AOD

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improving the alcohol education class so it is more meaningful and productive for students assigned to the class. The class is a judicial sanction usually resulting from alcohol infractions in the residence halls.

George also has experience in this area since she has taught the New York State 16-hour course for people convicted of driving while intoxicated. George said she will continue to teach this course for the state.

In addition to these three goals, George said she intends to establish the AOD education office as a resource in addition to sponsoring social activities.

She said she will try to influence the campus culture and cre-

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...Impeachment

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Jordan could still be called to testify in person if the Senate decides the videotaped depositions are insufficient.

Clinton's attorneys can also call witnesses if they choose.

When the trial comes to a vote, the perjury and obstruction of justice charges will be voted on separately.

...Ice

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"don't remember anyone being fined for violating Article V [the article pertaining to sidewalk clearing]." Mullen also said, "We have never been called upon by the Village of Alfred to remove the snow or ice after the first plowing."

Mullen said, "The police could go and knock on everyone's door telling them to clean their sidewalks, but it probably wouldn't be very effective."

At first, students on AU's campus felt certain areas, espe-

Before the Senate can vote on the charges, however, they have to decide on one of two options.

The Senate can remove Clinton from office if he is found guilty, or they can decide to let him remain in office while still giving him a formal reprimand for his offenses.

When Clinton does eventually leave office, either by Senate removal or through the fulfillment of his term, he will still be open to civil charges of wrongdoing. □

cially around the campus center, were icy.

However, students said they have noticed an improvement in the condition of the sidewalks on campus.

Rick Walker, AU grounds crew supervisor, said, "We try to keep the paths clear the best we can with the resources we have. During this time of year, it is one of our higher priorities and checking for ice is a daily routine."

Walker also said, "If students have problems they can put in a work order or call the Physical Plant and we will try to address the problem immediately." □

Senate UPDATE

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Look for some changes in the campus center this semester.

Alfred University Television went before Student Senate Jan. 20 to ask for an advisory vote which might allow them to use the game room in the campus center as their new studio, and the Office of Student Activities presented the new Knight Club policy.

Brad Berwald, AUTV's representative, said they want to use the game room as their studio because it is the right size and they will be able to tap into cable channel 3.

He also said the campus center is a logical choice for them because it is where other student-run media is located.

Students had concerns about the room, including that it is not soundproof. Berwald said they would orient the studio so that noise from the campus center would be lessened. Students also questioned what would happen

to the video games in the game room.

The advisory vote passed at the meeting Jan. 27. It is still up to the Office of Student Activities to make a final decision about the studio.

The new Knight Club policy is a response to liability concerns, explained Tricia Debertolis, director of the campus center.

Under the policy, students will need college identification (not necessarily AU identification) or proof that they are over 21 to attend events in the Knight Club.

Students with ID or who are over 21 are also allowed two guests, for whom they are responsible. Certain events, such as student activities that involve the children of the community, will be exempt from the policy, Debertolis said.

Students spoke against the new policy at the Jan. 27 meeting. They said they felt the policy was unfair and would lead to lack of attendance at certain events.

Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, said the policy is not negotiable due to the liability issues.

Mike Pellicciotti, Student

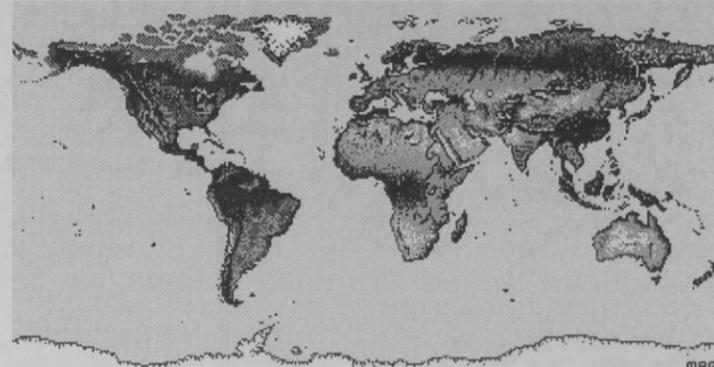
Senate president, asked students Jan. 20 what qualities they wanted to see in the new president of the University. Pellicciotti is on the search committee to replace President Edward G. Coll Jr., who has announced that he plans to retire.

Students said they wanted a president who is visible on campus and will participate in student life.

Students complained about the icy paths on campus on Jan. 20. They said the sand Physical Plant uses to combat the ice doesn't always work, and that the paths through the quad are extremely dangerous when they are icy.

On Jan. 27, Pellicciotti said that Physical Plant uses salt on the paths when the temperature is over 20 degrees and sand when the temperature is below 20 degrees.

Also at the Jan. 27 meeting, representatives of the Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Program announced that their phone number has changed. Students looking for a SAVAP advocate should now call 1-888-860-1706, pin 1154.



WORLDNOTES

LOCAL:

A bill concerning college campus safety was introduced by Brooklyn Democrat Edward Griffith into the New York State Assembly.

The bill would require each college to "negotiate a written agreement with local law enforcement that would set forth procedures to be followed in reporting and investigating violent crimes," according to a press release.

The bill is a response to the disappearance of SUNY-Albany student Suzanne Lyall last March.

- The Arby's in Alfred is gone. The signs have been removed and it has been eradicated from existence.

- Student Senate President Mike Pellicciotti announced that he will not pursue another term of office for his senior year.

Elections for the Senate president and vice president will be held in March.

- Greek houses are gearing up as Spring Rush starts this weekend. Registration for sorority rush runs through Friday.

- Sunday night featured a "blue moon," the second full moon of the month. This occurs very rarely, hence the famous saying.

NATIONAL:

The Clinton impeachment trial continued as an effort to dismiss charges was voted down.

Videotaped depositions of three witnesses, including Monica Lewinsky, will now be heard. Few political analysts believe that 2/3 of the Senate will vote "yes" to have the President removed. However, prosecutors maintain that this could change once their entire case is heard.

- Larry Flynt, publisher of the pornographic magazine *Hustler*, has made himself the unofficial D.C. sex police.

After offering readers \$1,000,000 for a verifiable story about a tryst with a congressman, Flynt has started to attack unfaithful representatives, mainly Republicans.

- Corruption in the Olympics has started to go beyond athletes on drugs. A number of members of the International Olympic Committee have resigned amid allegations of bribery surrounding the upcoming Salt Lake City Winter Games.

Members of the IOC accepted bribes to ensure the Utah city would get the bid for the 2002 games. Many called for Salt Lake to be stripped of the event but it was not. There is also speculation as to whether or not bribes were taken to get Sydney, Australia the 2000 summer games.

- The NBA lockout was settled a day before the NBA Board of Governors was going to scrap the entire season. Teams then had to scramble to sign draft picks and free agents.

The league will play a shortened season, with the NBA finals possibly ending in late June.

- Music critics were surprised to hear that Marilyn Manson would tour with Courtney Love's band, Hole. The two rockers have shot disparaging remarks at each other in the past.

- A couple of people with more time on their hands than most have begun a mission to get Cap'n Crunch promoted to admiral.

They currently have 1,500 names on a petition to send to Quaker Oats to get the cereal officer a new rank.

The change from Captain to Admiral is quite a jump by U.S. military standards.

The promotion could "change the cereal world as we know it," according to their website.

INTERNATIONAL:

A magnitude six earthquake shook Columbia last week, killing over 1,000 people.

Aftershocks of the quake hindered rescue efforts. Civil unrest has also hampered the recovery efforts, as rioting and looting have been the first concern with authorities.

- Turkey has spoken out against the United States and British bombings of Iraq. Turkey's premier said he has great concern over the entire situation.

Turkey joins a list of countries, including Russia, who have spoken out against bombing Iraq. The announcement came shortly after the United States confirmed one missile flew off-track into a residential area. Russia had made their statement at the end of last year.

The Russian government also passed a resolution asking for Monica Lewinsky to convince President Clinton to stop the aggression against Iraq.

- Our solar system may lose a planet. There is debate over whether to strip Pluto of planetary status in the science world. A vote on whether to demote Pluto from planetary status is scheduled for the spring.

COURT REPORT

Speed in Zone:

- Jeffrey J. Mason, Victor (\$90)
- Edward W. Lamott, East Syracuse (\$90)
- Richard J. Petersen, Rochester (\$90)
- Joelle J. Rodas, Hamlin (\$90)
- Andrew E. Schlau, Floral Park, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$100)
- Peter T. Coniff, Almond (\$90)

DWI:

- Karen S. Bradley, Hornell, reduced to DWAI (\$500)
- Michael R. Barney, Alfred, reduced to DWAI (\$500)
- Seth N. Spangler, Hamburg (\$125)

Passing in a No Passing Zone:

- Keith M. Hooker, Bolivar (\$130)
- Bradley G. Neale, Walton (\$80)

No Seatbelt Driver:

- J. B. Foster Jr., Angelica (\$80)
- Erika L. Hoffman, Belmont (\$80)
- Gabriele E. Zitz, Rochester (\$80)

Wrong Way on a One-Way Street:

- Samuel J. McNichols, Avon (\$130)
- Karen S. Bradley, Hornell (\$100)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Daniel Badeau, (\$150)
- Kevin K. Kesel, Hamlin (\$100)

Expired Inspection:

- Robert L. Sherman 4th, Alfred Station (\$55)
- Jason R. Ely, Belmont (\$55)

Other:

- Samuel J. McNichols, Avon, driving out of class (\$80)

- Jacob M. George, Almond, failure to obey traffic device (\$80)

- Michael C. Hornbeck, Hornell, speed in excess 55 mph (\$90)

- Robert A. Piatt, Avoca, passed stopped school bus, (\$280)

- Nathan Fuller, assault in 3rd, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$100)

- Michael R. Barney, Alfred, failure to keep right (\$80)

- Richard F. Croston, Andover, failure to yield right of way (\$80)

- Joshua R. Fuller, Jamestown, possession of more than one license (\$80), falsely reported an incident, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$100)

- Richard J. Kiley, Lake Ronkonkoman, AUO 3rd (\$230)

- Seth N. Spangler, Hamburg, one headlight (\$40)

- Benjamin A. Bagley, Naples, disturbing the peace, (\$50)



PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

The game room in the campus center may be getting a facelift. AUTV is planning on building their studio in the space. Students did use the room to check e-mail, but with the addition of the new Cyber Café, the old VAX terminals have been removed. The idea to convert the game room to a studio was brought up at Student Senate and was approved Jan. 27. Senate does not have the final say as to whether or not AUTV can build, however. Some concerns have been raised as to what will happen to the video games currently located in the room.

Tutors help improve writing

BY CARMEN ANDREWS

Most of us aren't Faulkner or Hemingway, so we need help with our writing skills. The Writing Center, located in room 003 on the basement floor of Seidlin, is a helpful place to improve yourself as a writer and produce better papers.

The quote "Our job is to produce better writers, not better writing," by Stephen North, which hangs on the Center's wall, explains the goal of the tutors who work there.

Vicki Westacott, director of the Writing Center, said, "anyone can use this service because we have a student tutor for every major."

Students who need assistance with papers for classes such as

Western Civilizations, Art History, philosophy, science, engineering and English can take advantage of the Writing Center.

Students who come to the Writing Center want help with all stages of a paper, from organization to grammar."

Westacott also stressed that, "Everyone can benefit from someone else looking at a paper. It's getting the one-on-one attention you do not get in class."

Anyone can go to the Writing Center; however, an appointment is recommended. Simply go to the Writing Center; outside of its door there is a sign-up sheet.

When you pick a time slot you can also choose a tutor who

majors in the subject of your paper.

Devon Bella, a student who frequently uses the Writing Center for her English papers, said, "The Writing Center assists me with transitions and the organization of my papers, and the tutors help me improve what I write for my classes."

Westacott also provided some advice for students who want to utilize the Writing Center.

"Come prepared to work," she said. "If students have a long paper they should plan ahead and bring one section at a time."

"It is also a good idea to come in during all stages of the paper (thesis, rough draft, final draft) if the student can," Westacott added. □



PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

An empty building is all that remains of the Arby's that was located on Rte. 244 just outside the Village.

Smart AU students to participate in regional competition

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

How much does the human brain weigh?

Who wrote *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*, and who is her mother?

Questions like these might be asked of this year's regional College Bowl competitors.

The top four high-scoring competitors in the Student Activities Board sponsored AU College Bowl tournament will join teams from all over the region at Cornell University to battle for the title

of trivia wizards, said Dan Napolitano, director of student activities.

Napolitano will accompany the team on Feb. 19 for the regional competition.

Senior Biology Major Paige Junker, a three-year competitor in the event, explained the contest is "intense, but it's a lot of fun."

She added that each team plays against all of the other teams at least once in a trivia question and answer session.

Junker said their team may

play up to 16 teams throughout the day.

"We start at 8:30 a.m. and compete until 5:30 p.m. with a short lunch break," she said.

The top four teams at the event receive plaques, and the number one team attends nationals.

There is also a wild card spot for one second place team in the national competition.

For the past two years, the AU team has placed in the top four spots.

Napolitano commented, "In the past, no one has beaten Cornell,

but this is four time tournament attendee Paige Junker's last shot at stardom."

"I think they have a good shot," he said.

Junker said her goal this year is "to beat everyone else and give Cornell a run for their money."

Mike Pellicciotti, a junior business administration major, explained, "I am excited not only about participating in the contest, but to have fun with the other competitors."

In recognition of its achievements, the top AU team receives

an Alfie during the annual award ceremony, which will be held in May.

Last year, Junker's team, called BOB, received the Alfie. The team also included Jeneen Lehocky, Craig Calvert and Brian Anderson.

By the way, the human brain weighs about eight pounds.

And, as Junker readily supplied when questioned in last week's round, the author of *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* is Cokie Roberts, and her mother is Cindy Boggs. □

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JET

Flu is primary concern at Health Center

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

Feeling a bit under the weather? You are not alone, said Nurse Practitioner and Director of the Health Center Rosetta M. Brown-Greaney.

"Since Jan. 18, we have treated 220 students; the majority of these had the flu or its ramifications, including strep throat, sinusitis, and ear infections," she added.

As noted in an e-mail sent by the Health Center to students and faculty, the symptoms of influenza include "runny nose,

sneezing, sore throat, headache, cough, fever, ... chills, moderate to severe fatigue, weakness, and muscle aches."

"I'm tired of being sick, and I want to get better," commented Junior Art and Design Major Christine Zuba.

Zuba suffered from the virus for over a week.

Some complications of influenza include the potentially life-threatening bronchitis and pneumonia, according to the Internet homepage of The American Lung Association.

According to the Center for Disease Control, New York is the only state with numbers in excess of the standard rates for the flu epidemic.

Brown-Greaney commented that New York City's high incidence level is the reason New York's numbers are higher than the average.

The areas surrounding Alfred, including those served by St. James Mercy Health and Allegany County Hospitals, have rates below the norm.

In Brown-Greaney's estimation, the high rates in Alfred may be due to the large number of students hailing from the New York City area.

So, when should you seek medical attention?

"If the symptoms last for 48-72 hours, you should schedule an appointment," said Brown-Greaney. "In the meantime,

drink lots of fluids, especially fruit juice, increase rest, and take over the counter pain relievers."

She emphasized to take drugs such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen, but not aspirin.

Not sick yet? Brown-Greaney made this recommendation: "Make sure you wash your hands often and sleep more."

Another means of prevention is the flu vaccine.

The vaccine is an effective

prevention against the virus from about one week after the shot through one year after the time of the shot, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Crandall Health Center can give the vaccine. □



PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

The Crandall Health Center has been inundated with patients suffering from the flu and related ailments. Appointments have been hard to come by because of the number of sick people. The Health Center recommends that students get plenty of rest to avoid getting sick. For people who wish to avoid getting the flu, the Health Center offers the popular annual flu vaccine. Students who feel sick for more than two days should schedule an appointment.

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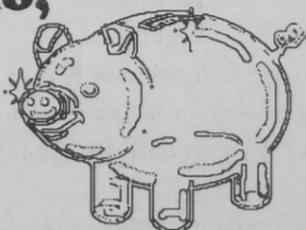
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The health center hours are listed on the front door. Students are advised to make appointments due to flu season.

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Nields bring folk-rock fun at AU show

Upbeat Katryna Nields likes the freedom of keeping it small and the fun of being folksy

BY JAY WEISBERGER

You would think that after dancing up a storm, running laps around stage and singing for an hour, Katryna Nields would be exhausted.

Nields, however, was glowing after The Nields' Knight Club set, Friday.

You can't blame her for being in a good mood. A year ago, record label consolidation found the Nields without a label.

Now, the Nields are signed and in no danger of being dropped by their current label, Zoe (part of Rounders Records).

Without record label worries on her mind, Nields discussed her inspirations, especially Ani DiFranco.

"I am totally inspired by Ani as an artist," she said.

Nields explained that, like DiFranco, having folk roots allows for more fun.

"Up in the folk world, where we're from, you can be humorous on stage," she said. "With most rock you have to be serious. You can be sexy, but not funny."

The band has released four full-length albums, including their most recent release titled *Play*.

And play they will. The Nields have just started a tour

which will take them to Chicago and Louisville before swinging south and then up the East Coast.

"It's tiring," Nields said. She added that one of the drawbacks of being a small band is that "you show up for a show in some city and you play for about 20 people."

Not that the band doesn't have a following. They have 20,000 names on their mailing list, according to their official website.

While Nields expressed she would have no problem playing to larger crowds, she is wary of becoming too big.

"I don't want to be huge," she said. "I want to play the venues we want."

She talked about how lucky Pearl Jam is, in that the group is not as huge as they once were. This, she explained, allows them to play whichever venue they wish.

"It's rare to fall into that crack," she said, explaining that very few bands can call their own shots like that.

As Nields spoke, an audience member walked up to compliment her on the band's performance.

If this trend continues on the tour, the band may very well find themselves playing for larger crowds very soon. □

REVIEW

Nields show features fun atmosphere and awesome music

BY JAY WEISBERGER

Student Activities Board started off the second semester of small acts with Friday's performance by The Nields in the Knight Club.

Perform is the key word, too, for the band went far beyond merely playing their songs for the more than 100 students and fans who came.

All night, the 5-piece from Northampton, Mass. displayed their ability to work a crowd, play with a passion and have fun.

Led by the flowing vocals of sisters Nerissa and Katryna Nields, the band made many in the low-key crowd get up and dance.

The vocals were reminiscent of Natalie Merchant, the Indigo Girls and Jewel.

This group could easily stand alone on the vocal talents of the two sisters.

The band moves beyond just having pretty voices, however.

The rest of the band (David Nields on electric guitar, Dave Chalfant on bass and Dave Hower on drums), add a rolling, and sometimes rollicking, element to the songs.

Together, the band rocks out. Their cohesiveness was clearly evident, as they communicated with each other on stage in an

almost telepathic way. The band seemed to be having as much fun as everyone else.

The band showed they have enough energy to power the Village of Alfred. Katryna danced in ways that would make Beck proud.

More than once, a band mem-

"The band's polish, song-writing and energy made this a wonderful show... I wish more mainstream bands would share the same exuberance the Nields show in their set."

ber would bound about the stage and the room. It was refreshing to see such life on stage.

The band showed they also have some excellent material.

Not one of the songs played in the hour-plus set was a slouch.

"Check it Out" was especially notable. The song plays the loud-soft game to perfection

and showed everyone they aren't afraid to keep a light mood around their show.

The band's new single "Snowman" was also a nice piece.

In between songs, the band featured some "interactive" antics.

The crowd got into their funny anecdotes about speeding tickets and icebergs. Their "clap-o-meter," used to determine who in the crowd had heard of people like Sonic Youth, entertained as well.

The band harnessed the enthusiasm of the audience by sliding into a rousing rendition of "Lovely Rita," the Beatles' classic.

The band finished their set with an excellent set of songs, including "Alfred Hitchcock" and "The Train."

As an added bonus, band members stuck around to chat with audience members after the show.

The band's polish, song-writing and energy made this a wonderful show.

Too often, a band seems to just be going through the motions on stage. Not the Nields.

I wish more mainstream bands would share the same exuberance the Nields show in their set. □

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PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Winter came back with the students for the semester. Already Alfred has received more snow than it did last winter. Students enjoyed the snow while it was here by snowboarding, sledding and building snowmen. Throwing snowballs is still illegal in the Village of Alfred.

Meeting times have changed.

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Dancers get ready

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

A special feature is underway for the upcoming dance concert, Mar. 18-20.

Chamber Singers will present selections of music from Kenya. The dancers on stage will perform with them.

Assistant Professor of Dance Susan Caligaris said a title for the concert has not been chosen. Caligaris is also the director of the concert and will meet with students to decide what kind of choreography will be submitted. "Each student has something unique to offer," Caligaris said.

Such an event has multiple benefits, she said. Dancers are afforded an opportunity to share a part of themselves with their peers and the community. The process of creating their work brings them together as AU students. The campus community is entertained and moved by what they see.

"The dance is an art form that reveals the power to communicate with your body, and everyone who allows themselves to experience it comes away feeling more connected to the human race," Caligaris said.

The concert is sponsored by the Division of Performing Arts.

"I've always enjoyed the variety of the dance concerts," said Junior Biology Major Jessica Makowski. "The performers are exquisite and intimate on stage. That takes practice." □

SAB still searching for perfect large act

Though bids have fallen through with some bands, AU may still see a large concert this semester

BY JAY WEISBERGER

It is never long after winter break ends when students begin to ask what band AU will bring to campus for the large act.

Student Activities Board is asking the same question.

"It's a tricky procedure," said Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano, referring to booking the large act.

In the fall SAB unsuccessfully attempted to secure Our Lady Peace and Soul Coughing. Two weeks ago, a bid to get Rusted Root also fell through.

SAB isn't giving up, however. SAB President Laura Blake indicated that there are bids being considered. She could not divulge whom the bids concerned or which dates are being considered

for the show.

"It'll happen soon," Blake said, noting that SAB is working hard to book an act.

Despite not having an act booked, Blake is not concerned about booking one.

"We can put together a show in less than a month if we have to," Blake said.

"A lot of groups are touring right now," Napolitano said. "We're looking for just the right group."

The "right" group is a band the bulk of the student population will enjoy.

It is not that simple, however.

Money and timing play a role as well, Napolitano said.

"Student Senate gives us \$20,000 for the large act," Napolitano explained. "Selling

out the show gives us another \$20,000."

SAB cannot use all of these funds just to pay for the band. Security, T-shirts, catering and an electric generator are just a few of the many peripheral items that SAB must pay for to sponsor a show.

These limitations mean more expensive bands, those who charge nearly six figures, are out of reach for AU.

Also, a band's tour itinerary must "work" for an AU show, Napolitano added.

"We're a great in-between school," he said, explaining that if a band is traveling from Cleveland or Buffalo to New York City or Philadelphia, Alfred is a great place to stop.

SAB large act chair David

Clay said he is working very hard to ensure a good concert this year.

"I don't want to be known as the large act chair who didn't bring a large act," he joked.

Clay said he talks to AU's booking agent every day to look into possibilities.

He noted that last year's Third Eye Blind/Smashmouth double-headliner came up at the last minute.

Clay is aware of the high standards students set for a large act.

"When we don't bring huge names, they get disappointed," he said.

Clay noted that in order to sell out a show in Alfred, SAB will need to book a fairly mainstream act.

He also said he is toying with

the idea of a Wednesday night large act, citing that a band could be as much as \$15,000 cheaper for a show in the middle of the week.

"I'd like to see how that would do," he said.

Napolitano added that, while there is no large act booked now, the possibility remains that AU could have two shows this semester under the right circumstances.

In the event a large act is not booked, the money would roll over to next year, meaning AU could book an even larger act, Napolitano said.

"I think SAB is playing it smart," Napolitano said.

"They know the scene and they aren't just going to blow their money on anything," he said. □

REVIEW

DMB has success with live CD

BY JOSEPH FRUHMANN

A major reason for the Dave Matthews Band's success can be credited to the fact that the taping of their shows is allowed. This is what some say made their rise to fame relatively short, as tapes would be traded and sent all over the world. This allowed DMB to sell out venues, even if they never played the city before.

Time passed and the band's fame grew. What was originally intended to be a non-profitable hobby turned into a huge controversy as people would sell tapes of shows for ridiculous amounts of money. Finally, in 1997, DMB's management released *Live at Red Rocks*, the first of six live CD's that would hopefully combat the growing "bootlegging" problem.

The second of these albums is *Live at Luther College*, an acoustic show featuring only Dave Matthews and his longtime friend, Tim Reynolds. The album features an extensive 23 song set list that spans DMB's first three albums and includes four previously unreleased tracks, one of

which is a Reynolds original.

For the most part, the show is straightforward without a lot of anecdotal tales characteristic to these types of Dave Matthews concerts. The only thing that resembles Matthews' usual rambling is the story/song "Little Thing" in which he begins to tell a tale about a girl from whom he asked directions in New York City.

Aside from this eerie little story, Matthews and Reynolds stick to the familiar tunes: "Tripping Billies," "Satellite," "Ants Marching," and a slowed down funky version of "What Would You Say."

Matthews' dynamic voice can be heard a lot more clearly without the rest of DMB backing him up. The best example of this can be heard in "Halloween," as Dave changes his pitch an amazing amount of times. Although he is heckled by critics for doing so, the changes add a little something extra to the mood of the song.

The album as a whole is a living testament to the talent Matthews possesses. He has an uncanny abil-

ity to pull off tricky chords and timing schemes. If I were to pick the three best tracks on *Luther* they would be:

- "Warehouse," a song about Dave's experiences while living in Virginia. The track starts off somewhat dark with Dave's delicate crooning, which he does so well, in the background. The song gets very fevered and then very mellow during the chorus.

- The happy-go-lucky "One Sweet World," an optimistic, seize-the-day tune. A prolonged jam at the end of the song adds to the track's dreamy lyrics. Reynolds' back playing is evident towards the end.

- "Crash Into Me," the song that some say is DMB's most popular. Done as an acoustic song, "Crash" is played a lot faster and with more emotion. Although it is basically a simple song, the two turn it into a terrific melody.

Both men make the whole idea of acoustic music seem a lot more interesting. *Live at Luther College* is for those who can recognize and appreciate music in its natural form. □

Alfie design contest offers winning artist \$1,000

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

"And the Alfie goes to..."

Returning students are used to hearing that line.

They are also used to seeing the little trophies given out to the award winners. But there may be a change in the works for the actual trophies.

A \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the student who designs the new Alfie award.

About 30 Alfie Awards are presented each May in recognition of student creativity and spirit.

This year's Alfie Award ceremony on May 1 will be the 5th annual event.

The sculpture contest has been developed to "tap into the artistic talents of Alfred University students," according to a press release from the Office of Student Activities.

There are a few rules involved in the contest.

Teams of students may enter, but the winning team

will split the \$1,000.

A sample sculpture must be submitted by Feb. 26 to be reviewed by a committee including faculty, staff and students.

The student entering the contest must "be capable and have the resources to create 25-30 similar trophies by Apr. 23," according to the press release.

The release also stated that further funds will be provided by the University to defer the production costs.

Each sculpture must have space for a flat plaque to be engraved with the winner's name.

And finally, the sculpture will need to be reproduced each year.

Royalty fees will be negotiated.

This year's Alfie Award ceremony will be the first to feature a unique creation of an AU student or group of students. □

Blood flows freely in Knight Club

BY KELLY KNEE

Saving a person's life does not have to mean performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking victim, or pulling a drowning child from the ocean.

Sometimes saving a life is as simple as donating blood.

On Jan. 28, the AU Biology Club sponsored a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

Emily Faryna, Biology Club vice president, said over 100 people donated blood during the drive, which was set up in the Knight Club and run by the Red Cross.

An e-mail sent to students over the weekend indicated that 113 pints of usable blood were donated.

Volunteers and members of the Biology Club registered people willing to donate, distributed the questionnaires potential donors must fill out before donating and monitored the snack table set up for people who gave blood.

Phlebotomists from the Red Cross took the donations and monitored those who had finished donating.

Faryna said that the low numbers in blood banks in the winter made the timing excellent for the AU blood drive.

Those wishing to donate blood could either make an appointment previous to the day of the drive, or just walk in on the day of the drive.

Of the over 100 people who donated blood in the drive, many were students who had never donated blood before.

Seth Perkins, a freshman computer science major, said he had never donated blood before, and that it was an "OK experience."

Perkins also said, "I don't miss my blood one drop."

Another student who donated in the drive, Junior Art Major Rob York, said he wanted to do something helpful.

York also said that while he was a "little nervous" about giv-

ing blood initially, he would donate again if the opportunity arose.

However, due to the strict requirements surrounding blood donation in the United States, there were students who were unable to donate in the drive.

There are a myriad of reasons that a person would be ineligible to donate blood, the most common reasons being anemia and illness.

Some of these students participated in the blood drive in other ways, by helping with the running of the drive, said Faryna.

Faryna also said the Biology Club is planning another blood drive for sometime in March, giving students who missed donating in the January drive another opportunity to give.

The American Red Cross encourages anyone who is medically eligible to give blood to do so, as blood banks are always in need of more donations to replenish dwindling supplies. □

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- **Four-bedroom apartment** on South Main St. at the Grange. Also with another nice apartment. To be remodeled for next school year.

- Also five **houses** in Alfred Station with one and two bedrooms. Two miles from campus near the Alfred Station Post Office. **One or two-bedroom apartments** at the Cow Palace, a ten plex building, 1.2 miles from campus in the other direction.

These apartments are affordable for the struggling college student. Landlord is fair about security deposits. Responsible pet owners are welcome.

Appointments can be made by calling 587-8637 or (716) 593-6185



Keefe's standout '98 season recognized

BY ANDY BERMAN

Sophomore Strong Safety Brian Keefe was not even sure which position he would be playing for the Saxon football team.

By season's end, Keefe tallied up seven different awards for his play on the field.

Keefe's latest award and most impressive was being selected as NCAA Division III honorable mention by *USA Football*.

"He was our leader on defense and simply took over football games at times this season," said AU Head Coach Dave Murray.

"Brian is a true competitor. He raised the level of play for our entire defensive unit with his actions on the field," Murray said.

Keefe, who has been playing organized football since he was eight years old, said, "It feels great, but I'm only out doing what I like to do."

Moving from free safety to strong safety impacted Keefe's play immensely. At the beginning of the season, it appeared Keefe would be playing free safety, and senior Nick Mancini would be in the strong safety slot.

Mancini had to leave the team because of the hazing incident last semester, which moved Keefe to strong safety.

"Strong safety suits me more," Keefe said.

Keefe's other awards were Hewlett-Packard 3rd Team All-American, *Hansen's Football Gazette* Honorable Mention All-American and 1st Team All-East Region, USA Football Division III Defensive Player of the Week, ECAC 1st Team All-Star and ECAC Upstate NY Defensive Player of the Week.

Last season, Keefe was named team MVP for his team-leading 115 tackles, and was second on the team with four interceptions and 4.5 sacks. □



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Brian Keefe (#37) makes one of his many tackles of the season. Keefe gained national recognition for his accomplishments on the field.

Scores galore: Saxon sports roundup

Men's Basketball (8-9)

Nazareth 89, AU 73
Smith 22 pts., Quinlan 14 pts., Stedman 13 pts.

AU 79, Houghton 52
Smith 21 pts., 7 rebounds, 7 assists; Quinlan 16 pts.

SUNY Cortland 83, AU 59
Smith 14 pts., McKinnon 13 pts., 9 rebounds

AU 69, Keuka 62
Filosa 20 pts., McKinnon 14 pts., 16 rebs.

AU 84, Hartwick 81
Filosa 33 pts., 6 assists, Smith 12 pts., 6 rebs.

AU 65, Medaille 61
Filosa 22 pts., 6 assists, Valentine 11 pts.

St. Lawrence 76, AU 69 (2 OT)
Filosa 23 pts., Quinlan 20 pts., Culbreth 12 rebs.

Clarkson 69, AU 58
Filosa 22 pts., McKinnon 10 pts.

AU 89, Elmira 81
Quinlan 28 pts., Docteur 17 pts., McKinnon 8 rebs.

Women's Basketball (5-11)

RIT 50, AU 37
Valitutto 11 pts., 10 rebs., Ratchuk 11 pts.

Cortland 90, AU 57
Ratchuk 19 pts., Valitutto 5 rebs., Lincoln 5 rebs.

Houghton 79, AU 44
Ratchuk 16 pts., Valitutto 9 pts., 5 rebs.

Baptist Bible 68, AU 58
Valitutto 13 pts., 14 rebs., Kushner 10 pts.

Keuka 78, AU 57

Lincoln 14 pts., Valitutto 13 pts., 12 rebs.

AU 66, Cazenovia 61
O'Connor 22 pts., Valitutto 18 pts., 10 rebs., Kushner 18 pts.

AU 65, Clarkson 64
O'Connor 18 pts., Kushner 15 pts., Valitutto 11 rebs.

Lycoming 74, AU 38
Valitutto 8 pts., 6 rebs.

St. Lawrence 100, AU 63
Valitotto 13 pts., 11 rebs., Lincoln 13 pts.

Clarkson 63, AU 52
Valitutto 16 pts., 13 rebs., O'Connor 14 pts., Kushner 14 pts.

Elmira 74, AU 32
Valitutto 7 pts., Lincoln 7 rebs.

Men's Alpine Skiing

Cornell Invitational: 1st of 9
Engle 1st giant slalom, Walsh 2nd giant slalom, 2nd slalom
Washburn 4th slalom

Morrisville Invitation: 1st of 8
Engle 1st giant slalom, Walsh 4th slalom

Women's Alpine Skiing

Cornell Invitational: 3rd of 8
Titus 3rd slalom, 11th giant slalom

Morrisville Invitational: 2nd of 8
Becky Overbake 1st giant slalom, Lord 4th slalom

Men's Track and Field

Fredonia Open
Young 3rd shot put (13.81m) qualified for NYS and ECAC Championships, Scheibner 2nd triple jump (12.35m), Koelher 3rd 500 m (1:12.9)

Rochester Area Invite: 2nd of 5
Winkky 1st 1,500m (4:16.33), Young 1st shot put (13.19m), Scheibner 1st 800m (2:07.79), Lickfield 1st 40m hurdles (5.9), Sabato 1st pole vault (3.65), 2nd 200m (24.75), Kulzer 1st 3,000m (9:28.62) Madejczyk 2nd shot put (13.04m), 2nd 35# weight (12.20m)

Women's Track and Field

Fredonia Open
Ares 1st 500m (1:24.6) school record, Gaydos, Brewer, Boadi, Ares 2nd 4x400 relay (4:28.2), Brewer 2nd long jump (4.81m)

Rochester Area Invite: 3rd of 5
Brewer 1st high jump (1.57m) school record, Martin 1st 1,000m (3:49.01)

Men's Swimming and Diving

Nazareth 122, AU 116

T. Striker 1st 200 IM (2:13.84) pool record, 1st 200 back (2:10.45) pool record, B. Striker 1st 100 free (53.83) pool record, 1st 200 free (1:59.40), Dobe 1st 3m diving (203.95), Berman 1st 1m diving (212.75)

Sprint Invitational: 4th of 5

Berman 1st Diving (371.9), T. Striker 1st 100 free (48.14), 1st 100 IM (56.39), 1st 100 Back (54.08), 2nd 50 back (26.54), B. Striker 2nd 50 Breast (29.86), 2nd 50 free (22.62), 3rd 100 free (49.16), Kerwin 1st 50 back (25.69), 2nd 100 back (55.75)

AU 117, Lycoming 88

B. Striker 1st 200 free (1:48.10), 1st 100 free (48.89), T. Striker 400 IM (4:29.56), 100 back (53.92), Kerwin 1st 50 free (22.42), 1st 100 fly (57.67), Harrington 1st 1000 free (10:47.89), 1st 500 free (5:13.73)

Coral Springs Classic

B. Striker 1st 100 free (49.16), 3rd 50 free, T. Striker 1st 100 breast (55.27), 2nd 100 free, Kerwin 4th 100 back (57.22)

Women's Swimming and Diving

Nazareth 131, AU 103

Jeitler 1st 1m diving (175.80), 1st 3m diving (161.90), M. Ligerman 1st 800 free (9:59.74), H. Ligerman 1st 200 fly (2:40.31), Burke 1st 200 back (1:37.32)

Spring Invitational: 3rd of 6th

Brooks 1st 50 breast (32.75), 1st 100 breast (1:12.63), Picarelle 50 fly (28.73), H. Ligerman 2nd 100 fly (1:03.80) Kachmar 2nd 50 free (26.75), 3rd 100 free (58.50), Ohlson 3rd 50 breast (35.11), 3rd 100 breast (1:13.87)

AU 118, Lycoming 85

Kachmar 1st 50 free (26.28), 1st 100 free (58.31), H. Ligerman 1st 100 fly (1:04.01), M. Ligerman 1st 500 free (5:35.54), 1st 400 IM (5:06.02), Brooks 1st 100 breast (1:09.68)

Coral Springs Classic

H. Ligerman 6th 100 IM (1:04.07), Brooks 8th 100 breast (1:12.90), Kachmar 9th 50 free (27.01)

News from around Alfred:

•Senior Jamie Pierce was named an honorable mention preseason All-American by *Face-Off '99 College Lacrosse Yearbook*. and by *College Lacrosse USA*.

•The Men's Lacrosse Team has the 13th strongest schedule of the 110 Division III schools according to *LaxPower*.

COLUMN

Wrestling makes for good TV

BY ANDY BERMAN

While I was home on break, one of my friends was watching wrestling. And since there isn't a whole lot to do while on break, I sat down and watched with him.

At first, I couldn't believe that I was actually watching wrestling. In a class right before mid-semester, I was making fun of a man who wrote a letter about wrestling in *Newsweek*.

When I was younger, I watched wrestling religiously. I could name every move, every athlete, every announcer... I could even tell you the referee's name. This was back when Hulk Hogan was king and the Heart Foundation was still intact.

But then the entire issue of wrestling being fake surfaced. I was 14 years old or so, and my world was crushed. Wrestling was more fake than Milli Vanilli.

This is what makes professional wrestling different from anything else. It is fake. Everyone knows it, but no one cares.

I don't really care if the matches were all scripted. This is great entertainment, almost as good as Roller Derby, which is starting to make a comeback too.

The wrestlers in the WWF and WCW are probably the best overall athletes in the world.

Professional wrestlers are very strong and flexible. They pick each other up and throw each other around like rag dolls. They do flips, jump off the top ropes, get tossed onto tables and do twisty-turvy reversals that just blow my mind.

Now I'm not saying that have become a die-hard fan of wrestling again. You won't see me carrying around an Austin 3:16 sign anytime soon. But, if I am home watching TV, and wrestling is on, for some reason, I will watch.

And I will like it. □