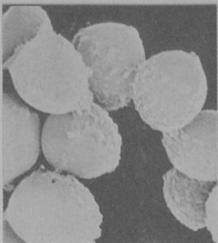




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AU alumna outlines realities of lobbying

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Alfred alumna Christa Nyman Christakis shared her experience as a New York lobbyist for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) with students, faculty and the Alfred community on Oct. 6 in the Women's Leadership Center (WLC).

"I remember when I was a student here at Alfred, I kind of had the idea that maybe I would want to advocate for some issue in the future and become a lobbyist, but I have to tell you I really did not know what that meant, so hopefully you'll get a better idea of that through this presentation," said Christakis.

The WLC welcomed Christakis

as their first speaker of their "Women of Influence" series to discuss lobbying for women's health issues.

The goal of the WLC is to encourage women to take advantage of leadership opportunities and to enter leadership roles after graduation. Christakis works for ACOG, District II/NY. ACOG supplies the New York Legislature with scientific and educational information to increase the quality of health care for women.

Christakis focused on three main areas in regards to her experience as a lobbyist for women's health.

The first area described how a bill becomes a law and what it takes for a bill to pass. The second part of Christakis' presentation focused on two bills ACOG worked on to make into laws and the third area

focused on tips for effective lobbying.

"Unfortunately, we've got three women in a room. Governor Pataki, Senate Majority Leader, Joseph Bruno and Speaker of the Assembly, Sheldon Silver," said Christakis. "These individuals control New York state politics, whether it's for good or bad this is what you've got to work with. These individuals control the agenda. They're the ones that get to decide what bills move, what bills are basically inacted into law."

A lobbyist must persuade a legislator to introduce a bill. Before a bill becomes a law a legislator in each house must introduce it. The bill must then pass through committees and be passed by both houses. Lastly, the governor must sign the bill before it can become a

law.

There are three key forces that are essential for a bill to pass. First, the health care issue must be recognized, not just by the lobbyist, but also by the legislators and governor. Secondly, a feasible policy solution must be recognized and agreed upon by all parties involved, and lastly, there must be a favorable political environment.

"We are looked at as experts in women's health, we can't give the legislators any money," said Christakis. "All we can do is give them the scientific and medical facts and I think we are a pretty respected organization."

Two bills that ACOG worked feverishly on addressed the problems of cervical cancer and unintended pregnancy.

Cervical cancer is diagnosed

in 10,000 women annually and African-American women are twice as likely to die compared to white women.

The next step towards passing the bill is getting legislators to agree that there is a definite problem. The bill would address a state-wide initiative to decrease cervical cancer in New York, hold hearings to the public for their opinions on the issue and promote a public education campaign. With most legislators in agreement, the cervical cancer bill looked like it was moving forward to becoming a law. Unfortunately nothing was happening and Christakis did not seem to understand why. Finally, she discovered what was holding up the bill.

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Homecoming Court 2005



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW BUTTS

(Top) Former King and Queen, Ryan Chavoustie and Lynette Hatton pass on their titles to King Jonas Alcantara and Queen Penelope Perdomo on Oct. 8 at Alfred's Homecoming game against Hartwick College. (Bottom) The King and Queen (center) are surrounded by their fellow nominees.

CDC helps students acquire county court experience

JERNEE JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Acquiring a college education proves to be beneficial for future career goals. But, internships are what best prepares students for the transition into the "real world."

Two Alfred University students, Shannon Anselmo and Shay Nelson, both senior criminal justice majors, are interns at the Allegany County Court in Belmont this semester. They are interning with Judge Brown and Judge Euken in the Allegany county criminal and civil courts.

"It [internship] gives us a chance to look at the actual criminal justice system," said Nelson.

Anselmo and Nelson said that internships give students more "hands-on" experience that the classroom cannot reciprocate.

"We get to see how the criminal justice major works in a real world application," said Anselmo.

The internship is unpaid and both students receive four credits toward their major. Anselmo said that the internship is flexible. Both interns create their own schedules as to not conflict with school.

Anselmo and Nelson work directly with Warren Emerson, county court attorney and mentor to them both. Anselmo and Nelson sit in on pre- and post-trial cases and hear

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY ALLEGANY COUNTY COURT
Court stenographer Carol Shaffer, Shannon Anselmo and Shay Nelson standing before the jury box at the court house.

Transportation provides students with convenient access to Hornell

JESSICA CABRERA
STAFF WRITER



PHOTO BY JESSICA CABRERA

Daily commuter, Ken Lukken boards the Hornell Area Transit bus, which is located on the corner of the Brick, across from Herrick Library. Students are taking advantage of this free opportunity.

AU Student Senate, in conjunction with the Hornell Area Transportation bus system, is allowing students to travel at no cost to Hornell.

According to Student Senate President Ian Phillips, "It was important to start a program like this because there are a number of students without cars who feel isolated at times in Alfred, especially when they first get here. I had no idea gas prices would skyrocket like this when we were looking into it, but I know some students are using it to save money on gas, so that is an added bonus."

In order to ride on the bus, students need to be at the stop located on the corner of the Brick, across the street from Herrick Library and show their student ID. The bus arrives at 1:05 p.m. and comes back at 3:05 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Saturdays it arrives at 12:30 p.m. and returns to Alfred at 5 p.m.

Since the H.A.T. bus system has started, there have been a few problems.

"There were two instances that I know of where students were left behind. One was

on Labor Day; [the drivers] changed the schedule without notifying us. The second instance was because of a new driver. But now they have a sign in the front of the bus explaining the change in routing for the Wegmans-Alfred Shuttle. I hope students aren't getting discouraged. I think at this point we have all the kinks worked out. I would be very surprised if we ran into any issues like these again," said Phillips.

Students on our campus are using the H.A.T. bus for different reasons.

"Some of our organizations use this bus as a way to get food and other essentials in order to prepare for an event," said Nina Belfield, a senior marketing student. Other students use the bus to commute. "I live in Hornell so I use this bus as a form of transportation to commute back and forth," said Ken Lukken, a sophomore english major.

Having this new system is definitely an added bonus to AU's campus. Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano wants students to keep in mind that "this bus was intended to fill a void of a supermarket and not necessarily to support Wal-Mart. [He] encourage[s] students to shop downtown first, even for groceries at Kinfolk and support [the] local economy. The uniqueness of small town businesses is an endangered species due to the growth of big mega-stores, so appreciate what we have."

Feel free to take advantage of this new free system. All students can go free of charge and save money on gas. ©

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Where's your T-shirt?

Support Alfred's gay community

As many of you know, Gay? Fine By Me™ T-shirts are making their appearance on Alfred's campus this week. Before hitting Alfred, this T-shirt campaign has been used in a countless number of high schools, colleges, churches, businesses, communities, fraternities and sororities.

It seems only positive reactions can emerge from this campaign. Many organizations around the country that participated in the project found the event to be a success. There were few negative reactions with the campaign and the ones that did surface were in the form of respectful protests. Protesters claimed they simply disagreed with the choices of homosexuals and not the individual as a whole.

Regardless of the few negative reactions, the campaign has resulted in a contagious message of unity spreading across college campuses and the country. With same-sex marriage as a hot button issue in the political forum this seems to be the right time for people to assert their personal beliefs and let others know how they really feel about the issue. Instead of letting politicians dictate how their constituents should feel, it's important to make our views known.

The message Gay? Fine By Me™ seems simple enough but it speaks volumes. These T-shirts encourage support of the gay community, fight homophobia and spread understanding. When The State University of New York College at Geneseo held the campaign, the T-shirts flew off the tables and brought a diverse group of students together to rally around gay rights.

Students who wear the T-shirts will create a campus buzz. An interest will be sparked in the whole community and the campaign here at Alfred will undoubtedly be a success with your help.

So head to Powell Campus Center and support Spectrum, Psi-Chi and other gay community members by picking up a free, Gay? Fine By Me™ T-shirt. Show your tolerance and let gay students, faculty and community members know that they are living in a safe space.

Experience is necessary

In today's job market, an undergraduate degree and good grades will no longer cut it. Those are a dime a dozen. By current standards, a bachelor's degree is the equivalent of what a high school diploma was 20 years ago.

Employers are seeking well-rounded graduates with experience. That is why it is important for students to gain internship experience before the conclusion of their college career. Internships offer much more than another notch on a resume.

Responsibility is an invaluable advantage to an internship experience. When interns often start out, they are sent on small, repetitive and seemingly servile tasks. But, these assigned duties teaches the intern responsibility on the smallest level, which is preparation for greater tasks. Interns often have to do exactly what they are told, but initiative is what will grasp the attention of those who can assist in the advancement of the student's career.

An internship will also allow a student to gain valuable hands-on experience from professionals of a given field. It is more than just something to do for the summer or a semester; it allows students to work with individuals that can assist in personal and professional development. They also have a wealth of knowledge that they are willing to share and could be the stepping-stone to finding a dream job. In addition, college credit can be earned.

Students can also participate in multiple internships. The more you do, the more attractive you are to prospective employers. This often results in being sought after by numerous different companies, agencies and media outlets and the ability to negotiate a favorable starting salary.

Perhaps the most important aspect of participating in an internship is networking. The professionals you meet through your experience can open doors for you that other graduates will not be privileged to. Making lasting connections with all the people you encounter will give students an advantage over fellow graduates.

AU students should take advantage of the free career developmental services that is offered. The Career Development Center offers resume review, cover letters, internship and job services, career counseling and assessments, interview training and employer profiles. The center is there for students and alums, which makes searching for opportunities less difficult. By participating in an internship, you give yourself the competitive advantage in the job market and are building a strong and steady foundation for your career.

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Opinion

Increasing Facebook savvy Your profile may downplay your credentials

Facebookers across the country may be revealing information to more people than they know.

As many of you know, Facebook is an online directory of college students who post personal information about their lives. With the arrival of Facebook at various schools, including Alfred, it has resulted with a phenomenal response by students. It's a new way for students to socialize and network.

Recently I read an article in *The Boston Globe* about a student from Brandeis University who included the statement "I enjoy the festive greens" in her Facebook profile. A "community member" saw the information and somehow it got back to the girl's grandmother that she was smoking pot.

In the wake of the popularity of Facebook, Brandeis decided to hold an information session for students on how to be Facebook savvy. At this seminar, administrators let them in on a little secret. Before hiring students for campus jobs, their Facebook profiles were read. This was one of the determining factors of whether or not they got the job.

The article also mentioned that campus police con-

tacted three students at the University of Mississippi when they created a group that expressed their desire to sleep with university professors. The students were referred to their campus judicial system.

Facebook can also decrease student safety if not used correctly. When students post too much information

on their profile like dorm room, telephone number and class schedule they are more susceptible to stalking and harassment. It's important for students to be aware of the dangers they face when posting too much information.

These scenarios raise questions of how far people go into checking backgrounds and whether or not it's fair for future employers to delve into a student forum like Facebook. It's a place for students to freely express themselves in any way they would like without having to worry about people judging them or taking them too seriously, especially future employers.

It's probably safe to suggest that 15 years from now a political candidate will find themselves regretting something they once posted on Facebook. It appears the moral of this story is that in our information driven society, there is always someone watching. ☉



GERALDINE GENZARDI
MANAGING EDITOR

Seniors step into final course

People often think that seniors have easier course loads and more time on their hands.

Yeah right. Seniors may have an easier course load, however preparing for the future and keeping up with current responsibilities is a full course load all by itself.

If you know any seniors, you've probably noticed that they have been pretty crazy this semester. I know I have been. The reason is simple: it's an added course load to prepare students for life after AU.

The first assignment we face is to figure out whether or not we want to go directly into the workforce or go to graduate school. Some of us, myself included, are unable to decide. If you are a senior and you have decided on graduate school, congratulations, you have just doubled your work load.

The amount of research required to accomplish this task easily surmounts the work necessary for an average research paper. I mean the directory of United States graduate schools is thicker than my dictionary, which means there are more schools than there are words in the English language.

As for finding a job, the task is equally as challenging. There is hope if you find your job search to be, well hopeless. The Career Development Center is the equivalent of a tutor. They won't do it for you, but they will guide you along the way. If you haven't gone yet, stop by. I know I have just added one more thing to your to-do list but just give it a try.

After the prep-work is completed, it is time for the midterm. Only this time the tests are applications to schools and jobs. Most of us went through this once before when we were applying to college. However, it seems to me that at that time our parents and guidance counselors did most of the work. This time no cheating or Cliff's Notes allowed.

Lots of graduate schools require prospective students to take tests. Depending on the school and the

area of study, it may be the LSATS, GRE's or the GMAT's. After taking the exam it's time to apply. The application process is tedious and nerve-wracking, but there is no way to avoid it. After that, we wait.

Time is not our friend. Either we don't have enough time to accomplish tasks or there is too much time spent waiting for an answer. As seniors, we not only have to pass this course, but we still have to continue on with our normal course load, commonly referred to as life. I know I have tons of activities and organizations that I am involved in, and this being my last year, I want to be as committed as possible.

I have mentioned many of the responsibilities that we face as seniors, but what about having fun? This being our last year we need to soak up as much of the Alfred atmosphere possible. That means the people, the food, the weather – especially the nice weather, and all the other things that make Alfred such a unique place to live.

This past week, I have been wondering how to fit everything in. The answer is simply that I can't. At first I found this extremely depressing, but then I realized that it's ok to let things go and it's ok to have fun. As seniors we won't be able to score high on every test or apply to every job, or unfortunately keep up with every friend.

The truth is that spring will come whether we are ready or not. We can take comfort in the fact that we are not alone. There are millions of senior college students in the exact same position that we are. Millions of people have already been here and done this before. Somehow they survived and many went on to express this as the best time of their lives.

The most important thing is to stick with your gut and go with no regrets. That might mean holding back and it might mean forging ahead with no inhibitions. Either way, at least it will be our choice because it is our year. If you're not a senior but you know one, just cut them some slack, because you are going to want some when you become one. ☉



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Pet peeves, annoying yet essential

I've got to tell you, I am probably the best candidate for worst pet peeve. It's pretty bad.

I can't handle it when guys leave the toilet seat up. Dishes in the sink force me to painfully pull out my already non-existent eyebrows. And an empty milk carton put back into the refrigerator is a bad no no.

Let's not forget how excruciating it is for me to notice a perfect parking spot only to then realize that some imbecile driving a yellow SUV, from New Jersey nonetheless parked perpendicular in the spot next to it, preventing anyone with a car bigger than a matchbox to squeeze in.

God, I need to lose three more pounds before Thanksgiving.

Ready for the kicker? I, out of all the people that I know, actually perform the pet peeves I am so against.

Top pet peeve on the list; randomness. I can not stand it when I am talking to someone and they randomly insert something that is absolutely irreverent to our conversation. *Crap, I totally forgot that I was supposed to pay my Victoria Secrets bill.* I mean, granted not everything I have to say is of complete importance, but it is so disrespectful to cut someone off (as if that police officer gave me a ticket for reckless driving) in mid-thought.

I am sitting here, leg knee-deep in my sock drawer, trying to come up with a good instance of when you can interrupt someone with a non-topic comment. It proved to be a hard mission, but after polishing off about a half a bag of animal crackers, good sources of calcium, and two bottles of Mountain Dew, remember to look up *Yellow five*, I managed to come up with three occasions.

You are sitting in the car, crammed between family members, close friends, or ex-whoever, and a somewhat intense spat takes shape. We all know how miserable it is to sit through one of those. Well, maybe you don't. Imagine a little Hiroshima occur-

ring on both sides of your head, piercing your eardrums. *If Corrine doesn't give me back my earrings, I WILL flip out.* It's enough to make your toes curl.

So, I will give you permission to slip in a "How about those dang Yankees". That will at least curve the conversation to something more like, "Oh, those Yankees are awful and have no shot at all!" Oops!

Another suitable occasion for randomness is when you are out on a date and things just aren't going well. You have successfully stirred your garlic mashed potatoes around your plate to create a sort of mix between putty and paste. *If mom ever finds out that I was the one that spilt Elmer's Glue on the couch and it wasn't Michael...* You have drank at least three pitchers of water alone and

left the table to use the restroom a total of eight times. And you have noticed every split end your date has and he has a buzz cut. Here, you are free to insert a "So, how many classes are you taking? And in those five classes, do you use pen or pencil?"

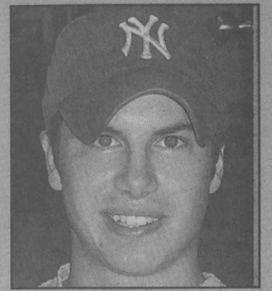
Now, I would hope you could come up with some more creative random conversation starters than the latter, but if not, please, feel free to use mine. Just rightfully quote me and attach a works cited page. And the last occasion I believe holds significant worthiness is when you are perplexed as to what to write your article on, and while asking yourself over and over what to write, you became overwhelmed with random thoughts. So, why not take those random thoughts, embarrass yourself while jeopardizing any shot to win a date with, *shoot, I forgot to return that movie*, your all-time crush and throw something together. It could very well eliminate the chances, blowout fights, horrendous dates or lack of copy in your next car ride, date, or school newspaper. Just don't do it in my presence.

If I fail to grab a couple extra slices of wheat bread from Powell I won't be able to make my toasted cheese for dinner tonight. ☉

Roving Reporter:

QUOTES AND PHOTOS BY
JESSICA WEBSTER

DO YOU THINK IT WAS IMPERATIVE FOR PRESIDENT GEORGE W BUSH TO APPOINT A WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT IN REPLACEMENT OF SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR?



"I don't think it's important that he appoints a woman, but if there is a woman who is qualified then, sure, she should be appointed."

Adam Wilsey
Biomaterial Engineering, '07



"I think it is that he does appoint a woman, but I think he did it to be a crowd pleaser."

Crystal Hillman
Elementary Education, '06



"I think it is important to appoint a woman, but everything he does is questionable anyways. So, it doesn't really matter."

Sheila Garcia
Business Administration, '08



"Yeah, I think it's important, but I don't think he did it for a good cause. I think he just did it for public opinion."

Clay Sipiora
BAFA, '09



"No, in my mind, males and females are both competent so it shouldn't really matter. Just because a woman was in office, it doesn't mean you must replace her with a woman. There needs to be diversity in the thought process."

Jessica Drepentst
Psychology, '07

National News

New Orleans universities work to rebuild

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AP) -- In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, professors and students from the city's universities took academic refuge in other schools -- some as far away as the University of Haifa in Israel.

Now, more than a month after the storm, New Orleans' universities -- including Tulane, Loyola, the University of New Orleans and Xavier -- are putting together ambitious plans to reopen by January.

Officials are patching up battered campuses, finding housing for employees whose homes were destroyed, gauging how many students will return and persuading top faculty not to jump ship.

"There might be some people who prefer not to go back to the city, especially if they've lost their houses, but for the faculty who have invested a lot in Loyola, they won't be inclined to hunt for something else," said Bernard Cook, a history professor at the university.

Cook, who has a visiting assistant professorship at Georgetown until his school reopens, said he is splitting his time between the university and the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where he's working on a book about diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Romania prior to World War I.

Many New Orleans faculty have taken temporary refuge at universities like Brown, Yale and Princeton, and are using their break from teaching as uninterrupted time to focus on research projects.

"One or two of our people have indicated that they have had offers that they are considering," said Elizabeth Barron, the vice president for academic affairs at Xavier. "I think most institutions would be a bit above that under the circumstances."

To lure faculty back with their families, Tulane -- the largest private employer in greater New Orleans with 6,000 employees -- has received approval from the Orleans Parish School Board to sponsor a charter school aimed at children in the neighborhood.

Senate approves \$50 billion more for wars

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Senate voted Friday to give President Bush \$50 billion more for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and U.S. military efforts against terrorism, money that would push total spending for the operations beyond \$350 billion.

In a 97-0 vote, the GOP-controlled Senate signed off on the money as part of a \$445 billion military spending bill for the budget year that began October 1. The measure would also put restrictions on the treatment of detainees who are suspected terrorists -- a provision that has drawn a White House veto threat and demonstrated a willingness by Republican lawmakers to challenge Bush.

Passage comes at a time when public support for Bush and the Iraq fighting has slipped, U.S. casualties have climbed and Congress has grown increasingly frustrated with the direction of the conflict. The Senate bill provides \$5 billion more for the wars than the House version. The final bill is expected to include the full \$50 billion extra after House-Senate negotiators work out their differences over the coming weeks.

Senators rushed to finish the bill before leaving Friday for a 10-day recess because military officers have informally told them they will need the money by mid-November to continue war operations. The Bush administration has not formally requested more war money, but costs are certain with no end to the Iraq conflict in sight.

Overall, both the Senate and House bills provide for a 3.1 percent pay raise for the military and increased benefits for troops. But the bills differ in other areas.

Pentagon: Bin Laden deputy complains about money, Iraq tactics

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- An intercepted letter from Osama bin Laden's deputy to the al Qaeda leader in Iraq complains that the terrorist network is short of cash and faces defeat in Afghanistan, a Pentagon spokesman says.

The United States obtained a recent letter that appears to be from Ayman al-Zawahiri, al Qaeda's No. 2 figure, to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, outlining both the strategy and concerns of the terrorist network, said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman.

In the letter, al-Zawahiri warns that some of the tactics currently employed by the insurgency, including the slaughtering of hostages and the suicide bombings of Muslim civilians, may risk alienating the "Muslim masses," Whitman said Thursday.

Reading from a summary of the letter, Whitman said al-Zawahiri concedes that al Qaeda has lost many key leaders, is resigned to defeat in Afghanistan, and that its lines of communication and funding sources have been seriously disrupted. Al-Zawahiri includes a plea for financial support, indicating he is strapped for money, Whitman said.

He could not say when the letter was intercepted or when authorities believe it might have been written.

The lengthy communication was said to detail the strategy of Muslim extremists to push the United States out of Iraq and establish an Islamic state that could expand its form of governance to neighboring countries, Whitman said.

Senior U.S. officials told CNN that the 6,000-word letter is believed to have been written within days of the July 7 terror attacks in London. Only parts of the letter have been made public, the officials said.

The decision to confirm the existence of the letter came after an incomplete and partially inaccurate version was leaked to news organizations, the senior officials said.

Face-to-face exchange curbs false impressions

It is often said that being a good communicator will help in all areas of life. Whether you are communicating with your friends, parents, boyfriend, girlfriend or the man behind the counter at the gas station, it is nice to feel understood.

However, feeling "understood" by the people you communicate with does not always happen. In actuality some forms of communication are the cause of small, unwanted dramas in your life. I seek truth in this because you no longer have to see the person you are communicating with, much less hear them.

"The greatest problem in communication is the illusion that it has been accomplished," said writer George Bernard Shaw.

With instant messages, text messages, comments on your facebook wall and

e-mails comes assumption. You can never fully understand what someone's feelings, beliefs, interests and thoughts through profiles, away messages and online journals. This is great and all but, sometimes, don't you wish you did not have access to all the information you do about people online?

Seriously, we cannot help but check the away message, facebook change or profile update of the person we so badly want nothing to do with. This all ties into the way we communicate with people, mainly our peers. We are like little children trying to figure out a new game, we make-up our own rules and have no clue how to read the directions.

Not only do we communicate through

direct messaging but we communicate our feelings, beliefs, interests and thoughts through profiles, away messages and online journals. This is great and all but, sometimes, don't you wish you did not have access to all the information you do about people online?

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As I look back at just this school year

I cannot count how many times my two best friends and living mates, Amelia and Erin, have called me into their room to analyze some form of communication. It is amazing how we communicate with so many other people to try and understand what the first person we were communicating with was trying to say. Indeed, it is an on-going battle of figuring out what people mean and trying to understand their intentions.

Though we will never fully understand other people, especially through things like facebook and away messages, we will always have the backup ways to communicate: face-to-face, 100% in person. We should all try it more often. ☺



JESSICA HENDERSON
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Improv and synergy sparks unique choreography

ABBY TRIPP
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the best choreography comes out of collaboration.

"The most important decision is the decision of who to work with," said Chase Angier, assistant professor of dance, of her choreographic process. "I don't like to work alone."

This was the theme of Angier's presentation at the Sept. 29 Bergen Forum, titled "The Social Art of Choreography: The Company I Keep."

Angier said that her approaches to collaborative choreography vary.

"As I reflect on my choreographic process I have two ways of creating," she said.

Angier said that she frequently develops a concept, selects her collaborators and then choreographs the piece. This was the approach she took in 1994 when she choreographed *Lemons for Loveliness* for her New York City-based

Chase Dance Company.

Angier explained that she stumbled upon the concept for the piece as she dealt with the pressures of her impending wedding.

"It's a dark and scary place," she joked of life as a bride-to-be. "I felt the [socially-imposed] pressure to be beautiful on my wedding day," she explained.

A book of tips from beauty experts and actresses offered the "seeds for improvisation," Angier said.

Included in the manual were suggestions for coffee hair rinses and calming Pepto-Bismol face masks. These and 12 other tips became the foundation of her dance theater piece, she said.

Angier selected two women to work with. Their first meeting was focused on brainstorming.

"We sectioned out the beauty pressures that we feel as women," she said.

At another session, the trio looked through fashion magazines, something that Angier

said she had never done before.

"I felt broke, very fat, extremely short ... it was a whole new world for me," she said.

The photos in the magazines provided excellent choreographic fodder, Angier said.

"There were some great model poses," she said before showing a comical clip from the performance that featured the three dancers striking poses inspired by fashion spreads.

When *Lemons* was complete, the piece chronicled some of the hoops that women will jump through for beauty.

"The piece progresses through a series of beauty regimens," Angier explained as she showed clips and photos from the performance.

Angier said that she has staged the piece several times and worked with a variety of dancers.

"It changes a lot whoever I collaborate with," she said.

Angier added that her own relationship to the piece also

changed over time.

"The last time I did the piece was right after I gave birth," she said. "You can just picture the fat squeezing part," she added with a laugh.

Recently, Angier has taken a new approach to choreography as she collaborates with Robert Bingham, visiting artist in residence in dance.

"The way that we've been creating is to improvise without any idea what we're improvising about," she said.

This was the method that the duo used to choreograph "Regardless," a piece that they performed at AU last February.

The only rule, Angier said, was that they use no props, sets or theatrical elements.

"We wanted to do a movement piece," she said.

Angier and Bingham started by playing a randomly-selected CD and videotaping their improvisations.

"We found a 30-second chunk that we really liked," Angier said of one of their first

improvisation sessions. The section, which they spent four hours learning to replicate perfectly, became the focal point of the piece.

Angier showed the tape of the segment and then brought Bingham on stage to demonstrate the movement.

"That's not polished, that's not changed. That's the exact thing that we created," she said.

Since February, Bingham and Angier have performed the dance on a few more occasions. It has already evolved, Angier said.

"The piece has grown in performance," she said.

Angier stressed that she and Bingham don't strain to define what their choreography means.

"Robert and I don't have huge conversations of 'What's this piece about?'" she said. "We're creating something up here for you to fill in the blanks. However you react to that work is the right way to react to it." ☺

Protect yourself from staph, cleanse daily

KATHERINE STEWARD
GUEST WRITER

Over the past week, rumors of a skin infection have been going around campus. And, if you have been to the gym, then you have seen the information fliers posted. So what is all this fuss about? What is really going on? Well, the real deal is that there is possible staph infection going around Alfred.

So what exactly is it?

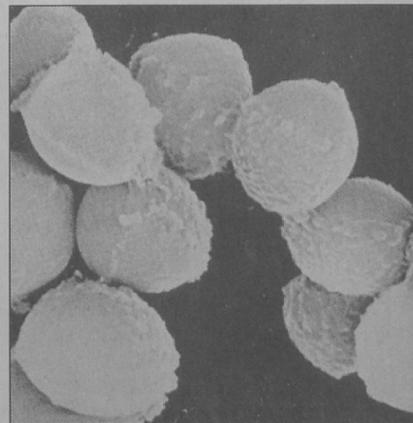
Staph (*staphylococcus aureus*, pronounced: staf-uh-low-kah-kus) is a bacterial infection of the skin. It is actually commonly found on people, living dormant around the mouth, nose, anus and genitals. It causes an infection when the skin is punctured or wounded, often resulting in an infected sore. There are actually over thirty different strains of staph, but most commonly the infections are caused by the species *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*).

What happens?

The bacteria will most commonly cause skin infections like: folliculitis (infected hair follicle), hordeolum (sty on the eye), boils, impetigo (oozing boils), and cellulites (an eczema-type rash accompanied by fever). The skin infections are not the most serious part of the infection. If the bacteria enter the bloodstream they can infect vital organs like the lungs, heart, bones and the central nervous system. These types of serious reactions are more common among people with chronic illness.

Who is getting Staph?

These infections can occur in anyone. The bacteria will fester on kids, teens and adults. The breeding ground for the staph is similar to that of any other bacteria: warm and humid. Increased sweating is also a major catalyst for growth. Crowded environments and sharing things, like linens and hygiene products, will put you at high risk.



Electron microscope image of *Staphylococcus aureus*.

How can I prevent it?

Staph is carried on people and can occasionally be transmitted through air droplets or contact with contaminated surfaces. Hand washing is the best way to prevent staph, as well as bathing or showering daily. If you have an injury or open wound, keep it clean and covered, using any antibacterial ointments that a doctor has suggested. If you know or live with someone who is infected, do not share towels, clothing or other linens until their infection is fully cleared up.

What if I have it?

If you think you might have a staph infection, do NOT touch it and keep it covered. If you touch it, you risk spreading it to other parts of your body and other people. See your doctor immediately if you have an area with a rash or redness on your skin.

How will it be treated?

If you are diagnosed with a staph infection the wound will be cleaned and dressed. (Which you should maintain.) If it is more serious, then your doctor should prescribe an antibiotic.

So there is the low-down, the quick and dirty about staphylococcus. If you think that you might be at risk, please speak to a health professional. This is very contagious and the whole campus could be at risk. ☺

Senate Update Senate Update Senate Update Senate Update Senate Update

MATTHEW BUTTS
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As of the Oct. 5 Student Senate meeting, committees and their chairpersons convened to update members on past issues and concerns and address new ones.

Pink sheets will be available during senate meetings so that students are able to write down complaints and insert them into the "Box of Issues." These issues will then be re-directed to the appropriate committee chairs. An e-mail will be sent to the individual informing them on how the issue was handled and will be addressed on the floor during the next senate meeting.

Although the "Box of Issues" was created to help shorten the

length of Student Senate meetings, especially the open forum segment, it will not replace that portion of meetings.

On Oct. 12, the next meeting, the Student Senate executive board will be presenting their budget for review. The senate floor will have the vote of approval. Also, Pacific Rim will be hosting the senate meeting. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their best Asian attire. There will also be a trivia contest and fortune cookies will possibly be given out.

At the previous senate meeting, the Director of the Women's Leadership Center, Amy Jacobson, spoke about what the facility offers and what events it will sponsor. The center has Mentor Net in place, which offers mentoring

to students in math, science, engineering and technology. Students will also be able to have an on-line mentor. In addition, the center offers study nights, movie nights, conversation hours and a speaker series which will feature talks and lectures that will cover various topics.

The center will also host events aside from the speaker series. They include a recent trip to New York City to visit a judge, a nutrition dinner that will be in November and a stress buster session in December.

Jacobson is also seeking students who want to showcase their creative works, whether it is paintings, drawings or sculptures. The walls are relatively bare and are in need of art.

Also at the meeting, nine students were nominated for the finance committee. They were James Roberts, Lee Breck, Michelle Lopez, Rosie Garcia, Joe Underhill, Brian Norby, Keniel Ledgister, Bonnie Ye and Amy Jenkins. Six of the nine students were voted into the committee, which now consists of Lee Breck, Keniel Ledgister, Bonnie Ye, James Roberts, Rosie Garcia and Joe Underhill.

By way of announcements, many student organization e-mail accounts have had restricted access. To remedy this, a representative from the group must travel to Information Technology Services in the basement of Herrick Library and fill out a renewal form to re-activate accounts.

The *Star Wars: Episode III* movie has been rescheduled to play on the weekend of Oct. 21 in Nevins Theater. Kanakadea Yearbook is still giving away yearbooks from 1988 to 2005, but 1988, 1993, 1996 and 2003 supplies have run out, while 2005 yearbooks are \$5.

Taste Buds will be going apple picking on Oct. 22 and will be hosting the "Alfred Original Food Contest" on Oct. 28.

WALF is having a fundraiser; they are selling personalized hooded sweatshirts and t-shirts. The colors are black, maroon, forest gray and safety yellow.

The next Student Senate meeting will be on Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater. ☺

World News

Iraq blasts kill 6 Marines

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) -- Six Marines were killed in roadside bombings in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, the Marines said Friday.

A homemade bomb exploded Thursday near Karma, killing four Marines.

Another blast Thursday killed two Marines on patrol in Qaim.

The number of U.S. troops killed in the Iraq war stands at 1,953.

The violence came amid U.S. military warnings that insurgents may seek to disrupt the October 15 referendum on the new Iraqi constitution.

Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, deputy director of operations for the region, said Thursday that attacks on U.S. troops were on the rise.

"Since about April, May, that had been going down, just every month, until last month," Ham said. "And then in September of '05, it started to come back up again."

He said there were about 152,000 American troops in the country -- up from 140,000 in the summer. The Pentagon says the increase in troop levels is a short-term one that will last through this month's referendum vote. In Baghdad, a U.S.-led coalition spokesman said the same rise in insurgency strikes occurred as the January 30 elections approached.

A suicide car bombing killed 10 people and wounded eight others Thursday near the Iraqi Oil Ministry in eastern Baghdad, police said. The bomb detonated in a red Kia minibus.

Earlier Thursday, a suicide car bomber targeted a convoy of private American security contractors in central Baghdad, wounding eight Iraqi civilians, police said.

IAEA, ElBaradei win peace prize

OSLO, Norway (CNN) -- The U.N. nuclear watchdog and its head, Mohamed ElBaradei, won the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for their efforts to limit the spread of atomic weapons.

ElBaradei told CNN he was "overwhelmed." He said it was "a shot in the arm" for his agency and would strengthen its resolve in dealing with major issues like North Korea and Iran.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee picked the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and ElBaradei, an Egyptian, from a record field of 199 candidates.

It praised ElBaradei as an "unafraid advocate" of measures to strengthen non-proliferation efforts.

The prize is to be split equally between the agency and ElBaradei. He promised the money would be spent on "good causes."

He told a news conference in Vienna, Austria, that the prize "sends a strong message" about the agency's disarmament efforts and will strengthen his resolve to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

"The award basically sends a very strong message, which is: Keep doing what you are doing," ElBaradei said. "It's a responsibility but it's also a shot in the arm."

ElBaradei told CNN: "I feel a lot of responsibility on my shoulder -- the prize meaning stay the course and do more of the same."

"We have a lot of difficult issues ahead of us. So it strengthens my resolve but I am very conscious of the heavy responsibility I and my team have to shoulder."

El Baradei and the IAEA were among the favorites for this year's award, which comes 60 years after the U.S. atomic bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945.

Police: Bali mastermind escapes raid

BALI, Indonesia (AP) -- Alleged Bali bombing mastermind Noordin Mohamed Top narrowly escaped capture Friday after he fled a remote village hours before a pre-dawn raid by anti-terror police on his hideout, police said.

Noordin and his close aide Azahari bin Husin are two of Southeast Asia's most wanted men and believed to be key members of the al Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah -- the group suspected in last weekend's suicide bombings on Bali island.

The two Malaysians have kept one step ahead of a massive manhunt for years, moving constantly in densely populated areas of the sprawling nation made up of 220 million people and more than 10,000 islands.

Police stepped up their hunt after the bombings on the Indonesian resort island of Bali that killed 22 people, including the three bombers, and wounded more than 100.

Acting on a tip, about 20 officers moved in on a house in Purwatoro, a district in central Java province, at around 4 a.m., only to learn that Noordin had fled nearly three hours earlier, said Abdul Madjid, a police chief in the city of Solo.

"We can confirm it was him," said Madjid, adding that police had been forced to delay the raid by several hours because they were worried he was armed with explosives. By the time reinforcements arrived "it was too late."

Police have claimed several times in the last few years to have narrowly captured the Malaysian fugitives, most recently in the West Javanese city of Bandung almost exactly two years ago.

There was no way to confirm if the man who escaped Friday was in fact Noordin.

"The people living there did not know it was him," said Madjid, adding that the suspect had shaved his mustache.

Investigators appeared to be making headway Friday in their investigation into the suicide bombings on three crowded cafes on Bali.

Why Schroeder clings to power

BERLIN, Germany (CNN) -- It may seem like megalomania in its highest form. A chancellor who is a sore loser, refusing to call a spade a spade and admit defeat. Choosing instead to engage in a prolonged celebrity death match with conservative challenger Angela Merkel.

But there is more to it than ego-driven hardball tactics. The very survival of his party could be at stake.

Yes, the flamboyant and charismatic Gerhard Schroeder contends it is thanks to him that Germany is on the path of kinder and gentler market-oriented reform. Critics say the chancellor's measures after seven years in power are half baked and are not reducing 11 percent-plus unemployment fast enough.

Yes, Schroeder's leftist Social Democrats are the largest single party in the Bundestag after the September 18 election, if one considers the two conservative parties -- the Christian Democrats and Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union -- separately.

But of course the CDU/CSU will have none of it, insisting that together they lead the SPD by a four-seat plurality in the Bundestag. Thus the drawn-out talks between the two blocs, neither of which is able to form a government with their traditional allies and so are likely to be forced together on the dance floor in a so-called "grand coalition."

That is where Schroeder and his SPD are playing hard to get -- holding out for the best deal possible, indicating Schroeder is expendable if they can beat out a more favorable compromise, both on a future government's policy and on Cabinet members.

The charisma-challenged Merkel went into the talks severely weakened, after she and her conservatives squandered a 23-point lead in the campaign and won by a rice-paper-thin 1 percentage point -- thanks to their own missteps, and thanks in no small part to Schroeder's relentless attacks on Merkel's proposals for deeper cuts in taxes and spending, and to looser labor market rules to encourage businesses to hire.

For one, he characterized a conservative proposal for a 25 percent flat tax as a sop to the rich.

Even in defeat, Schroeder played the "Comeback Kid" again, as he did in 2002 when he came from behind and narrowly defeated the conservatives to clinch re-election. This time, the tactic may not save his job, but it may save his party from oblivion.

Notable alumna creates memorable courtroom experience

What do you do when an AU alumna on the New York State Supreme Court bench invites you to watch her in action? You jump at the chance.

Last month, I was part of a group that did just that as part of a trip to New York City to meet Judge Karla Moskowitz, class of 1963. The trip, sponsored by the Women's Leadership Center, the women's studies program and the criminal justice studies program, gave students interested in legal careers and women's issues the opportunity to get up close and personal with the court system.

Our group, led by Larry Greil, professor of sociology, and Amy Jacobson, director of the Women's Leadership Center, left Alfred Sept. 21. We crowded our luggage (and ourselves) into two University vans and took off down Route 17. The six-hour drive provided ample opportunity to get acquainted. By the time we crossed the George Washington Bridge into Manhattan, we knew dozens of quirky facts about one another.

Several members of the group hailed from New York City, and for them, the trip was also a chance to sleep in their own beds and enjoy a home-cooked meal. After we parked the vans, they took their luggage and headed to their respective neighborhoods.

For the rest of us, home base was the West Side YMCA. The dormitory-style rooms were small, but comfortable, although my roommate and I were perplexed by the HUGE television mounted in the corner.

We quickly discovered that the Y played host to travelers from all over the world -- in the span of a day I met a high school teacher from Iowa, a group of girls from Italy, and two graduate students from Denmark. And that was just in the elevator.

Thursday and Friday morning both came early, as we convened in the lobby of the Y at 7:30 a.m. On the first morning, most of us were downing coffees or sodas from the Y's cafeteria. Real world lesson number one: Alfred's schedule is a lot more forgiving than the average work schedule.

Caffeinated and content, we caught a train downtown and made the walk to the courtroom where Judge Moskowitz works. We reconvened with our native New Yorkers on the front steps of the building and, after a quick trip through the security checkpoint, took the elevator to Judge Moskowitz's courtroom.

As soon as we stepped over the threshold, the judge sprang into action and made sure that, within the span of moments, we were seated, had drinking water and provided maps of the neighborhood so we could navigate during free time.

After a round of introductions, Judge Moskowitz explained what we would be seeing as she heard motions. As she spoke, lawyers started filing into the courtroom and taking their seats in the gallery. As she finished chatting with

us, we could see them examining their notes, taking sips from their water bottles and entering information into their PDA's. At 9 a.m., the judge slipped her robe on over her red wool suit, took her seat and put on her reading glasses. It was show time.

For me, the most intriguing element of the process was watching the attorneys put their rhetorical skills to action. It was amazing to

see theories that I had studied in English and communication studies classes put into action.

Before she began hearing motions, Judge Moskowitz had her clerk distribute a list of all cases being heard in the neighborhood over the next two days. We were each able to plan our own days, selecting the cases that interested us. By Friday afternoon, almost every courtroom on the list had been visited by at least one member of the group.

While we spent most of our time in the courthouses, either meeting with Judge Moskowitz or sitting in on cases, the trip was far from being all work and no play.

On Thursday, we went to lunch in Chinatown with Judge Moskowitz and another AU alumnus, Judge Bernard Fried, class of 1962. As we sipped jasmine tea and munched on General Tso's chicken, we listened to them tell about their rather unlikely forays into the legal profession. Both said that they had never considered law school as students at AU; Moskowitz had planned on

attending graduate school and Fried had actually majored in engineering. Nonetheless, both found that careers in law made great use of their talents.

We also had free time to explore the Big Apple as we wished. Several students joined Judge Moskowitz on Thursday evening at a convention where she was re-nominated to the bench. Another group took in a show at the Blue Note and got a special surprise when tap dancer Savion Glover joined the musicians on stage.

As for me, I spent my free hours on my favorite New York activities: window shopping on Fifth Avenue, actual shopping in Herald Square, reading in Washington Square Park and hunting for good restaurants. I highly recommend Big Nick's in the Upper West Side. Think of The Jet and multiply the menu offerings by 20. In one sitting a friend and I noshed on gravy fries, amazing stuffed grape leaves, an eggplant parm hero and a gyro.

On Friday evening, we met back at the Y and loaded our luggage back into the vans. Exhausted, most of us spent the drive home sleeping.

By Monday, however, we were all re-energized. For many of us, this energy was channeled into thinking more seriously about law schools and careers. Others, myself included, were fired up by the judge's conversations about women and leadership in all professions.

Above all, we were all grateful for the opportunity to get out of town for a few days and spend time watching one of AU's most successful alums in action. ☉



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STAFF WRITER

Learning to adapt in any environment

I have lived in a rural area all my life. I suppose that would make me a country bumpkin. But, thanks to Alfred University and the faculty and staff who believe in expanding one's horizons, they gave me the opportunity to go to New York City to see Judge Karla Moskowitz, AU alum, class of 1963.

For some it was going home, but for me it was an experience of a lifetime. Attending AU is a great way to get to know students from different places, races and backgrounds. But, let's face it, Alfred isn't exactly a city. To go to a decent shopping mall means that one must travel two hours one

way. But in New York City everything is at my fingertips, well that is if I understood how to use the subway.

Nevertheless, going to a new and different place is one way to gain those life lessons that our professors talk about in class. I know my professors often tell me how the world really is, but no book prepares one for a cultural shock outside of their own comfort zone. That's where my personal experience comes into play.

Traveling the world, no matter what city, town or county it is, sure is a life changing experience. Much like my Italian adventure in Rome this past summer. New York City was just as rewarding. Not only did

I get to see and meet new people whose backgrounds are completely different from mine, but I also got to experience a whole new way of life. Keeping up with the "hustle and bustle" and using public transportation were just a couple of things that I learned to adapt to in a short period of time.

My traveling experiences in the last few months have allowed me to gain confidence in myself to adapt to new surroundings and a new way of life.

I know after I graduate in May, wherever my career takes me, I will have more confidence to find my way around in a different place, whether it is in a town, city or country. So, thank you AU for giving me the opportunity to experience what no book could ever teach me. ☉



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The grad school for you is waiting to be found

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Seniors have started the search for graduate schools. Picking the right graduate school is a tough decision and one that, without proper guidance, could appear to be impossible.

Alfred University tries to make the search less stressful students. In conjunction with the Rochester Area Career Development Association (RACDA), the Career Development Center is hosting a graduate fair to be held on Oct. 25 in the Knight Club.

The grad fair is open to all students. Registration is not required. It is an opportunity for interested students, freshmen through seniors, to speak with more than 60 representatives from over 35 schools

throughout the United States. The attending schools do appear to have "a Northeastern flavor" to them, as Mark McFadden, assistant director of career counseling services put it. However, there will be a spokesperson from Hawaii Pacific mingled in with the rest of the schools.

McFadden is in hopes that the crowd, both school representatives as well as attending students, will be successful. Four years ago there were roughly 20 schools that were present. The student attendance was less than 150. Last year, approximately 250 students attended the event. McFadden is anticipating an increase of over half the schools as well as the same, if not better, turnout concerning students.

Why aren't more students, especially seniors, attending these

fair? When asked by senior psychology major Erin Knee if she has ever attended one, she said "No, if I knew when they were, I would go."

The grad fair has been announced via mass email, yet several students don't believe that is enough. "Put up a banner in Powell or have teachers announcing the opportunity. No mass emails because no one reads them," Knee said.

Senior mechanical engineering major Kevin Brucher had a different response when asked why he has never attended. "I know what I want to do when I graduate. I have two or three job opportunities lined up for me when I am out of here [Alfred]," said Brucher.

According to a rough survey, approximately 50 percent of Alfred graduates head to grad

school immediately after graduation. Within five years of graduation, 25 percent decide to attend. McFadden would like to see an increase in these statistics, and believes that a successful grad fair could be the way to do so.

"This is just a great opportunity to take advantage of notable graduate schools and programs," said McFadden. He strongly encourages students to come and chat with the attending schools, just to find out what each place has to offer and how obtainable it is for entry.

Starting at noon, the Knight Club will open up to all students. The students can walk around the room and take note of which schools are there, and if they want to, they are free to consult with the representatives. ☉

...Christakis

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The bill was proposed to create a new task force and this would have been a very expensive process. The ultimate solution expanded the current cancer advisory task force, and eventually the bill passed.

The second women's health issue dealt with unintended pregnancy. Half of all pregnancies are accidental. ACOG realized that women can only access emergency contraception through a prescription that may be difficult to get on weekends or nights when doctor's offices are closed.

The proposed bill would increase access to emergency contraception that let nurses and pharmacists distribute it to women with a prescription written by a licensed doctor.

The bill was drafted in 2002, but many questions were brought in light of the issue. Legislators wanted to know if emergency contraception was safe, how it worked and if minors should have access to it. After three years of passes and delays the Senate passed the bill in 2004. However, the bill was eventually vetoed.

Christakis remarked on all the work she and her organization puts into lobbying for bills.

"I'm on the phone, on e-mail or physically in the legislator's office, walking from office to office making sure everybody's on the same page. It's a lot of building relationships, talking, discussing and trying to work out compromises," Christakis said.

The final area Christakis discussed were tips on how to be an effective lobbyist. It is important to appreciate every staff member in legislative offices. They are people who can help in a fight to get a bill passed or denied. Christakis also said it is important to be very organized and prepared during meetings. It is also essential to acknowledge that legislators have strong minds and being argumentative only builds a sour relationship.

Marli Soto, a junior Spanish major said, "It was a good presentation. She had a lot of good information that I didn't know. I think it's important that she is lobbying for women's health." ☉

DR. GAIL WALKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you plan on contributing money to the Dr. Gail Walker Scholarship Fund, make sure it is stated clearly on your donation.

Donations with less specific instructions, such as "in memory of Gail Walker," may be end up supporting more general AU activities, according to Yvonne Squadrilli, Walker's partner. Send donations to:

Dr. Gail Walker Scholarship Fund
Alfred University
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Terra Cotta Bean Scene a hit

Theresa Coddington
A&E Editor

Like many other Alfredians, I consider Wednesday and Friday nights a welcome relief from the rest of the week.

Why, you ask? Because the Terra Cotta offers Open-Mic Night and the Bean Scene on these days. Usually life is so fast-paced that I need to be reminded what day of the week it is. But on Wednesdays and Fridays I never forget.

I have seen some awesome performances by students and touring professionals. I am impressed with the amount of people who have the guts to go on stage at the coffee house and sing their hearts out. I know that it is tougher than it looks.

The Bean Scene offers Alfredians an alternative to partying on Friday nights. Last week I saw Tara Leigh Cobble, an energetic southerner who made friends with several audience members, and whom the audience fell in love with.

Her high-energy music and catchy lyrics offered a chance to sit back and listen, while forgetting about the midterms ahead or the drama going on this week.

I love being able to walk down the street and see a performer who is either new and rising, or classic and enduring at the Terra Cotta. There has been a mix of men and women, various instruments, solo performers and whole bands at the Bean Scene.

Abigail Payne rocked the Terra Cotta with her jazz-inspired keyboard and accompanying guitarist. A different week, The Gunshy's electric-folk ballads captivated the audience. And this past week, Tara Leigh Cobble entertained the coffee house crowd with her acoustic sound.

The Open-Mic tradition started at the Terra Cotta and is sure to continue. It has been a welcome development. There are so many talented students in Alfred.

Every week I am both surprised and delighted to see how many people are willing to put them-

selves on stage and how many students and community members come out to listen and support the performers. I never leave the Terra cotta on a Wednesday night disappointed with what I have heard.

Who knows, maybe some day we will see headliners come out of Alfred, New York and we will be able to say we saw them when they played at the Terra Cotta. It could happen.

If you don't have anything to do on a Wednesday or Friday night, go down to the Terra Cotta. The coffee is great and the student performances are even better. It is so great to see people supporting each other during this hard time in our nation's history. This world needs a little more Terra Cotta in it today than ever. Go support your fellow students or catch a performance on a Friday night.

You won't leave the coffee house wishing you hadn't gone. ☉

Neil Jacobs, an undeniable master of his art

Meg Coddington
Contributor

Never in my life have I tried to pay closer attention to anything. As I sat in crowded Harder Hall on Oct. 1, I listened as hard as I could to every stroke of his hand, every prick of his finger and to every sound emitted from his twelve-string guitar.

Neil Jacobs, known to be a master of his art, played the twelve-string guitar as if it is an extension of his body.

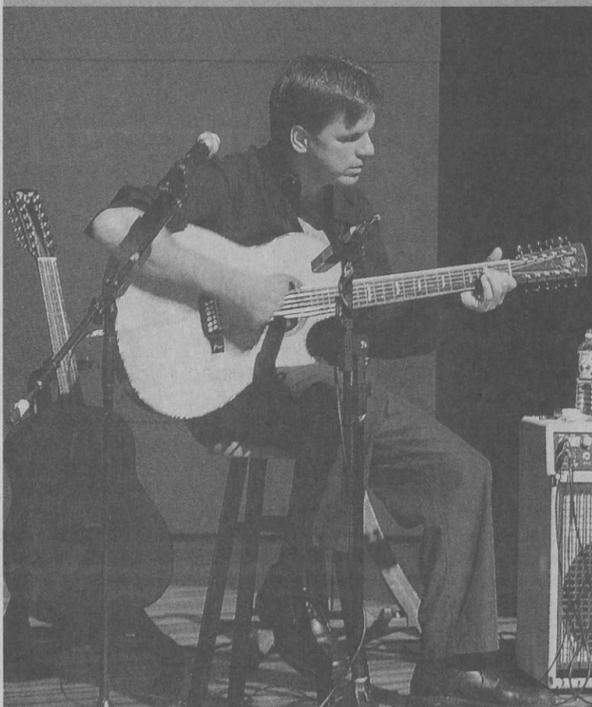


PHOTO BY JENNIFER TOMASZEWSKI

Oct. 1, Neil Jacobs plays a 12-stringed guitar for audiences in Holmes Auditorium.

Three years ago when I was a freshman, Jacobs gave a performance at Alfred University. I have been determined to see him play again ever since. I was hoping he would play at our school before I graduate, and on Saturday night I was the first one in the door when my hopes became reality.

Throughout his performance, Jacobs brought life to his guitar as he played songs that demonstrated the many places he has traveled. He has a way of incorporating all of his experiences into his rhythm and musically portraying

the things he has seen and done. After hearing his beautiful songs, I would like to go to the places where he found inspiration.

Saturday night, Jacobs brought a group of various ages together in Harder Hall. It was so nice to see the many members of the community, the staff and the student body all listening to and enjoying the same performance together. Neil has a few compact disks out and a web page, which will hopefully inspire the Alfred community to support him even once he has left New York.

His repertoire included everything from gypsy music to what he referred to as "Irish-influenced" songs. One member of the Alfred community, who was also amazed by the performance, remarked that Neil "truly mesmerized the audience."

With a twelve-string guitar in his hands, Neil Jacobs filled the theater with his compositions and his energy. His whole body was involved in the creation. He tapped his feet while his hands raced across the strings, and his shoulders moved to the beat while his expressions adapted to the rhythm.

I hope there will come another day when I can see Neil Jacobs play again because I have never enjoyed paying such close attention to a performance before in my life.

Never in my life have I tried to pay closer attention to anything. As I sat in crowded Harder Hall on Oct. 1, I listened as hard as I could to every stroke of his hand, every prick of his finger and to every sound emitted from his twelve-string guitar.

Neil Jacobs, known to be a master of his art, played the twelve-string guitar as if it is an extension of his body.

Three years ago when I was a freshman, Jacobs gave a performance at Alfred University. I have been determined to see him play again ever since. I was hoping he would play at our school before I graduate, and on Saturday night I was the first one in the door when my hopes became reality.

Throughout his performance, Jacobs brought life to his guitar as he played songs that demonstrated the many places he has traveled. He has a way of incorporating all of his experiences into his rhythm and musically portraying the things he has seen and done. After hearing his beautiful songs, I would like to go to the places where he found inspiration.

Saturday night, Jacobs brought a group of various ages together in Harder Hall. It was so nice to see the many members of the community, the staff and the student body all listening to and enjoying the same performance together. Neil has a few compact disks out and a web page, which will hopefully inspire the Alfred community to support him even once he has left New York.

His repertoire included everything from gypsy music to what he referred to as "Irish-influenced" songs. One member of the Alfred community, who was also amazed by the performance, remarked that Neil "truly mesmerized the audience."

With a twelve-string guitar in his hands, Neil Jacobs filled the theater with his compositions and his energy. His whole body was involved in the creation. He tapped his feet while his hands raced across the strings, and his shoulders moved to the beat while his expressions adapted to the rhythm.

I hope there will come another day when I can see Neil Jacobs play again because I have never enjoyed paying such close attention to a performance before in my life. ☉

War of the Worlds: Another clichéd movie

Predictable plot makes film not worth the rental

Karli-Marie Reyes
Staff Writer

Aliens have invaded Earth. We are under attack. Think that's a nightmare? Try sitting through Stephen Spielberg's *War of the Worlds* (2005).

If you are looking to find a rosy review of this H.G. Wells knock off, this is not the place for you. I've taken off my rose-colored glasses; I'm not pulling any punches; all bets are off... you think those clichés are lame? Try this on for size: Aliens come to Earth. We try to fight them. They die. All of the main characters live happily ever after.

I may have been willing to look past the ridiculous plot holes and the complete waste of good talent if someone important had at least died. Alas, it was just not meant to be. If I had paid to see the movie in the first place I might be motivated to write the company and ask for my money back. Yes, it was that bad.

Here are the basics. Electromagnetic storms discharge lightning at the Earth. Everything with a battery is dead - most everything anyway. Alien space crafts then arise from below the Earth's surface. The aliens wreak havoc in their massive, spider-like monstrosities; killing everything in their path. We cannot kill them or inflict any damage on them at all. It seems that we are doomed. Then, just when all hope is lost, nature comes to the rescue. The ending is vague, but we win. So who really needs to understand why?

Tom Cruise plays Ray Ferrier, a divorced father of Robbie (Justin Chatwin) and Rachel (Dakota Fanning). Fanning is a promising young actress whose career is on the rise. At least it was until this movie came out. Chatwin is fairly new to the movie scene.

My problem did not lie with the actors or their acting abilities, however. My problem was with the miserable characters they were given to portray.

The character of Ray Ferrier is hard to swallow. He doesn't see his children

often; he hardly seems to know them at all. His ex-wife chooses this weekend to leave their children with him to go out of town with her new husband. Just in time for an alien invasion.

As the Earth is under attack, Ray becomes the seemingly heroic father. He even goes so far as to kill to save his daughter and himself. However, it was pointed out to me recently that perhaps this was a selfish act rather than a courageous one.

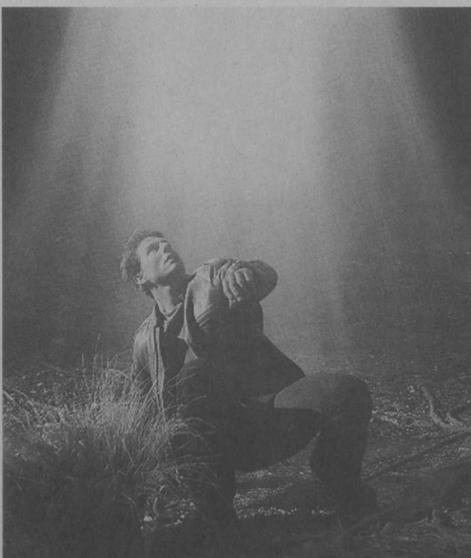
Fanning screams in the face of danger, a lot. The screaming overshadowed any real acting she may have done. It was, more than anything, annoying. Robbie is an angry teenager who runs away halfway through the movie to join the army and fight the aliens. Moments after running away, the ranks he joins go up in flames. Robbie is nowhere to be found. Don't worry; he magically reappears just in time for the happy ending.

The movie leaves you with many questions unanswered; too many questions. It is never revealed why or how long there were alien space crafts buried under the Earth's surface. It is never explained why the aliens choose now to take over the Earth, or how the aliens didn't know that the smallest living organism on the planet would be their demise. The movie doesn't even allow time for Robbie to explain his mysterious reappearance. The Swiss-cheese plot didn't leave me wanting more, it left me disgruntled.

The only redeeming quality of this movie, in my eyes, was the special effects. They were simple and not overdone. The aliens were rarely seen outside of their crafts, which was a nice touch. In fact, the alien crafts were probably my favorite feature of the entire movie.

This was not the *War of the Worlds* envisioned by H.G. Wells, nor did it have any of the terrifying Orson Wells flare.

Overall, I wouldn't even bother rating this movie. I was thoroughly unimpressed and flat out disappointed. If you insist on seeing the movie, it comes out Nov. 22 on DVD. But don't say I didn't warn you. ☉



Weird News

CEO's Success Credited To Unbelievable Handshake

SAN DIEGO—Garrett Maddox, born to a working-class family living on the South Side of Chicago, started out at the bottom, but has quickly worked his way up the corporate ladder. A youthful 34, he was recently named chief executive officer of telecommunications-research giant Qualcomm, and has already headed up 11 Fortune 500 companies, ranging from Safeco Insurance to United Technologies. The key to his outstanding success? An unbelievable handshake.

"Some people are born with an intuitive business sense, unwavering drive, or the ability to make quick decisions," Maddox said. "I don't know much about any of that. What God gave me is perfectly aligned knuckles, a pleasingly temperate palm, and a divinely firm grip."

Maddox, who in March was named as one of the five greatest corporate handshakers by *Forbes* magazine, first demonstrated his abilities at his high-school graduation ceremony, when, upon shaking his principal's hand, he was immediately promoted to class valedictorian. Since then, the handshake, alternately described by colleagues as "incredible" and "an unforgettable, life-altering experience," has earned Maddox high-ranking positions at Cisco, ConAgra, Kroger, and Morgan Stanley—all companies Maddox had never even heard of before being put in charge.

According to Maddox's biography, *Put 'Er There*, the Chicago native began practicing his handshake at an early age. After rejecting several business-school scholarships he had won by shaking the hands of admissions directors across the country, he decided instead to travel the world. Armed only with a week's worth of three-piece suits and a single leather briefcase, Maddox set out to shake hands.

"He knew that a 'good' handshake wasn't enough," his father Geoffrey Maddox said. "He knew that to be one of the greats, he had to develop his gift."

His handshake-refining journey took him to India, where he visited temple after temple of Buddhist monks, shaking hands for up to 20 hours a day. Finally, when he had learned all he could, he returned to the United States at the still-young age of 23. With one of the most powerful and confidence-inspiring grips in the world, he pursued his life's goal: the acquisition of material power and wealth on an almost unimaginable scale.

Bob Marley Rises From Grave To Free Frat Boys From Bonds Of Oppression

WILLIAMSBURG, VA—In an unprecedented effort to fight injustice, reggae music legend Bob Marley, dead since 1981, rose from his grave in Jamaica early Sunday to free his most devoted followers, American college fraternity members, "from the bonds of oppression."

Marley's recordings, which originally raised awareness of the Rastafarian faith and the plight of underprivileged Jamaicans and Africans, have taken on an even deeper meaning as the Greek fraternal system, a maligned, misunderstood minority group itself, has fervently embraced the driving, soulful music.

Minutes after his resurrection, the dreadlocked spirit materialized in the backyard of Epsilon Iota, the Sigma Nu chapter of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Radiating a transcendent aura, Marley addressed the college's recent campus-wide ban on bonfires.

"I appeared to I fraternity brothers to tell them be strong," said Marley, standing in front of hundreds of hooting fraternity members. "I say don't let dean of students, Henry Riegert, fool ya, or even try to school ya. We'll get that bonfire going in time for da mixer, mon. A fire a man's own business."

Marley was referring to Dean Henry Riegert, who recently denied Sigma Nu's request to host the annual homecoming mixer after their back-to-school party resulted in three severe injuries and two cases of acute alcohol poisoning.

"I songs was about the plight of the brothers and sisters in Jamaica, mon," Marley said. "But right now, it is the frata mon who need it more. They are standing by I music during they keg party."

Marley has been touring the country, acting as the voice for America's fraternities.

"Frata mon's life is hard," said Marley during a press conference Monday at Iowa State University's Acacia fraternity. "Professor, he flunk you all the time. Policeman, he ticket you for the noise. Board of Regents, they make so many rule, try to keep the fraternity music down."

Citing Slow Summer Box Office, Hollywood Calls It Quits

BURBANK, CA—Universal Studios joined DreamWorks SKG, Sony Pictures, Warner Bros., Paramount, and Fox Monday, when CEO Ron Meyer announced that the company is shutting down operations and ceasing all film production, effective immediately.

"In their hearts, every studio chair would like to be a patron of the arts," said a candid and reflective Meyer, speaking from his New York office on the 69th floor of Manhattan's Rockefeller Plaza. "But this is a business, not an artists' charity ward."

According to Hollywood insiders, summer 2005 dealt the death blow to an already ailing industry. With box-office receipts 9 percent lower than those of 2004, the few successes, such as *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *War Of The Worlds*, could not carry the industry.

Regarding the decision to liquidate Paramount, Viacom CEO Summer Redstone said, "It was a simple choice: cling to an outdated business model or cut the pictures loose."

To better protect their stockholders' interests, Hollywood will be shifting its focus to safer, more reliable profit models, including real estate, life insurance, and the sale of hygiene products. Said Meyer: "The mortuary industry also seems like a good bet. No matter what happens in the economy, there's always a market for funeral homes. People are always dying. That doesn't go unpredictably out of fashion with the public's taste, like, say, historical costume epics or Russell Crowe."

Monday, construction crews quietly dismantled the storied Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"This is a real shame," said foreman Kevin McKnight, directing members of his crew to pry the brass stars from Hollywood Boulevard and transfer them to a nearby freight crate destined for a Japanese smelting plant. "I love movies. My whole family does. All my life, I loved movies."

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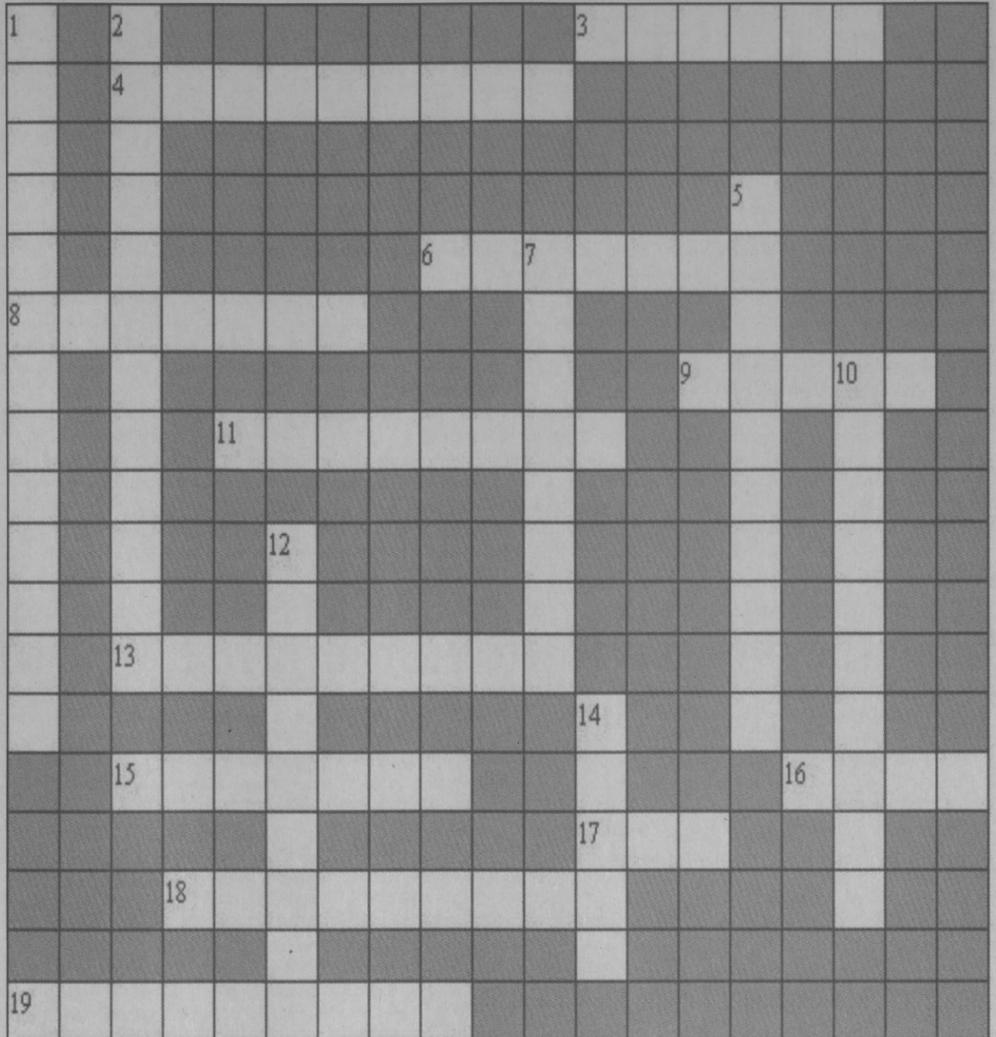
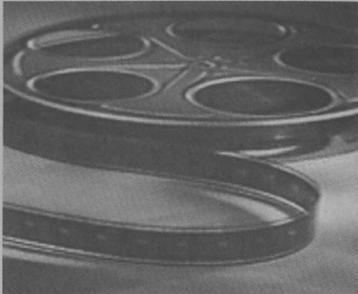
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- 3. Humans are dependant on robots
- 4. Obnoxious news reporter
- 6. Latest Bruce Willis movie
- 8. Comic style movie
- 9. Smith has the right moves
- 11. Latest Vin Diesel movie
- 13. Wall crawler
- 15. Two men become each other
- 16. Ancient Greece relived
- 17. Lost eyesight in his youth
- 18. Not-so-famous fish
- 19. Mix Spanish & English

DOWN

- 1. Quartet of superheroes
- 2. Big city crimefighter
- 5. Will Smith & Tommy Lee Jones
- 7. Invulnerable hero
- 10. Jamie Foxx & Tom Cruise
- 12. Grab life by the balls
- 14. Giant, green forest dweller



Daily Horoscopes

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Aries March 21 - April 19

You've always got things to do, people to meet and places to see. But now, your attention's on one thing. You have a very specific goal, and you know what? You've got the chutzpah to reach it. Go for it!

Taurus April 20 - May 20

Every now and then you run into one of those days where things just seem, well, weird. Your boss is acting odd, and your friends couldn't be stranger. Just keep your head down and let the day pass.

Gemini May 21 - June 21

There are so many different opinions out there. Why limit yourself to just one? Pay close attention to what others tell you today -- you never know when someone might just say something that really makes you think.

Cancer June 22 - July 22

It's time to put those famous emotions of yours off to the side, as you're about to come up against some people who choose intellect over emotion. But have no fear -- this could be a very good experience for you.

Leo July 23 - August 22

A family member and yourself have a pact: to agree to disagree. At the moment, however, a decision needs to be made, and you two have to make it. It's time to call on an objective third party.

Virgo August 23 - September 22

You know that routine of yours? Switch it up a bit. Eat breakfast before you shower. Take a different route to work. Stand on your head (literally) to amuse the kids. You'll be surprised how well things turn out.

Libra September 23 - October 22

You know that great feeling you get when everyone just gets along? Well,

you might as well plan for a whole day of that. Oh, and if you want to add a bit more romance to your life, now's your time for that as well.

Scorpio October 23 - November 21

Keep an eye on your home life for the time being. It's startling how the smallest conflict can suddenly turn big if you don't watch what you say and do. You're better off just sitting back and observing right now.

Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

There's a certain someone you always see when you're getting coffee. Does the mysterious one have the potential to be a new significant other, a new business contact or just someone to say hi to? Find out!

Capricorn December 22 - January 19

The future weighs heavily on your mind, and for right now, it might be a good idea to keep it there. Consider different ways to prepare yourself, but don't act just yet. Creating the perfect plan takes time.

Aquarius January 20 - February 18

You have a vision. Sometimes people don't pay attention to you when you talk about it, though. Well, try again now. If you ever wanted to make your voice heard, this is your chance.

Pisces February 19 - March 20

Who wants to focus on the here and now, anyway? Go ahead and let your mind wander. Let your imagination drift away and see where it takes you. The adventures of your mind could lead to enjoyable earthly encounters.

...Interns

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motions made by the judge.

"Emerson puts [student interns] right in the mix," said Mark McFadden, assistant director of career counseling services. "This is not an internship where you make coffee and file papers. Students play an active role."

The internship requires both students to research pre-trial cases, take notes on hearings and sit-in on bench hearings.

"We get a lot of information," said Anselmo. Anselmo and Nelson received the internship through AU's Career Development Center, while looking for internships to fulfill the criminal justice field study requirement.

The CDC has a direct connection with Emerson and it takes a lot of stress off of the student the interns said. It is best for a student to set up an appointment with McFadden to discuss specific types of internships, said Nelson. McFadden can then make calls to set up internships and can sometime squeeze students into internships that have been filled.

"It would have been difficult to get it [internship] on my own," said Anselmo. "The CDC guided us in the right direction."

The internship experience is giving both students a chance to see how the criminal justice major is applied in the "real world," said Anselmo.

Nelson's goal is to possibly attend law school and eventually become an FBI agent, while Anselmo hopes to go into criminal



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Allegany Court Judge Thomas P. Brown poses with interns, Anselmo and Nelson.

investigation.

"It's a great experience to see how the criminal justice major is used besides as a police officer," said Anselmo.

Both students give the internship a thumbs-up and recommend it to other students.

"It's what I expected so far," said Nelson. ☺

Correction: In the last issue of the Fiat, the front page photo of Julie Tharrett and Danielle Smith was taken by Kathleen Cronin.

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NHL looks to recover after season-long lockout, new rules and salary caps

STEVE BARZ
STAFF WRITER

The National Hockey League re-opened play on Oct. 5 and will look to regain the fan base it lost when last season was cancelled.

The owners locked the players out of last season due to the fact that the two sides could not agree on a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

It was the first time in the history of American professional sports that an entire season was cancelled due to a labor disagreement. Before the lockout, the NHL was the fourth most popular sport behind the NFL, NBA, and MLB. Many people were actually hoping that the sport would not come back at all. The two sides were finally

able to reach an agreement and 30 teams now prepare to make a run at the Stanley Cup once again.

While it's true that the players gave up a lot and didn't gain anything of significance, I think the league will be much better off with the new CBA. There will be a new club payroll, which will range from a minimum \$21.5 million to \$39 million. This salary cap isn't the best thing for players because it puts a limit on how much they can be paid, but it will be better for the league as a whole. This will make the league more competitive because teams will be competing on an even playing field, meaning there won't be four or five teams dominating in the front office and on the ice.

Look at what a salary cap has done for the NFL. Before the Patriots won three out of four Super Bowls, there had

only been one team to repeat as champion since they have added a salary cap.

Not only has the NHL made steps to make the league more competitive, they have also taken steps to make the game more exciting and appealing for fans. There have been several rule changes to make the game more offensive, leading to higher scoring games.

They have decided to take out the two-line pass, which will open up offensive passing throughout the ice. The NHL also reduced the size of goalie pads, as well as moving the goal two feet closer to the boards, giving offenses more room to work in front of the net.

The biggest change that is exciting fans is the new overtime system. In the past, if two teams were tied at the end of regulation they would play one five-minute

sudden death overtime period. If the teams were still tied at the end of the overtime period, the game would end in a tie.

In the new NHL rules, if two teams are still tied at the end of overtime, the two teams will go into a shootout. Each team will choose three players to participate in the shootout. If they are still tied after the shootout, another shootout will occur; but this one would be sudden death.

In my opinion, the NHL will eventually regain the support of fans they lost last season. This might not happen right away due to the fact that many fans are still upset about what happened last season, but once they see how exciting and competitive the new league is, the fan base will be back. ©

Alfred University welcomes four into Sports Hall of Fame

AU COMMUNICATIONS

ALFRED —Four former student-athletes were inducted into the Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, Oct. 8. John Walsh '84, William Ruffle '88, John Hoosock, '92 and Julie Francis '93 were inducted during banquet ceremonies held as part of the University's Homecoming weekend.

The AU men's and women's soccer teams of 1988, which each played in the NCAA Division III championship tournament, were also honored at the banquet.

Walsh was a three-year member of the track and field teams at AU (1982-84) and served as captain his senior season. During his career, he set several school records that still stand today. He owns individual records for the indoor high jump (2.07 meters, set in 1984) and the outdoor high jump (2.09 meters, set in 1984). He was also part of the indoor and outdoor 1,600-meter relay teams that established school records.

He was Independent Collegiate Athletic Conference (ICAC) champ in the indoor and outdoor high jump in 1982 and was the ICAC indoor champ in both the high jump and 400-meter run in 1983, when he led AU to the team indoor ICAC title.

His greatest thrill as an AU student-athlete came in 1983, when he won a state title

in the high jump and qualified to compete in the NCAA championships.

Walsh graduated from AU in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in ceramic engineering. He is a president and CEO of Ceramic Protection Corp. in Newark, DE, a manufacturer of ceramic products used in industrial and military applications. He lives in Newark, DE, with his wife, Rina, and their two children, daughter Amanda (12) and son Daniel (11).

Ruffle was a standout member of the men's soccer team from 1984-87, when he was a four-year starter who helped lead the Saxons to ECAC titles in 1984 and 1987.

A regional All-American and ICAC First Team All-Star as a senior in 1987, Ruffle ranks sixth all-time at AU in career points (66), second in career goals (27) and ninth in career assists (12).

In 1988, he served as an assistant coach on the AU women's team, helping guide the Lady Saxons to an NCAA tournament appearance.

During Ruffle's career, AU won 35 games. He lists as his greatest thrill as an AU student-athlete the 1987 season, when he helped lead AU to a 12-3-4 record and a victory in the ECAC Upstate Championship game.

Ruffle graduated from AU in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

He earned his master's degree in education from Alfred in 1989. He is currently an instructor of mathematics at Northern Virginia Community College in Manassas, VA. He and his wife, Sheri, live in Reston, VA, with their daughter, Anna (7), and son, Paul (4).

Hoosock is one of the top defensive players ever to play football at AU. A three-year starting linebacker who played from 1987-90, he holds the school record for tackles in a game (28, vs. Canisius in 1990) and season (154, set in 1990) and ranks third all-time in career tackles (350).

He was a First Team Pizza Hut All-American in 1989, when he helped lead the Saxons to victory in the ECAC North Championship game, and a Second Team Champion All-American in 1990. His greatest thrill as an AU student-athlete came during the ECAC championship season of 1989, when the Saxons knocked off rival Ithaca College, 17-10. Alfred would go 9-2 that season, which ended with a 30-27 win over Bridgewater State in the ECAC title game.

Hoosock earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from AU in 1992. He lives in Skaneateles, NY, and is a materials logistics professional at IBM in Endicott, NY.

Francis is perhaps the top goalkeeper

ever to play women's soccer at AU. A four-year starter from 1989-92, she holds school career records for saves (542) and shutouts (22). She also holds the school records for lowest goals-against average in a season (.98, set in 1990).

Francis was a First Team New York State Collegiate Women's Athletic Association All-Star in 1992 and a First Team Empire Athletic Association All-Star in 1991 and 1992.

As a freshman in 1989, she was named team Rookie of the Year. That season, she helped lead the Lady Saxons to an 11-6-2 record and the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Championship, which she describes as the greatest thrill of her career as an AU student-athlete.

She had eight shutouts in 1989, with three coming in the ECAC playoffs.

Francis graduated from Alfred in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She lives in Glenview, IL, and is vice president and general manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises, Lakeshore (IL) Division.

Both the men's and women's soccer squads enjoyed outstanding regular seasons in 1988, with the men going unbeaten at 13-0-3 and the women winning their first eight contests before finishing 12-4-1 going into the postseason.

The men's team, coached by Steve Allison, would win its NCAA opening-round match at Clarkson before falling at RIT to end the year at 14-1-3. Pat Codispoti-coached women, after winning two of three games in the state tournament and placing third, lost their opening-round NCAA match at William Smith to finish 14-6-1. The 14 wins for each team are single-season records.

The AU teams dominated play, particularly during the regular season. The men outscored their opponents 46-7 and tallied seven shutout wins. The women scored 50 goals, to their opponents' 18, with eight wins coming via the shootout. The women would at a ninth shutout in a state playoff game against Albany.

Both teams had All-Americans in 1988. The men had a national All-American in Martzel Mariscal and regional honorees in Tony Cocchitto, Curt Jacobs and Pedro Oregui. Cocchitto holds AU career goal-keeping records for wins, shutouts and goals against average.

The women had a pair of regional All-Americans in Andrea Hynes and Denise Friedly, both of whom are AU Hall of Fame inductees. Hynes is the school's career leader in goals scored. ©

Homecoming marks 50 year anniversary of undefeated Saxon season

CHRIS DUNSHEE
STAFF WRITER

Fifty years ago this fall, the Saxon football team had a remarkable season in which they went 8-0-0 for the first time in history. The *Fiat Lux* (then a weekly four-page paper) covered the team every step of the way.

The first mention of the team's victories came in the Sept. 27, 1955 issue. The headline said it all: "AU Grid Machine Starts Grinding As Yunevichmen Crush Brockport; Saxon Steamroller Smears State." (The "Yunevichmen" was a reference to the legendary Alex Yunevich, Alfred's head coach from 1949-55 until 1973.) Sports editor Al Siegel crowed over Alfred's 50-0 victory: "The Purple and Gold could do no wrong and poor Brockport couldn't come close to doing anything right."

The next week, the Saxons defeated Cortland 12-0 in front of a sellout crowd at Merrill Field, with freshman Bill Chaffee and sophomore Jim Ryan each scoring once. Cortland's mascot choice made for an easy headline: "Legend Made As Alfred Slays Dragons." For the third game of the year, the Saxons were again victorious at home, defeating St. Lawrence 38-0. At halftime, the AU band played the hit new song "Rock Around The Clock" by Bill Haley and his Comets.

After a hard-fought 12-7 victory over Albright in Reading, Pennsylvania, the Saxons returned to New York State and visited Ithaca College. "While the [Saxon] regulars were in, Ithaca was stopped cold," losing 26-0. In between the articles on freshman court and Benny Goodman, Al Siegel first raised the possibility of an unbeaten season, noting it would be Alfred's first since 1937.

The Saxons returned to Merrill Field one last time on Oct. 29, defeating Buffalo 26-14 in front of the team's fourth consecutive sellout home game. Many

UB faithful drove down to cheer on the Buffaloes; the *Fiat Lux* even printed a picture of the mountain of garbage surrounding all sides of the field. The only bad news from the contest was the loss of talented senior center Warner Micciche due to a broken arm.

The Nov. 8, 1955 issue trumpeted Alfred's most recent victory: "Saxons Drown Kings Point 19-0." The Mariners were held to 59 rushing yards thanks to the Saxon defense and the heavy rain that pelted Manhattan that day. On the same page as an ad for the Hornell premiere of "Rebel Without A Cause," Al Siegel pontificated on the next week's climactic showdown against Hobart, who was riding a 19-game home winning streak. "This is THE GAME. It'll be the battle of the top two small college squads in New York State."

Without even reading the text of its stories, the front page of the next *Fiat* said it all. A gigantic team picture front and center and an additional headline over the masthead ("We Did It! No Defeats And Untied") trumpeted the Saxons' thrilling victory. Siegel couldn't help but rub it in: "Last week, a release out of Hobart stated that Hobart's Statesmen just forgot how to lose. After Saturday's game with Alfred the memories of the Statesmen are very much refreshed." Starting quarterback Al Moresco scored a 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to give the Saxons a hard-fought 6-0 victory.

This was the first Saxon team to go 8-0-0 (since all prior seasons had only had seven games) and was Coach Yunevich's first unbeaten and untied team. Left end Charles Schultz was named to the 'Little All-America Team' in recognition of his accomplishments. Most importantly, this team (predominantly made up of freshmen and sophomores) got the playing experience they needed in order to duplicate this spectacular season in 1956. ©



1955 undefeated Saxons. The team went 8-0-0, lead by coach Yunevich.

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Women's volleyball looks to finish strong Leadership and experience steer team in the right direction

JESSICA WEBSTER
SUBSCRIPTIONS MANAGER

With the Empire 8 tournament only two weeks away, the Alfred University women's volleyball team is excited to finish its season with consecutive wins.

"Our team has really been able to come together this season and our chemistry is finally clicking," stated junior Sarah Berry. "We are very excited to play in the Empire 8 tournament."

In the weeks leading up to the tournament, the team is scheduled to play St. John Fisher and Nazareth, two considerable Empire 8 rivals.

"We have a team goal of beating St. John Fisher," stated head coach, Kathy Dyring.

Last weekend the team finished third at the Hartwick tournament with three wins and one loss. Senior captains Deen Genzardi and Catherine Rieck were named to the All-Tournament team.

Coming off a strong weekend at Hartwick, the

team looks forward to finishing the season with the same momentum.

AU also expects to finish in the top five at the Empire 8 tournament, which would bolster their current Empire 8 record of 2-2.

"I think we improved a lot this year, as a team and individually," said senior co-captain Beth Sanger. "Our team has definitely stepped it up and improved immensely since last year."

The team is comprised of three senior captains, five juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. They rely heavily on leadership and experience. Since the team did not lose any seniors last year, they have been able to continue building on their successes and overcoming their downfalls.

The Lady Saxons have three remaining home games: Oct. 12 vs. St. John Fisher, Oct. 15 vs. Mt. Aloysius and Oct. 20 vs. Keuka. ©

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AU men's soccer searches for right track

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The Alfred University men's soccer team has had a disappointing season thus far. Going into this season, the team had set big goals, mainly to reach the NCAA tournament after missing it in 2004.

"We want an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament," stated junior Zach Hunkele.

The team opened Empire 8 play on Sept. 17 with a 3-2 win against Utica College at Merrill Field. Sophomore forward Adam Long recorded a hat trick (three goals) for the Saxons all assisted by junior forward Bobby Linaberry. Junior goaltender Jim Roberts made five saves for the Saxons.

The team's next Empire 8 game was against a tough St. John Fisher team. The Saxons suffered their first Empire 8 loss of the season by a 3-1 final score. Long scored the only goal for the Saxons and freshman defenseman Gavin Beem had the assist. Junior goalie Brian Middleton made four saves for AU.

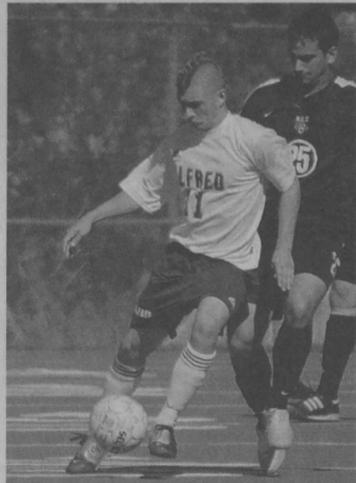


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Forward David Suddaby takes on an RIT defender in Alfred's 3-0 loss to the Tigers.

The team's latest Empire 8 game took place on Oct. 1 at Merrill Field against RIT. It was a hard fought game for the Saxons, but they came up short in the 3-0 loss at home. This was an important match for the Saxons, as the Tigers came into the game with a 1-0 record in the Empire 8. The team knew this was going to be one of their toughest games of the season, as it always is against RIT.

The Saxons were able to get six shots on goal, but unfortunately, they could not score. Roberts started the game in goal for the Saxons, playing the entire first half. The Tigers were only able to get two shots

on Roberts, scoring on one.

Middleton relieved Roberts in the goal for the second half. The Tigers were able to get five shots on goal against Middleton, scoring on two of them.



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Junior Zach Hunkele fights Levi Stuck (9) for possession of the ball as Chuck Morion (12) looks on.

The Saxons have been plagued by some major injuries to some key players throughout the course of this season. Junior forward Jarett Sanatar has missed some significant games with a knee injury. Senior captain Alex Karp, a key defender for the Saxons, is out with an undisclosed injury and Linaberry suffered a concussion in the game against RIT.

The Saxons are not out of reach of their goals by any means. They still have five regular season games and the Empire 8 conference championship to make their run at the NCAA tournament.

Coach Scott Miller said the key to reaching their goals is all about how they are playing the game.

"We have to get different lines of pressure. We're getting stretched out by teams and we're not working hard enough as a whole." The coach also said, "We've got to get all our guys on the right track in terms of attitude and wanting to compete on the field."

The Saxons have three remaining home games before the Empire 8 tournament, Oct. 11 vs. SUNY Brockport, Oct. 15 vs. Ithaca College and the home finale Oct. 19 against Keuka College.

According to Linaberry, "Ithaca is always one of the top teams in the Empire 8." ◊

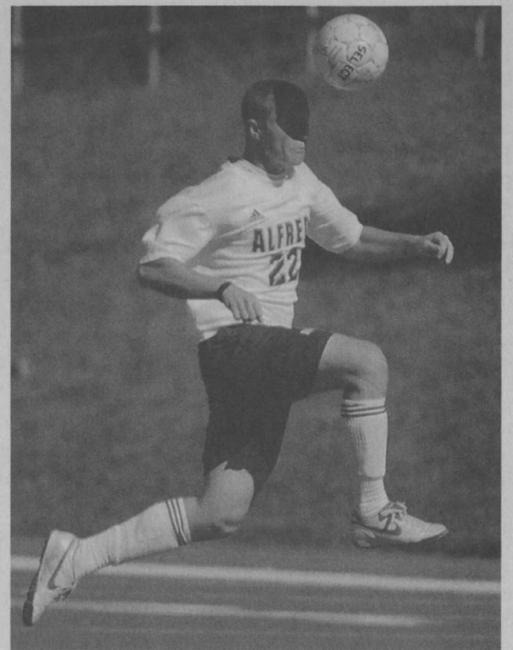


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Freshman Neal Sojda clears the ball with an aggressive defensive header during Alfred's match up with the Tigers.

Athletes show resilience in the face of adversity

Picture this, you are the head coach and the ball rests on your own one-yard line for your first offensive play of the game. The logical thing to do is run the ball and try to get your team out of trouble. But, what if you couldn't run? Not because your running back is hurt or you are afraid of fumbling, but instead, you hold a promise with a 10-year-old boy who has an inoperable brain tumor and he is calling your first play. He wants to pass to the right.

This was the case for Notre Dame's head coach, Charlie Weis on Saturday September 24, as the Irish took on Washington. Weis, who is in his first year of duty as head coach of the Irish, went beyond the call of duty and visited young Montana Mazurkiewicz.

Mazurkiewicz, a dedicated Irish fan was named after Joe Montana, who played quarterback for the Irish during his college days. Mazurkiewicz had one wish. He thought it would be cool if a player from Notre Dame could visit him at his house. Instead, Coach Weis answered the wish.

During the visit Weis agreed to let Montana

call the first play against Washington and without hesitation, Montana called a pass to the right.

As quarterback Brady Quinn, took the field, he asked Weis if they should run. Weis told him, "We don't have a choice. We are throwing to the right." Quinn took the field, called the play, and the Irish ran a roll out pass to the right. Quinn, from his own end zone, completed a pass to tight end Anthony Fasano. Fasano turned up field, cleanly leaped over a Washington defender and picked up 13 yards. Montana did not get to see the play. He died the day before the game.

Sports provides moments that are remembered for a lifetime. Nobody can forget Brett Favre playing 24 hours after his father, Irvin, died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack. Favre went on to finish the game with 399 yards and four touchdowns in an emotional Monday night

game that the Packers won.

Along with all the other tragedies Favre has been through in the last 21 months, his wife being diagnosed breast cancer and his brother-in-law being killed in an ATV accident, Favre is still able to go out and play football. Even though the Packers aren't doing well this season, you have to tip your hat to Favre, who is for sure going into the Hall of Fame.

A couple weeks ago, Roger Clemens' mother passed away. Clemens pitched the next day, saying that his mother would have wanted him to pitch. Clemens pitched his team to victory in dramatic fashion.

In his final All-Star game, Cal Ripkin Jr. hit a home run in his first at bat and went on to earn the game MVP.

Yankees outfielder Paul O'Neill's father passed away during the Yankee's World Series run in 1999. The Yankees went on

to win the World Series, and a teary eyed O'Neill celebrated with his team and manager Joe Torre. Torre told his right fielder, "Your dad got to watch this one."

After Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans Saints had to play their first game on the road against the Carolina Panthers. Kicker John Carney made a 47-yard field goal with three seconds left on the clock to give the Saints a dramatic 23-20 win.

During game two of the 1997 NBA Finals, Michael Jordan played with the stomach flu. We can all remember the weak Jordan struggling to stand up because of the illness. But, with the Bulls being faced with going down 3-2 in the series, Jordan played 44 minutes and scored 38 points in a 90-88 win over the Utah Jazz.

In the 1970 NBA Finals, Willis Reed of the New York Knicks inspired his team victory in Game 7, defeating Wilt Chamberlain and the Lakers. Reed, who suffered a torn thigh muscle in Game 5 of the series, was not on the floor during pre-game warm-ups. Reed hobbled out onto the court just before tip-off.

The crowd went bonkers. Reed scored his teams first two baskets and the Knicks went on to win the 1970 title 113-99.

The Buffalo Bills, despite losing four straight Super Bowls, also provided one of the most dramatic comebacks in football history. In the 1993 Wild Card game against the Houston Oilers, the Bills rallied from 32 points down to win the game in overtime. My father, a die-hard Bills fan, was at the game. He stuck around when most people left. Could you blame them, the Bills were down 35-3. However, the stage was set for the greatest comeback in NFL history. The Bills won, 41-38.

There are many more moments just like these, which remind people that perseverance triumphs over tragedy. The field of play is a sanctuary for players to overcome the odds of life and create moments that can bring tears to your eyes. Walk-off homeruns, buzzer beating shots, last second field goals, a comeback victory, playing through pain and illness; all of these provide inspiration and for that I thank you. ◊



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Women's Tennis

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Junior Jaime Drooz (left) serves during Alfred's tennis match against Nazareth College. The Lady Saxons lost 7-2.

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Freshman Colleen Donohoe (right) serves during Alfred's doubles match against Nazareth.

