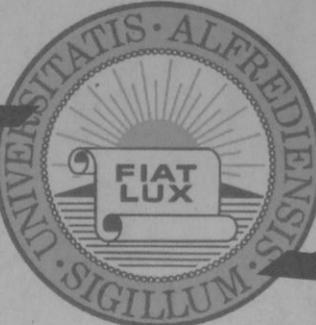


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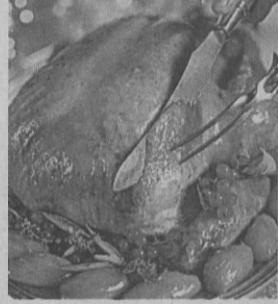
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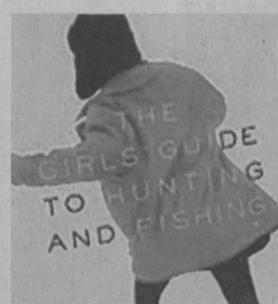
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Unfair media coverage in Israeli-Palestinian conflict

KATHLEEN KIELY
CO-FEATURES EDITOR

Foreign journalists often favor the Palestinian view of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Senior Foreign Press Coordinator David Baker told Alfred University students, faculty and Alfred community members Oct. 27.

"The world view of the story is one-sided," he said. "For too many journalists the actual story has taken a backseat to sensationalism."

Baker's job is responsible for giving the official Israeli point of view to the media media.

Baker, originally from Queens, N.Y., has been working and living in Israel for the past 20 years. Since 2000, he has been Sharon's senior foreign press coordinator in

Jerusalem.

Larry Greil, professor of sociology and faculty advisor to Hillel, brought Baker to AU. An active audience of some 55 people attended the speech in Nevins Theater in Powell Campus Center.

Journalists find it easier to portray the Palestinian side of the struggle between the two peoples according to Baker.

"It is hard for journalists to portray the Israeli fears of Palestinian terrorism, but it is easy to show Israeli tanks rolling through Palestinian neighborhoods," said Baker.

The Israelis and Palestinians are engaged in a "media war," and one that the Palestinians are winning, he said. Israel is a "world power," while the Palestinians live in a "fourth-world" existence.

As a result, Palestinians are often portrayed in the media more sympathetically,

said Baker.

Journalists tend to cover the easy story, he said. There are over 2,000 journalists covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and each one wants to have his story aired or printed.

"Journalists end up presenting "bad coverage" because of a knee-jerk tendency to go for [blood] and gore [regardless of] the truth," said Baker.

The truth is that both nations are suffering, Baker said. On one hand, the Palestinians are living in poverty, making an average of \$150 a week. They are often discriminated against, injured or killed by Israeli soldiers, he said.

But, on the other hand, Palestinian terrorists have killed many Israelis. The Israelis live their lives with daily threats, such as suicide bombers blowing up falafel stands.

For this very reason Baker said that he would not let his 16-year-old daughter ride



photo provided

the bus downtown [in Israel] for fear that it [the bus] may be attacked.

"That is not normal," he said. "Her childhood has been taken away from her."

Baker will continue to fight the "media war" and says that he is honored to do this for his country. ☺

Pumpkins carve up holiday cheer!

JESSICA HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Free pumpkins for carving and yummy treats for eating filled the Atrium Lounge in Powell on Oct. 27.

This was the 10th annual Jack-O-Lantern carving event organized by Student Activities. Around 45 pumpkins were purchased from Kent Farms in Andover and students, staff and faculty were able to take a pumpkin home or stay in Powell to carve it out. Many participants left their pumpkins behind to be judged.

The day after the event was judging day. All those who passed the carved pumpkins in Powell were allowed to vote on the best design. In first place was Clarissa Gerber, receiving a \$30 gift certificate to the book store, second Lauren Celentano, receiving a \$20 gift certificate and in third place was Jared Cavaliere, receiving a \$10 gift certificate.

This is always a fun event, said Student Activities Secretary Nancy Baker. It is also amazing to see students who have never carved a pumpkin. Baker always feels rewarded when she is able to teach a student how to carve out the insides of a pumpkin and show them the different ways to make a pumpkin funny, scary or even cute.

Several people stopped by the table to see the designs of some creative pumpkin designers and children from Alfred Montessori came to campus to look at them as well, added Baker. Student Activities would like to thank all those who made the event as good as pumpkin pie!



PHOTOS BY JESSICA HENDERSON



Options for future found at Graduate School Fair

CRYSTAL CRAFT
STAFF WRITER

Anxious Alfred University students flooded to this year's grad fair in hopes of gaining better direction toward their future.

"I went to the grad fair to better understand the choice I have to make," said Timothy Corbette, senior communication studies major.

"It helped me to understand what it takes to get into a program. I didn't know before that some programs are only one-year long," he said.

This year's grad fair was held on Oct. 25 in the Knight Club of the Powell Campus Center. Students crowded the Knight Club from noon to 2 p.m.

Approximately 268 AU students, faculty and staff attended the grad fair organized by the Career and Development Center (CDC). It was co-sponsored by the psychology department and the science department.

A total of 63 schools signed up to attend AU's grad fair. However, because of poor weather conditions, only 46 colleges were able to attend. The colleges brought 53 different programs to the grad fair. Of the 46 colleges in attendance, six were from out of state. The International Peace Corps and The University of Guadalajara, located in Mexico, were also in attendance.

This year's grad fair received a large turnout from AU's faculty and staff, as well as students.

"It went really well," said Mark McFadden, assistant director of the career counseling services. "We had more students than ever before."

AU's grad fair did not only have a positive affect on potential students wanting to go to graduate school, but the colleges who participated in this event did as well. The grad fair gives publicity to schools that students may have never heard of before.

Although students may not attend these schools in the future, the information given helps them make the best choice for their career goals.

For one student, grad school is a definite possibility.

"Grad school is important because of the flexibility. You can get [better opportunities] if you have a master's degree," said Adanna Guerra, senior psychology major. "You can get a more distinctive job by putting yourself out there," she said.

The goal of the CDC is to put students in direct contact with people from other schools. The recruiters from the various colleges and universities are pleased with the "high quality" of AU students. Recruiters were also excited about making connections with AU professors.

Sometimes it's hard to get different col-

leges and universities to participate in the grad fair because AU is located in such a remote place, said McFadden. "Bringing in recruiters can be a challenge."

Regardless of AU's remote location, this year's grad fair received its best turnout

yet.

McFadden said that he would like to thank all of the AU students, faculty and staff who attended the grad fair, and particularly the psychology and science departments for making the grad fair such a success. ☺



PHOTO BY JENNIFER TOMASZEWSKI
There were 46 colleges in attendance at the graduate fair held in the Knight Club. Students were able to question representatives on tuition, GREs or other aspects they were concerned about when applying for graduate school.

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Graduate school

Things to think about before applying

Should you go to graduate school? Only one person can answer that question – you. There are many reasons why students decide to seek another degree following their undergraduate careers. But, your decision must be made wisely.

For many people, a master's degree is needed for entry into a chosen field or will allow for the negotiation of higher salaries. Some seek it for the advancement of skills and the sheer love of learning. These are all good reasons, but students should not go to graduate school if they are unsure about their careers. That is what your four years at an undergraduate university were for. In fact, you will end up loading yourself with work, paying a hefty tuition and becoming highly stressed.

It is an enormous and intense commitment; if you do not believe you are ready, you probably should hold off. It will be a choice you will have to live with for the next two to seven years. Although many people feel that they must go to graduate school immediately after college, it is best to be sure of what you want to do and know you can follow through.

The selection of the right school is not an easy task. You first must know your career goals and do your homework to find out what schools can help you attain that goal. Depending on the field, such as law, health or being a professor, you must pursue a degree beyond the graduate level, which will require even more funds and years of dedication.

Undergraduate study is simply an introduction into a very broad area of a certain field. Graduate school is very concentrated and narrow, therefore, it is imperative that you are 100 percent sure of your career path. The best thing to do is to consider what best interests you in a given field.

Usually recollecting what courses you enjoyed most during undergraduate study, topics of papers that you have written and speaking to professors and advisers are good ways to delve into the graduate world.

Most first-year graduate students say that they had no idea of the immense responsibilities and time commitments that were expected, and some often underestimate its intensity. Talk to someone who knows and will give you a much needed and legitimate perspective. Students should also research the kinds of employment opportunities that are available in that field.

Another aspect to look into before deciding to dedicate several more years of your life to an institution is to see how motivated you are about it. As stated earlier, unlike undergraduate study, the graduate curriculum requires a much higher level of academic commitment. You must be able to excel at the things that you probably did not do much of during your undergraduate years, such as critical reading, writing and analyzing of content.

Students have to critically analyze themselves when deciding on graduate school. You may have to look at yourself harshly and evaluate your shortcomings, but it is necessary. This is all to say that there is a high standard of academic achievement required to continue seeking an advanced degree. Many schools have a 3.0 grade point average minimum for all advanced degree seekers. Others require a 3.3 grade point average minimum. Late night and last minute cramming won't cut it anymore. When you work, you work. You have to be able to effectively manage your time because you will be performing a balancing act with multiple papers, projects and other tasks.

The purpose here is not to steer undergrads away from seeking an advanced degree, it is just to help make educated decisions. Graduate study is definitely not a bad thing, students ultimately must be aware that it is an enormous time and financial commitment, but will be worth it in the long run. ☺

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Opinion

Judging? Say it isn't so Keep an open mind, don't judge

I t's ok. We have all done it at some point and it's all been done to us. Now it's time to become aware of it. I've never noticed it quite as much as I do this year. Oh how naïve I was. What am I talking about you ask? Judging. I'm talking critical, anything goes, mean as a snake and unforgiving to butte, judging.

Whether it be a comment on fashion, looks, sexual orientation, someone's size, the way an organization functions, an athlete's performance or that last article published in the Fiat, it will undoubtedly effect how someone thinks about themselves and the role they play in this world.

I have no patience for people who resort to this behavior. It's just not necessary and only reflects poorly on the judge. This idea is illustrated wonderfully in the following anonymous quote.

"When we judge or criticize another person, it says nothing about that person; it merely says something about our own need to be critical."

Of course we are all imperfect, and on some occasions, different things need to be brought to our attention. However, if what we are being made aware of isn't made clear with some kind of solution or underlying positive message, there is no point in saying anything at all.

Some may say, judging keeps us in line or justifies an "us" versus "them" mentality. We are inherently com-

petitive and it comes with the territory. Almost along the lines of survival of the fittest. However, I'd say many people aren't as competitive as we'd like to think.

Let's be honest, most of us here live pretty cushy lives and don't have to worry about surviving day-to-day, so how does that statement work anymore?

We are no longer in high school and we should act like it. Soon many of us will be leaving Alfred, and if we want to prove that we are capable human beings, we should start showing we are capable of treating others with the respect that they deserve.

A fortunate fact of the matter is that some people don't care what you say about them, but the unfortunate reality is I've met far too many people, including myself, that really do care about each whisper, negative remark or criticism, even if it isn't directed at them personally.

It's important to keep an open mind because everyone you meet is different. You don't have to like how a person looks, whom they date or where they buy their clothes, but it would be nice if there were restraint in your words.

Life is too short to shut yourself off to all different kinds of people. So take off the blinders and see the real person that lies before you, they may be the best kind of person you'll ever know. ☺

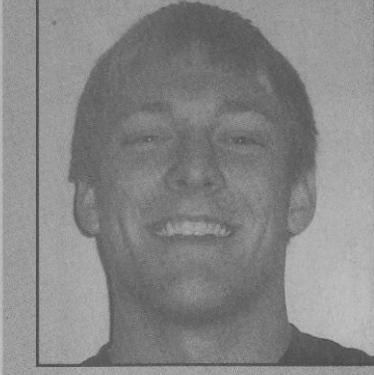


GERALDINE GENZARDI

Roving Reporter

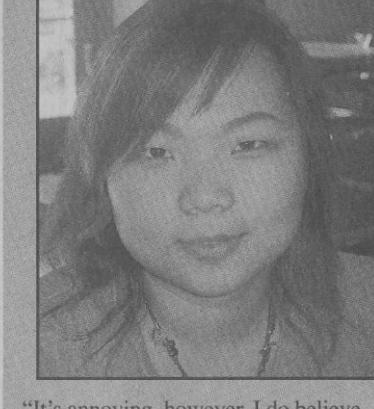
QUOTES AND PHOTOS BY
JESSICA WEBSTER
SUBSCRIPTIONS MANAGER

Do you think the Fire Department siren is a nuisance or useful?



"I live really close, it disturbs me when I'm sleeping and during classes. I don't think it's necessary because the firemen wear little beepers that alert them. They dealt without the siren all of last year."

Jim Roberts, Engineering



"It's annoying, however, I do believe they do it for some reason. If they could turn down the volume a little bit it would really be appreciated."

Jing Chen, BAFA



I am proud to say that I am a descendant of slaves seized from their homes in Africa and unwillingly brought to American plantations. Yes, I am a descendant of the dark-faced mammas that America has created to mock traditional African beauty.

Yes, I am a direct descendant of Native Americans who were murdered, beaten, sickened and diseased by imperialists. And for the record I am not Cherokee.

And I happen to be a descendant of Scottish people sent to America as slaves after losing a war to Britain. I have also discovered that my great-great grandfather was Jamaican.

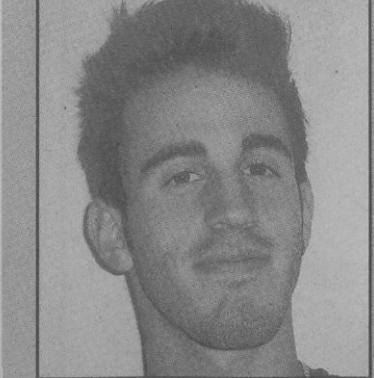
Maybe that explains why I am always stopped by random people and asked if I am Caribbean.

But most importantly my mixed culture has shaped me into the young woman that I have become. I walk in the footsteps of some of America's greatest. From the impressionable Maya Angelou, the no-nonsense Ruby Dee, the flamboyant C. Dolores Tucker, to the soft-spoken, humble and quiet, but strong woman who changed a nation, Rosa Parks.

As a young woman of many races, I feel that I have to continue the path that all of my people have paved for me. ☺

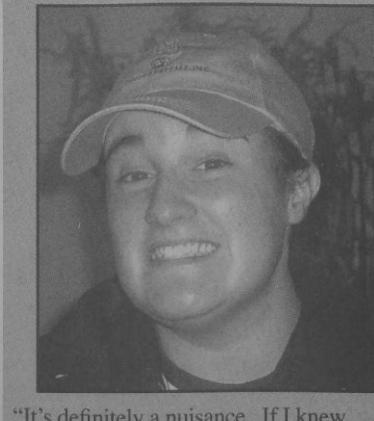
"I feel like it's a nuisance to the students, but it's useful for the volunteer fire fighters. I don't really see another way they could alert the volunteers of an emergency."

Jamie Drooz, Business Administration



"It sucks! The siren wakes me up and disturbs my fish. I live next door to the siren and it really bothers me especially when I'm trying to do work."

Jarett Sanatar, Marketing



"It's definitely a nuisance. If I knew the siren was going to go off everyday, I wouldn't have come to school here. Today, I was outside studying and it went off. It is very distracting."

Liz Daniello, Pre-Vet

Inefficient swiping system Many are inconvenienced and dissatisfied

I must say, the swipey card system that we have here on campus used to be ten times better than what it is today. Actually, to be frank, it really sucks. You can't do half the stuff with it that you used to, and what you can do with it is limited.

Ok, maybe I am exaggerating a little bit, but I am honestly irritated by the thing. See, when I was a freshman, which seems like eons ago, we were able to use our swipey cards at every vending machine. This means that if you were experiencing the worst concentration level ever in one of your required yet uninteresting classes, you could excuse yourself for a "bathroom break," run to the nearest vending machine and grab a caffeine crammed soda. Now, you have to carry a boatload of money around in your pocket and pray to god, or some higher idolized figure, that the crinkled Washington lurking around your cargo pants will surpass expectations.

I am not done with the vending machine problem here. I would like to say that I am not an avid soda drinker, and I definitely don't drink pop, so the fact that I can't get the sugary thirst-quencher on demand is tolerable. However, when a girl needs a chocolate bar, specifically a York Peppermint Patty, things could get ugly. It's like a tease. It would be one thing if there wasn't a swipe strip for the card that is completely and utterly useless. But no. It's right there, along with the fresh, ever so peppermint-patty, staring at you square in the face behind that dingy glass panel and stuck between spiraled metal. You might as well take away Valentine's Day, although life without this Hallmark holiday would be rather delightful. Forget it! That's not the point.

Ok, not enough support to have you convinced

that these bad boys are worse than the black plague? Let's walk down memory lane and recall the first weeks of the semester when the lines at Powell were already astronomically long due to Ade's renovations. As if that isn't a nuisance in itself.

Yet, on top of the lines being ridiculously long, they also became slow as molasses, apparently because some of the old cards didn't want to cooperate when swiped for the unbelievably delicious and outrageously "priced" food awaiting our arrival. Good god, the nightmares.

Ade is finally finished, so the lines are now somewhat divided between the two spectacular dining halls we are blessed with here on campus. So I can say that the line situation is reasonably under control. I also want to say that the invalid card chaos has ceased in magnitude. However, I may not be the

best candidate to vow for that, mainly because I refuse to carry it around if it is useless when using a vending machine.

I feel bad for the freshmen, I really do. You see them standing at a machine, literally working up a sweat swiping their card. Who needs the gym when you have a pointless swipey? You see them turn it upside-down, right side up, jump up it, throw it against the wall, curse at it as though it has feelings, and because it was called a naughty name, it will snap out of it and magically work. No upperclassman is going to tell them, "you know buddy, it's ok. Step away from the machine." We all are bothered and effected by this. All we ask is for a swipey that functions and can bring us yummy refreshments, such as chocolate bars and sugar cookies, and let's not forget the cute animal crackers. I don't think that is too much to ask for. ☺



MICHELLE CLARK
CO-FEATURES EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

Credit card editorial points in right direction

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your Oct. 25 editorial "Students and credit cards, control the plastic before it controls you."

Many college students use credit cards as a source of real money, eventually causing them to fall into debt. I am afraid to use credit cards because of the harm that it has caused for many college students, not to mention the pressure my parents have been under because of credit card debt.

Although credit card offers frequent my campus mailbox, I immediately throw them away for fear that I may fall into the same crack that my friends and parents have in the past. I do not want to accumulate bills I cannot pay back because I am afraid it will take over my life, just like it has many other people.

However, the editorial has opened my eyes to the fact that credit cards are a necessary item to make our lifestyles much easier. If used improperly, they may have severe consequences of debt, but if used correctly, as the editorial describes, they may help in establishing credit that will allow one to make large purchases, like buying a home or a vehicle.

I had no idea how prevalent credit cards really are. After some research, I may apply for a credit card so that I may establish credit for myself in order to successfully purchase a home in the future, without any hassle.

I think the editorials have been very beneficial in addressing issues that are directly related to students. They are very informative and enjoyable. Keep it up.

Ashley Paddock

AU grads give seniors a realistic perspective

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your Oct. 25 columns "The real world perspective from recent AU graduates."

Often times student's expectations upon graduation are not realistic. I want to applaud the writers of these columns, both recent communication studies graduates, for giving real personal accounts of what students can expect after leaving Alfred.

I am a senior marketing major, and I have often wondered what my life will be like once I graduate. Making the transition from college to the real world is a major life step.

Registering for GMATs, applying to graduate schools, looking into job opportunities can all be overwhelming. This article made me understand that

finding something you love to do is most important. It made me realize that before I can make any life altering decisions, I need to decide what I truly love.

The articles were both informative and extremely interesting. I would love to see more articles from recent graduates in upcoming articles.

Kim Pesesky

Column, a beneficial "how to" for dealing with stray animals

Dear Editor,

The stray cats in Alfred can be seen on a daily basis. The column in the Oct. 25 issue on the stray animals in Alfred has helped me and others decide what to do regarding the animals. This column is helpful to the community because it gave answers to questions someone might ask when they find a stray animal.

After someone takes care of a stray animal, it usually sticks around even after they're gone. Living in Medusa

over the summer, there was a family of strays in the woods who would come to the door meowing for food. My personal choice was to leave the kittens and their mother alone because living in the apartments was temporary for the summer. Those few months of caring for the animals could have ended with the family being reliant on food and water being left out. I felt guilty for not helping them, but I figured the cats would move on and find another place to live. However, the neighbors next door made the decision to leave food out.

Throughout the summer the cats stayed around and ate the food left out for them. When I moved out of Medusa at the end of the summer, the cats were still living in the woods. This made me feel even more guilty that the people moving out of summer housing would be leaving this family without the food and water they were used to.

This article will hopefully help people who live on campus make informed choices on what to do when stray animals come begging for food. Should you help them out? Or should you leave them alone? The benefits of

knowing what effects you have on the lives of these animals may help make the situation easier for the strays. It may feel like the nice thing to do is to give them food, but, at the end of the semester, the animals won't find the food waiting for them outside the door.

Jessica White

Romani, myths, facts and a history of misunderstanding
Global Awareness Roundtable**JESSICA CABRERA**
STAFF WRITER

Stereotypes about "gypsies" are detrimental to an understanding of Romani culture, Karen Finnemore and Jeremy Kruser told an AU audience at 7pm on Oct. 24 in the Knight Club at Powell Campus Center.

The idea of gypsies stealing and being mythical creatures has derived from mislabeling, Kruser said.

Finnemore a psychology senior, and Kruser a computer science senior, presented their joint talk, titled "Romani: Myths, Facts and a history of misunderstanding," at last week's Global Awareness Roundtable.

The discussion focused on "true" Romani culture. Kruser has been working to help all minority groups achieve human rights. He became even more interested in this after meeting Finnemore who is one-quarter Italian Romani.

Americans do not seem to know the difference between "gypsy" and Romani myths, said Kruser. Some of the myths of Romanis include: lack of integrating and schooling. In addition, many falsely believe they buy and/or sell children. Have no historical background and unique language/religion. As well they are often regarded as "dirty nomads."

In fact, "most [Romani] are settled and have a cleanliness code," said Finnemore. As well, "[they] are [also] expected to be virgins when they marry and to be with one spouse until death."

The Romani do not keep dog or cats around them because

these animals lick themselves clean, which is believed to be an act of uncleanness, according to Finnemore. The act of wearing long skirts is also a form of purity.

"Romani have been persecuted throughout history. During World War II, the Nazis killed 1.5 million Romanis. They found them so insignificant, they did not even bother to record an exact number of those murdered", said Finnemore.

Although Jewish people have been paid restitution for who were killed in World War II, the Romani haven't, said Kruser. Both students say they are worried about the stereotype that Romani are uneducated. As a result, they are often either sent to schools for the mentally ill or special schools, said both students. The children face prejudice and are sent to safe havens, says Finnemore. She added "If I am so uneducated, what am I doing in college?"

For years Romani have been so afraid of consequences toward speaking out and taking action, said Kruser. But in recent years Romani has taken huge steps including, having a flag of their own and International Romani Day on April 8.

Although the Romani history is one of sorrow and suffering, their story is one of triumph over adversity. ☺

(Right) Image of what "gypsies" are. This a stereotypical drawing of how most people perceive "gypsies," drawn by a young girl, Katie Cassels.

**Real world perspective, balancing life at entry level**
Life after Alfred**MATHEW PORE**
GUEST WRITER

In spite of all the parking tickets I got at Alfred, I never got the "boot" and I haven't received another parking ticket since. It appears as though there is always a parking spot available in life after college. Wherever you go, whether you're parking your car at your new job, or you've decided to move across the country and park your life for a new adventure, the parking spots are there.

I went to Alfred as a young, naïve, cocky boy who was interested in skiing. I went in as a declared history major with no idea what I wanted in life. However, I left Alfred a mature, headstrong young man with a degree in accounting, life experiences, direction and a spot to park my car.

Since leaving AU in the spring of 2003, life has treated

me fairly well. I spent that immediate summer on the warm Maine beaches, sipping cocktails, while enjoying my last summer before starting the daily grind.

In the fall, after I awoke from my daze, I started interviewing for entry-level positions at public accounting firms. I interviewed all over New England, and even went back to Alfred for a couple more interviews set up through the Career Development Center.

In October of that year, I secured a position with a small regional accounting firm in Kennebunk, Maine that services Southern Seacoast Maine and New Hampshire. I am now happily employed as a second year Staff Accountant at Cummings Lamont & McNamee.



Working at a smaller regional accounting firm has given me the opportunity to work on a broad spectrum of engagements that a larger firm could not provide. I am responsible for individual, corporate, partnership, estate and trust and non-profit taxation; audits, reviews, and compilations of small businesses; and audits of governmental and non-profit entities.

When I started working at CLM, I was offered a salary of approximately \$36,000 with full benefits. My current salary is now in the ballpark of \$40,000, also with full benefits.

While at Alfred I was not involved in many organizations or clubs, but have since turned over a new leaf, involving myself more with my firm. I currently sit

on the Tax Committee and am focused on our Estate and

Tax Planning niche.

In addition to working full time as an accountant, I am enrolled as a part time graduate student at the University of Southern Maine. I am currently working towards my Master of Science Degree in Accounting.

Juggling a 40-hour work week, 60-hours during tax season, and a class that meets twice a week at night with homework, is a lot to handle. At times this can be very stressful and demanding. However, the end product has very positive results. I have already completed one third of the requirements for my Masters Degree, while the whole time gaining experience and expanding my knowledge in order to pass the CPA exam.

So, the future is looking well. I'm about to start my third busy season and a promotion appears to be on the horizon. Not too far down the road I plan to acquire my MSA degree and my CPA designation. ☺

Senate Update**Senate Update****Senate Update****MATTHEW BUTTS**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As of the Nov. 2 Student Senate meeting, the inclusion of a safe bus was discussed by President Ian Phillips. It will be a shuttle bus service that will extend from the Alfred University campus to Alfred State College. The free service is sponsored by both institutions and is in collaboration with Hornell Area Transit services. Its budget was also approved at the meeting by the senate floor.

The bus will travel in a figure-eight motion through both campuses, which include four AU stops, one on Main Street and four on the ASC side. The prospective stops at AU will be near Ade dining hall, Harder Hall, the corner between Powell Campus Center and the Brick and the Ford Street Apartments/ Openhym. The bus will stop at Joel's House for students who request it.

There will be four stops on the ASC

campus that have yet to be determined. The tentative hours of the safe bus are on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. A test run is scheduled to be within the next month.

The goal, according to Phillips, is to eliminate the need for students to want to drive after drinking at local bars, provide a safe ride to students back to their residences and to bridge the gap between the AU and ASC campus. The safe bus should make trips back and forth to both campuses more accessible to students, especially during events.

Phillips will meet with Mayor Shawn Hogan of Hornell, in order to finalize all aspects of the service. Once everything has been approved, marketing will be posted throughout the campus, encouraging students to take advantage of the service.

According to Phillips, once the test phase has been completed, the success of the service will be evaluated and any issues or concerns will be addressed in order to

make it more lucrative for students.

Phillips has also looked into the issue of the fire alarm sounding off during prime class hours. He stated that he has checked in with the fire chief, but more information and a final report will be assessed during the next Student Senate meeting.

Committees and their chairpersons met and discussed any new issues or concerns and addressed them during committee reports. The Buildings and Grounds Committee stated that there have been issues with the manner in which students have been documented. These issues can be directed to Residence Hall Council President Jon Hudack. The committee also reminded students to work order any problems they have or see on campus regarding any of the edifices or lights before addressing them during the open forum segment of Student Senate meetings.

The Telecommunications Committee is considering doing a campus-wide survey regarding the cable services provided and

its channels being offered. The committee is also looking into finding out if Alfred Today can repeat an event that is listed everyday until the day it occurs.

The Food Committee received responses regarding Powell dining hall issues. The uncooked bacon issue has been fixed, and now there is a new brand of bacon being served. The channels on the television cannot be changed from the Food Network because the dining services are contracted to do so. The graffiti that was near the entrance of Powell dining hall has been removed.

There were no new reports by the two remaining committees.

During open forum, the sole issue that surfaced was regarding the unbearable noise the heaters inside of the Brick make during early morning hours. The Building and Grounds Committee will handle that issue.

The new Student Senate Treasurer Lauren Mastin announced her office hours,

which are from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Tuesdays.

By way of announcements, Student Senate is working on creating a Farmer's Market for student groups inside of Powell Campus Center. Clubs may sell anything that they wish and keep the profit for their groups. It is slated to begin following Thanksgiving break.

On Dec. 3, Poder Latino will be hosting its annual Dance-A-Thon. It is also preparing for RAICES. The group is seeking all forms of performers for its production. Interested individuals can e-mail Poder Latino at poder@alfred.edu.

The Taste Buds will be having its second annual Pot Luck dinner on Nov. 19 in Susan Howell Hall at a cost of \$5. More details are forthcoming.

The next Student Senate meeting will be held on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater.

National News

Missing Iraq soldier's mom demands answers

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The parents of the only soldier the Army lists as captured in Iraq are being flown to the Pentagon for a meeting with senior Defense Department officials to discuss the search for their son.

Generally quiet and supportive of the Army's handling of her son's case, Carolyn Maupin has lashed out recently, complaining to some Ohio news organizations that she heard about the weekend search from reporters and was having trouble getting updates from the Pentagon.

Army Reserve Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin of Batavia, Ohio, has been missing since April 9, 2004, when his fuel truck convoy was ambushed by insurgents west of Baghdad after leaving camp. A week later, Arab television network Al-Jazeera released a videotape showing Maupin sitting on the floor surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles.

That June, Al-Jazeera released another tape purporting to show a U.S. soldier being shot. But the tape was dark and grainy and showed only the back of the victim's head, and did not show the actual shooting.

The Army ruled it inconclusive, saying it could not determine if the man was Maupin or even if it was an American soldier.

Parents Carolyn and Keith Maupin will meet with Lt. Gen. James L. Campbell, director of the Army staff, and officials from the Casualty Assistance Office and the Joint Personnel Recovery Office. They will also have a video conference call with senior officers in Iraq, including officials from U.S. Central Command.

"We're bringing the family to the Pentagon to provide them with a progress report on the ongoing search for their son," said Army spokesman Col. Joseph G. Curtin. He said Maupin's status is unchanged.

The Army is also paying for the family to stay in a hotel overnight. The Army has provided briefings by phone to the family in the past, but initiated the invitation to the Pentagon so the update could be done in person and officials could answer any of the family's questions, said Curtin.

• Thirty-two members of a Fort Drum, New York-based Army unit spent seven hours Saturday searching for Maupin's body in the Abu Ghraib section west of Baghdad. They were acting on a tip.

House bill counters eminent domain ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Contending that the Supreme Court has undermined a pillar of American society -- the sanctity of the home -- the House overwhelmingly approved a bill to block the court-approved seizure of private property for use by developers.

The bill, passed 376-38, would withhold federal money from state and local governments that use powers of eminent domain to force businesses and homeowners to give up their property for commercial uses.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling in June, recognized the power of local governments to seize property needed for private development projects that generate tax revenue. The decision drew criticism from private property, civil rights, farm and religious groups that said it was an abuse of the Fifth Amendment's "takings clause." That language provides for the taking of private property, with fair compensation, for public use.

The court's June decision, said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wisconsin, changed established constitutional principles by holding that "any property may now be taken for the benefit of another private party."

The ruling in Kelo v. City of New London allowed the Connecticut city to exercise state eminent domain law to require several homeowners to cede their property for commercial use.

With this "infamous" decision, said Rep. Phil Gingrey, R-Georgia, "homes and small businesses across the country have been placed in grave jeopardy and threatened by the government wrecking ball."

The bill, said Chip Mellor, president of the Institute for Justice, which represented the Kelo homeowners before the Supreme Court, "highlights the fact that this nation's eminent domain and urban renewal laws need serious and substantial changes."

But opponents argued that the federal government should not be intervening in what should be a local issue. "We should not change federal law every time members of Congress disagree with the judgment of a locality when it uses eminent domain for the purpose of economic development," said Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Virginia.

The legislation is the latest, and most far-reaching, of several congressional responses to the court ruling. The House previously passed a measure to bar federal transportation money from going for improvements on land seized for private development. The Senate approved an amendment to a transportation spending bill applying similar restrictions. The bill now moves to the Senate, where Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, has introduced companion legislation.

About half the states are also considering changes in their laws to prevent takings for private use.

The Bush administration, backing the House bill, said in a statement that "private property rights are the bedrock of the nation's economy and enjoy constitutionally protected status. They should also receive an appropriate level of protection by the federal government."

The House bill would cut off for two years all federal economic development funds to states and localities that use economic development as a rationale for property seizures. It also would bar the federal government from using eminent domain powers for economic development.

FBI agents bust 'Botmaster'

LOS ANGELES, California (Reuters) -- A 20-year-old man accused of using thousands of hijacked computers, or "bot nets," to damage systems and send massive amounts of spam across the Internet was arrested on Thursday in what authorities called the first such prosecution of its kind.

Jeanson James Ancheta, who prosecutors say was a well-known member of the "Botmaster Underground" -- or the secret network of computer hackers skilled at bot attacks -- was taken into custody after being lured to FBI offices in Los Angeles, said U.S. Attorney's spokesman Thom Mrozek.

A bot is a program that surreptitiously installs itself on a computer and allows the hacker to control the computer. A bot net is a network of such robot computers, which can harness their collective power to do considerable damage or send out huge quantities of spam.

Mrozek said the prosecution was unique because, unlike in previous cases, Ancheta was accused of profiting from his attacks -- by selling access to his "bot nets" to other hackers and planting adware -- software that causes ads to pop up -- into infected computers.

"Normally what we see in these cases, where people set up these bot systems to do, say, denial of service attacks, they are not doing it for profit, they are doing it for bragging rights," he said. "This is the first case in the nation that we're aware of where the guy was using various bot nets in order to make money for himself."

Ancheta has been indicted on a 17-count federal indictment that charges him with conspiracy, attempted transmission of code to a protected computer, transmission of code to a government computer, accessing a protected computer to commit fraud and money laundering.

Ancheta, who was expected to make an initial court appearance late on Thursday or Friday, faces a maximum term of 50 years in prison if convicted on all counts, though federal sentencing guidelines typically call for lesser penalties.

Prosecutors did not name the companies that they said paid Ancheta and said the firms did not know any laws were broken.

Mrozek said Ancheta, who lives in the Los Angeles suburb of Downey, was thought to have made nearly \$60,000 from the planted adware, using the money to pay for servers to carry out additional attacks, computer equipment and a BMW.

He said Ancheta was taken into custody after FBI agents called him into their offices to pick up computer equipment that had been seized in an earlier raid.

Among the computers he attacked, Mrozek said, were some at the Weapons Division of the U.S. Naval Air Warfare Center in China Lake, California and at the U.S. Department of Defense.

A new addition, AU alumnus energizes CDC staff

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Kyle Torok has been the coordinator of internships and co-ops for a little over a month. In that time he has already begun to make interactions and connect with the students at AU.

Torok started his job at the Career Development Center on Sept. 29. In that time he has already taken 60 students to Corning, and he just recently got back from a conference in New York City. Torok got his baccalaureate in Communications from AU. He knew when graduating that he wanted to work for AU.

As a 2002 Alum and having lived in mostly rural areas, Torok is used to the rural atmosphere. Currently a resident of Hornell, he previously lived in Indiana, NYC for a short period of time and Wellsville.

When asked what it was that he liked about AU, Torok replied, "What don't I like?"

"The president [of AU] lets you call him Charlie. I like running into past professors and having an opportunity to catch up with them."

"I am really lucky that I found a position that was right for me, the CDC is a great place to work," he said.

Torok has many responsibilities at the CDC, and most of them involve working with students. His main responsibility is acting as a liaison for the engineering and business schools.

Not only does Torok coordinate internships and co-ops for students, but he also helps students coordinate the paperwork that they need to fill out for financial aid.

There is an emphasis on coordinating, the CDC will not give you internships, but they will give you the guidance that you need.

"I don't hand them out like candy," he said. "I coordinate and help as much as possible, he said. Torok also helps students with other things

such as resume critiquing and other duties as assigned.

Staying ahead of the students is quite a task, but it is one that he gladly takes on. "Each student is different." But they are all "tenacious and hungry for internships." "They keep me on my toes," he said.

"Kyle is great, even when you're not having a good day, he'll sit down and talk to you; ask you how you're doing. He helps create a comfort zone," said Irma Cleto senior business major.

The saying that the beginning of a job is a "dead sprint," is not only true but good, said Torok.

"I am just happy to be here." I hope that students come here and get an educational experience, and I hope that I can help them with that," said Torok. ◇

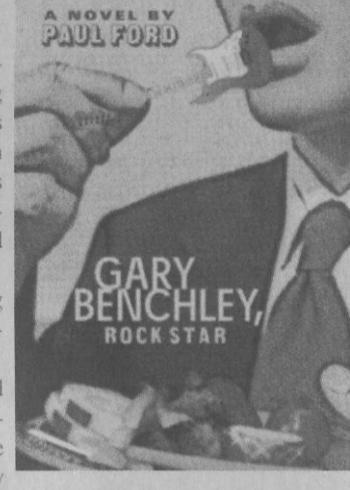
AU alumnus' book featured in New York Times

AU COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Ford '95 was featured in the Oct. 31, 2005 edition of The New York Times, in an article promoting his latest book "Gary Benchley, Rock Star." The Times described the book as "an edited and expanded version of [the fictional] Benchley's serialized rock chronicles -- a sort of Dickens-esque flourish for the digital age -- and few are as amazed by the outcome as Mr. Ford is."

Ford credits the Alfred University faculty for helping him to pursue a career outside of his major (he graduated with a degree in English).

"My professors were my guides -- they encouraged me to take risks," he said. "They followed the curriculum but pushed me to explore outside of it. That sense of intellectual freedom served as the foundation of my



career as a writer, editor, and technologist." Ford is an associate editor of Harper's Magazine, the editor of Harper's Magazine Weekly Review, and the creator of the influential Web site [ftrain.com](#). He is a frequent contributor to National Public Radio's popular "All Things Considered" program.

Now living in Brooklyn, NY, Ford looks back on his time at Alfred with fondness.

"There is something remarkable and genuine about the town of Alfred. It is an unusual, intimate place," he said. "[In particular], I miss the basement of the Herrick Library, where I would go to spend hours writing, thinking, and browsing the stacks [of books]."

Exotic drumming sparks a beat of enthusiasm

DANI ROE
GUEST WRITER

Material culturalism and the Grand Valley Dani brighten any morning. Yet, there is something just a little more exotic about African drumming.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Luanne Crosby and Chase Angier, Sankofa drummers treated students in Dr. Robert Myers' cultural anthropology class to a performance. These students then performed in turn six or seven rhythms they learned for members of the visiting Kazuo Inamori delegation (from Japan), who just happened to be crowded in the doorway as they toured the Miller Performing Arts Center. Even a fully trained anthropologist would be scratching his head about that combination.

In all seriousness, though, speaking as one who is hopeless with something as simple as a bongo, these guys made it easy. Ne-ces-sar-il-y, we used some English phrases to remember the rhythms. Even more impressively, though, about 12 novices managed to remember the rhythms in order, stay with the lead drummer when he improvised and



play in unison with three different techniques of hitting the drumhead. If it has not yet occurred to you, be impressed. These were not, I repeat, were not, music majors.

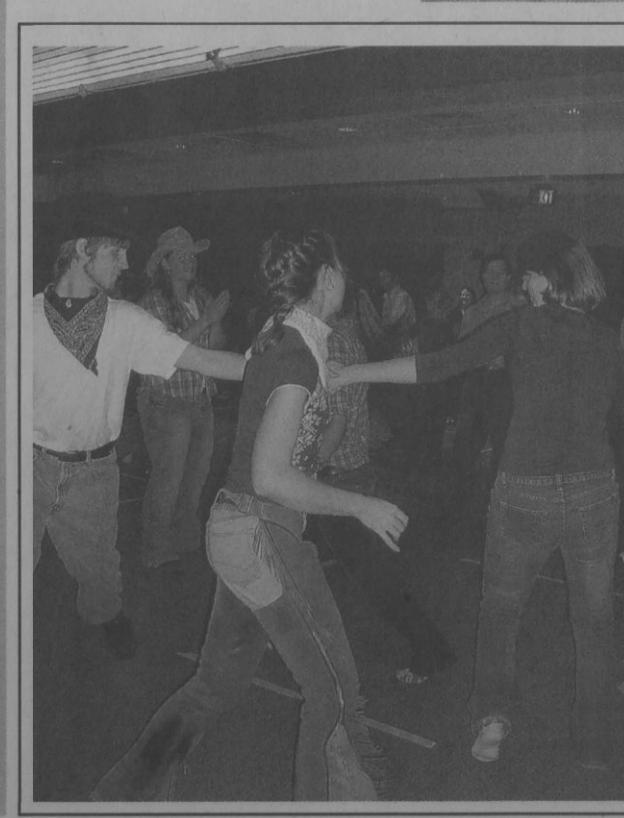
You get the last cultural anomaly when you realize that our professional African drummers are city-slicking Americans. The colors, beads, shells and decorations that adorned the drums became a lot more accessible when played by a couple of enthusiastic guys in t-shirts giving "from my heart, to all of you."

Even students trying to look solemn in the second row cracked smiles at their banter. Sitting in an open circle, only two rows deep, really helped keep everyone involved, even when they didn't have a drum.

Living at least an hour away from any minor metropolis, Alfred students may not always remember that the rest of the world is out there. However, Alfred's faculty and students go out of their way to bring us a taste, be it midnight drum improvisation on the Bandstand, Middle Eastern dance, or one of the many performing arts groups brought to Alfred to instruct us in performance and appreciation.

So next time you see a performance or master class offered, don't be afraid to show up, join in, and have fun! ◇

PHOTO BY LUANNE CLARKE
Students from Dr. Robert Myers' cultural anthropology class participate in a demonstration by Sankofa drummers. The non-music majors were able to take a stab at the art of drumming and finding their own rhythm.



Square Dancing

AU InterVarsity sponsored a night of square dancing for the Alfred Community in the Knight Club on Oct. 2. The night of free dance lessons, popcorn, soda and a limbo contest was a hit. A performance by The Genesee String Band entertained the crowd with their Irish and American folk dance music.



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Throw it back: The Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing

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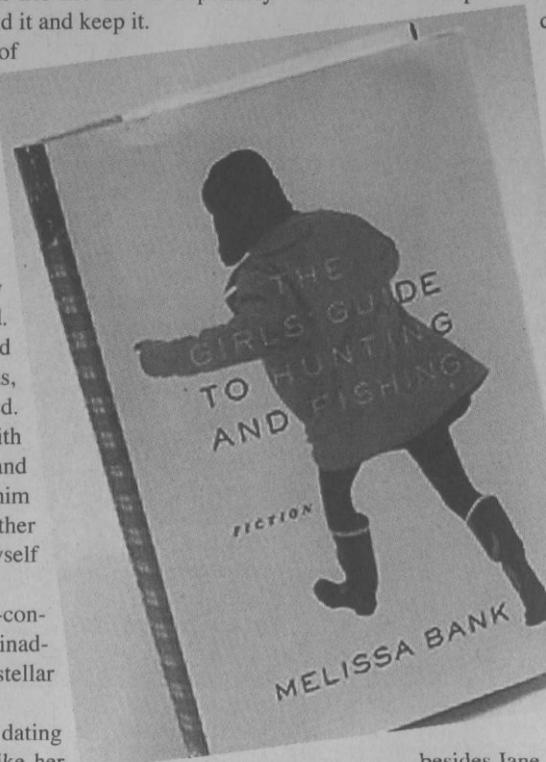
Jane Rosenthal, a witty, curious New Yorker, attempts to unlock the secret code of love in Melissa Bank's novel, *The Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing*. Jane has been unlucky in love all her life and is hopelessly absorbed in discovering how other people find it and keep it.

Readers follow Jane through a series of unsuccessful relationships as she observes them as they happen, wondering if she should expect more. Has she been excluded from vital information on how to love and be loved? Or could she just be missing out on the bigger picture?

Through the first part of the novel, Jane finds herself wrapped up in examining every relationship her brother, Henry, has ever had. Questioning how he could possibly have dated some of the sophisticated woman that he has, she cannot understand why he didn't succeed. At one point, Jane seems lost and hopeless with the end of the relationship between Henry and Julia: "I didn't know what happened between him and Julia. It scared me to think that my brother had failed at loving someone. I had no idea myself how to do it."

Jane struggles with a deep sense of self-consciousness in life and love when facing her inadequacies in relationships and in her less than stellar career in publishing and advertising.

In the next part of the novel we find Jane dating a man 28 years her senior who acts more like her father than her lover. Her family disapproves and she, a little embarrassed herself about dating an older man, understands why they don't like her choice. Through this relationship she learns she only needs and wants one father and that life is too short to continue her unsuccessful and uninteresting career.



The last part of the novel is actually where the title comes into play, which in my opinion took entirely too long. Jane is now a desperate singleton who longs for someone to come home to instead of cuddling with her Edith Wharton novels every night. She meets a wonderful man and they begin dating. Unfortunately, somewhere along the line she wanders into the self-help section of a bookstore and blindly picks up a book called *How to Meet and Marry Mr. Right*.

Jane memorizes all the "vows" the book has to offer and internalizes the words of the authors who seem to haunt her in her daily life dealing with this new man. She does all the seemingly right things by following the "vows", while unknowingly driving away this potential partner. Luckily a friend of Jane's advises her to stop and things all too suddenly fall into place. Jane finally gets the guy in a "beautiful and funny and sad and true" way.

Bank seems to have fashioned a series of incomplete short stories disguised as a novel. At times, the way the novel is pieced together makes it confusing and distracting from the words and plot. As I tried to decipher what was going on, I was lost in some points of the story and had to reread parts.

It's difficult to identify with any other character in the book because Jane is the only one we really get to know. We are inside her head from cover to cover and although she is a clever, funny girl, it seemed as though we should have connected to someone else in this book

besides Jane.

This novel is easily comparable to any series by Helen Fielding; however, Jane is hardly as lovable as Bridget Jones. It's a quick read and mostly funny, leaving the reader with clever, honest one-liners to mull over. This book offers an obvious point of view on dating, how to be yourself and it teaches the consequences of reading books on how to meet Mr. Right. ☺

Thanksgiving is almost here and it's time to show mom and dad your newly acquired cooking skills. Try these recipes:

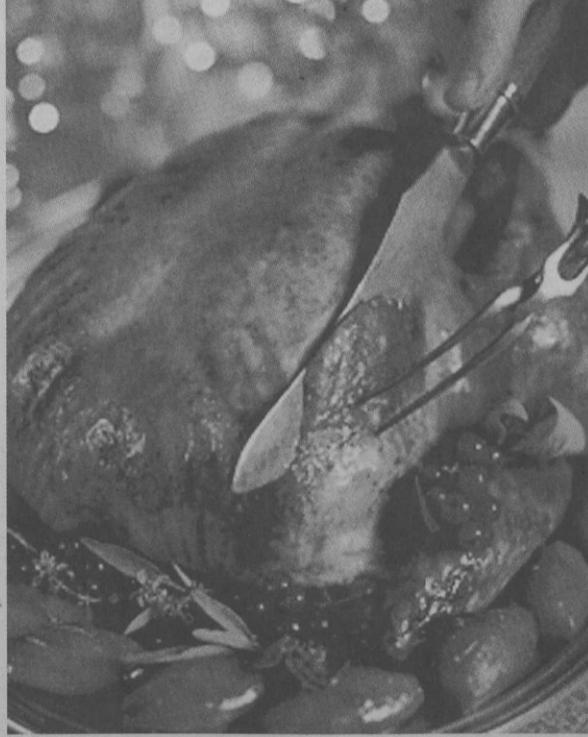
The Perfect Roast Turkey

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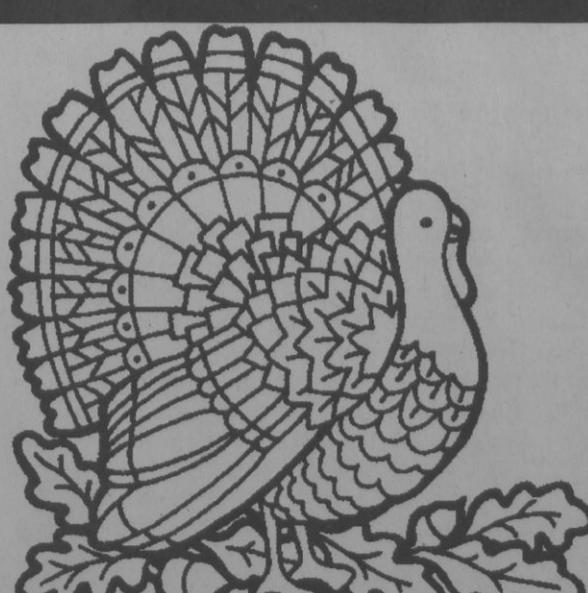
- 1 (18 pound) whole turkey
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 quarts turkey stock
- 8 cups prepared stuffing

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Place rack in the lowest position of the oven.
2. Remove the turkey neck and giblets, rinse the turkey, and pat dry with paper towels. Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in the roasting pan. Loosely fill the body cavity with stuffing. Rub the skin with the softened butter, and season with salt and pepper. Position an aluminum foil tent over the turkey.
3. Place turkey in the oven, and pour 2 cups turkey stock into the bottom of the roasting pan. Baste all over every 30 minutes with the juices on the bottom of the pan. Whenever the drippings evaporate, add stock to moisten them, about 1 to 2 cups at a time. Remove aluminum foil after 2 1/2 hours. Roast until a meat thermometer inserted in the meaty part of the thigh reads 180 degrees F (80 degrees C), about 4 hours.
4. Transfer the turkey to a large serving platter, and let it stand for at least 20 to 30 minutes before carving.



Happy Thanksgiving!



Traditional Apple Pie

Piecrust:

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 6 tablespoons cold water, plus 5 tablespoons cold water, as needed

Filling:

- 6 Jonagold apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 egg
- Salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

To prepare the piecrust, combine the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl. Cut in the shortening with your fingers or a pastry cutter, until the pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle 6 tablespoons water over the flour, and gently toss with a fork. Push the flour to the sides of the bowl, add the remaining cold water, and mix until all is moistened and combined. Divide the dough in half, and form each half into balls. Wrap each ball in plastic wrap and refrigerate.

In a large mixing bowl toss the apples with lemon juice. Combine the sugar, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add the apples and toss until completely coated. Set mixture aside.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out one ball into a 12-inch circle, and place into a 9-inch pie plate.

Transfer the apple mixture into the pastry lined pie plate. Cut the butter into small cubes and add to the apple mixture. For the top crust, roll out remaining dough, place on top, and seal and flute the edge. Cut slits on top crust to allow steam to escape.

To make the egg wash, crack egg in a small bowl, add a pinch of salt, whisk, and brush on top of the pie. Cover pie with foil to prevent over browning, and bake for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake for an additional 25 minutes until crust is golden and apples are tender.

Serve warm with ice cream or just plain.



Classic Bread Stuffing

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 medium onions, peeled, ends removed, chopped
- 3 medium celery ribs, washed, ends removed, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery leaves (from inner ribs)
- 1 pound firm white bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes and dried overnight or in the oven (or 10 cups plain bread croutons)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups turkey or chicken broth, as needed

In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onions, celery and celery leaves. Cook, stirring often, until the onions are golden, about 8 minutes.

Scrape the vegetables and butter into a large bowl. Mix in the bread cubes, parsley, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Gradually stir in about 1 1/2 cups of the broth, until the stuffing is evenly moistened but not soggy.

Use as a stuffing or place in a lightly buttered casserole and drizzle with 1/2 cup of the broth, cover and bake for 30 to 40 minutes. Makes about 10 cups; analysis based on 1-cup serving.



Weird News

courtesy of theonion.com

TV-News Graphics Guy Gives Weatherman On-Air Surprise
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK—On the surface, the newsroom of local NBC affiliate KFOR appears to be quite serious. But that doesn't mean the *Live At Five* news team doesn't know how to have some fun from time to time, as viewers learned Monday night.

According to computer-graphic designer Dan Janney, the news broadcast team nearly lost its composure Monday, when his irreverent weather-map graphic went live during a segment by Channel 4 meteorologist Grant Johnson.

"It's more my style to stay behind the scenes," Janney said. "But every once in a while, I have to admit, it's fun to push the envelope."

Janney added: "I like to give the crew a good laugh."

In the graphic, which he designed for the five-day extended forecast chart that concludes the weather segment, Janney replaced the network's "sun in sunshades" graphic with the head of veteran KFOR sports anchor Bob Barry Sr. wearing sunshades and surrounded by a halo of golden rays.

"I had the idea, and I told my assistant Jennifer Sabin about it, and she thought it was hysterical, so we spent about 10 minutes putting it together on our lunch break," Janney said. "To our good fortune, the weekend portion of the chart forecasted sunny weather, so the gag got high visibility."

Janney added: "It had the guys in the control room in stitches before air time. I begged [newscast director] Jim [Underwood] not to tell Grant about it, and thankfully he agreed. He knows how to play a joke."

Underwood, who has directed local KFOR programming for 18 years and produces the Sunday morning current-events roundtable *Think About It With Neil Clover*, enthusiastically agreed to televise Janney's graphic, calling it "an amusing change of pace." He even authorized camera operator Mike Bethke to capture the reaction of lead anchor Chuck Bartlett in a highly unusual cutaway from the forecast graphic.

"The usual 'sun wearing the shades' graphic is cute—we still get letters about it from viewers," Underwood said. "But replacing that sun with Bob Barry? That was a hoot."

Night On Town Fails To Rekindle Fading Business Relationship

AUSTIN, TX—Hopes of reviving a once-thriving business partnership were dashed Monday when a night on the town only served to remind local entrepreneurs Terry Argento, 33, and B.J. Dreschler, 37, why they initially parted.

"We had to face the music—B.J. and I can never do business the way we used to," said Argento, vice president of Argento Homes, a manufacturer of modular housing serving the greater Austin area since 1967. "We've grown apart, and Monday night clarified that for both of us. It's sad, but at this point, we have nothing to offer each other."

Dreschler, owner of Dreschler Plumbing Supply And Installation, was Argento's sole supplier of plumbing equipment for "five terrific, unforgettable years."

"Teaming with Terry was the single greatest entrepreneurial experience of my life," said Dreschler, who still keeps all of Argento's signed invoices. "Even though our partnership cooled over two years ago, not a day goes by when I don't think of it... but Monday night was a mistake."

Both men warmly recalled their early transactions.

"Once, I wanted to talk Terry into ordering a shipment of cast-iron bathtubs for his more upscale pre-fabs, but I wasn't sure he'd go for it," Dreschler said. "So I started to say, 'You know, you could do worse than acrylic,' and Terry said, 'But Argento homes are built to last, and one way to convince our customers of that is to go with the cast iron.' I was in heaven."

Yet, as is often the case with exclusive business relationships, the good times didn't last, and after several tumultuous years in business, the two ultimately dissolved their partnership in 2003.

"It wasn't the smoothest parting," Dreschler said. "I'll admit that I was angry at Terry for going to a larger firm, but we were both growing and changing, and I'd be deceiving myself if I didn't admit I was getting bored with selling him bathroom and kitchen fixtures."

Once they allowed their exclusive partnership to expire, the two men interacted little outside of holiday cards and the occasional phone call regarding an old contract. After three years of limited contact, it was Argento who proposed that the two meet for dinner and drinks at the Outback Steakhouse, the site of their first casual business meeting, to discuss a new partnership.

Dreschler said he was "stunned" by Argento's invitation and accepted it "a little too eagerly." Yet, minutes after the call, "reality set in."

'Scooter' Libby Wishes He'd Ditched Nickname Before Media Coverage

WASHINGTON, DC—I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the indicted former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, wishes he had stopped answering to his nickname before it was featured so prominently in the news, he confided Monday. "Scooter's fine if it's just the president or Mr. Cheney," said Libby, whose involvement in the Valerie Plame case has made his name notorious. "But when I see it on CNN, I want to hide." If implicated in the Plame leak, Libby could face up to 30 years in a facility where he would almost certainly be given a new nickname.

New Custard Could Cause Worldwide Flandemic
ATLANTA—A recently discovered strain of custard could cause a worldwide flandemic, Centers For Dessert Control warned Monday. "We are warning people who come into contact with milk, egg yolks, sugar, and whole vanilla beans that they are at risk of concocting this custard."

CDC director Paul Liddleston said, "All reports indicate that it is extremely non-resistible." Liddleston said the government's present reserve of dried tapioca is "useless" in combating a flandemic, and until a more effective vaccine is created, "the proof will be in the putting of containment teams in high-risk areas."

Hanukkah Decorations Being Defaced Earlier Every Year

NEW YORK—A report released Monday by the Anti-Defamation League confirmed the widely held perception that Hanukkah decorations are being vandalized earlier every year.

"Today, we're seeing Stars of David spray-painted with swastikas before the leaves have even fallen," said ADL spokesman Avi Mendenhall.

"Our research shows that, even as recently as a decade ago, a menorah wouldn't be toppled over until well after Thanksgiving." The report noted that many shopping malls have, in recent years, begun playing anti-Semitic carols just days after Halloween.

This So Typical Of Hemophiliac

TEMPE, AZ—Friends of Joshua Melman agreed Monday that the behavior displayed at the WildSlide Waterpark Sunday was "utterly typical" of the 19-year-old hemophiliac. "Before we can even go on one ride, Josh trips on his flip-flop and scuffs his toe on the cement," said Alex Schaeffer, who has had several outings ruined by Melman's congenital disease.

"Would it kill the guy to clot once in a while?" Schaeffer added that the water-park debacle was worse than the time they played paintball, but not as bad as the lap-dance incident.

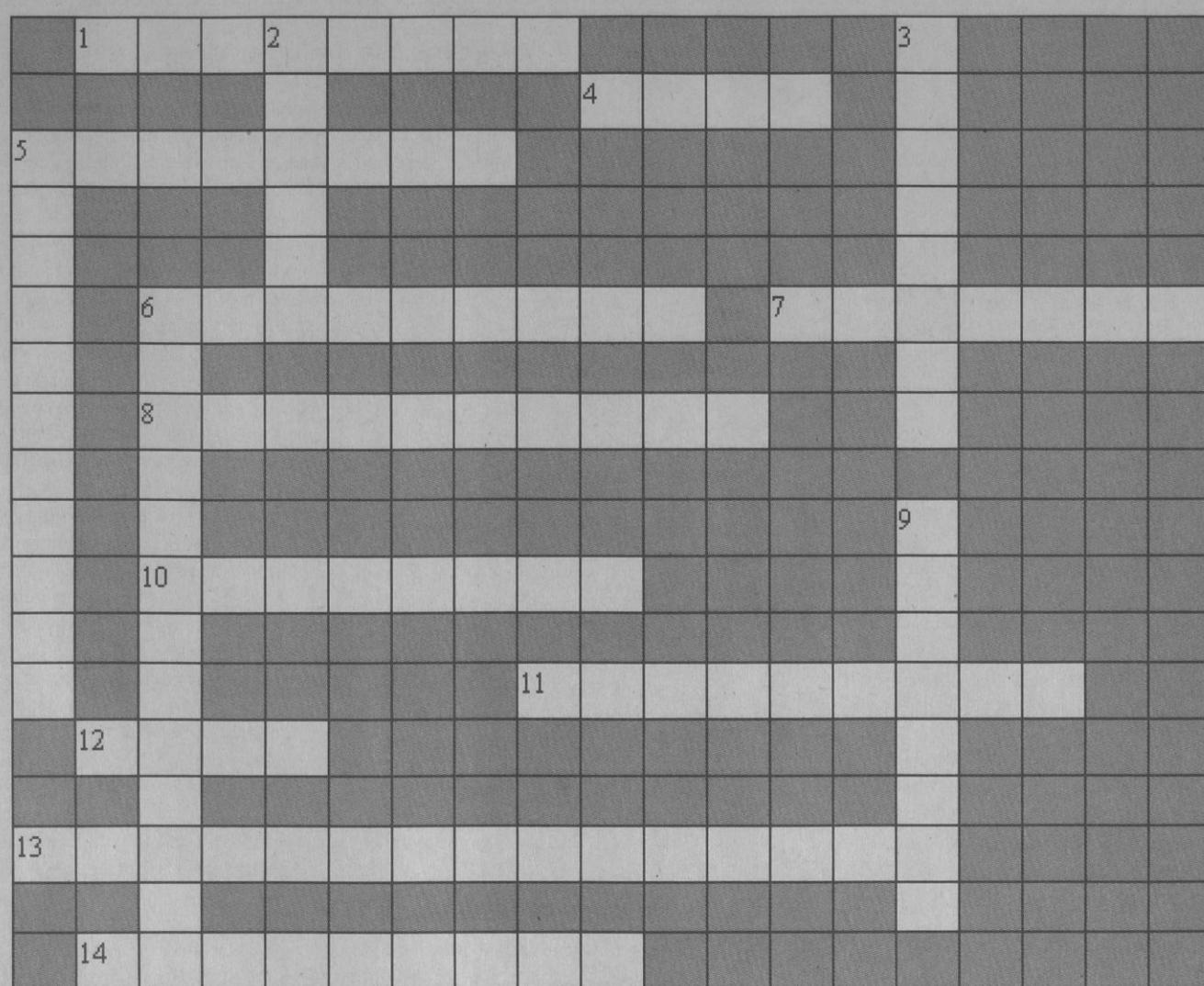
Thanksgiving Crossword

ACROSS

- The sport of choice on Thanksgiving Day
- The year in which Thanksgiving first took place
- Word used to describe the settlers
- Ship that brought the settlers to North America
- Other term for Native Americans
- Also called the Horn of Plenty
- What you "stuff" the bird with
- The president who moved the date of Thanksgiving twice
- Another word for sweet potatoes
- A red side dish, usually comes out in the shape of the aluminum can
- The President who didn't like the idea of having a national Thanksgiving Day

DOWN

- Bird used as the traditional main dish
- Day of the week Thanksgiving is celebrated on
- Favorite dessert of Thanksgiving
- What many people watch on Thanksgiving morning
- The month in which Thanksgiving takes place



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Aries March 21-April 19

We've all got invisible antennae that let us know when something is wrong. Whether it's a major-league issue or a little thing is often hard to figure out at the moment, but you won't have any problem sensing the difference now. Your job is to trust those antennae -- to look closely in any attention direction they point you toward and to ask for help if you need it.

Taurus April 20-May 20

You're about to meet someone who's an expert at pushing the envelope. You'll be quite drawn to them, too, even if you're not ordinarily interested in that type of person. They could even end up becoming a friend, admirer or financial investor. Regardless, if you cross paths with someone who answers that description, don't be afraid to get to know them. They may be a bit different, but different can be good.

Gemini May 21-June 21

You're set up to have quite the day -- the kind you'll remember for a good, long while. That goes double if you play your cards right, but when don't you? You won't refuse a dare, especially if it will get you noticed by higher-ups. If you're trying to make an impression on your boss, though, don't do anything that's reckless or silly. There's positive attention and there's negative attention.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You'll be in the mood to work hard now, for one reason: You're after some extra cash, and you want it fast. You want to indulge someone you care a great deal for -- someone who's ordinarily very busy, but just so happens to have wrangled some time off now. Go ahead and pull out all the stops. Your sweet surprise may be the best thing that's happened to them in a while.

Leo July 23-August 22

Take someone special out to lunch, or, better still, take them out to dinner. There's a planetary team on duty at the moment that specializes in solid, unforgettable moments and also in making promises. Besides, you're set to get together with someone you care about and to make some serious plans, with an eye toward promises made being promises kept. If today's encounter goes off as well as it should, there could be many more of those moments to follow.

Virgo August 23-September 22

But you're feeling a bit tired right about now, and it's not surprising. You've been working hard to help someone straighten out their problems -- so hard that you may have forgotten about your own needs or the needs of your own family members and other loved ones. Telling you to stop won't work, but remember: Helping is one thing, but enabling is another. Figure out where to draw the line before you get too deeply involved.

Libra September 23-October 22

Just as you're thinking about what to have

for breakfast, a pair of stern, respectable planetary energies will get together, urging you to make good on every single promise you've ever made. If you've got to delegate duties to get it all done, at least be sure to give over the most important duties to a dear friend. You need to have a serious talk about this with someone you know you can trust, anyway.

Scorpio October 23-November 21

Verbal self-restraint may be tough for you to conjure at the moment, but give it a shot. This doesn't mean you should try to stop yourself from saying what's on your mind and in your heart, just try to say it nicely. Oh, and if it's time to accept or deliver an apology, do that now, too. Isn't there someone out there you've been mad at for so long that you can't even remember why anymore? It's time to stop that nonsense.

Sagittarius November 22-December 21

Go out for breakfast or lunch today, no matter what the weather happens to be like. It's time to mingle. This doesn't necessarily mean you're due for a new romance, but it could. The very least that will happen is that you'll have a wonderful experience with someone near and dear to you. Don't be afraid of scaring anyone off with your extremely blunt sense of humor. Anyone who thinks you're not funny isn't worth your attention, anyway.

Capricorn December 22-January 19

If you're feeling bored, stuck in a rut or held up by circumstances beyond your control, hang tough. It's understandable for you to feel like this, but soon, you'll be feeling like you've suddenly turned into a magnet for admirers who are just as responsible, intense and focused as you are. Treat yourself. Take in a show or call a loved one and make a date. You won't want to be alone.

Aquarius January 20-February 18

Here's a day that holds the potential to be amazingly positive, as long as you make sure you're in the right company. There may be some secrets involved, and more than a bit of intrigue, but won't that make it even more exciting? Be on the lookout for someone as determined, focused and successful as you are, and whether it's for friendship, romance or career reasons, make yourself available.

Pisces February 19-March 20

That higher-up who's been giving you a hard time lately isn't going to ease up -- at least, not just yet -- so just keep your nose to the grindstone. They may not be deliberately giving you a hard time, though. They may simply be trying to get you to show them what you're capable of. Take the challenge and work even harder than you have been.

University clubs launch free helmet campaign

AU COMMUNICATIONS

Two Alfred University clubs took action to protect skateboarders from harm. The AU Skate Division and AU Rescue Squad, two officially recognized student organizations, purchased 50 skateboarding helmets that they distributed to AU students for free on a first-come basis.

The helmets were distributed on Nov. 7 at Powell Campus Center. Students were asked to show their AU identification to obtain a free helmet.

Will Daloz, leader of the skateboard club and the coordinator of the program, explained, "We want people to wear helmets because skateboarding can be dangerous. Even though you may be an excellent skater, accidents can happen."

During the month of November, the students will be forming a "prize patrol" and rewarding those skaters who are seen wearing the new helmets. Local businesses are also supporting the initiative and have discussed offering discounts during November for students wearing their helmets downtown.

Safety concerns regarding skateboarding were on many people's minds this past September, when AU student Sam Lawrence suffered a severe head injury from a skateboard fall. Daloz, who was with



Lawrence, recalls "When Sam fell that was one of the worst moments in both of our lives, and NOTHING... no amount of money or avoided discomfort is worth that."

Lawrence is currently recovering in Boston and faces a long rehabilitation. His mother, Margaret

Lawrence, has written her thoughts regarding helmets on a website which details her son's recovery.

She wrote, "Had Sam been wearing (a helmet), he wouldn't be where he is today. Unfortunately most long-boarders and skateboarders don't wear them... Please wear them now. For Sam the long board was his means of transportation in a hilly campus. He was on his way to an art opening before heading to the coffee house for a concert. He wasn't doing crazy tricks, just took

the turn wrong. Simple as that. PLEASE WEAR A HELMET."

Daloz does not shy away from the realization that many skaters are hesitant to wear helmets. "You need to recognize that accidents can happen to anyone doing anything. That's why they're called accidents; so be safe, not sorry. I can assure you a helmet while skating is much less uncomfortable than a hospital bed

for four months."

This free helmet program was funded through AU's Diverse Partnership Grant, which was established by a university trustee to promote collaboration between student groups that traditionally have not partnered. AU Rescue Squad is a student group that acts as emergency first-aid respondents to accident scenes. AU Skate Division's mission is to create a campus environment conducive to the needs of skateboarders.

Lawrence, a sophomore in the School of Art & Design, was seriously injured Sept. 2 when he fell off his skateboard on Pine Street. He was initially taken to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, and transferred to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, MA, three weeks later. He remains there, and continues to make progress in his recovery.

He is the son of George and Margaret Lawrence of Yarmouth, Maine.

Daloz is a junior ceramic engineering major. He is the son of Charles Daloz of Hancock, NH, and Janet Daloz of Jeffrey, NH. ◇



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Bowl Championship Series Must Go, take tips from college basketball tournament

STEVE BARZ
STAFF WRITER

It's coming down to the last few weeks of the College Football season and there are still five undefeated teams in the nation, not to mention eight more teams with only one loss. All of these teams could make a case for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series game, but only two of the 13 teams will actually play for the title.

This problem isn't anything new to college football. Two years ago USC, LSU and Oklahoma all finished the regular season with one loss and all won their conference championships. LSU and Oklahoma got the invite to play in the Sugar Bowl for the BCS championship. LSU won the game, while USC defeated Michigan in the Rose Bowl to claim a share of the National Championship.

Last season USC, Oklahoma and Auburn all finished the regular season undefeated and all won their conference championship. This time Oklahoma and USC received the invite to play for the BCS Championship in the Orange Bowl. USC and Oklahoma held the top two spots in the poll all season long, which was an advantage for them.

Auburn finished the season 13-0, won the SEC championship and went on to defeat Virginia Tech in the

Sugar Bowl. USC wound up beating Oklahoma easily in the Orange Bowl to claim their second straight National Championship. Unlike USC and LSU the year before, Auburn did not share the National Championship with USC even though you could argue they deserved it. To me, it's just not right that Auburn could finish the season undefeated and win one of the toughest conferences in college football and still not get a shot to play for the championship.

The NCAA needs to do something about this. Division I college football is the only NCAA sport without a championship tournament or playoff to decide the National Champions. I understand that the schools playing in 28 bowl games receive a substantial amount of money from the sponsors of the games, but it would be much more beneficial for college football to have an eight or 16 team playoff at the end of the season. This would determine who the real National Champion is.

College football should follow the lead of college basketball and its playoff system. March Madness is one of the highest watched sporting events year-in and year-out.

If the NCAA was to use the same concept in college football, they would still make money for the schools, just like they do from the bowl games, not to mention give us, the fans, a clear-cut National Champion. ◇

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A perfect situation of a team that has had two star running backs is the New York Jets. They had Curtis Martin and LaMont Jordan. Jordan left for Oakland to become the starting running back and has had some success this season, to say the least. Martin, on the other hand, has struggled. Jordan has totaled 813 yards from scrimmage and nine touchdowns while Martin has 535 total yards and four touchdowns.

Hands down, running backs that lose their dominant backup tend to slip a bit in the stat book.

Plus, with more teams going to a two back running attack, people like myself are uncertain on whom to play in our fantasy football leagues and I am not comfortable with that. I mean, if I play Parker I am guaranteed yards between the 20's, but then Bettis comes in to punch the ball into the end zone. Unless Parker breaks a run from 30 yards I don't get touchdown points.

With more teams splitting the running attack, it becomes a Where's Waldo guessing game on whom to play each week. ◇

Lady Saxons depend on returning players and new coach for competitive season

ERIN BRUMMER
STAFF WRITER

After a rough 2004-2005 season, the Alfred University women's basketball team is looking forward to a more competitive year.

"As a team we have improved a lot from last year," said starting point guard Megan Sampsell.

The lady Saxons are depending on its experienced returning players to help them boost their 6-19 record from last year. Having graduated only one out of five starters from last year's squad, the experience will be an advantage this season.

Returning for the Saxons this year are seniors Kyrene Knoll and Meghan Coddington, juniors Megan Sampsell and Denae Foster and sophomore Catherine Hoffman. After taking a year off, senior Tess Coddington will be returning as well.

New players to this year's roster include Amy Plank, a transfer from Alfred State, Melanie Jackson, a transfer from St. John Fisher, and freshman Colleen Montgomery.

Along with the experience of returning players, the lady Saxons are looking to new head coach Heidi Metzger. Metzger has been coaching at the Division III level for the past ten years, and is replacing Michele Finn. Metzger's experience as both a player and a coach will be instrumental in improving upon last season.

"We have things we still have to work on," said Sampsell. "We are looking forward to our first game and having a competitive season."

Last year Knoll and Coddington led the way for the Saxons. Knoll ranked fourteenth in the nation for Division III women's basketball in blocked shots per

game, with two per contest at her center position. At forward, Coddington received All-Conference Honorable Mention by the Empire 8 for the second consecutive year. Coddington averaged nine points per game to go with eight rebounds last season, while Knoll averaged seven points per game and six rebounds.

Sampsell had a team leading 64 assists and 47 steals. Foster averaged five points and three rebounds last season and will look to improve those numbers this season.

AU's boost off the bench came in the form of Catherine Hoffman, who averaged six points and two rebounds in 22 games in a back up role as a freshman one year ago.

Although the Saxons are starting fresh with a new coach and skilled players, they will have challenges to overcome, such as having low numbers.

"There are only nine of us," said Knoll. "That is not good because we can't scrimmage each other. But it is also great because we will all play."

Coach Metzger has been on a recruiting trip in attempts to expand for next year, and therefore was unavailable to comment on the season at this time.

Graduate Assistant Coach Jennifer Nichols shared that, "As coaches, we have certain expectations of our returning players and newcomers this season. This year, our team has much more experience than we've had in the last couple of years. As a result, there is no reason we should not be competitive this season, especially considering other teams in our conference were hit hard by graduation. However, whether or not we can live up to these expectations depend on the nine women wearing the purple and gold." ◇

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AU Sports

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Quarterback Keeley sole owner of single-season record

CHAD WINANT
SPORTS EDITOR

In the victory over Grove City, sophomore quarterback Paul Keeley earned his spot in the AU football record books. Keeley threw for three touchdowns against Grove City to give him 17 on the year, and the new single-season school record.

"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to play," said Keeley. "The personal glory that comes with playing is great, but, I just want to win football games."

Keeley, who played at Caledonia-Mumford High School, stated that they



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Senior wide receiver, Craig Zarzycki breaks the tackle of a Grove City's defender and gains significant yardage.

were more of a smash-mouth run balanced football team and he didn't get to throw the ball much. So, the record has a special personal meaning to him.

Coming into the game Keeley had 14 touchdown passes, which was one behind the previous record held by two prolific Alfred quarterbacks, Bob Schuster and Jim Carman. Schuster set the record in 1980 when he threw for 15 touchdowns. Carman tied Schuster's record during the 1984 season.

But, now, Schuster and Carman take a back seat to Keeley, who has etched his name ahead of the former Alfred quarterbacks with two games to go this season (going into the Ithaca game).

"Paul is a great student of the game," explained head coach Dave Murray about Keeley's success this season. "He spends most of his time watching game tapes to figure out weaknesses in opposing defenses."

Keeley has also put up some other impressive numbers on the season. Keeley's 210.6 yards passing per game ranks him fourth in the Empire 8 behind Hartwick's Jason Boltus (275.2), Ithaca's Josh Felicetti (241.8) and St. John Fisher's Nick Suchyna (226.0). However, Alfred's top rated defense in the Empire 8 will have a chance to help Keeley boost his rating by dropping Felicetti and Suchyna's rating because AU finishes the season at Ithaca and St. John Fisher. Also, Keeley's 136.8 efficiency rating ranks him fifth in the Empire 8 and 45th in the country among Division III quarterbacks.

On the contrary, one stat that Keeley would like to reduce is his league leading 12 interceptions, mainly due to the five passes Washington & Lee picked off in the season opener.

"I don't let things like touchdowns and interceptions linger on my mind," Keeley said. "Interceptions are something I do have to improve

on though."

According to coach Murray, Keeley's patience and accuracy are reasons why he is able to be successful.

"Overall he is a very intelligent football player," Murray said.

Keeley's main targets this season have been freshman receiver, Trevor Bork, senior tight end Chris Reger and statistically, Keeley's favorite target, senior receiver Craig Zarzycki. Zarzycki has six touchdowns, two multi-touchdown games and a pair of 100 yard receiving games and a total of 407 yards receiving. Bork has three touchdowns to go with 424 yards receiving and one 100 yard game. Reger has two touchdowns with 286 yards receiving. Reger also had his first 100 yard receiving game against Grove City. Bork, Zarzycki and Reger rank sixth, seventh and ninth respectively in yards receiving on the season in the Empire 8.

"I give lots of credit to Trevor, Craig and my tight ends," explained Keeley. They have a much harder job than I do because once they get the ball in their hands, they are the ones that have to make the plays."

Many of the players were unaware of the record setting day as it unfolded. It wasn't until after the game when the history sank in.

"I had no clue he broke the record," said Zarzycki. "Each game he just kept throwing touchdowns. Nobody really knew."

This season Keeley has thrown for 1,685 yards and has completed 58.6 percent of his passes (130-222). He has thrown for three or more touchdowns in five of the eight games played this season. Keeley has also thrown for over 300 yards in two games this season. On his record breaking day in Grove City, Keeley totaled 303 yards passing to go with his three touchdowns.

It is no question that Keeley has gained the respect of his coaches and teammates with his strong play this year. Zarzycki recognizes how lucky Alfred is to have a talent like Keeley.

"He is very good now and he will be even better in the future," Zarzycki said.

Zarzycki also did not hold back his thoughts on how talented Keeley is.

"He is one of the best quarterbacks I've seen," explained Zarzycki.

Coming off the disappointing season opening loss to Washington & Lee, Keeley responded with 312 yards and four touchdowns in the home opener against St. Lawrence, AU went on to win the game 42-7. The St. Lawrence win, back on Sept. 17, jumpstarted Alfred's seven-game win streak going into the Ithaca game.

"That whole offensive unit seems to have a certain chemistry among them that is working very well right now," said Murray.

Even with Keeley making his mark in the AU record books, he has his eyes set on bigger and better things.

"I want to make the NCAA playoffs," Keeley said. ◇

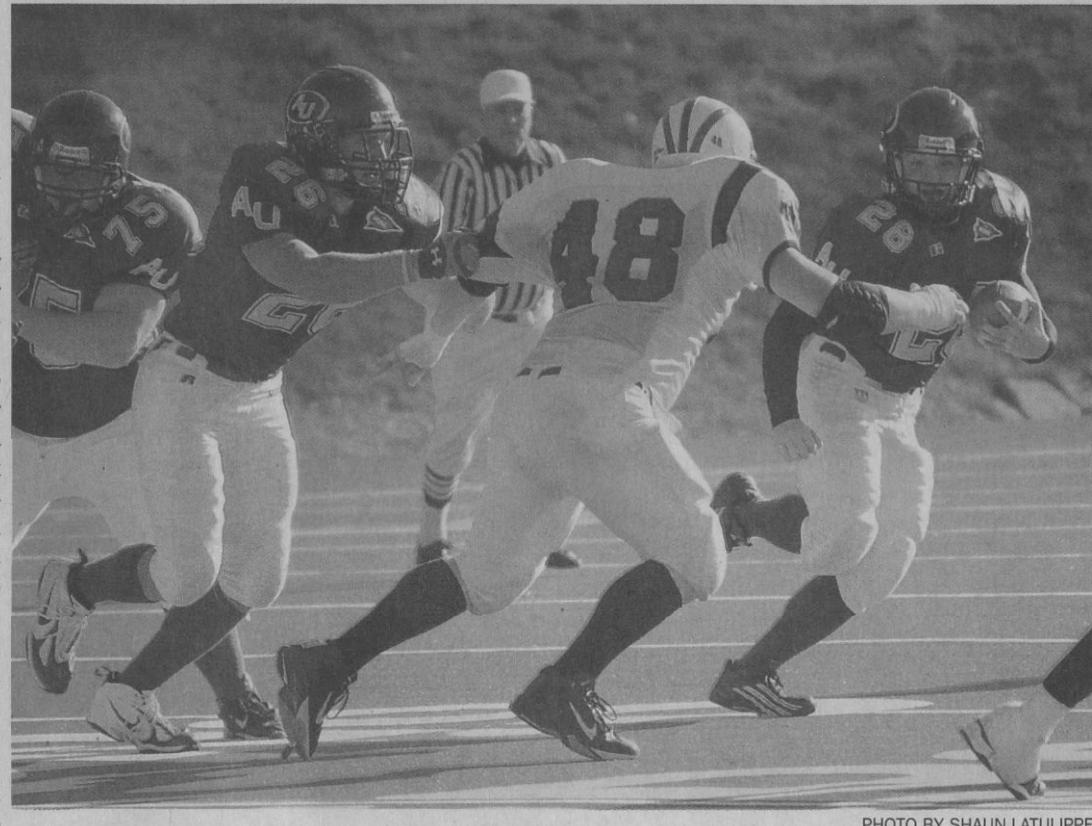


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Dave Cooper (75), offensive tackle, and Matt Gibbons (26), full back, block for Kirk Luvison (28), corner back who breaks away from the pack.



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Freshman Trevor Bork, a wide receiver for AU, protects the football as he pushes through a tackle by Shane Coughlin of Grove City.

Upcoming season looks bright: Experience and coaching, key to Saxon success

STEVE BARZ
STAFF WRITER

The Alfred University Men's basketball team looks to improve on last season's 13-12 record. The team is returning with all five starters, including two All-conference players, junior center Dillon Stein and senior guard Quentin Bryant.

"As a team, we would like to get to the 18-20 win plateau, make the Empire 8 tournament, which we hope will get us recognition for either the ECAC post-season tournament or ultimately the NCAA tournament," said head coach Jay Murphy.

Stein, along with seniors Nick Andolina and Chris Lemasters, have been named captains of the Saxons, but are not the only sources of leadership for the team this season. Seniors Ryan Hallett and Todd Dersham, as well as juniors Ryan Clemenson and Rob McCarter, will give the Saxons plenty of leadership and experience on and off the court.

"It looks like it's going to be a promising year for us," said Dersham.

Andolina was named a team captain even though he will not be able to play because of a heart condition. He will remain on the team as an assistant coach and the players will be looking toward him for leadership off the court.

Stein, who is a two-time Empire 8 Second Team all star and the Empire 8 Rookie of the Year in 2004, will miss the first three games after having knee surgery this past off-season to repair bone-spurs.

Bryant will also miss seven games because he only has one semester left of eligibility due to NCAA rules.

Missing Stein and Bryant will undoubtedly hurt the Saxons, as the two were the leading scorers for the Saxons last season with 15 and 18 points per game respectively. Stein also contributed seven rebounds per game last season.

"The whole team is going to have to step up when you lose players like Dillon and 'Q,'" explained Dersham.

The team will count on Hallett, Clemenson, McCarter and Dersham, as well as sopho-

more Garland Patt, to carry the load during the absence of Stein and Bryant.

Lemasters, who was out most of the season due to an Achilles injury, will be back this season to provide a big boost to the Saxons.

"Chris might not be a vocal leader, but, there is a lot of respect for the type of player he is," said Dersham.

Once Stein and Bryant return, the Saxons should have one of the deepest teams in recent memory, having seven or eight players in the rotation.

Senior Seve Micheaux and sophomore Tom Cluckey will also compete for time in the backcourt for the Saxons.

Last year the Saxons missed the four-team Empire 8 tournament by just one game. It is not going to be any easier this year as the Empire 8 is once again one of the tougher conferences in Division III. St. John Fisher is currently ranked #7 in the nation, and teams like Ithaca, RIT, Nazareth and Utica are always tough.

"We match-up well with St. John Fisher and Ithaca, we'll prepare for them like any other game," said Hallett. For Utica we want to work the ball inside because they are inexperienced in the paint this season. For RIT, what we always do is try to speed up the game, full-court press and half-court trap, they always try to slow down the game, but we want to do the opposite," said Hallett.

The Saxons would like to make it to the Empire 8 tournament this season, but Coach Murphy would like to impose a positive method of coaching to help the team forget about past struggles.

"Personally I just want the team to stay positive at all times and don't live in the past," said Murphy.

Coach Murphy is entering his 11th season as head coach of the Saxons. He led the Saxons to the NCAA tournament in the 1996-1997 season after winning the President's Athletic Conference. Prior to coming to AU, Coach Murphy was the head coach at Clarkson University for 12 seasons.

The team opens play on Nov. 18 against the University of Rochester, in the University of Rochester tournament. The first home game will be Dec. 3 against SUNY Cortland. ◇

Dual backfields cause duels

More teams in the NFL are taking a different approach to running the football. Instead of having one premier back, teams are using two running backs who are putting up big numbers. However, when players start splitting carries and playing time, egos start getting in the way and players start crying.

For example, the Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs, Denver Broncos, and Pittsburgh Steelers all use two running backs in their offense.

The Dolphins' Ricky Williams, back from his marijuana filled escapades and study of holistic medicine, is splitting carries with rookie running back Ronnie Brown. Brown, who was drafted in the first round (second overall) in 2005, was thought to be the team's future as running back. However, with Williams returning to the team, Dolphins head coach Nick Saban must find a way to incorporate both backs in the running attack.

Two weeks ago, the duo combined for 40 carries and 188 yards in a victory over the traveling New Orleans Saints. For now, Saban and the rest of the Dolphin world can sleep happily, but don't expect this outcome every week. Sooner or later, there will be conflict and Brown and Williams will complain about carries and one player, most likely Williams, will not be suiting up in a Dolphins uniform next year.

Kansas City has a running back situation of its own, and one back has already voiced his opinion. Larry Johnson has been backing up superstar running back Priest Holmes and is not happy about it. Johnson has said that he will continue to backup Holmes for the rest of this season and see what other options are out there with other teams. Johnson, who was a first round draft pick in 2003, has done everything asked of him by the Chiefs and he thinks he deserves more carries. Now, Johnson is playing one series to Holmes' two. Last season, Johnson was called out by head coach Dick Vermeil, who called Johnson a baby



CHAD WINANT
SPORTS EDITOR

and telling him he should wear diapers. Johnson responded well to the criticism and has emerged as one of the premier young running backs in the league and I cannot wait to see this guy be an every series back. This season already, he has 44 less carries than Holmes and trails Holmes by 52 yards and only two touchdowns (6 to 4). He is the real deal and will be a superstar in the league.

What else is there to say about any Denver Broncos running back? Denver is the staple for 1,000 yard rushers. It just doesn't seem to matter who they put back there, they run for over 1,000. I mean come on; I could put on some pads and get 1,000 yards for the Broncos. This season alone they have two running backs on track to gain 1,000 yards. The punishing Mike Anderson, who is coming off a season ending injury last season, has emerged as a dominate between the tackles runner. Anderson has tallied 604 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Meanwhile, his partner in the backfield, Tatum Bell, who is more of a speed back, has 562 yards and five touchdowns. Unlike other teams, there has been little complaining about carries and playing time. However, with both backs having such a productive year a trade is inevitable.

Finally, the powerhouse on the ground, Pittsburgh Steelers, currently has three running backs. Willie Parker has been carrying the load so far this season because of injuries to starting running backs Duce Staley and Jerome Bettis. Bettis, who is finally making his way back into the rotation in short yardage situations, is injured again. Staley, who is expected to return soon will be playing a limited role until he can get himself into every down shape. All the while, Bettis and Staley are recovering, Parker's stock is rising and there could be hostility in Pittsburgh.

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